



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St Paul District

APPLICANT:

Michael Mroz
City of Hudson

Public Notice

ISSUED: 28 October 2020

EXPIRES: 12 November 2020

REFER TO:

MVP-2020-01769-JMB

SECTION: 10 – Rivers & Harbors Act

1. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO install a 700' long by 8' wide boardwalk structure on the St. Croix River.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

APPLICANT:

Michael Mroz
City of Hudson
505 Third Street
Hudson, Wisconsin 54016

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located along the sea wall in Lakefront Park in the City of Hudson in Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 20 West, St. Croix County, Wisconsin. Latitude: 44.97285 N, Longitude: -92.75913 W.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The applicant proposes to construct a boardwalk system along the sea wall at Lakefront Park to create better connectivity between the St. Croix River and Hudson. The proposed boardwalk would be approximately 700' long by 8' wide and would provide areas for fishing, temporary boat mooring, and an area for individuals to walk adjacent to the water. The structure would meet all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access requirements and be maintained by the City of Hudson. Currently, the City owns approximately 0.8 miles of riverfront in Lakefront Park, and the boardwalk would be installed towards the south end near the boat launch and downtown area. The structure would be free floating on spud poles with access to the boardwalk via gangways at various locations.

QUANTITY, TYPE, AND AREA OF FILL: The proposed project would not result in a discharge of fill material into Waters of the United States.

VEGETATION IN AFFECTED AREA: The area proposed for a free-floating boardwalk does not support aquatic emergent or submergent vegetation.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: Urban within the City of Hudson.

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE: The proposed wooden boardwalk is approximately 700' long by 8' wide. It will be free-floating and held in place with 10" spud poles (6), with access to the boardwalk via gangways at various locations. The boardwalk will include fishing piers at two separate locations (20'-wide by 15'-long).

THE FOLLOWING POTENTIALLY TOXIC MATERIALS COULD BE USED AT THE PROJECT SITE: Fuel, hydraulic fluid, lubricants, coolant, and other fluids commonly used by construction equipment would be expected to be present for construction of the project.

THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE APPLICANT: The structure was designed to be free floating on spud

poles with access to the boardwalk via gangways at various locations. The only disturbance below the plane of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the St. Croix River will be the installation of spud poles that will hold the structure in place.

MITIGATION: No compensatory mitigation was proposed by the applicant for the proposed installation of a new free-floating boardwalk over the St. Croix River. The project is not anticipated to result in a loss of aquatic habitat, and is also expected to improve recreational access between the water and the downtown area in the City of Hudson.

3. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT.

St. Croix County is within the known or historic range of the following Federally-listed species:

Northern Long-Eared Bat	Hibernates in caves and mines – swarming in surrounding wooded areas in autumn. Roosts and forages in upland forests during spring and summer.
Gray wolf	Northern forested areas.
Higgins eye pearly mussel	St. Croix River.
Snuffbox	Small to medium-sized creeks and some larger rivers, in areas with a swift current.
Spectaclecase	St. Croix River.
Winged mapleleaf	St. Croix River.
Prairie bush-clover	Dry to mesic prairies with gravelly soil.
Karner blue butterfly	Prairie, oak savanna, and jack pine areas with wild lupine.

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments it may have concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

4. JURISDICTION

This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

5. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL

This public notice is being sent to the National Park Service and the State Archaeologist for their comments. The Corps will review information on known cultural resources and/or historic properties within and adjacent to the project area. The latest versions of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database have been consulted; the Lakefront Park Boathouse is located adjacent to the project site and is potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. The Corps will also consider the potential effects of the project

on any properties that have yet to be identified. The results of this review and the Corps' determination of effect will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer independent of this public notice. Any adverse effects on historic properties will be resolved prior to the Corps authorization, or approval, of the work in connection with this project.

6. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

7. PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Environmental and other documents will be available for review in the St. Paul District Office.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

8. REPLIES/COMMENTS

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections by the expiration date indicated above. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

Replies may be sent via email to: jonathan.m.bakken@usace.army.mil

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact Jonathan M. Bakken at the Hayward, Wisconsin office at 651-290-5884 or jonathan.m.bakken@usace.army.mil.

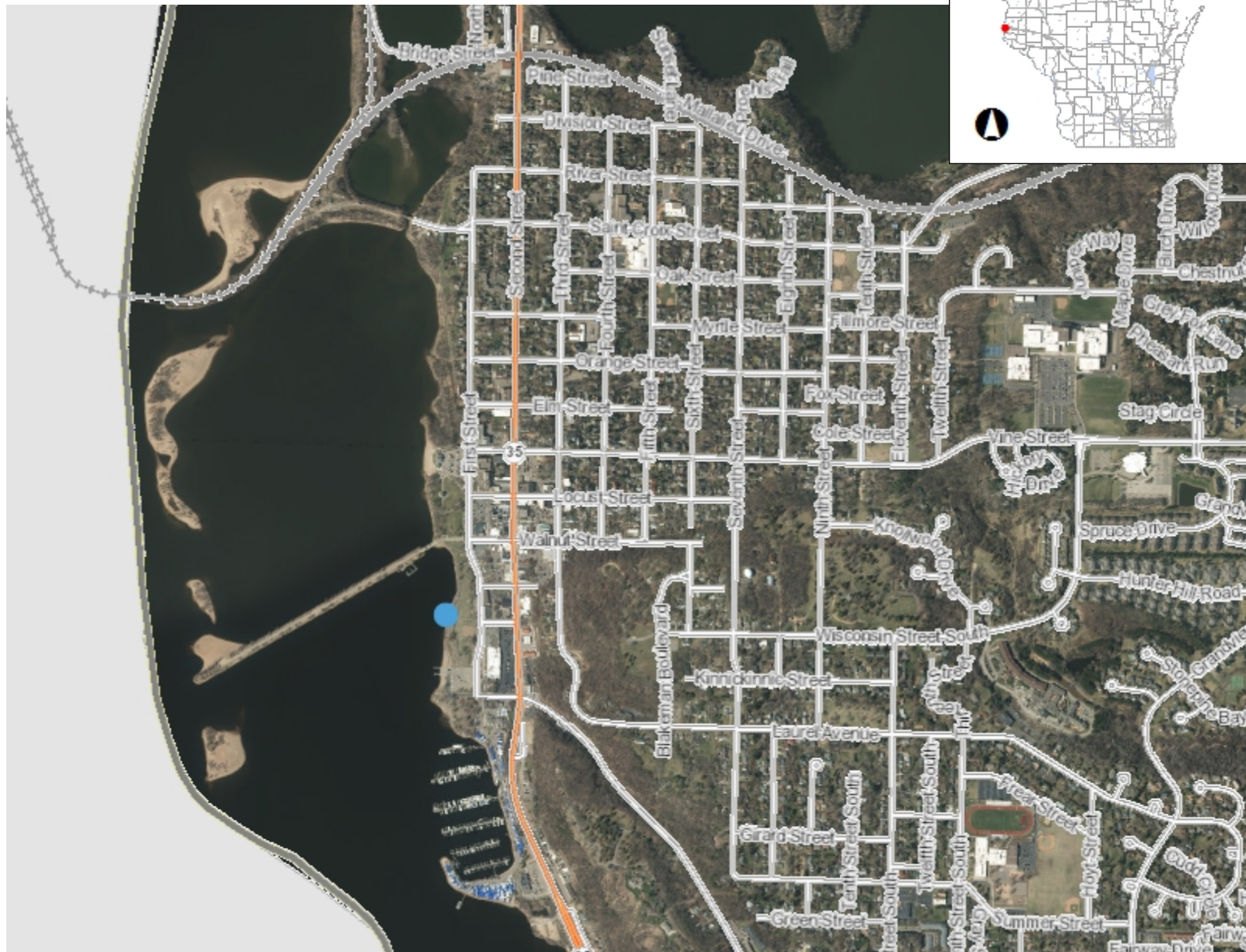
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Surface Water Data Viewer Map



Legend

- Municipality
- State Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Major Roads
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
- County and Local Roads
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
- Railroads
- Tribal Lands
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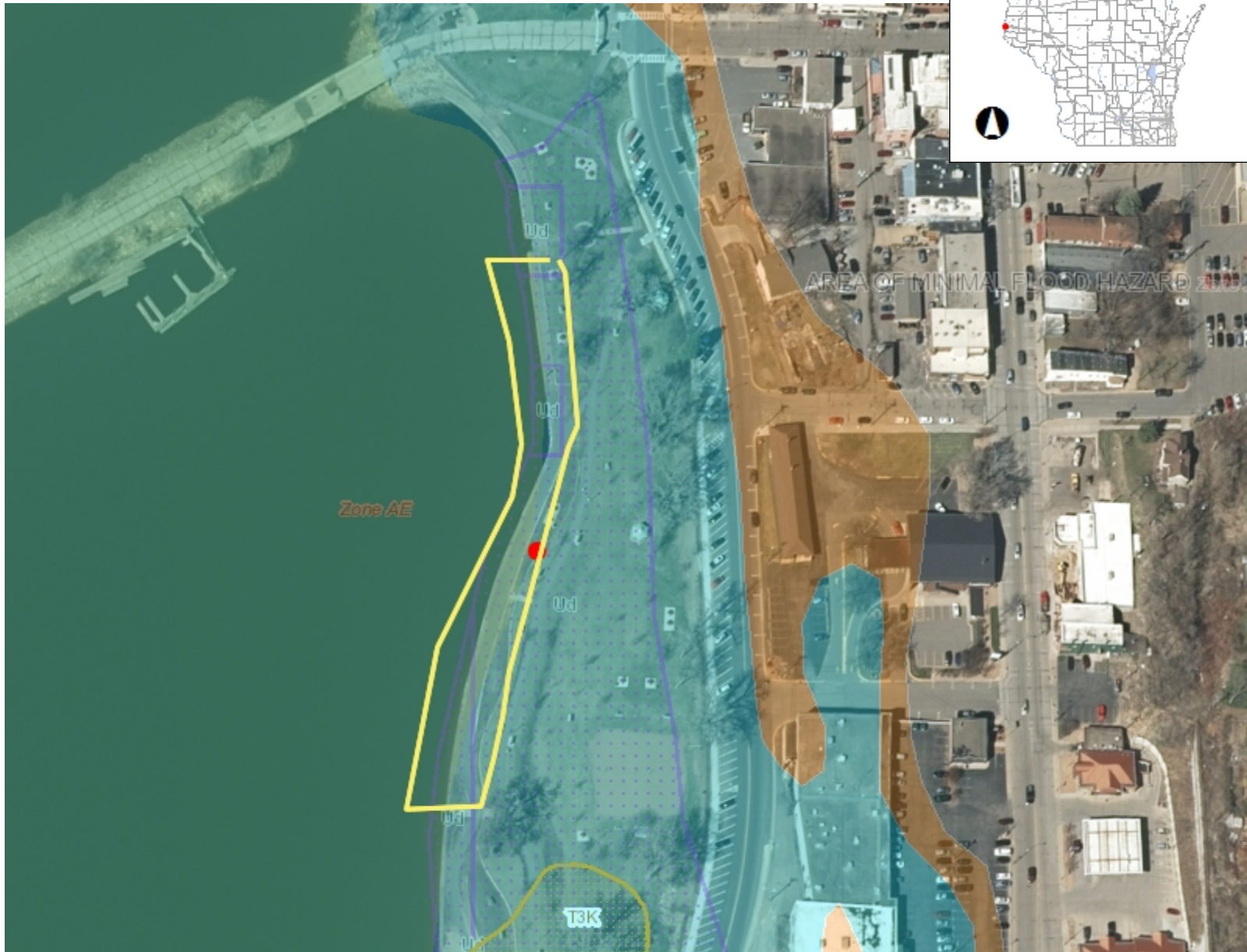
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Legend

- Flood Hazard Boundaries**
- Other Boundaries
 - Limit Lines
 - SFHA / Flood Zone Boundary

- Flood Hazard Zones**
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
 - Regulatory Floodway
 - Special Floodway
 - Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard
 - 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
 - Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
 - Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

- PNW-ASNRI Sensitive Areas of Lakes
- PNW-ASNRI Wild and Scenic Rivers
- PNW-ASNRI Outstanding and Exceptional Streams
- PNW-ASNRI Trout Streams
- PNW-ASNRI Wild Rice Streams
- PNW-ASNRI Outstanding and Exceptional Lakes
- PNW-ASNRI Special Area Management Plan Streams
- PNW-ASNRI Special Wetlands Inventory Study Streams
- PNW-ASNRI Coastal Wisconsin Wetlands Streams
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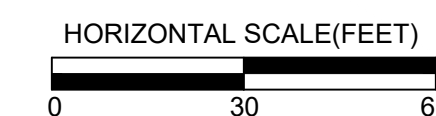
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SHEET TITLE:

**PROPOSED
RIVERFRONT
BOARD WALK**

ISSUANCE:	CONCEPT
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