

Racine Yacht Club



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Dept of Public Works

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Honorable John Dickert
c/o City Clerk
730 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mayor and City Clerk:

I request to appear before the Public Works and Services Committee to discuss the temporary storage of dredge disposal at the former Walker Site. It is my understanding that the City would like to move forward with remediation of the current site in 2014 and our spoils pile stands in their way. We have been working with Dr. Julie Kinzelman on a mutually beneficial arrangement for the City and the local beaches. Dr. Kinzelman is desirous to apply these spoils to the Samuel Meyers park beach and has asked the Department of Natural Resources for permission to do so. She has requested a variance to spread 5000 cubic yards instead of the 3000 cubic yards currently allowed under DNR regulations. In our discussion with Dr. Kinzelman she is presently awaiting permission to be granted from the DNR at this time.

With permission from the DNR being anticipated shortly, and the win-win for city beaches and their restoration efforts, we respectfully request a brief and temporary extension of our permission to store materials at this site until a permit can be granted from the DNR. When permission is granted we stand ready to deplete the pile. We understand that all of the runs, marathons and uses for the current site have been exhausted in 2013. We would be open to a storage permission permit extension with a clause that the City can issue a removal order for the material and the RYC would be required to remove the material within a 45 day period of time following notification. We believe that this arrangement would best suit the City and the remediation efforts at the former Walker site.

We would be happy to meet with City Development Director Brian O'Connell; City Administrator Tom Friedel; Commissioner of Public Works Mark Yehlen along with Dr. Kinzelman to explain the beneficial reuse of this material to improve the City beaches at little or no cost to the City of Racine during these difficult budget times. Please feel free to contact me at 262-994-2134 to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,
Racine Yacht Club


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Commodore

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