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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: January 24, 2024

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 24, 2024.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Monday, February 12, 2024**, 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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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:

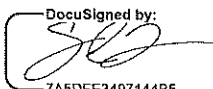
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed development grant to City of Wauwatosa for the 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park using grant funds in the amount of \$318,750.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total project costs. This parcel is located in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County.

The proposed project will construct a public restroom and include associated utilities. In addition, path lighting will be installed and site furnishings, wayfinding signage and a drinking fountain will be added to the newly developed 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Steven Little  
Deputy Secretary

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM****DATE:** 1/22/2024**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 \$318,750.00 to City of Wauwatosa for the 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park development project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:****Project Sponsor:** City of Wauwatosa**Grant Subprogram:** Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)**Location:** 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park is located in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County.

**Project Description:** The proposed project will construct a public restroom and associated utilities, path lighting and site furnishings, wayfinding signage and a drinking fountain at the newly developed 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The restroom will be a prefabricated structure with high quality, low maintenance finishes. The restroom will be fully accessible and include an adult changing station. A map and conceptual site plan for this project are attached.

**Public Benefit:** As a city park, the public will have access to the site 365 days per year during park operating hours will be 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be dedicated street parking along 116<sup>th</sup> Street and Gilbert Ave. and will include handicapped parking stalls. New sidewalks will be installed to aid in pedestrian access from the surrounding neighborhoods. The city is focused on providing uses that fill gaps in their current recreational offerings. The park design emphasizes a community hub comprised of accessible and multi-generational play, picnic pavilion, restroom, nature-based play, and storm water management educational programming. From the community hub trails and walkways will allow park visitors to explore passive elements such as woodlands, wetlands, and a great lawn. The design also includes a sledding hill for residents to use during the winter months.

**Coordination with recreational planning:** This project will advance the purposes of the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks grant program and objectives of local and regional recreation planning efforts by:

- providing new public nature-based outdoor recreation facilities.
- Implementing recommendations from the City of Wauwatosa Active Tosa Plan:
  - Goal 1 Boost Participation - By developing a new park, the City is expanding recreation facilities to meet the demand of a growing population and emphasizing multi-generational opportunities to encourage more residents to participate in outdoor recreation, particularly as they age.
  - Goal 2 Grow Partnerships - By partnering with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the City of Wauwatosa Tourism Commission the project is

cultivating collaboration between outdoor recreation groups and non-traditional partners.

**Public Access:** The 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park will be available to the public from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year. Users will be able to enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities where there currently isn't a local park.

**Property Management:** 116<sup>th</sup> Street Park will be operated and maintained by the City of Wauwatosa.

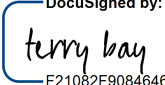
**Timetable:** Construction will begin March 2024. The project will be completed and fully open to the public by May 2025.

**Partnerships:** The Department of Natural Resources is a partner on this element of the park development project. The larger overall park development project includes partnerships with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District – Fresh Coast Green and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District – Green Solutions Program.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| City of Wauwatosa – ARPA funds | \$318,750.00              |
| Proposed Stewardship grant     | <u>\$318,750.00</u> (50%) |
| Total project costs            | \$637,500.00              |

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

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Terry H. Bay, Director  
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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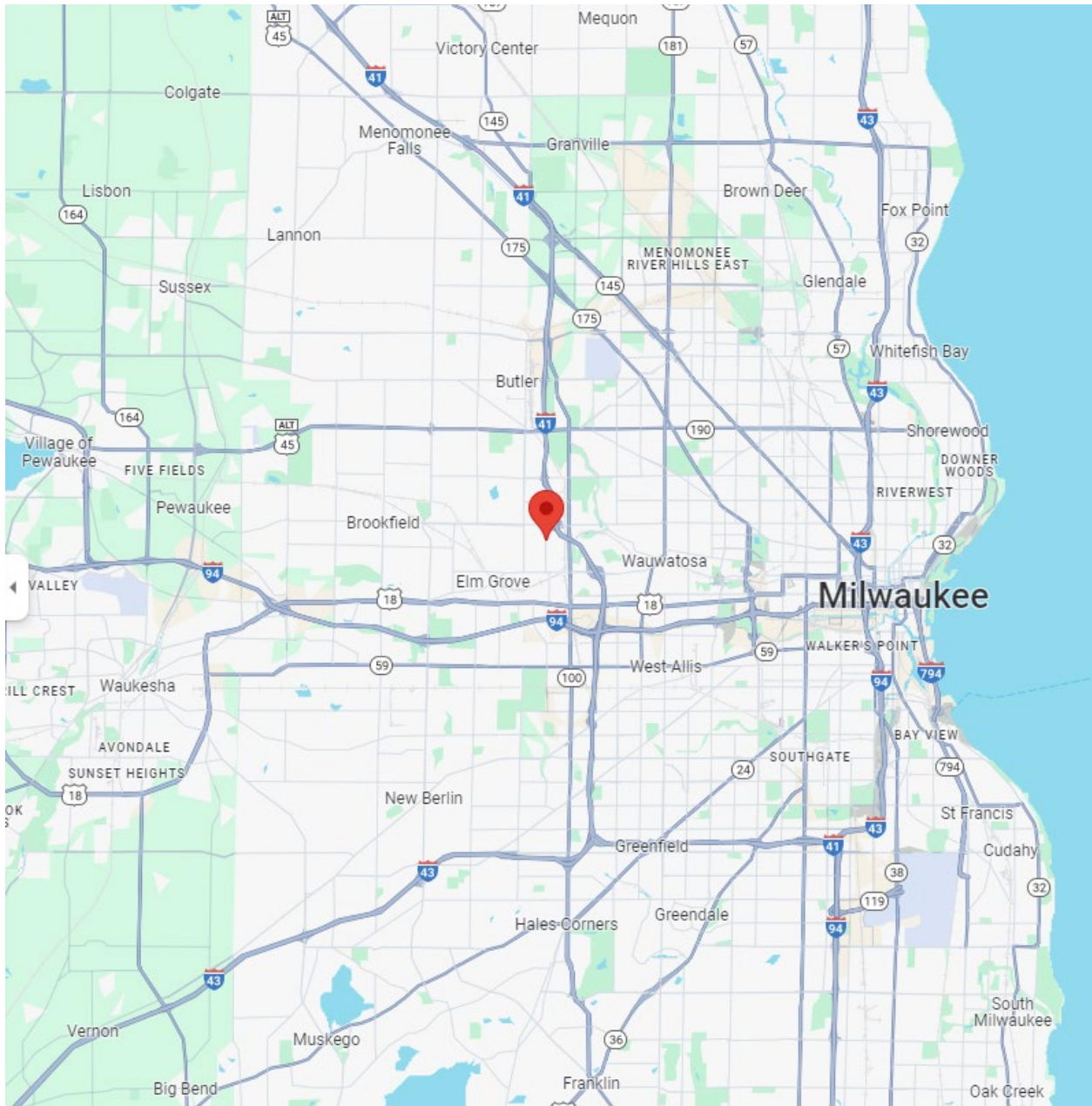
Tim Cooke, Administrator  
 Division of Internal Services

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Date

Attachments: Appendix A – Location Map and Conceptual Site Plan

**Appendix A – Location Map – 116<sup>th</sup> St. Park – City of Wauwatosa**





9509 116TH STREET PARK  
April 24, 2023 | WDNR Grant Materials



# SITE PLAN



## LEGEND: PHASE 1

- 1 14'W Primary Multi-Modal Path
- 2 7'W Secondary Pedestrian Path
- 3 Restroom Facility
- 4 Enhanced Wetlands
- 5 Boardwalk Crossing
- 6 Great Lawn
- 7 Restored Tree Canopy
- 8 All-Ages Play Area
- 9 Nature Play Area
- 10 Pump Track
- 11 Art Walk
- 12 Solar Array



Scale: 1"=150'  
0'-0" 75'-0" 150'-0" 300'-0"