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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 27, 2020

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 February 27, 2020.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, 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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February 25, 2020

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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 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the City of Appleton for development of the Lawe Street Trestle Trail. The proposed grant award of \$911,810 is 50% of the estimated project cost.

The City will convert the existing trestle structure into a multi-use pedestrian bridge with a new structural timber decking system, an open rail design, fishing and wildlife viewing outlooks, LED lighting and connector trails to existing trails systems at each bridge terminus. Users will be able to run, walk, fish, bike, snowshoe and view the 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,

Preston D. Cole
Secretary

DATE: February 25, 2020

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary 

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

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 \$911,810.00 to the City of Appleton for the development of the Lawe Street Trestle Trail. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Appleton

Project Name: Lawe Street Trestle Trail Development

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

Location: The Lawe Street Trestle begins on the west side of the Fox River, east of South Lawe Street, and spans the river for approximately one-tenth of a mile to the southern edge of the properties on Brokaw Place. This is a former Canadian National Railway trestle that was abandoned and acquired by the City.

Project Description: The existing trestle structure will be converted into a multi-use pedestrian bridge with a new structural timber decking system, an open rail design, fishing and wildlife viewing outlooks, LED lighting and connector trails to existing trail systems at each bridge terminus. Neenah Inc. will sell the property for the bridge terminus and trail connection significantly below fair market value.

Project Goals: The Lawe Street Trestle Trail project supports goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local/regional plans:

- City of Appleton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019-2024
- City of Appleton Trails Master Plan
- Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan-2014
- Fox River Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan

Public Uses: The Lawe Street Trestle Trail 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, bike, snowshoe and view the river.

Ownership & Management: The trestle bridge and trail will continue to be owned, operated and maintained by the City of Appleton.

Timetable: Construction is anticipated to begin Spring of 2020, with completion estimated late fall of 2020.

Project Partners:

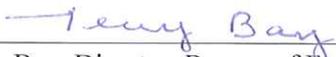
- City of Appleton: Construction, operation and maintenance of the facility.
- Neenah Inc.: Property sale significantly below fair market value for the bridge terminus and trail connection.
- Outagamie County Fund: provides financial grant assistance.
- WI Department of Natural Resources: provides financial grant assistance.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Appleton	\$ 711,810
Outagamie County Fund Grant	\$ 200,000
DNR Stewardship Grant	<u>\$ 911,810</u>
Project Total	\$1,823,620

The City of Appleton has secured the required matching funds.

III. RECOMMENDED:



Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

2/17/2020
Date



Tim Cooke, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

2/19/20
Date

Attachments: Project Maps

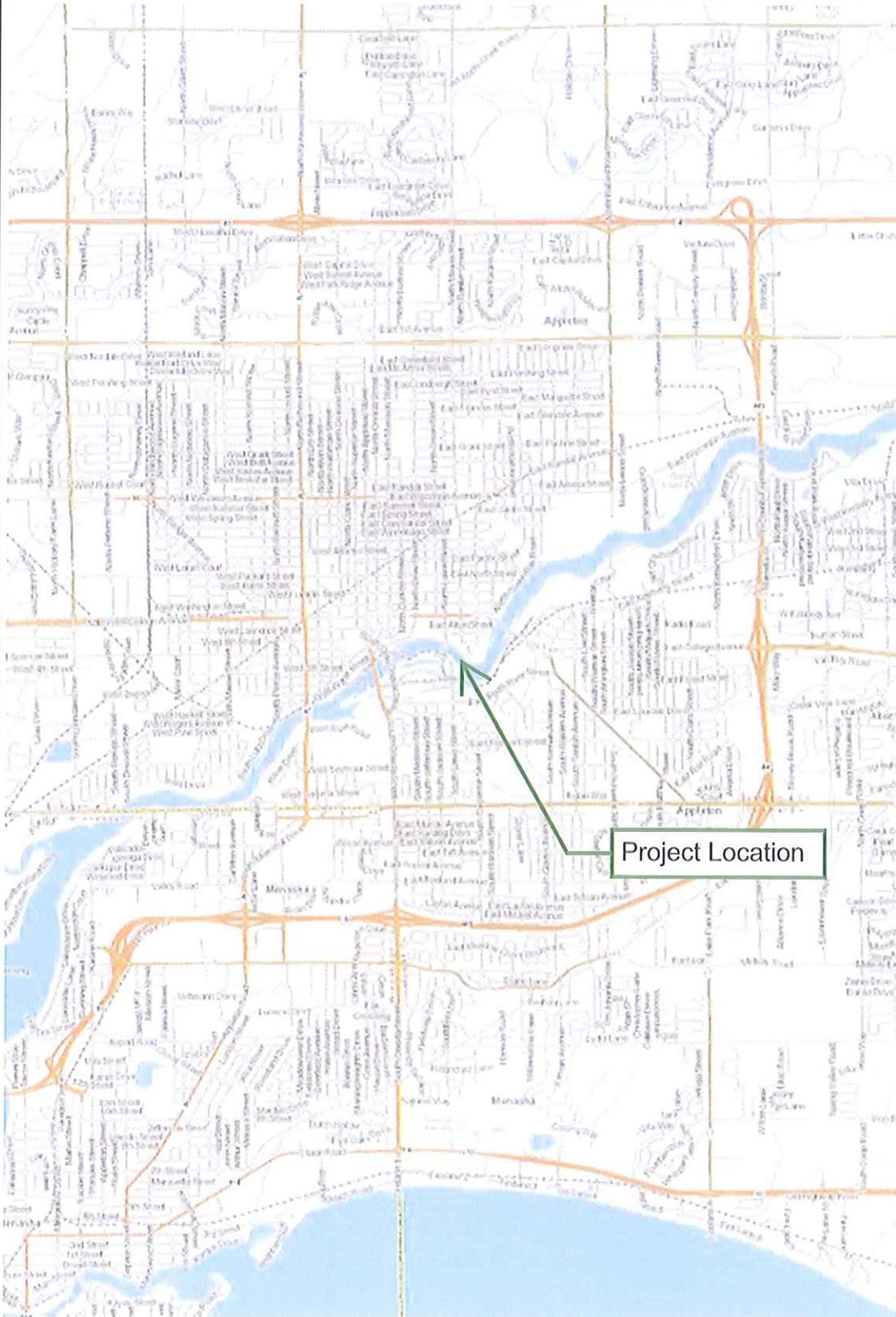


Project Location Map



Legend

- Municipality
- State Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Major Roads
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
- County and Local Roads
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
- Railroads
- Tribal Lands
- Rivers and Streams
- Intermittent Streams
- Lakes and Open water



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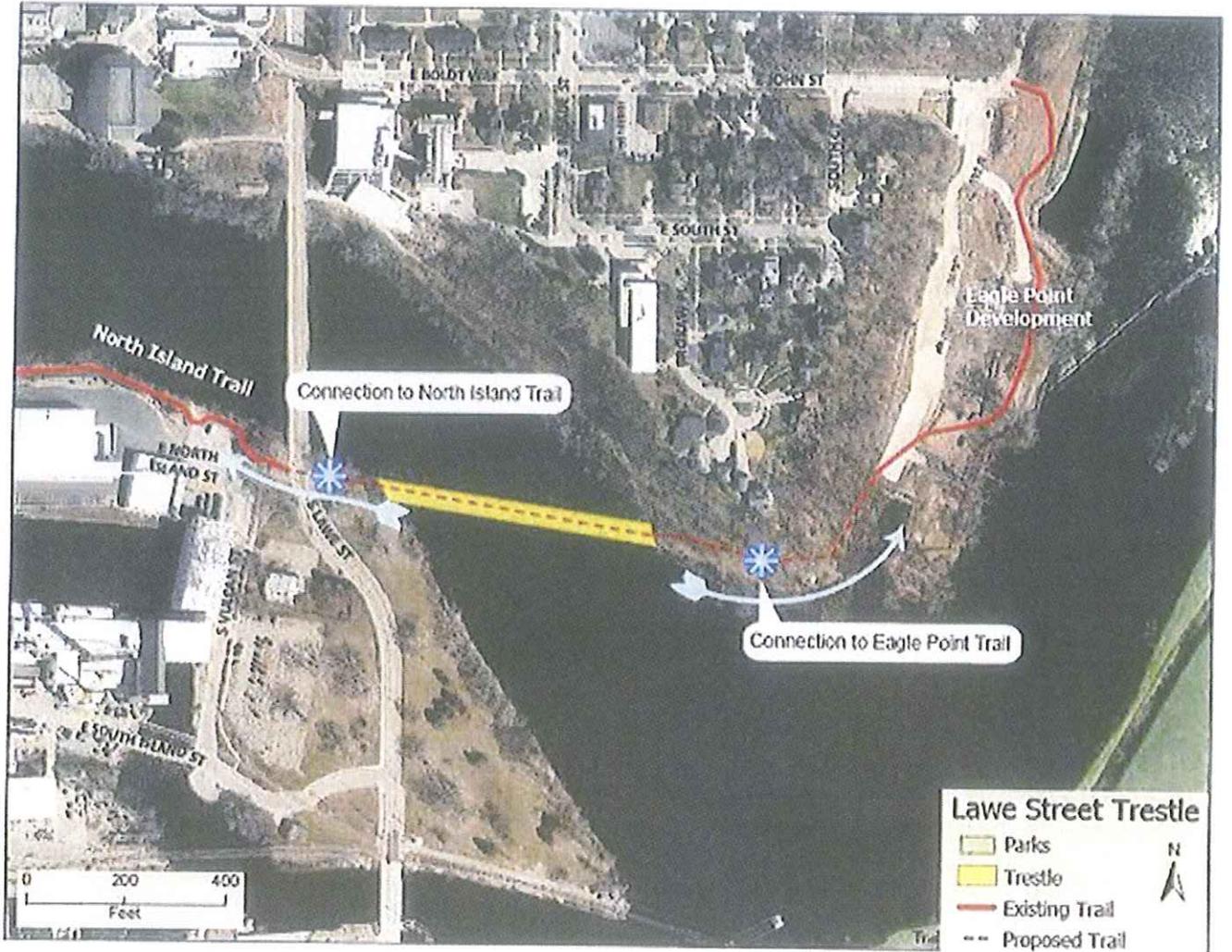
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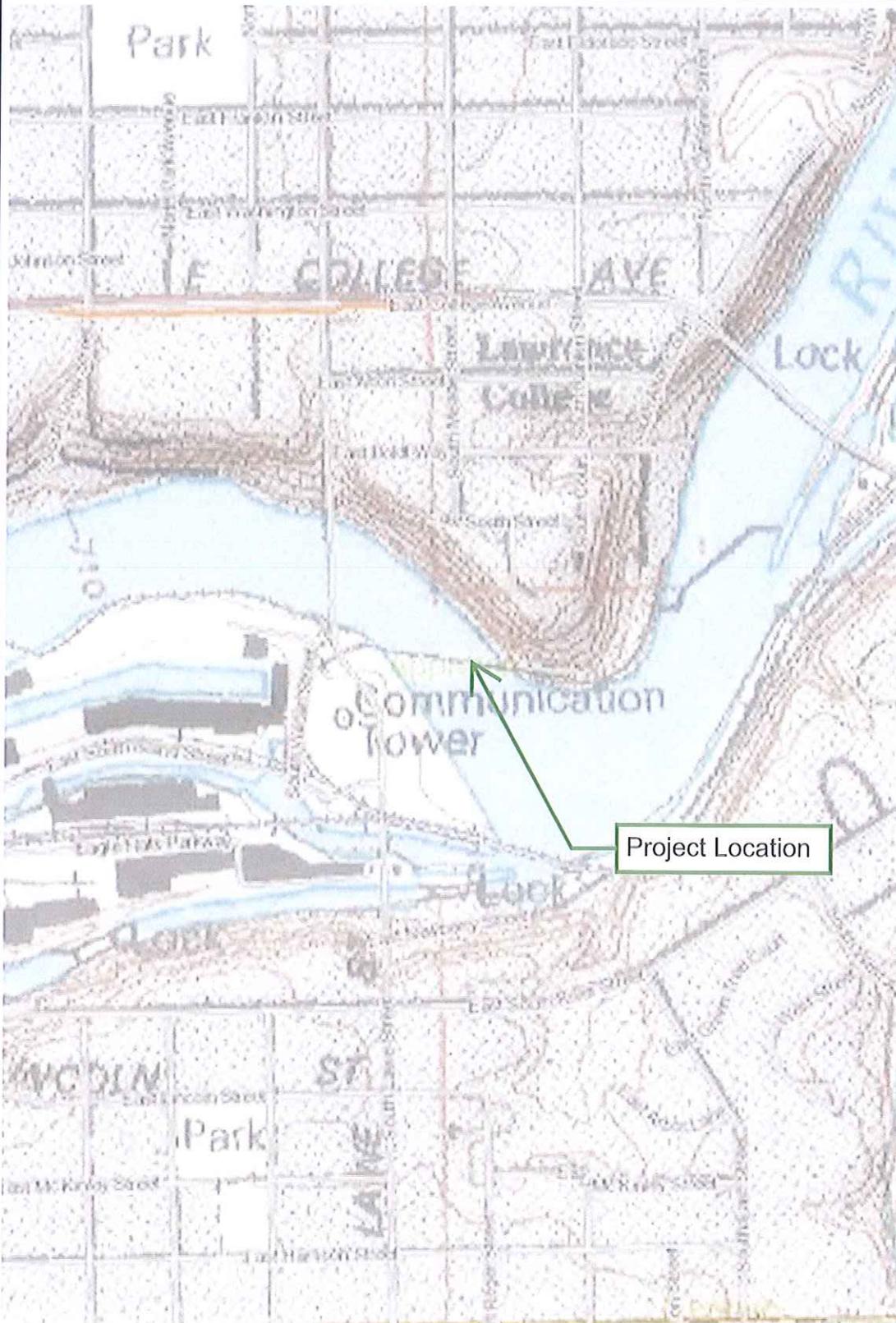
Address:
698-562 S Lawe St
Appleton, WI 54915
GPS Coordinates:
44.257944, -88.396900
44°15'28.6"N 88°23'48.8"W

Lawe St. Trestle Map





Topographical Map



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