



ANDRÉ JACQUE

STATE SENATOR • 1ST SENATE DISTRICT

Phone: (608) 266-3512

Fax: (608) 282-3541

Sen.Jacque@legis.wi.gov

State Capitol • P.O. Box 7882

Madison, WI 53707-7882

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 4, 2021

Contact: Senator André Jacques

608-266-3512

Sen. Jacques Praises Brown County Port Expansion Breakthrough

(Madison, WI) State Sen. André Jacques (R- De Pere) released the following statement regarding today's exciting news that \$500,000 in state funding he had requested from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) will be provided for critical infrastructure investment to move coal piles and enable significant expansion of Brown County and Northeast Wisconsin's port operations:

"This is a pivotally important advancement for our area, and I am excited to have been able to play a direct role facilitating discussions between local officials and Secretary Hughes and her team to make this economic development opportunity a reality. There has not been a port expansion of this magnitude in well over two generations. I am confident that this investment will be returned to taxpayers many times over in increased port activity. I appreciate the work of everyone at Brown County, the City of Green Bay and WPS that have been working on this project for quite some time, and I am glad that I was able to help them with the final push to cross the goal line."

The announced \$500,000 Idle Sites Redevelopment grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) will assist in the purchase of the WPS Pulliam Plant Property, removing the facility as well as relocating the coal pile storage site that runs along the Fox River in Green Bay. With the removal of the site, the Brown County Port Authority will secure 40 acres for port expansion space at the mouth of the river. The Port of Green Bay is critical, as it is designated as a Foreign Trade Zone, and will result in new business and increased economic activity.

#