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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

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

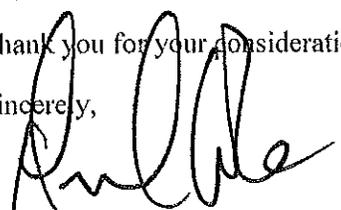
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed amendment to an existing development grant for the City of Hartford Centennial Park Improvements project, using grant funds in the amount of \$488,025 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents approximately 16% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is a 6.78-acre community park, located between E. Wisconsin Ave., 4th Street and Park Ave., near the center of the City of Hartford.

Centennial Park is open to the public and includes the following facilities: canoe/kayak launch, fitness equipment, bike/walking trail, open-air shelter, grills and picnic tables. Access to the park is currently provided by sidewalk for pedestrians and an access drive for vehicles. Both are located off N. Grand Ave. and E. Wisconsin St. The Rubicon River trail also runs through the park and connects Centennial Park to N. Wacker Dr. on the west end and the Pike Lake Bike Trail and Ice Age Trail on the east end. The current facilities in the park are in poor condition and in need of replacement. This is a full-scale park renovation.

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 FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF HARTFORD

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 \$488,025 to the City of Hartford, Washington County, for a full-scale renovation of Centennial Park. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Hartford

Project Name: Centennial Park

Grant sub-program: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

Location: Centennial Park is located between E. Wisconsin Ave., 4th St. and Park Ave., near the center of the City of Hartford, along the banks of the Rubicon River.

Project Description: The Centennial Park project is a full-scale renovation. The scope of improvements includes: construction of a multi-purpose pavilion, removal and reconstruction of a bulkhead wall, a bridge replacement, addition of an asphalt parking lot, addition of a sidewalk, updates to the existing open-air shelter, addition of an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch, fishing pier, playground facilities, fitness stations, multi-use trails, lighting, landscaping, and utility upgrades.

Project Goals: The Downtown Riverwalk renovation project meets the following goals:

- Renovates existing public nature-based outdoor recreational facilities.
- Provides and enhances public access to the park and the Rubicon River.
- Facilities are designed to meet the many needs of the community while serving multiple functions despite tight budgetary and site constraints.
- Implements recommendations from the following plans:
 - City of Hartford Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
 - City of Hartford 2030 Smart Growth Plan
 - Centennial Park Master Plan
 - Rubicon River Trail Corridor Master Plan

Public Uses: Centennial Park will be available to the public, 24 hours per days, 7 day per week, 365 days per year. Centennial Park is easily accessible by a network of sidewalks and roads. Centennial Park will remain open during the duration of the project; taking safety into consideration for the public. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons of use. All new facilities will be designed for accessibility as appropriate.

Ownership and Management: The City of Hartford is responsible for operation and maintenance of all park and aquatic facilities. The Volunteers for a Beautiful Hartford will assist with landscaping and ongoing maintenance once the site is developed.

Partnerships:

Hartford Chamber of Commerce: Pledged a donation of \$10,000.
Hartford-Kettle Moraine Lions Club: Pledged a donation of \$20,000.
Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Donations	\$ 30,000.00
City of Hartford	\$2,596,913.00
DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 488,025.00
Total Project Costs	\$3,114,938.00

III. RECOMMENDED:

 _____ Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands	<u>2/17/2020</u> Date
 _____ Tim Cooke, Administrator, Internal Services Division	<u>2/19/20</u> Date

Attachments: Project Location Map
Project Site Map

Centennial Park Master Plan Concept

Hartford, WI
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