Summary June 5, 2007 Notes

Biofuels and Prairie Grasses

- Need evaluation of impact on priaries
- Need evaluation of habitat implications
- How expand local genetic seed sources to meet potential demand?
- Concern about impact on local genetics of native plants
- Restriction on RIM acres this could be a source of seeds to harvest
- How repopulate the landscape with native plants? Strategize and expand the seed stock.
- Need an ecological approach high diversity
- Need to inventory on a watershed basis what is available to raise native plants
- Need to review BWSR inventory on marginal lands, RIM reserve easements
- Review the map produced by Clarence Lehman of the potential for biofuel production.
- State operated native prairie seed nursery?

Forest Management and fragmentation

- Native species management
- · Review conservation options, including zoning
- Development pressures
- Impacts from global warming

Trails

- Important to the population
- Use Native species along trails
- Cost share with federal funding?

Roadsides

Plant with native species

Water

- · Groundwater quantity and quality
- More proactive with grey water reuse
- Great Lakes Compact prevention of pollution and protection of quantity
- Need to change culture to more water conservation orientation
- Drinking water
- · Water use impacts on natural resources
- Wetlands: Should we have easement to protect groundwater supported wetlands?