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**Subject:** DNR Small Scale Dredging General Permit

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Commissioners  
Waterford Waterway  
Management District  
P.O. Box 416  
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RE: DNR Small Scale Dredging General Permit Now Available

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to make you aware of the DNR's release of a new small scale dredging general permit available for riparian land owners. This is of particular importance to those in the Waterford Waterway Management District and Fox River riparian owners. The permit would allow for the removal of up to 25 cubic yards of material from a waterway for the purposes of navigation. This 25 cubic yard limit is over a 5 year period.

The online application can be found here:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/dredging.html>

The application process is somewhat cumbersome and presents what I believe is an onerous bureaucratic hurdle to homeowners seeking to simply use the waterway in front of their homes. I will be working with the DNR to streamline this application to make the process more accessible to more people.

While I am pleased the DNR has responded to legislative pressure and provided some relief to landowners, I am disappointed to see the limited scale of their dredging allowances and the complexity of the process. I will continue working with my legislative colleagues and agency officials to expand the opportunities of shoreland owners to use their property to its best and highest use as is badly needed in the Fox River waterway.

Please let me know if you need any further information regarding this new general permit or if I may be of any other assistance.

Best Wishes,

David Craig  
State Senator  
28<sup>th</sup> District