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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: December 20, 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 December 20, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**, 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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December 14, 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 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 proposed grant represents approximately 50% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is a park and boat launch on the northeastern shore of Green Lake, in the City of Green Lake, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

Deacon Mills Park boat launch is open to the public and includes the following facilities: 2-lane launch, boarding dock, lighted parking area, restrooms, and open space. The renovations proposed by the City of Green Lake will rehabilitate the existing launch ramps and dock that have reached the end of their useful life. This project will also correct current inefficient traffic flow in the launch and parking areas; address stormwater concerns; add more ADA parking spaces; and create a boat preparation/staging area to help accommodate the high volume of boaters currently using this facility.

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

cc: Dave Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division  
Jean Romback-Bartels, Secretary Director, NER  
Jim Ritchie, Director, Community Financial Assistance  
Roberta Winebar, Recreational Boating Grant Program Manager  
Jessica Terrien, RBF Grant Project Manager, NER

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 14, 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 GREEN LAKE, GREEK LAKE 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 \$308,500 to the City of Green Lake, for the renovation of the Deacon Mills 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 Green Lake

**Project Name:** Deacon Mills Park Boat Launch Improvements

**Grant sub-program:** Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)

**Location:** 491 South Street, City of Greek Lake, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

**Project Description:** The City of Green Lake proposes to reconstruct the aging boat launch at Deacon Mills Park. This project includes reinforcing the launch with concrete, adding riprap for shoreline protection, replacing the current boarding dock with a new floating boarding dock, correcting current stormwater issues, and improving traffic circulation and parking by reconfiguring the parking area and adding a boat preparation/staging area. This investment will improve the overall viability of the launch and park area, resulting in increased use of the launch facilities thus contributing to the local economy by continuing to provide high quality public access on Green Lake.

**Project Goals:** The City of Green Lake, Deacon Mills Park Boat Launch project meets the following goals:

- Corrects traffic flow and safety concerns caused by the bottleneck issues resulting from lack of space in the boat launch area.
- Enhances water accessibility for all with upgrades to the aging launch ramp and replacement of a boarding dock.
- Improves stormwater management/control/filtration to limit runoff impacts to Green Lake.
- Implements the recommendation for boat launch and park enhancement identified in the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

**Public Uses:** The park and boat launch are available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year, for boating, shoreline water access, and picnicking. The facilities will remain open during construction, taking safety into consideration for the public. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons of use. All components of this project will meet ADA standards.

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



**Timetable:** Construction will begin in early Fall of 2023 and be completed by Spring 2024. This timeline was created to minimize the impact to the boating community.


**Partnerships:**

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

**II. PROJECT FINANCES: (List all)**

City of Green Lake contribution	\$ 308,500.00
<u>DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant requested</u>	<u>\$ 308,500.00</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 617,000.00

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

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Jim Ritchie, Director  
Bureau of Community Financial Assistance  
Date

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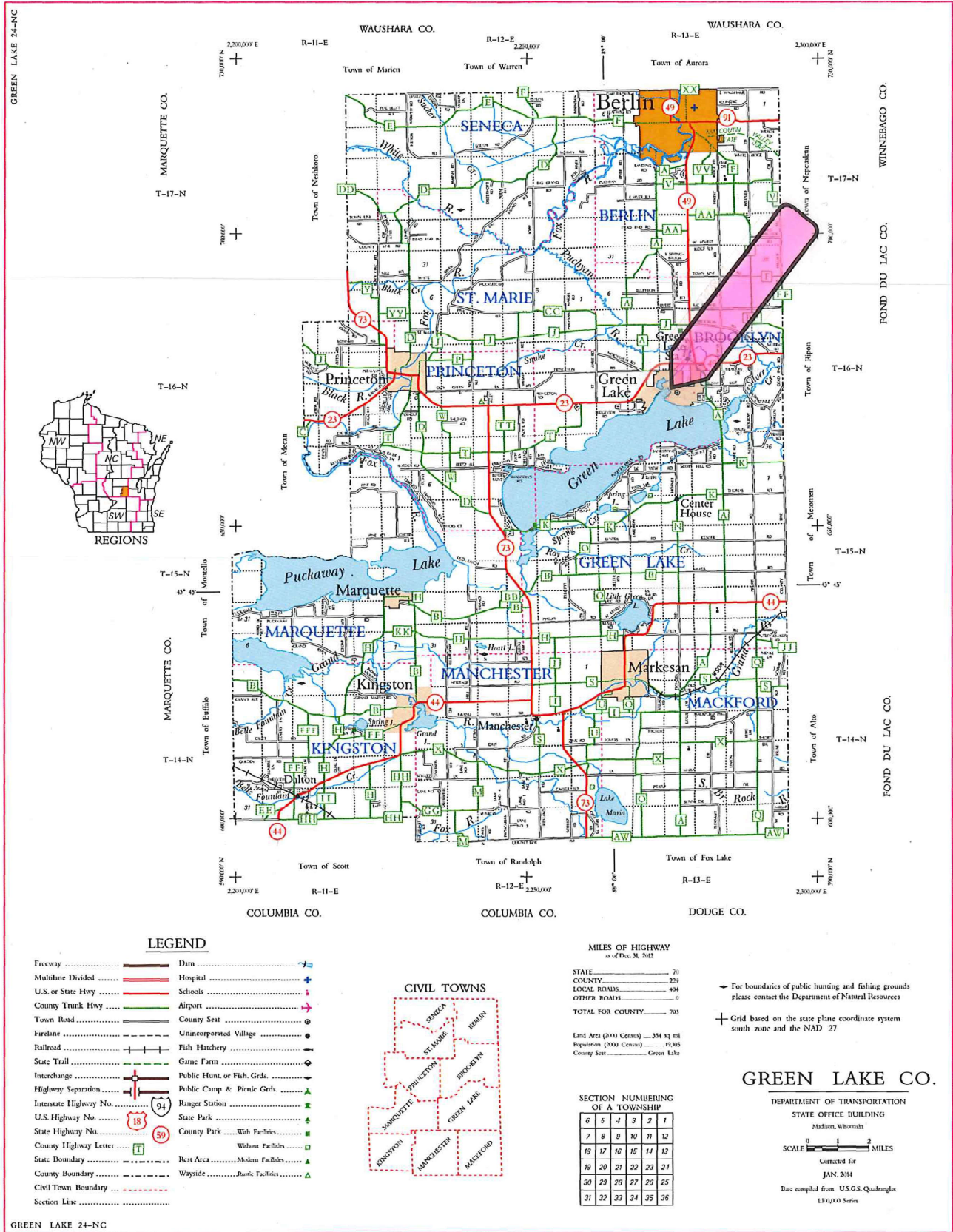
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David Seibert, Administrator  
External Services Division  
Date

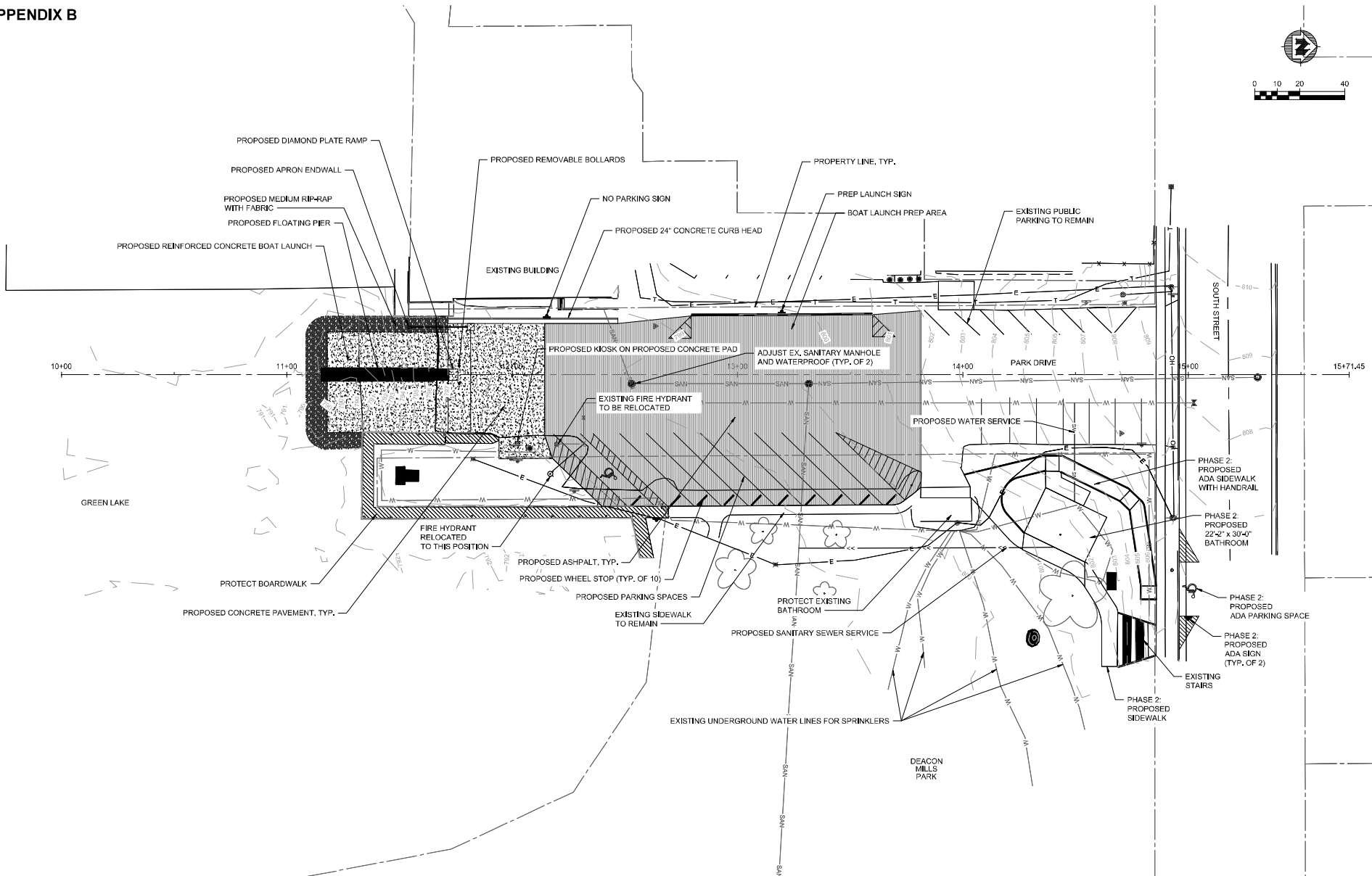
**Attachments: (List all)**

- Appendix A – Project Location map
- Appendix B – Conceptual site plan
- Appendix C – Current photos, if any

# APPENDIX A



APPENDIX B



PROJECT DATE	DRAWN BY	NO.	DATE	REVISION	BY
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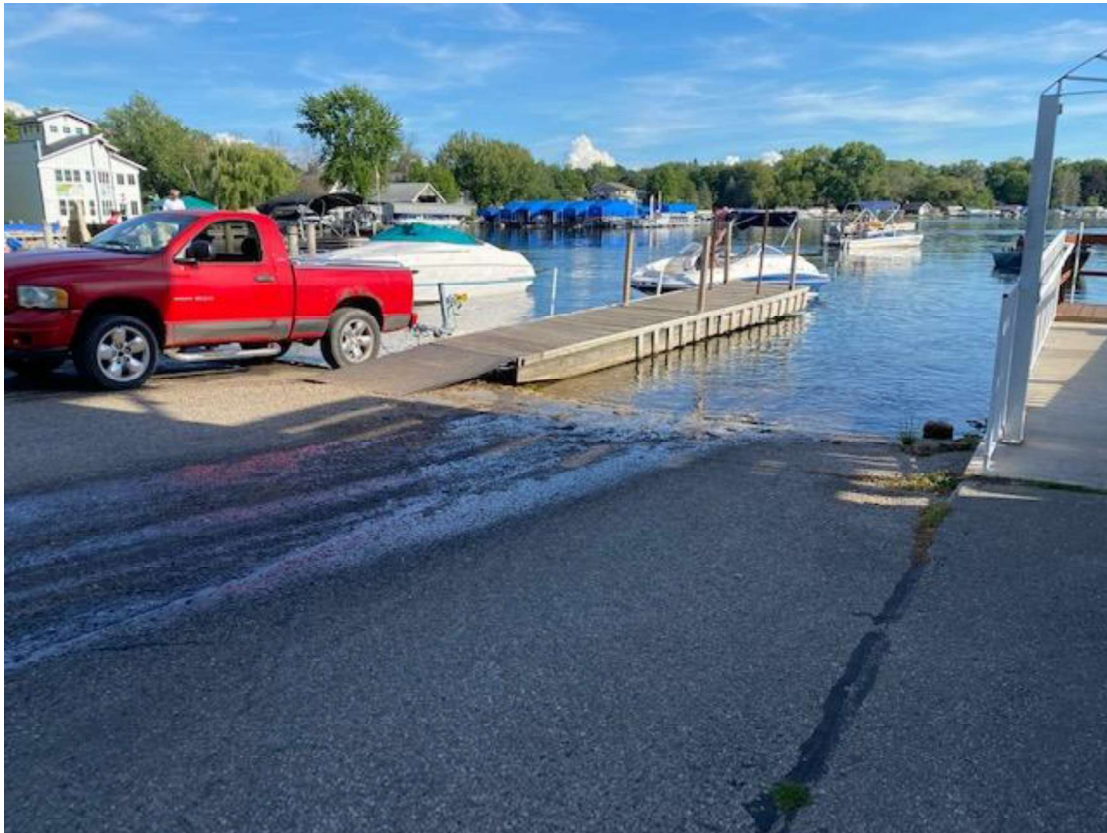
PARK DRIVE BOAT LAUNCH  
 CITY OF GREEN LAKE  
 GREEN LAKE COUNTY, WI

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

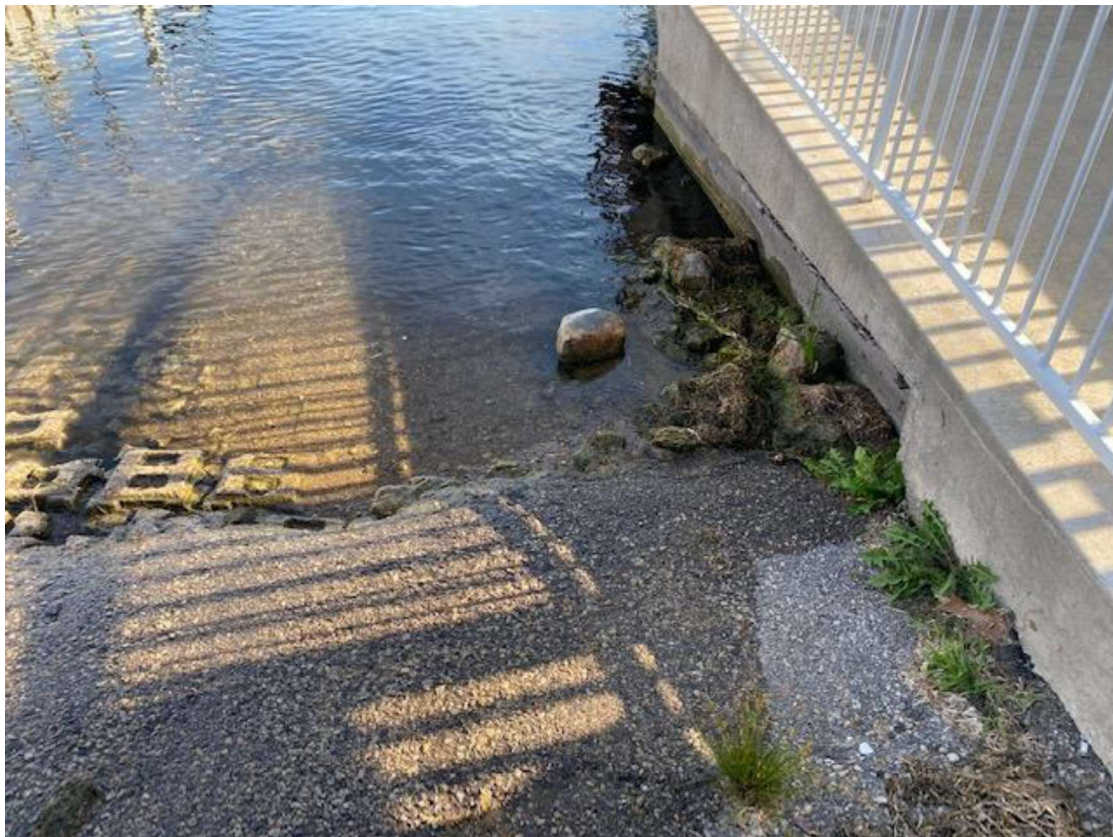
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APPENDIX C



Existing boat launch to be reconstructed, floating dock to be replaced.

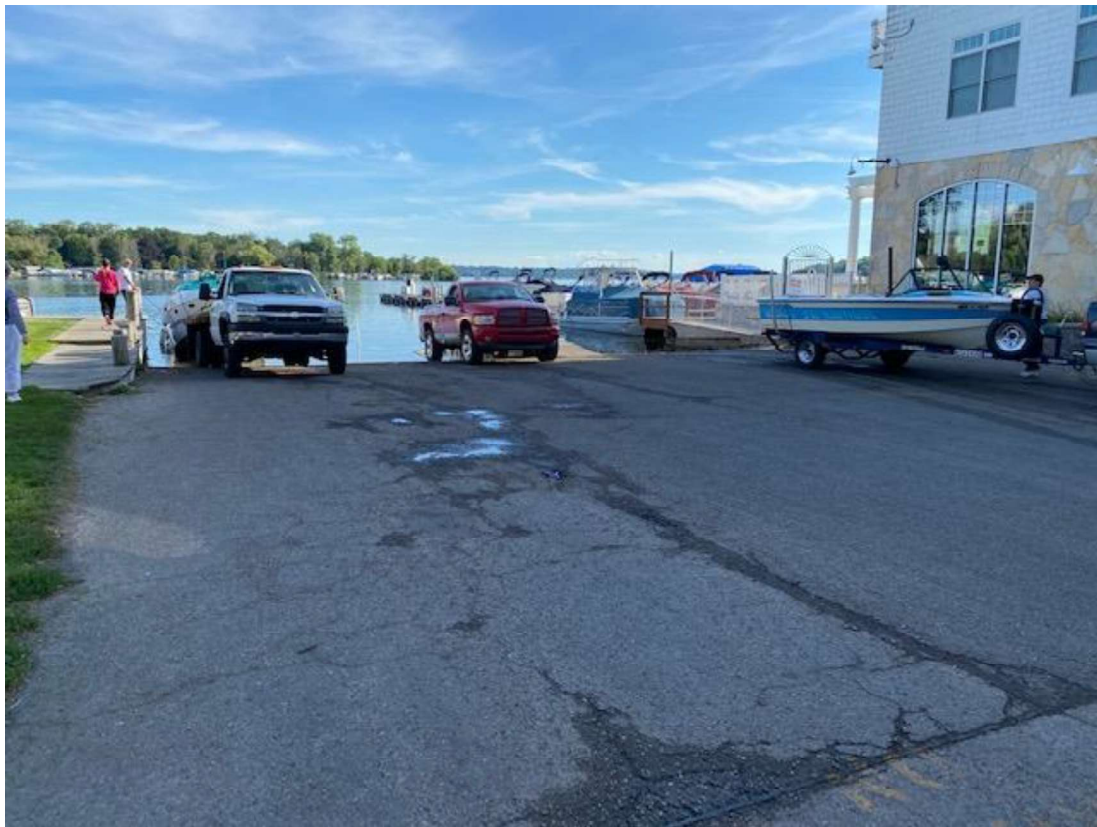


Existing conditions – crumbling and heaved asphalt meeting underwater cinderblock ramp. Reconstruction will provide safe/ramped concrete surface for access.





Existing conditions – eroding cinderblock launch.



Existing turn around area for boat launch. Raveling asphalt approach and offset boat launch.





Existing boat launch and non-ADA compliant boarding dock that is offset on the launch, causing confusion and congestion.