

**City of Ramsey**  
**Agenda**  
**Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)**  
**Work Session**  
**Tuesday June 7, 2011**  
**Immediately following City Council Work Session**  
**Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
- 5. HRA Business**
  1. Discuss Renaming 'Rhinestone Commons', to be entitled The Draw
  2. Consider Future Earthwork at the Southwest Intersection of Bunker and Ramsey Boulevard's to Support Sidewalk Grant Application(s)
  3. Review of COR Marketing System
  4. Update on Flaherty and Collins Financing - The Residences at The COR Project
- 6. Executive Director's Report**
- 7. Commissioner Input**
- 8. Adjournment**

**HRA Work Session**

**5. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/07/2011

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

**Title:**

Discuss Renaming 'Rhinestone Commons', to be entitled The Draw

**Background:**

As the HRA is aware, considerable discussion occurred leading up to the name of the park area encompassing the amphitheater within the COR. (A part of this may have been due to the tendency to add the word "park" after the name "Commons". A similar tendency exists for Rhinestone Commons, the location of the ballfield, immediately adjacent to what is now known as The Draw.)

Mid-summer 2010, City Council approved a Resolution naming the park space on either side of the Rhinestone bridge The Draw. The purpose of this case is to recommend a similar renaming Resolution for the reasons discussed below, and in the attached draft Resolution.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

During the planning process leading up to obtaining bids for the parking lot in 'Rhinestone Commons' that will serve all the adjoining park spaces and uses, future park and way-finding signs were discussed. It became apparent that having differing names for adjacent parks is somewhat confusing and not useful.

In that there is no 'investment' in the name 'Rhinestone Commons' to date, the consensus of staff and a motion by the Park and Recreation Commission is to simply rename the park "The Draw." This will add efficiency and simplicity to the sign construction and siting process, and save costs - while eliminating public confusion when searching for the park(s) for the first time.

If the HRA concurs with this recommendation, a Resolution will be placed on a subsequent City Council consent agenda for approval. (Signage for The Draw will be addressed separately from this process, and at a future time.)

**Funding Source:**

This case does not recommend or implicate any direct expenditures.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Commission Action:**

Motion to recommend Resolution 11-06-XXX, renaming 'Rhinestone Commons,' to "The Draw"

**Attachments**

Resolution renaming Rhinestone to The Draw

**Form Review**

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**RESOLUTION #11-05-XXX**

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING A PUBLIC PARK WITHIN THE CENTER OF RAMSEY**

**WHEREAS**, access to parks, natural resources, open space and recreation areas, are essential to the quality of life, health and welfare of the City of Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal park systems play an ever-important role in providing a diversity of needed recreational opportunities to individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Ramsey's COR, with its parks, trails and public spaces provide the connected and vibrant fabric that are also key to continued economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, one of these parks adjacent to the Draw will have a parking lot that will serve the amphitheater and having one name for the adjoining parks within the COR eliminates confusion and simplifies signage and wayfinding; and

**WHEREAS**, this park with its amenities and centralized location will be an important attraction and destination; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

That, the City of Ramsey hereby renames the park area north of 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue and west of Peridot Street from being formerly known as 'Rhinestone Commons' to: ***The Draw***.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

none

and the following abstained:

none

and the following were absent:

none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this day of, 2011.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

## HRA Work Session

5. 2.

**Meeting Date:** 06/07/2011

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

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### **Title:**

Consider Future Earthwork at the Southwest Intersection of Bunker and Ramsey Boulevard's to Support Sidewalk Grant Application(s)

### **Background:**

Recently, MnDot issued calls for proposals for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, with the program details at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/index.html>

Staff has identified several trail or sidewalk segments, or gaps that may meet criterion for funding. Those are identified in the three draft exhibits. The one that pertains to this case is entitled PACT Exhibit (the other two are included as related informational items).

North of PACT School, along Ramsey Boulevard is a short segment of sidewalk that has been the subject of several requests by residents and the school to be constructed, and is about a \$17k to \$20 project, and an ideal candidate for the SRTS program, in that very little grading needs to be done for construction.

There is also a portion of 'missing' sidewalk along Bunker Lake Boulevard, west of Ramsey Boulevard that would connect the townhomes to the west. However, this section would need some storm water improvements and somewhat significant grading in order for any sidewalk improvement to be installed - and be in it's end location and elevation.

### **Observations:**

Staff feels that certain expenditures by the HRA would be prudent if the city received SRTS funding for the proposed sidewalk along Bunker Lake Boulevard - and therefore the purpose of this case is to receive that concurrence. Those rationale include:

- The SRTS is not likely to fund this specific section of sidewalk due the significant *total* costs involved - as the cost per foot will not look favorable if 'X' dollars of grading and storm water expenses are included in the grant application.
- Leveraging the grant to bring these improvements to this corner improves both the functioning of this part of the COR's sidewalk and trail system, AND the market value of this city owned parcel (the corner of #116 & #56).
- Additionally, this is an important visual entrance to the COR -and having a finished 'edge,' (together with removal of the spruce and a space for entrance signage) moves the HRA along with the marketing of this parcel and others.

The application was released in May, with the due date for the SRTS infrastructure grant submittals due June 15th, 2011. The COR development team is in the process of examining the costs mentioned above, and will bring the estimate for the aforementioned grading etc. to the meeting for discussion.

### **Funding Source:**

No funding is requested at this time, however, the submittal of the SRTS grant application (for the PACT sidewalk proposal) will presume an HRA investment in grading. Upon successful award, the estimate would be revised and the 2012-13 project would come forward for HRA approval.

**Council Action:**

Based upon discussion, acknowledge application of SRTS grant application(s).

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**Attachments**

PACT SRTS Sidewalk Exhibit

Ramsey E. SRTS Exhibit

Ramsey E. SRTS Exhibit 2

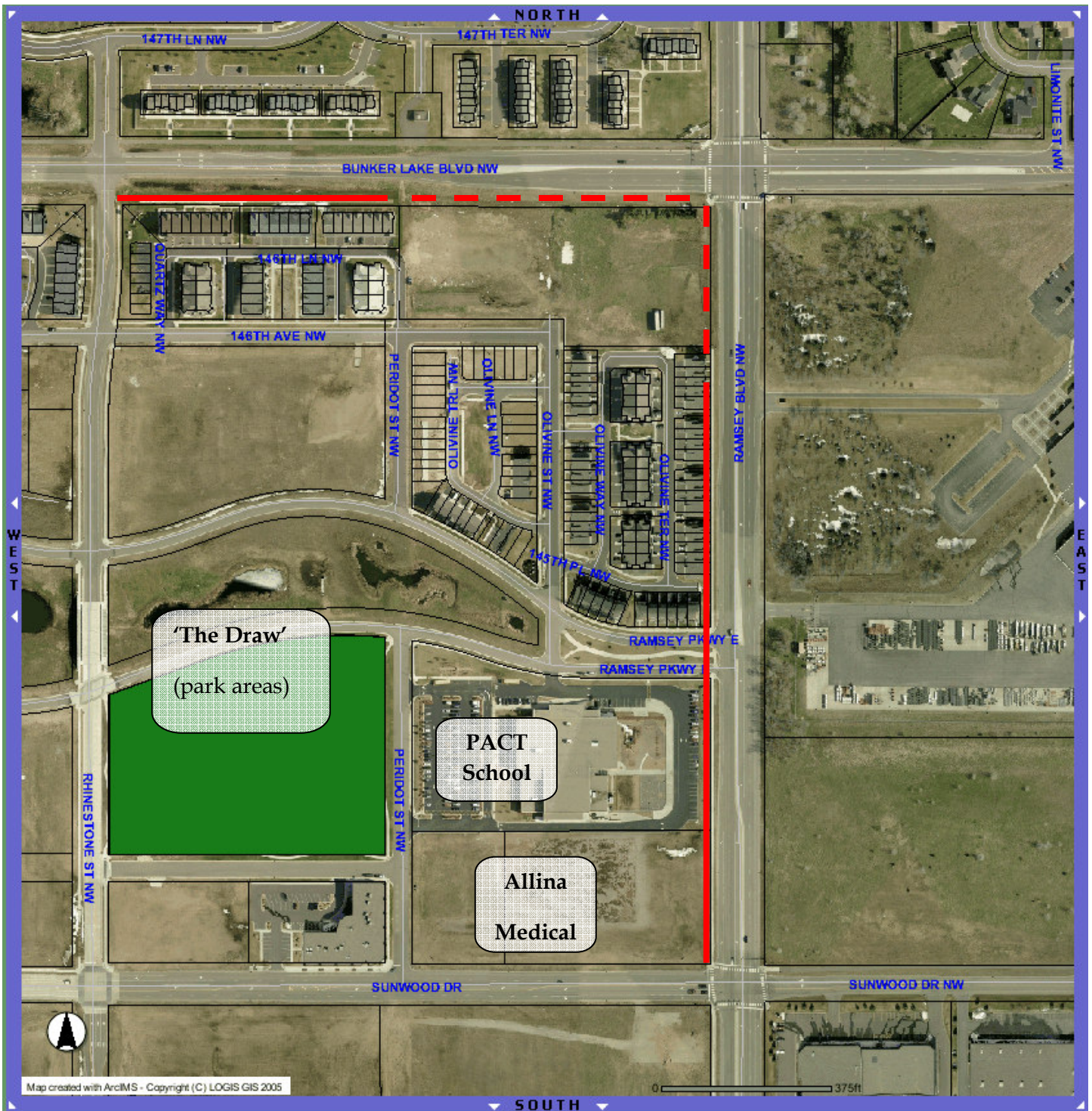
Proposed Walk Exhibit

**Form Review**

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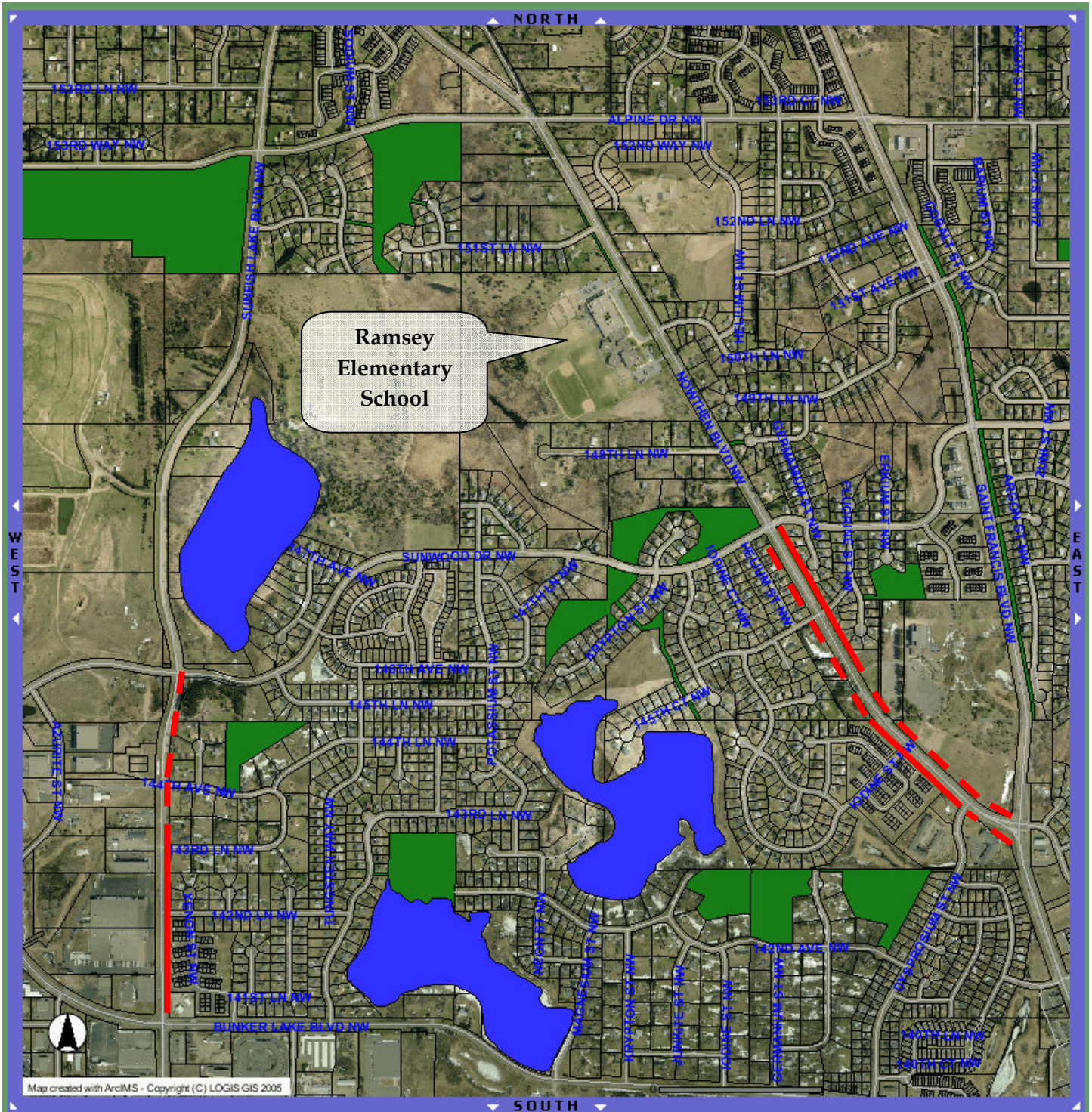


Proposed sidewalk



Existing sidewalk

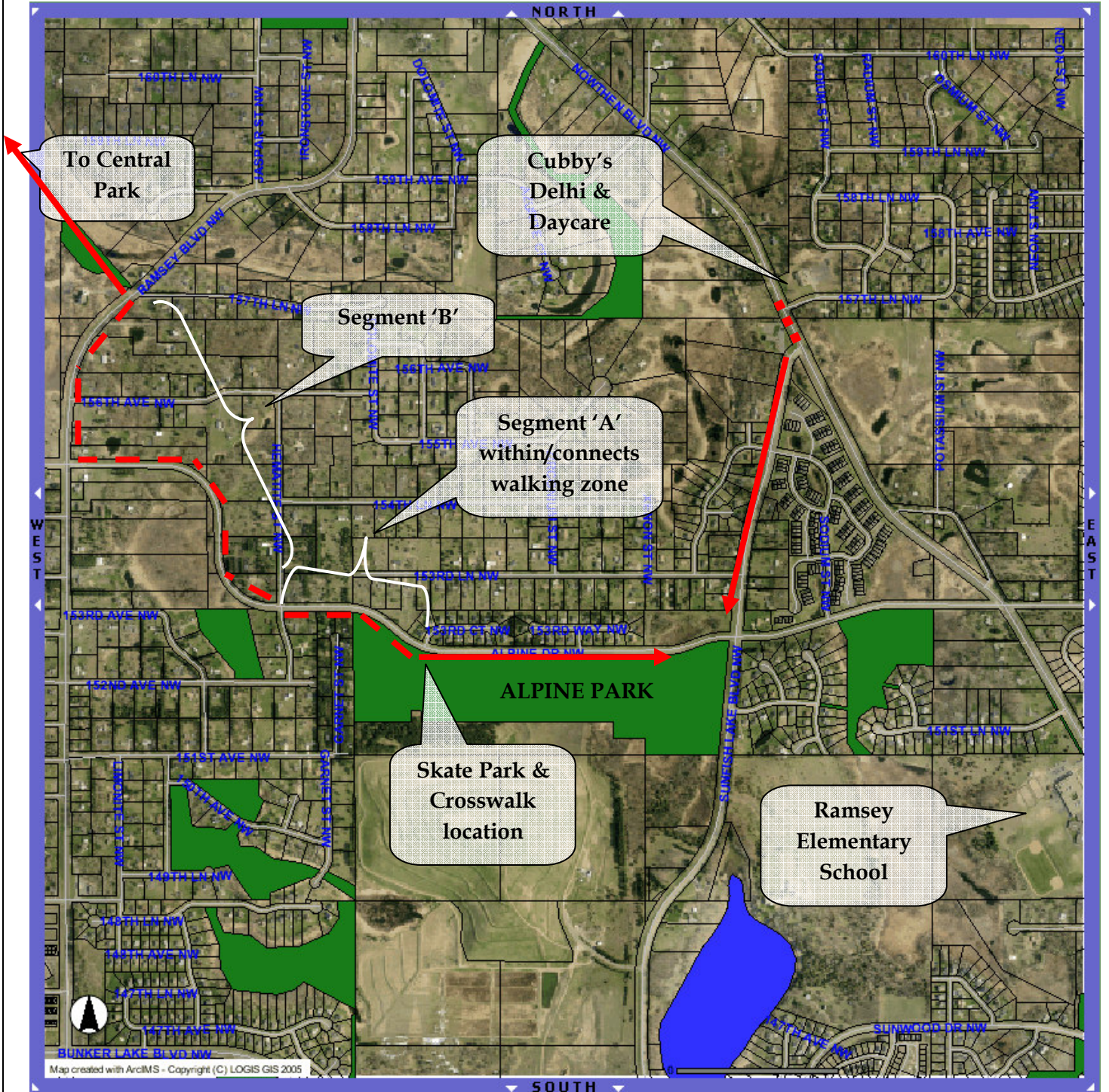




Proposed Trail  
Existing Trail

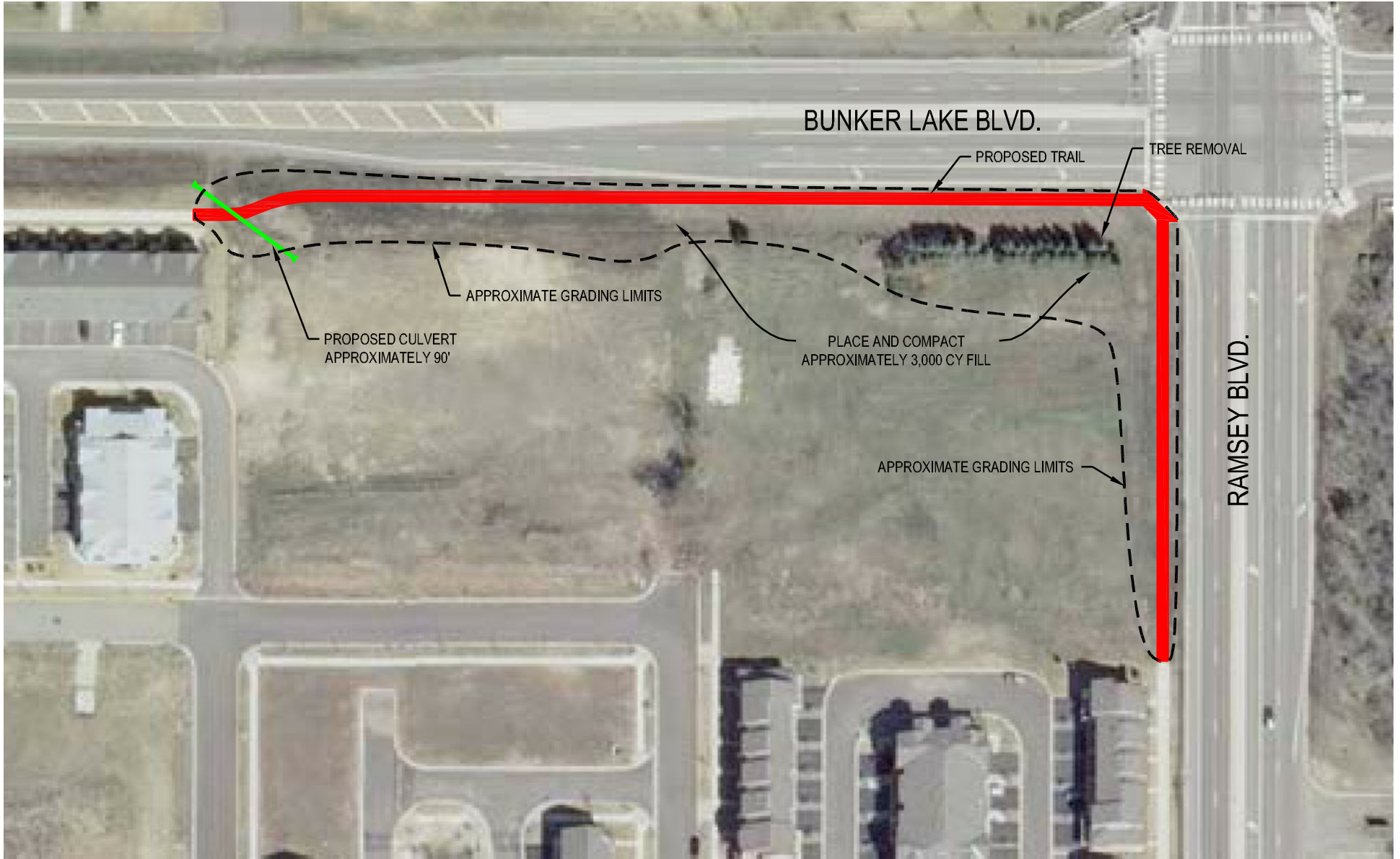


# SRTS Draft Trails Exhibit #2



Proposed Trail  
Existing Trail





BUNKER LAKE BLVD.

PROPOSED TRAIL

TREE REMOVAL

APPROXIMATE GRADING LIMITS

PROPOSED CULVERT  
APPROXIMATELY 90'

PLACE AND COMPACT  
APPROXIMATELY 3,000 CY FILL

APPROXIMATE GRADING LIMITS

RAMSEY BLVD.

**HRA Work Session**

**5.3.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/07/2011

**By:** Heidi Nelson, Administrative Services

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**Title:**

Review of COR Marketing System

**Background:**

The Development Management Team completed the new COR Marketing System prior to the ICSC Conference, which was held in Las Vegas May 22-25. The DM Team will review all of the new marketing materials with the HRA during the worksession.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Recommendation:**

**Funding Source:**

New Marketing System funded via the HRA budget for marketing.

**Council Action:**

No HRA action required, review only.

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**Form Review**

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**HRA Work Session**

**5. 4.**

**Meeting Date:** 06/07/2011

**By:** Heidi Nelson, Administrative Services

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**Title:**

Update on Flaherty and Collins Financing - The Residences at The COR Project

**Background:**

Over the past two weeks, work has continued on finalizing financing for the Flaherty and Collins - The Residences at The COR project. City representatives met with Flaherty and Collins representatives at the ICSC conference as well as a representative of the bank financing the deal. Late last week, Flaherty and Collins had additional meetings with their bank. Staff will provide an update of those meetings and a status of the financing during the HRA work session.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Recommendation:**

No action required.

**Funding Source:**

No funding required for discussion item.

**Council Action:**

No HRA action required.

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**Form Review**

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