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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

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February 25, 2020

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:

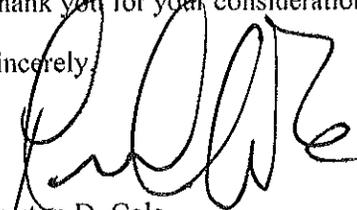
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the City of Ashland for the development of the Ashland Ore Dock, Phase 1, part 2. The proposed grant award of \$300,000 is 15% of the 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). This phase of the project includes construction of an ADA compliant raised boardwalk for access to the Diamonds Area and 151 Lookout. Development of this part of the dock will provide fishing access and exceptional views of Chequamegon Bay 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,


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 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, Ashland County, 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

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: This phase of the project includes construction of an ADA compliant raised boardwalk for access to the Diamonds Area and 151 Lookout. Development of this part of the dock will provide fishing access and exceptional views of Chequamegon Bay for visitors of all abilities.

Project Goals: The ore dock project implements 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 2019-2024
- 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 and Management: The ore dock is owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Ashland.

Timetable: Construction of this phase of the project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020; anticipated completion in December 2020.

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.
- Northland College, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and local businesses/organizations provided research, information, kiosk design, funding assistance, and historic artifacts.
- WI Department of Natural Resources: grant assistance for engineering and construction.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Ashland/Ashland Ore Dock Charitable Trust	\$1,000,000
Other Grants, DOA Coastal Management Program Grant, Otto Bremer Foundation	\$ 300,000
Private Donations (Cash)	\$ 100,000
Private Donations (Materials & Equipment)	\$ 10,000
DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 300,000
Total Project Costs	\$1,710,000

The City of Ashland has secured the required matching funds.

III. RECOMMENDED:



Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

2/17/2020

Date



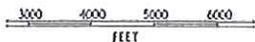
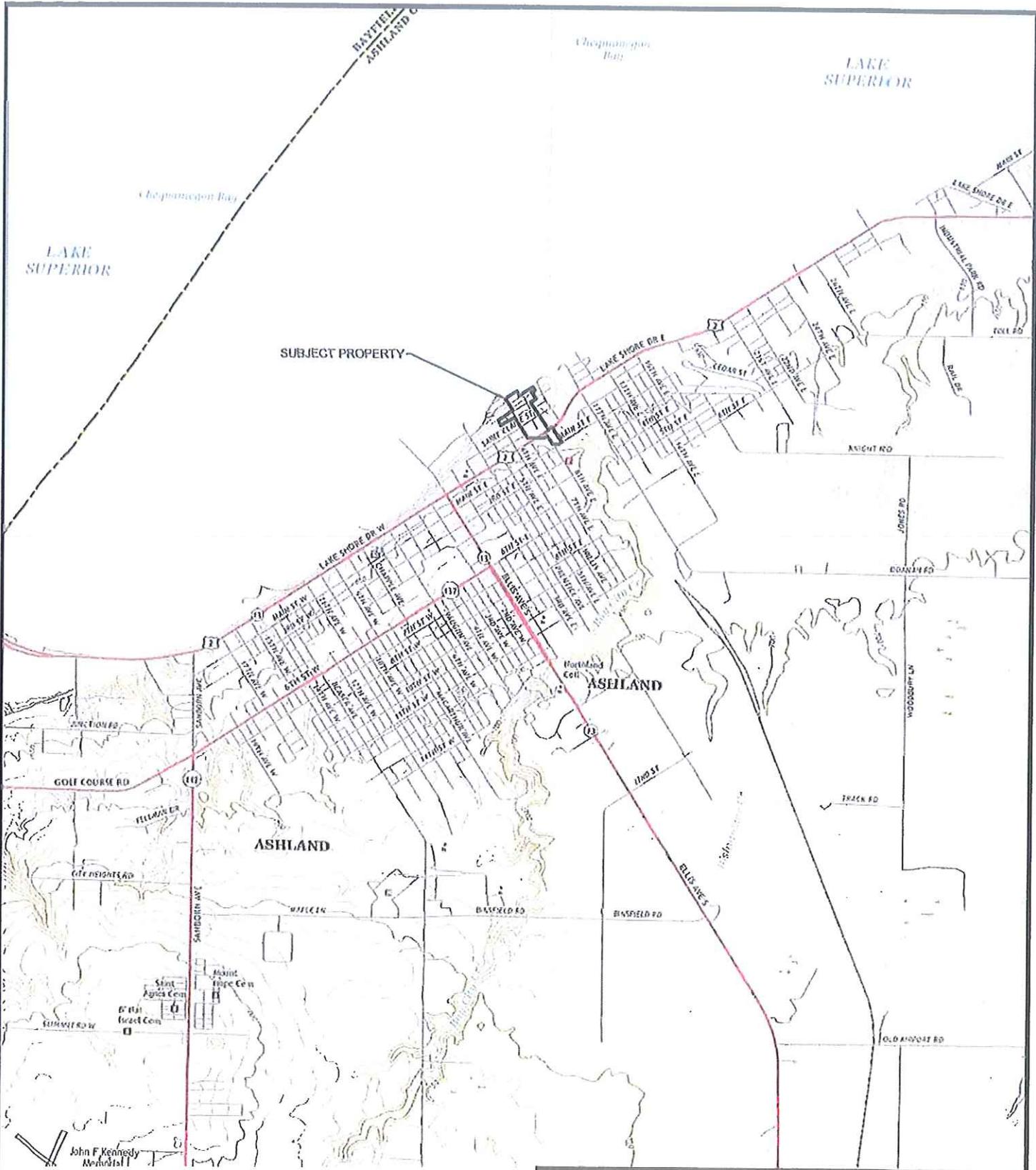
Tim Cooke, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

2/19/20

Date

Attachments: Project Maps

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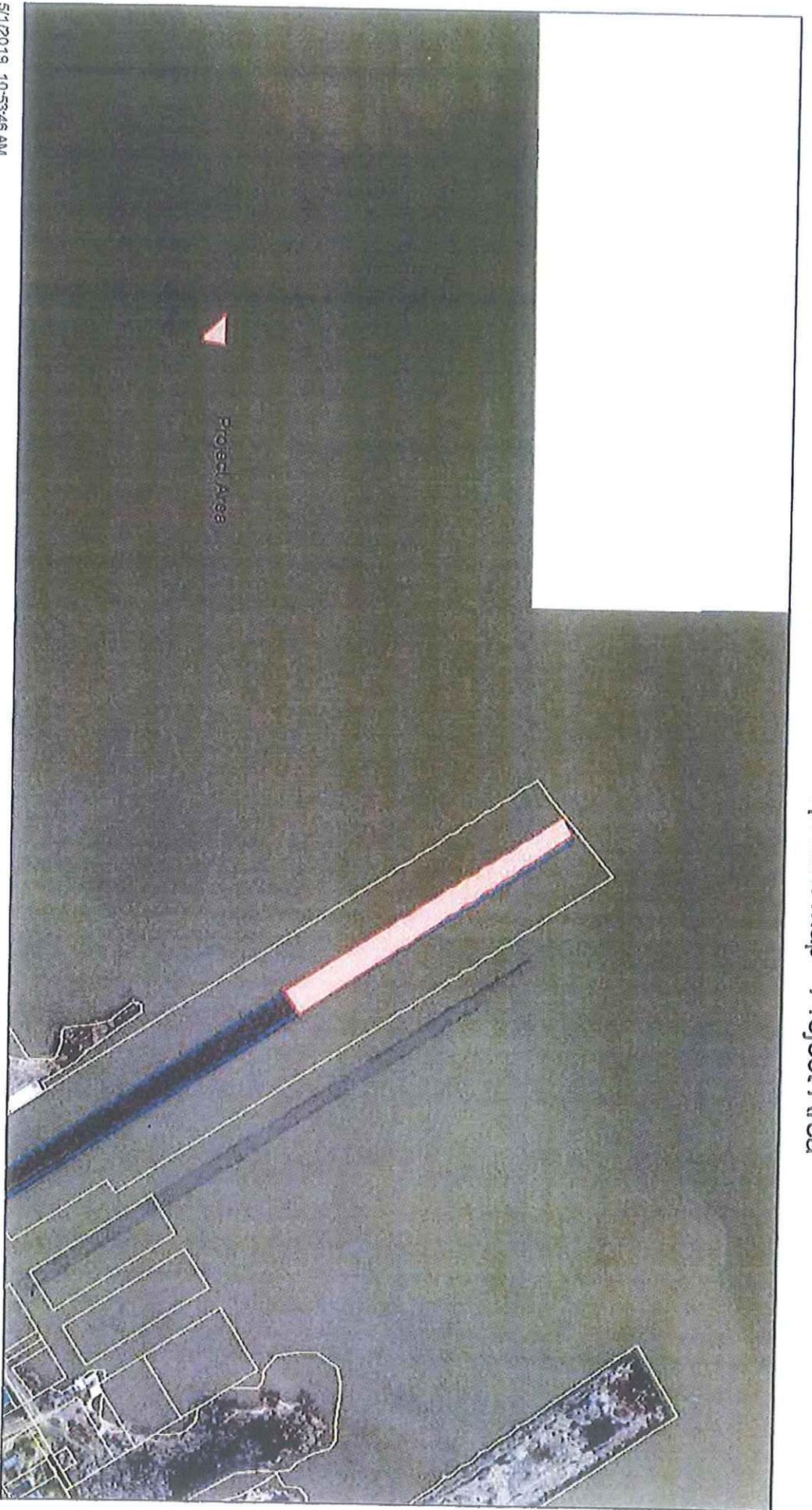
FORMER ASHLAND ORE DOCK
UPLAND PROPERTIES
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

SITE LOCATION



Project Number: 60513695 Drawn By: SAE Date: 8/4/2016 Figure No. 1

Ashland Oredock Redevelopment Map - Project Area



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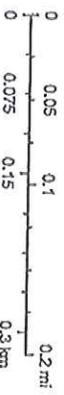
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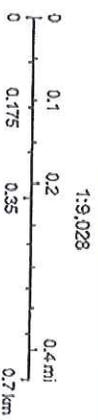
Parcel Mapping



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Ashland Oredock Redevelopment Map

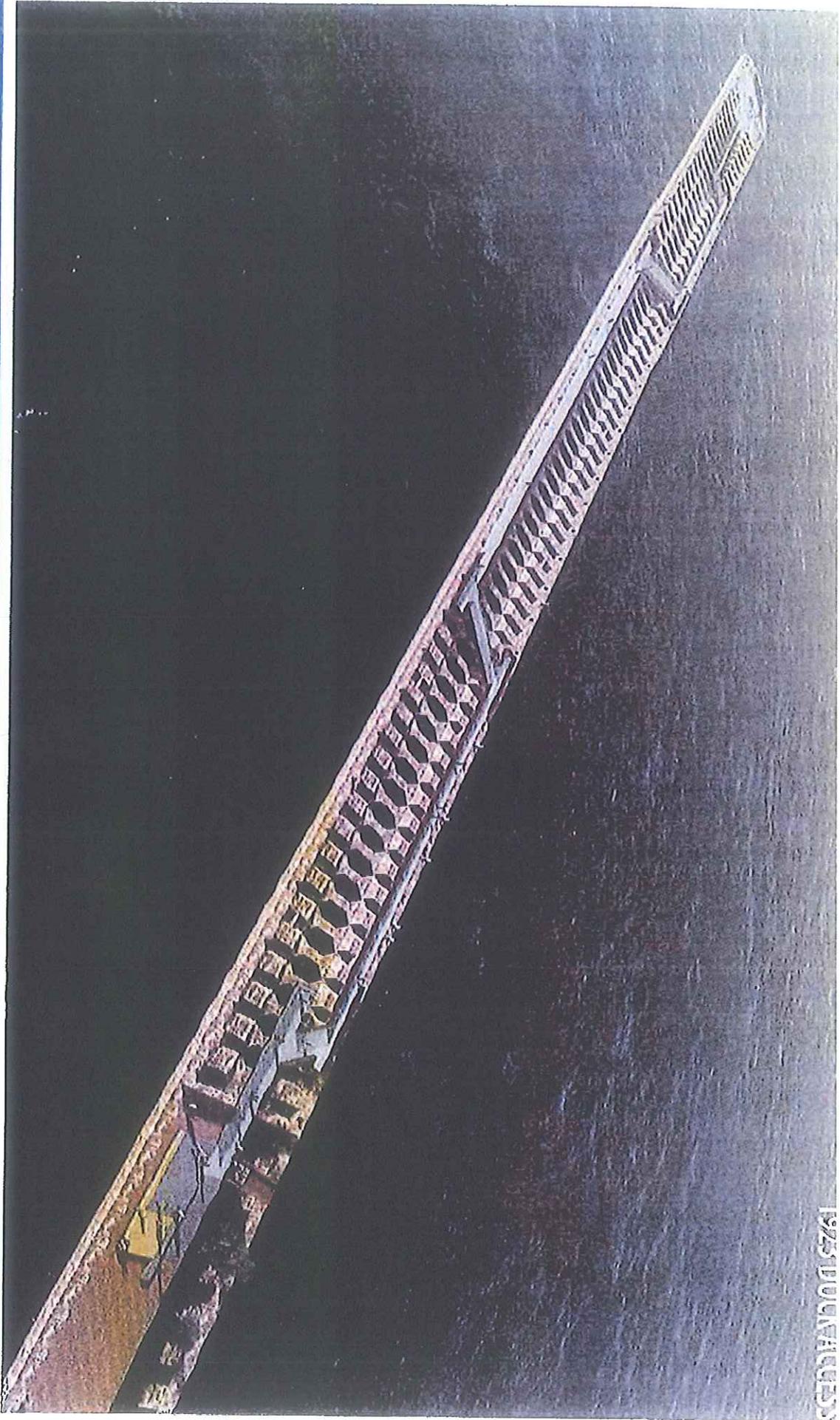


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- Maslowski Beach
 - Prentice Park
 - West End Skating Rink
 - Beaser Park
 - Central Railway Park
 - Penn Park
 - Ellis Park
 - Bay City Park
 - Hodgkins Park
 - East End Skating Rink
 - Bayview Park
 - Ore Dock
 - Kreher Park
 - Memorial Park
 - H. Pearson Plaza



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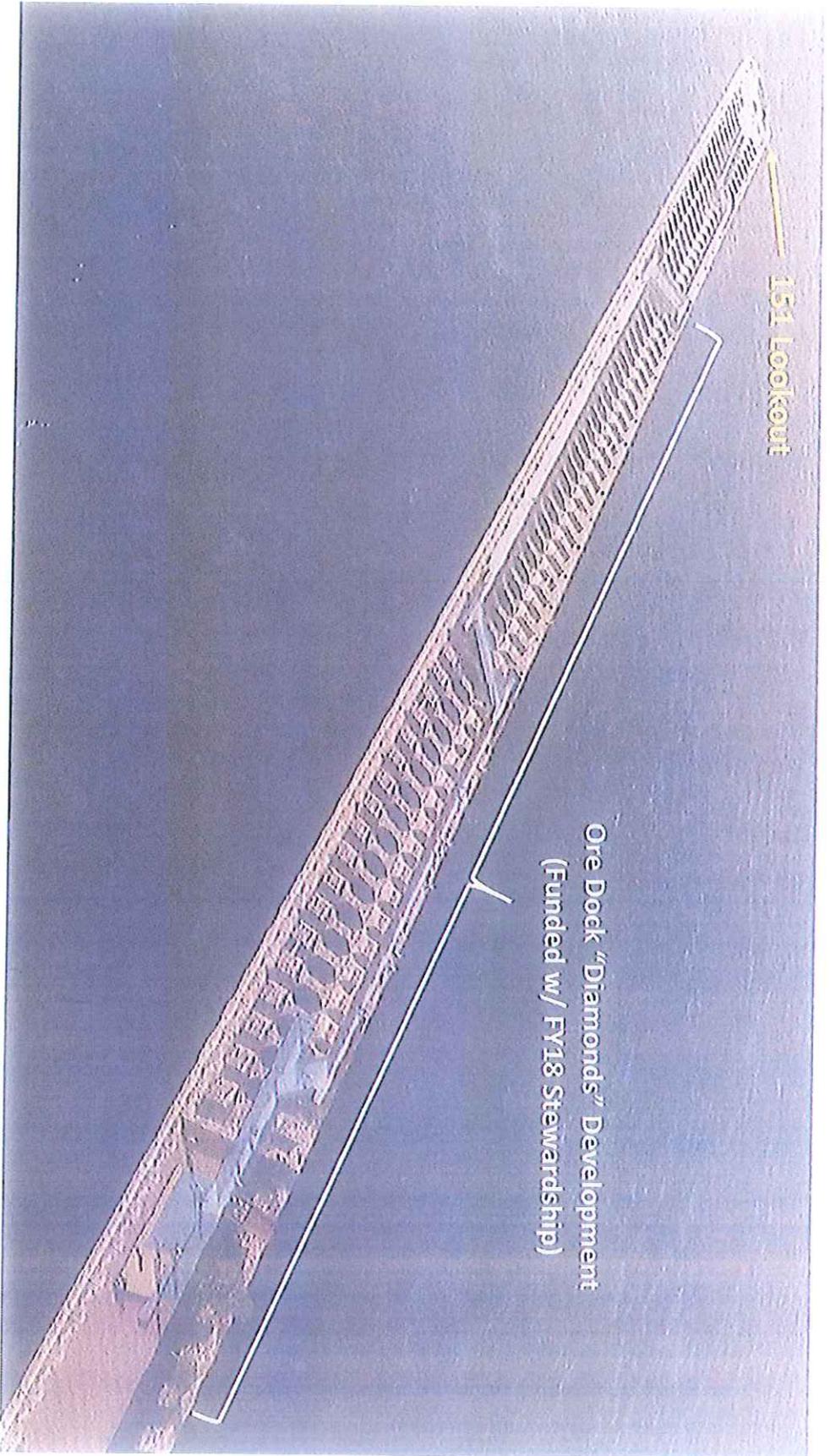
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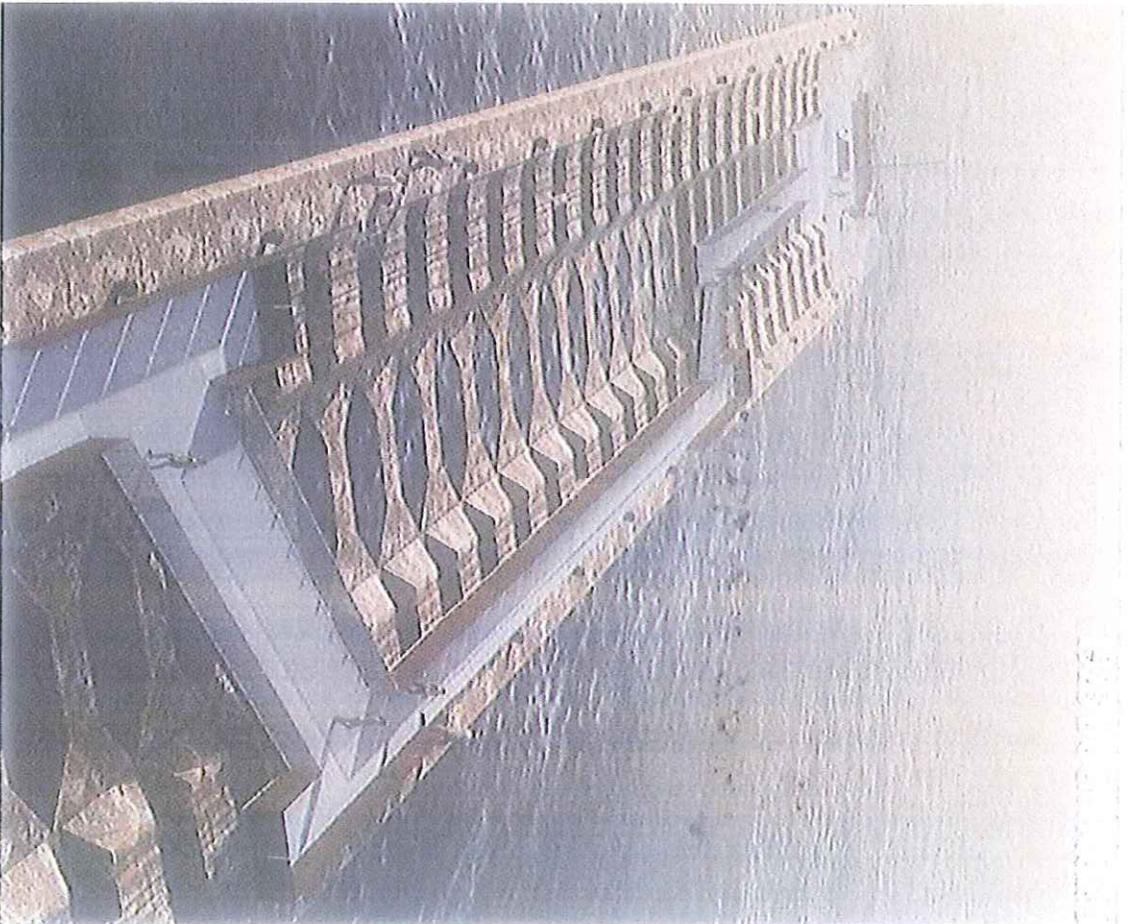
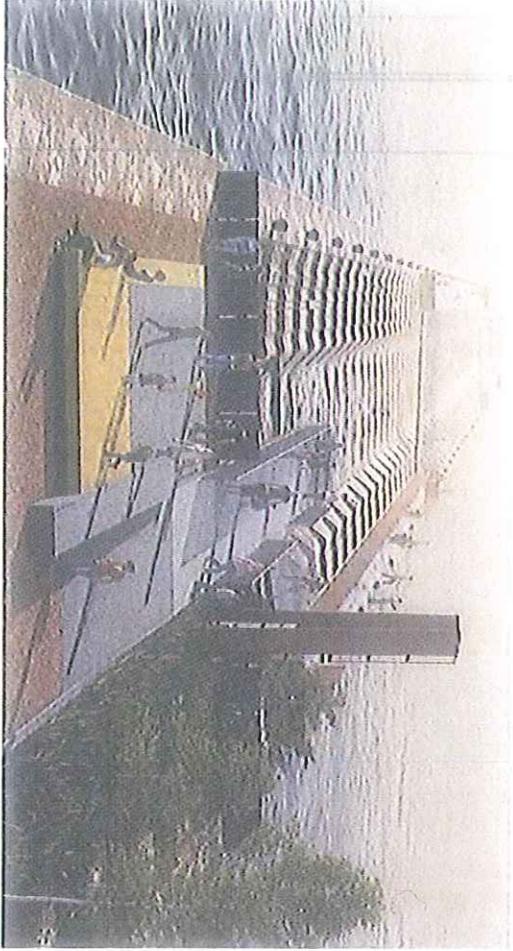


Ore Dock 151 Lookout (Ashland County)

Project Location



151 Lock-out



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