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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: November 27, 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 November 27, 2023.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Thursday, December 14, 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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November 17, 2023

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), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed development grant to the City of Ripon for the Selfridge Park Improvements project using Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant funds in the amount of \$418,420. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total project costs. This parcel is located in the City of Ripon, Fond du Lac County.

The proposed project will be improving Selfridge Park with the development of a multi-use path, kayak launch, pond overlook area, fishing pier and the redevelopment of the existing parking lot.

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 the submission of the application, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Steven Little
Deputy Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2023
TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance
FROM: Steven Little, Deputy Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of stewardship development grant exceeding \$250,000

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 Program grant in the amount of \$418,420 to the City of Ripon for the Selfridge Park Improvements development project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Ripon

Grant Subprograms: Stewardship Local Assistance; Acquisition and Development of Local Parks and Urban Rivers

Location: Selfridge Park is located in the City of Ripon, Fond du Lac County.

Project Description: The proposed project will redevelop the existing gravel parking lot into an asphalt parking area, develop a 10' wide park perimeter multi-use path to include the Gothic Millpond overlook, and install a kayak launch and fishing pier. Selfridge Park currently has limited shoreline development on the millpond, which is the only public water access site in the City of Ripon. The development of these new amenities will enhance the overall park user experience. A location map and conceptual site plan for this project can be found in Appendix A.

Public Benefit: The perimeter trail, overlook area, kayak launch, and fishing pier will be fully accessible to all abilities to enjoy the shoreline and provides greater water access that is currently lacking in the park. This project will help the city achieve improved public access to the only waterbody within the municipality in a safe and inclusive manner.

Coordination with recreational planning: This project will advance the purposes of the Stewardship Local Assistance, Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) and Urban Rivers (UR) grant programs and objectives of local and regional recreation planning efforts. Specifically, the project is supported in the City of Ripon Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2023-28). Per the purposes of the Stewardship ADLP and UR grant programs, the park improvements will provide new public nature-based outdoor recreation facilities, enhance public water access, and implement recommendations from the City of Ripon Parks Master Plan, Year 2030 Regional Comprehensive Plan, Ripon Main Street Analysis and the City of Ripon 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Public Access: Selfridge Park will be available to the public from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year. Users will be able to walk, jog, run, bike, inline skate, and snowshoe on the perimeter trail, launch canoes and kayaks onto the Gothic Millpond, and participate in wildlife viewing and fishing once the project is completed. These activities will enhance the existing park facilities that include restrooms with a small shelter area, playground, and small skate park area.


Property Management: Selfridge Park will be operated and maintained by the City of Ripon. The project will be designed and constructed to reduce future maintenance costs and the City plans to utilize their park fund to perform long-term maintenance.

Timetable: Construction is scheduled to begin spring of 2024 and is estimated to be completed and fully open to the public by fall 2024.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Total project costs	\$836,840.00
Sponsor match	<u>\$418,420.00</u>
Proposed Stewardship grant	\$418,420.00 (50%)

III. RECOMMENDED:

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Terry H. Bay, Director
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands

Date

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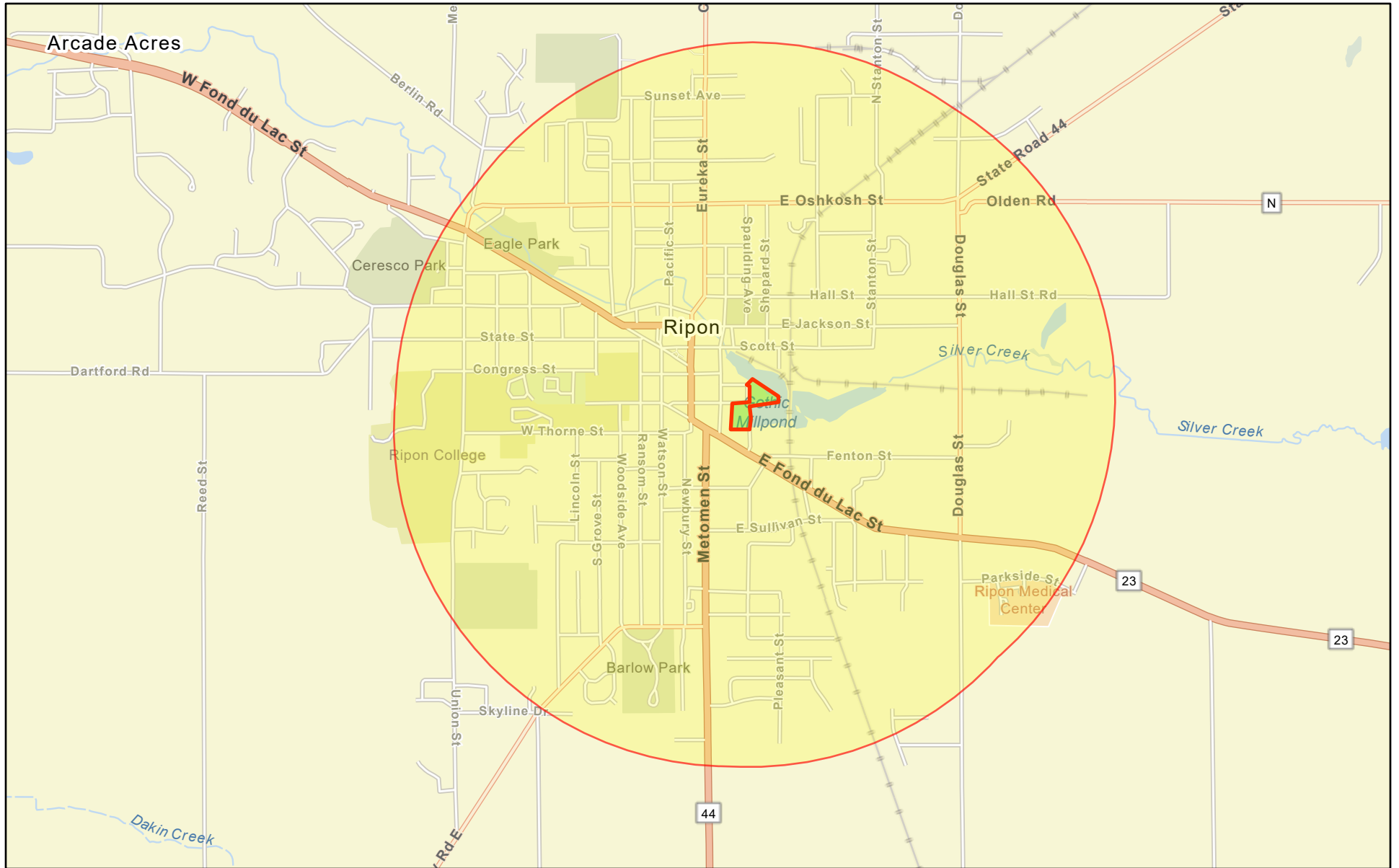
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Tim Cooke, Administrator
 Division of Internal Services

Date

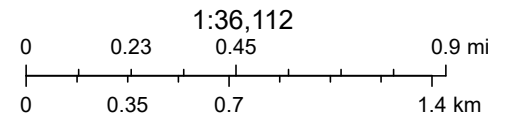
Attachments: Appendix A – Location Map and Conceptual Site Plan

Selfridge Park-Ripon



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 Selfridge Park



Selfridge Park Master Plan

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LEGEND

- Park Boundary
- Light Pole

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