

**Contract No. 005-075**

“Devils Lake Access Improvements for Handicapped, Elderly and Mobility Impaired”

Submitted by City of Devils Lake

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**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	
City of Devils Lake	\$ 31,191	
North Dakota Game and Fish Department	\$ 30,000	
Lake Region Anglers Association	\$ 10,000	
Devils Lake Chamber	\$ 5,000	
Devils Lake Access Committee	\$ 1,000	
Lake Region Sportsmen	\$ 500	
Unknown	<u>\$ 96,346</u>	
Subtotal Cash Cost Share		\$174,037
City of Devils Lake	\$ 60,000	
North Dakota Game and Fish Department	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	
Subtotal In-kind Cost Share		\$ 75,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$ 361,728</u>	
Subtotal Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) dollars		<u>\$ 361,728</u>
Total Project Cost		\$ 610,765

Project Schedule – 1 year

Contract Date – 8/7/2015

Start Date – 8/3/2015

Completion Date – 10/1/2017\*

Project Deliverables:

Status Report: October 31, 2015 ✓

Status Report: April 30, 2016 ✓

Status Report:\* September 30, 2016 ✓

Status Report: April 30, 2017\*

Final Report: October 31, 2018\*^ ✓

**OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:**

The purpose of this project is to install access ramps and stairs to fishing piers; install enhancements to existing facilities and create new access points; adjust manmade landscapes to allow accessibility; develop a parking lot and make vehicle access improvements, install a handicap accessible bathroom and playground equipment, repair bank erosion, plant trees and install fishing piers. This project involves three different sites. The applicant had requested \$458,074 of Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) dollars. The Commission awarded \$361,728 with the stipulation that no OHF dollars could be used for engineering/administration costs. The Commission determined that an exception should be made for the paved parking lot since having pavement was important for accessibility. The applicant will be seeking other sources to fund the difference in the funding award.

**STATUS:**

Contract has been executed.

**12/8/2015** - The first status report was received 12/8/2015. The report states:

Work was initiated to construct the ADA access ramps for the Channel A site. City Engineering staff completed survey work and developed a ramp layout for Channel A. Based on the layout of this site, it was decided that a large portion of the wheelchair access ramps could be constructed of wood to reduce project cost. Construction of individual wood ramp sections was coordinated with the Devils Lake High School carpentry class, who built the ramps in the school shop.

Holes were augered and concrete placed for the foundation for the ramps. Volunteers from the Lake Region Anglers and city forces worked to set the ramps into position near the end of October. Additional work continues to complete the wood ramps and parking lot at this location, with hopes of having the site available for public use in the spring of 2016. (Photos of this work are available on the website)

Development of plans for the remaining ramps and fishing piers will be completed this winter, with construction in 2016.

**4/30/16** Status Report received. It states:

**Channel A Location:** The wood access ramp portion has been completed for this site. Parking lot improvements were completed last fall and an approach developed to the site. Fishing pier was fabricated and delivered to the site this spring. Adjustments were made to the wood access ramps to allow temporary installation of the fishing pier to accommodate most anglers for the spring fishing season while the remaining gangways are fabricated. Additional site improvements will be completed this spring and summer.

**East Ditch Location:** Site layout work has continued for this location. An access ramp has been roughed in for this location. Additional access and site improvements will be completed this summer.

**Henegar:** This site has been reviewed by different dock and gangway manufacturers, but no physical work has been completed for this location. We hope to develop a final plan in the near future and begin fabrication of gangways later this summer.

**9/30/16** Status Report received. It states:

**Channel A:** The Channel A site has been operational most of the summer while finish work continued on the site. Additional gangway (to decrease the slope of the pier access) and an accessible bathroom were installed in early June. A guard rail was installed to prevent motorists from rolling down the slope adjacent to the parking area and access signs have been installed to help direct fishermen to the site.

Remaining items of work at this location include installation of a concrete ADA parking area and sidewalk from the parking area to the bathroom. Signs that discuss the accessible fishing sites are being developed and will be installed as soon as they are complete. Additional improvements to the fishing pier (to make spring installation and fall removal easier) are scheduled to be completed once the pier has been removed for the year.

**East Ditch Recreation Area:** The access road to this location has been widened and improved. The gravel parking lot has been developed and an accessible bathroom was installed. A bid has been awarded for installing a fishing pier, which is on site and nearly assembled. Playground equipment is also on site and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Remaining items of work at this location include installation of concrete ADA parking area and sidewalk from the parking area to the bathroom. Playground equipment will be assembled and installed in October. Signs that discuss the accessible fishing sites are being developed and will be installed when complete. Guardrail will be installed adjacent to the access road to improve safety.

**Henegar Landing:** Plans are still being developed for this site, with hopes of awarding contracts for gangway and fishing pier fabrication this winter. Some amount of guard rail that was not required at this location has been removed and relocated to the Channel A and East Ditch sites.

The applicant has requested a no-cost extension to the contract due to the magnitude and complexity of the project and the need for additional time to coordinate design and fabrication of the gangways and piers at the

Henegar site. A no-cost extension to October 1, 2017 has been granted. An \* denotes where changes were made to the contract.

**1/19/2018** - The City of Devils Lake has requested a no-cost extension to allow time to finalize the work of the contractor. The Commission has granted a no-cost extension to July 31, 2018 to submit a final report.

**9/4/2018** – A no-cost extension to October 31, 2018 has been granted to submit a final report.

**10/26/18** – Final report received. The report states:

**Channel A:** The site is located on the north side of Hwy 2 about 6 miles west of Devils Lake. The site features a concrete ADA parking area, sidewalk to a handicap accessible bathroom, and a fishing pier that any angler with mobility issues can use with ease. The site development has taken into consideration those issues by installing a guard rail to prevent motorists from rolling down the slope and adding signs that direct anglers to the site.

The fishing pier has been used extensively by anglers and many of those anglers have expressed their appreciation for the ability to go fishing in an area that is specifically designed for the needs of the handicapped, elderly, or mobility impaired.

**East Ditch Recreation Area:** This portion includes the actual fishing pier, as well as a handicap accessible bathroom and playground area. The site has been developed to include a gravel parking lot, concrete ADA parking area, and a sidewalk to access the bathroom. The access road was also widened and improved.

This area is in close proximity to the south side of the City and enables quick access. Adjacent to the site is the City's flood protection embankment that is often used as a walking path.

Henegar Landing: The fishing pier at Henegar Landing has amenities that were already in place at the time of the pier installation. On site is a bathroom, boat loading ramp, and fish cleaning station that are used regularly. The addition of a fishing pier that is accessible to the handicapped, elderly, or mobility impaired has substantially increased the number of people who utilize the site.

The City and its residents are grateful to the OHF for the funding that made the fishing piers a reality.

This contract is now closed.

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