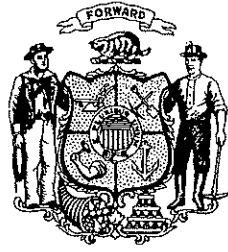


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Joint Committee on Finance

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 9, 2022

The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 316 East
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 308 East
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Madison, WI 53708

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 proposed grant amount of \$654,646 represents approximately 50% of the estimated total project costs. The project is titled *Wisconsin River Boat Launch Improvements – Floyd Von Haden Landing*. It is located in Boscobel, Wisconsin.

In October 2021, the City of Boscobel received an approved grant award for \$470,000 for the renovation of their Wisconsin River – Floyd Von Haden boat launch facility. The project is currently underway and planned renovations at this launch include relocating the launch within the project area, reconstructing it into a two-lane launch, expanding the parking lot for better vehicular circulation, adding a boarding dock and paddlecraft launch area, and improving ADA accessibility and emergency access to the water. Once complete, the City of Boscobel's Wisconsin River boat launch will positively impact public access for all, including the disabled and mobility impaired.

Due to recent cost escalation for materials such as concrete, metals, and fuel, the contracted construction costs for the project were higher than originally anticipated. On November 2, 2022, the Wisconsin Waterways Commission awarded additional grant funds in the amount of \$184,646 which would bring the total grant award to \$654,646 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,

Decrypted by:
Sarah Barry
AT0700378042F

For Preston D. Cole
Secretary

cc: David Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division
Mark Aquino, Secretary Director, South Central Region (SCR)
Roberta Winebar, RBF Grant Program Manager
Cheryl Housley & Mary Rothenmaier, RBF Grant Project Managers, SCR

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 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 BOSCOBEL, GRANT CO.

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of the proposed Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant in the amount of \$654,646 to the City of Boscobel, in Grant County for the renovation and improvement of its public boat launch facility on the Wisconsin River. 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 Boscobel

Project Name: Wisconsin River Boat Launch Improvements – Floyd Von Haden Landing

Grant sub-program: Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)

Location: Wisconsin River & Hwy 61, City of Boscobel, Grant County, Wisconsin

Project Description: In October 2021, the City of Boscobel received an approved grant award for \$470,000 for the complete renovation of their Wisconsin River – Floyd Von Haden boat launch facility. The project is currently underway and planned renovations at this launch include relocating the launch within the project area and reconstructing it into a two-lane launch, expanding the parking lot for better vehicular circulation, adding a boarding dock and paddlecraft launch area, and improving ADA accessibility and emergency access to the water. Due to recent cost escalation of materials such as concrete, metals, and fuel, the contracted construction costs for the project were higher than originally anticipated. On November 2, 2022, the Wisconsin Waterways Commission awarded additional grant funds in the amount of \$184,646 which would bring the total grant award to \$654,646 for this project.

The funding investment in this project will greatly improve the overall viability and safety of this launch facility, resulting in increased use of the facilities which will contribute to the local economy and provide high quality public access on the Wisconsin River.

Project Goals: The City of Boscobel's Wisconsin River Boat Launch project meets the following goals:

- Enhances launch safety with improved parking, traffic flow and separate area for paddlecraft users.
- Provides and enhances public access especially for the elderly and disabled.
- Implements a recommendation in the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Public Uses: The launch and its park amenities are available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year with the busiest times from June to September. The City will work to minimize construction impacts during the busiest seasons of use. To the extent possible, facilities will remain open during the reconstruction project and launch fees will be waived during construction. Public safety will be a major consideration as well during construction activities and appropriate protective measures will be implemented. The proposed new facilities for motorized boat access, pathways, and parking meet ADA standards.

Ownership and Management: The launch will be operated and maintained by the City of Boscobel, consistent with their management policy.

Timetable: Construction is presently underway and final installations will be complete in the Spring of 2023.



Partnerships:

- City of Boscobel: Responsible for renovation/improvements, operation, and maintenance.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial assistance in the form of a grant.
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS): Provides financial assistance in the form of a grant.
- Department of Transportation: Provided 50-year lease to the City for use of the area being designated as the overflow parking area.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Boscobel contribution	\$404,645
DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant issued in 2021	\$470,000
DNR Recreational Boating Facilities additional grant funds	\$184,646
<u>USFWS Sport Fish Restoration grant award</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total Project Costs	\$1,309,291

III. RECOMMENDED:

 <hr/> Jim Ritchie, Director Bureau of Community Financial Assistance	11/10/2022 9:57 AM CST <hr/> Date
 <hr/> David Siebert, Administrator External Services Division	11/10/2022 10:15 AM CST <hr/> Date

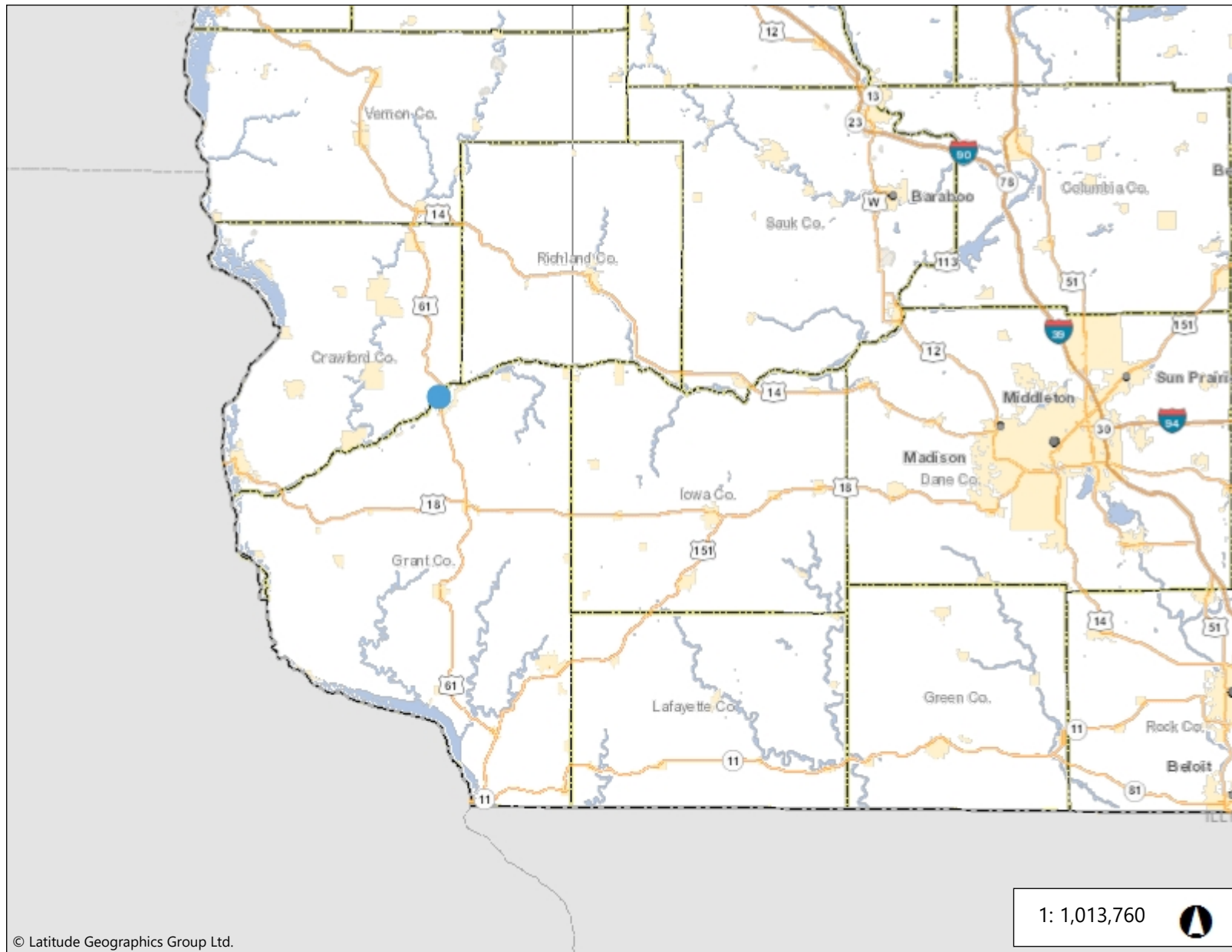
Attachments:

- Appendix A – Project Location Map
- Appendix B – Conceptual site plan
- Appendix C – Current photos
- Appendix D – Support Letters



City of Boscobel - Location map

Map Features



Notes

City of Boscobel, Wisconsin River Boat Launch

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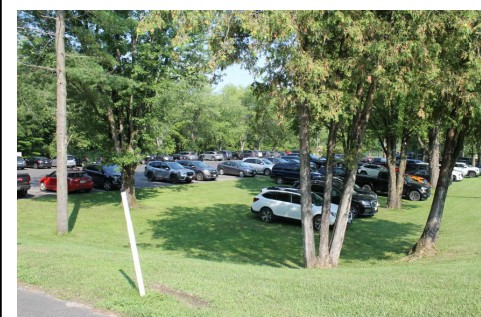
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USH 61 (ELM STREET)

WISCONSIN RIVER



Existing channel access to the Wisconsin River



Vehicle parking for paddlers on a typical weekend



Existing launch panels, note orientation and asphalt approach

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Existing Challenges Keynotes:

- 1** Launch Conditions - ramp panel orientation
- 2** Launch and dockage accessibility (ADA)
- 3** Channel depth and in-fill
- 4** Traffic circulation and launch functionality
- 5** Parking availability and accessibility



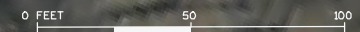
Canoe drop off location



Existing parking area, note large center aisle

EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH
WISCONSIN RIVER

CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN





RBF Funding Request Includes Items 1-6 and 10 in the Summary of Proposed Improvements

Summary of Proposed Improvements	
1	Functional One-Way Access Simple access with minimal conflicts and logical prep and tie-down areas for launch users.
2	Dedicated Parking for Specific Users Separate parking areas for standard passenger vehicles versus passenger vehicle/boat combinations.
3	Dual Concrete Boat Launch Ramp with Floating Dock Launch ramp oriented toward channel access at northwest end of the site.
4	Pedestrian Improvements Sidewalk to promote accessibility and safety throughout the site.
5	Canoe/Kayak Launch Separated from boat launch with a dedicated loading zone.
6	Grass Paver Overflow Parking Area Additional parking for up to 50 passenger vehicles or 25 vehicle/trailer combinations.
7	Asphalt Trail ADA accessible trail connecting to Sanders Creek Walkway.
8	Pavilion ADA accessible covered gathering area.
9	Fishing Piers ADA accessible floating piers and walkways.
10	Channel Dredging To remove sediment deposits and improve channel conditions.
11	Aeration Unit To improve water quality within the channel.

BOAT LANDING IMPROVEMENTS
WISCONSIN RIVER
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN



FIGURE 1

APPENDIX C

Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:17 P.M.

Description: Highway entrance to launch looking east from the parking lot



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:25 P.M.

Description: Parking lot looking northwest



**WISCONSIN RIVER BOAT LAUNCH
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:26 P.M.

Description: Typical parking stall arrangement



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:28 P.M.

Description: Top of launch ramp looking toward the water



**WISCONSIN RIVER BOAT LAUNCH
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:28 P.M.

Description: Close up of ramp pavement



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:22 P.M.

Description: View of launch ramp, parking lot, and channel from the west channel bank looking east.



**WISCONSIN RIVER BOAT LAUNCH
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:18 P.M.

Description: View of channel from the south looking north



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:22 P.M.

Description: Existing fishing pier and sediment deposits at the mouth of the channel to the Wisconsin River



**WISCONSIN RIVER BOAT LAUNCH
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:28 P.M.

Description: Channel outlet to Wisconsin River looking north.



Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:22 P.M.

Description: Close up of sediment deposits at the opening of the channel



**WISCONSIN RIVER BOAT LAUNCH
CITY OF BOSCOBEL
GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**





HOWARD MARKLEIN

STATE SENATOR • 17TH SENATE DISTRICT

April 19, 2021

DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Cheryl Housley, DNR Grant Specialist
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Re: Letter of Support for the City of Boscobel's Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing

Dear Ms. Housley:

As the State Senator for the 17th Senate District, I am writing in support of the City of Boscobel's grant application for improvements at the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing.

The City of Boscobel continues to be committed in providing valuable outdoor recreation space for both residents and visitors. The proposed boat landing improvements will attract even more visitors each year who are looking for a place to fish, boat, and enjoy the outdoors in Southwest Wisconsin.

The improvement plan will be ADA accessible, ensure maximum safety for boaters, and provide an expanded entry point to the Wisconsin River. There is also an existing bike trail that extends north from the City of Boscobel along HWY 61 that will end at the landing. This will provide additional access to the area and deepen this community's reputation as an outdoor recreation destination.

I fully support the City of Boscobel in this grant application and am hopeful that the proposed improvements will encourage travelers to spend more time enjoying the unique region and wildlife in the area.

Thank you again for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide additional information or input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Marklein".

Howard Marklein
State Senator
17th Senate District



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April 20, 2021

DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Cheryl Housley, DNR Grant Specialist
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Fitchburg, WI 53711

RE: City of Boscobel Application for improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing in Boscobel

Dear Cheryl,

I am pleased to provide support for the proposed improvements at the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing in Boscobel, WI. It is my understanding that the city of Boscobel has applied for a grant through your organization, and I am hoping you will show it strong consideration.

The proposed project will increase the safety of boaters and Wisconsin River users. The community of Boscobel is committed to providing outdoor recreation space to residents and visitors. The proposed landing improvements would attract people of all age groups locally and throughout the region. The landing will also be ADA accessible, and provide a safe, accessible place for people to fish and enjoy the outdoors.

I fully support the city of Boscobel pursuing the boat landing improvements and working with other organizations to create more tourism options for outdoor enthusiasts. It's my hope that this project encourages travelers to spend more time enjoying the unique driftless region and beautiful Lower Wisconsin Riverway.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact my office at 608-266-1170 if I may be able to provide further assistance in support of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Tranel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line above the name.

Travis Tranel
49th Assembly District
State Representative

April 16, 2021

DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Cheryl Housley, DNR Grant Specialist
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Re: Letter of support for improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing located in Boscobel, WI.

Dear Cheryl,

Please accept this letter as a letter of support of the proposed improvements at the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing in Boscobel, WI. We understand that the City of Boscobel has applied for a grant through your organization, and we are hopeful that you will heavily consider them as a recipient for many reasons.

One reason is the safety of boaters and WI River users would be increased by the proposed project. Another is that the City of Boscobel is committed to providing adequate outdoor recreation space to residents and visitors, and the proposed landing improvements would attract people in various age groups, locals, and from out of the area. This boat landing attracts numerous canoers every year, as well as a substantial number of boaters and anglers. It is common to see the parking area serving this landing being full of vehicles for both canoers and boaters alike. The proposed landing will also be ADA accessible, and provide a safe, accessible place for people to fish and enjoy the outdoors. With the existing bike trail that extends north from the City along Hwy 61 all the way to the Landing, it is a great opportunity to make the most of the Boat Landing as an Outdoor Recreation Destination. This landing is a critical piece of infrastructure for our tourism industry.

We fully support the City of Boscobel pursuing the boat landing improvements and working with other organizations to create more tourism options for outdoor enthusiasts. We are hopeful that this may encourage travelers to spend more time enjoying the unique driftless region and wildlife in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (608) 822-3501 if I may be able to provide further assistance in support of this request.

Sincerely,



Ron Brisbois
Exec. Director





April 15, 2021

DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Cheryl Housley, DNR Grant Specialist
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Re: Letter of support for improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing located in Boscobel, WI.

Dear Ms Housley,

I own Wisconsin River Outings in Boscobel. 2021 will be our 19th season providing access to the Wisconsin River with canoe and kayak rentals for customers from a 250 mile radius of Boscobel. I'm writing in support of the request and effort to improve and expand the Von Haden Boat Landing.

My business brings to Boscobel approximately 3,000 customers a year, and all of them will pass through the landing in some way during their visit. In addition to purchasing fuel, patronizing restaurants, staying at campgrounds and local motels, and visits to local retail stores, these landing users also give me the opportunity to employ as many as a dozen people locally each season.

We fully support the City of Boscobel improving local infrastructure like the boat landing and working with other organizations to create more tourism options for outdoor enthusiasts in Southwest Wisconsin. We believe this will encourage travelers to spend more time enjoying the unique Driftless region, return more often and spread the word to friends and family through social media and word of mouth about the unique area we live in.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 608.606.0911 if I can be of further assistance in support of this request.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Teuber, Owner
WI River Outings
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April 20, 2021

DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
Cheryl Housley, DNR Grant Specialist
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Re: Letter of support for improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing located in Boscobel, WI.

Dear Cheryl,

On behalf of Wisconsin River Trail Organization, I am writing this letter in support of the proposed improvements at the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing in Boscobel, WI. We understand that the City has applied for a grant through your organization, and we are hopeful that you will heavily consider them as a recipient for many reasons.

One Reason is the safety of boaters and WI River users would be increased by the proposed project. Another is that the City of Boscobel is committed to providing adequate outdoor recreation space to residents and visitors, and the proposed landing improvements would attract people in various age groups, locals, and from out of the area. This boat landing attracts 4000 canoers every year, as well as thousands of boaters and anglers. The proposed landing will also be ADA accessible, and provide a safe, accessible place for people to fish and enjoy the outdoors. With the existing bike trail that extends North from the City along Hwy 61 all the way to the Landing, it is a great opportunity to make the most of the Boat Landing as an Outdoor Recreation Destination.

We fully support the City of Boscobel pursuing the boat landing improvements and working with other organizations to create more tourism options for outdoor enthusiasts. We are hopeful that this may encourage travelers to spend more time enjoying the unique driftless region and wildlife in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (507) 269-2606 if I may be able to provide further assistance in support of this request.

On behalf of WRTO,

Denise Fisher
Co-Director, WRTO
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April 15, 2021

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Re: Letter of support for improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing located in Boscobel, WI.

Dear Ms. Housley,

On behalf of the Boscobel Chamber of Commerce, I am writing this letter in support of the proposed improvements to the Floyd Von Haden Boat Landing in Boscobel, WI. We understand that the City of Boscobel has applied for a grant through your organization and we are hopeful that you will strongly consider them as a funding recipient.

Our organization feels that this endeavor would greatly enhance the visibility and attractiveness of our great city. The City of Boscobel has committed itself to providing safe, functional, and appealing outdoor recreation space for its residents and visitors. The current boat landing site welcomes thousands of boaters, anglers, and canoeing enthusiasts every year. The proposed improvements are designed to safely attract people of all age groups and abilities. It would be ADA accessible and provide an appealing, safe place for people to fish and enjoy the outdoors. As an additional bonus, Boscobel has an existing bike trail that extends north of the city along highway 61 directly connecting it to the landing. The completion of the boat landing project would help to create more tourism options for outdoor enthusiasts and will help us to truly become an Outdoor Recreation Destination of Wisconsin.

For these reasons and more, the Boscobel Chamber of Commerce fully supports the City of Boscobel pursuing the boat landing improvements. We are hopeful that this project will encourage travelers to spend more time enjoying the wildlife and unique driftless region in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 608-485-2680 if I may be able to provide further assistance in support of this request.

On behalf of our organization,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Dayton".

Judy Dayton
President
Boscobel Chamber of Commerce