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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: January 12, 2023

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 January 12, 2023.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Wednesday, February 1, 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 28, 2022

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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair  
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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 Kenosha for the Horizon Park development project. The proposed grant award of \$400,000 is 45.8% of the estimated project cost.

Horizon Park is located in a well-established neighborhood close to the I-94 corridor. The proposed improvements include construction of a trailhead, shelter and restroom building and establishment of a trail network to connect to trails in the adjacent public owned land.

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

- Comprehensive Plan for the City of Kenosha: 2035
- Kenosha 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,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Sarah Barry

Deputy Secretary

cc: Dave Siebert, Administrator, External Services Division  
Mike Thompson, Secretary Director, SER  
Pam Rood, Stewardship Grant Program Manager  
Sara deBruijn, Stewardship Grant Project Manager, SER

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 28, 2022

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

**FROM:** Sarah Barry, Deputy Secretary

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

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 \$400,000 to the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, for the development project at Horizon Park. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of Kenosha

**Project Name:** Horizon Park Development

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

**County:** Kenosha

**Location:** 6598 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142

**Project Description:** The primary purpose of this project is to make improvements to Horizon Park to provide trailhead facilities for users and establish a trail network. The funds will be used to construct a new shelter and restroom building to be used as a trailhead facility. In addition, the city will be adding a trail network throughout the park connecting to existing trails in the wooded area of the park. The Des Plaines River tributary creek runs through the wooded area of the park where there are currently nature trails. The city plans to replace multiple pedestrian bridges currently in place over the creek that are deteriorating.

The city has recently updated its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP 2021-2026) to include a master plan for the park. The proposed Horizon Park project meets multiple goals outlined in the plan.

Horizon Park abuts several public conservancy lands. By formalizing a trail network in this location, residents near Horizon Park will have trails to use for recreation as well as be able to travel via foot or bicycle to the commercial area on 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. It also allows residents, students, and visitors a formal opportunity to experience the conservancy area that includes woodlands and wetlands.

**Background:** Horizon Park is located within an established residential and commercial area adjacent to the I-94/41 corridor in the City of Kenosha. The park currently features sparse amenities with vast open green space gradually sloping into a wooded area. The wooded area hosts a small network of nature trails with pedestrian bridges over the Des Plaines River tributary creek. The park and open space area currently provides a small open-air shelter, playground, and baseball field. Further development of this

park is supported by the neighborhood Homeowner Association and several of the local commercial businesses adjacent to the park. This park development project has been in the planning stages for years and is well supported by the neighborhood.

**Project Goals:** The City of Kenosha project meets goals in the following plans:

- Kenosha Comprehensive Plan
- Kenosha Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2021-2026

**Public Uses:** Hiking, cross-county skiing, biking, playground/playfield/intensive recreational area, picnic area, snowshoeing, nature study, wildlife observation, photography, and running.

**Ownership & Management:** Site is owned by the City of Kenosha. 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 Kenosha
- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources: Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

Proposed FY23 WDNR Stewardship Grant	\$	400,000
City of Kenosha	\$	472,226
Project Total	\$	872,226

**III. RECOMMENDED:**


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Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands Date

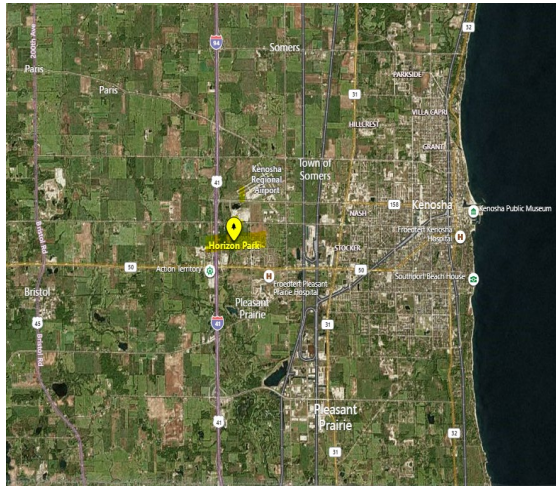

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Tim Cooke, Administrator, Division of Internal Services Date

Attachments: Project Maps

# Horizon Park City of Kenosha Kenosha County Location Map



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- LEGEND**
- \* 1 Existing Ballfield
  - \* 2 Playground
  - 3 Picnic Area
  - 4 Shelter with Restrooms
  - \* 5 Splashpad
  - \* 6 Playground
  - \* 7 Fitness Area
  - 8 Park Trails
  - 9 Woodland Pathways
  - \* 10 Existing Playground
- \* not included in grant project**

**CHARACTER IMAGES**



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Project Name: **HORIZON PARK**  
**KENOSHA, WI**  
 Sheet Title: **CONCEPT PLAN**

Revisions:

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