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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 1, 2022

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 a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$518,386 for the renovations of Castle Rock County Park Campground in Juneau County. The proposed grant award represents approximately 50% of the estimated total project costs.

Castle Rock County Park is a 160-acre park located along the shores of Castle Rock Lake. The park is open to the public year-round and includes the following amenities: 330 campsites, picnic shelters, picnic area, bathhouses, shower building, dump station, boat launch, beach swimming area, playground, volleyball court, and horseshoe pits. The 2022 Juneau County Outdoor Recreation Plan highlighted the top three camping needs as clean facilities, level well-spaced camping sites and flush restrooms and shower facilities. The current project will improve the existing camping to meet the highest priorities of the citizens of Juneau County.

As provided in s. 230917(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-chairs within 14 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

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 1, 2022

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

**FROM:** Preston D. Cole, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000: JUNEAU COUNTY CASTLE ROCK COUNTY PARK**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$518,386.00 to Juneau County, for the renovation of the Castle Rock County Park Campground. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Juneau County

**Project Name:** Castle Rock County Campground Area A Renovation

**Grant sub-program:** Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

**Location:** Castle Rock County Park, 22 Ave, Mauston, WI 53948

**Project Description:** The project at Castle Rock County Park will bring new life to a heavily used camping area of the County Park. Funding will be used to replace electrical lines and electrical pedestals to meet code and electrical needs for 90 camp sites. Two handicap accessible campsites will be created. Existing roads will be improved, and campsites will be reestablished. Two original outhouses will be replaced with two new vault toilets to meet ADA standards. A shower building will replace an old, outdated facility. New trees, fire rings and picnic tables will be added to the campground.

**Project Goals:** The Castle Rock County Park Campground project meets goals in the following plans:

- Juneau County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2026
- Juneau County Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Element
- Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2018-2023

**Public Uses:** Castle Rock County Park is open to the public year-round. The Park is situated in a beautiful, wooded area on the 16,000-acre Castle Rock Lake. Camping is available to the public April through November each year. The upgrades to the campground will allow for a variety of camping units. Recreational opportunities available at the park include swimming, boating, fishing, canoeing, play-ground equipment, and camping.

**Ownership and Management:** The park is owned by Juneau County. Juneau County Forestry and Parks Department will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the park and all facilities within the park.

**Timetable:** Anticipated Start Date: 03/01/2023  
Anticipated Completion Date: 06/30/2025

**Project Partners:** The land on which the campground sits was donated to Juneau County by the Town of Germantown and WI River Power Company. Necedah Area Schools dedicate a day each spring where students and staff help at the parks. As part of this renovation project, students will help with the cleanup and over the next several years will plant trees as part of this park renovation. Black Dog recreation will also help with clean up and tree planting. Forestry and Parks Department will partner with the Juneau County Highway Department to complete most of the construction of the project.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

Juneau County	\$ 518,386.00
<u>Proposed WDNR Stewardship Grant</u>	<u>\$ 518,386.00</u>
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,036,772.00</b>

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

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

Date

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*Tim Cooke*  
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Tim Cooke, Administrator, Internal Services Division









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Attachments: Project Location Map  
Project Site Map

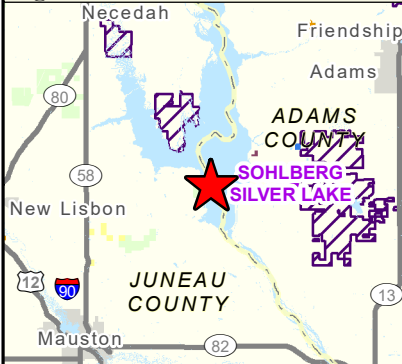
# SADLP6231415 Juneau County - Castle Rock Campground


T16N R4E Secs. 1 and 12  
Town of Germantown  
Juneau County


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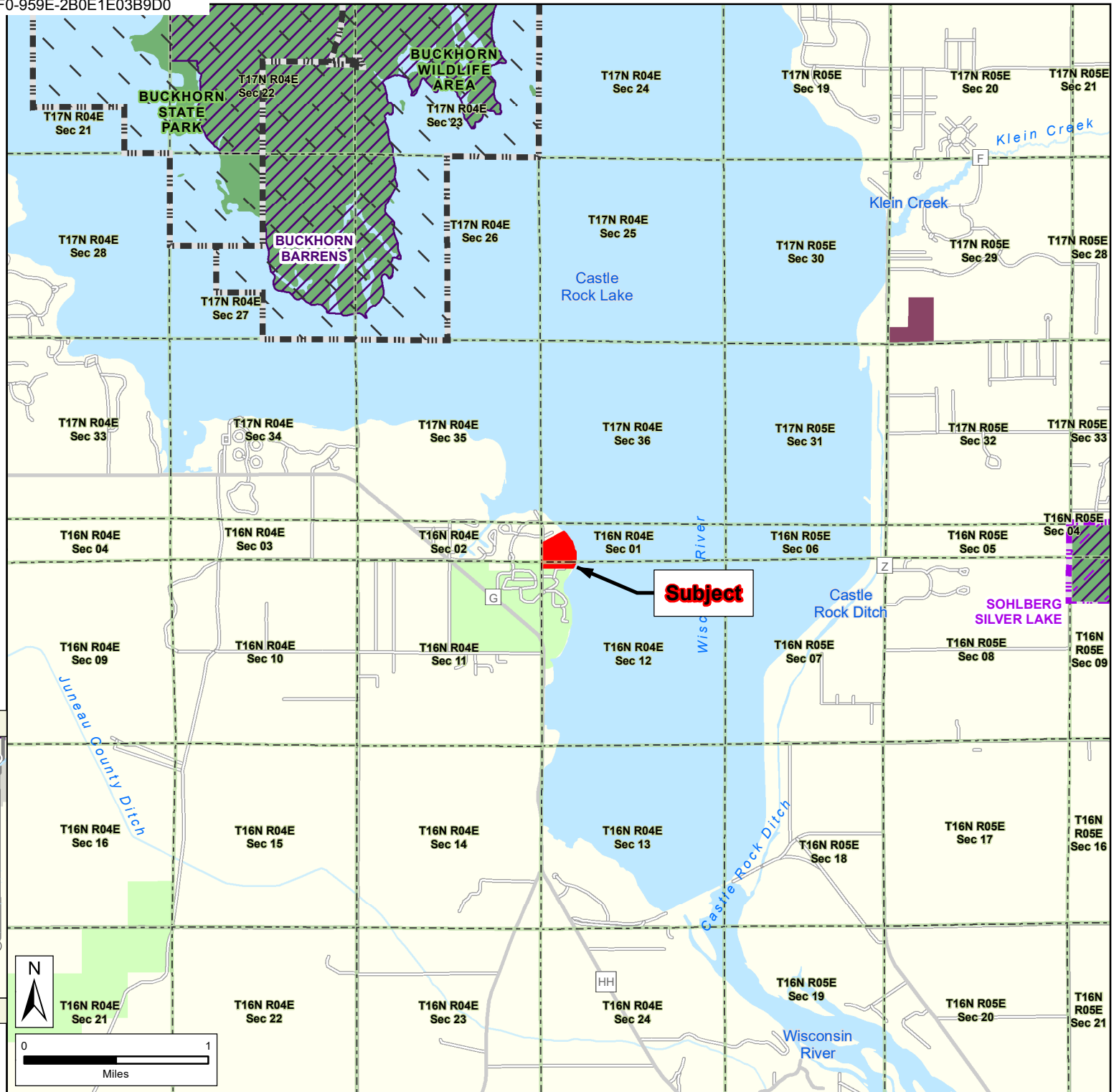
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  State Natural Area Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title
-  DNR Easement
-  Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
-  Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
-  State Natural Area
-  County Forest Lands
-  Section Boundary

### Regional View



 Location of Property

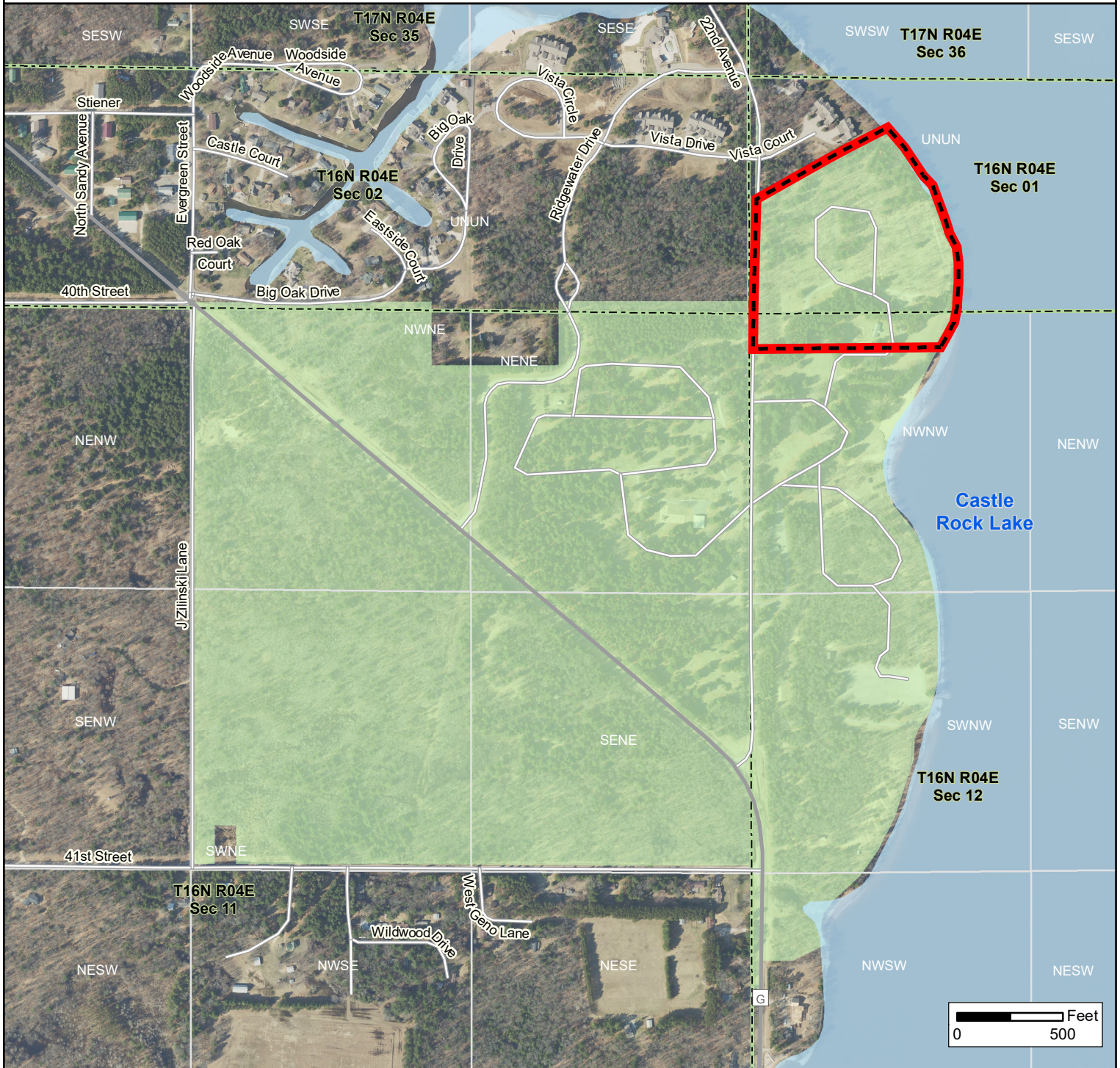
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


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Proposed Stewardship Grant  
Sponsor: Juneau County  
Approximate Total Acreage: 18.5

T16N R4E Secs. 1, 11 and 12  
Town of Germantown  
County: Juneau



 **Subject**

-  County Forest Lands
-  Section Boundary
-  QQ Section Boundary



Oct 17, 2022 *jst*

**Real Estate Section  
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