

G R A N D M E R E A S S O C I A T I O N
Box 140
Stevensville, Michigan

Dear Conservationist:

A few minutes of your time may make the difference!

A 1,000 acre wilderness, Grand Mere, in Berrien County is scheduled to have its dunes removed, its lakes dredged or filled according to plan, and later the entire tract is to be commercialized and industrialized.

Statewide response supporting House Bill # 3938 (Mattheeussen) to establish Grand Mere as a State recreation-education-wildlife sanctuary area can help save Grand Mere from the bulldozer.

Please write a card or letter addressed to the House of Representatives, Lansing, Michigan to:

1. Your own State Representative
2. Rep. Joseph Snyder, Chairman
Conservation and Recreation Committee
House of Representatives

and to as many of the following members of the Conservation and Recreation Committee as possible:

Rep. W. Scott Ensign
Rep. Warren N. Goemaere
Rep. William Fitzgerald
Rep. Eugene R. Cater
Rep. Robert Slingerland
Rep. Nelson G. Tisdale

Rep. Leonard S. Walton
Rep. Thomas J. Anderson
Rep. James Constantini
Rep. Sanford Charron
Rep. Clayton T. Morrison
Rep. Blair G. Woodman

Sample letters are included to assist you in composing your own. Your letters do count. Please help keep Michigan beautiful!

Sincerely,

GRAND MERE ASSOCIATION

P. S.

Rep. Mattheeussen will send to anyone who writes, a list of the members serving on the House Ways and Means, and Senate Appropriation Committees. H.B. #3938 must receive approval from these two committees, after leaving the Conservation Committee.

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SAMPLE LETTER - DO NOT MAIL THIS SHEET

100 Main Street
Anytown, U.S.A.
- 1966

The Honorable Russell Helman, Chairman
Ways & Means Sub-Committee
House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Urge your support of House Bill 3938 (Mattheu-
ssen) requesting an appropriation to acquire Grand
Mere (Stevensville, Berrien County) as a state rec-
reation-education-wildlife sanctuary area.

This beautiful, geologically significant area
has been listed on Michigan Conservation Department
files as a prime scenic-recreation site since 1938,
and has been recommended for public acquisition by
that department and the National Park Service.

Very truly yours,

John Doe

SIGNIFICANT QUOTE:

If we are not careful we shall leave our children a legacy
of billion dollar roads leading to nowhere, except to other
congested areas like that they left behind. We are build-
ing ourselves an asphalt treadmill and allowing the green
areas of our nation to disappear.

- General Omar Bradley

100 Main Street
Anytown, U.S.A.
- 1966

The Honorable John Smith
House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

The short-sightedness of the proposed plans to industrialize and sand mine the 1,000 acre Grand Mere wilderness at Stevensville (Lincoln Township, Berrien County) is cause for concern.

This beautiful, geologically significant area has been listed on Michigan Conservation Department files as a prime scenic-recreation site since 1938, and has been recommended for public acquisition by the National Park Service.

I therefore urge your support of House Bill # 3938 (Mattheeussen) establishing Grand Mere as a State recreation-education-wildlife sanctuary area.

Very truly yours,

James Doe

SIGNIFICANT QUOTES:

We share with your association concern re possible loss this important scenic and recreation resource. Recreation and scenic values of Grand Mere Lake Michigan Dunes have been recognized for many years. Urgent need to preserve such outstanding scenic resources in your highly populated region is well illustrated in present effort to preserve Indiana Dunes to south of Grand Mere.....

- Stewart Udall

Secretary of the Interior

The Grand Mere area is at the crossroads - of relatively short term benefits reaped by exploitation - or long term benefits from leaving it as a natural spot. You are fortunate in having such an area in this community. Relatively few would benefit from exploitation while many could visit the area making it into one of the best nature attractions in Michigan.

- Dr. H. Lewis Batts, Jr.
Director
Kalamazoo Nature Center

I personally consider the Grand Mere area worthy of preservation as a nature reserve for the lessons it illustrates in both glacial and shoreline geology and in ecology. The area as a whole still serves as a valuable outdoor laboratory for classes in geology, botany, zoology, and other field sciences. It is a relatively wild area, and one which combines the great contrast of swamps and dunes in a delightful and interesting manner. Its preservation is much to be desired.

- Dr. Charles Olmsted
University of Chicago

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- 1966

Dear Sir:

Urge your support of House Bill # 3938 (Mattheeussen) establishing Grand Mere (Berrien County) as a State recreation-education-wildlife sanctuary area.

Saving of such prime scenic areas for public enjoyment and education of present and future generations is urgently needed.

Very truly yours,

James Doe
100 Mainstreet
Anytown, U.S.A.