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## **Kwik Trip Moving Forward**

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Modification for improved traffic flow and screening recommended

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he Sturgeon Bay Plan Commission unanimously granted a conditional use permit (CUP) to Wisconsin-based Kwik Trip for a new store, car wash and gas pumps on Egg Harbor Road.

The zoning allows the business use, but the permit was required because the car wash is considered a drive-through operation. All drivethroughs need a CUP. The process of granting that permit entailed a presentation by Troy Mlezevia, Kwik Trip real estate development manager, followed by a public hearing and the commission's discussion and vote.

The combination store-and-car-wash building is designed to be 11,000 square feet, and the development would include fueling islands. The project represents a multi-million-dollar investment not only in physical improvements, but through the employment of between 25 and 30 people, with a projected payroll "north of half a million dollars annually," Mlezevia said.

The development would encompass roughly  $4.5\,$  acres on seven separate properties that front the

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Matthew Traver (left) at his graduation from drug treatment court. Submitted.

## Courting Sobriety

Forum to feature personal journeys through treatment court

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atthew Traver wasn't looking to get sober; he just didn't want to go to prison.

Police officers had found him huddled with prescription pills, heroin and needles in a storage unit in the basement of a Green Bay apartment building. It was only the latest in a long history of arrests for what Traver called "ticky-tack things."

"They wanted to send me to prison for four years," Traver said, recalling the conversation he'd had with his lawyer. "I told him there's got to be another way."

Traver's lawyer suggested he apply for Brown County's drug treatment court. Treatment courts have become increasingly popular in communities across Wisconsin as district attorneys and judges search for more effective ways to address addiction-related crime and recidivism.

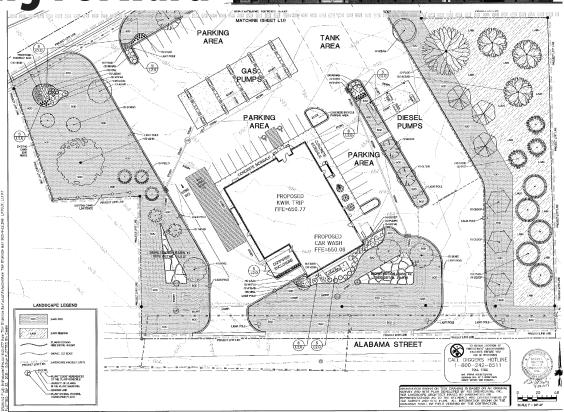
These courts are aimed at felony offenders who commit crimes largely as a result of, or related to, their addiction. Participants who opt for treatment court are convicted, but they avoid long jail or prison sentences in exchange for committing to a rigorous supervision and treatment program.

This program includes regular drug testing, participation in a drug or

alcohol rehabilitation program, and weekly court appearances with the judge, district attorney, counselors and other court officials. Eventually, participants are required to get a fulltime job and an apartment.

"The idea is that after 12 or 18 months, they've developed the tools for sober living," said Door CountyCircuit Court Judge David Weber, who has led the effort to get Door County's treatment court off the ground.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, Traver will share his story during a presentation at Egg Harbor's Kress Pavilion about the Door County Treatment Court. As part of the Eileen Bohn Speaker Series, presented by the Door County League of Women Voters, the event will feature a panel including Judge Weber; Colleen Nordin, Door County district attorney; and Joe Krebsbach, director of the Door County Department of Health and Human Services. The panel will focus on the nature and *continued on page 3* 



A detailed rendering of the Kwik Trip site plan. The Sturgeon Bay Plan Commission asked for another lane behind the building to allow car-wash and diesel customers to circle back and exit onto Egg Harbor Road rather than Alabama Street. Source: City of Sturgeon Bay.