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Dear Member,

Since 1978 WEAL has been the environmental advocacy organization for Waukesha County. And so it is with sad awareness that I write to you. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors of WEAL has determined that based on the demands of the Board and of WEAL members, that it is no longer viable to continue to operate. Effective March 15, 2026 WEAL will dissolve as an organization.

I am proud of all WEAL has accomplished over the last almost 50 years. Enclosed is a Final Report which details some of the issues we have been involved with in that time. As I reflect, I remember the variety of causes including transportation, waste, water, and land use that WEAL took on.

Due to your consistent support, WEAL had approximately \$30,000 in funds. The Board has decided to distribute this money to organizations we have previously partnered with. \$500 will be donated to Wisconsin Wetlands, \$500 to Midwest Environmental Advocated, and the remaining funds will be donated to the Waukesha County Land Conservancy (WCLC). Some of you may remember, that WEAL helped to start WCLC, and I am pleased to see its success as part of the WEAL legacy.

As our website, P.O. Box, and email address will be going away, I would like to encourage you to stay involved in environmental issues in our community in other ways. WCLC works to manage over 3,800 acres of land protected from development in Waukesha County. Additionally, they organize action events such as buckthorn and other invasive species removal. And they host informational programs.

Please know that dissolving WEAL is a decision into which board members put much thought and discussion. In order to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us, we felt this was the most honorable option.

I and the entire WEAL Board would like to thank you for your support over the past many years, and I hope our paths cross again.

Sincerely,  
Angela Reifenberg, Membership Chair