



**FOX WATERWAY AGENCY**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

A significant part of the Fox Waterway Agency's (FWA) mission is the work to minimize flooding on the Chain O' Lakes/Fox River during high water/flooding events. The section of the Fox River that flows downriver under Route 12 from Nippersink Lake into Pistakee Lake has been a critical trouble spot during times of flooding. This has been the case due to the width of multiple lakes narrowing from over 3,400 feet wide to about 166 feet wide. Keeping this area free of debris and built up sediments during times of flooding is paramount to the safety and wellbeing of this system's users and the residents that live on, and around it. Our skilled team has been called to assist our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders at this location when boater's lives were in danger during times of flooding. The FWA needs regular, and efficient, access to the critical Governor's and Nippersink Channels, before, during and after flooding for maintenance and emergency debris work.

The FWA targeted Bauske's Marina as an acquisition target for these critical purposes, the property has been for sale for years and is roughly 9 acres. Since the flood of 2017, the Fox Waterway Agency's team worked closely with the IDNR to successfully procure funding to assist our efforts to minimize flooding and help improve its safety. We were successful with the Appropriation of \$2M of IDNR Capital Grant funding to contribute to the purchase of this property for \$2.4M.

Initial phase (Part 1) of this purchase closed on January 30, 2025, and was reimbursed at \$1M.

The second \$1M of grant funding (Part 2) will occur with the same grant line item in 2025.

**THANK YOU, and all of our valuable team for your support!**

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Keller  
Executive Director, FWA