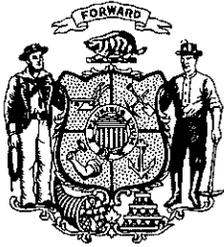


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Joint Committee on Finance

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

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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 New London for the River Wall and Pier Development project.

The City requested grant assistance to repair the concrete river wall and construct an accessible fishing platform and transient docking facility for anglers and boaters on the Wolf River in downtown New London. Currently, entering or exiting the river at this location is challenging due to the lack of accessible infrastructure. Upon project completion, the public will be able to fish from the platform/pier structure, view the river, and dock motorized and non-motorized boats.

The proposed grant award of \$495,188.00 is from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The award amount represents 50% 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

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: RIVER WALL AND PIER DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF NEW LONDON

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 \$495,188.00 to the City of New London for the River Wall and Pier Development project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of New London

Grant sub-programs: Urban Rivers; Recreational Boating Facilities

County: Waupaca County

Location: The project is located in St. John's Park, downtown New London, along the north shore of the Wolf River, approximately 700 feet downstream from the confluence with the Embarrass River.

Project Description: The City of New London River Wall and Pier Development project includes two primary components: 1) repair and rehabilitation of the concrete river wall; and 2) construction of an accessible fishing platform and transient docking facility in St. John's Park. The proposed project will provide a direct connection between the Wolf River and downtown New London. The Wolf River is a popular destination for motorized and non-motorized boaters and shore anglers. However, entering or exiting the river at this location is challenging due to the lack of accessible infrastructure.

The river wall is 995' long and in poor condition. The wall was originally constructed in the 1930s and expanded in the 1960s. The last major repair project was in 1982. The project includes repair of degraded portions of the river wall and structural enhancements to allow for attachment of the fishing platform and transient docking facility.

The platform and docking facility structure will include a 14' x 14' fishing platform, a 6' x 86' ADA compliant floating pier, and three finger piers for transient docking. The platform and piers provide an opportunity for boaters to enter and exit the water easily at St. John's Park. The Wolf River fluctuates up to 11' at this location. Project components will be designed to remain fully functional at all river stages.

Project Goals: The project implements goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local/regional plans:

- City of New London Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- City of New London 2009 Waterfront Plan
- City of New London Comprehensive Plan
- Waupaca County 2015 Outdoor Recreation Plan

Public Uses: St. John's Park and the attached pier and docking structure will be available to the public throughout the open water season. The public will be able to fish from the platform/pier structure, view the Wolf River, and dock motorized and non-motorized boats. During winter months, the pier and dock structures will be removed from the water to protect them from ice damage.

Property Management: Project components will be operated and maintained by the City of New London Parks Department, consistent with their management policy.

Timetable: Construction is proposed to begin in late spring 2017 and be fully open to the public by end of 2017.

Partnerships:

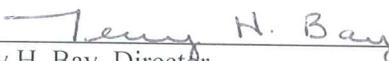
- City of New London: Design, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance of the project.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City Funds	\$ 495,188.00 (50%)
DNR Recreational Boating Facilities Stewardship Grant	\$ 287,988.00 (29%)
DNR Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant	\$ 207,200.00 (21%)
Total Project Cost	\$ 990,376.00

The City has secured their required matching funds (approved in a previous budget cycle).

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

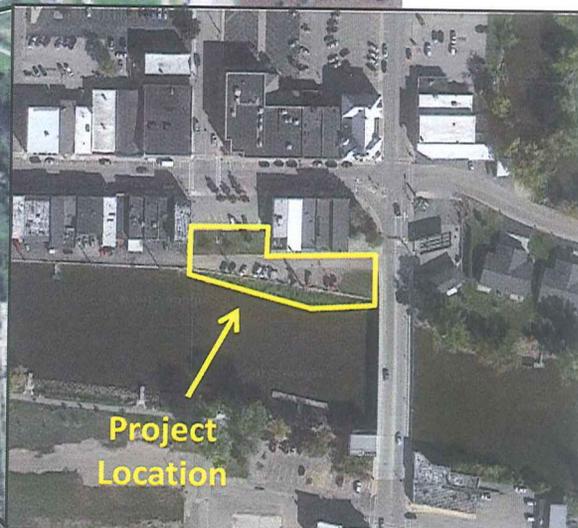
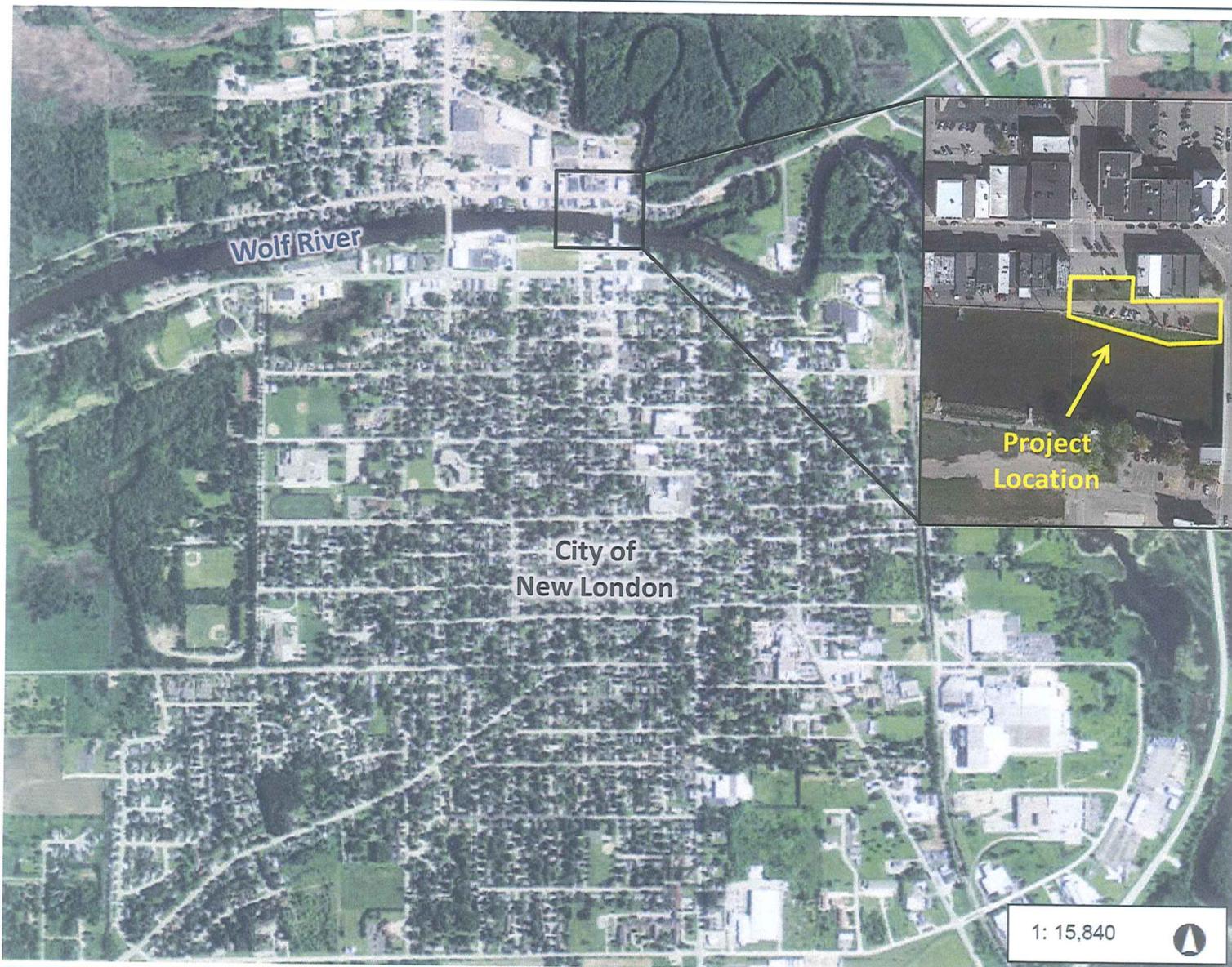
IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Award
 St. John's Park: City of New London, Waupaca County

Attachment A
 Project Location
 Map



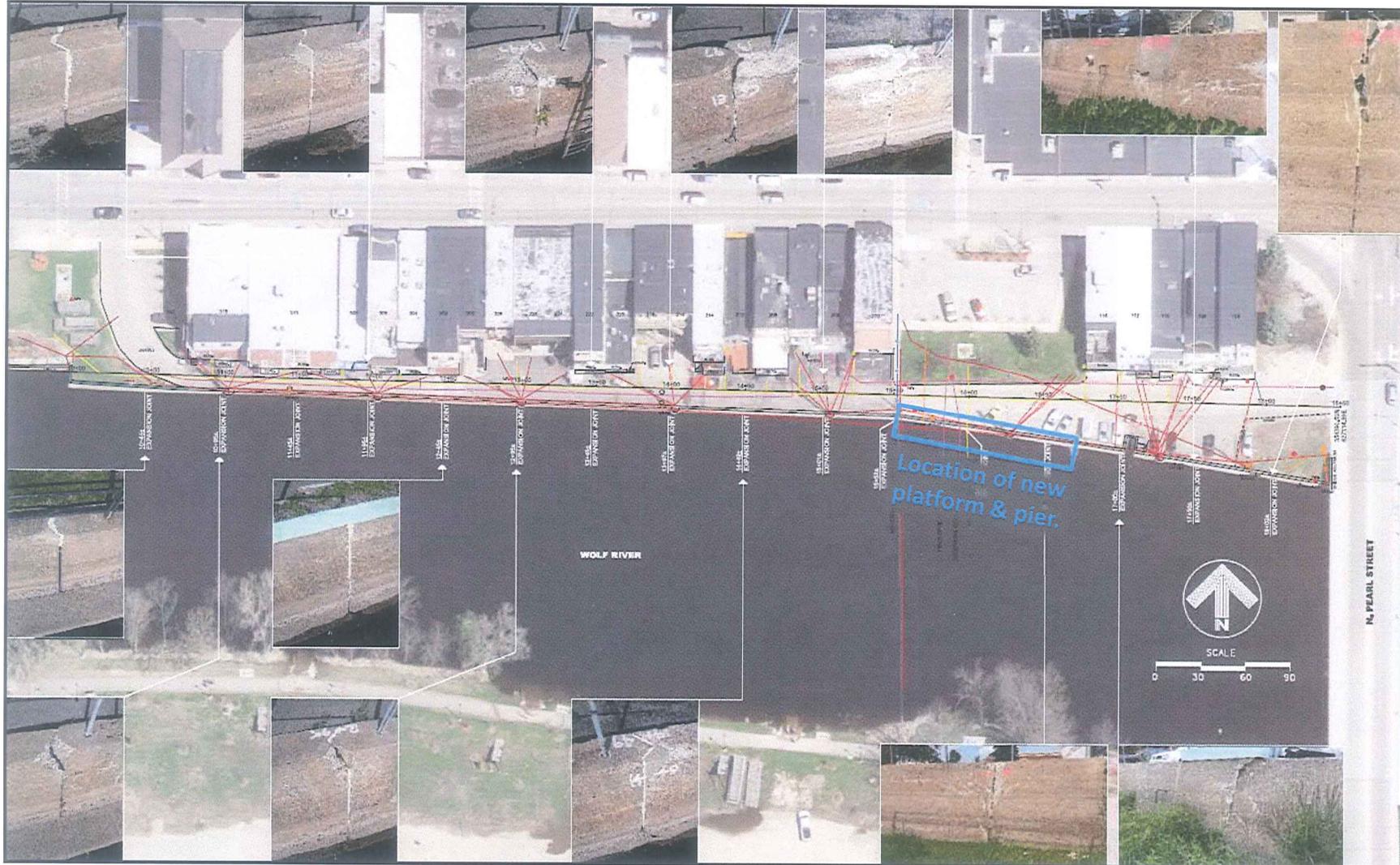
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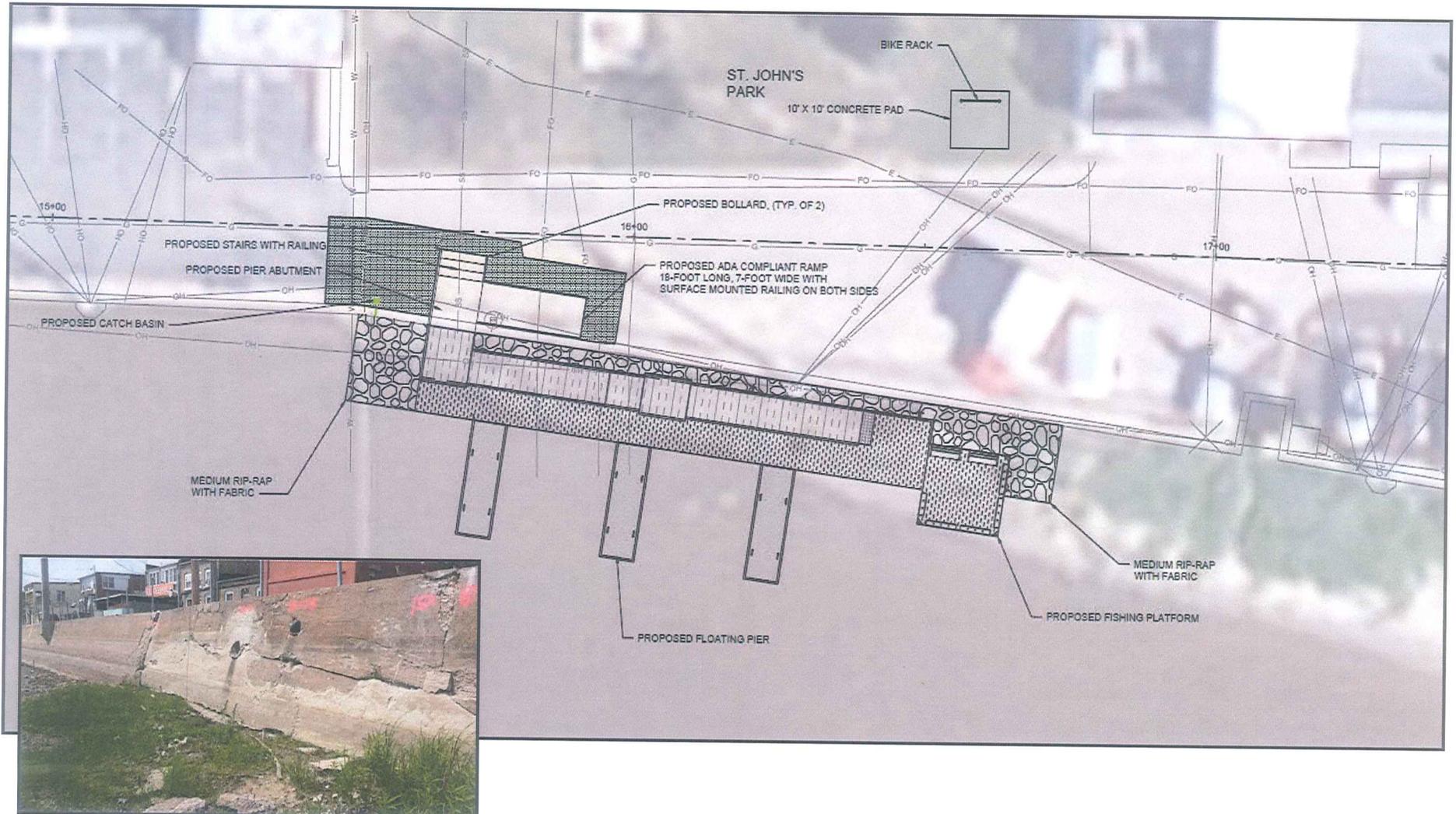


River Wall





Fishing Platform & Transient Docking Pier



Current view of the platform/pier location,
as seen from the Wolf River.