

## Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Dredging

Barry Schmitt, School District of Independence, 23786 Indee Boulevard, Independence, WI 54747 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for an after-the-fact permit to remove materials from the bed of an unnamed tributary to Elk Creek.

The project is located in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 09 West, City of Independence, Trempealeau County.

This project is an after-the-fact application for dredging of an unnamed tributary to Elk Creek. During the high water events of 2016-2017, the stream filled in substantially and caused problems on the athletic fields. To mitigate this, the dredging was completed in November 2017 by the School District of Independence. Dredging consisted of approximately 235 cubic yards of soft sediment in the stream. The dredged material was not placed in a wetland or floodplain. The School District took proper erosion control measures in 2018.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and a public informational hearing, if requested. 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> and search for WP-IP-WC-2018-62-X07-20T12-44-19.

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

Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing David.Hon@wisconsin.gov or writing to David Hon, 1300 W Clairemont Ave., , Eau Claire, WI 54701 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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