



# Introducing the **LEWIS NINE SPRINGS E-WAY**

In 1969, the National Endowment for the Arts provided funds for the development of an environmental study model to illustrate how a community can identify and capitalize on existing natural and human made resources. The goal of the project was to elevate environmental, ecological and esthetic planning decisions to a higher priority within the community development decision making process. This resulted in an “E-Way” concept that was developed in large part by Professor Phil Lewis of the University of Wisconsin. The “E” represents educational, environmental, esthetic and ecological resources that are linked through a shared corridor. Environmental corridor planning is now a major decision making tool used in land use decisions throughout the world.

Through the teachings and advocacy of both Phil Lewis and his wife, Elizabeth “Libby” Lewis, Dane County adopted the Nine Springs E-Way project area, which extends from Dunn’s Marsh at Seminole Highway east to Lake Waubesa and includes more than 1,300 acres under County ownership. The Nine Springs E-Way is the world’s first “E - Way” and was recognized by the State of Wisconsin as a significant resource through the designation of the Capital Springs State Park & Recreation Area, which contains a large part of the Nine Springs E-Way. The Nine Springs E-Way is a resource that residents throughout Dane County identify with. A significant trail system traverses through the Nine Springs E-Way, bringing what may be considered the fifth “E” to the corridor: exercise.

The team of Phil and Libby Lewis warrant recognition for the many gifts they brought to the Dane County Park System. Together, they founded the Friends of Dane County Parks Foundation, which has provided significant private financial resources to the Dane County Parks system. They were also tireless supporters of the Lussier Family Heritage Center, which is located in the heart of the Nine Springs E-Way. Mrs. Lewis, who passed away on February 1, 2012, served with great distinction on the Dane County Park Commission for 26 years, from 1981 to 2007. During her time on the Commission, Mrs. Lewis continually pursued sound land use and environmental planning for all projects and was a tireless advocate for the acquisition of land for the public.

The Dane County Park Commission  
Cordially invites you to attend the dedication of the

**LEWIS NINE SPRINGS E-WAY**

**5:00 to 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 12, 2013**

Program at 5:30 pm

Lussier Family Heritage Center at Lake Farm County Park

3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI 53711

Light refreshments

This event is a celebration of the Lewis Nine Springs E-Way and will include:

- ◆ Time to visit with **Phil Lewis** and his family
- ◆ New interpretive signage for the Lewis Nine Springs E-Way
  - ◆ **Inspiration** to achieve the whole E-Way Vision
- ◆ Chance to see what's new at the Lussier Family Heritage Center
- ◆ A new endeavor with the **Madison Community Foundation**  
to support the Dane County Parks system

All are welcome to attend! We encourage you to share this invitations with others.

Please contact Laura Guyer, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department at

224-3765 or [guyer@countyofdane.com](mailto:guyer@countyofdane.com) with any questions.

RSVP not required

