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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 13, 2017

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 February 13, 2017.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, March 2, 2017**, 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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February 13, 2017

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

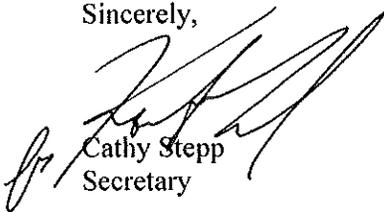
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of the use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The City of Marinette has requested \$440,457.00 to construct additional facilities at Menekaunee Harbor. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total project costs. This project is located on the Menominee River and Lake Michigan/Green Bay, in Marinette County.

The proposed project is the next phase of development intended for the Menekaunee Harbor boating and recreation area. This phase will add a permanent restroom building, additional lighting, landscaping and signage, walkways leading to/from all aspects of the facility, and 12 transient docking slips for recreational boaters transiting the Menominee River and the Great Lakes. The current facility includes driveway, parking, some signage and landscaping, motorized boat ramps with boarding docks and staging area, and a separate canoe/kayak launch area. Menekaunee Harbor is a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan/Green Bay.

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

C: Mark Aquino, Administrator, Business Support & External Services Division  
Roberta Winebar, Acting Rec Boating Grant Manager  
Sara deBruijn, Community Services Specialist, Southeast Region

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM****DATE:** February 13, 2017**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance**FROM:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITY GRANT USING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GREATER THAN \$250,000**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of the proposed use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The City of Marinette has requested \$440,457 to construct the next phase of boating amenities at Menekaunee Harbor Park. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of Marinette  
**Grant sub-program:** Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)  
**Location:** Menekaunee Harbor, City of Marinette, Marinette County. The harbor is on Lake Michigan/Green Bay and the Menominee River and is open to the public for fishing and boating access.

**Project Description:** The proposed project will be the third phase of development at the Menekaunee Harbor Park facility. It includes the addition of a restroom structure, lighting, landscaping, walkways, and permanent transient docking slips for up to 12 visiting recreational boaters to tie up and stay for short durations. Menekaunee Harbor is a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan/Green Bay. A conceptual site plan for this project are attached as Appendix A.

The City of Marinette has received two previous RBF grants. The first was to construct the upland portion of the facility, including driveway, parking, signage, etc. The second grant was for the construction of the in-water launch facilities, including concrete ramps, boarding docks, staging docks, and separate canoe/kayak launch area.

**Project Goals:** The City of Marinette Menekaunee Harbor Park project meets the following goals:

- Creates public boat slips in an existing harbor of refuge, where none were previously available.
- Provides and enhances public access to the Menominee River, Green Bay, and Lake Michigan.
- Meets the needs of Great Lakes recreational boaters and sportfishers, supporting the major tourism industry that is provided along and within Lake Michigan. Completion of this project on time is required for the effective hosting of the National Walleye Championship Fishing Tournament in August 2017.
- Completes the next leg in the development, clean-up, and enhancement of the harbor, lake, and river area, boosting economic development that the City requires in order to move forward with other initiatives.

**Public Uses:** Menekaunee Harbor Park will be available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year. Users will be able to fish from the shoreline and take part in all types of motorized and non-motorized recreational boating activities. In addition to over 3,500 daily launch passes the City sells each year, the City also sells approximately 160 annual boat launch passes. The City expect these numbers to increase with the enhancements and new development at Menekaunee Harbor Park.

**Property Management:** Menekaunee Harbor Park will be operated and maintained by the City of Marinette, consistent with their management policy.

**Timetable:** Construction is proposed to begin in the spring of 2017 and be fully open to the public by summer 2017. The City is on a tight timeline. They will be hosting the National Walleye Championship Tournament, sponsored by Cabela's, in August 2017. This project is intended to be complete and fully functional in time to host that event. The City's funds/match for this project are available immediately from TIF #3; and must be utilized before July 2, 2018.

**Partnerships:**

- City of Marinette: Responsible for construction, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

City of Marinette share	\$ 440,457
<u>DNR RBF Grant</u>	<u>\$ 440,457 (50% cost-sharing)</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 880,914

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

  
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Mary Rose Teves, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

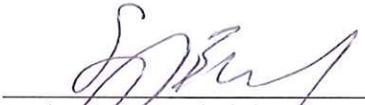
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Terry Bay, Director  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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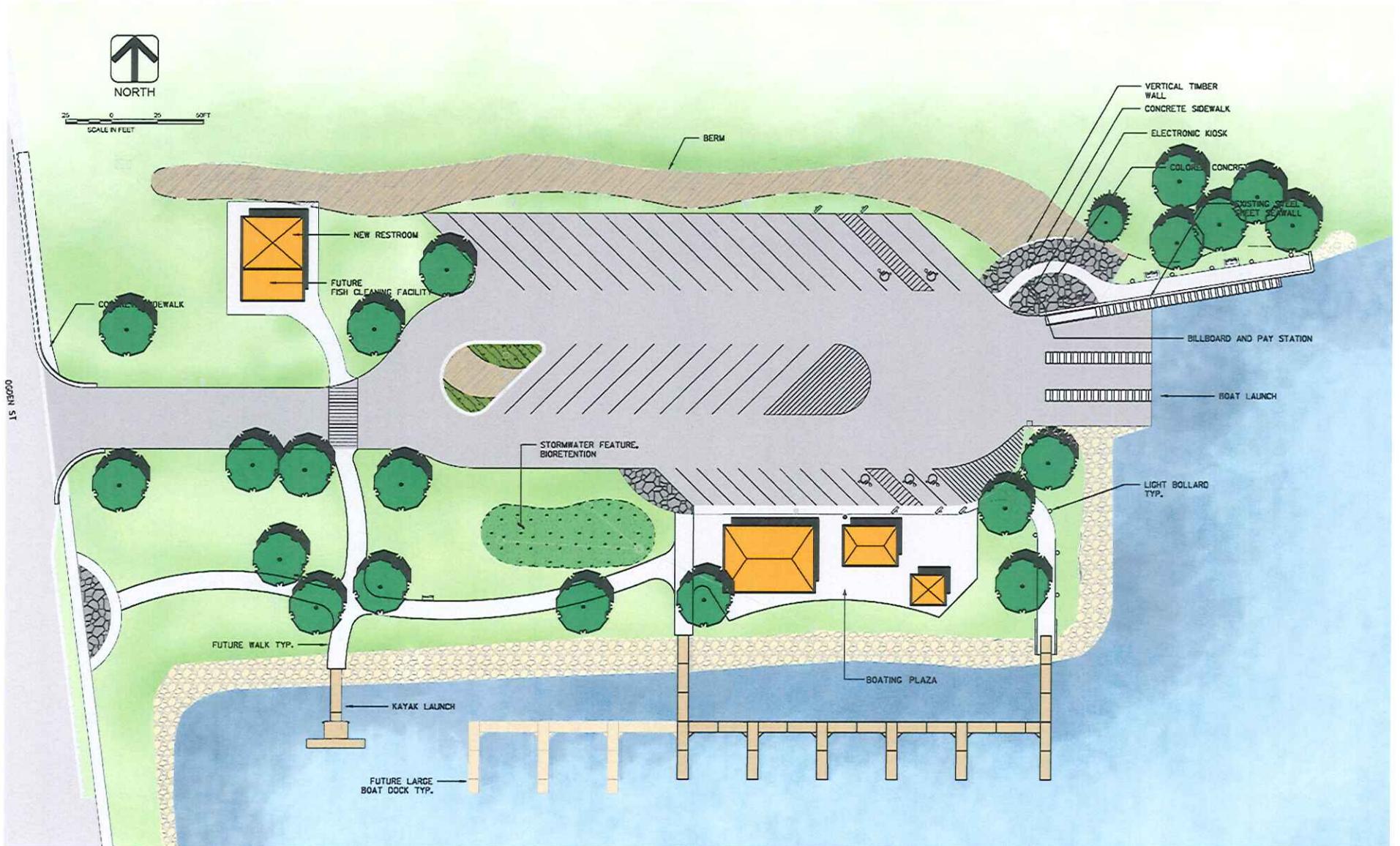
  
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Mark Aquino, Administrator  
Business Support and External Services Division

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Sanjay Olson, Administrator  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division

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Attachments: Appendix A – Conceptual site plan



# Menekaunee Harbor Docks & Restroom Facilities

November 2016  
Marinette, WI