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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: October 10, 2022

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 October 10, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Thursday, October 27, 2022**, 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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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Co-Chair
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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

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 proposed grant of \$409,587 represents approximately 50% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is located on the northern part of Devils Lake in Burnett County, Town of Oakland, Webster, Wisconsin.

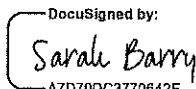
The Devils Lake Access site is open to the public and is the only boat launch on the 1,001-acre lake. The project area currently consists of a boat launch, restroom facility and parking. It is heavily used for boating and fishing. High water levels and ice damage during recent years have caused damage to the existing wooden retaining wall and parking area at this access site creating unsafe conditions.

The Wisconsin Waterways Commission awarded Burnett County a grant in the amount of \$176,650 in April, 2021. When the bids were received, the bids came in \$465,875 above the original total project cost estimate of \$353,300. This is due in large part to the increase in the cost of steel for the new retaining wall and the cost of rip rap which is required to complete the project. Burnett County is asking for a cost amendment in the amount of \$232,937 which would bring their total grant award to \$409,587, now requiring Joint Committee on Finance approval.

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,

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Preston D. Cole
Secretary

- C: Dave Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division
- James Yach, Secretary Director, NOR
- Roberta Winebar, Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Program Manager
- Ann Loechler, Regional Project Manager

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITY GRANT USING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GREATER THAN \$250,000: Burnett County, Town of Oakland, Webster, Wisconsin

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of a proposed Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant in the amount of \$409,587 to Burnett County, for the renovation of the Devils Lake Public Access site. 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.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Burnett County

Project Name: Devils Lake Public Access Retaining Wall and Parking Area

Grant sub-program: Recreational Boating Facilities

Location: 6571 Devils Lake Road, Town of Oakland, Webster, Wisconsin.

Project Description: Burnett County received a grant in the amount of \$176,650 in April, 2021. When the bids were received, the bids came in \$465,875 above the original total project cost estimate of \$353,300. This is due in large part to the increase in the cost of steel for the new retaining wall and the cost of rip rap which is required to complete the project. Therefore, Burnett County requested an additional grant award in the amount of \$232,937 in August, 2022 for a total grant award of \$409,587. The total grant award now requires Joint Committee on Finance approval. This project includes the installation of a sheet metal retaining wall, restructuring of the parking lot, and guardrails for the Devils Lake Public Access site. Devils Lake is one of the largest lakes in Burnett County and this county-owned site is the only public boat launch on the lake. This project will restore the parking area and stabilize the shoreline, resulting in the ability to provide parking for the launch facilities and correct a current safety hazard. Devils Lake is a highly used recreational lake for boating and fishing.

Project Goals: Burnett County's Devils Lake Public Access Retaining Wall and Parking Area project meets the following goals:

- Installation of a new sheet metal retaining wall will allow the county to re-establish safe vehicle-trailer parking for the public and increase the overall parking availability at this heavily used access site.
- This new sheet metal retaining wall and rip rap will protect the shoreline for many years to come.
- Prevent environmental damage from erosion into Devils Lake.

Public Uses: The boat launch is available to the public and is very popular among both residents and nonresidents for boating and fishing. The current condition of the retaining wall is a hazard to public safety and the environment. Burnett County has installed temporary fencing to keep traffic away from

the unstable pavement. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons. All components of this project will meet ADA standards.

Ownership and Management: The launch is operated and maintained by Burnett County Forestry and Parks consistent with their management policy. Burnett County follows Best Management Practices in all their forestry and park projects.

Timetable: Burnett County plans to start construction in the spring of 2023 in order to be able to complete this project before the busy summer tourist season which helps to support their economy.


Partnerships:

- Burnett County Forestry and Parks is responsible for redevelopment, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Burnett County contribution	\$ 409,587.00
DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant issued in April	\$ 176,650.00
<u>DNR Recreational Boating Facilities additional grant funds</u>	<u>\$ 232,937.00</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 819,174.00

III. RECOMMENDED:

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 Jim Ritchie, Director
 Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

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 Date

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 David Seibert, Administrator
 External Services Division

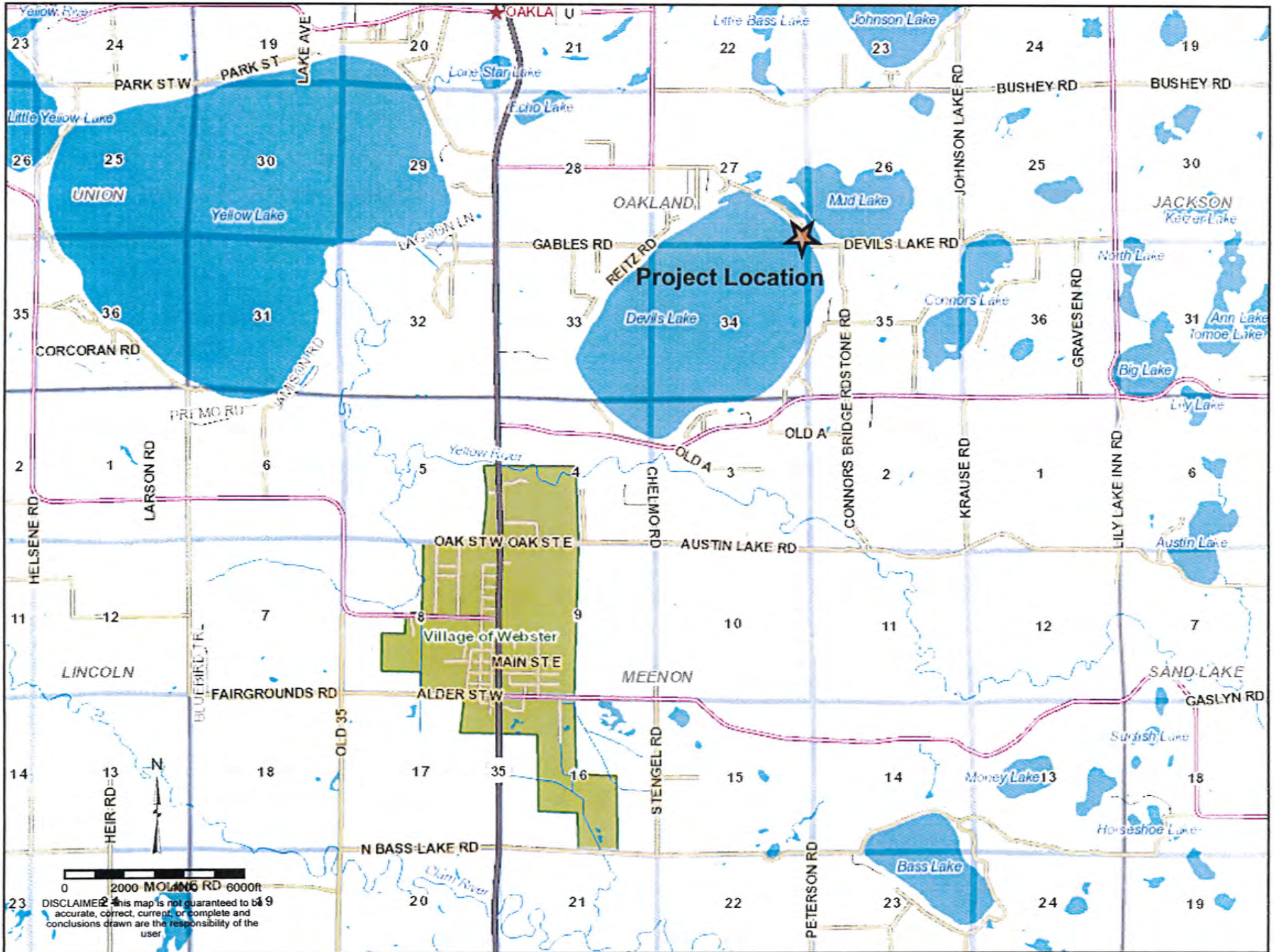
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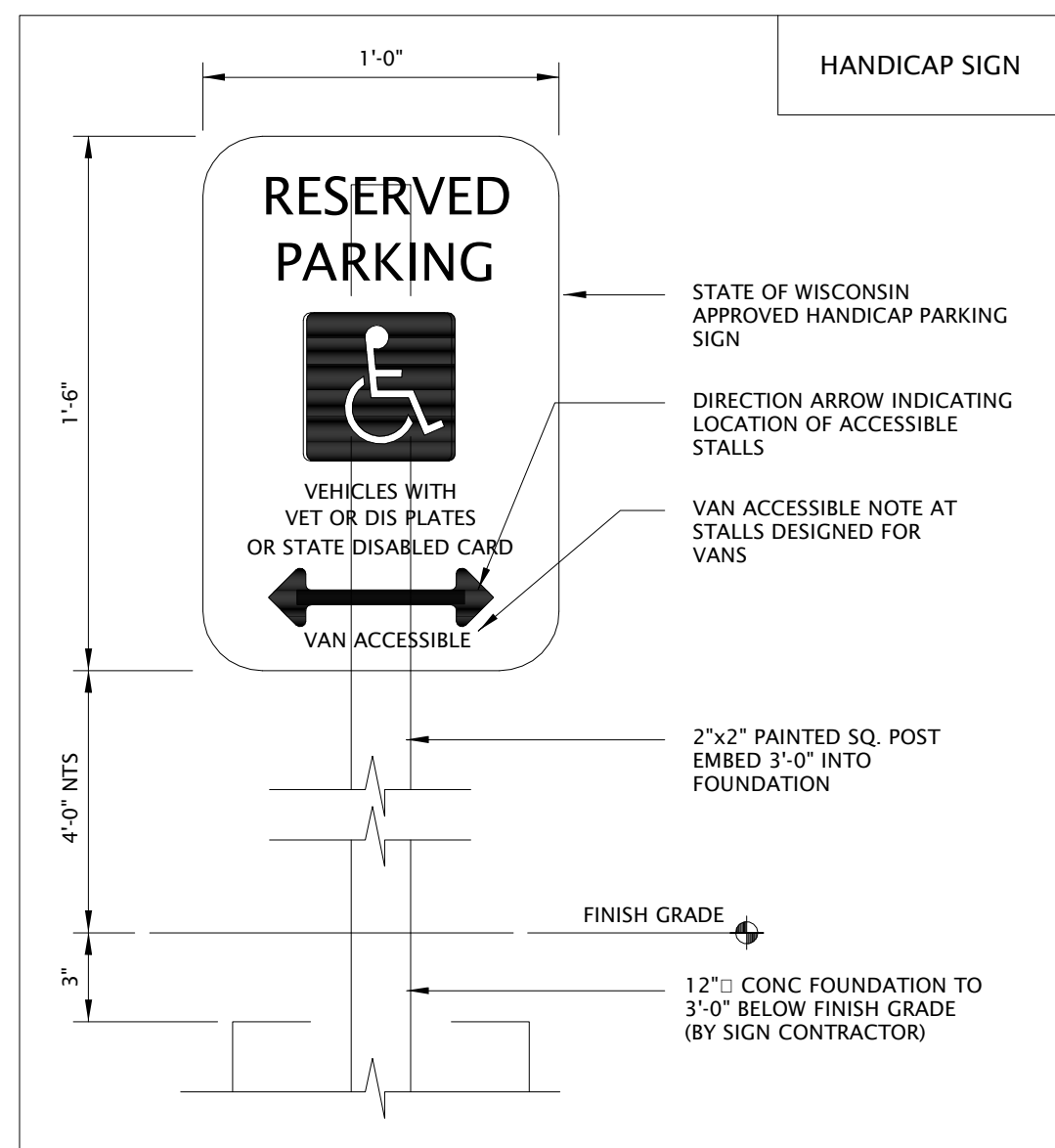
Attachments:

- Appendix A – Project Location map
- Appendix B – Conceptual site plan
- Appendix C – Current Photos

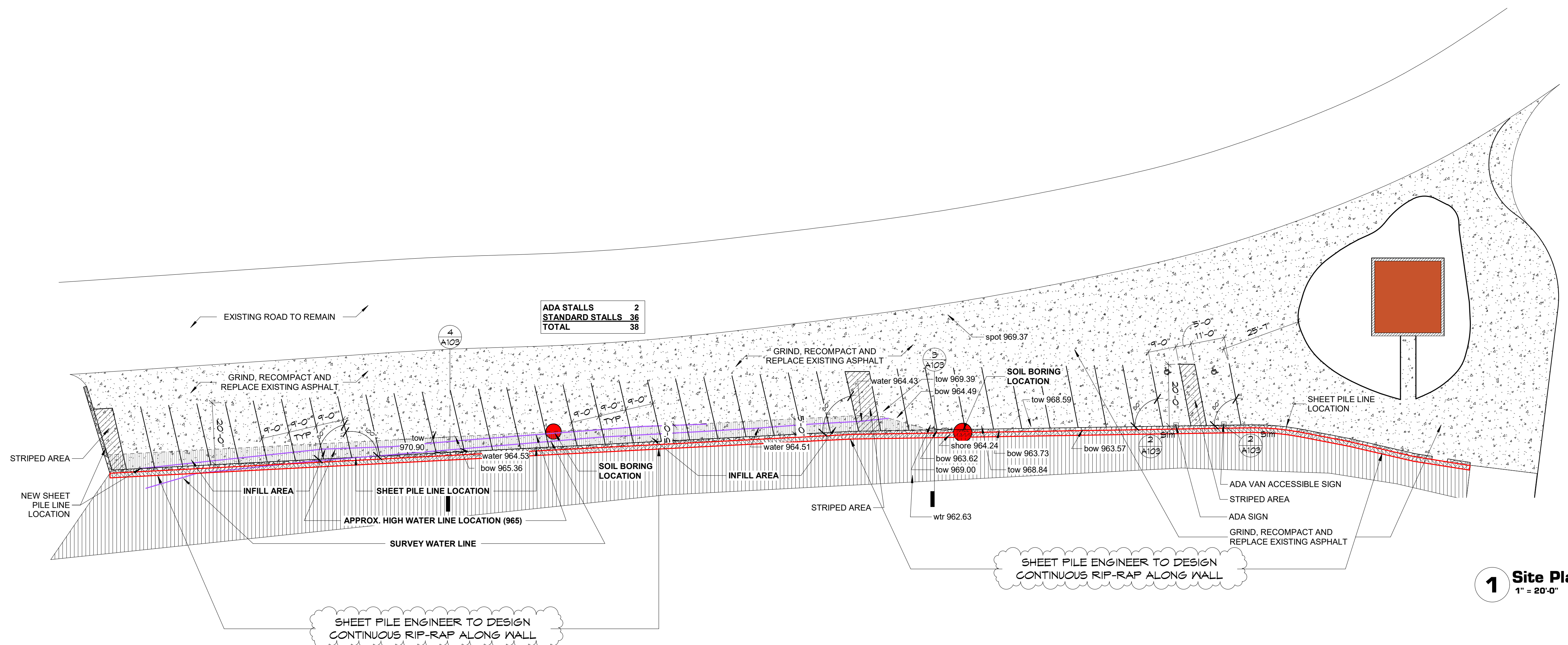
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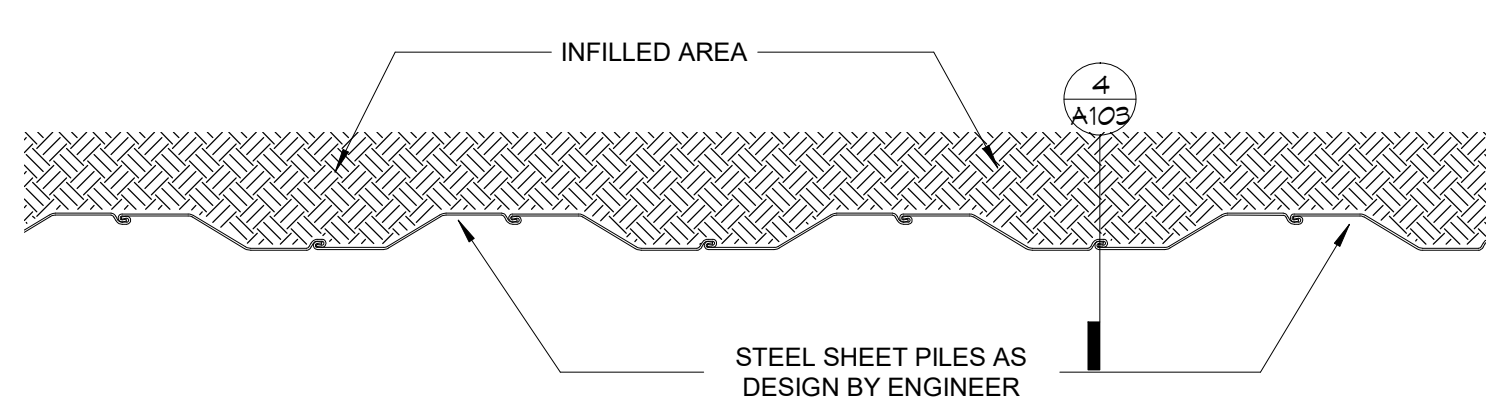
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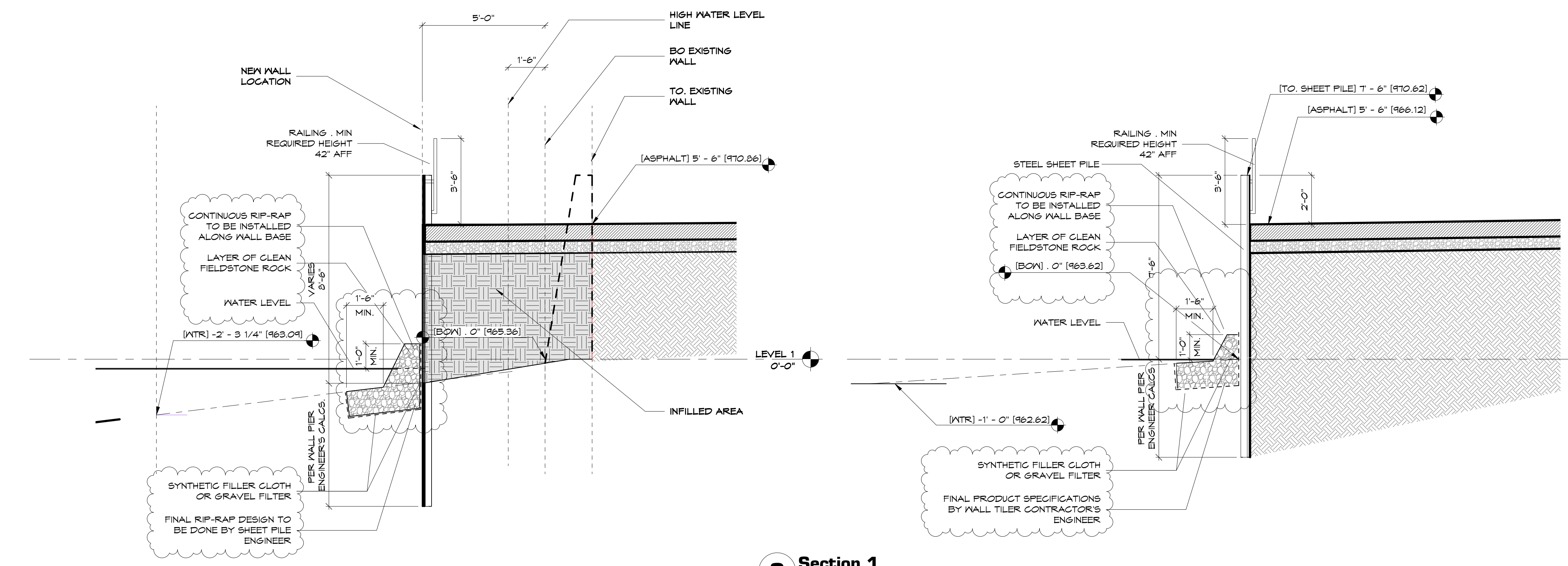
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1" = 1'-0"



1 Site Plan
1" = 20'-0"



5 Typ. Steel Sheet Pile Plan
1/2" = 1'-0"



4 Section 2
3/8" = 1'-0"

3 Section 1
3/8" = 1'-0"

APPENDIX C



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Burnett County Devil's Lake Parking Area





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