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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 10, 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 April 10, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Friday, April 27, 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 28, 2018

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 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the City of Peshtigo for development of the Peshtigo River Platform. The proposed grant award of \$285,030.00 is 50% of the estimated project cost.

The City will redevelop and rehabilitate part of an abandoned industrial structure in the Peshtigo River to provide access for fishing and sturgeon viewing directly downstream of the dam. Currently, there are no ADA-accessible sturgeon viewing facilities in the City, and water access for fishing in this location is very challenging due to extensive bank erosion. The City will construct an accessible platform on existing river pilings, river access stairs, accessible trails, lighting, and parking improvements. The project will significant enhance opportunities for the public to enjoy this segment of the Peshtigo River.

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

**DATE:** March 28, 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 PESHTIGO**

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 \$285,030 to the City of Peshtigo for the development of the Peshtigo River Platform. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of Peshtigo

**Project Name:** Peshtigo River Platform

**Grant Sub-program:** Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (Local Assistance)

**County:** Marinette

**Location:** The Peshtigo River Platform will be located just downstream of the Peshtigo River dam and French Street bridge, at the northern end of the Peshtigo River Recreational Park.

**Project Description:** The Peshtigo River at the project location is one of the most popular places in Marinette County for viewing sturgeon and fishing. Currently, there are no ADA-accessible sturgeon viewing facilities in the City, and water access for fishing is very challenging due to bank erosion. The proposed River Platform project includes construction of an accessible platform approximately halfway across the river. Upland project components include improvement of existing parking facilities and construction of new river access stairs, accessible trails, and lighting.

Both the overwater and upland portions of this project involve public-private partnerships. The concrete pilings previously supported a "pipe bridge" between the BPM Specialty Paper Mill and a pulp mill across the river (recently demolished). BPM transferred ownership of the riverbed structures to the City to facilitate the River Platform project.

The parking lot and trails will be located on adjacent property owned by WPS. The City will construct and maintain upland project components under a license agreement with WPS. As shown in the project finances section below, both BPM and WPS are also contributing financial support and in-kind services to the project.

**Project Goals:** The Peshtigo River Platform project supports goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local/regional plans:

- City of Peshtigo Parks & Recreations Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2015-2019
- Marinette County Land & Water Resource Management Plan 2011-2020
- Marinette County Lower Peshtigo River Watershed Management Plan 2015

**Public Uses:** The Peshtigo River Platform will be accessible to the public from sunrise to sunset, 7 days per week, year-round. The platform will provide accessible fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities. The project connects to the Peshtigo River Recreational Park, which has existing trails along the river.

**Ownership & Management:** The City owns the concrete pilings on which the platform will be built. The City and WPS are executing a license agreement for the upland project components. The City will operate and maintain the project.

**Timetable:** On March 19, 2018, the Department approved the City's application for a permit under Section 30.12(3m), Wis. Stats., for construction of the platform. No comments were received during the public notice period. Construction is scheduled to begin June of 2018, with estimated completion by the end of the year

**Project Partners:**

- City of Peshtigo: Construction management (contractual) and maintenance.
- BPM: Donation of instream pilings, in-kind services for site preparation, and cash donation
- WPS: Site preparation, erosion control, parking and angler access maintenance.
- Wisconsin Department of Administration: Grant assistance (Coastal Management Program)
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Grant assistance for engineering and construction.
- Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Department: Project planning and management of the information and education program.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

DNR Stewardship Grant	\$	285,030.00
BPM In-Kind Services	\$	40,000.00
BPM Cash Donation	\$	10,000.00
WPS In-Kind Services	\$	36,200.00
Private Donations	\$	143,830.00
<u>City of Peshtigo</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Project Total	\$	570,060.00

The City has secured their required matching funds.

III. RECOMMENDED:

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

3/26/18  
Date

Douglas Haag  
Douglas Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

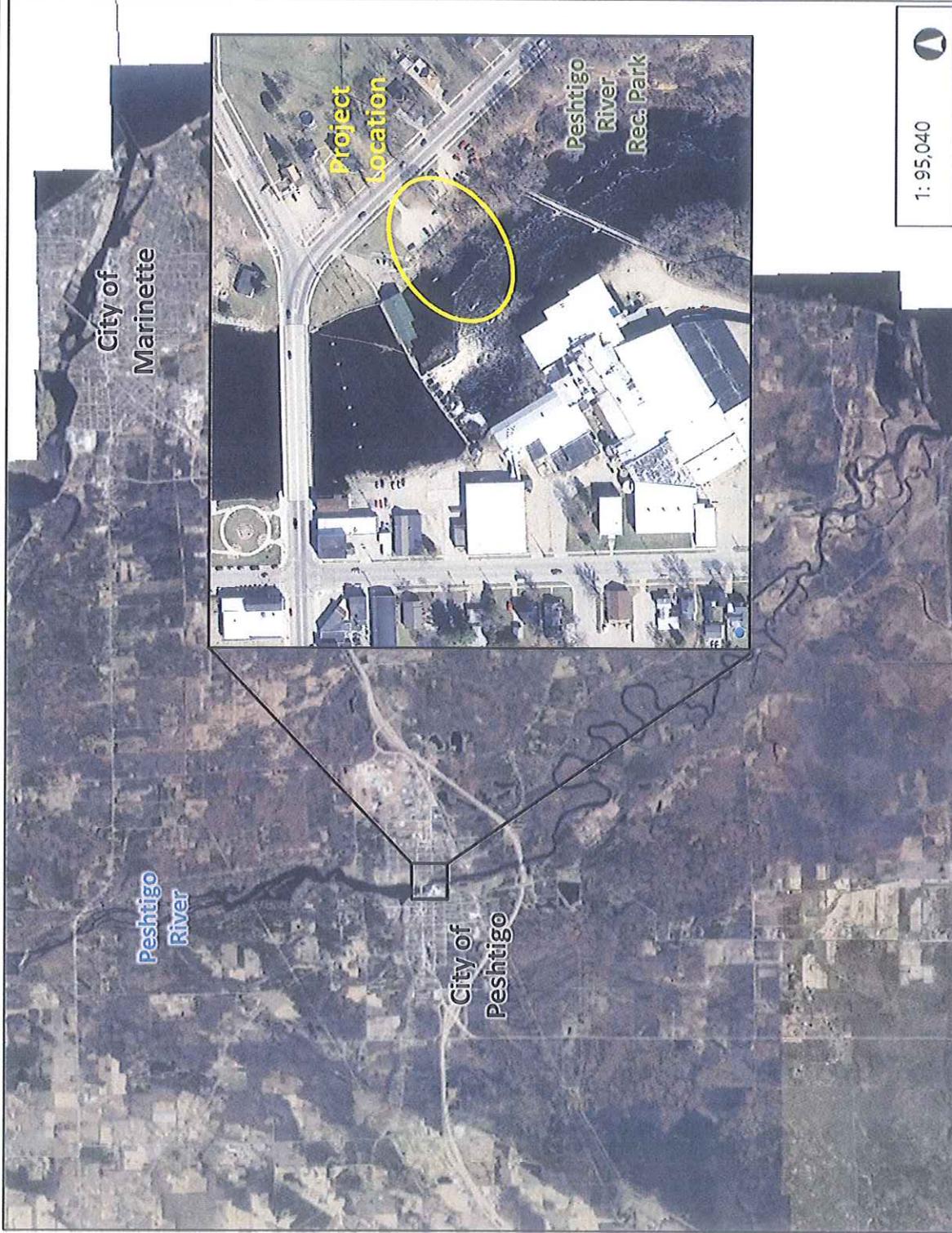
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Attachments: Project Maps



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award  
Peshtigo River Platform: City of Peshtigo, Marinette County

Attachment A  
Project Location  
Map



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Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award  
Peshtigo River Platform: City of Peshtigo, Marinette County

Attachment B2  
Site Plan:  
Platform

