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IP-SC-2023-13-03983

City of Stoughton
Attn: Dan Glynn
207 South Forest Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
[sent electronically]

Dear Mr. Glynn:

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR permit application to place a Miscellaneous structure on the bed of the Yahara River in Dane County. Your application has reached its date of closure and is considered complete. Wisconsin law (chapters 30 and 281, Wisconsin Statutes) requires that the public be allowed an opportunity to comment on projects like yours. The next step in the individual permit review process is a Notice of Pending Application (NoPA) letter and public comment period. In addition, a public informational meeting is requested for this process.

The Department has scheduled a public informational meeting on your proposal for Tuesday December 14th at 5pm CST. The location will be at the City of Stoughton Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of the public safety building, 321 South 4th Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin, 53989.

A virtual option for the hearing will also be available at the same date and time. The hearing will be conducted with a Department hearing examiner. The meeting will be available to attend via audio and/or video means through the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:

By computer or smartphone using the following link.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84434812103?pwd=C9giaMCPrmHXyOrcaY58GQlbbIBk5y.1>

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The meeting provides an opportunity for you and the Department to gather additional facts to help gauge the possible environmental impacts of your proposed project. The hearing is informational only. Department staff will manage the hearing agenda according to set procedures to allow all who attend a chance to be heard and to gather as much factual information as possible.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application/Notice of Public Hearing" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The 30-day period to submit written public comment

will begin on the date on which the Department first publishes the notice on our Internet website. The period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

For your information, the Department has determined the parties listed below will be notified. You may notify others at your discretion.

- County Zoning office
- Town/Village Clerk
- Buck Sweeny
- Thomas J. Reiss

Please call me at (608) 228-8107 or you can reach me by email at Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff J Schure

Jeff Schure
Water Management Specialist

Notice of Pending Application/Public Meeting for the placement of a recreational trail on the Bed of the Yahara River

The City of Stoughton has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to place a walkway on the bed of the Yahara River. The project is located underneath the 4th Street Bridge in the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 08, Township 05N, Range 11E, in the City of Stoughton, Dane County.

The City of Stoughton has proposed a trail project to enhance recreational opportunities and complete a corridor to provide safe transportation to its public developments. The City's existing and proposed public features are expected to lead to a significant amount of recreational users. Because of that, the City is proposing this trail as a safe way to connect cyclists and pedestrian users with the various recreational amenities and with the surrounding trail system. The trail will be placed through an existing box culvert that runs underneath 4th Street.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational meeting. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12, and 30.208, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for .

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

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The meeting will be a public informational meeting where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal

standards above. Any member of the public may submit written comments to Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov or over the phone to Jeff Schure at 608-228-8107. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

BY: *Jeff J Schure*

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Water Management Specialist