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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: November 3, 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 November 3, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Tuesday, November 22, 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 Marklein, Co-Chair
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Dear Representative Born and Senator Marklein:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), 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 Fox Lake for the Clausen Park development project. The proposed grant award of \$314,166 is 50% of the estimated project cost.

Clausen Park is located near the downtown on the channel to Fox Lake. The proposed improvements include installation of an ADA kayak launch, new pier, update of current piers, restroom improvements, park lighting, parking lot improvements, pathways, and site furnishings. These changes will improve water access for boating and fishing.

The City of Fox Lake project meets goals in the following plans:

- Fox Lake Comprehensive Plan
- Fox Lake Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2026

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), 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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
For Preston D. Cole
Secretary

cc: Dave Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division
Mark Aquino, Secretary Director, SCR
Pam Rood, Stewardship Grant Program Manager
Cheryl Housley, Stewardship Grant Project Manager, SCR

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2022

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 FOX LAKE**

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 \$314,166 to the City of Fox Lake. The City requests these funds for development of Clausen Park, located near the downtown on the channel to Fox Lake. The City will use the funds to improve water access for boating and fishing. The City is also proposing that Clausen Park be the trailhead for the future extension of the Gold Star Memorial Trail. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: The City of Fox Lake

Project Name: Clausen Park Improvements

Grant Sub-programs: Urban Rivers (UR)

County: Dodge

Location: Intersection of Hamilton Street and Fox Lake

Project Description: The primary purpose of the project is to develop Clausen Park to improve water access for boating, motorized and non-motorized, fishing, ADA parking and connectivity, and updates to aging park amenities. The funds will be used for purchase and installation of an ADA kayak launch, new pier, update of current piers, restroom improvements, park lighting, parking lot improvements, pathways, and site furnishing.

The City recently updated its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP 2021-2026), and the Clausen Park improvements were discussed extensively during committee meetings. The proposed project meets multiple City goals identified in the CORP including preservation of Mill Creek and Fox Lake, connection of environmental corridors with pathways, and other non-motorized water access. A master plan was developed for the park and is also included in the City's CORP.

Background: Clausen Park is located on Mill Creek which is the main channel into Fox Lake lying north of the dam. The park has approximately 600 feet of shoreline used for boat mooring, boat launching, fishing, and scenic enjoyment. The park has a waterfront walkway between piers for approximately 400 feet of its shoreline. Other existing site facilities include a shelter with picnic area, grills, and playground equipment. An observation tower with restrooms is located opposite the water in the southeast corner of the park. The Friends of Clausen Park began fundraising on behalf of the City for playground equipment and restroom improvements in late 2020. The group promoted a multi-year plan to

redevelop the park and replace some of its aging amenities. Several area businesses and non-profit organizations have submitted letters in support of the project.

Project Goals: The City of Fox Lake project meets the following goals:

- Fox Lake Comprehensive Plan
- Fox Lake Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2026

Public Uses: Boating, fishing, paddle-craft access, walking, running, picnicking, nature photography, and scenic enjoyment.

Ownership & Management: Site is owned by the City of Fox Lake. Operation and maintenance of the park is managed by City public works and parks departments.

Timetable: Planning and design work is anticipated for spring 2023, construction will be completed by fall of 2024.

Project Partners:

- The City of Fox Lake
- Friends of Clausen Park
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR): Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Proposed WDNR Stewardship Grant FY23	\$	314,166
The City of Fox Lake (City Funds)	\$	266,210
Friends of Clausen Park	\$	47,956
Project Total	\$	628,332

III. RECOMMENDED:

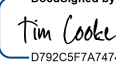
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Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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Tim Cooke, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

Date





Attachments: Project Maps

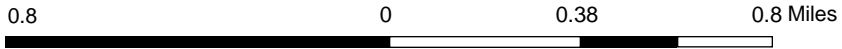
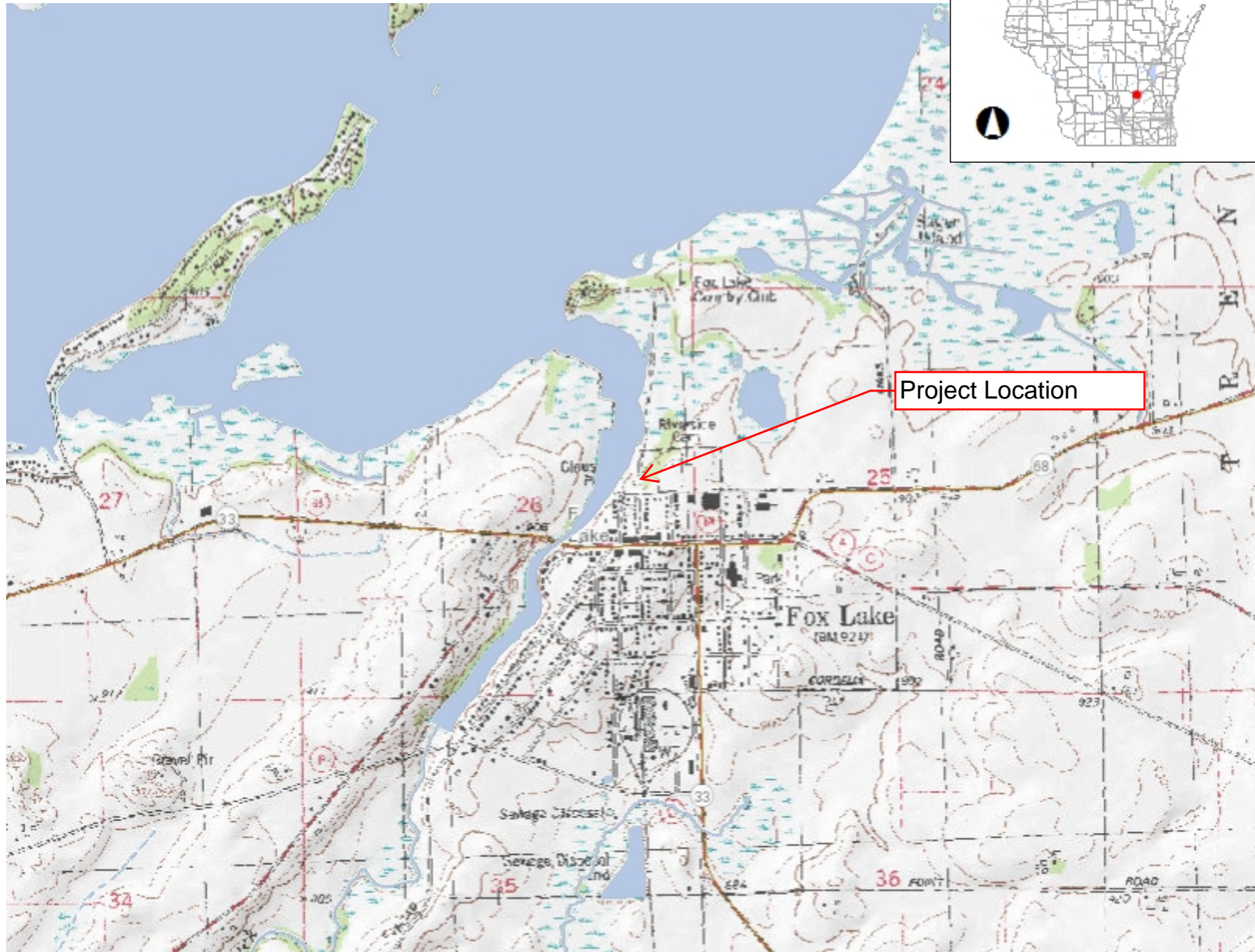


Clausen Park Improvements



Legend

-  Rivers and Streams
-  Intermittent Streams
-  Lakes and Open water
-  24K USGS Quad Index - Level 7 - 16



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