

Superior Research Institute



The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:

- **Funding to create a state of the art maritime research and outreach facility on Montreal Pier to support agencies that engage in Great Lakes maritime research and education.**

For over 116 years the University of Wisconsin-Superior has been an integral part of this community and the University is a strong supporter of partnerships with the City of Superior. One of the many examples of the City and University partnership is the Great Ships Initiative, a research program of the Northeast Midwest Institute that conducts some of their research on the city owned Montreal Pier.

UW-Superior has taken a leadership role in research and education focused on the Great Lakes. The University has expanded its commitment to research and education by supporting the Lake Superior Research Institute, Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute, the Great Ships Initiative and the St. Louis River National Estuarine Reserve Site and hosting an office of Wisconsin-Sea Grant. These important and growing research and education initiatives are presently challenged by a lack of suitable facilities and the need for additional space will only grow in the future.

The University and the City feel that there is unique and timely opportunity to create a state of the art maritime research and outreach facility on Montreal Pier. The facility could not only house UW-Superior research and education programs but has the potential to support a variety of city, regional, state and federal agencies and non-governmental agencies that engage in Great Lakes maritime research and education. This exceptional facility would bring outside researchers, conferences, recognition and revenue to our university and showcase our community. The consolidation of organizations and their personnel in a world class facility on a unique location would create a vital synergy and dynamism.

This goal is best reached through a joint effort that will include additional partners and our outreach has indicated that the following additional groups may be potential partners:

- Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Wisconsin Coastal Zone Management
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Coast Guard
- US Geological Survey

These parties are active in maritime research and education and could benefit from being affiliated with the use of a modern education and research facility with dock space that is located on the largest port of the Great Lakes. We also believe that there are other parties who may be interested in the potential that this facility has and we will seek out the support of all relevant groups as we move forward in the process.

The City and University have jointly developed conceptual drawings, engineering analysis, budget estimates and have discussed permitting with the appropriate agencies. The partnership is now starting the process of obtaining funding for an appropriate sized research facility.

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