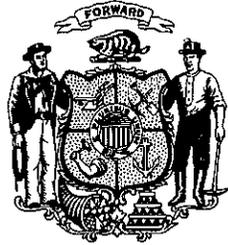


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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: March 14, 2018

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 March 14, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Friday, March 30, 2018**, 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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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 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the City of Ashland for development of the Ashland Ore Dock. The proposed grant award of \$300,000 is 15% of the estimated project cost.

The City will redevelop the historic ore dock that was constructed in 1916. The dock extends 1800 feet into Chequamegon Bay (Lake Superior). The project includes construction of seating, lighting, safety railings, and associated amenities on the landward half of the dock and a 900-foot boardwalk on the outermost half of the dock. Development of the dock will provide fishing access and exceptional bay views for visitors of all abilities.

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,

Daniel L. Meyer
Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2018

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT
GREATER THAN \$250,000; CITY OF ASHLAND**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$300,000 to the City of Ashland for the development of the Ashland Ore Dock. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Ashland

Project Name: Ore Dock Development

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

County: Ashland

Location: The Ashland Ore Dock, constructed in 1916, is located on the shore of Lake Superior, adjacent to the Waterfront Trail that traverses the City of Ashland (Ashland County). The dock extends 1800 feet into Chequamegon Bay (Lake Superior) from Ore Dock Park.

Project Description: The project includes construction of seating, lighting, safety railings, and associated amenities on the landward 900 feet of the dock and a boardwalk traversing the remaining 900 feet. Development of the dock will provide fishing access and exceptional views of Chequamegon Bay for visitors of all abilities.

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

- City of Ashland Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2013-2018
- Authentic Ashland: A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Ashland 2015-2035
- City of Ashland Waterfront Development Plan
- Ashland County Land and Water Resource Management 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. Upland areas of the project meet the definition of a brownfield under s. 23.09(19)(a)1.

Public Uses: The Ashland Ore Dock project will be available to the public from sunrise to sunset, 7 days per week, year-round. Users will be able to run, walk, fish, dock boats, and view the bay. The City of Ashland anticipates approximately 10,000 visitors will enjoy this facility annually.

Ownership & Management: The Ore Dock will continue to be owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Ashland.

Timetable: Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2018; anticipated completion in December 2019.

Project Partners:

- City of Ashland: Renovation, operation, and maintenance of the facility.
- Ashland Ore Dock Charitable Trust: Financial assistance (oversight group managing funds gifted from previous owner, Canadian National Railroad, for development of the ore dock).
- Wisconsin Department of Administration: Grant assistance (Coastal Management Program) for final design and construction documents.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.
- Northland College, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, USGS, US Fish and Wildlife, and local businesses/organizations provided research, information, kiosk design, funding assistance, and historic artifacts.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Proposed DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 300,000
DOA Coastal Management Program Grant	\$ 130,000
Ashland Ore Dock Charitable Trust	\$ 1,000,000
Private Donations (Cash)	\$ 145,000
Private Donations (Materials & Equipment)	\$ 10,000
<u>City of Ashland</u>	<u>\$ 480,000</u>
Project Total	\$ 2,065,000

The City has secured their required matching funds.

III. RECOMMENDED:

Terry Bay
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

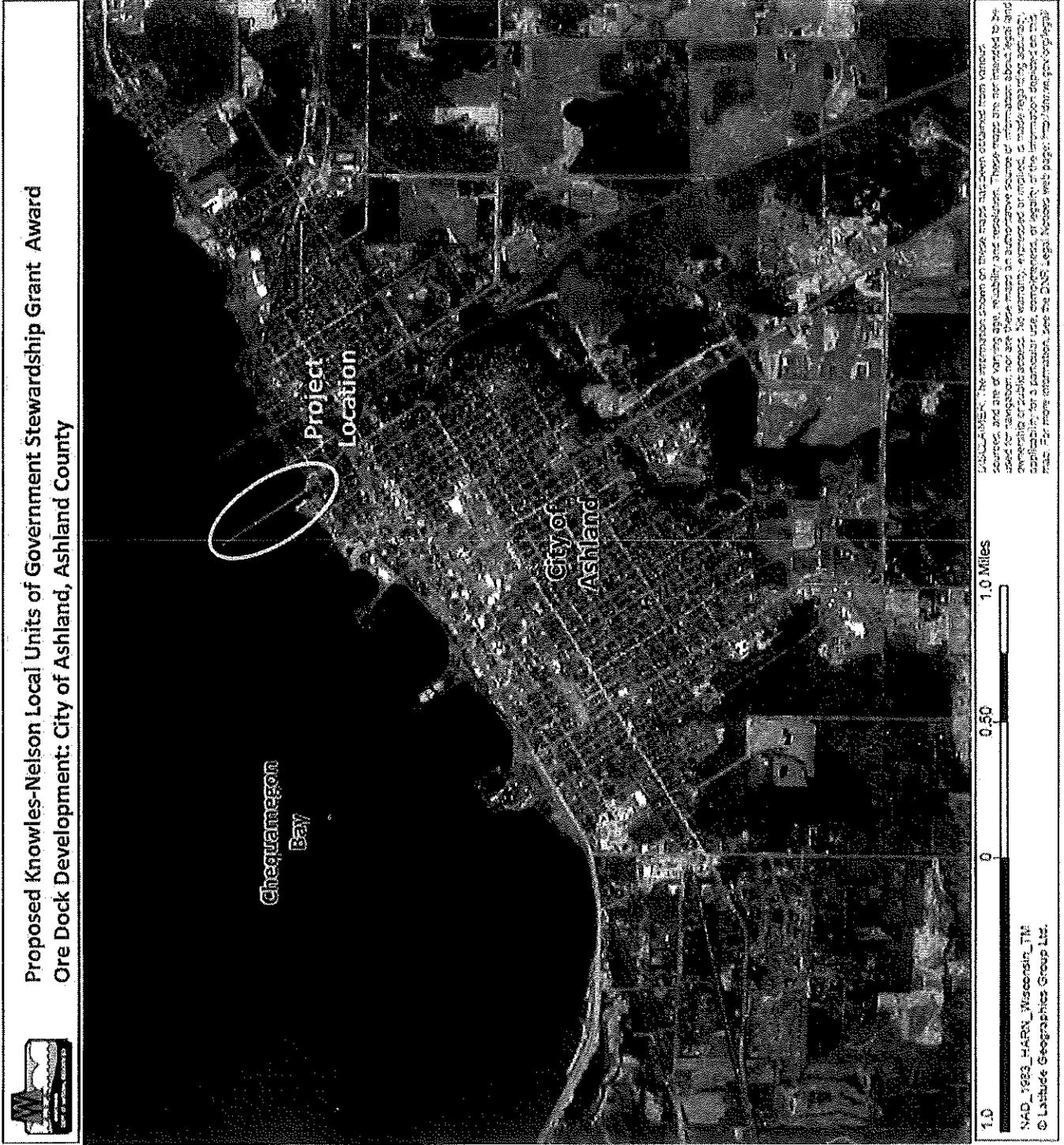
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Douglas Haag
Douglas Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

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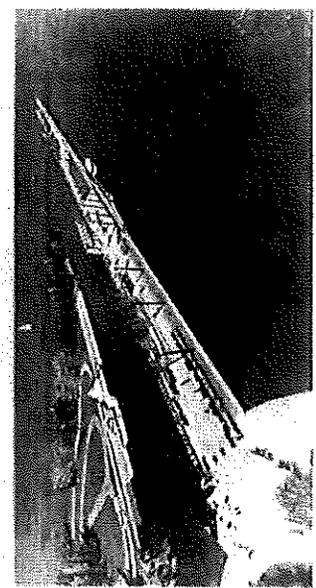
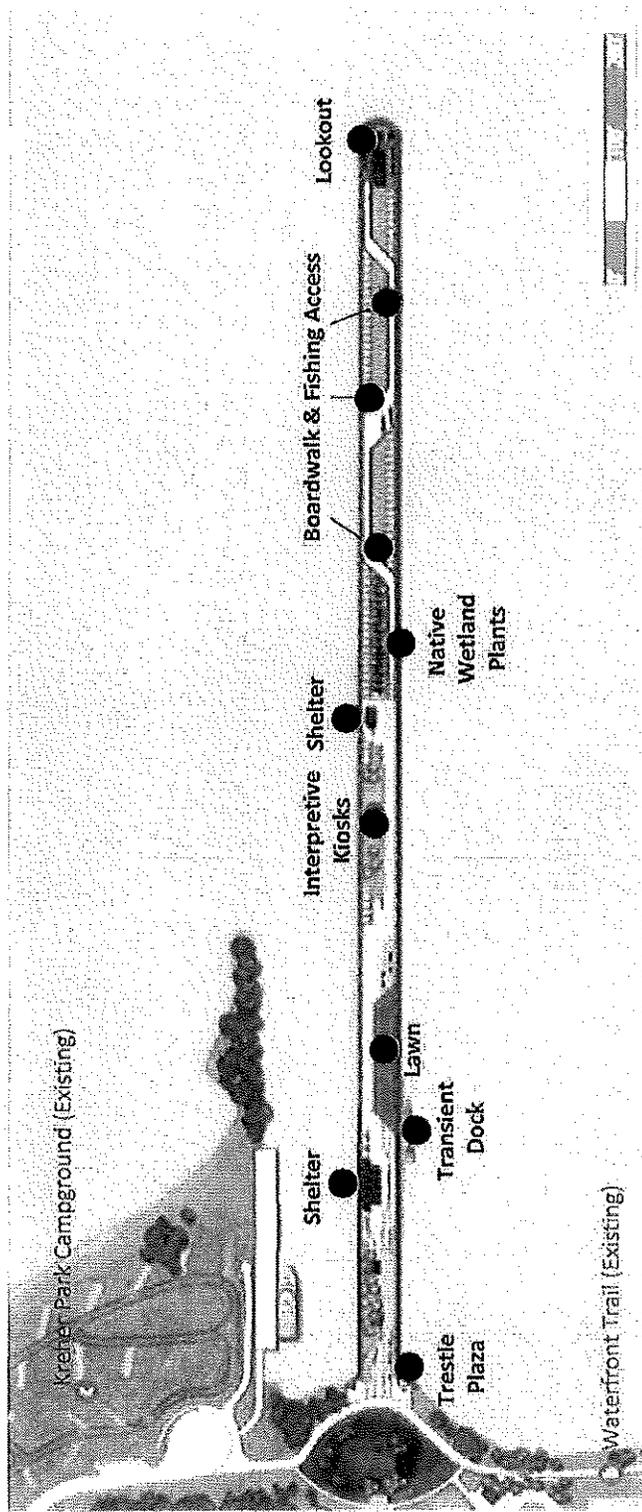
Attachments: Project Maps

Attachment A Project Location Map



Attachment B Site Plan

Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award
Ore Dock Development: City of Ashland, Ashland County



Looking northwest from Ore Dock Park



Looking southeast from the ore dock lookout