

JANUARY 26, 2023 BOA PUBLIC HEARING STAFF REPORT

Appeal 3723. Appeal by Dane County Parks for variance to allow alternate access and viewing corridor in the shoreland vegetative buffer zone provided by 11.04, Dane County Code of Ordinances, to permit redevelopment of Fish Camp County Park public access to the Yahara River at 3359 Fish Camp Rd in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 13, Town of Dunn.

OWNER: WI DNR C/O Dane County Parks

AGENT: Alex DeSmidt, Dane County Parks, Park Facility Planner, PLA, CPRP

LOCATION: 3359 Fish Camp Rd

ZONING DISTRICT: NR-C Natural Resource Conservation

COMMUNICATIONS: Town of Dunn: 09/21/2022; Acknowledgement; 01/23/23 Town Board recommending approval.

WDNR: None.

Facts of the Case:

Existing:

- Previous site of a 1930's WPA work program to house a year-round carp stocking and harvesting operation for the area.
- 99-acre County Park located on the northwest shore of Lake Kegonsa at the inlet of the Yahara River.
- Offers a boat launch with a protected launching area, launch piers, restrooms, fish cleaning facility, accessible fishing pier, and a parking area.
- Picnic area along the lakeshore provides an area for outings and shoreline fishing with fully accessible fishing piers.
- Canoe launch is also available on the Yahara River.

Proposed

- Installation of an accessible kayak launch to replace one of the existing fishing piers on the Yahara River.
- New walk-in water access ramp.
- Replacement of existing floating fishing pier.
- New lake management ramp to support aquatic plant management operations.
- Multi-use trail improvements.
- Expanded parking.

Zoning Notes:

- Property is located within the shoreland zoning district.

History

- No zoning or violation history was found on the property.
- The property is considered to be of historical & cultural importance to the Dane County landscape.

VARIANCES REQUESTED: Purpose: Allow multiple access and viewing corridors

Maximum width to provide access: 5 ft

Proposed maximum width: 8-12 ft.

VARIANCE NEEDED: 7 ft

Accept design as an alternative access and viewing corridor plan consistent with the purposes of shoreland zoning:

Minimum setback for non-exempt structures: 35 feet

Proposed minimum setback: 0 ft

VARIANCE NEEDED: 35 ft