

Citizens say public land, water risked by Sturgeon Bay hotel

[Updated from 8/29] The list gets longer.

To citizen activists in [Sheboygan](#) County, [Waukesha](#) County, [Milwaukee](#) County, [Adams](#) County, [Kewaunee](#) County, [Dane](#) County, [La Crosse](#) County, Northwest Wisconsin [near Lake Superior](#) and Western Wisconsin [towards the Mississippi River](#) fighting to protect the water and their rights to it - - and where in the heck is the state DNR?, [oh wait, never mind](#) - - now add folks taking action and responsibility in [Door County](#).

They are organizing and spending their own money, hoping to stop developers and local government from embarking on a waterfront construction project that could put public land and water, and the state's principal water protection law - - [the Public Trust Doctrine](#) - - at risk, [media report](#):

A newly-formed group opposed to a controversial Sturgeon Bay waterfront hotel hopes to raise \$80,000 to stop the project...claiming that the location of the proposed hotel is on public land.

Updates - - Some [background by an environmental legal group](#), and also a longer story with in the [Green Bay Press Gazette](#):

Tensions over the city of Sturgeon Bay's west waterfront Planned Unit Development and the proposed Lindgren Hotel are rising to the point of legal action.

Different locale - - Door County - - and different players - - The Friends of the Sturgeon Bay Waterfront - - and a different obstacle - - a hotel, not an iron mine, or a 26,000-pig farm, or industrial-scale cattle feeding and aerial manure spraying, or runaway sand mining, or an insurance company vying for control of a Milwaukee downtown lake bluff park, or a golf course that would include some state park land along Lake Michigan near Sheboygan, or an expanded north-south pipeline to carry more tar sand oil - - but the same story in regressive Wisconsin:

[Government enabling corporate interests to put the public's ownership and appreciation of water at risk](#), leaving citizens to bear the cost of keeping open and unspoiled what they already own.

We'll keep an eye on this project, and the others, and efforts to [put justice in the phrase "environmental justice" when water is part of the conversation](#).