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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 7, 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 May 7, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, May 24, 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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May 3, 2018

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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 the use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys.

The Town of Beloit has requested grant aid totaling \$299,325 to renovate its boat launch and parking facilities at its Armstrong Eddy Park. This project will include replacement of the boat ramps, sidewalks, piers, seawall, parking area, landscaping, and lighting.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Meyer'.

Daniel L. Meyer

for Secretary

C: Joe Liebau, Administrator, External Services Division  
Mark Aquino, Secretary Director, SCR  
Roberta Winebar, Recreational Boating Grant Program Manager  
Cheryl Housley, RBF Grant Project Manager, SCR

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 3, 2018

**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITY  
GRANT USING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GREATER THAN  
\$250,000**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of the proposed use of Stewardship Program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship Program moneys. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats. The Town of Beloit has requested \$299,325 to renovate its boat launch and parking facilities at its Armstrong Eddy Park.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Town of Beloit

**Grant sub-program:** Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)

**Location:** Armstrong Eddy Park, Town of Beloit, Rock County. The boat launch facility and park is on the Rock River and is open to the public for boating, fishing and picnics.

**Project Description:** The Town of Beloit is proposing to renovate the existing two-lane boat launch facility located on the Rock River in Rock County. They will replace the launch ramp and boarding piers; repair the seawall/riverbank (installing rip-rap) and sidewalk. The parking lot will be reconditioned (asphalt pulverized in place and used for aggregate base) and as reconfigured for more efficient traffic flow, while reducing overall pavement thus improving storm water runoff. Upgraded lighting will also be installed.

**Background:** The Town of Beloit owns and operates Armstrong-Eddy Park, which includes a two-lane boat launch facility, with parking for approximately 30 vehicle/trailers and 34 vehicle-only spaces. The park also has a playground and a recreational green space with a fishing pier to the north of the parking lot. The last pavement maintenance project was completed in 1988, making the current asphalt surface 30 years old. The current asphalt surface has extensive alligator cracking and some sections have completely deteriorated due to poor site drainage. The existing concrete launch ramps have substantial cracking, submerged sections of the ramps are deteriorated, and slabs have settled and shifted. Additionally, the concrete/steel seawall that forms a perimeter around the launch area is severely eroded with holes and gaps beneath the waterline. The parking lot and park have poor lighting.

**Project Goals:** The Town of Beloit, Armstrong Eddy Park Boat Launch project meets the following goals:

- Repairs and renovates the existing public boat launch facility.
- Provides and enhances public access especially for the elderly and disabled.
- Enhances safety of users with additional lighting, and improved traffic flow.
- Stabilizes shoreline and improves site drainage.

**Public Uses:** The park and its launch is available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year. Although the renovated and reconfigured parking lot will have fewer parking spaces, the new design accommodates anticipated users during peak boating season. The new traffic flow will be safer for users and the life of the facility will be increased due to the improved drainage. The new seawall/river bank stabilization will also protect the new boat launch ramp and boarding pier from deterioration.

**Property Management:** The launch will be operated and maintained by the Town of Beloit, consistent with their management policy.

**Timetable:** Construction is proposed to begin in early fall 2018 and be fully open to the public by late fall 2018.

**Partnerships:**

- Town of Beloit: Responsible for renovation, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial assistance in the form of a grant.
- Rotary Club: Committed funds to purchase benches and playground equipment for improving the Armstrong Eddy Park area.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

Town of Beloit contribution	\$ 299,325
<u>DNR Recreational Boating grant amount</u>	<u>\$ 299,325</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 598,650

**III. RECOMMENDED:**



Mary Rose Teves, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

26 April 2018

Date



Paul Hammer, Deputy Administrator  
External Services Division

4/27/18

Date



Joe Liebau, Administrator  
External Services Division

4/30/18

Date



Doug Haag, Administrator  
Internal Services Division

4/30/18

Date

**Attachments:**

- Appendix A – Subject map
- Appendix B -- Conceptual site plan
- Appendix C – Current photos

Town of Beloit

Riverside Boulevard

Newark Road

Burton Avenue

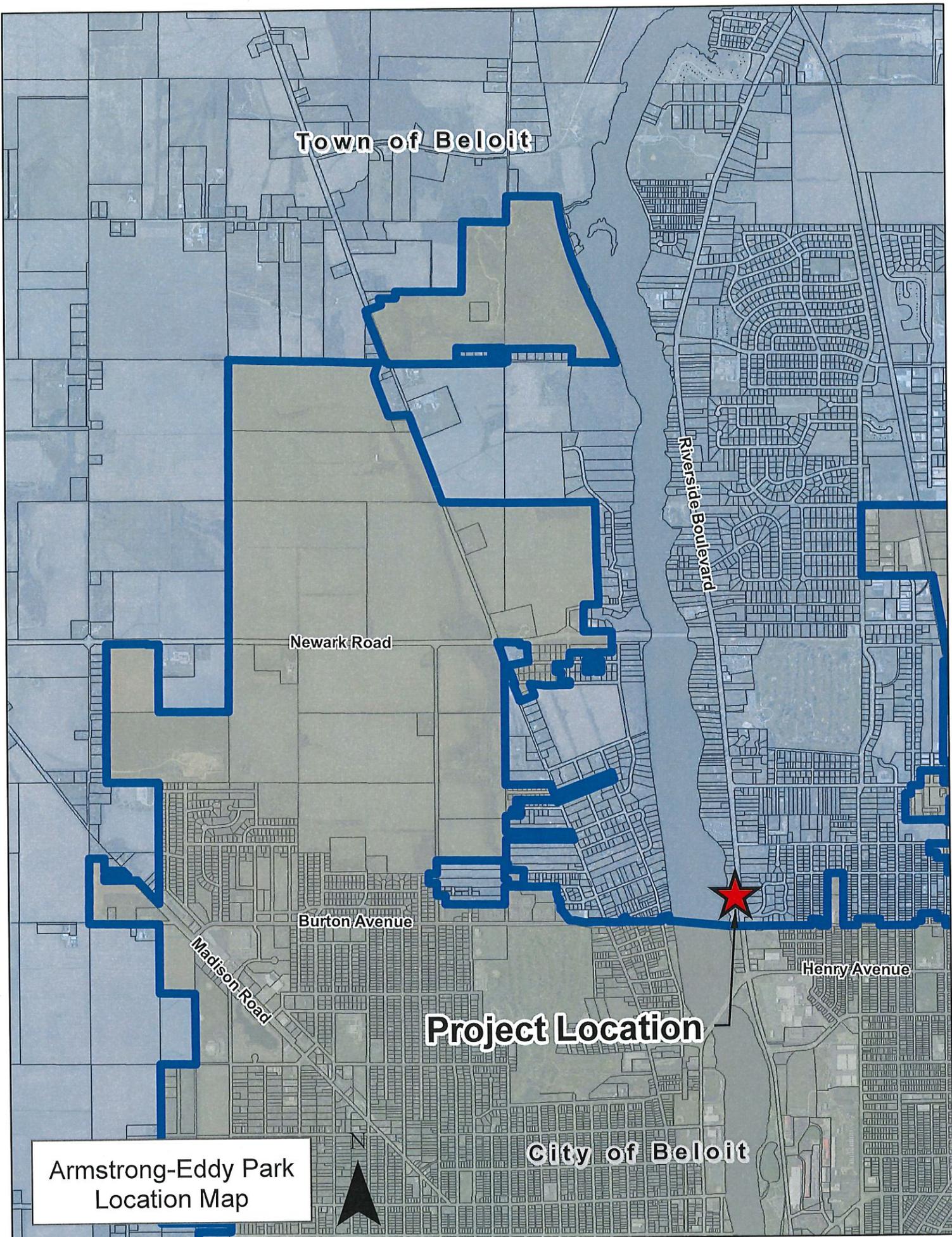
Henry Avenue

Madison Road

Project Location

City of Beloit

Armstrong-Eddy Park  
Location Map





Rock River

Riverside Boulevard

Valley Road

Project Location

Armstrong-Eddy Park  
Location Map





Parking Stalls for Vehicles with trailers- 26 (including 1 HC stall)

Standard Parking Stalls - 18 (including 1 HC stall)

ROCK RIVER

LED Parking Lot Lighting

RIVERSIDE DRIVE

Walking Path

Remove Existing Entrance

VALLEY ROAD

New Pier

New Boat Launch

Future Connection To Riverside Park



TOWN OF **BELOIT**  
Wisconsin

**ARMSTRONG-EDDY PARK**  
Improvement Plan



Riverside Boulevard

Asphalt Parking Lot  
To Be Replaced

Rock River

Concrete sidewalk  
(To Be Replaced)

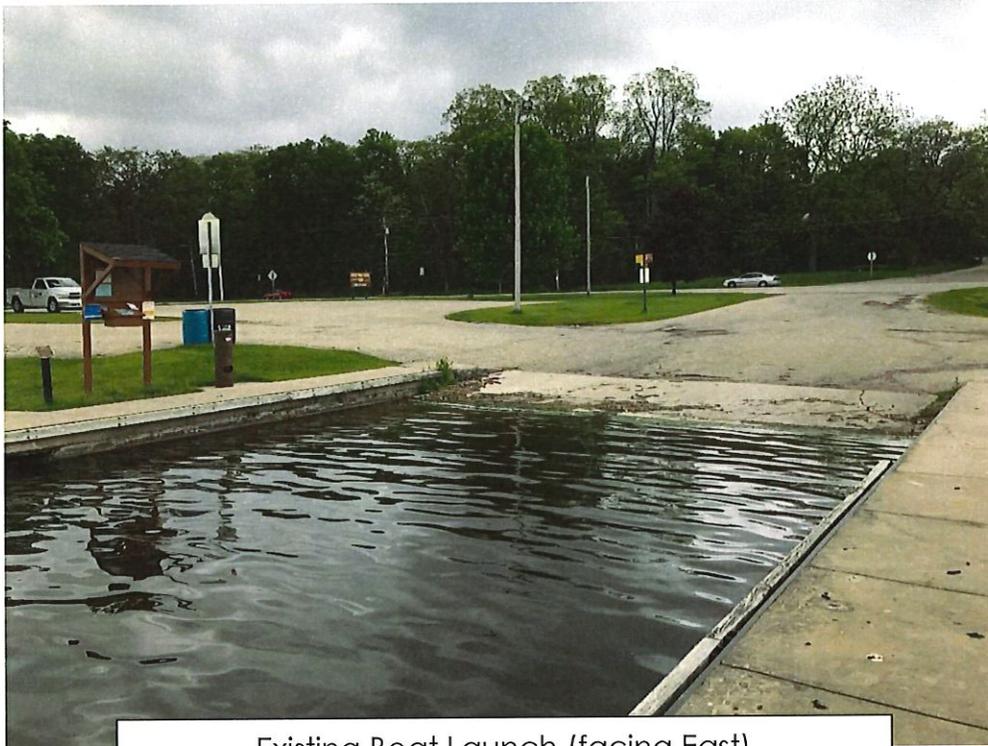
Stationary Dock  
(To Be Replaced)

Concrete sidewalk  
(To Be Replaced)

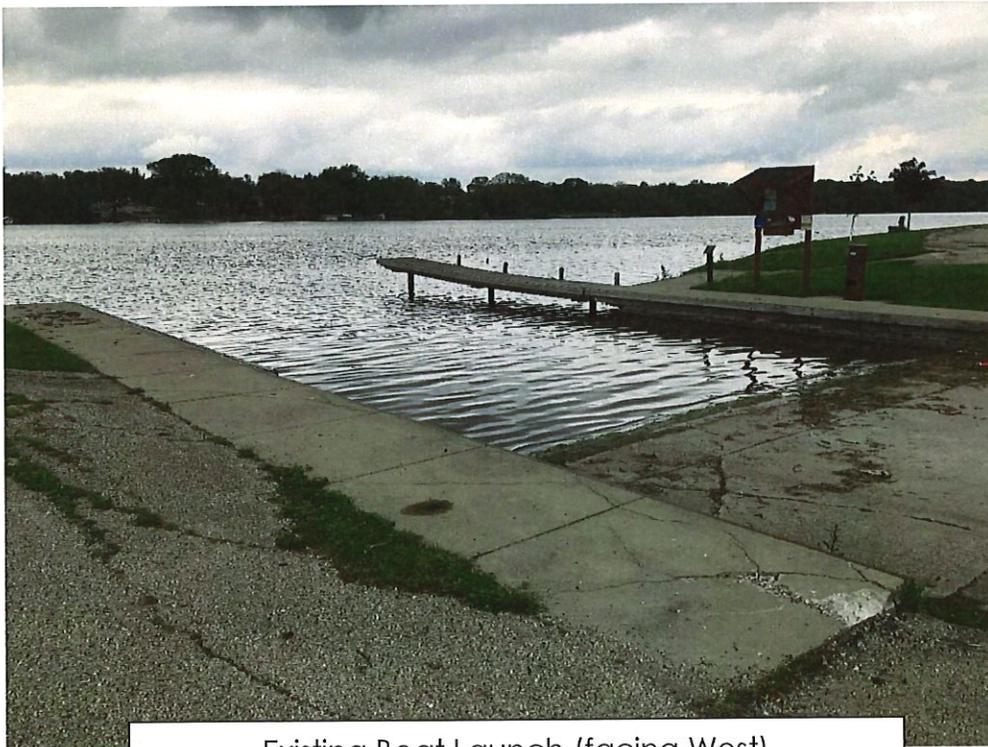
Boat Launch  
(To Be Replaced)

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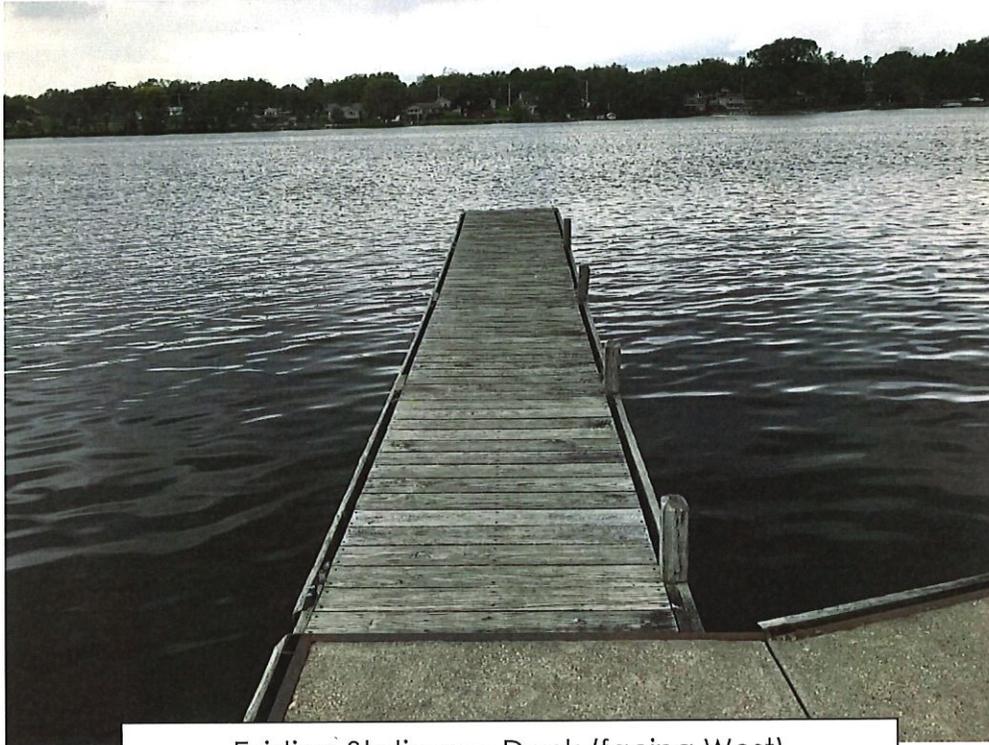
Armstrong-Eddy Park  
Proposed Improvements



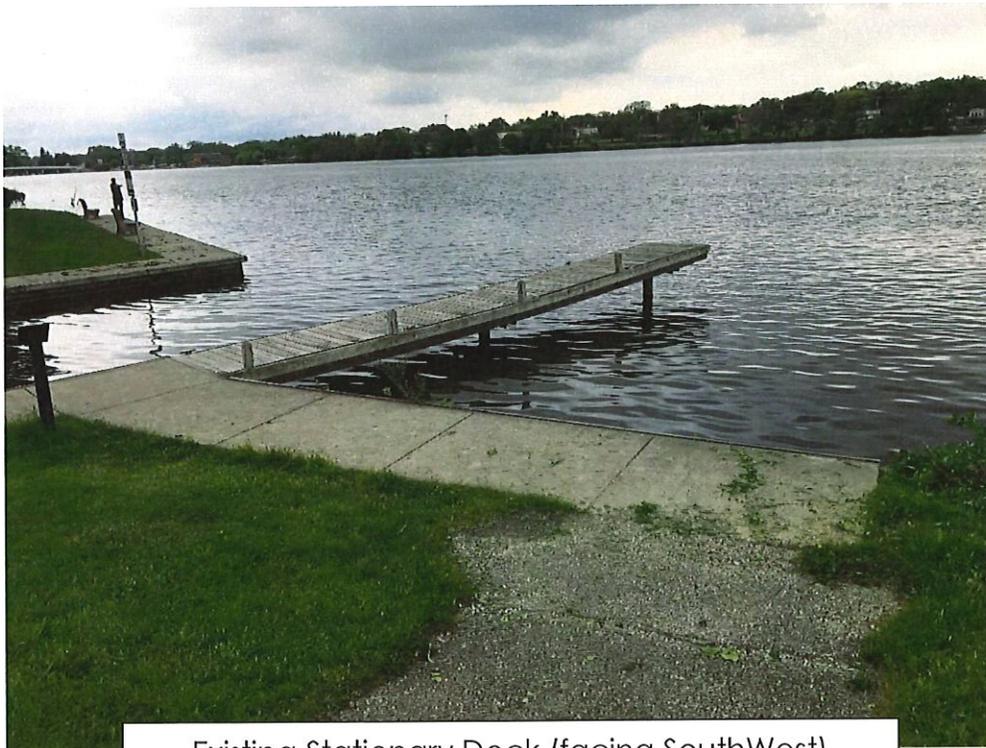
Existing Boat Launch (facing East)



Existing Boat Launch (facing West)



Existing Stationary Dock (facing West)



Existing Stationary Dock (facing SouthWest)



Existing Concrete Walking path (facing East)



Existing Concrete Walking path (facing South)