



The Waukesha County Environmental Action League is a volunteer grass-roots organization formed in 1978 to advocate for the protection of Waukesha County's natural resources.

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The Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL) Opposes a Proposed Pier in a Sensitive Area on Nagawicka Lake

Brookfield, WI (March 30, 2023)— The Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL) is preparing to file its objections to an application for a WDNR permit authorizing the placement of a pier within a designated and mapped sensitive area on Nagawicka Lake in the City of Delafield. The city of Delafield is seeking approval from the WDNR for a Wisconsin Waterway Protection Permit to place a pier on their public park near its business district. The pier, as proposed will have six (6) parking slips to moor transient boats.

"The proposed pier location lies within a state-mapped sensitive area, classified as Area of Special Natural Resource Interest (ASNRI) on Nagawicka Lake. This shallow bay has a unique aquatic community that provides food and cover for a diverse fish and wildlife population," stated Fay Amerson, member of the WEAL Board of Directors.

On March 27, 2023, Amerson along with other WEAL Board Members joined city residents during a public information hearing on the pending waterway protection permit application. This hearing was conducted by the WDNR and provided an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions about the proposed pier and provide testimony.

The Board of Directors of WEAL made a preliminary decision to oppose the pier proposal and request the WDNR to deny the State waterway protection permit. WEAL finds the pier location, size, and use to have a negative impact on this unique sensitive area and the habitat it provides to the Lake. WEAL argues that a WDNR decision to approve the permit would be a violation of the Public Trust. The public can still weigh-in on this permit decision until April 10, 2023.

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Notice of Pending Application/Public Hearing for Proposed Pier

Thomas Hafner, 500 Genesee Street, Delafield, WI 53018, has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to construct a new pier. The project is located in SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 17, Township 07N, Range 18E, in the City of Delafield, Waukesha County.

The project is located in the City of Delafield, Waukesha County. The proposed pier would provide for the mooring of 6 watercraft, one berth would still be allocated to St. Johns Northwestern Academy, and the remaining 5 would be for transient use. The transient use slips will allow no overnight parking and currently it is planned to be free for use by Delafield residents. Fishing from the pier will be restricted because there is a separate fishing pier that is located along the shoreline, closer to the dam.

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, 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 Hafner.

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

The Department has scheduled a public informational hearing on your proposal for on Monday March 27th, 2023, at 3pm. The meeting will be conducted with a Departmental hearing examiner. The meeting will be available via audio and/or video means through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85426758586>. The meeting identification code is 854 2675 8586. Alternatively, you may participate by phone: +13092053325, 85426758586# US

The hearing 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 Department scheduled a public hearing on this activity or project because the Department received a request for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing 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 by emailing alison.masek@wisconsin.gov or writing to Alison Masek, 1027 W. St. Paul Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233 by U.S. mail. 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.

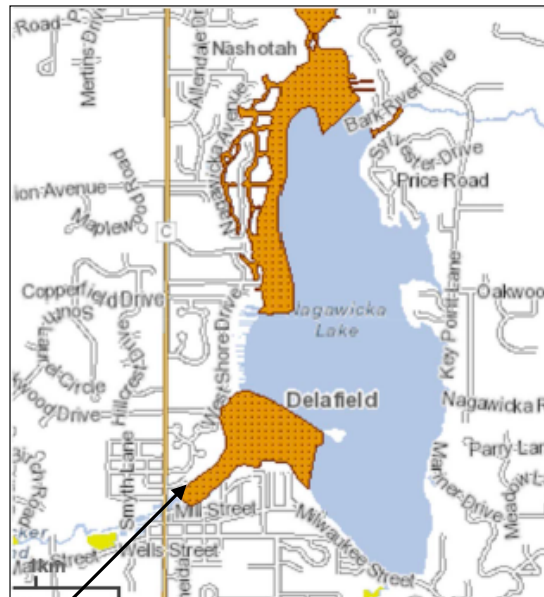
The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

Docket Number IP-SE-2022-68-02139

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Approximate location of the proposed pier. Orange-shaded areas are state-designated Areas of Special Natural Resource Interest (ASNRI)

Source: WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer