



July 31, 2024

Stearns County Parks
1802 County Road 137
Waite Park, MN 56387

Re: Wocken Park Project

To: Ben Anderson, Parks Director

This letter is to confirm the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association (SRCLA) board's overall support of the Wocken Park Project. As the project progresses, it is important that SRCLA is engaged in the decision-making design process as it relates specifically to a potential public launch being installed.

The SRCLA owns and operates remote recording devices, signage, and tools for the removal and the prevention of the spread of aquatic invasive species at each of the 4 existing public launches. If another launch is installed and an existing launch is not decommissioned (i.e. Hwy 23 launch at Lions Park), it would represent about a \$20,000 capital expense and a \$6,000 annual operating expense to purchase and operate the equipment to support a new launch. As a result, the SRCLA has a direct interest in the potential of a new public launch at the park.

The SRCLA welcomes the opportunity to work with Stearns County Parks on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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