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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: November 14, 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 14, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **December 2, 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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November 7, 2022

The Honorable Howard 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)(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 Beloit for the development of a segment of the City's Downtown Riverwalk, located at the trail's intersection of Grand Ave. along the Rock River. The proposed grant award of \$1,101,521 is 50% of the estimated project cost.

The City will use the funds to stabilize the riverfront, construct the trail street crossing and a trail segment parallel to the river. Specifically, the funds will be used for lighting, landscaping, bank stabilization, pathways including a crosswalk, railing, and site furnishings. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

The City of Beloit project meets the goals in the following plans:

- Beloit Comprehensive Plan
- Beloit Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018-2023
- Stateline Area Transportation Study, Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan

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,

DocuSigned by:  
*Sarah Barry*  
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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:** November 7, 2022

**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Preston D. Cole, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF BELOIT**

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 up to \$1,101,521 to the City of Beloit. The City requests these funds for development of a segment of the riverwalk, located in Beloit's downtown district along the Rock River. The City will use the funds to stabilize the riverfront, construct the trail street crossing and a trail segment parallel to the river. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** The City of Beloit

**Project Name:** 80-100 E. Grand Ave Improvements

**Grant Sub-programs:** Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

**County:** Rock

**Location:** Intersection of the Rock River and E. Grand Ave., City of Beloit

**Project Description:** The overall project will remove the vacant, unimprovable building that lies within the Rock River riverbed and obstructs the flow of the Rock River and improve continuity of Beloit's Riverwalk recreational trail. Once the building is removed, a new riverwalk segment will be constructed to connect the existing trail from Broad Street to the existing trail on the east side of Grand Avenue. A mid-block crossing will be installed across East Grand Avenue to enhance user safety. The requested Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant funding will be used to stabilize the riverbank, construct the riverwalk connection, and construct the mid-block crossing. Lighting, landscaping, bank stabilization, pathways including a crosswalk, and site furnishings are elements of the project that will be funded. The proposed project meets multiple City goals included in the Beloit's Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan.

**Background:** The structure located at 80-100 East Grand Avenue is comprised of three separate buildings, which are joined together as one. A portion of the building was constructed in the Rock River in 1921 and is largely on the bed of the Rock River supported by pilings. A settlement and stipulation agreement signed in 1999 between the building owner at that time, and WNDR restricts any owner of the lot and building from physically expanding the structures on the development site, limits future improvements to ordinary maintenance and repairs, and requires removal of the portion of the Development Site structures from the bed of the Rock River by December 31, 2042.

Because the City and the current property owner, East Grand Avenue Development LLC, recognize the value of the site for redevelopment, and support continuity of the public recreational trail, they have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The City applied for funding assistance through two state grants from the Department of Natural Resources: Municipal Flood Control Grant Program and the Stewardship Local Assistance. Per the MOU, if funds are awarded, the City of Beloit would assume title to the buildings from East Grand Avenue Development LLC, with the plan to demolish the vacant structures including the portion protruding over the Rock River and the pier supports. In addition, East Grand Avenue Development LLC has

committed financially to the City for the project and retains responsibility for any environmental remediation associated with the project. Following demolition, an extension of the existing Riverwalk system will be constructed to connect the existing trail from Broad Street to existing trail on the east side of Grand Avenue.

The portion of the project selected for a Stewardship Grant includes, riverbank stabilization work (post building demolition), the construction of the riverwalk, and the construction of a new crosswalk which will be designed as a raised table-top with pavement markings, signage, flashing beacons, and other safety features. The Municipal Flood Control (MFC) grant has been awarded to the City to aid with demolition of the building portion which protrudes over the Rock River and removal of associate piers on the riverbed.

This project was identified as the future Downtown Riverfront Park in the City of Beloit 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space and Recreation Plan, and this project supports Goal 18 of that plan which is to develop walking/biking paths for health awareness.

**Project Goals:** The City of Beloit project meets the following goals:

- Beloit Comprehensive Plan
- Beloit Open Space and Recreation Plan 2018-2023
- Stateline Area Transportation Study, Pedestrian and Bicycle System Plan

**Public Uses:** Hiking, biking, fishing, nature study and photography. Building removal will also improve navigation for boating, kayaking and canoeing on the Rock River National Scenic Water Trail.

**Ownership & Management:** Prior to grant award, the City will assume ownership of the site, and retain ownership of the trail corridor once the project is completed. Operation and maintenance of the trail is managed by City of Beloit's Public Works Department.

**Timetable:** The project is anticipated to begin early in 2023, construction will be completed in early 2024.

**Project Partners:**

- The City of Beloit
- East Grand Development, LLC
- WI Department of Natural Resources: Stewardship Local Assistance and Municipal Flood Control Grants

## II. PROJECT FINANCES:

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| Proposed WDNR Stewardship Grant FY23 | \$ 1,101,521.00 |
| The City of Beloit (Donated funds)   | \$ 2,400,569.00 |
| Municipal Flood Control Grant        | \$ 495,355.00   |
| Project Estimate Total               | \$ 3,997,445.00 |

## III. RECOMMENDED:

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Terry Bay  
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Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

11/9/2022 | 10:02 AM CST

Date

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Tim Cooke  
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Tim Cooke, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

11/9/2022 | 10:28 AM CST

Date

Attachments: Project Maps



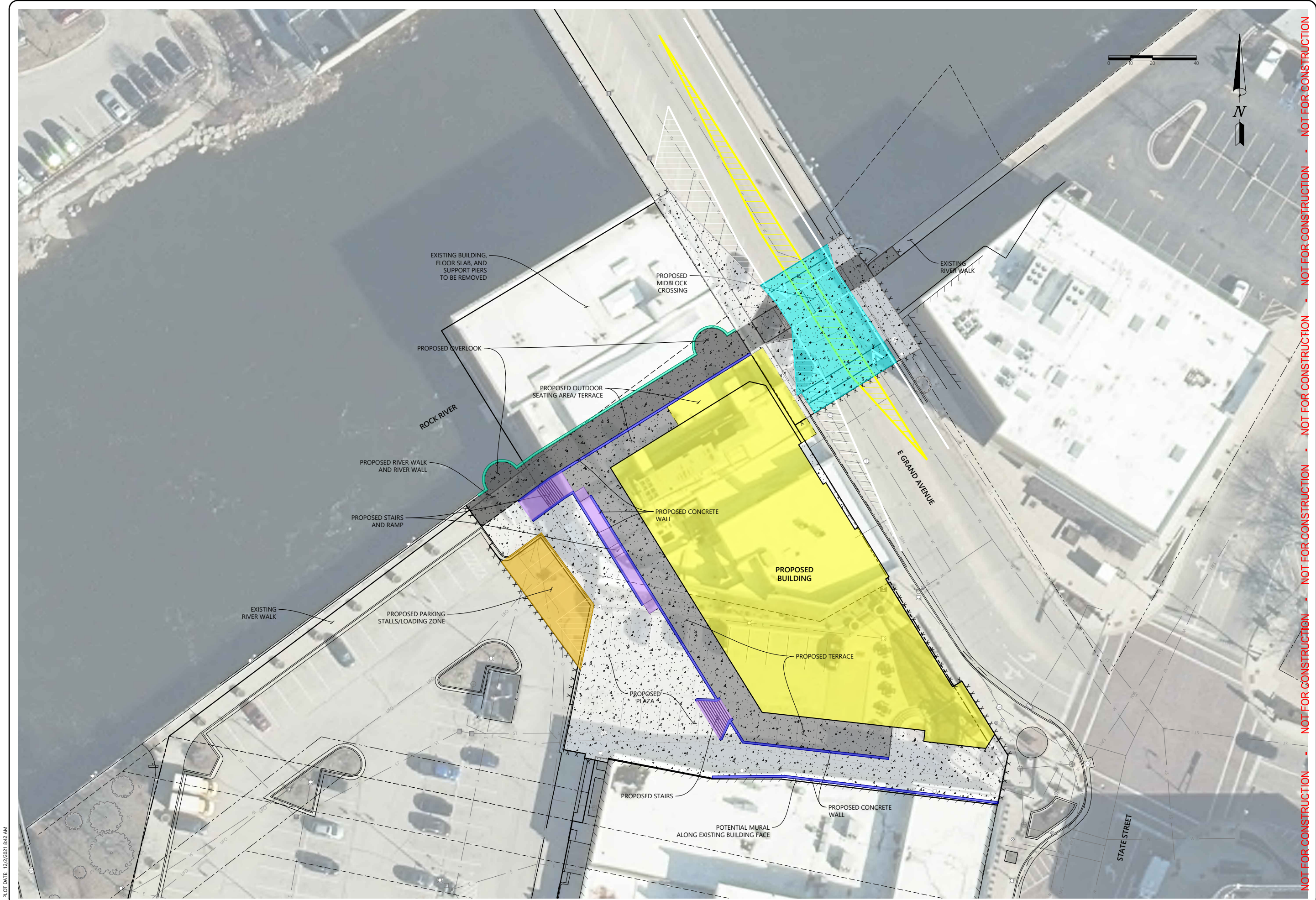


**80-100 E GRAND AVENUE  
BUILDING DEMOLITION AND RIVER WALL/RIVER WALK  
EXTENSION**

City of Beloit  
Rock County, Wisconsin

**Batterman**  
engineers surveyors planners





PLOT DATE: 12/2/2021 8:42 AM

DESIGNED BY: -

DRAWN BY: LC

CHECKED BY: -

APPROVED BY: -

PROJECT NO.: 33301

SHEET NO.

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HENDRICKS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES  
80-100 GRAND AVENUE  
CITY OF BELOIT  
ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

33301 - SITE EXHIBIT (COLOR) DWG

SITE PLAN EXHIBIT

NOTE: DIMENSIONAL DATA IS NOT TO BE OBTAINED BY SCALING ANY PORTION OF THIS DRAWING.

| ISSUANCE        |            |
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| EXHIBIT         | 2021-11-02 |
| REVISED EXHIBIT | 2021-12-02 |
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EXISTING RIVER WALK

PROPOSED RIVER WALK AND RIVER WALL

REMOVE EXISTING BUILDING, FLOOR SLAB, AND SUPPORT PIERS

PROPOSED MID-BLOCK CROSSING

EXISTING RIVER WALK





EXISTING RIVER  
WALK

EXISTING PUBLIC  
PARKING

POTENTIAL  
PROPOSED PLAZA

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