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**Racine Selected as Wisconsin Coastal City Grant Recipient**

***Grant funds will allow the city to protect our coastline and prepare for the climate of the future***

RACINE, WI – This week, Governor Tony Evers announced the City of Racine was selected to receive \$41,984 as a part of Wisconsin’s Coastal Management Program. Racine’s shoreline, including Lake Michigan bluffs, beaches, and harbor infrastructure, currently face significant potential damage resulting from a combination of high water levels, erosion, and coastal storms, influenced by broader climate change in the upper midwest. The program allocates federal funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management in the U.S. Department of Commerce to local governments and other entities for innovative coastal initiatives.

Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in response:

“I’m very excited to see Racine selected as a grant recipient with the Coastal Management program. Our connection with Lake Michigan is a defining feature of our community and something many of us hold dear. This grant allows us to address coastal hazards, educate property owners, maintain our public lands, and prepare for the climate of the future.”

“These grants fund necessary intergovernmental collaborations to protect Racine’s Lake Michigan bluffs, beaches, and harbor infrastructure. With this funding, our local leaders can address our future needs, protect our way of life, and safeguard our greatest natural resource — our Lake Michigan coastline.” Neubauer concluded.

*The grants, which will be administered by the Racine Department of Public Health, will fund two projects: the first, “Understanding Coastal Hazard Impacts through Parcel Mapping, Shoreline Classification, Public Outreach and Local Ordinance Review,” seeks to “better understand coastal hazards threats, resources, and policies in Racine County.” The second project, “Assess, Revise and/or Develop Beach Management Plans for WDNR Designated Public Beaches –Racine County” will “assess, revise and/or develop beach best management practice plans, with a focus on incorporating elements which address extreme weather impacts on the beachscape.” Each project was individually awarded \$20,992.*

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