

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

REGARDING THE PETITION OF FRIENDS OF THE STURGEON BAY PUBLIC WATERFRONT, ET. AL., FOR A FULL HEARING AND DECLARATORY RULING DETERMINING THE LOCATION OF THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK (OHWM) ALONG THE SHORE OF STURGEON BAY ON A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 92 EAST MAPLE STREET, CITY OF STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN

On March 8, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources (Department or DNR) received from Friends of the Sturgeon Bay Public Waterfront, Shawn M. Fairchild, Carri Andersson, Linda Cockburn, Russ Cockburn, Kathleen Finnerty, and Christie Weber, by and through their attorneys, a petition for a full hearing and declaratory ruling determining the location of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) along the shore of Sturgeon Bay on a parcel of land located at 92 East Maple Street, City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin. On April 18, 2017, the Department granted the petition subject to payment of the filing fee, which petitioners paid on April 24, 2017. As part of the declaratory ruling process, the Department has scheduled a hearing to afford full opportunity for hearing to interested parties pursuant to s. 227.41, Wis. Stats.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public informational hearing to receive comments and evidence regarding the determination of the location of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) along the shore of Sturgeon Bay at 92 Maple Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI. The hearing will be held:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**
Location: **Door County Public Library – Sturgeon Bay Branch**
 Jane Livingstone Greene Room
 107 South 4th Avenue
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

The public is invited to attend this hearing. Persons entering an appearance at the hearing may make statements and offer evidence concerning the location of the ordinary high water mark along the shore of Sturgeon Bay on a parcel of land located at 92 East Maple Street, City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin. Such statements will not be made under oath. Cross-examination of those who speak will not be permitted, but the presiding officer may allow clarifying questions addressed to those who speak. The presiding officer shall determine the order in which people may speak and may limit the length of the presentations if it appears there will not be enough time for all who wish to speak or if the presentations are unduly repetitious.

Written comments and evidence on the ordinary high water mark determination may be submitted to Dan Helsel, at 910 Highway 54E, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or via email at daniel.helsel@wisconsin.gov. Written comments must be received by Mr. Helsel no later than September 15, 2017. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the hearing. The Department recommends that persons making oral comments also submit those comments in writing. The Department will consider all timely comments and evidence, written and oral, before it issues a declaratory ruling on the location of the ordinary high water mark along the shore of Sturgeon Bay on a parcel of land located at 92 East Maple Street, City of Sturgeon Bay, Door County, Wisconsin. Pursuant to s. NR 2.095, the Department's decision may be based upon information presented at the hearing and other information available to the department to assist in rendering the declaratory ruling.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Dan Helsel at (715) 284-1431 with specific information on your request before the date of the hearing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 22 day of August, 2017.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By  _____
Cathy Stepp, Secretary