

Public Involvement Meeting Notice

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Replacement of the County Highway A Bridge over Oronto Creek at Saxon Harbor to be discussed at an October 10, 2017, Public Involvement Meeting

Planned replacement of the County Highway A bridge over Oronto Creek in the Town of Saxon, Iron County, will be discussed at a Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Hurley High School Auditorium, located at 5503 West Rangeview Drive, Hurley, Wisconsin 54534. The meeting is scheduled to start at 5:00 PM. Following the County Highway A PIM, there will be a meeting to discuss the Saxon Harbor Campground and Marina.

The project involves replacement of the existing bridge and associated approaches damaged by flood waters on County Highway A at the crossing of Oronto Creek. County Highway A is the primary route to access Saxon Harbor Marina and Saxon Harbor Park and Campground. The existing bridge and approaches were damaged during an extreme flood event that occurred in July 2016.

The existing structure is anticipated to be replaced with a new three-span concrete flat slab bridge. The creek channel will be restored approximately to its pre-flood location. The project involves constructing a new bridge approximately one hundred twenty (120) feet to the west (upstream) on a realignment of County Highway A.

The realignment of the roadway will go through existing County land where the former Iron County, Saxon Harbor Campground and Park was destroyed by torrential rains and associated flood waters. The new bridge alignment will connect back into the existing roadway alignment near Lake Superior. For public safety, the former campground/park will not be reconstructed in its previous floodplain location. Approximately 2.6 acres of the former campground/park will be required for this project.

The realignment will allow the existing roadway to remain open to traffic during construction of the new bridge and its approach roadways. The project is scheduled for construction in the spring/summer of 2018. Both permanent right-of-way and temporary limited easements will be required to complete this project.

A variety of exhibits and maps will be featured at the Public Involvement Meeting and representatives from Iron County and Ayres Associates will be available to discuss both the County Highway A bridge project and Saxon Harbor Campground and Marina and answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend to examine the proposed improvements and discuss any concerns they might have.

Individuals who are unable to attend on October 10th can contribute comments about the County Highway A bridge replacement project by contacting the following individuals:

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