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Honorable Demetrius G. Jelatis
Mayor of Red Wing
City Hall
Red Wing, Minnesota 55066

Dear Mayor Jelatis:

We recently received an official opinion on the need for redesignation of Red Wing Harbor to permit use of the harbor for recreational boating. This opinion indicates redesignation of the Red Wing commercial harbor will not be necessary to permit use of the harbor for recreational boating; also, that the continued maintenance program for the harbor would not be dependent on redesignation of the harbor. Thus, if local interests desire to provide berthing or launching facilities for recreational craft, these could be appropriately constructed under our normal permit provisions.

However, to assure this public facility will better meet the future needs of the area, we suggest that the city or local interest develop a use plan for the entire harbor. Including in such a plan information on the type of development desired and on our required permit procedures should make it an excellent tool for guiding future harbor use. A meeting to discuss the desired harbor use and the administration of the permit provision before development of the use plan may be beneficial. If you feel such a meeting would be helpful, we could meet with your planners at their convenience and suggest use of our conference room facilities.

Since several inquiries have been received from local residents and officials regarding the possible redesignation of the Red Wing Harbor, we are furnishing each a copy of this letter to advise them of the official opinion on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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