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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.

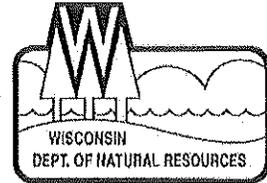
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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March 12, 2018

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*J. 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 a proposed amendment to an existing development grant for the City of West Bend Downtown Riverwalk Rehabilitation project. The proposed grant of \$655,053 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program represents 24% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is located along the east bank of the Milwaukee River in historic downtown West Bend, Washington County.

The project involves replacement of two deteriorated pedestrian bridges and stabilization of the east riverbank. The pedestrian bridges will provide access to both sides of the Milwaukee River for the public to enjoy the historic downtown area and link with city and county trails that intersect at this location. The City received a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in 2015 for the project. Original project cost estimates were based on preliminary inspections that indicated bridge renovations would be sufficient to address structural issues. However, detailed inspections thereafter uncovered more extensive deterioration, requiring replacement of both pedestrian bridges to ensure public safety. The City made significant progress with the 2015 Stewardship grant, including replacement of the north bridge. The proposed grant would support replacement of south bridge and final shoreline stabilization.

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,

*DLM*  
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 FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF WEST BEND**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$655,053 to the City of West Bend, Washington County, amending an existing grant for rehabilitation of the Downtown Riverwalk. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of West Bend

**Project Name:** Downtown Riverwalk Rehabilitation (Cost Amendment)

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

**County:** Washington

**Location:** The Riverwalk is located on the Milwaukee River in historic downtown West Bend, Washington County.

**Project Description:** The Downtown Riverwalk Rehabilitation involves replacement of two deteriorated pedestrian bridges and stabilization of the east riverbank. The pedestrian bridges will provide access to both sides of the Milwaukee River for the public to enjoy the historic downtown area and link with city and county trails that intersect at this location.

The City received a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in 2015 for the Riverwalk Rehabilitation project, including renovation of the bridges. Original project cost estimates were based on preliminary inspections that indicated bridge renovations would be sufficient to address structural issues. However, detailed inspections thereafter uncovered more extensive deterioration, requiring replacement of both pedestrian bridges to ensure public safety. The proposed cost amendment reflects the associated increase in construction cost. The City made significant progress with the 2015 Stewardship grant, including replacement of the north bridge. The proposed cost amendment would support replacement of south bridge and final shoreline stabilization.

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

- Park and Open Space Plan for the City of West Bend: 2010
- Park and Open Space Plan for Washington County
- West Bend Riverfront Parkway Plan

**Public Uses:** The Downtown Riverwalk will be available to the public 24/7/365. Users will be able to hike, bike, fish, canoe/kayak, observe nature, and otherwise enjoy the river. Based on usership of existing trails near this location, the City of West Bend anticipates approximately 35,000 visitors will enjoy the Riverwalk annually.

**Ownership & Management:** The Riverwalk is owned by the City of West Bend and will be operated and maintained by the City's Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

**Timetable:** Construction began with the original Stewardship grant award in fall 2015. The City replaced the north bridge with assistance from the first Stewardship grant. The City expects to have the south bridge replaced and shoreline stabilization complete and open to the public by fall 2018. While replacement of the south bridge is underway, the public will be able to access portions of the trail that are not under immediate construction.

**Project Partners:**

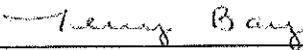
- City of West Bend: Engineering and construction (via private contractor); long-term operation and maintenance of the project.
- Federal Highway Administration: Grant assistance for construction
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

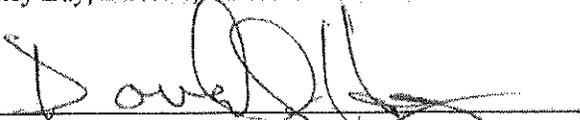
DNR Stewardship Grant (2015)	\$ 706,100
DNR Stewardship Grant (Proposed 2018 Amend.)	\$ 655,053
Federal Hwy. Admin. Transportation Alternatives Program Grant	\$ 352,940
City of West Bend	\$ <u>1,008,213</u>
Project Total	\$ 2,695,306

The City has secured their required matching funds.

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

  
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Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

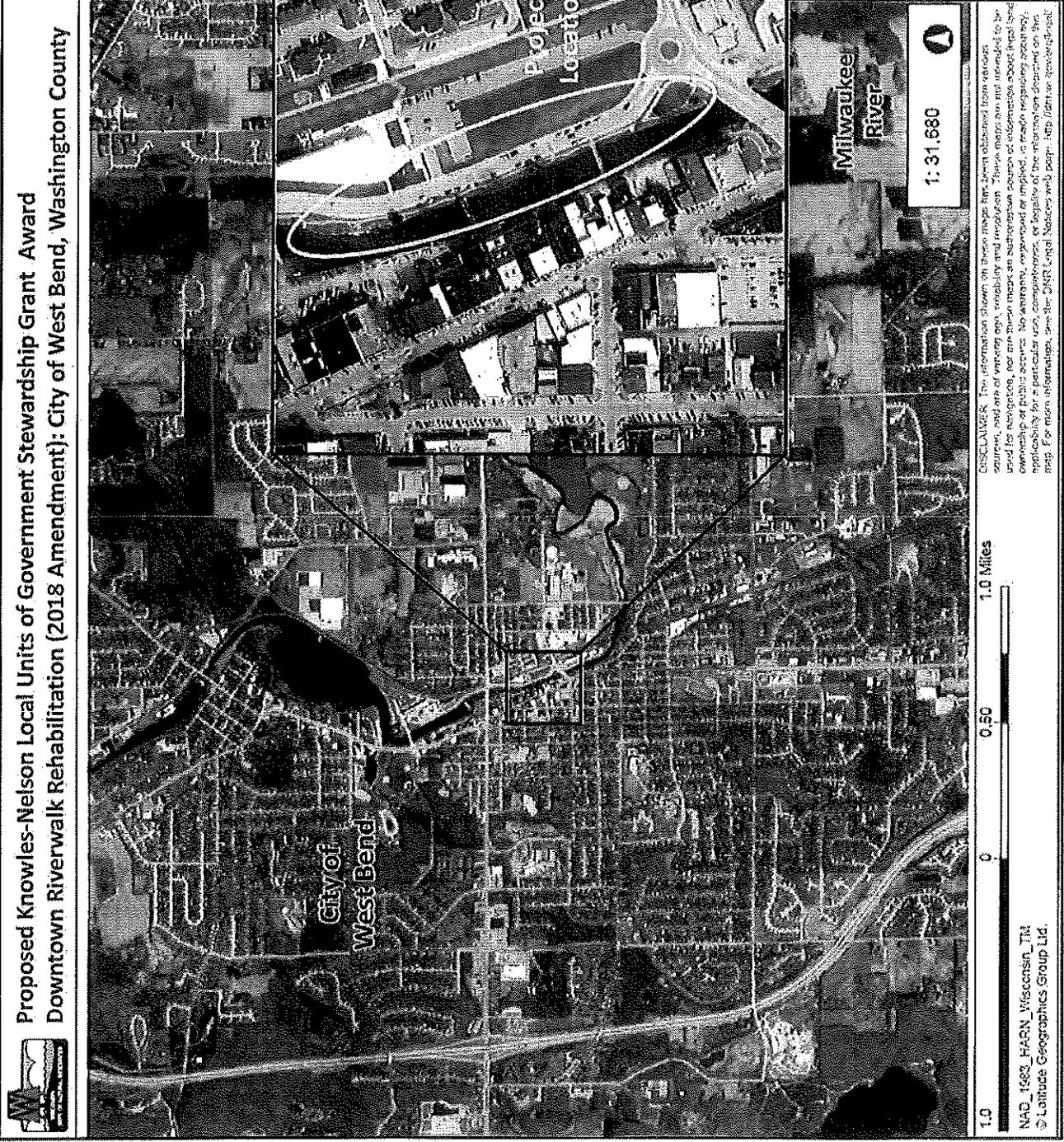
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Douglas Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division

3-12-18  
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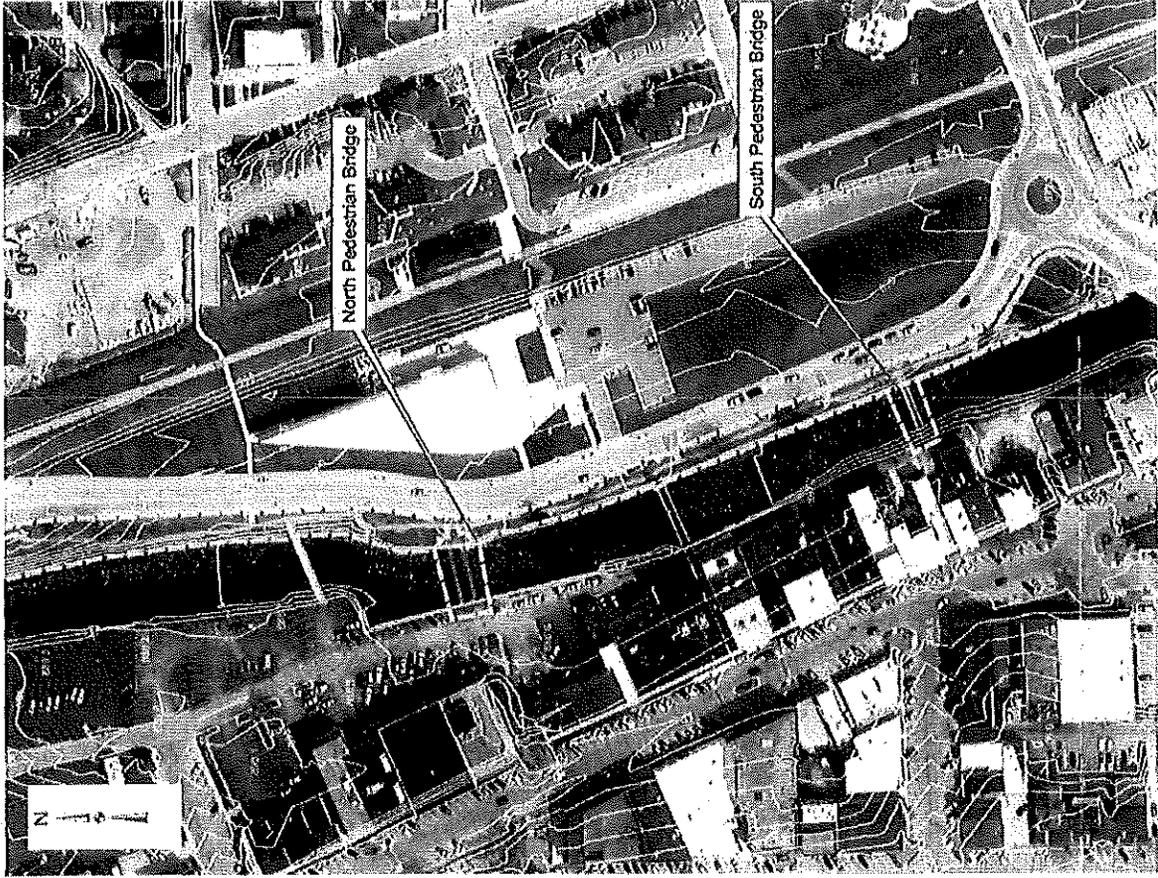
Attachments: Project Maps

# Attachment A Project Location Map



# Attachment B Site Plan

Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award  
Downtown Riverwalk Rehabilitation (2018 Amendment): City of West Bend, Washington County



**Legend**

- 2' Contours
- Project Boundary
- North Pedestrian Bridge
- South Pedestrian Bridge

\* Bridge replaced with Stewardship grant assistance  
(S-ADUP-15-118; URG-13-282)



Map Prepared by the City of West Bend  
4/26/2017