

# THE EVOLUTION OF COUNTY PARKS



## SAUK COUNTY'S CROWN JEWEL

—Matt Stieve, Director, Land Resources and Environment Department, Sauk County

**W**hite Mound County Park is Sauk County's largest park at 1,100 acres, the crown jewel of the Sauk County park system. The park surrounds the 104-acre lake, perfect for kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and boating at a slow-no-wake speed. White Mound gets its name from a vanished village located south of the park. The village was named for the white-like mounds of limestone found

in the area. An abandoned limestone kiln can still be seen in the park.

Recently, the Sauk County recognized the need to replace the failing facilities serving as the county park offices, which are located at White Mound Park. The existing White Mound County Park building, a log structure constructed in the 1980s, had become a maintenance burden to the county with significant insect infestation and log deterioration. Functionally,