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*U.S. DOT Secretary Buttigieg was joined by U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, US DOT Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips, Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, City of Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich, Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen on a boat tour of the Fox River. May 2023
Credit: Leonard & Finco*

In recent years, leaders with Brown County's Port of Green Bay developed a vision to develop a new, state-of-the-art Port facility to create new opportunities for a variety of different Port activities, including a possible multimodal operation.

Brown County acquired nearly 44 acres of riverfront property from Wisconsin Public Service for \$2.7 million in 2021. The land formerly housed the Pulliam Power Plant which was decommissioned in 2018. Located at the mouth of the Fox River in the Port of Green Bay, the property offers immediate access to a Class 1 railroad and is only a half mile from an interstate highway. With the land purchase, Brown County began the process of making its vision a reality. Ownership and development of the site will allow the Port to manage the property to ensure that it serves as an active terminal and continues to provide a positive economic benefit to the community well into the future. In 2022, the county hired an engineering/consulting firm to undertake environmental assessments of the site and develop preliminary engineering designs.

The Port of Green Bay has been working on the funding portion of the project for approximately three years. By early 2023, they had secured a large portion of the funding needed to transform the former Pulliam Power Plant property into a state-of-the-art port facility. A big funding boost came when the Port received a \$10.1 million grant from the USDOT Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program. Additional funds secured include a \$15 million State of Wisconsin Neighborhood Investment Fund Program grant, and two Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Program grants of \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million.

The county also allocated \$1.3 million in 2022 ARPA funds and \$2.6 million in 2023 ARPA funds towards the project. With ownership of the land and more than \$30 million in funding secured, the Port of Green Bay is moving forward with engineering, design and permitting of the site. This includes design of a dock wall, filling an old slip and land behind the bulkhead line, dredging and dredged material placement, installation of mooring features, construction of storm-water management facilities and site stability features, configuring site access and more.

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Upcoming Events:

July 24th:
Harbor Commission Mtg.
TBD

July 27th - 28th:
American Great Lakes Ports Association Annual Meeting

August 8th:
Harbor Commission Mtg.
TBD

August 10th—11th:
Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association Annual Meeting

Knot Too Shabby: March-May Tonnage

With 243,926 tons of cargo moved through the Port of Green Bay during the month of May, annual tonnage totals for the Port continue to accumulate. Year-to-date totals of 429,992 tons show an increase of 54% over the same period last year when the tonnage total was 278,785.

“The Port is an economic barometer for northeast Wisconsin, so it’s always good to see strong shipping numbers early in the season. We’re very pleased with our first two months,” said Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay Director. “While we can’t predict what will happen over the course of a season, this is a good sign so far.”

The leading cargo import for May was salt at 95,186 tons. Other imports during May included limestone (53,624 tons), petroleum products (40,096 tons), cement (22,694 tons), wood pulp (7,454) and coal (4,081 tons). During May, 21 ships entered the Port, three more than the same month last year.

“The Great Lakes maritime economy is the third largest economy in the world, and the Port of Green Bay recognizes the important role waterborne transportation plays, not just now, but for the future as well,” Haen added. “We have great reasons to be optimistic about Great Lakes shipping and the Port of Green Bay.”

CARGO	MARCH-APRIL 2023	MAY 2023	YTD 2023
DOMESTIC IMPORTS			
Ash	0	0	0
Calcium Chloride-Liq. Bulk	0	0	0
Cement	36,935	22,694	59,629
Coal	17,199	4,081	21,280
Fuel Oil	0	0	0
Gypsum	0	0	0
Limestone	0	27,297	27,297
Liquid Asphalt	0	0	0
Petroleum Coke	0	0	0
Petroleum Products	17,850	6,737	24,587
Pig Iron	0	0	0
Slag	0	0	0
U.S. Salt	0	51,304	51,304
TOTAL DOMESTIC	71,984	112,113	184,097
FOREIGN IMPORTS			
Asphalt	0	0	0
Carbon Anodes	0	0	0
Cement	0	0	0
Coal	0	0	0
Fuel Oil	0	0	0
Petroleum Products	19,715	33,359	53,074
Heavy E equipment	0	0	0
Limestone	0	26,327	26,327
Marble Chips	0	0	0
Pig Iron	0	0	0
Salt	85,351	43,882	129,233
Wood Pulp / Forest Products	0	7,454	7,454
TOTAL IMPORTS	105,066	111,022	216,088
DOMESTIC EXPORTS			
Aluminum Modules	0	0	0
Ash	0	0	0
Limestone	0	0	0
Petroleum Products	9,016	5,277	14,293
Pig Iron	0	0	0
Project Cargo	0	0	0
Sand	0	0	0
Steel	0	0	0
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS	9,016	5,277	14,293
FOREIGN EXPORTS			
Petroleum Products	0	15,514	15,514
Tallow	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPORTS	0	15,514	15,514
GRAND TOTALS	186,066	243,926	429,992

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Final design and engineering plans are expected in 2024 with the project potentially going out for bid in the second half of the year. Actual construction at the site is expected to take place during 2024 and 2025. As part of the project, Brown County will sell approximately 6 acres to GLC Minerals to expand its operations and create 10 new positions while investing \$7 million in the property. Once complete, Brown County and the Port of Green Bay will own a new state-of-the-art facility which will help expand Port business. The Port of Green Bay is currently working to identify and pursue potential lessees for the property.

The new Port facility will return benefits for years to come that extend far beyond Brown County. In May of 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited the Port of Green Bay for a tour and commented that “This city and this region is so key to Midwest commerce. It’s so well-positioned because of its infrastructure.” Buttigieg noted the interstate highways, rail and the Port’s connection to global shipping channels as indicators of future success.

With an estimated economic impact over its first five years of \$87 million, the new facility will also set the stage for more flexible responses to future changes in the economy. The project will have a positive impact on direct and indirect employment numbers, wages earned, economic outputs and state and federal taxes. As the first Port of Green Bay development in more than a century, it serves as a pivot point marking new momentum towards the future of Great Lakes shipping.



Pictured: Brown County Harbor Commissioners with U.S. Senator Baldwin, U.S. DOT Secretary Buttigieg, Port Director Dean Haen, and Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach.

Boating Safety During Shipping Season

With the Fourth of July now behind us and warmer weather in the forecast, many people will be out on the water enjoying their boats, jet skis and other watercraft. Even though the summer weather is creating ideal conditions, recreational boaters are reminded that commercial shipping won't stop. That means it's important for boaters to be aware of – and steer clear of – the large, commercial vessels coming into and out of the Port of Green Bay.



“If the weather is good, we would expect to see a lot of boating on the Lower Fox River and bay of Green Bay throughout the summer months.” said Dean Haen, director for the Port of Green Bay. “There’s no break for the freighters that deliver important commodities to the terminal operators in the Port. We want to be sure recreational boaters pay attention to those large commercial vessels.”

Haen has this advice:

- Boaters should stay a safe distance from commercial vessels. Recreational boats, by law, must stay at least 100 yards (the length of a football playing field) away from a commercial ship. The larger ship always has the right-of-way. “It’s easier for you to see a large ship than it is for the cargo ship to see you,” explained Haen.
- It can be very dangerous for recreational boaters to travel alongside a freighter, especially when it uses its bow thrusters. Be safe and stay away.
- Avoid double rafting boats along City Deck as the rafting boats may be in the navigation channel. Boaters should be aware when tying up to lower docks at the water level in the downtown district, especially when commercial vessels are navigating the area during high use times (Friday night to Sunday night). There is a narrow navigational channel and it can bring ships close to the docks.
- Always carry an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD/life jacket) for each person on your boat and ensure that everyone is either wearing a PFD, or has easy access to one.

“Being on the water should be enjoyable. Keeping safety in mind and always being aware of what’s happening nearby is crucial,” added Haen.

WCPA Annual Meeting To Be Held In Green Bay

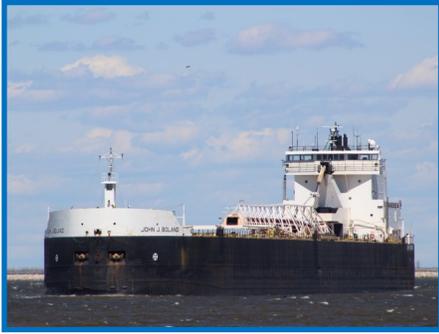


The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association will hold its annual meeting in Green Bay on August 10th & 11th, 2023.

The WCPA Meeting and Conference provides a great opportunity to share, gather and exchange information on current issues and trends in the commercial port industry in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes.

If interested in attending, please contact Brown County Port & Resource Recovery at bc_port@browncountywi.gov

Ship Spotlight— John J Boland



Credit: Chuck Zentmeyer

The John J Boland was built in 1973 at Bay Shipbuilding Company in Sturgeon Bay, WI and launched the same year as the Charles E. Wilson.

The self-unloading, diesel powered lake freighter has a carrying capacity of 34,000 tons and hauls limestone, grain, coal, and iron ore.

Renamed in 2000 to MV John J. Boland, the bulk carrier remains in its original owners fleet, American Steamship Company.

Ocean Navigator Returns for Two Visits in Summer of '23

The Ocean Navigator visited Green Bay twice in June. The return of cruise ships to the Port of Green Bay is a well deserved addition to the Downtown Green Bay landscape after a decades-long redevelopment of the area. Green Bay, already being a destination for sports fans, has diversified it's appeal as a destination for maritime travelers and those looking for a place to enjoy time on the water.



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