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Amended* Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Parks Commission on February 2, 2021:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes from 08/31/2020
- 3) Correspondence
 - 2020 Stewardship Award
- 4) Boat Washing Station Proposal
- 5) Budget Adjustment
 - County Clerk Lauree's Trail Grant
- 6) Parks Report



GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Elizabeth Otto County Clerk Office: 920-294-4005 FAX: 920-294-4009

	Parks Commission Meeting Notice				
Location: (Date: February 2, 2021 Time: 5:30 PM Location: Government Center, County Board Room, 571 County Road A, Green Lake WI				
	Amended AGENDA**				
Committee Members William Boutwell, Chair Curt Talma, Vice- Chair Jerry Specht Charlie Wielgosh Todd Morris Vonn Roberts Michael Shattuck Elizabeth Otto, Secretary	 Amended AGENDA*** 1. Call to Order 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law 3. Pledge of Allegiance 4. Approval of Minutes: 08/31/2020 5. Public Comment 6. Correspondence: 2020 Stewardship Award from DNR 7. Discussion and Possible Action on Boat Washing Station Proposal at Dodge Memorial Park 8. Restroom update at Zobel Park 9. Discussion on trash at county parks and restrooms 10. Highway Traffic Safety recommendation for Sunset Park 11. Update on use of boat launch fees 12. ** Snowmobile bridge easement grant and request for indemnification by Del Monte Corporation 13. *Budget Adjustment Green Lake Trail Project 14. Parks Report Monthly Activities 15. Committee Discussion Future Meeting Dates: TBD Future Agenda items for action & discussion 16. Adjourn Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance (6 ft. social distancing required) or audio/visual communication. Time: Feb 2, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/i/94520365159?pwd=UWhPMnpvYXZxQUVaWkIKRTVOZk14dz09 				
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Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

PARKS COMMISSION August 31, 2020

The regular meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 4:30 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Bill Boutwell Vonn Roberts Michael Shattuck Jerry Specht Curt Talma Charlie Wielgosh Absent: Todd Morris

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom – 4:35)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Roberts/Specht) to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

UPDATE ON BOAT LAUNCH TERMINALS

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir gave an update on the boat launch terminals which were installed at the end of June. Chair Reabe stated that current boat launch funds through August are at \$52,000 for the year which is approximately \$12,000 above last year at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOAT WASHING STATION AT DODGE MEMORIAL PARK

Chair Boutwell allowed Stephanie Prellwitz of the Green Lake Association to speak in regard to the public boat launches and the need to protect Green Lake from aquatic invasive species.

Discussion held with input from Anna Cisar, of Golden Sands Resource, Conservation & Development Council. Current use of installed boat washing tool boards discussed. The commission requested a written report from Cisar for the next meeting outlining the plan for total cost, maintenance, liability, enforcement and possible future closing costs for the proposed station at Dodge Memorial Park.

DISCUSSION ON TRASH AT COUNTY PARKS

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir gave the commission an overview of the trash problem at the county parks. Discussion held on solutions and enforcement. This will be put on the next agenda with Chair Boutwell asking each member for input at that time on a possible solution.

2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir reviewed the proposed 2021 budget. Discussion held.

PARKS REPORT

• Monthly Activities – no questions or discussion on the written report submitted by Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: Regular meeting – October 5, 2020 at 4:30 PM **Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** boat washing station at Dodge Memorial Park, discussion on trash

at county parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Specht/Roberts) to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto County Clerk State of Wisconsin DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 2984 Shawano Avenue Green Bay WI 54313-6727

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September 24, 2020

Elizabeth Otto-County Clerk Green Lake County 571 County Rd. A PO Box 3188 Green Lake WI 54941

Subject: 2020 Stewardship Awards

Dear Ms. Otto:

This will advise you that the 2020 (FY 21 Funding) project rankings and recommendations for outdoor recreation grant assistance funding for State Stewardship, Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Federal Land & Water Conservation (LWCF) programs are now complete. The 2020 grant cycle was very competitive; with 122 applications statewide, totaling over \$24 million in grant requests, for approximately \$6 million in available State Stewardship, \$1.9 million in Federal Land and Water Conservation program grant funds and \$1.2 million in Federal Recreational Trails Program grant funds. It was another busy year in the Northeast Region, receiving 30 applications requesting over \$7 million in grant funding!

I am pleased to inform you that the County's application for the Lauree's Trail (Forest Ridge Rd. to Brooklyn J Rd.) project has been <u>tentatively</u> selected to receive grants in total of \$240,000; this total represents \$195,000 from the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks sub-program of the State Stewardship Program and \$45,000 from the Federal Recreational Trails Program.

This letter represents the <u>tentative</u> selection of your project for grant funding. Prior to execution of final grant agreements, I will work closely with you to update project details and complete all reviews, approvals, and consultations required under applicable federal laws, state statutes, and administrative rules. This award is contingent on successful completion of this review and approval process. Please note that the final grant amount <u>may change</u> based on updated project information and detailed review of eligible project costs. You should not start construction prior to execution of a signed grant agreement unless you are willing to assume the risk of absorbing those costs.

If you are no longer interested in receiving these grants, please let me know as soon as possible so that the Department can contact other applicants on the ranked list of projects regarding tentative grant awards.

I will remain as your primary Department point of contact for this project. Please call me at 920-662-5121 or email me at <u>Jessica.Terrien@Wisconsin.gov</u> at any time. Again, **congratulations** on the tentative selection of your project and I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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Jessica Terrien Grant Specialist-Northeast Region Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

Big Green Lake Boat Washing Station

Project Proposal

September 2020

Anna Cisar, Regional AIS Coordinator Regional AIS Coordinator Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.



Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

In partnership with

Green Lake Association, Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, and Green Lake Sanitary District







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Overview

Green Lake, located in Green Lake County, is a 7,920 acre lake with a maximum depth of 236 feet. It is Wisconsin's deepest, natural, inland lake and has a two-story fishery. Green Lake is a true gem!

Green Lake is extensively monitored for its water quality, both by professionals such as the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and by local volunteers. The partners around Green Lake are aware of the health of the lake's water quality and, in partnership with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Biologists, its fishery.

The Lake Management Planning team (LMPT)—which is made up of the Green Lake Association; Green Lake Sanitary District; Green Lake and Fond du Lac County Land Conservation Departments; DNR lake, fishery, and stream biologist; USGS; and the Cities of Green Lake and Ripon—take an active role in managing and protecting the health of Big Green Lake.

Managing aquatic invasive species (AIS) and preventing a new invasive species in the lake is a priority for the LMPT. With thousands of boats visiting Green Lake every summer, there is an urgent need to be proactive against aquatic invasive species.

Data collected by Clean Boats Clean Waters inspectors in 2020 indicates that boaters self-reported visits in the last 5 days from lakes like Lake Mendota and Pike Lake—lakes that are known to have invasive species such as spiny water flea and starry stonewort, respectively. The Bay of Green Bay also has both of these species, and Green Lake sees regular traffic between these two bodies of water. Spiny water flea and starry stonewort are AIS that have yet to invade Green Lake—yet little is being done to prevent their introduction into our valuable natural resource: Big Green Lake.

It is in the best interest of any citizen organization or community to initiate actions today in order to avoid AIS problems tomorrow. Take a proactive management approach to lake protection. Proactive management activities can make a world of difference.

As the old saying goes—an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The same is true for preventing an invasion of AIS in your favorite lake. If efforts are kept at a "prevention" level, the costs in time, money, and frustration will be far lower than the costs involved with dealing with AIS at a "control" level.

A Brief History

In 2015, the LMPT started discussing proactive measures to help the health of Green Lake. These discussions sparked the idea of a boat wash station, which turned into extensive researching and planning to consider the feasibility, design, and location of this option for Green Lake. During this period of time, the LMPT worked closely with Green Lake County departments and officials to make modifications to the proposal.

In 2018, after the formation of the Green Lake County Parks Commission, all boat wash station discussions were continued through this newly-formed government committee. At that time, members of the LMPT presented a proposal to the Parks Commission and, in response to feedback (e.g. hot water pressure usage, number of boat wash station locations), the LMPT made additional changes to the proposal. A new and updated proposal was presented to the Parks Commission in June 2020.

Given the sense of urgency to protect Green Lake from AIS, during this time while the Parks Commission considered the boat wash proposal, the LMPT also worked with local and county governments around Green Lake's perimeter to put additional AIS-prevention measures in place. These measures include: aquatic invasive tool board signs at seven public boat landings around the lake; a Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspector at two public landings; and a recreational user survey to help better understand boaters' interest in tools available at landings to clean their equipment. Of 112 responses, the five top tools to be requested at boat landings were (from most requested to least) high pressure wash, low pressure wash, brushes, grabbers, and compost bins.

The Proposal

Members of the LMPT–Golden Sands RC&D, Green Lake Association, Green Lake Sanitary District, and Green Lake County Land Conservation Department–are proposing the purchase of a portable boat washing station and water infiltration design at Dodge Memorial County Park public boat launch in Green Lake County.

WHAT is it?

Boat washing stations dispense pressurized water to decontaminate boats and other watercraft of aquatic invasive species (AIS) before they enter Big Green Lake. These types of pressure washer units are 91% effective at removing small-bodied organisms, like spiny waterflea¹.

WHY are they needed?

It took just one contaminated boat to transport zebra mussels from one infected lake to permanently alter the way we use Big Green Lake. Since 2005, zebra mussels have cut feet,

ruined piers, exacerbated weed growth, and caused the development of sulfur-smelling filamentous algae on shore.

Yet, there are a host of other AIS Green Lake does not yet have. AIS are most commonly transported from infected lakes to uninfected lakes by improperly cleaned boats and trailers. Therefore each of the 6,000 boats that use our public launches every year increase the possibility of bringing a new aquatic invasive species to Big Green Lake.

AIS Present in Lakes Visited Within 5 Days of Visiting Green Lake	Potential Damages If They Make Green Lake Their New Home
Aquatic Forget-Me-Not	 Dense plant growth restricts boater movement
Asian Clam	
Banded Mystery Snail	 Carries parasites that kill waterfowl
Brittle Naiad	 Outcompetes native species for food & habitat
Chinese Mystery Snail	 Increase algae growth
Faucet Snail	 Causes fish kills
Flowering Rush	
Japanese Knotweed	 Reduce dissolved oxygen concentrations
Lyme Grass	Decrease fish spawning habitat
Ornamental Water Lilies	 Damage water intake systems
Phragmites	 Changes hydrology & nutrient cycles
Round Goby	 Block access to, and view of, the lake
Spiny Naiad	
Spiny Water Flea	Create mosquito breeding habitat
Starry Stonewort	 Prey on the base of the fishery food chain
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia	 Crowd out native species
Water Lettuce	 Decrease plant & animal diversity
Yellow Floating Heart	NOTE: some of these species do not have
Yellow Iris	any control measures!

Our lake and our local economy need to be protected from new AIS invaders that are present in nearby lakes. A recent effort calculated the exorbitant costs of AIS after Lake Mendota, in Madison, was infected with spiny water flea in 2009. The lake lost one month of clear water conditions, annually, because of spiny water flea². The economic burden of this new AIS is also clear: It will cost \$80 to \$163 million to regain water quality conditions in Lake Mendota pre-spiny water flea³.

Lake Mendota now has spiny water fleas at the highest densities of anywhere else in the world, is only 70 miles from Green Lake, and is one of the bodies of water that was self reported to be visited within five days by boaters visiting Big Green this past summer.

Four of the five Madison Chain of Lakes have been invaded by spiny water flea.A study found that, in order to achieve pre-spiny water flea water quality conditions in Lake Mendota, it will cost \$80- to \$163 million³.

Even if water quality conditions were returned, the spiny water flea is there to stay. There are no control measures to remove or even manage spiny water flea. Water quality may be able to be bought back, but the negative impacts to the fishery will remain.

Additionally, the introduction of an AIS has a direct impact on the local economy. Invasive species have been shown to negatively impact property values and local economies^{4,5,6}. In Green Lake County, 49% of Green Lake County property valuation (totaling \$2.3 billion) comes from the lake's immediate perimeter, in the City of Green Lake and the Sanitary District.

If/when Green Lake is invaded by a new aquatic invasive species, which subsequently leads to a decrease in property values, this could have a direct impact on Green Lake County's revenue. This could have negative repercussions to local businesses, citizens, and our overall local economy.

Many of the AIS that threaten Green Lake's waters do not have any control measures, meaning, once they make Big Green their home, they are there to stay. Prevention is the best way to protect Green Lake from potential negative effects of new AIS, not only on water quality, but also on the economy.

WHO is proposing this?

This boat washing station is being proposed by four local groups: Green Lake Association, Green Lake Sanitary District, Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, and Golden

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

Sands RC&D. Hereafter referred to as LMPT or lake management planning team. See Appendix A for contact information.

WHERE will this be located?

The boat wash station would be located at the far west end of Dodge Memorial County Park. The wash station and infiltration design would abut the parking lot, not interfering with the existing paved parking lot structure of Dodge Memorial.

WHY NOT at multiple boat landings?

There are few boat wash stations in the state of Wisconsin, and we are fortunate to be leading the way on this critical infrastructure. Since this is new technology and a new program for Green Lake, the LMPT recommends starting with one landing to assess community response and design improvements. Then, the boat wash station concept can be expanded to other boat launches, as site logistics allow.

A frequent question is: Why bother if boat wash stations aren't at all landings? The proposed boat wash station would be at Green Lake's boat launch with the most traffic: Dodge Memorial Park. A single boat wash station at this heavily used boat launch is still playing an important role in reducing the probability of a new AIS from entering Green Lake.

If the project is deemed feasible, the LMPT supports the expansion as site logistics and funding allows. Additionally, the proposed wash unit is portable, so it is also possible to move the unit to other boat launches, as project and site logistics allow.

WHEN would they be installed?

The LMPT would seek grant and local funding for the majority of the project's costs in November 2021 and proposes to install the wash station in the spring of 2022.

Site Design

The boat wash station designed for Dodge Memorial County Park is illustrated in Figure 1. The area to the far west end of the park, abutting the existing paved parking area (outlined in red) is where the boat wash station will be installed. The Land Conservation Department constructed this site design to ensure that traffic flow through the park is not hampered by the installation of the wash station. It is designed so that two boats can be sitting on the wash pad at the same time.

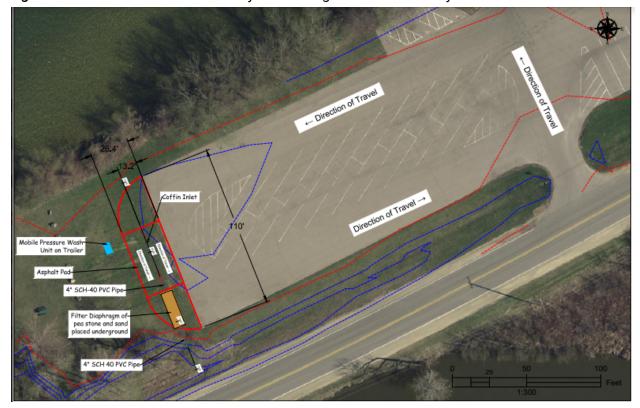


Figure 1. Boat Wash Location and Layout at Dodge Memorial County Park

The wash pad and coinciding driving lanes will be paved.

To prevent any boat wash runoff (potentially infected with AIS) from flowing into Green Lake, the proposed design includes a technically-designed infiltration system to force water runoff to flow away from Green Lake and infiltrate into the ground. This design will remove standing water concerns and potential land management problems.

Additionally, the wash pad is angled so that water will run toward the center of the platform where a coffin inlet will drain water from the surface, out a pipe to a filter diaphragm (made of pea stone and sand), and be allowed to filter into the ground. The filter diaphragm is designed to

treat roughly 750 gallons of water at a given time. If there is excess water that needs to overflow, there will be a 4" PVC pipe that outlets to the ditch. Figure 2 shows the aerial view of the infiltration components while Figure 3 shows the cross-section of the infiltration design.

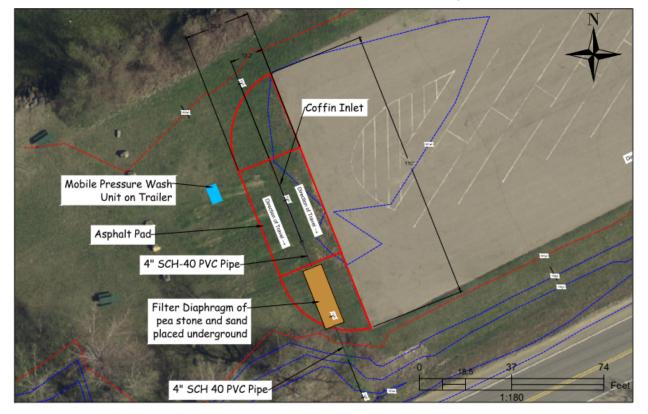


Figure 2. Boat Wash and Infiltration Design at Dodge Memorial County Park - Aerial View

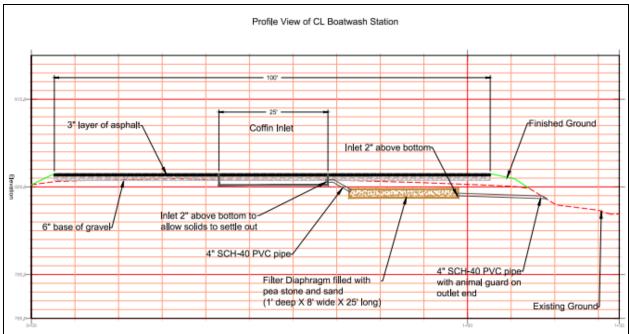


Figure 3. Infiltration Design at Dodge Memorial County Park - Cross-Section View

Operation

It is the intent of this LMPT to have the boat wash station staffed for the first few years while the program gets established. Once the boat wash station is up and running, the LMPT and County will reassess the need of the station to be staffed, versus the ability to leave the station to be used by boaters themselves.

The station would be staffed from Memorial Day through Labor Day, targeting the high traffic times of day and summer (e.g., weekends, holidays). Staffing will include 32 hours per week for the 16 weeks between Memorial and Labor Day weekends.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council plans to be the organization responsible for having the staff on their payroll, and the appropriate insurance to cover this position.

Maintenance

As with any piece of machinery, there will need to be regular maintenance to keep it up and running. The LMPT intends to work with a third party, Hydroclean Equipment, Inc. to complete three annual service checks: de-winterize in spring, a midsummer oil change and inspection, and winterize in fall. Hydroclean Equipment has service technicians throughout Wisconsin and are available if the equipment needs to be serviced in between checks.

We are also aware that some equipment will wear with use, such as hoses. The LMPT has budgeted for annual equipment replacement and service.

Liability

Discussions regarding liability started with Green Lake County's Corporation Counsel, Dawn Klockow, in April 2020.

It was determined in the April meeting that the LMPT would need to define who is running the equipment and who is responsible for staffing before the County could assess the liability on their part. Since then, Golden Sands RC&D has looked into the ability of having the boat wash station staff on their payroll. Golden Sands RC&D and discussed this with their insurance agent and will take on Voluntary Property Damage Coverage.

While Golden Sands RC&D is staffing the station, the Green Lake Association and Green Lake Sanitary District will be paying for the position. Follow-up with Corporation Counsel is still needed to determine if there are any other liability concerns for the County regarding the current staffing operation; however, the county has had non-staff work on their property before and liability has not been a concern.

While the LMPT does intend to have the wash station staffed initially, the question arose what would happen if a boater insisted on washing their own equipment. Corporation Counsel stated that they would either have to sign a waiver, or if they don't allow staff to wash their boat, they can't use the equipment.

Parks Commission has raised the question if there is any statewide recreational land liability release similar to what Nebraska has. The LMPT is still looking into this.

Funding Source

The budget for the boat wash station includes the wash unit, site design and construction, well, electric costs, education and signage, operation and maintenance costs. See Figure 4.

Category	Cost	Annual Cost (Y/N)	Grant Eligible (Y/N)		
Wash Unit	\$12,770.85	Ν	Y (\$3,831.26)*		
Site Design & Construction	\$6,571.17	Ν	N		
Well	\$11,384.00	Ν	N		
Electric	\$500.00	Y	N		
Education/Signage	\$5,460.00	Ν	Y		
Operation	\$8,744.96	Y	Y		
Maintenance	\$1,400.00	Y	N		
TOTAL COST (Year 1)	\$46,830.98	\$10,644.96			
Grant Eligible Total over 3 Year Grant Life	\$35,526.14				
75% State Share	\$26,644.61				

*The total cost of the wash unit is \$12,770 and DNR considers boat wash units to have a life of 10 years and the grant will cover 3 years worth of the cost; therefore, the grant can only cover \$3,831 for the wash unit itself.

Year 1 costs, including the project start-up and installation, are just short of \$50,000. Knowing that to keep the boat wash station running in perpetuity, the LMPT is ready to budget annual dollars to go toward the wash station. To reduce the expense to the LMPT, we are pursuing a 3-year DNR Surface Water Grant.

It is important to note that some project items are not grant-eligible. Permanent structures, such as the site design, well, electric, and maintenance are not an eligible expense under the grant and will need to be paid in-full by our partners.

The grant also takes into consideration any equipment that has a cost of \$5,000 or more, and the total cost of that equipment cannot be counted as an immediate expense; it must be depreciated over the life of the grant. Therefore, the grant only covers a portion of the wash unit.

Figure 5 outlines the grant eligible costs vs the non-grant eligible costs for each year of the grant.

The remaining non-grant eligible costs during the life of the grant is right around \$33,000, and annual costs to maintain the boat wash stations after the grant is closed will be about \$11,000.

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The Green Lake Association and Green Lake Sanitary District have money earmarked to help pay for the non-grant eligible costs and annual funds to go towards the operation and maintenance costs following the completion of the grant.

	Project Start-Up + Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	GRAND TOTAL
Total/Year	\$46,830.98	\$10,644.96	\$10,644.96	\$68,120.90
Grant Eligible	\$18,036.22	\$8,744.96	\$8,744.96	\$35,526.14
Non-Grant Eligible	\$28,794.77	\$1,900	\$1,900.00	\$32,594.77

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Request of Green Lake County

In recognition of the need to be proactive instead of reaction when it comes to AIS, the LMPT is asking Green Lake County to be a partner in the protection of Green Lake. We are asking for three things.

- 1. The use and development of County property (drilling a well, putting in the infiltration system, paving the wash pad) at Dodge Memorial County Park.
- 2. \$11,500 in the first year to underwrite a portion of installation costs of the boat wash station. This is roughly one-third of the non-eligible grant costs and would cover the cost of the well being installed.
- 3. Starting in Year 4 of the project (following the conclusion of the grant) and annually thereafter, 10% of collected boat launch fees, not to exceed \$5,000. This money will help maintain the cost of operating and maintaining the boat wash station. Pending program evaluation, the cost may decrease (e.g., it is decided the boat wash station does not need to be staffed in order to be operated).

See Figure 6 for the proposed funding source break out.

Organization	Upfront Cost + Year 1	Annual O&M, Years 2-3	Max. Annual O&M, Years 4+ (Pending Program Evaluation)
WDNR Grant	\$26,645	\$0 / yr	\$0 / yr
Green Lake Association	\$8,000	\$2,000 / yr	\$3,000 / yr
Green Lake Sanitary District	\$8,000	\$2,000 / yr	\$3,000 / yr
Green Lake County Boat Launch Fee Request	\$11,500	\$0 / yr	\$5,000 / yr §

Figure 6. Proposed I	Boat Wash Static	on Funding Source	e Breakdown
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Use of Boat Launch Funds

The LMPT anticipates Green Lake County utilizing the boat launch fee revenue to support the boat wash station project. An initial contact was made with Christine Halbur, DNR Recreational Grants Specialist, who stated that ultimately it is up to Green Lake County to determine what projects they want to spend boat launch funds on. Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel, has since reached out to Christine Halbur to discuss the use of boat launch funds with Christine directly. Discussion is still in progress.

Post-Grant Funding

In order to maintain the boat wash stations after the grant funds cease, the LMPT recognizes the need for a strong funding proposal for the continued operation and maintenance of the program. Therefore, the Green Lake Association and Green Lake Sanitary District have committed to annual contributions; Green Lake County is being requested to make a similar commitment. It is the intent of the LMPT to put those funds into a restricted fund account so that they can be drawn upon as needed.

It is also the intent of the LMPT to provide a 5 year plan, post grant-funding that includes a re-evaluation of the wash station and the need for staff. This plan will reassess the need for annual funds and will be updated regularly.

Memorandum of Understanding

The LMPT has begun to draft a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The intent is to propose a draft MOU, which will be reviewed and edited with Green Lake County's Administrator, Cathy Schmit.

The MOU will cover the topics mentioned above - the scope of project, funding source, 5 year plan post-grant funding, staffing, maintenance and liability.

Plan if Project Dissolves

It has been requested that the LMPT consider what happens to the boat wash station, including the site design (paved wash pad, well, etc.), if the program were to dissolve.

The paved wash pad should be able to stay in place and be used as additional paved parking space.

The well would be available to the County if flush bathrooms were to be installed in the future. However, should it need to be capped, there will be funds within the operation and maintenance account to cover this cost. In addition, there are cost-share programs available to help pay for well abandonment.

Conclusion

Since discussions of a boat wash station began, five years have passed. The threat of a new aquatic invasive species permanently damaging our lake's waters increases with each passing year.

As scientists, professionals, and elected officials, it is our responsibility to care for and protect the natural resource that is at the heart of our community; Big Green Lake. If we don't, who will?

It is the sincere hope of the LMPT that this full proposal will answer any previously unanswered questions, and result in the approval of the boat wash station, so that Green Lake can continue to be a place of serenity and joy for generations to come.

Appendix A – Contacts List

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Anna Cisar Regional AIS Coordinator Green Lake, Marquette, Waupaca & Waushara Counties <u>Anna.Cisar@goldensandsrcd.org</u> (715) 343-6215 ext. 705

Green Lake Association Stephanie Prellwitz Executive Director <u>stephanie@greenlakeassociation.com</u> (920) 294-6480

Green Lake Sanitary District Lisa Reas Administrator <u>ljreas@glakesd.com</u> (920) 291-7787

Green Lake County Land Conservation Department Paul Gunderson County Conservationist pgunderson@co.green-lake.wi.us (920) 294-4051

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date:	February 1, 2021
Department:	Parks
Amount:	\$689,815.87
Budget Year Amended:	2020

Source of Increase / Decrease and affect on Program:

(If needed attached separate brief explanation.)

Phase I of the Green Lake Greenways Trail, now known as Lauree's Trail, was completed in 2020. DNR grant monies and Green Lake Greenways payments totaled \$689,815.87 in excess of the \$50,000 budgeted. Expenditures matched revenues for a balanced budget at the end of 2020.

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Cu	rent Budget	Budg	get Adjustment	F	inal Budget
20-100-12-43578-000-000	Green Lake Trail Project	\$	50,000.00	\$	689,815.87	\$	739,815.87
						\$	-
						\$	-
						\$	-
Total Adjustment				\$	689,815.87		

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Cu	rrent Budget	Budg	et Adjustment	F	inal Budget
20-100-12-55200-301-000	Green Lake Trail Project	\$	50,000.00	\$	689,815.87	\$	739,815.87
						\$	-
						\$	-
						\$	-
						\$	-
						\$	-
Total Adjustment		989 (449)		\$	689,815.87		

Department Head Approval:

Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: (10

Following this approval please forward to the County Clerk's Office.

Date Approved by Finance Committee:

Date Approved by County Board:

Per WI Stats 65.90(5)(a) must be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the governing body.

Date of publication of Class 1 notice of budget amendment:

October 05, 2020 Parks & Recreation Committee Quarterly Report Parks & Recreation Department

Zobel Park

Seasonal brush/tree removal ongoing while weather permits Picnic tables storage/secured 2nd week October Grills bagged for season 1st week of October Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Sunset Park

Launch piers scheduled for removal last week of October Picnic tables storage/secured 2nd week of October Grills bagged for season 1st week of October Complaints received regarding weeds in parking/drive/launches/general Dumpster removed for season 2nd week of September Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Twin Lake Park

Picnic tables storage/secured 2nd week of October Grill bagged for season 1st week of October Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Spring Valley Park

Picnic tables storage/secured 2nd week of October Grill bagged for season 1st week of October Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Dodge Memorial Park

Pavilion to be winterized 1st week of October All grills bagged for season 1st week of October Picnic tables storage/secured 2nd week of October Complaints received regarding weeds in parking/drive launches/general ADA fishing pier to be removed 1st week of October Seasonal signage removed Final batch of new picnic tables ordered/this will complete replacement of wooden tables Dumpsters removed 2nd week of September Launch piers scheduled for removal last week of October Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Lake Maria

Final two loads of fill delivered for landscaping around new privy 1st week of September Picnic table storage secured 2nd week of October Grill bagged for season 1st week of October Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Spring Lake Park

Picnic tables storage/secured 1st week of October Grill bagged for season 1st week of October Dumpster removed for season 2nd week of September Schedule Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Seasonal brushing Boardwalk(s) inspection completed Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Submitted by: h)ei

Scott A. Weir Maintenance Director/Parks & Recreation Director Green Lake County

February 02, 2021Parks & Recreation Committee Quarterly Report Parks & Recreation Department

Zobel Park

Seasonal brush/tree removal ongoing while weather/access permits Request to put order in for Unisex restroom lower level per approved 2021 Capital Outlay \$17,000.00 Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Sunset Park

Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Twin Lake Park

Remove tossed tires (5) Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Spring Valley Park

Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Dodge Memorial Park

Request to place order for replacement 6 ADA/6 Standard picnic tables per approved 2021 Capital Outlay \$7,700.00 Request to place order for replacement of launch 1 pier per approved 2021 Capital Outlay \$40,000.00 Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Lake Maria

Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Spring Lake Park

Schedule Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Seasonal brushing as access/weather permits Scheduled Maintenance performed General Maintenance performed

Submitted by: TOURS Þ Scott A. Weir

Maintenance Director/Parks & Recreation Director Green Lake County