



# City of Fond du Lac

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Kevin Bartel  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Re: Fisherman's Pier Dredge Material Low-Hazard Grant of Exemption  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Bartel:

The City of Fond du Lac obtained a permit to dredge a channel leading to Lake Winnebago in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The permit number for the project is IP-NE-2024-20-03511 for dredging and IP-NE-2024-20-03512 for grading. This permit allows maintenance dredging to allow continued access to Lake Winnebago from a public boat launch site and boat docks. The permit is valid until January 28, 2030, and allows dredging up to 16,150 cubic yards of material over the lifetime of the permit.

The city completed the first dredging in February and June through September of 2025. Approximately 6,150 cubic yards of material was removed. The dredged material was taken to a site located at the southeast corner of Doty Street and W. Harbor View Drive for dewatering and to wait for sediment sampling results.

The city is requesting a low-hazard grant of exemption to use material dredged under IP-NE-2024-20-03511. The first request is to blend the material with topsoil as allowed under 289.43(8)(b)4., Wis. Stats. The mixture would have 50% or greater topsoil. The total amount of dredged material planned to be used in general landscaping projects is less than 100 cubic yards. The second requested use of the dredged material is as fill at a city-owned park known as Lakeside Park West as allowed under 289.43(8)(b)3., Wis. Stats. The proposed facility is located on the south shoreline of Lake Winnebago approximately 2,800 feet west of where the Fond du Lac River enters Lake Winnebago.

The City of Fond du Lac is requesting a low-hazard exemption to use the dewatered sediment from the Fisherman's Pier dredging project as described above as landscaping material and to permanently dispose the material at Lakeside Park West. Approval of the first option will allow for a beneficial reuse of the sediment. Blending the dredged material with topsoil will provide a nutrient rich soil mixture which is beneficial for plant growth. This will reduce the amount of topsoil which the city is required to purchase or obtain from other sources and will provide a cost savings to the city. The technical report and appendices for the request are attached.

Please contact me at (920) 322-3482 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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