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Good morning Greg,

You should consult with the property owner and make sure you have their permission to remove any trees not on city property. Any material you cut should be removed from the waterway and be properly disposed of in an upland location. Trees and other materials in waterways are important habitat and should remain in the system whenever possible. From the aerial map provided, it appears to be wetlands. If that is the case, you may need to plan to do the tree removal in the winter during frozen conditions.

There may be different types of dredging for the different areas, with one being maintenance dredging in previously dredged areas - if there is proof of previous permitting/dredging. Other areas may require a different dredging permit – depending on how much material is proposed to be removed and if the area has been dredged before. I have included links to the webpages and the online process for your convenience.

You can find information at following web links:

- WI DNR homepage at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/>
- Waterway & Wetland permits: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways>
- Dredging information:** <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/construction.html>

To complete an online DNR permit application:

1. Go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Permits/Water/>
2. Click on **“Register”** for a WAMS ID (creates an account for you to use for all future applications and tracking statuses of).
3. Once WAMS ID has been created, go back onto the Water Permit Application page and click on the blue **“Waterway and wetland”** tab in the middle, right of screen. This will generate a list all the waterway & wetland permits in alphabetical order starting with **“Boat ramp”** at the top.
4. After you have figured out which permit is needed, scroll down to **“Dredging – (activity type)”** and click on **“Begin GP or IP application”** in the right hand column.
5. Fill out online application and upload required attachments (Legible Site map, Plans and Specifications, Project Narrative, Ownership Documents, Site Photos, Other Items, etc.) and submit along with application fee. If needed, I’ve attached a sample drawing which you should use for project plan reference.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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Hi Bobbie Jo,

Hopefully, you are the correct person that I am supposed to contact regarding our questions. If not, can you please forward this e-mail to the appropriate DNR staff??

We received a request from a property owner to remove numerous ash trees that have fallen down over the years and are blocking the existing drainage ditch.

He would like the City to remove these trees, but we do not own the property and we do not believe that there are any easements. Therefore, we will certainly need the property owners permission to access their land to do this work.

Are we allowed to remove these trees and are any DNR permits required??

In addition, the same property owner and several other property owners abutting Knuell St. from Last Ct. to Deerbrook Ln. would like the City to clean out or re-dredge the existing ditch from Kneull St. to the old Railroad bed to the east of Knuell St.

We would also like to explore dredging of the ditch from the old RR crossing southward to Menasha Ave.

We also need to re-dredge about 700 feet of the same ditch from Knuell St. to the west. This area was dredged in 2008 and is in dire need of having the work done again.

The current back up of sediment and debris to the west of Knuell St. is basically caused by the blockage to the east of Knuell St.

We also re-ditched the area to the east of Last Ct. in 2015.

I have attached a map that shows this area and it shows what has been dredged previously and the request for additional dredging areas of the ditch as well as the location of the downed trees.

What permit(s) would be needed for the dredging of these ditches??

Could we set up a time to meet on site to look at these issues?? Let me know. Thanks.

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