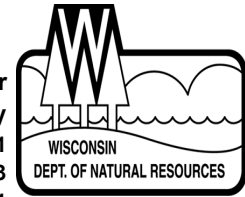


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Tony Balistreri
6030 Mohawk Rd
Campbellsport, WI 53010
[Delivered Electronically]

RE: Public Notice information for pending Individual Permit Application, Kohlsville Millpond Dredging

Dear Mr. Balistreri,

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR Individual Permit (IP) application to dredge the Kohlsville Millpond in Washington County. Your application has reached its date of closure and is complete. Chapters 30 and 281, Wis. Stats., require that the public has an opportunity to submit comments on IP applications. The next step in the review process is a Notice of Pending Application (NoPA) letter and public comment period. You have asked the Department to publish the notice on your behalf.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application/Notice of Public Hearing" for your project. The Department will arrange for newspaper publication of the notice and will publish the notice on the ePermitting site. The 30-day period to submit written public comments and the 20-day period to request a public hearing in writing will begin today. If a public hearing is held, the period to submit written public comments will end 10 days after the hearing date.

State law requires a copy of the attached public notice be delivered by mail or email to interested members of the public. The Department will complete these mailings and has determined the parties listed below will be notified. You may notify others at your discretion.

- County Clerk – Ashley Reichert, ashley.reichert@washcowisco.gov
- Town of Wayne Clerk – Caroll Gonwa, clerk@townofwayne.washco.wi.gov
- Rock River Coalition - info@rockrivercoalition.org
- Adjacent Neighbors:
 - Jeffrey D Gutjahr
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7746 County Highway W
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- Jennifer Canham
7751 County Highway W
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- Jacob M Peterson
7749 County Highway W
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- Brittany A Svien
7747 County Highway W
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- Dennis F Proeber Living Trust
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- Steven T Kudek Liv Tr
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West Bend, WI 53090
- Roger L Miller
Helen A Miller
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Mesa, AZ 85208
- Lawrence N Hug
Joyce C Hug
5772 Main St
West Bend, WI 53090
- Keith J Bartelt
Vicki J Bartelt
5831 Beechnut Dr
West Bend, WI 53090
- Mark V Hertzfeldt
April L Hertzfeldt
5750 Main St
West Bend, WI 53090

If you have any follow-up questions, you can reach me by phone at (608) 228-9466 or by email at Erin.Cox@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Cox
Water Management Specialist

Email cc:

Steve Swiertz, WDNR Conservation Warden

Zach Feest, WDNR Conservation Warden

Haley Anderson, Water Management Specialist

Brett Scherer, Washington County Zoning

Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Dredging project

Tony Balistreri has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to dredge the Kohlsville Millpond. The project is located on the Kohlsville River in the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 27, Township 12, Range 18 E, Town of Wayne, Washington County.

The applicant proposes to mechanically dredge approximately 135,400 sq ft of the millpond while the dam is drawn down. The applicant is seeking to perform this work as soon as practicable upon receipt of the permit. The pond is currently drawn down due to perform bridge repairs that needed to be completed and has been drawn down for approximately a year. The proposal involves removing 2-4 feet of accumulated sediment within the millpond, a maximum of 20,000 cubic yards of spoils being dredged. The sediment is proposed to be taken to a pit just north of the millpond on Highway W for disposal. Sediment sampling was required and has been completed, the results can be found in the document set.

Per the applicant, the millpond was previously enjoyed by the public primarily for navigation via kayak and fishing. Anecdotally, no one uses the pond for this anymore, due to the sediment accumulation. The intent is to remove the sediment to improve those recreational opportunities for the public in the near future. No native hardpan material (such as cobble, gravel, etc) is proposed to be removed as part of this project, only muck and silt that has migrated into the area and deposited over time. This proposal does seek authorization to drive machinery onto areas that, under dam operation conditions, would be considered the bed of the pond. Dredging is proposed to begin on the north side of the pond first, furthest from the currently flowing stream channel, to minimize sediment transport down river.

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, 30.20 and s. 30.208, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Wis. Stats., if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the 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 ePermitting at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for Balistreri or WP-IP-SE-2026-67-X02-05T11-18-22.

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 written comments by emailing Erin.Cox@wisconsin.gov, by leaving a voice message at (608)228-9466, or writing to Erin Cox, 101 South Webster St, Madison, WI 53703 by 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 submitted or postmarked no later than May 11th, 2026.

If you would like to request a public informational hearing, the request must be submitted or postmarked no later than April 30th, 2026. 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 will issue its decision without a hearing. If a hearing is held, comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than 10 days following the hearing date.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.
Docket Number IP-SE-2026-67-00454

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Cox".

Erin Cox

Water Management Specialist

04/10/2026