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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: December 15, 2015

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on December 15, 2015.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, January 7, 2016**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

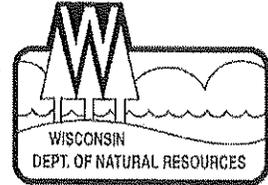
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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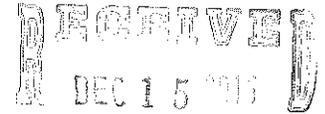
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December 4, 2015

The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

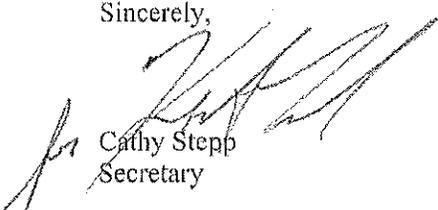
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed development grant to the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the East Side Riverbank Trail Development using grant funds in the amount of \$545,974.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total of Stewardship eligible project costs. This parcel is located in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County.

The proposed project is to develop a pedestrian trail along the east side of the Wisconsin River between E. Riverview Expressway, heading north to E. Grand Avenue. This project will include the trail and park improvements at Demitz Park. Park improvements include benches, landscaping, paving the parking area, construction of restroom/shelter facility, lighting and a fishing pier.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

Cc: Sanjay Olson, Division Administrator – Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Doug Haag – LF/6  
Beth Norquist, CFA Specialist, WC

**DATE:** December 4, 2015

**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$545,974.00 to the City of Wisconsin Rapids for the development of the East Side Riverbank Trail Development. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

#### **I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of Wisconsin Rapids  
**Grant sub-program:** Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

**Location:** The East Side Riverbank Trail Development is located in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood County. The City of WI Rapids has proposed a pedestrian trail along the east side of the Wisconsin River between E. Riverview Expressway, heading north to E. Grand Avenue.

**Project Description:** This project will include the trail and park improvements at Demitz Park which is located on the river just to the north of the expressway. The trail will begin south of the expressway, cross underneath the expressway, and continue through the park along the river. Various maps and a conceptual site plan for this project are attached in Appendices A-D.

**Project Goals:** The East Side Riverbank Trail development project meets the following goals:

- City of Wisconsin Rapids Comprehensive Plan
- City of Wisconsin Rapids Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Wood County Park, Recreation, and Open Spaces Plan
- Wisconsin Rapids Hydroelectric Project FERC Proposed Report on Recreation Resources

The project will also implement the following Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Goals:

- Assess, understand and adapt to growing recreation tourism demands and preferences
- Improve integration of outdoor recreation interests and needs in land use and other relevant planning efforts
- Continue to provide and enhance public access to Wisconsin recreational lands and waters
- Conserve rural landscapes and forests through partnerships and incentives
- Address funding challenges associated with managing Wisconsin outdoor recreation resources
- Promote outdoor recreation as a means of improving public health among Wisconsinites
- Establish great urban parks and community green spaces

**Public Uses:** The East Side Riverbank Trail will be available to the public all day, every day beginning early fall of 2017. Users will be able to walk, picnic, and fish along the trail. The City of Wisconsin

Rapids anticipates approximately 12,000 visitors will enjoy this facility annually.

**Property Management:** The East Side Riverbank Trail will be operated and maintained by City of Wisconsin Rapids, consistent with their management policy.

**Timetable:** Construction will begin early fall of 2016, completed and fully open to the public by fall of 2017.

**Partnerships:**

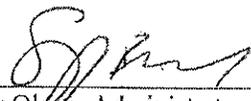
- City of Wisconsin Rapids: Responsible for design, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:	Total Project Costs	\$1,091,948.00
	WI Rapids Funds	<u>\$ 545,974.00</u>
	DNR Stewardship Funding	\$ 545,974.00 (50%)

III. RECOMMENDED:

  
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Doug Haag, Deputy Director  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

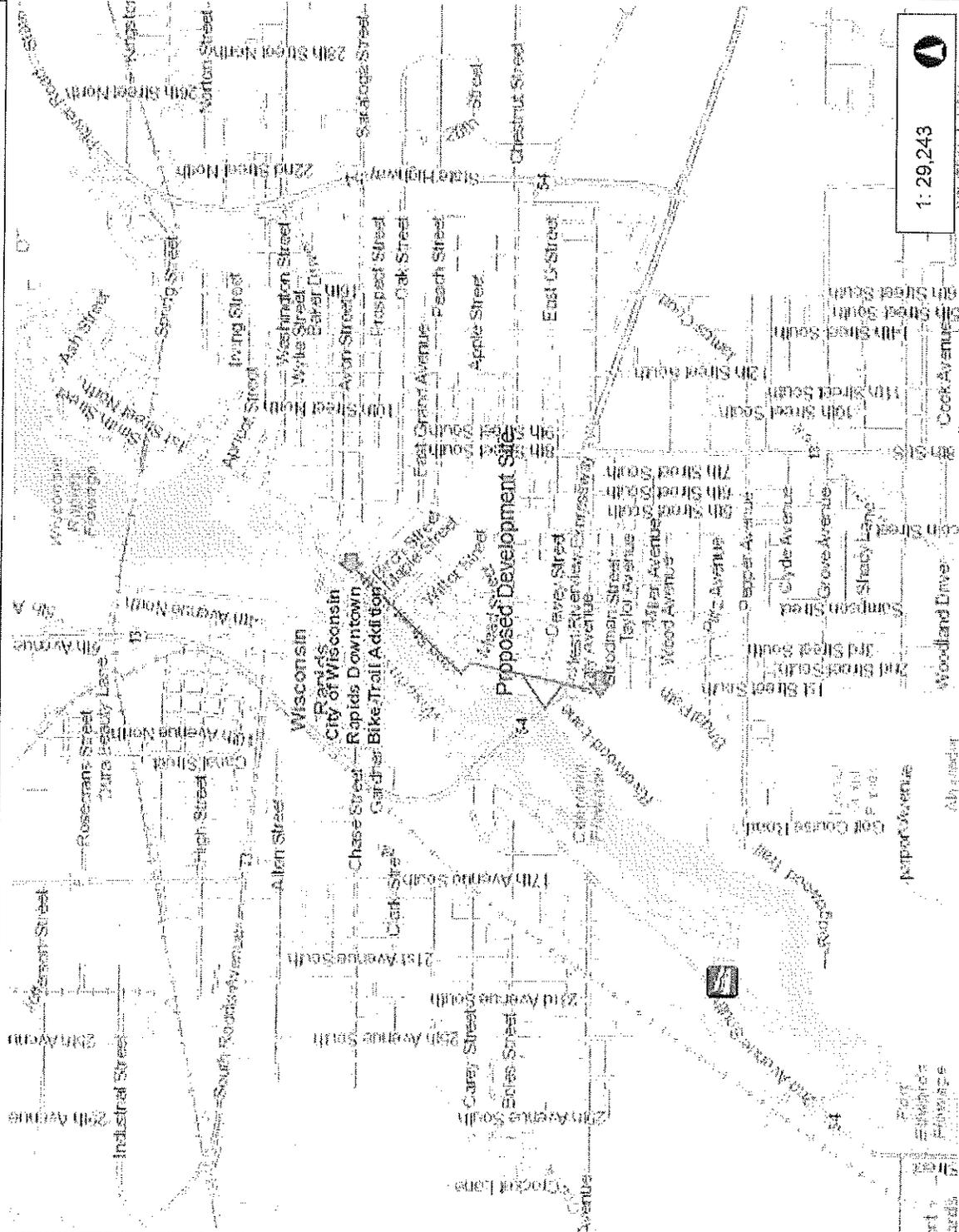
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Sanjay Olson, Administrator  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division

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- Attachments: Appendix A – Downtown Wisconsin Rapids overview map  
Appendix B – Project site map and development plan  
Appendix C – Google map of site location  
Appendix D – Ariel overview map

# WI Rapids East Side Trail Development



**Map Features**

- DNR Parking Area
- Shore Fishing Site
- Boat Access Sites
  - CARRY-IN
  - RAMP
  - UNKNOWN
- LMSWT Access Sites (100k+)
  - Alternate
  - Carry-In
  - Developed
  - Emergency
- Lake Bluffs
- State Trail
- Ice Age Trail
- North Country Scenic Trail
- Natural Area Parcel Ownership
  - Non-Govt Conservation Org, Non-C
  - Door County Land Trust/INC, The
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  - Center's Community Land Conserva
  - Orchardology/INC, Madison Audubon
  - Washington Land Trust, Mississippi
  - NEWLT, National Audubon Society
- Education Institution
- County/City/Town
- WI DNR
- Federal
- Stewardship Grant Acquisition
- Stewardship Grant Annulment

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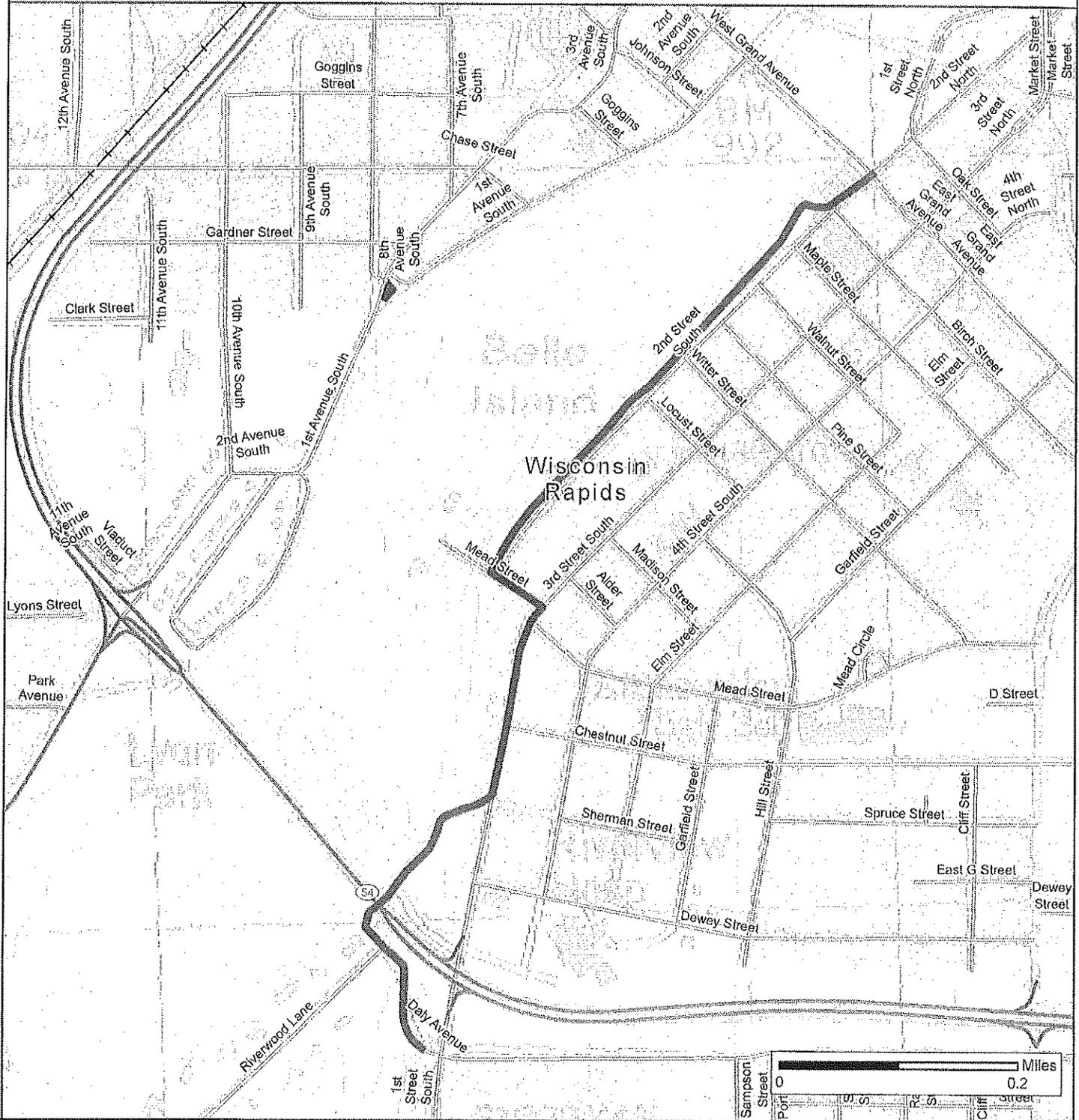
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# City of Wisconsin Rapids - East Side Riverbank Trail

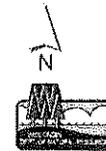
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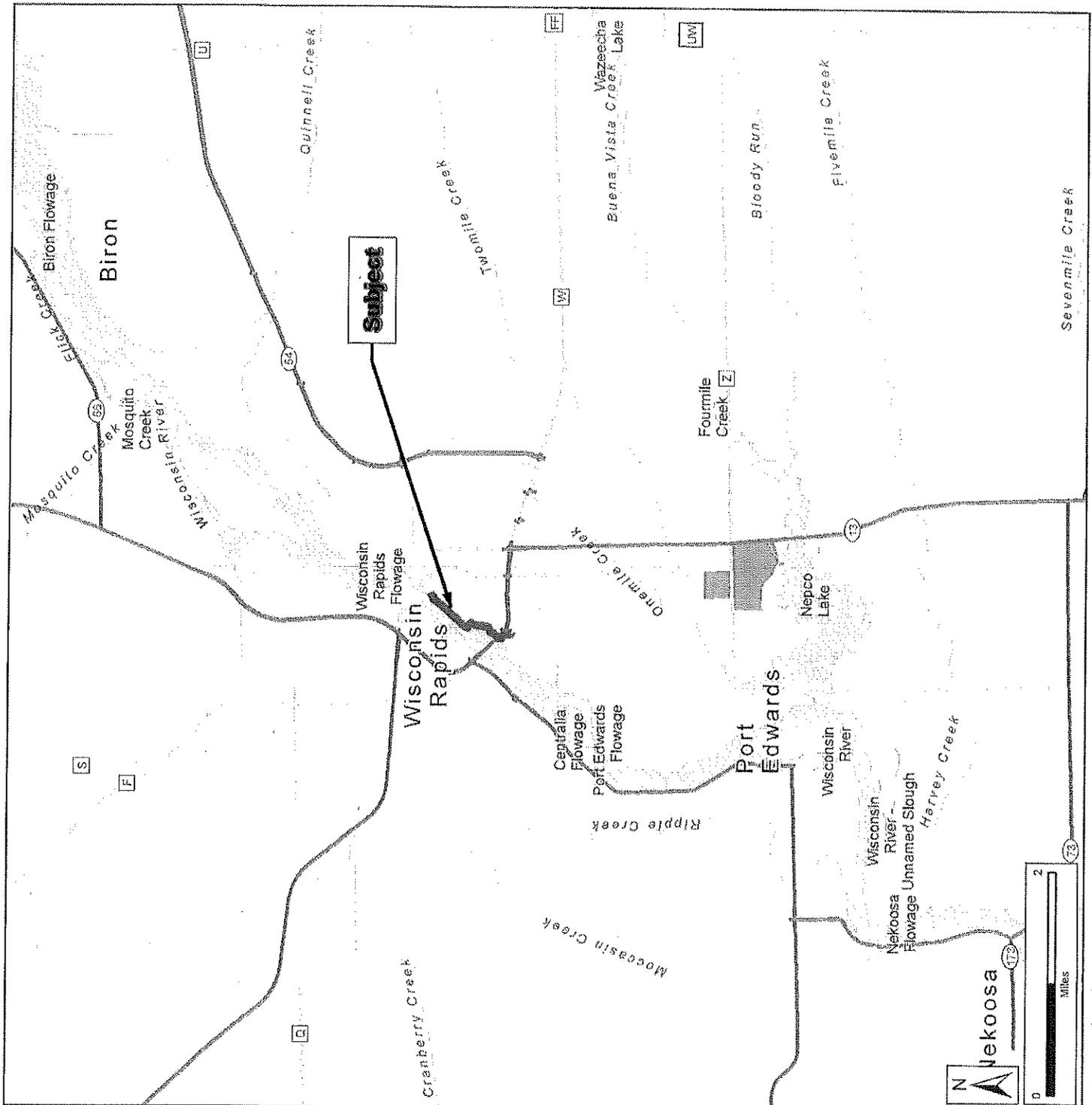
 Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants



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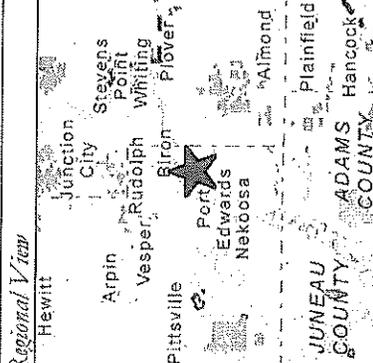
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- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- DNR Lease Lands
- Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
- County Forest Lands
- National Forest
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



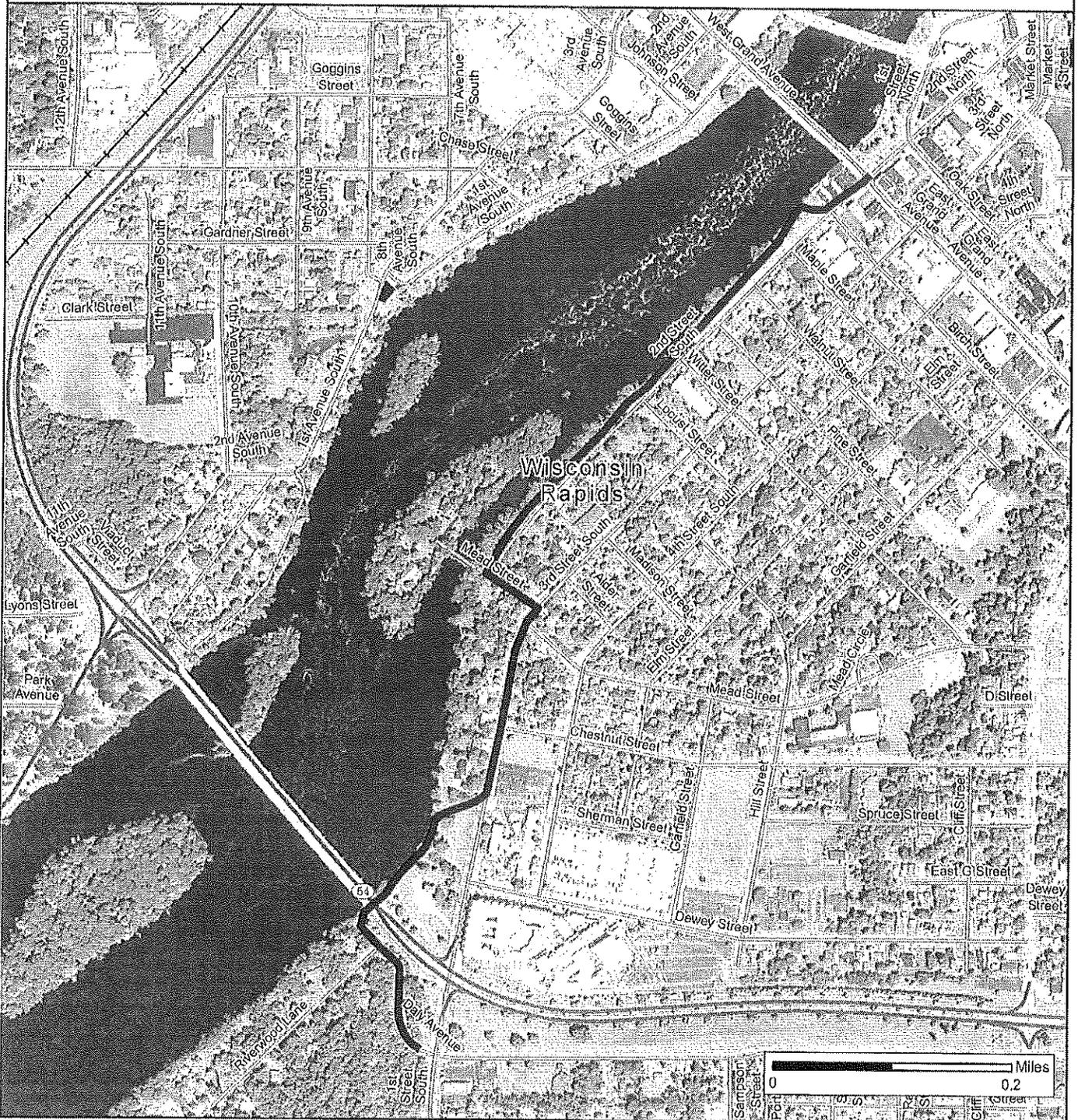
Location of Property

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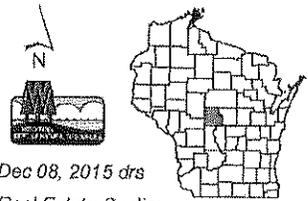
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