

Notice of Pending Application/Public Hearing for Proposed Dredging

The Racine County Drainage District- Norway Dover, c/o Alan Jasperson, 500 College Ave., Racine, WI 53403 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to remove materials from the bed of the Wind Lake & Goose Lake Branch canals.

The project is located in Sections 31-34, Township 4 North, Range 20 East, Section 6, Township 3N, Range 20 East and Sections 1-2, Township 3 North, Range 19 East.

The work involves mechanical dredging of approximately 290,000 cubic yards of material from within the Wind Lake Canal and the Goose Lake Branch Canal along approximately 5 miles of the canals south of HWY K (Apple Rd.) to HWY 36 (Milwaukee Ave.). Dredged material will be placed in berms along both sides of the canal, and spread and leveled in specified upland agricultural fields. The District intends to perform a temporary winter drawdown during dredging activities. The Department will issue a press release and notify the Villages of Waterford and Rochester in advance of the drawdown. It is the responsibility of the dam owner and operator to notify other affected parties/riparians.

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 and 30.20(2), 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>.

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

The public hearing is scheduled for:

June 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Racine County Ives Groves Building Auditorium
14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177

This hearing is for activities relating to the dredging application only.

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 Elaine.Johnson@wisconsin.gov or writing to Elaine Johnson, 141 NW Barstow St., Room 180, Waukesha, WI 53188 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.

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