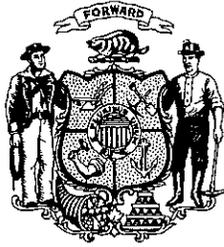


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## Joint Committee on Finance

### 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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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 a proposed development grant to the City of Mauston for the Riverwalk Trail Development Phase IV project.

The City requested grant assistance to construct a multi-use trail, park shelter, and associated trail amenities. A portion of the Riverwalk Trail will run along the northern shore of the Lemonweir River. Phases I, II, and III are complete. The proposed project is the final phase of the City Riverwalk.

The proposed grant award of \$324,752.00 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: RIVERWALK TRAIL PHASE IV, CITY OF MAUSTON**

Pursuant to s.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 \$324,752.00 to the City of Mauston for the development of the Riverwalk Trail Phase IV. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of Mauston

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

**County:** Juneau County

**Location:** The Mauston Riverwalk Trail runs along the northern and southern bank of the Lemonweir River in downtown Mauston. The trail connects Murphy Park, Riverside Park, and Lions Park.

**Project Description:** The Riverwalk Trail Phase IV project includes a multi-use trail, park shelter, and associated trail amenities. A portion of the Riverwalk Trail will run along the northern shore of the Lemonweir River. The City is implementing the Riverwalk in four phases. Phases I, II, and III are complete. Upon completion of the proposed project, the Riverwalk will be complete.

The City received a Stewardship grant in the amount of \$271,900.00 for work on Phase I. This grant was submitted to the Joint Committee of Finance in November, 2012, for passive review. No objections were raised.

**Project Goals:** The Riverwalk Trail Phase IV implements goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local/regional plans:

- City of Mauston's Capital Improvement Plan
- City of Mauston's Comprehensive Plan (2000)
- City of Mauston's Downtown Revitalization & Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Juneau County's 2011-2017 County Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Wisconsin State Trails Network Plan (2001) for "Segment 53"
- North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Network Plan (2004)
- Wisconsin Land Legacy Report 2006-2056 for the Lower Lemonweir River

**Public Uses:** The Riverwalk Trail Phase IV will be available to the public 24/7/365. The public will be able to hike, bike, picnic, and fish along the trail.

**Property Management:** The Riverwalk Trail Phase IV will be operated and maintained by City of Mauston, consistent with their management policy.

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

**Partnerships:**

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

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| City Funds            | \$ 324,752.00 (50%) |
| DNR Stewardship Grant | \$ 324,752.00 (50%) |
| Total Project Cost    | \$ 649,504.00       |

The City has secured their required matching funds.

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

  
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Terry H. Bay, Director  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

4/14/17  
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Date

  
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Doug Haag, Administrator  
Division of Internal Services

4-17-17  
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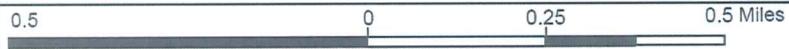
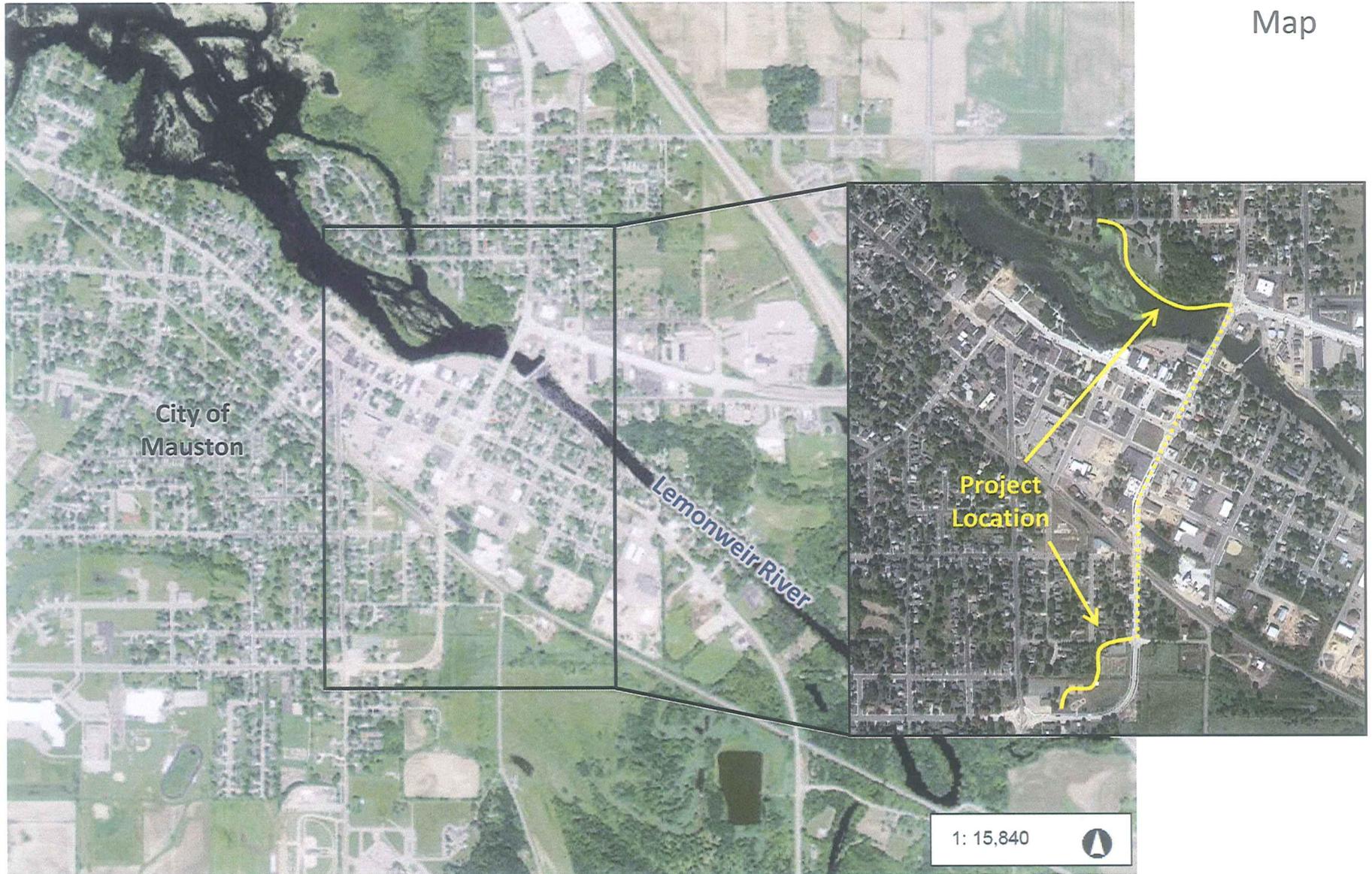
**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

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



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award  
 Riverwalk Phase IV: City of Mauston, Juneau County

Attachment A  
 Project Location  
 Map



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Murphy Park/Lemonweir River Segment





Lions Park Segment

