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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: March 8, 2017

Re: 5-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

On December 23, 2016, the Department of Natural Resources submitted a request for a proposed DNR grant to repair the Port Washington Harbor utilizing up to \$550,000 in the recreational boating subprogram of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program. An objection was filed on January 13, 2017. This objection has been withdrawn.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

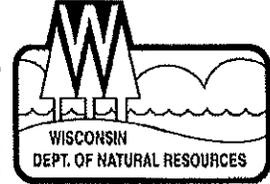
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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December 22, 2016

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The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair  
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DEC 23 2016  
*St. Finance*

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 Port Washington has requested \$550,000 to repair their breakwater. The proposed grant award represents 18% of the estimated total project costs. This project is located at the Port Washington Harbor on Lake Michigan in Ozaukee County.

The proposed project will repair the concrete cap on sections A, B, and C of the failing breakwater. The current condition of the breakwater is unsafe and hazardous. The City is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding best repair solutions. Port Washington is a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Stepp', written over a horizontal line.

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

State of Wisconsin

**DATE:** December 22, 2016

**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 grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The City of Port Washington has requested \$550,000 to repair the Port Washington Harbor breakwater. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

## I. PROJECT DETAILS:

**Project Sponsor:** City of Port Washington  
**Grant sub-program:** Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)  
**Location:** Port Washington Harbor breakwater, City of Port Washington, Ozaukee County. The breakwater is on Lake Michigan and is open to the public for fishing and walking access.

**Project Description:** The proposed project will repair the concrete cap on sections A, B, and C of the failing breakwater. The current condition of the breakwater is unsafe and hazardous. The City is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) regarding best repair solutions. Port Washington is a harbor of refuge on Lake Michigan. A map and conceptual site plan for this project is attached as Appendix A.

**Note:** A separate RBF grant was awarded to the City of Port Washington to repair sections D-D1(nearshore sections) of the breakwater, noted on map in Appendix A. These repairs were completed in spring 2016.

**Project Goals:** Port Washington Harbor breakwater repair project meets the following goals:

- Protects the existing harbor of refuge, public marina, and public boat launch.
- Provides and enhances public access to the breakwater, especially for the elderly and disabled.
- Implements recommendations from the COE. The June 2013 COE inspection report states that several sections of the structure are in very poor and/or failed condition, with extensive deterioration throughout and existing structure presents a serious risk to public health and safety.
- Benefits future development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible path to an ADA accessible fishing platform, and repair of the walkway to the art deco lighthouse.

**Public Uses:** The breakwater will be available to the public seven days per week, and 365 days per year. Users will be able to walk along the path on top of the breakwater and fish along the breakwater. The breakwater will protect more than 270 boat slips at the public marina. The breakwater also protects the public boat launch. In addition to almost 3,000 daily launch passes, the City sells each year approximately 313 seasonal boat launch passes.

**Property Management:** The breakwater will be operated and maintained by the City of Port Washington, consistent with their management policy.

**Timetable:** Construction is proposed to begin in fall 2016 and be fully open to the public by fall 2017.

**Partnerships:**

- City of Port Washington: Responsible for renovation, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Provides engineering and construction assistance.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

City of Port Washington share	\$ 2,516,000
<u>DNR RBF Grant</u>	<u>\$ 550,000</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 3,066,000

**Note:** The City of Port Washington has also applied for a Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) grant in the amount of \$2,516,000 from the WI Dept of Transportation. If application is successful, the HAP grant will replace City funds.

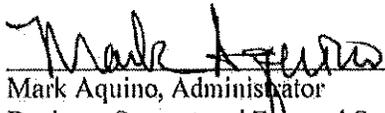
**III. RECOMMENDED:**

  
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Mary Rose Teves, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

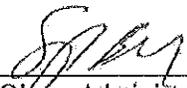
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Terry Bay, Director  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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Mark Aquino, Administrator  
Business Support and External Services Division

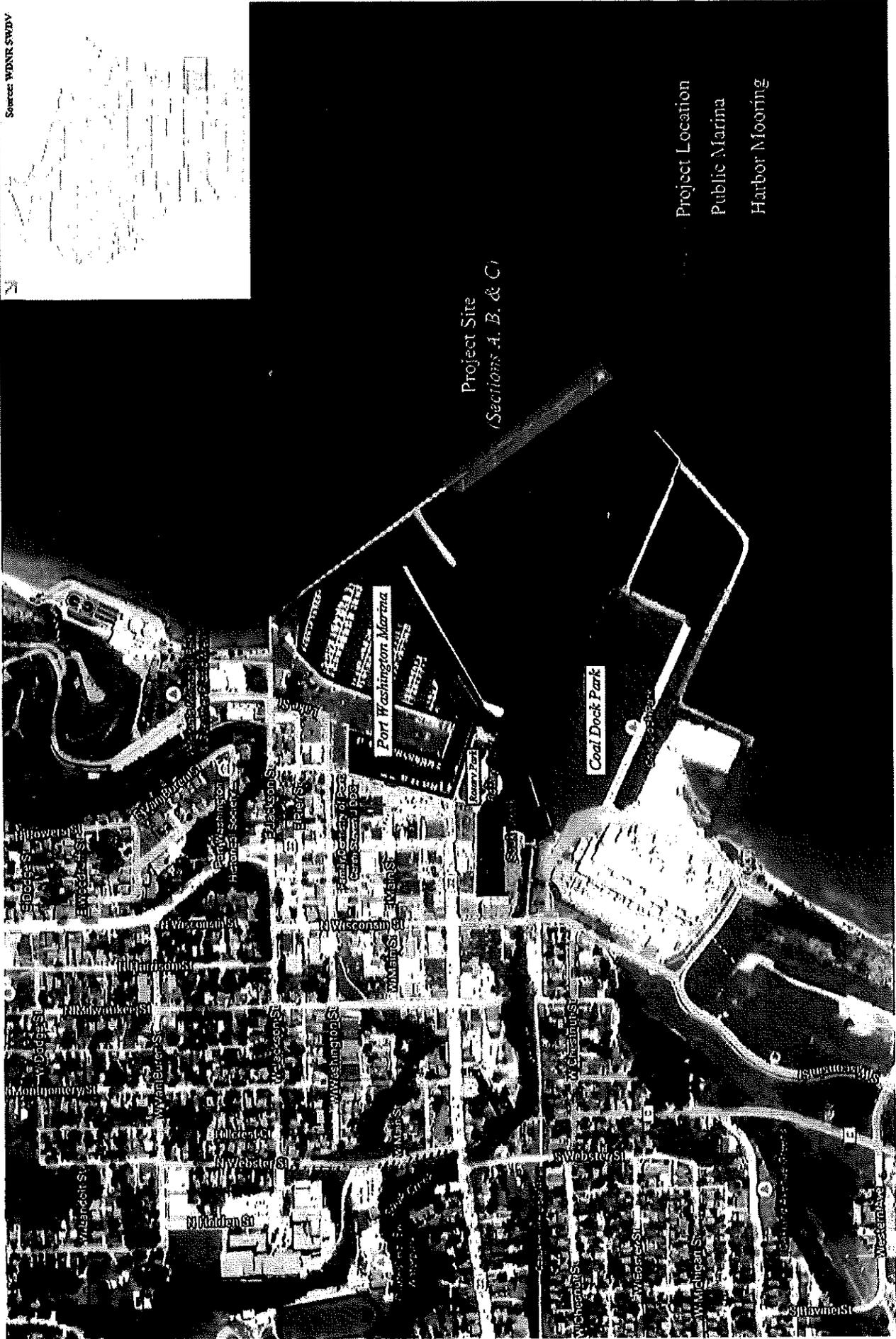
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Sanjay Olson, Administrator  
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division

12/21/16  
Date

Attachments: Appendix A – Conceptual site plan

# City of Port Washington Harbor Breakwater Repair Project



**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Area & Site Location**

Imagery ©2014 DigitalGlobe, U.S. Geological Survey, USDA Farm Service Agency, Map data ©2014 Google, 500 ft



**Photographic Log**

**WDNR Recreational Boating Facilities  
Program Application  
June 2016**

**Project Name:**  
North Breakwater Repair, Sections A - C

**Project Location:**  
City of Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

**Photo No.**  
**1**

**Description:**  
North Breakwater,  
Sections A, B & C,  
with armor stone  
emplaced.

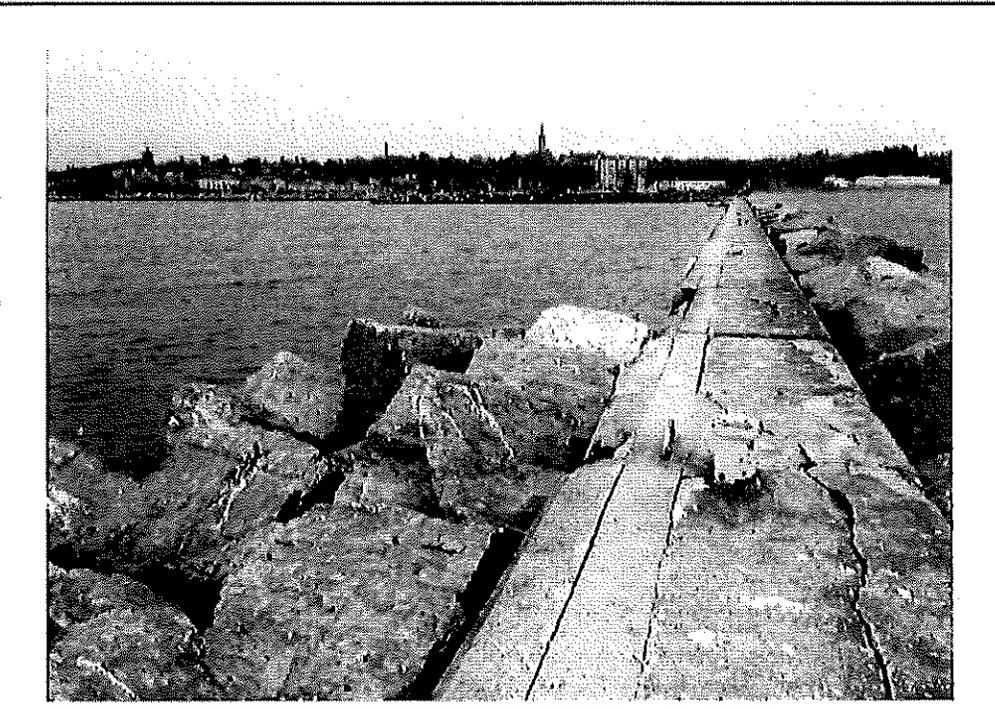
**Source:** Foth Staff,  
5/13/2016



**Photo No.**  
**2**

**Description:**  
Sections B & C (with  
armor stone  
emplaced), looking  
towards shore.

**Source:** Foth Staff,  
5/13/2016



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Program Application  
June 2016**

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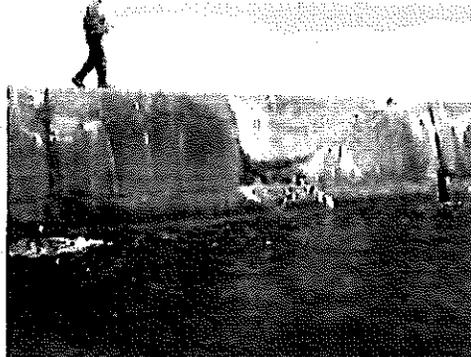
**Project Location:**  
City of Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

**Photo No.**  
**3**

**Description:**

**Breakwater  
Section C.**

**Source: USACE  
Inspection Report,  
April 2013**



Photograph 18. Structural Crack from Sta. 10+50 to 10+25



Photograph 19. Close-up of hole at Sta. 10+30

**Photo No.**  
**4**

**Description:**

**Breakwater  
Section C.**

**Source: USACE  
Inspection Report,  
July 2013**



Photograph 20. Failure of wedge from Sta. 10+17 to 10+00



Photograph 21. Structural crack at Sta. 0+40 to 0+20