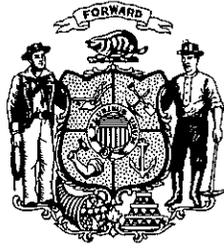


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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 20, 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 April 20, 2017.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, May 9, 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

AD:JN:jm

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April 20, 2017

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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 a proposed development grant to the City of Racine for the development of the Machinery Row Promenade on the Root River.

The City requested grant assistance to construct a riverfront walkway, public green space, and parking along the Root River in downtown Racine. The 2,700' Promenade is a key piece of a 2.5 mile River Loop recreational trail that is being developed on both sides of the Root River. Upon project completion, the public will be able to hike, bike, picnic, observe the Root River, launch a canoe/kayak, and fish from the property. Machinery Row is a former industrial property on the Root River that has been closed to the public for more than 100 years. This project complements ongoing economic redevelopment efforts in downtown Racine.

The proposed grant award of \$267,378.00 is from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The award amount represents 34% of the estimated total project costs. The City has secured their required matching funds.

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: Doug Haag – Administrator, Division of Internal Services
Terry Bay – Director, Bureau of Facilities & Lands

Enclosure

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 20, 2017

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: MACHINERY ROW PROMENADE, CITY OF RACINE

Pursuant to s.s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$267,378.00 to the City of Racine for development of the Machinery Row Promenade. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Racine

Grant sub-programs: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks; Urban Rivers

County: Racine County

Location: The project is located downtown Racine on 5.6 acres bordered by College Avenue on the east, South Marquette Street on the west, Water Street on the south, and the Root River on the north.

Project Description: The City will construct a riverfront walkway, public green space, and parking along the Root River in downtown Racine. The 2,700 foot long promenade walkway is a key piece of a 2.5 mile River Loop recreational trail that is being developed on both sides of the Root River. The River Loop is connected to the Root River and Lake Michigan Pathways. The project will provide outdoor recreational opportunities including hiking and picnicking and public access to the Root River for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Machinery Row is a former industrial property on the Root River that has been closed to the public for more than 100 years. This project will complement economic redevelopment efforts in downtown Racine.

Property for the Machinery Row Promenade development was acquired with Stewardship grant assistance. A grant of \$470,750.00 was issued to the City of Racine in 2016 for acquisition of the 5.6-acre property. This acquisition was submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance in April 2016 for passive review. No objections were raised.

Project Goals: The Machinery Row project supports goals outlined in the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local plans:

- City of Racine Park and Open Space Plan
- RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan

In addition, redevelopment of brownfields for public outdoor recreation purposes is a Stewardship grant program priority per s. 23.09(19)(cm) and ch. NR 51.935. The Machinery Row property meets the definition of a brownfield under s. 23.09(19)(a)1. The Department and City of Racine executed a Brownfields and Stewardship Negotiated Agreement in August 2016 to facilitate redevelopment of this property, thus supporting brownfields redevelopment goals of the Stewardship grant program.

Public Uses: The Machinery Row Promenade will be available to the public 24/7/365. The public will be able to hike, bike, picnic, observe nature, launch a canoe/kayak, and fish from the Machinery Row property. Due to the site's proximity to schools, businesses, high-density residential neighborhoods, and downtown cultural events, the City of Racine anticipates that the Machinery Row Promenade will be heavily used throughout the year.

Property Management: The Machinery Row Promenade will be operated and maintained by the City of Racine, consistent with their management policy.

Timetable: Construction will begin in summer of 2017. The project will be fully open to the public by fall of 2018.

Project Partners:

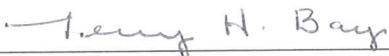
- City of Racine: Design, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance of the project.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.
- Federal Recreational Trails Program: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City Funds	\$ 462,377.00 (60%)
DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 267,378.00 (34%)
Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant	\$ 45,000.00 (6%)
Total Project Cost	\$ 774,755.00

The Federal Recreational Trails Program grant was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in November, 2016, and verified by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in January, 2017. The City's matching funds for design and construction of the project have been approved in the City's Capital Improvement Budget.

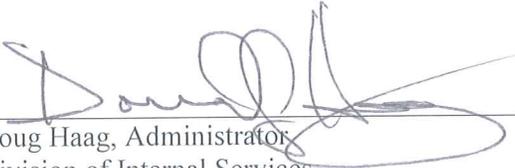
III. RECOMMENDED:



Terry H. Bay, Director
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

4/14/17

Date



Doug Haag, Administrator
Division of Internal Services

4-17-17

Date

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- A: Project location map
- B: Site development plan



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award
Machinery Row Promenade: City of Racine, Racine County

Attachment A Project Location Map



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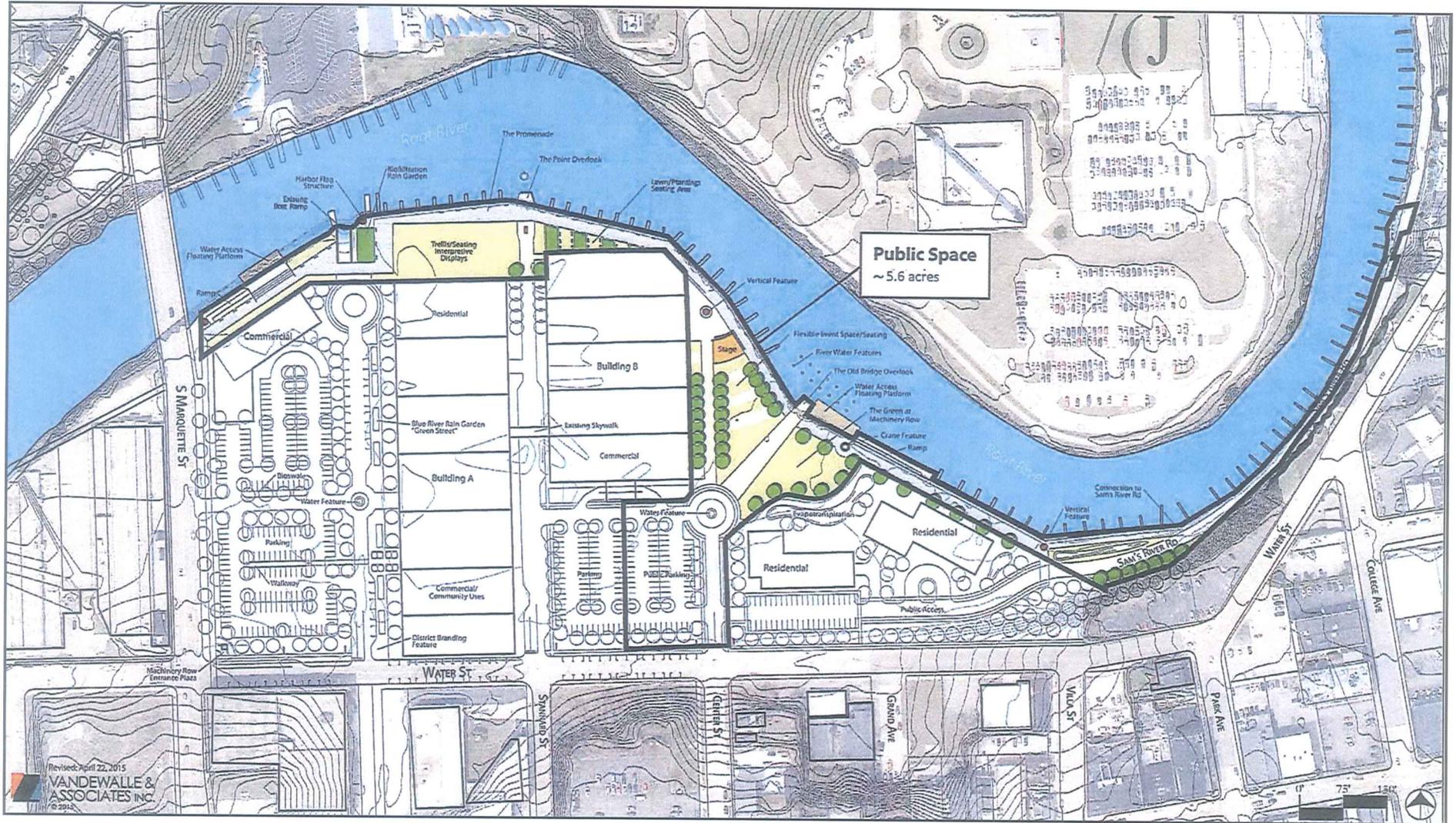
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Machinery Row Promenade: City of Racine, Racine County

Attachment B
Site Development
Plan



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