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