



To: Fox River Navigational System Authority (FRNSA)

From: Peter Hensler, VP Friends of the Fox

Date: January 27, 2010

Re: Canoe/Kayak Portage at the Menasha Lock

Over the last several years FOF has been working with FRNSA and other partners to create a portage system for canoes and kayaks through the navigation canals. These portages will be critical component of the eventual goal of a Heritage Parkway water trail. In 2009 we completed portages through the Appleton locks and anticipate completing portages in Menasha, including at the Menasha lock, in 2010. FOF would like authorization from FRNSA to construct the portage landing that is located on property under control of FRNSA north and down stream of the lock.

FOF will use the same construction techniques employed at the Appleton locations which were devised by the UW Platteville senior engineering class last year. In Menasha we will be constructing 4 portage locations one of which will be on FRNSA property, the others are on Menasha street right of way. We have received verbal approval from Menasha for this project. As in the past we will work with FRNSA staff to make sure the project does not negatively affect lock operation.

I encourage you to support this request.

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