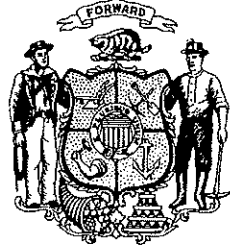


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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: October 11, 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 11, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Friday, October 28, 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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October 5, 2022

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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
Room 316 East  
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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 overall total grant award of \$613,584 represents approximately 50% of the total project costs. The project area is located on the Fox River, City of Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

In September 2019, the City of Omro received an approved grant award for \$577,778 for the renovation of their Lower Miller Park boat launch facility. The project has been completed and the Lower Miller Park Boat Launch is open to the public. Renovations at this launch included replacing the deteriorated launch, seawall, piers, parking areas and the installation of an ADA kayak launch. The shoreline stabilization and improved stormwater control and filtration measures will help to limit runoff impacts to the Fox River. The changes to traffic flow and creation of a boat staging area have drastically improved traffic and pedestrian safety at the launch. These renovations have positively impacted the public access for all, including the elderly and disabled.

Due to the unforeseen global pandemic which caused widespread supply chain and vendor issues, the final costs for the project were higher than originally anticipated. In August 2022 the Wisconsin Waterways Commission awarded additional grant funds in the amount of \$35,806 which would bring the total grant award to \$613,584 for this project.

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,

DocuSigned by:  
*Sarah Barry*  
Preston D. Cole  
Secretary

- C: Dave Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division
- Jean Romback-Bartels, Secretary Director, NER
- Roberta Winebar, Recreational Boating Grant Program Manager
- Jessica Terrien, RBF Grant Project Manager, NER

**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: City of Omro, Winnebago County, 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 \$613,584 to the City of Omro, for the renovation of the Lower Miller Park public boat launch facility. 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:** City of Omro

**Project Name:** Lower Miller Park Boat Launch and Transient Marina Improvements

**Grant sub-program:** Recreational Boating Facilities

**Location:** 330 Omreau Avenue, City of Omro, Wisconsin.

**Project Description:** In September 2019, the City of Omro received an approved grant award for \$577,778 for the complete renovation of their Lower Miller Park boat launch facility. This project included reconstructing the boat launch, seawalls, boarding dock, transient docking, parking area, and restrooms, and installation of an ADA compliant canoe/kayak launch. The project has been completed, but due to the unforeseen global pandemic which caused widespread supply chain and vendor issues, the final costs for the project were higher than originally anticipated. In August 2022 the Wisconsin Waterways Commission awarded additional grant funds in the amount of \$35,806 which would bring the total grant award to \$613,584 for this project. The funding investment in this project has greatly improved the overall viability and safety of this launch facility, resulting in increased use of the facilities which has contributed to the local economy and provided high quality public access on the Fox River.

**Project Goals:** The Lower Miller Park Boat Launch project met the following goals:

- Replaced the aging and deteriorating launch, seawalls, docks and parking areas.
- Created and enhanced public access for the elderly and disabled through ADA improvements.
- Stabilized shoreline and improved stormwater control and filtration to limit runoff impact to the Fox River.
- Provided traffic safety improvements through changed traffic flow and creation of a boat staging area.

**Public Uses:** Lower Miller Park Boat Launch is available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year, for boating, fishing and picnicking. The facilities remained open during the improvement project and staff was able to minimize construction impacts during the boating season. The new design accommodates two-lanes of launching, additional vehicle/trailer parking spaces and a separate canoe/kayak launch area away from the motorized boating launch. The new traffic flow is safer for users

and the life of the facility will be increased due to the improved storm water drainage. All components of this project meet ADA standards.

**Ownership and Management:** The launch is operated and maintained by the City of Omro, consistent with their management policy.

**Timetable:** The project was completed in spring 2022 and is fully open for public use.


**Partnerships:**

- City of Omro: Responsible for redevelopment, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

City of Omro contribution	\$ 613,584.00
DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant issued in 2019	\$ 577,778.00
<u>DNR Recreational Boating Facilities additional grant funds</u>	<u>\$ 35,806.00</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 1,227,168.00

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

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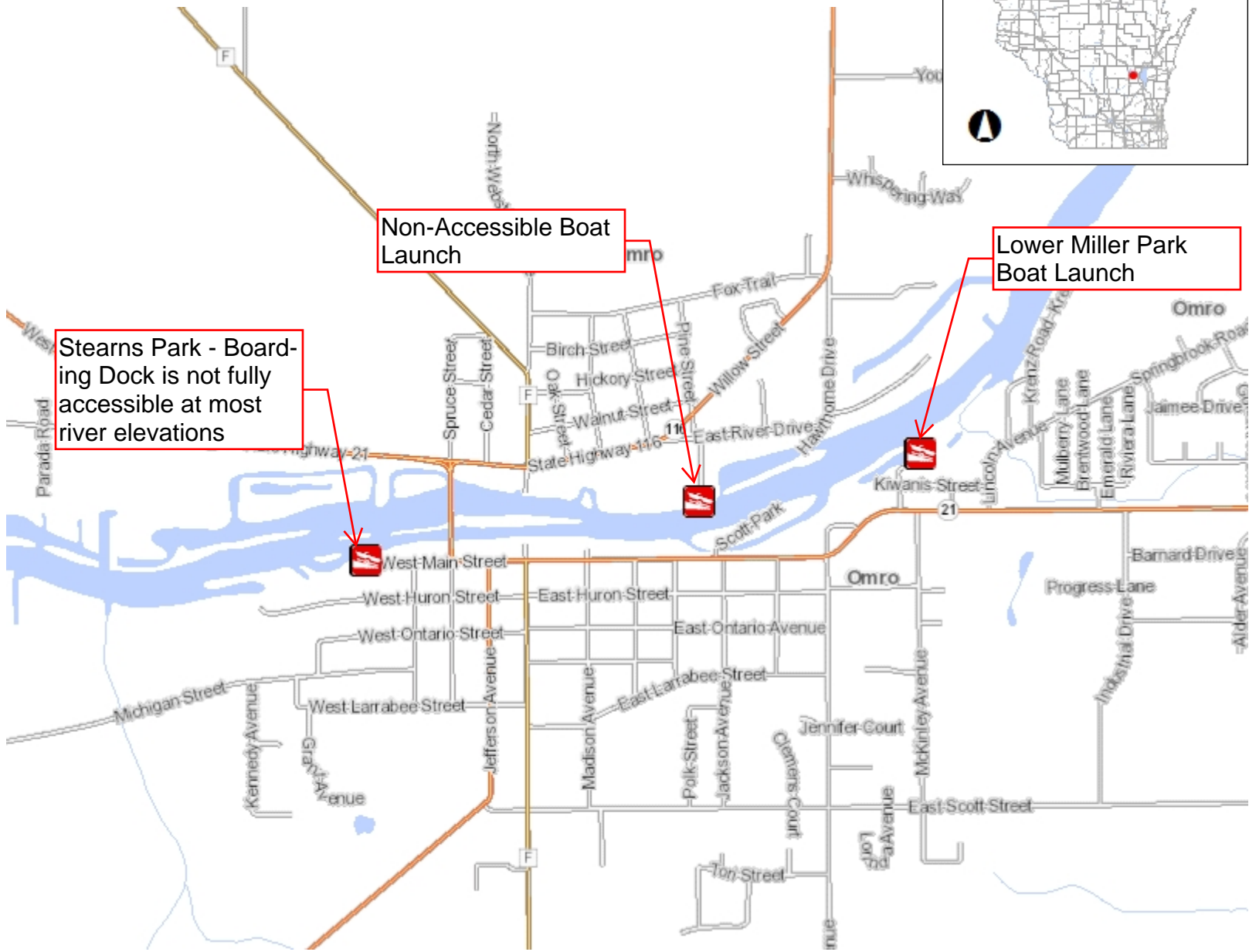
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**Attachments:**

- Appendix A – Project Location map
- Appendix B – Site plan
- Appendix C – Current photos



# Omro Boat Launches



- Legend**
- Parking Lot
  - Shore Fishing
  - Boat Access
    - CARRY-IN
    - RAMP
    - UNKNOWN
  - 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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







## Notes



# Lower Miller Park and Boat Launch Map



## Legend

-  Parking Lot
-  Shore Fishing
-  Boat Access
-  CARRY-IN
-  RAMP
-  UNKNOWN
-  Municipality
-  State Boundaries
-  County Boundaries
- Major Roads**
  -  Interstate Highway
  -  State Highway
  -  US Highway
- County and Local Roads**
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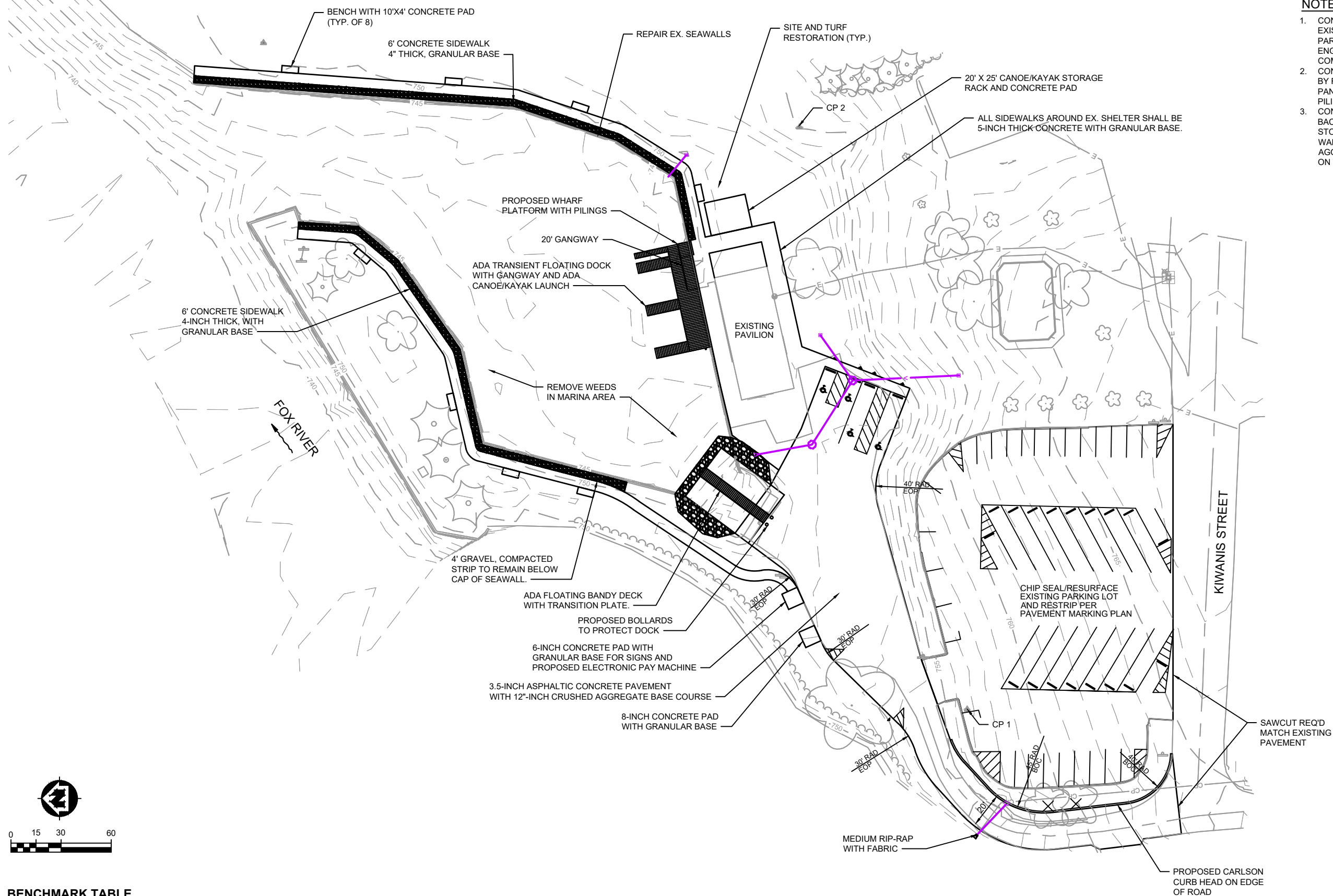
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## Notes

APPENDIX B



NOTES:

1. CONTRACTOR TO REMOVE AND SALVAGE EXISTING ROCK BOULDERS ALONG EDGE OF PARKING LOT AND REPLACE ON SITE PER ENGINEER'S DIRECTION PRIOR TO PROJECT COMPLETION.
2. CONTRACTORS SHALL REPAIR THE EX. SEAWALL BY REMOVING AND REPLACING THE WOOD PANELS AND REPLACING THEM BETWEEN THE PILING.
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL PLACE FILTER FABRIC ON BACK SIDE OF BOARDS AND FILL WITH CLEAR STONE TO WITHIN 6-INCHES TO TOP CAP OF WALL. THEN 6-INCHES OF COMPACTED CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE SHALL BE PLACED ON TOP TO ALIGN WITH WALL CAP.



BENCHMARK TABLE

BM. NO.	STATION	DESCRIPTION	ELEV.
CP 1		PK NAIL	756.60
CP 2		3/4-INCH REBAR	755.17

PROJECT NO.:	04048030	SCALE:	AS SHOWN	NO.:	1	DATE:	05/17	REVISION:	ADDENDUM #2	BY:	MDR
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SITE PLAN

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APPENDIX C

LOWER MILLER PARK BOAT LAUNCH PROJECT – COMPLETION PHOTOS

Sealed and restriped existing parking lot



Reconstructed Parking Lot and Launch Access Road









Reconstructed Boat Launch, seawalls, and ADA Parking



New Transient Boating Floating Pier, Seawalls, and Canoe/Kayak Launch



New Transient Boating Floating Pier, New boat Ramp and Pier



New Transient Floating Boating Pier



New Seawalls and ADA Sidewalk



New Boat Launch Pier



New Boat Ramp ADA Parking



New Electronic Pay Station, Boat Ramp Kiosk, and Canoe/Kayak Storage