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HARBOR FEES SECURE PORT'S FUTURE

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(Green Bay) – Terminal operators along the Port of Green Bay have approved the use of approximately \$500,000 of harbor fees to help meet Brown County's local share requirement of \$10 million for the restoration of the Cat Island Chain.

"The County has been collecting harbor fees from the terminal operators for about ten years which has accumulated to approximately a half million dollars," stated Dean Haen, manager for the Port of Green Bay. "We have been able to leverage the harbor fees to obtain more than \$10 million in state and federal grants to help restore the Cat Island Chain and secure the port's future for decades to come."

Funding will be used to construct a wave barrier to provide immediate protection to the islands, which have been eroding over the last three decades. The barrier will also provide a location for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to place clean dredged materials on an annual basis for decades. "The harbor and navigational channel need regular dredging to maintain the proper width and depth so ships can safely navigate through the port and carry cargo to capacity," Haen stated. "Reusing clean dredged material to help rebuild the Cat Islands provides a safe and beneficial use of the materials while keeping the port economically viable."

The total project is projected to cost approximately \$34 million to complete. Brown County's projected costs are approximately \$10 million. The federal portion of the project will be funded and completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The restoration of the Cat Island chain could begin as soon as 2011. Additional funding sources for the restoration include Brown County, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Program, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment program and a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

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The Port of Green Bay has an economic impact of \$61 million in Northeast Wisconsin and supports more than 490 jobs. "Without sufficient dredging and opportunities like the Cat Island Chain restoration project, the port's vitality would be jeopardized, along with the 14 port businesses," Haen commented. "All of the terminal operators have been supportive of this initiative and approving the use of the harbor fees reinforces that."

Port businesses ship more than 2.5 million tons of cargo on more than 200 ships a year. The Port handles cargo such as coal, limestone, cement, forest products and other commodities that are the raw materials for Northeast Wisconsin's agricultural, construction, papermaking and manufacturing industries.

Funding Sources

Brown County Portion:

WDOT Harbor Assistance Program	\$7,141,835
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	\$1,500,000
Natural Resources Damage Assessment	\$ 800,000
Port of Green Bay Terminal Operators (Harbor Fee)	\$ 499,000
Brown County Harbor Dredging fund	\$ 336,459
Brown County In-Kind Contribution	\$ 150,000
Local Cost Share Total	\$10,427,294

Federal Cost Share	\$24,000,000
Total Project Funding	\$ 34, 427,294

Active Terminal Operators

- C. Reiss Coal Company
- Construction Resource Management
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fox River Dock Company
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Great Lakes Calcium Corporation
- KK Intergrated Logistics, Inc.
- LaFarge North America
- Leicht Transfer & Storage Company
- Sanimax
- Semfuel, L.P.
- St. Mary's Cement Company
- US Venture
- Western Lime Corporation

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