

August 8, 2017

Re: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Hooper Boat Dock & Deck Replacement
800 Langdon Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Potentially Interested Party,

The University of Wisconsin – Madison (UW-Madison) Facilities Planning and Management has retained Ayres Associates on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed replacement of all components of the boat docks and storage decks including ramps, gangways, and anchoring systems, as well as shoreline restoration and other site amenities for the UW Hoopers Sailing Club in Madison, Wisconsin. The EIA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and UWSA guidelines (Board of Regents' Resolution 2508, November 6, 1981). An initial requirement of the EIA is the scoping process. The intent of the scoping process is to identify at an early stage potential beneficial or adverse impacts of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. Because you or your agency or group may have an interest in the project, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process.

Project Background

Wisconsin Hoopers operates out of Memorial Union, on the south shoreline of Lake Mendota on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, located at 800 Langdon Street. The Wisconsin Hoopers is the largest student organization at UW-Madison and has over 2,500 members comprised of students, faculty, staff, and community members. While Hoopers is a student-led organization, Wisconsin Union members can join any of the six clubs, creating a unique blend of students and community members enjoying the outdoors together. Hoopers has sub-groups such as: outing, mountaineering, horseback riding, scuba, ski and snowboard, and sailing. Wisconsin Hoopers started in 1931 and the Sailing Club has been a part of the Hooper outdoor adventure clubs since 1939. In that time it has grown from a handful of boats and members taking care of them, to the second largest inland sailing club in the country.

Hoopers offers more than 120 different boats and sailboards to their members which is spread between 8 different fleets and comprised of 15 different types of crafts. The Hoopers Sailing Club offers members unlimited instruction (no prior sailing knowledge is required) as part of their membership fees and once members are certified, they have unlimited access to sail during regular club hours. Hoopers also has a youth sailing program for those who are not old enough to be regular club members. The purpose of the Hoopers Sailing Club is to promote sailing at UW-Madison by providing the organization, equipment, instruction, and financing necessary to encourage recreational and competitive sailing.

The Hoopers Sailing club uses a variety of seasonally installed piers at the UW-Madison Memorial Union, which provide water access to students, faculty, and the general public. These piers are installed annually by volunteers and are composed of various light steel bar joists, support structures, wooden

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decking, and steel grate decking. Piers are installed in the spring and removed in the fall to prevent ice damage during the winter months.

Common issues occur at the Hoofers Sailing Club related to deteriorating piers and the club's proximity to the shoreline/Lakeshore path that runs along the south shore of Lake Mendota. Piers have been seen damage as a result of age, repetitive seasonal takedown, and weather. Misalignment and damage of the piers impacts the structural integrity and may ultimately create dangerous situations for pier users. Additionally, the shoreline and shoreline paths are heavily used public recreational and commuting paths that are used for walking, jogging, and biking. Proximity of the Hoofers facilities to the paths creates a challenge in which land area is not available for sailing equipment storage along the lake edge, which is the preferred location. Therefore, Hoofers is forced to store equipment and boats just south of the paths which creates cross traffic between path users and Hoofers users whom are transporting boats and equipment across the paths. To promote traffic safety between the two user groups and improve inefficiencies, options were presented to UW-Madison and the Hoofers Sailing Club to mitigate some of these potential problems.

Proposed Project Action

The project consists of replacing the existing boat docks and decks for the UW-Madison Hoofers Sailing Club as outlined in their July 2016 Hooper Waterfront Study Master Plan and Fixed Dockage Structural Assessment (DFD Project Number 15B2Z). The project includes replacement of all components of the boat docks and storage decks including ramps, gangways, and anchoring systems, as well as shoreline restoration and other site amenities. The design intent is to follow the recommendations of the above final Master Plan.

This is a 100% gift-funded project, and as such, will be delivered with design and construction contracts held by the University of Wisconsin System and managed by UW-Madison. Construction will be delivered upon approval by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System at or before 25% design completion. The current preliminary estimated project cost is \$2,408,000 and will be funded using 100% Gift Funds.

Below is a summary of the targeted project schedule:

Project Schedule

A/E Selection	April 2017
Begin Design	May 2017
Permit Application Submitted	August 2017
Preliminary Review Documents	September 2017
Board of Regent Approval	September 2017
Permits Issued by Regulators	November 2017
Final Review Documents	January 2018
Project Bid	February 2018
Begin Construction Phase 1	September 2018
Begin Construction Phase 2	April 2019
Estimated Construction Completion	May 2019

A project location map and aerial photo of the project site are provided as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

EIA Schedule

The EIA report will evaluate the potential positive and adverse environmental impacts of the project in accordance with the WEPA and UWSA guidelines. Issues identified during the scoping process will be addressed in the Draft EIA report. As part of our standard EIA process, Ayres Associates will perform research using available databases and resources to collect information pertaining to environmental, social, economic, cultural, or historic aspects of the project. The Draft EIA report will be made available to the public for a 15-day comment period anticipated to start in September 2017. A notice will be published in state and local media to announce the availability of the Draft EIA. Following completion of the public comment period, a public information meeting will be conducted and any comments received will be evaluated.

Appropriate revisions will be incorporated into a Final EIA document based on comments received during the 15-day comment period and public information meeting.

If you are interested in this project, we welcome any comments, suggestions, or other input you feel are important. Please submit your comments related to this project in writing by **August 18, 2017**, for consideration in the Draft EIA report. Send your comments to:

Ben Peotter, PE
Ayres Associates
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If no comments are received from you or your group, we will assume that there are no project issues that negatively impact you, or that you would like to comment on.

Ayres Associates Inc



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Enclosure

RESPONSE FORM

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Process
Hooper Boat Dock & Deck Replacement
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Madison, Wisconsin

I have the following comments regarding this project and items to be considered as part of the scoping process:

[Please write comment here. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

Please complete the following information and sign if submitting comments:

Name: _____

Title/Representing: _____

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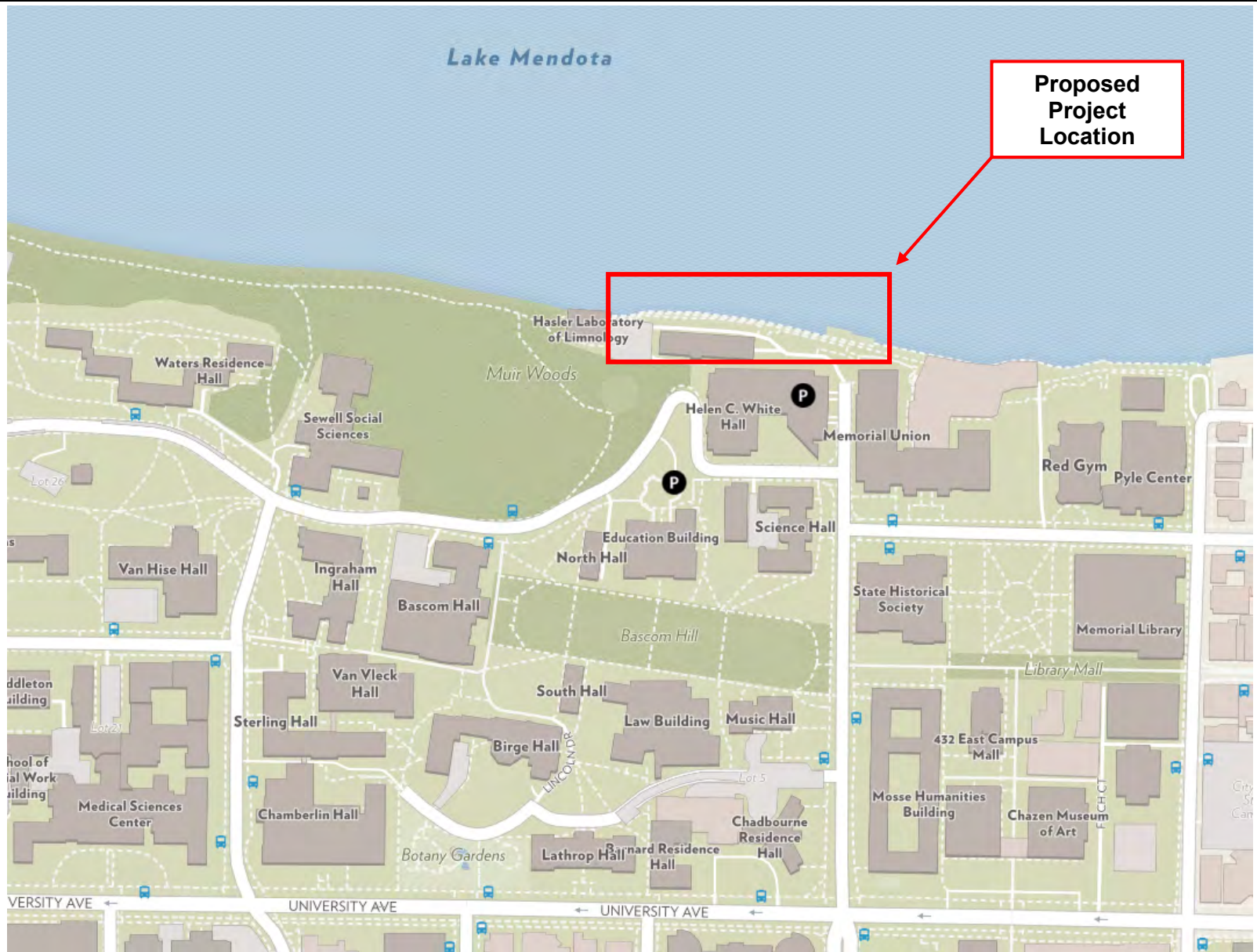
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- I am interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation components of this project. Please continue to send me project notices.
- I am NOT interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation of this project. Please do NOT continue to send me project notices.

Please return this form by August 18, 2017, to:

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Base Map Source: University of Wisconsin, Campus Map - <http://map.wisc.edu/>

Attachment 1

Campus Map

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Base Map Source: DCiMap, Powered by esri, 2014 aerial photograph

Attachment 2
Aerial Map of the Project Site

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WEPA Compliance Document Distribution List										
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