

CHAPTER 340

AN ACT to amend 23.09 (15) of the statutes, relating to including cities and villages for state aid to public access to lakes and streams.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 23.09 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

23.09 (15) The * * * *governing body of any county, town, city or village* which, by resolution, indicates its desire to acquire * * * or improve lands for the purpose of providing public access to any navigable lake or stream *wholly or partially* in the county * * *, town, *city or village* may make application to the conservation commission for the apportionment of funds for state aid to counties * * *, towns, *cities or villages* for the purpose. Such application shall state the name of the lake or stream and the location thereof and shall include an estimate of the total cost of the project. The commission shall thereupon investigate the proposed project and it shall consider the distance the lake or stream lies from the nearest public highway, the existing access thereto, the terrain of the proposed project and whether it is of a practical nature from the standpoint of labor, development and cost, and whether it will best serve the public interest and need. If the commission finds that the proposed public access project will best serve the public interest and need of the state as a whole, it may give preliminary approval to such project. Thereupon the county * * *, town, *city or village* shall prepare and submit plans and specifications and cost analysis of the project to the commission for final approval. Upon final approval, the commission shall encumber a sum equal to one-half of the approved cost estimate of such project. When the project is completed, the commission shall pay to the county * * *, town, *city or village* such encumbered sum or an amount not greater than one-half of the actual cost of such project, whichever is the lesser. The actual cost of such project shall be determined by the commission by audit of the * * * *municipality's* cost records before such payment is made to the county * * *, town, *city or village*.

SECTION 2. This bill is declared to be an emergency bill, recommended by the joint committee on finance, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

Approved September 18, 1963.