

August 14, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-76

**RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
AUTHORIZING A PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
WATERWAYS COMMISSION FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPAIRS
TO THE OUTER LEG OF THE SOUTH BREAKWATER OF THE RACINE HARBOR**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Racine County Public Works Department is hereby authorized to seek assistance and submit an application to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission for a financial grant for a project in the estimated amount of \$5 million for the design and construction of repairs of the outer leg of the South breakwater of the Racine Harbor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County is authorized to perform the planning, engineering, specification preparation and budget analysis for the necessary repairs to the south breakwater.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County, as a condition of any grant awarded, will comply with state and federal rules for the program; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain approval in writing from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission before any change is made in the use of the project site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that local matching funds for the multi year project's design and repair construction phases may be authorized by future resolution or budget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Board Chairman, the County Clerk, and/or the County Executive are authorized to sign any necessary documents or contracts to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Gilbert Bakke, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Daniel F. Sharkozy, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Mike Dawson, Secretary

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6 Prepared by:
7 Corporation Counsel

Robert D. Grove

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18 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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20 **WHEREAS**, the outer leg of the south breakwater of the Racine Harbor was first
21 constructed by the federal government between 1917 and 1919 and maintained by the
22 Corps of Engineers until 1986 at which time County ownership was conferred; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works, Parks and Facilities Committee oversees conditions
25 on our lakefront properties by the authorization and review of systematic, uniform and
26 deliberate monitoring studies of the Racine Harbor; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, a coastal monitoring study completed in 2005 identified deterioration of
29 the concrete superstructure of the outer leg of the old federal south breakwater and
30 recommended that future plans for the rehabilitation of the structure be considered; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, corrective measures (which are anticipated to be the placement of a
33 sheet pile wall) are necessary to prevent loss of fill material, continue public access and
34 maintain the structural integrity of the outer leg of the south breakwater; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources has available
37 under competitive award, Recreational Boating Facilities project grants administered
38 Wisconsin Waterways Commission; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 2001-211 authorized the acceptance of a Wisconsin
41 Waterways Commission Recreational Boating Facilities project grant of approximately
42 \$1.35 million for a \$2.07 million project on the inner leg of the south breakwater that was
43 completed in 2002; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, an account (General Harbor Maintenance) has been created for
46 periodic monitoring and minor maintenance of the Harbor/ Marina structures that the
47 County has responsibility for and expenditures from this account are approved and
48 overseen by the Public Works, Parks and Facilities Committee.