




**Public Safety Team Analysis of
Nature Based Outdoor Activities on
Projects Purchased with
Stewardship Grant Funds**

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NOTE TO DNR STAFF: This completed form will be attached to the NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. CF Staff completes the project proposal section prior to submitting to public safety team for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW TEAM

 Regional Recreational Safety Warden Jacob Holsclaw	10-26-21 Date	Richard E Rosen Regional Warden Supervisor	10-26-2021 Date
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Applicant/ Sponsor: City of Schofield	Year of Application: 2021
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Project Name: Lake Wausau Boat Launch Property Acquisition	Primary Purpose: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: top;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Areas</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Parks</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Areas</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Rivers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> State Trails</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Greenspace</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Streambank Protection</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/> State Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Greenspace	<input type="checkbox"/> Streambank Protection	
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Project Description: The City of Schofield has requested aid for a land purchase for a new boat launch area situated along Grand Avenue and Lake Wausau. If awarded the grant, funding would allow the City to complete the acquisition of the 2.37 acres of land necessary to proceed with constructing the proposed boat launch. The existing Schofield Dam Park boat launch, located directly downstream from the Eau Claire River Dam, is not an ideal launch site for paddle craft and boats due to river currents and turbulence and proximity to the Grand Avenue Bridge just downstream. The City has long desired to relocate this launch site to the proposed launch site location due to lack of adequate parking and unsafe conditions.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Recreation Warden Holsclaw visited the site on 10-26-21. Met with City of Schofield Public Works director/Zoning Administrator Mark Thuot and Cheryl Housley with DNR Stewardship Grants. Several facts should be noted in regard to hunting restrictions.

The southern and central portion of the property is within 100 yards of buildings devoted to human occupancy. There is an apartment complex to the south of the property. Immediately to the north is a bank and city owned building. The area that could potentially be hunted is extremely small. Waterfowl could be hunted with a bow on the extreme west side of the peninsula and be beyond the 100-yard restriction.

The property is entirely within the 1700-foot restriction from a school for firearm use. There is approximately 1500 feet from the farthest northern portion of the property to the closest point of the school building to the south. This would prohibit firearm discharge.

I see no issues with trapping as long as state law is followed, and traps of specified size are restricted to underwater use within 100-yard distance from buildings.

Parcel Size, Shape, and Topography: Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel and how it relates to public safety for this activity on this site.

The subject property consists of 2.37 acres of vacant land that is level, open and irregular in shape, including a peninsula that extends westerly from the main shore and extends south creating a small, protected bay. The peninsula and the northern portion of the property is forested with various hardwood species while the remaining area includes an old concrete slab. The western boundary of the property is Lake Wausau. There were several buildings that formerly occupied the site, but in 2010, all of the buildings were removed and the land has been vacant since. To the east and south are several, occupied commercial buildings as well Grand Ave (Bus. Hwy 51) lies to the east.

Proposed NBOA Prohibition or Restrictions

HUNTING			
	Gun Prohibition/Restriction	Archery Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	Prohibited	Limited to peninsula	
Small Game	Prohibited	Limited to peninsula	
Turkey	Prohibited	Limited to peninsula	
Large Game	Prohibited	Limited to peninsula	

Public Safety Team Narrative:

Recreation Warden Holsclaw does not see any issues with the site and possible grant consideration. The impact of not allowing hunting would be negligible. For the most part, hunters would not be legally allowed under state law to bow hunt and would be entirely unable to use a firearm.

Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply.

- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary.
- Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy
- Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads
- Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium
- Ordinance exists –
 - Discharge or carrying a weapon
 - Hunting within a park
 - Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: Given the urban nature of the eastern portion of the property conflict could result if hunting was permitted, due to the proximity to other commercial buildings, pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Bow hunting would be limited to the peninsula area and local ordinance permits, but requires discharge of *arrow or bolt toward the ground*.

Other _____

Prohibition or Restriction Necessary to Protect Public Safety: Yes No

TRAPPING		
Location	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	None	Open all
Water	None	Open all
Public Safety Team Narrative: No issues with trapping.		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Water on Site Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 10.13(1)(b)(12)(c), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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FISHING		
Method	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	None	Open all
Boat	None	Open all
Public Safety Team Narrative: No issues with fishing.		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Water on Site <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Factors Considered: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists – <input type="checkbox"/> _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site, which includes user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities. Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
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HIKING		
Location	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	none	Open all
Off-Trail	none	Open all
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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING		
Type of Trail	Prohibition/Restriction	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	None	Open all
On-Trail (un-groomed)	None	Open all
On-Trail (groomed)	None	Open all
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