

LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL, INC.

GRANT INTAKE SHEET

2027-003

Use to determine if the project submission has met the initial requirements...

PROJECT NAME	Larson Lake ADA- Accessible Fishing Pier	
PROJECT NUMBER	2027-003	
DATE RECEIVED	8/27/2027	
PROJECT COUNTIES	Lincoln	
PROJECT PARTNERS	Lincoln County Forestry, Recreation & Parks Dept	
AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$	10,000.00
PRIOR FUNDING YEARS/AMOUNTS	\$5K each in 2023 & 2024 (Garlic Mustard Control)	\$ 10,000.00

	YES/NO
Project was received by the deadline	Yes
Project fulfills Match Requirements (25% & minimum 10% of total asked must be in cash)	Yes
Project budget shows at least 10% of the amount asked for is in Cash	Yes
Project has been presented to county LCC	Yes 8/13/2026 Lincoln Co Land Svcs Cmte
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	Yes
Letter of Support from each match partner	Yes
Approved to move on to Council Meeting	Yes

NOTES:

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GRANT RANKING GUIDELINE SHEET

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Use this sheet to help formulate questions & determine how the project aligns with the Lumberjack Mission.

NAME: Larson Lake ADA- Accessible Fishing Pier

ASKING FOR...

COUNTY: Lincoln

\$10,000

PARTNERS: Lincoln County

PRIOR FUNDING years/amounts: \$5K for 2023 & 2024 Garlic Mustard Control

\$10,000

Match Information (List Match Percentage)	67%
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	N/A

MISSION Statement: Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.

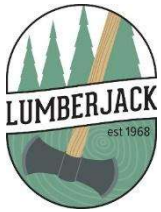
The following statements should be considered when determining if you feel the project aligns well enough with the Lumberjack Mission Statement. Project critiques should be based on their merits and mission alignment points, not on location, past funding or whether funds are available for all projects. Members should also consider the geographic reach and sustainability of the project.

Enhances Area Natural Resources. Does this project directly enhance natural resources? Consider the area and population covered. Consider how many Lumberjack counties are covered? Lumberjack serves nine counties. Consider the diversity of natural resources benefitting from the project. Is it one, two or a range?

Promotes a Higher Standard of Living & Improves Quality of Life. Does this project directly promote a higher standard of living and/or improve quality of life? Consider the economic impact and how the project affects disposable income, wages, job creation. Consider the health benefits. Does the project lead to better air or water quality, a cleaner environment? Does the project enhance accessibility to resources that lead to healthier living?

Fosters Partnerships Between Public & Private Sectors. Consider the number and diversity of the partnerships involved in this project. Do the partners represent a good cross section of public/private entities? Consider all partners, whether they are contributing monetarily or not. (Example: A school/classroom is involved in the project but they cannot commit with a Letter of Support. This would not qualify at cash match, but would qualify as fostering partnerships.)

Council Members: Use this space to jot down comments or specific questions you have after reading the project proposal. You'll have an opportunity to question the applicant at the October Council meeting.



Lumberjack Grant Application

PROJECT TITLE: Larson Lake ADA- Accessible Fishing Pier

Submitted by (name):	Luke Williams
Organization:	Lincoln County Forestry Department
Address:	801 North Sales Street, Suite 106
Phone:	715-539-1035
Email:	lucas.williams@co.lincoln.wi.us
Counties:	Lincoln

Mission Statement: *Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.*

SUMMARY: Review the Lumberjack Mission Statement above. How does your project align with Lumberjack's mission? Be specific. The more alignment points, the better your project is viewed.

Answer: The Larson Lake ADA-Accessible Fishing Pier Project supports the Lumberjack RC&D mission by improving quality of life and providing safe access to a popular public fishery in Lincoln County. Larson Lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout by the Wisconsin DNR and receives heavy public use due to its mowed grass, easy parking, and convenient location. However, shoreline access is limited, and the lake currently has no fishing dock, making it difficult for many users to reach the water safely.

Installing an ADA-compliant fishing pier will create a safe, accessible place to fish, helping more county residents enjoy outdoor recreation and the stocked fishery. The project will provide a sustainable, long-term improvement to an existing public recreation area without requiring major changes to the shoreline. By improving access to an existing public resource, this project clearly supports the goals outlined in the Lumberjack RC&D mission.

OBJECTIVES: What problems, concerns or opportunities will this project address? You will be asked to show how your objectives were met when you present your follow-up presentation to the Council.

Answer: This project will address the lack of safe and practical fishing access at Larson Lake. While the mowed wayside provides general shoreline access, it is not consistently accessible for individuals with disabilities, seniors, or others who need a stable, level surface. The natural shoreline varies in firmness and slope, making access unreliable for many users. An ADA-compliant fishing pier will give everyone a stable, easy-to-use spot to fish.

The objectives of this project are:

- Improve safe fishing access by providing a stable platform that avoids uneven or soft shoreline conditions.
- Increase accessibility for people with mobility challenges so more residents can enjoy the lake.
- Support use of the DNR-stocked rainbow trout fishery by giving anglers a dependable place to fish each year.
- Provide a sustainable, long-term fishing access point that can be maintained by Lincoln County Forestry Department staff.

These objectives can be evaluated by confirming the pier is installed as planned, observing increased public use of the fishing area, and seeing higher angler satisfaction once people have a safe and reliable place to fish.

FORMULATION & EVALUATION: Why is this project the best way to address the issues described above? How will the outcome be evaluated? Be specific – outcomes that can be measured are viewed more favorably.

Answer: A fishing pier is the most practical and effective way to solve the access issues at Larson Lake. While the mowed wayside provides general shoreline access, the shoreline itself cannot be made safely usable for many people, even with improvements, because the ground is naturally uneven and soft in places. A pier provides a stable, level surface that allows everyone to reach the water easily, including individuals with disabilities, seniors, and others who struggle with uneven terrain. It also gives anglers access to deeper water, which improves fishing success on a lake stocked with rainbow trout.

A permanent fishing pier provides a more sustainable long-term solution than attempting to modify the natural shoreline. The pier can provide consistent access while minimizing the need for extensive changes to the existing shoreline.

The outcome of this project can be evaluated in several clear ways:

- Completion of the pier installation according to ADA standards and the project plan.
- Increased public use of the fishing area once a safe, stable platform is available.
- Higher angler satisfaction from people who previously had difficulty fishing the lake.
- More consistent use of the stocked fishery as anglers gain easier access to deeper water.

These measures will help show whether the project is meeting its goals, providing a sustainable public resource, and improving fishing access for county residents.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Why is assistance needed from Lumberjack? Who within your organization will run the project? Describe the assistance you are receiving from other partners. Include Letters of Support as outlined in Lumberjack's Granting Policy.

Answer: Assistance from Lumberjack RC&D is needed because the county does not have the available funds to purchase an ADA-compliant fishing pier. The estimated cost of the pier is \$15,000. This estimate was developed using a 2023 quote for a similar fishing dock that was approximately \$13,500. That quote was used as a reference point, and the estimate was increased to account for changes in material, fabrication, and other project costs since the original quote.

The Forestry Department can assist with installation and provide long-term maintenance, but the upfront cost of the pier requires external financial support. Lumberjack's contribution will help make the project possible and provide a sustainable, long-term improvement to an existing public recreation area.

The proposed pier will be a floating dock system that will remain in place at Larson Lake. The dock will be supported by flotation units beneath the structure, allowing the pier to adjust with changes in water level while providing a stable and accessible fishing platform. The design will provide a long-term fishing access point without requiring the pier to be removed seasonally.

The project will be managed by the Lincoln County Forestry Department. Staff will coordinate purchasing, installation, documentation, and all required reporting for the grant. The Forestry Department will also be responsible for routine inspection and maintenance of the pier and accessible route. As the pier is used and weathers over time, the department will address maintenance, wear, and repairs as needed through its normal

maintenance program. This approach will help keep the facility safe, accessible, and sustainable for continued public use.

Support for this project comes from several local organizations that value improved public access at Larson Lake. Groups such as Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, the Lincoln County Sportsmen's Club, and Trout Unlimited have expressed support for expanding safe, accessible fishing opportunities. Their involvement demonstrates community backing for the project.

Lincoln County also intends to recognize Lumberjack RC&D's support **through** recognition signage on or near the fishing pier

PROJECT OUTLINE & TIMETABLE: List the project steps and expected completion dates. Could there be any possible roadblocks? If so, list them here.

Answer: The project involves purchasing and installing an ADA-accessible fishing pier to provide safe, reliable access to the water. Work will focus on preparing the site, ensuring an accessible route, and completing installation in a straightforward sequence that fits within the department's normal seasonal workflow.

Project Steps

- Finalize ADA-accessible pier specifications and complete purchasing.
- Prepare the installation site, including confirming the accessible route from the parking area.
- Install the pier following manufacturer guidance and ADA accessibility standards.
- Conduct a final inspection to ensure stability, safety, and compliance.
- Open the pier for public use and complete required follow-up reporting to Lumberjack RC&D.

Expected Timeline

- December 2026 – February 2027: Finalize design, confirm materials, and place order
- May – June 2027: Site preparation and pier installation (after thaw, before peak season)
- Summer 2027: Pier fully available for use

Possible Roadblocks

- Weather delays during installation
- Manufacturer lead times or shipping delays
- Material availability or cost changes
- Staff availability during the installation period

BUDGET: Complete the attached Budget Form. Remember the 50% match value requirement with 15% of the match being cash. List each match donor in the 'Match' column and submit a corresponding Letter of Support with specific value of in-kind/services or cash for the project for which funds are being asked. Note: This form is available in excel online at:

<https://lumberjackrcd.org/projects>



LUMBERJACK BUDGET FORM



Project Name: Larson Lake ADA Accessible Fishing Pier

Starting Project Date
1/1/2027

Ending Project Date **1**
12/31/2027

Income (SPECIFY)		Cash	Other Funding Sources/Match (Cash & In-Kind) 2,3	Total
LOS ✓	YOUR Request of Lumberjack RC&D	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
FALSE	County Cash Match		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FALSE	County Staff Labor		\$ 1,705.00	\$ 1,705.00
FALSE	Other Revenue Source (list in Match Column)		\$ -	\$ -
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Total Income		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,705.00	\$ 16,705.00

Percent of Match=Match Total/Lumberjack Request **67%**

LJ Percent of Total = YOUR LJ Request/Total Expenses **60%**

Remember: If it appears here you need a matching support letter

General Expenses (SPECIFY & include Match expenses)		
	Pier	\$ 15,000.00
	Staff Time	\$ 1,705.00
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
	Expense Item	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 16,705.00
NET 4		\$ -

- Lumberjack Project funds are available for one year from the date of the approval notice
- Match Value must equal at least 25% of the Lumberjack Request and 10% of the request must be in cash
Volunteer Services=\$15/hour & Professional Services=current hourly wage
- A Letter of Support is required for all match partners listed above & must include a description & match value
- Explain a **NET** balance other than Zero (\$0.00) in the box below:



LINCOLN COUNTY
Forestry, Land and Parks Department
Lucas Williams – County Forest Administrator
801 North Sales Street, Suite 106 · Merrill, WI 54452
Tel. (715) 539-1034

DATE: August 26, 2026

TO: Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

RE: Larson Lake ADA-Accessible Fishing Pier Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lincoln County Forestry Department supports Lincoln County's application to the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council for funding for the Larson Lake ADA-Accessible Fishing Pier Project.

The Lincoln County Forestry Department commits \$5,000 in cash toward the project and \$1,705 in staff labor, for a total contribution of \$6,705. The labor contribution will include work associated with site preparation and installation of the fishing pier.

The Forestry Department will be responsible for coordinating the installation of the pier and providing ongoing inspection and maintenance of the pier and accessible route. This will help ensure the facility remains safe, accessible, and sustainable for continued public use.

We appreciate the opportunity to support this project and improve safe and accessible fishing opportunities at Larson Lake for county residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Lucas Williams

Forestry Department Administrator
Lincoln County Forestry Department

WHERE THE NORTHWOODS START AND YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS!



**Lincoln County Land Services Committee
Minutes of Thursday, August 13, 2026 3:30pm
Lincoln County Service Center, Room #257**

(Meeting recording is available on the Lincoln County website: co.lincoln.wi.us)

MEMBERS PRESENT In-Person: Marty Lemke, Bill Bialecki, Randy Detert, Julie DePasse, Dean Lemke, Andrew Tomaszewski, and Andy Zelinski

MEMBERS PRESENT Teleconference: none

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth McCrank (excused).

DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF In-Person: Sarah Koss (Register of Deeds), Mike Huth (Land Services Administrator), Thomas Boisvert (Conservation Program Manager), Lucas Williams (Forestry Administrator), and Elizabeth Peronto (Program Assistant)

VISITORS In-Person: Earl Welker, Jeremy Irish, Cade Strehlow, Luke Durkee, and Brent Loka

VISITORS Teleconference: Sara Guild

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Lemke at 3:30p.m.
2. Roll Call – Elizabeth McCrank absent (excused). All other members present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Adopt Agenda –
M/S DePasse/Tomaszewski to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
5. July 9, 2026 LSC Meeting Minutes – Peronto requested to correct the date of the meeting from July 7th to July 9th.
M/S DePasse/Zelinski to approve the 7/9/26 minutes as presented with the suggested correction. Motion carried on a voice vote.
6. July 23, 2026 LSC Meeting Minutes –
M/S DePasse/Detert to approve the 7/23/26 minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.
7. Public Comment – Earl Welker, Town of Schley Planning Commission Chair, expressed concerns regarding how the County is handling the Data Center discussion and approach towards regulations of the land use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8. Register of Deeds
 - a) Monthly Financial Reports – Koss presented the report. No discussion occurred.
 - b) Monthly Written Reports – Koss presented the report. No discussion occurred.
9. Land Services
 - a) Administrator Department/Programs Report – Huth and Boisvert presented the reports. Discussion occurred regarding shoreland conservation projects.
 - b) Monthly Financial Reports – Huth gave an overview of the financial report and asked if there were any questions. No discussion occurred.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Ad Hoc Committee Update – Huth and Depasse provided an update to the committee. Discussion occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Agency Updates –

- a) APHIS – 2027 WDACP Lincoln County Budget – Cade Strehlow and Jeremy Irish, APHIS/USDA representatives, presented the proposed budget. Discussion occurred.

M/S DePasse/Bialecki to approve the 2027 WDACP Lincoln County Budget as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

- b) APHIS – 2027 Deer Donation Program Agreement - Strehlow and Irish presented the proposed agreement.

M/S Zelinski/DePasse to approve the 2027 Deer Donation Program Agreement. Motion carried on a voice vote.

12. Major Subdivision Plat – Hatchet Ridge Estates Final Plat (Durkee Builders LLC) – Mike Huth presented the final plat and staff report. Huth informed the committee that we did receive the recommendation from the Town of Bradley in the form of a formal action from the Town Board. No discussion occurred.

M/S DePasse/Bialecki to approve the Final Plat as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

13. Lumberjack RC&D Grant Application Review – Lincoln County Forestry

- a) Ament Lake Fishing Pier – Lucas Williams, Forestry Department Administrator, informed the committee that this request is rescinded.

- b) Larson Lake Fishing Pier - Lucas Williams, Forestry Department Administrator, presented the grant application. Discussion occurred.

M/S Bialecki/Zelinski to support the Larson Lake Fishing Pier grant application. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chair Lemke called for a recess at 3:56pm. The meeting will resume at 4:00pm

14. 4:00pm Public Hearings (See Public Hearing Notice.) Public Hearing was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Lemke. Chair Lemke explained the rules of conduct for public hearings and introduced the Committee members and staff.

PETITION FOR REZONE

- c) A request by Loka and Sons Excavating LLC (Brent Loka) (Petitioner: Chris Fieri), to rezone tax parcel #02634072649995 from Forestry (F) to Rural Lands-4 (RL-4).

Chair Lemke asked for testimony in support of the request. There was none.

Chair Lemke asked for testimony from opponents of the request. There was none.

Chair Lemke asked for the staff report. Huth presented the staff report. Huth entered in to the record that the Town of Skanawan submitted their favorable recommendation. County staff recommends that the committee grant the rezone request.

M/S Bialecki/Zelinski to close the public hearing for this request. Motion carried on a voice vote.

M/S DePasse/Zelinski to approve the rezone request as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Future Agenda Items – 3 public hearing items.
12. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – The next meeting will be September 10, 2026 at 3:30pm with the Public Hearing to begin at 4:00pm.
13. Adjourn – M/S Bialecki/DePasse to adjourn at 4:08p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Peronto