Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Miscellaneous Structure

Sarah Stepanik on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 3275 Clark Lake Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 has applied to the DNR a permit to install a miscellaneous structure. The project is located at Whitefish Dunes State Park in NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 02, Township 28 N, Range 27 E, located in Town of Sevastopol, Door County.

The DNR is proposing to restore the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant beach access at Whitefish Dunes State Park. The ADA access ramp was washed out during a storm even in 2021. In 2021 an emergency project was performed that stabilized the lower end of the ADA ramp to prevent further failure. There is currently no ADA access to the beach. This project will restore and protect the ADA access which will allow more people to access the beach area. The ADA access will be protected from damaged caused by high water with a proposed rockery wall. The footing of the rockery wall will be imbedded approximately 3-feet below ground level and will extend between 0.5 and 1.5 feet above the surface of the ramp. Individual rocks will vary in weight between 1,800 lbs for the base rock to 300 lbs for the cap rock.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12, 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 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 Stepanik.

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

Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing Sarah.Szabo@wisconsin.gov, over the phone at (715) 416-3827, or writing to Sarah Szabo, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed, verbalized, or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

Date: 12/15/2023

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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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