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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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January 19, 2024

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 Price County for the Solberg Lake Park Expansion project using grant funds in the amount of \$256,115 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents approximately 27% of the estimated total project costs. This parcel is located in the Town of Worcester, Price County.

The proposed project will add 40 additional campsites with utilities as well as new road infrastructure and a vault toilet facility to support these sites. Additionally, the project will improve existing trails and install a fishing pier in the existing park area.

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,

DocuSigned by:

Steven Little
Deputy Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 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 \$256,115 to Price County for the Solberg Lake Park Expansion development project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Price County

Grant Subprogram: Stewardship Local Assistance, Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

Location: Solberg Lake Park is located in the Town of Worcester, Price County.

Project Description: The project will add 40 additional campsites with utilities as well as new road infrastructure and a vault toilet facility to support these sites. Additionally, the project will improve existing trails and install a fishing pier in the existing park area. A map and conceptual site plan for this project is attached.

Public Benefit: Solberg Lake Park provides camping and recreation opportunities year-round. It is a popular destination for the area, but the existing sites are small and hard to access for larger camper trailers. This expansion will provide additional sites in an easy-to-access layout as well as road and facility support for the new sites. The project will also improve the surface of existing walking trails to make them ADA accessible. It will also install an accessible fishing pier to improve fishing access to Solberg Lake.

Coordination with recreational planning: This project will advance the purposes of the Stewardship Local Assistance, Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) grant program and objectives of local and regional recreation planning efforts. Specifically, the project is supported in the Price County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2022-27). Per the purposes of the Stewardship ADLP grant program, the park expansion will provide a new public nature-based outdoor recreation facility, enhance public access to the existing park area, and implement recommendations from both County and Town recreation objectives.

Public Access: The Solberg Lake Park Expansion will be available to the public year-round, seven days a week, 365 days per year. Users will be able to have access to all park amenities supporting camping, hiking, biking, picnicking, skiing, and fishing. Price County is also developing a new ATV trail to connect the park to the county's ATV trail system. The county has received motorized grant funds to help fund both the new trail development and the park expansion.

Property Management: Price County operates and maintains Solberg Lake Park, though they do have agreements with local clubs for trail maintenance and grooming of ski trails.

Timetable: Construction is scheduled to begin spring of 2024 and the expansion is estimated to be completed and fully open to the public by summer 2026.

Partnerships: The Town of Worcester has offered to assist Price County with the construction of the project by providing staff and equipment.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Motorized grant funds	\$160,140
Price County match	\$527,377
Proposed Stewardship grant	<u>\$256,115 (27%)</u>
Total project costs	\$943,632

III. RECOMMENDED:

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Terry Bay, Director
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

Date

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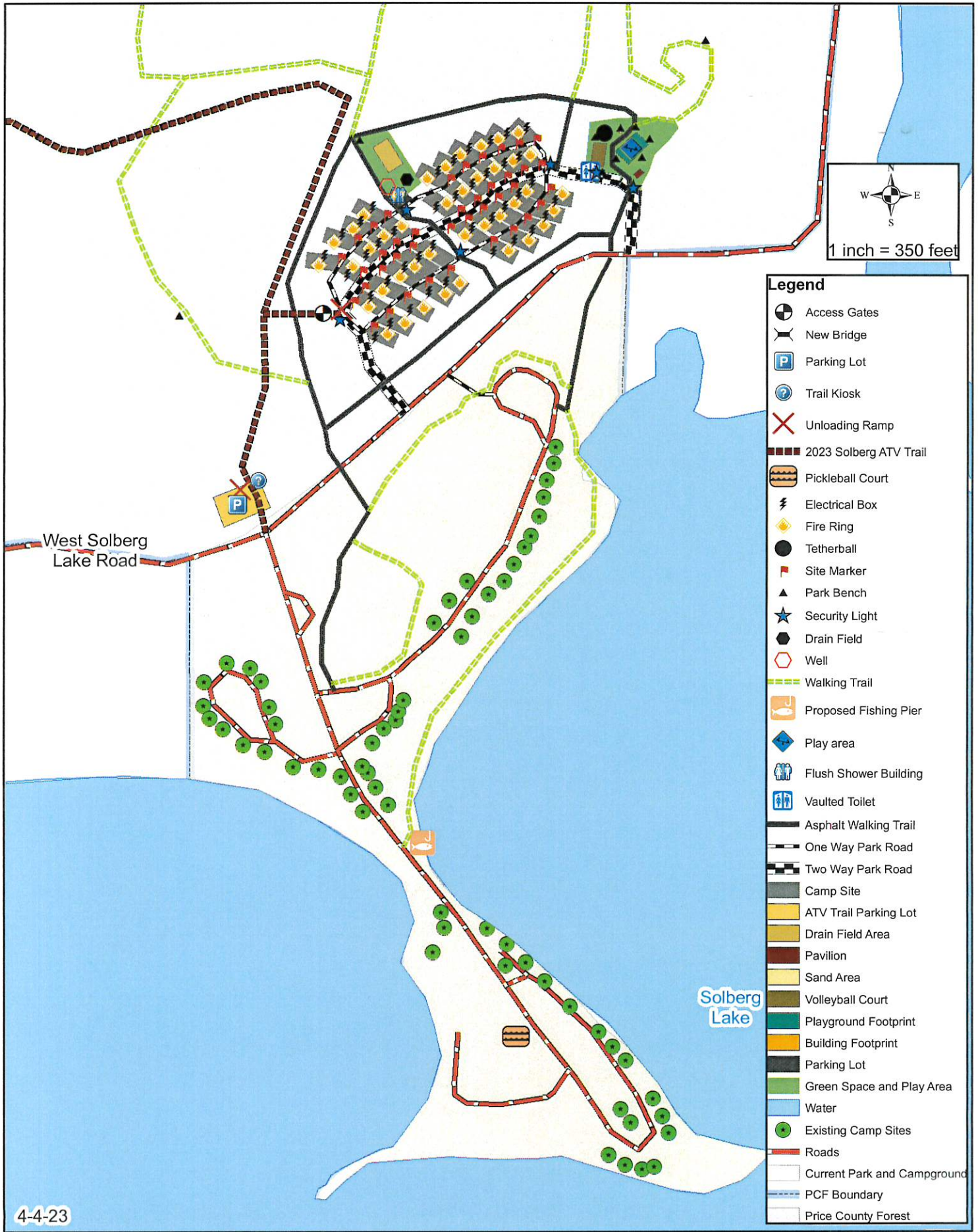
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Division of Internal Services

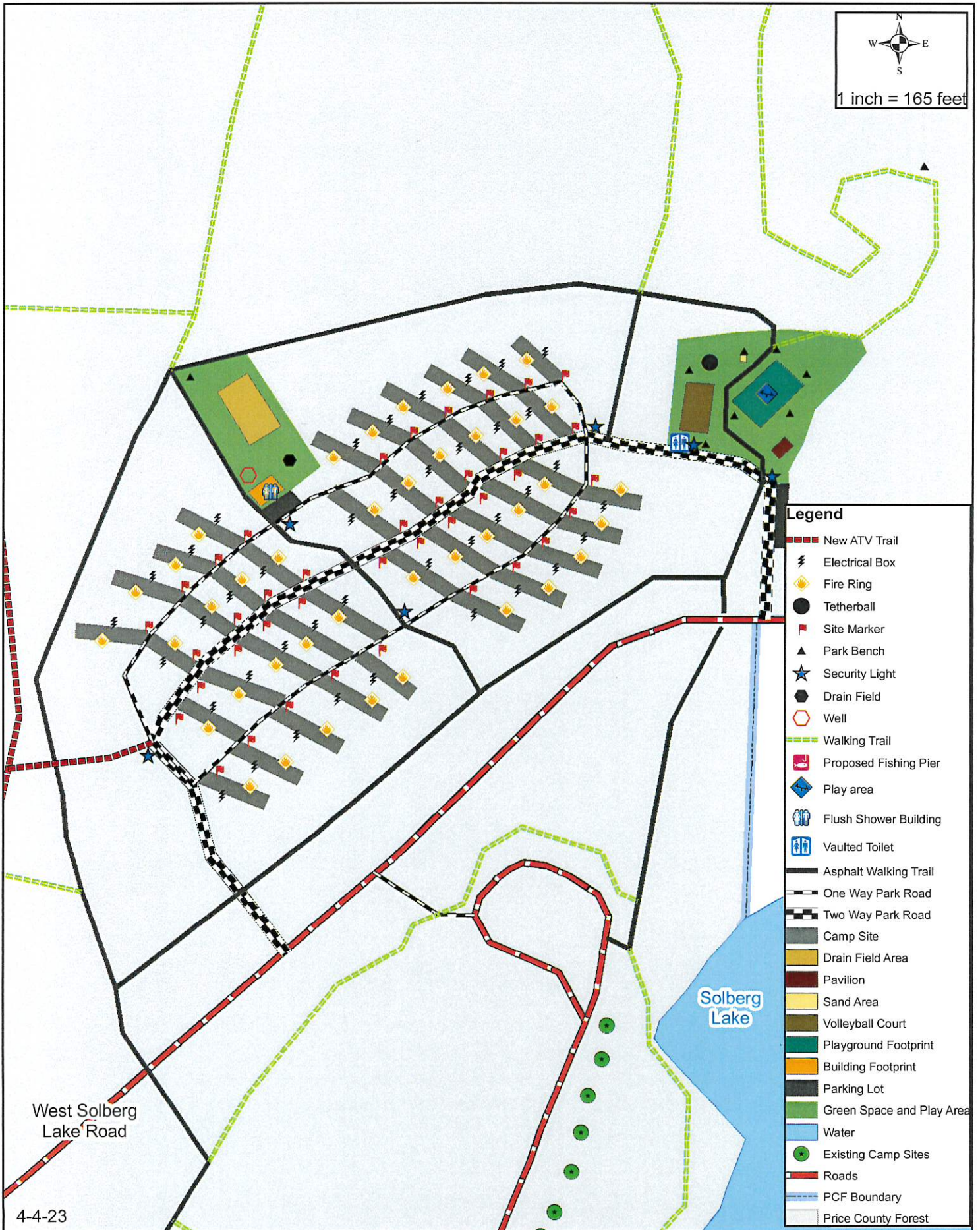
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Attachments: Appendix A-1 & A-2 – Conceptual site plan
Appendix B – Location map

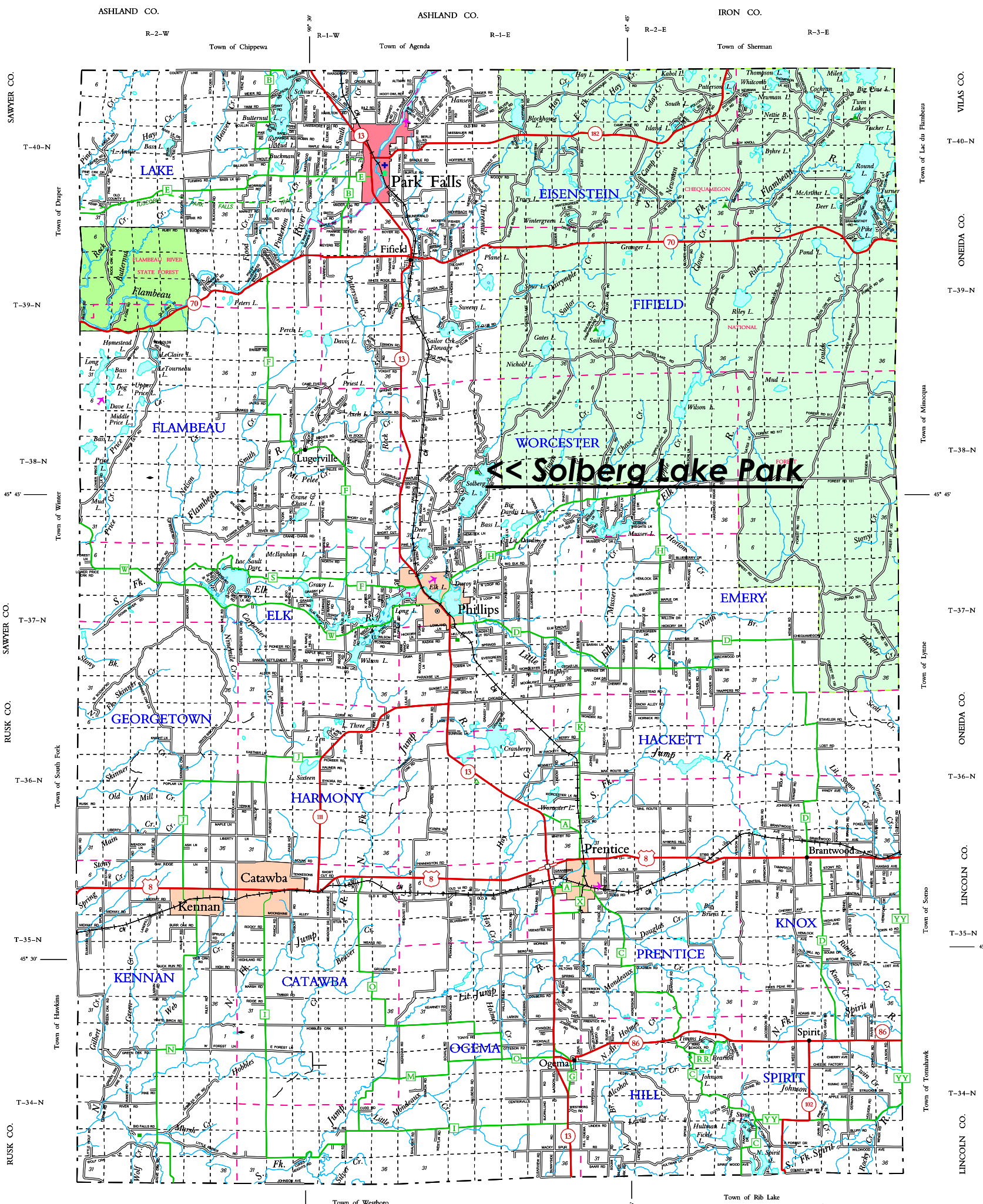
Solberg Lake County Park & Campground Expansion



Solberg Lake Campground Expansion

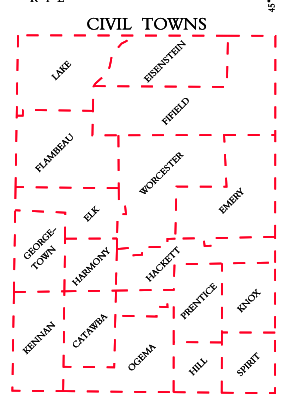
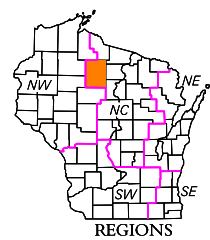


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LEGEND

- Freeway
- Multilane Divided
- U.S. or State Hwy
- County Trunk Hwy
- Town Road
- Firelane
- Railroad
- State Trail
- Interchange
- Highway Separation
- Interstate Highway No.
- U.S. Highway No.
- State Highway No.
- County Highway Letter
- Dam
- Hospital
- Airport
- County Seat
- Unincorporated Village
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Civil Town Boundary
- Section Line
- Fish Hatchery
- Game Farm
- Public Hunt or Fish Grds.
- Public Camp & Picnic Grds.
- Ranger Station
- State Park
- County Park
- Without Facilities
- Rest Area
- Modern Facilities
- Wayside
- Rustic Facilities



SECTION NUMBERING OF A TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

MILES OF HIGHWAY as of Dec. 31, 2019

STATE	155
COUNTY	220
LOCAL ROADS	955
OTHER ROADS	13
TOTAL FOR COUNTY	1443

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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 Madison, Wisconsin
 SCALE 0 1 2 MILES
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