

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2022
TO: WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND EXPO CENTER
RE: GRUNDMAN BOAT LANDING IMPROVMENTS/RENOVATION – PROJECT REQUEST

General Description: The Winnebago County Parks Department is requesting funds to construct the Grundman Boat Landing capital project that is listed within the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

Requested Action:

Authorize the Winnebago County Parks Department to execute the Grundman Boat Landing improvement and renovation project in the amount of \$1,791,500 with Winnebago County providing \$548,187.50 to be funded with either a transfer from the undesignated general fund balance, or with a subsequent bond issue.

Procedural Steps:

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 8/22/22
Action taken:	Vote: 5-0
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting Date: 9/1/22
Action Taken	Vote: 5-0
County Board	Meeting Date: 9/20/22
Action Taken	Vote:

Background:

Beginning in December of 2020, the Parks Department began the master plan process for the Grundman Boat Landing. A community wide survey and public input session was held in 2021. Then in early 2021 the final concept and probable cost estimate was designed and finalized. The master plan and final concept plan for the Grundman Boat Landing were aimed at solving several issues. These issues are included below.

Number of Parking Spaces and Staging Areas – The current parking situation is insufficient. There are many days throughout the season where the parking lot is full and users are required to park on Grundman Lane or undesignated parking spots. There is also not a lot of room for staging or cleaning off your boat without being in the way of other users or blocking parking/launching spaces.

Boat Launch Space – Additional boating launches will be needed with the expansion of the parking area. The breakwater will be expanded to accommodate the extra launch space and floating dock.

Safety – The current layout makes it unsafe for users to retrieve their boat. Some parking spaces require users to back up as far as 550 feet in order to retrieve their boat from the landing. This is an unsafe maneuver.

Security – Improved and better lighting is needed in order to keep the area visible and safe for users and the neighboring homes. A security camera system will be considered with this project as well.

Bathroom Facility – Due to the amount of use at this landing, the parks department feels a bathroom facility is needed similar to the Black Wolf Boat Landing.

Additional Improvements and Users – This county parks property should be utilized for all users. Adding an ADA Kayak Launch, small shelter, floating dock, and enhanced walking trail will enhance this park property for all users. The goal for all of our park areas should be to increase access and to be as equitable as possible for all of Winnebago Counties residents.

In 2021, the Parks Department received a \$400,000 grant from the Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Trustee Council. The County Board approved \$185,000 for engineering, design, and permitting services in February of 2021. Then in August of 2022 the Parks Department was awarded an \$843,312.50 grant from the WI DNR Recreational Boating Fund grant. The goal would be to finalize designs over the next few months and release the project for public bidding in December of 2021 or January of 2022. The plan would be for construction to begin in the spring of 2022 and finish in July.

Project To-Date Timeline

- December 2020 – January 2021 – Public Input Survey was Conducted
- January 25, 2021 – Parks Department hosted a Public Input Session
- February 2021 – Finalized Master Plan and Cost Estimate for the Grundman Boat Landing
- Throughout 2021 – The Parks and Recreation Committee Discussed and Prioritized the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan
- December 2021 – NRDA Approved a Grant for Winnebago County in the Amount of \$400,000
- February 2022 – Winnebago County Board approved \$185,000 for planning, design, and permitting of the Grundman Boat Landing.
- June 2022 – Parks Department staff submitted permitting and a grant request to the WI DNR.
- August 2022 – Parks Department was preliminarily awarded a grant from the WI DNR in the amount of \$843.312.50

Proposed Project Timeline

- October 2022 – WI State Joint Finance Committee Passive Review of Grant
- September - January 2022 - Final Engineering, Create Bid Documents, and release project for bids.
- Spring/Summer 2023 - Construction

Project Budget

EXPENSE

Planning, Design, and Permitting -	\$185,000 (ALREADY APPROVED FUNDS)
Construction -	\$1,791,500
TOTAL -	\$1,976,500

FUNDING SOURCES

NRDA GRANT -	\$400,000 (SECURED FUNDING NOV 2021)
WI DNR GRANT REQUEST -	\$843,312.50
COUNTY ENGINEERING -	\$185,000 (ALREADY APPROVED FUNDS)
COUNTY CONSTRUCTION -	\$548,187.50
TOTAL -	\$1,976,500**

**In total the County is paying for 37% of the project. 63% of the project are coming from grants.

Attachments:

- Concept Design for the Grundman Boat Landing
- Opinion of Probable Construction Costs – GRAEF Engineering
- \$400,000 Grant Award Notice from the NRDA
- WI DNR Grant Project Rankings