

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, May 21, 2020

6:30 pm

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1. Call to Order

2. Citizen Input

3. Approve Agenda

4. Approve Minutes

1. Approve the following meeting minutes.

1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated March 12, 2020.

5. Commission Business

1. Consider Park and Trail Concepts Related to Trott Brook North, a Sketch Plan Proposal .
2. Consider Revising Ramsey Central Park's Name

6. Commission/Staff Input

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7. Adjournment

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 05/21/2020

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.

1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated March 12, 2020.

Purpose/Background:

Purpose: To review and approve meeting minutes.

Background: Attached are the meeting minutes for review.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated March 12, 2020.

Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated March 12, 2020.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

Inbox

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Form Started By: MaryJo Warner

Final Approval Date: 05/14/2020

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Grant Riemer

Date

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on March 12, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Trixy Barnes
 Commissioner Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Russell Bayer
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chair Brandon Sis

Also Present: City Council Liaison Nadine Heinrich
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood
 Recreation Specialist Abby Proulx

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Barten seconded by Commissioner Bayer to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Bayer, Barnes, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Barten seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- February 13, 2020

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Barnes, Bayer, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Presentation: Bluebird Recovery Program of Minnesota

Carlyn Erion introduced the Bluebird Recovery Program seminar that she will be conducting in Ramsey on April 22nd from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Alexander Ramsey Room at City Hall. She stated that the Bluebird trails in Ramsey are in disrepair and explained that refurbishing the trails reinforces the value Ramsey places on its natural resources which includes habitat, provides lost habitat for birds, and presents an opportunity for the public to learn about this bird and critical habitat. She explained that refurbishing and expanding the Bluebird trails provides more opportunities for successful nesting and provides opportunities for people. She stated that volunteers are needed to help with refurbishing the trails and to monitor and report the results. She reviewed the topics that will be reviewed during the seminar. She explained that the Bluebird Recovery Program has been established for over 40 years but is now recognized as a nonprofit organization.

Chair Bennett thanked Ms. Erion for the presentation and for sharing the information about the seminar.

Commissioner Leistico asked what stops other birds from nesting in the boxes.

Ms. Erion stated that any cavity nesting bird will compete for that space and described the strategy in the placement of the boxes.

Commissioner Barten asked if the birds nest well in more heavily populated areas.

Ms. Erion replied cautiously yes, noting that if the habitat is provided, the birds will come.

Commissioner Barten asked if the information that will be provided in the seminar will also be available online.

Ms. Erion noted that the Bluebird Rescue Program does have similar information on its website for those that are unable to attend.

Chair Bennett asked what would be necessary to refurbish the trails and asked the ideal number of boxes for Ramsey.

Ms. Erion replied that the existing post could remain but would need to have new boxes installed and should also have baffles installed to protect the birds from predators. She provided more specific details on the different locations and more ideal locations for some boxes. She stated that perhaps a workshop could be held that would focus on making the boxes.

Chair Bennett stated that Ms. Erion mentioned that she applied for a grant but was unsuccessful and had made the comment that the City's program would need to be more established in order to be awarded grant funds. He asked how the City could become more established in its program to be considered for grant funding.

Ms. Erion replied that it would be helpful to have an organizer, which she would do, and provided additional details on elements that would be helpful for grant applications. She stated that the grant is not financial but is instead boxes.

Councilmember Heinrich asked if there could be an opportunity for families with young children to build the Bluebird boxes in a workshop format.

Ms. Erion confirmed that would be a wonderful opportunity. She commented that the monitoring should not be completed by children but noted that an adult could bring a child with to observe when completing the monitoring.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that the City could donate the materials for the boxes. He explained that the adults could cut the wood and do that type of work with children completing some of the other work. He confirmed that could be a good idea for a spring workshop.

Chair Bennett asked if there is an urgency to get boxes in place.

Ms. Erion stated that she would love to have a few boxes up as soon as possible in order to photograph the bird on top of the box before the end of April.

Commissioner Barten referenced a citizen science website that has webcams available and asked if that technology would be applicable to the nesting boxes.

Ms. Erion commented that she did not believe that the birds would be rattled by that inclusion.

Chair Bennett thanked Ms. Erion for attending and sharing the information. He reminded residents that the seminar will be held at City Hall in the Alexander Ramsey Room on April 22nd from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and encouraged them to attend.

5.02: Consider Park and Recreation 2020 Outdoor Meeting Schedule

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood presented the staff report noting that traditionally the Commission has held the summer meetings in different park locations, when the weather is conducive. He stated that each year the Commission ratifies that decision. He suggested holding the May meeting in Alpine Park.

Chair Bennett commented that it would be great to hold a meeting at Alpine Park.

Councilmember Heinrich asked the parks that were visited the previous year.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed some of the locations that have recently been visited. He noted that Commissioner Sis recommended Emerald Pond Park as one of the locations. He commented that perhaps Ford Brook should also be an opportunity, noting that the Commission could align the August meeting with Night to Unite at that location. He stated that once the locations are selected, staff can advertise the locations in *The Ramsey Resident*.

Chair Bennett stated that it has been some time since the Commission has been to Riversbend and noted that with the previous discussion of the Bluebird trails, that would fit nicely.

Commissioner Barten agreed that would be a good location because of the discussion the previous year with the shelter as well.

Councilmember Heinrich asked if there are planned park improvements to occur during 2020 that the Commission could visit.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that the Commission could return to Pearson Park in September as there will be native plantings in May and therefore the Commission could review the improvements that occurred along with the plantings.

Chair Bennett reviewed the proposed meeting schedule: Alpine Park in May, Emerald Pond Park in June, Riversbend Park in July, Ford Brook Park in August, and Pearson Park in September.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that the Commission would be comfortable leaving the August date flexible to perhaps align with the Night to Unite party for that neighborhood.

5.03: Ratify Chapter 3 of the Park System Plan – Recreation Programming & Partnerships

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood noted that the Parks Commission has been working on the Park System Plan, most recently Chapter 3, and stated that staff is asking the Commission to ratify the content.

Recreation Specialist Proulx reviewed the intent and impact of the recreation programs and partnerships. She provided an overview of the different sections of the chapter including the introduction, trends, and impact of recreation.

Councilmember Heinrich referenced section three, page 25, and asked for additional input on the mention of video game programming.

Recreation Specialist Proulx replied that there are different applications that encourage park interaction such as Pokémon Go and geocaching.

Councilmember Heinrich asked if the Commission would find it more reader friendly to rephrase that to make it clearer.

Recreation Specialist Proulx confirmed that could be helpful and examples could be provided.

Chair Bennett agreed that it could be helpful to provide clarification that shows the intent, as video game could be confusing.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided additional input on how content from an app could possibly be used by the City to provide additional photos and location information on different species.

Councilmember Heinrich referenced page 34 noting that the bottom paragraph mentions safety orientated parks programs and asked if some of those programs would be more suited under the Police Department program and it's budgeting.

Recreation Specialist Proulx confirmed that those types of programs can be seen to have crossover and there could be some overlap.

Councilmember Heinrich stated that perhaps it be mentioned that there could be some overlap with public safety for those programs.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained that is why this chapter is titled 'Programming and Partnerships', with the desire to build upon those synergies. He recognized that many staff members work on different events, using Happy Days as an example where staff from multiple departments work on the event.

Councilmember Heinrich referenced page 39 and asked for feedback to a reference from a 2001 study. She asked if there is a more recent study that could be referenced and whether that information would be considered dated.

Chairperson Bennett commented that is a fair challenge and noted that a review could be done to determine if a more recent study is available.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that staff can check that organization to determine if there is an updated study on the favorable association between parks and increased home values but was fairly confident that the information would remain the same or even more favorable.

Councilmember Heinrich referenced page 41, which mentions a collaboration with a local restaurant and the art event that the Commission has held. She asked if it is appropriate to name that restaurant or whether it should less specific and not include the name.

Chair Bennett commented that is a fair challenge and noted that he has a similar thought when he read that information. He stated that while it is nice to call it out perhaps there is a more generic way to state that information.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that could be omitted in this section. He stated that in later sections there are specific businesses listed as partners and believed that to be helpful information as he is proud of the economic development activity between the City and the business community. He stated that staff can make updates to the online format as needed.

Commissioner Leistico commented that it also helps to inspire others to perhaps also collaborate when they see that acknowledgement.

Chair Bennett stated that perhaps that moves into the next section where specific businesses and entities are listed for collaborations.

Councilmember Heinrich noted that her comment was specific to page 41. She agreed that it does make sense to acknowledge the partners in the later section.

Recreation Specialist Proulx continued to review the sections of the chapter including the state of programs, planning factors & considerations, and initiatives & strategies.

Commissioner Barnes asked if there would be a proofreading completed prior to finalizing the document, as she noted multiple spelling and grammatical errors in the document.

Recreation Specialist Proulx confirmed that would be completed and noted that the intent tonight was to receive input on the content.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commended Recreation Specialist Proulx for the hard work that she has put into the document. He also thanked the Commission for its work on this over the past few months. He noted that this is not a static document and will continue to be updated and modified over time as the City responds to the desire of its residents for recreation services.

Chair Bennett confirmed the consensus of the Commission to ratify the content.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that there will be a number of reports the following month, using the example of skating numbers for the season and the upcoming concert lineup.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Barten seconded by Commissioner Bayer to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barnes, Barten, Bayer, and Leistico. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Sis.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 05/21/2020

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Park and Trail Concepts Related to Trott Brook North, a Sketch Plan Proposal .

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to review an application from The Excelsior Group (the "Applicant") for a sketch plan application for an approximate 343 lot residential subdivision that includes multiple parcels generally located west of Nowthen Blvd, east of Variolite Street, south of 175th Avenue and north of Trott Brook (the "Subject Property").

The Applicant is looking for feedback on the *Sketch Plan*:

~ The Sketch Plan application allows the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, and City Council, and staff to identify high level red flags with the proposal, outline next steps, and garner feedback from the community. Staff is looking for feedback from the Park and Recreation Commission on the proposed sketch plan proposal to address park needs in this area, consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, AND desired trail connections to the Circle of Ramsey Greenway, as well as trail connections to the existing neighborhood to the South.

The City of Ramsey has projected the need for a future Community Park #6 generally in this area, north of Trott Brook as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. A Community Park is generally defined as a park greater than 40 acres with a variety of attractions that serves multiple neighborhoods. The Applicant has proposed a park in the NE corner of the site which is approximately 13 acres of upland area with two flex fields. The Park and Recreation Commission will work with the Applicant to determine if this is sufficient space for the park, and will determine if/what credits are required. It is possible that this park could serve a portion of the needs identified as future Community Park #6. In addition, the City has received a number of observations from the Brookfield Neighborhood regarding the lack of park and recreation space in this neighborhood immediately south of the project site. Not only will there be park and recreation needs for this new neighborhood, appropriate connectivity, via a pedestrian bridge over the brook could also serve the needs of the neighborhood to the south—as well providing improved trail access to the larger city-wide trail system in this north-central area of Ramsey. This will be discussed in more detail as part of the Preliminary Plat.

Note: The proposed Hunt Addition subdivision (to the North) is expected to rely on neighborhood park needs in this same proposed subdivision.

Notification:

Notifications of this proposal were sent via Standard US Mail to Property Owners within 700 feet of the Subject Property, as reflected by Anoka County Property Records. A notice was also published in the Anoka Union Herald, the City's Official newspaper. The City also sent an invitation for an online open house hosted before the April Planning Commission Meeting to provide additional preparation for this meeting. Staff has also extended the typical public comment period from 2 weeks to 4 weeks.

Observations/Alternatives:

Summary

Site Acreage	~200 acres
Proposed Lots	< 343 Lots
Net Density	< 2.7 units/acre
Existing Zoning	R-1 MUSA, R-1 Rural Residential (Small Section, mainly wetland)
Proposed Lot Sizes	55, 65, 75 foot wide lots

Sketch Plan

The City requires a sketch plan for any major plat in order to provide the Applicant high level feedback before investing in the expense and time of a Preliminary Plat. The Sketch Plan also provides the residents of the community an opportunity to weigh in on the project before the preliminary plat, when the City will hold a formal public hearing on the project. The City wants to reiterate that if the project moves forward, there will be future opportunities for residents to weigh in on the project.

The City has dedicated a webpage for the community to stay updated on this project, which can be found at <http://www.cityoframsey.com/748/Trott-Brook-North>. **Please note that it is very likely that the project name will change throughout this process.**

Two adjacent projects have come forward for sketch plan at the same time - this project and a sketch plan for the Hunt Property from Platinum Land (see the attached Site Location Map for context). Staff has attempted to combine these two applications to the extent possible by combining mailings and the public open house is scheduled to discuss both projects.

Park Dedication Specific Comments:

1. Park Dedication Credit is **not** available for wetland areas. Credit is only given to upland area that is able to be developed for park purposes.
2. Preservation of the existing barn should be explored as part of the park planning effort.
3. A more detailed park concept plan must be included with the Preliminary Plat.
4. The Developer will need to clarify underlying property ownership for the area between the southernmost lots and Trott Brook.

Additional Items (identified within the Planning Commissions' May 7th discussion):

- **Public Park:** This area is generally in the search area for a large City park. The park is currently proposed in the NE corner of the site, underneath the High Voltage Transmission lines, and provides two fields. The park would provide an amenity to Brookfield residents who have expressed the need for a public park accessible to them. There would be a pedestrian bridge over Trott Brook and trails connecting Brookfield to the park.
- **Traffic:** Many residents expressed concerns over increased traffic in the area. Nowthen Boulevard is a County Road, so Staff sent to Anoka County for review. Their review letter is attached. With one proposed entrance to the site off both Variolite Street and Nowthen Boulevard, upgrades to both roads are likely with the project (such as turn lanes). If the project moves forward, the Applicant will need to work with the City's Engineering staff and the County's Engineering Staff to propose a solution that accommodates the new homes. Additionally, the combined projects will require the Developers to prepare an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that will include detailed traffic forecasts and recommended areawide traffic improvements. Finally, the City Council has included in their 2020 Strategic Plan an action to complete a Corridor Study of the entire Nowthen Boulevard Corridor. Staff is working with Anoka County to advance this study later in 2020 or in early 2021.
- **Environmental Concerns:** Staff has already notified the DNR about the project due to its proximity to Trott Brook. Please see the "Next Steps" section for more information about the environmental precautions that will be required if the project moves forward.
- **Utilities:** This area is guided for City utilities in the City's Comprehensive Plan, and is currently zoned for

utilities. Staff would like to note for the record that just because utilities are in the area, individual property owners on well and septic will not be forced to connect to City utilities per the City's charter.

- **Lot Sizes:** The Applicant is proposing 55, 65, and 75 foot wide lots. The City recently completed a Housing Study with Maxfield Consulting that indicated there is a demand for this type of product. Staff has heard from the development community that the market is demanding more of this product with smaller lots due to development costs and lifestyle choices. The market for 80 foot wide lots has decreased significantly in the past 5 years, as evidenced by Ramsey's own permit data. Staff would like to note that just because there is a demand for this type of product, and it is likely it will sell, that does not mean the City is required to allow them in every location.
- **Shoreland Overlay District:** A portion of the Subject Property is within the Shoreland Overlay District due to proximity to Trott Brook. The Shoreland Overlay District boundary extends 300 feet from the Ordinary High Watermark (OHW) of Trott Brook. Within this area, lot width at both the OHW and the building line must be at least seventy-five (75) feet. There is no minimum lot size (area) requirements for streams in the Shoreland Overlay District. It does appear that the sketch plan conforms to the lot width standard of the Overlay District.

Preliminary Plat/Next Steps

At time of preliminary plat, the City requires: grading plan, landscape plan, tree inventory and preservation plan, utility plan, preliminary plat, and for a project of this scale, an EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) to lay out the basics of the project and determine if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. At this time, the Applicant and Staff are looking for high level review of the project as opposed to going into detailed engineering plans which takes place with the preliminary plat.

Funding Source:

The Applicant is responsible for all costs associated with review. Any future subdivision will owe to the City certain Development Fees, to include Park Dedication (land or cash), Trail Fees, and grading of any park and trail areas and other obligations identified with the Development Agreement.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends continuing the process of refining park and trail siting and scope, consistent with the Sketch Plan submittals for Trott Brook North and the Hunt Subdivisions.

Action:

Based upon discussion, direct Staff to continue exploring the park and trail issues and siting as proposed within the Sketch Plat(s).

Attachments

Site Location Map

Sketch Plan

Planning Technical Report

2040 Land Use Map (Comprehensive Plan)

Staff Comments (Sheet 1)

Staff Comments (Sheet 2)

Draft Planning Commission Presentation

Map

Form Review

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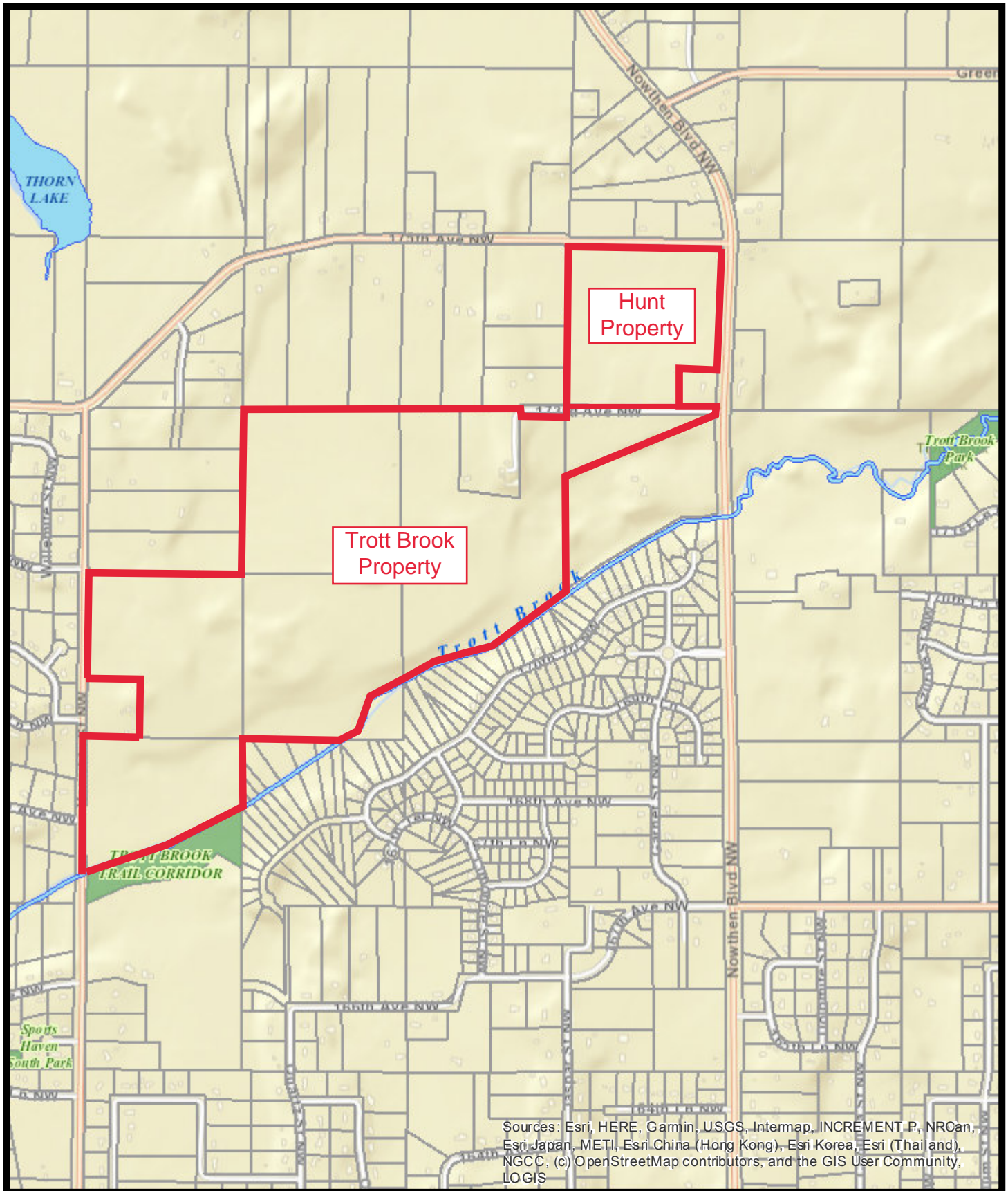
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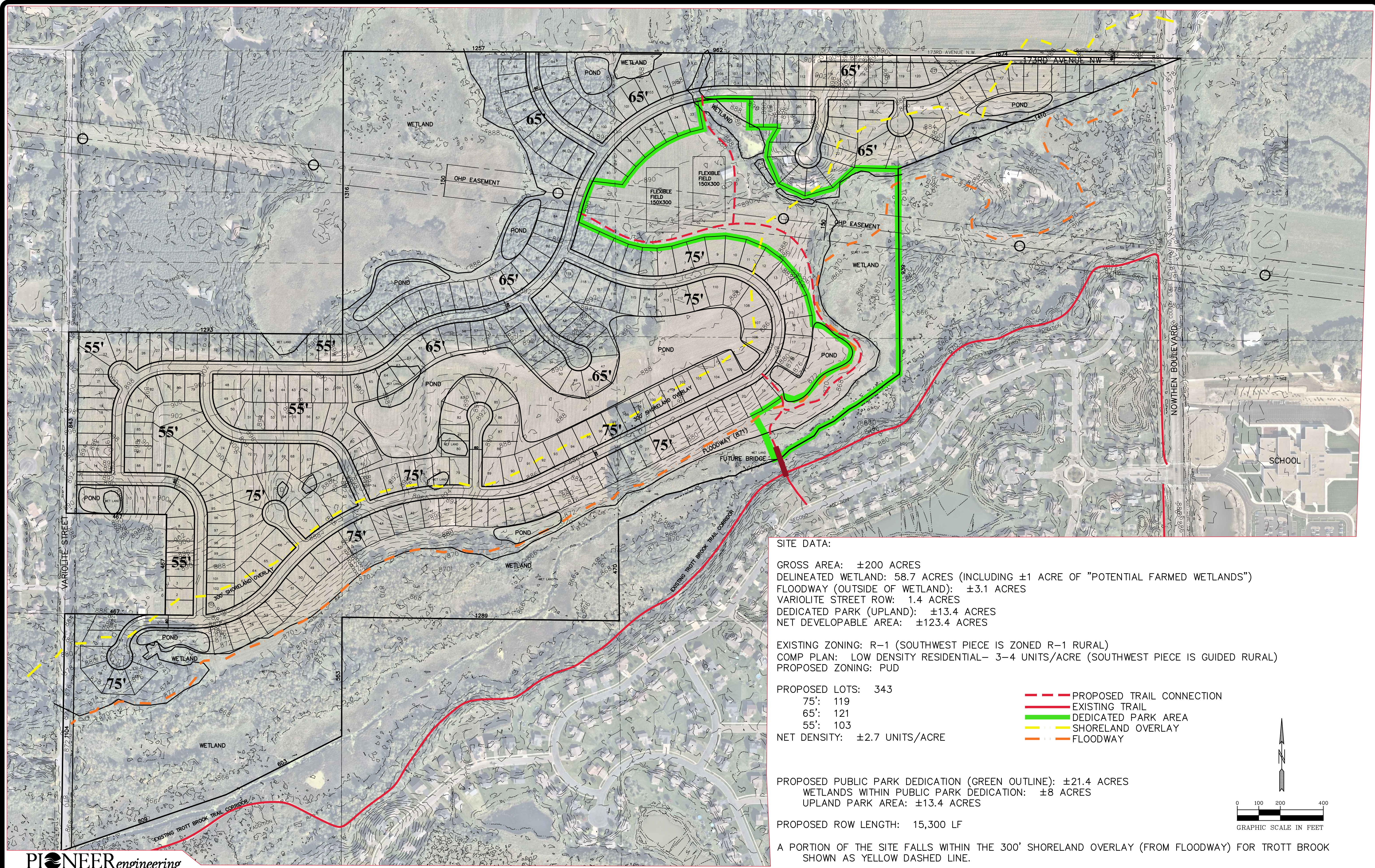
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Subject Properties

Trott Brook and Hunt Properties



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, LOGIS



SITE DATA:

GROSS AREA: ±200 ACRES
 DELINEATED WETLAND: 58.7 ACRES (INCLUDING ±1 ACRE OF "POTENTIAL FARMED WETLANDS")
 FLOODWAY (OUTSIDE OF WETLAND): ±3.1 ACRES
 VARIOLITE STREET ROW: 1.4 ACRES
 DEDICATED PARK (UPLAND): ±13.4 ACRES
 NET DEVELOPABLE AREA: ±123.4 ACRES

EXISTING ZONING: R-1 (SOUTHWEST PIECE IS ZONED R-1 RURAL)
 COMP PLAN: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL- 3-4 UNITS/ACRE (SOUTHWEST PIECE IS GUIDED RURAL)
 PROPOSED ZONING: PUD

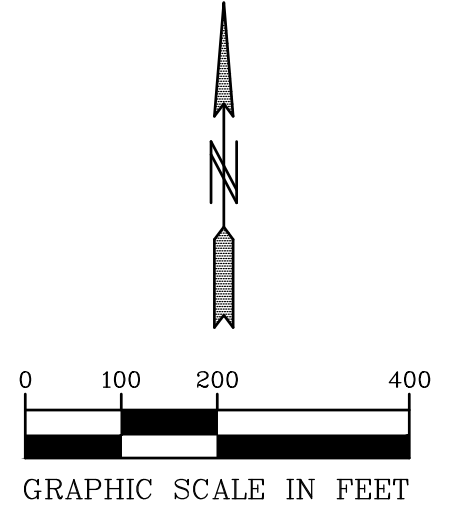
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 75': 119
 65': 121
 55': 103
 NET DENSITY: ±2.7 UNITS/ACRE

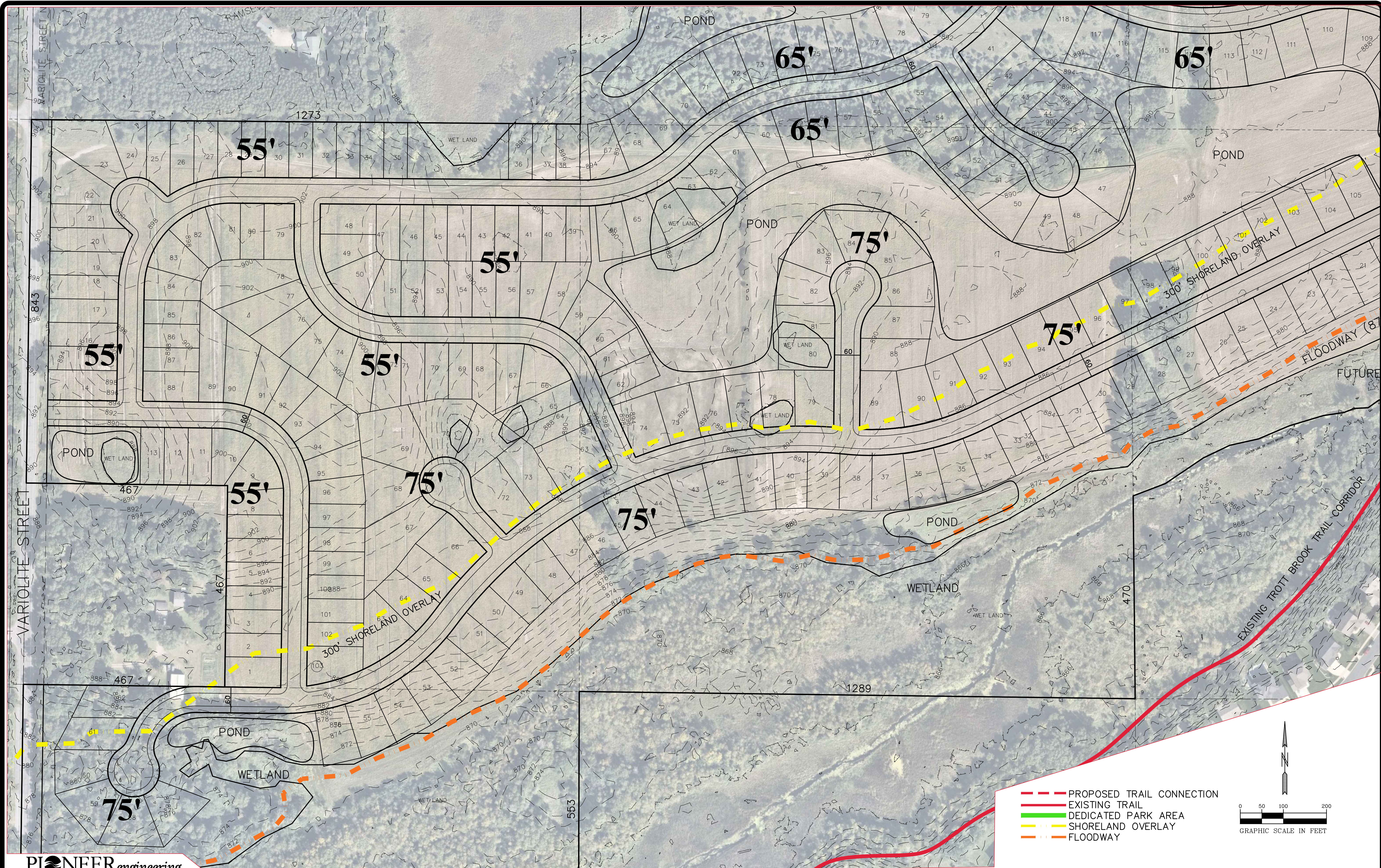
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- EXISTING TRAIL
- DEDICATED PARK AREA
- SHORELAND OVERLAY
- FLOODWAY

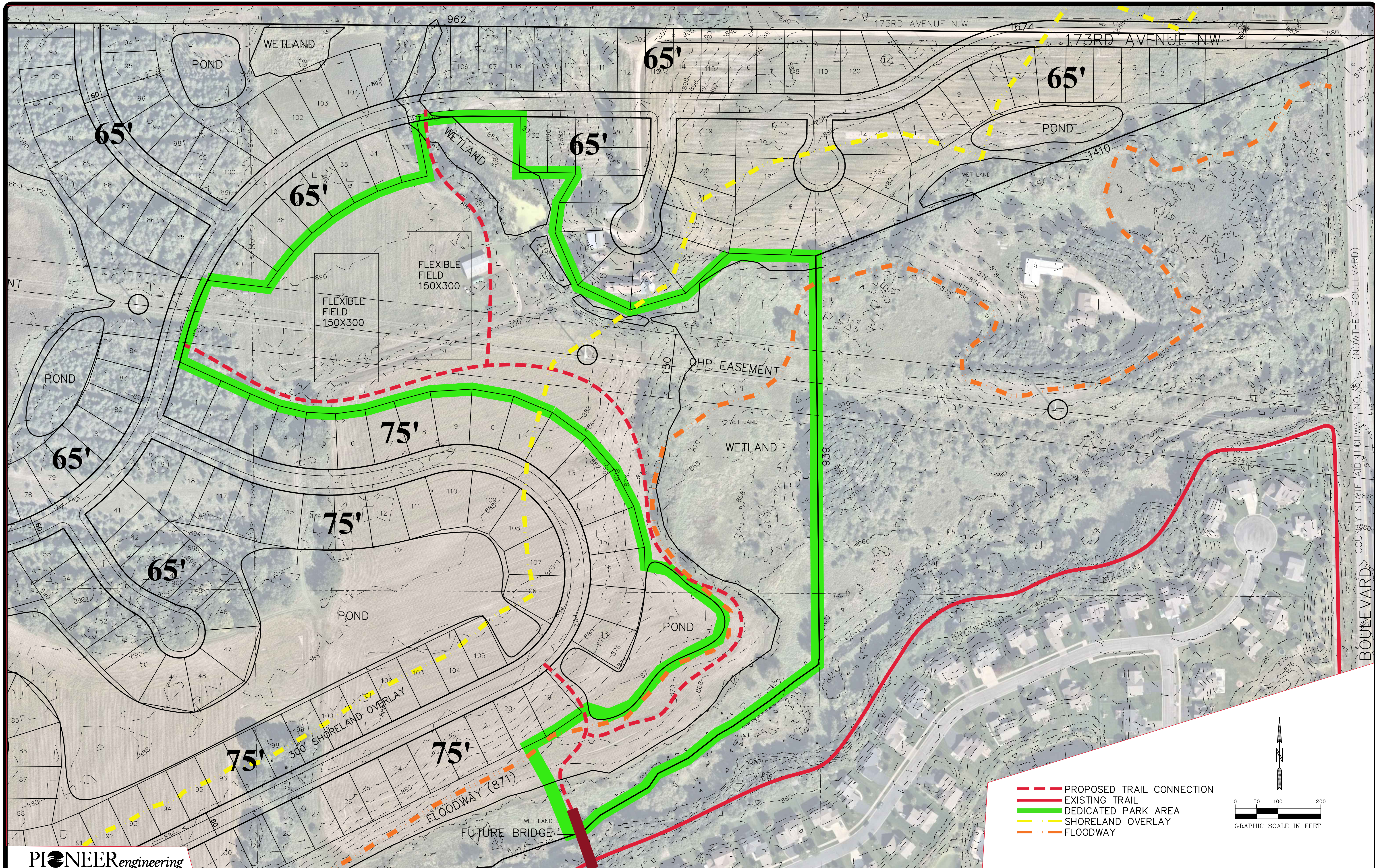
PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK DEDICATION (GREEN OUTLINE): ±21.4 ACRES
 WETLANDS WITHIN PUBLIC PARK DEDICATION: ±8 ACRES
 UPLAND PARK AREA: ±13.4 ACRES

PROPOSED ROW LENGTH: 15,300 LF

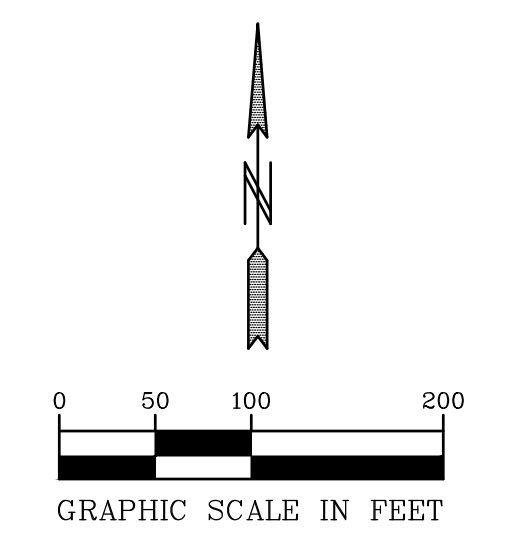
A PORTION OF THE SITE FALLS WITHIN THE 300' SHORELAND OVERLAY (FROM FLOODWAY) FOR TROTT BROOK SHOWN AS YELLOW DASHED LINE.







- - - PROPOSED TRAIL CONNECTION
- EXISTING TRAIL
- DEDICATED PARK AREA
- - - SHORELAND OVERLAY
- - - FLOODWAY



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I hereby certify that this plan was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Landscape Architect under the laws of the State of Minnesota

Name: Jennifer L. Thompson
 Reg. No.: 44765
 Date: xx

Revisions

Date: 2-28-2020
 Designed: JLT
 Drawn: JLT

CONCEPT PLAN 2

EXCELSIOR GROUP
 1660 HIGHWAY 100 SOUTH, SUITE 400
 SAINT LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA 55416

TROTT BROOK PROPERTY
 RAMSEY, MINNESOTA

**CITY OF RAMSEY LAND USE APPLICATION
TECHNICAL REVIEW FILE**

DATE	MAY 1, 2020	PROJECT ADDRESS	NORTH OF TROTT BROOK BETWEEN NOWTHEN BOULEVARD AND VARIOLITE STREET
PROJECT. TITLE	TROTT BROOK NORTH		
ESCROW #	<u>117442</u>		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development: Planning Division		
TECHNICAL REVIEWER:	Name: Chloe McGuire Phone: 763-433-9821 Email: cmcguire@cityoframsey.com		

Summary

Site Acreage	~200 acres
Proposed Lots	343 Lots
Net Density	2.7 units/acre
Existing Zoning	R-1 Residential (MUSA) District
Proposed Lot Sizes	55, 65, 75 foot wide lots

Rezoning

1. Approximately 160 acres of the Site is currently located in the R-1 Residential (MUSA) District that generally allows for detached single-family dwellings on quarter-acre lots at least 80 foot in width. An approximately 22-acre parcel in the southwest of the project site is located in the R-1 Residential (Rural Developing) District, which allows for 2.5 acre lots and private well and septic.
2. The Applicant has proposed a mix 55, 65, and 75 foot wide lots.
 - a. 55 foot wide lots: requires rezoning to R-2 Detached Villa
 - b. 65 foot wide lots: requires rezoning to R-1 Detached Villa
 - c. 75 foot wide lots: requires rezoning to R-1 Detached Villa

If the Planning Commission and City Council are supportive of the underlying proposal, Staff proposes a Zoning Amendment to the above districts rather than a Planned Unit Development (PUD) process. For those familiar with the PUD process, it is often seen as subjective and not as straight forward. While an appropriate zoning tool, Staff believes it is an unnecessary level of complexity in this case.

Comprehensive Plan

The site is currently guided for detached single family lots up to a density of 4 units per acre in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. It does not appear that any one area would surpass the 4 unit per acre maximum, but this will be determined with Preliminary Plat. In other words, the Zoning Amendment is not about a change in planned density, but a policy question about lot size and lot width. The density of the site is naturally kept low due to configuration of the site and significant ecological resources, most notably Trott Brook.

Street and Access

The Applicant has proposed one access onto Nowthen Boulevard and one access onto Variolite Street. The proposal will be reviewed by Anoka County to determine if turn lanes or other upgrades will be required onto Nowthen Boulevard. Staff anticipates that it is likely some upgrades will be required including turn lanes and/or a stop condition. In addition, a traffic study will be required with next steps to determine specific improvements to area roads that will be required. At this time, those improvements will be the responsibility of the Developer.

The Applicant has proposed cul-de-sacs throughout the site. No medians or median planters will be allowed within cul-de-sacs to allow for plowing and turnaround of large trucks.

Landscape Plan

A landscape plan will be required with preliminary plat, which needs to include a tree survey of the site.

Grading

A grading plan will be required with preliminary plat.

Utilities

The site is zoned for municipal water and sanitary sewer (waste water), which are currently south of Trott Brook. Utilities will need to be brought to the site. Existing dwellings in the area will not be required to connect to these utilities. The Comprehensive Plan includes a plan to extend these utilities. In addition, the City's Engineering Department is doing a deeper dive into this plan to ensure the most cost-effective strategy for this extension.

Timeline

It is expected that the soonest this project would commence would be Spring of 2021.

Public Park

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Development Fees

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Density Transitioning

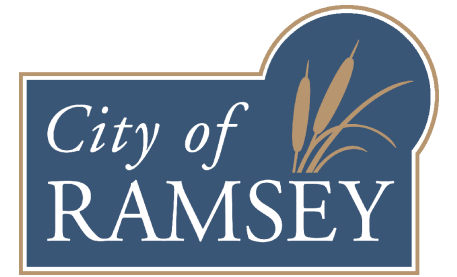
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2. Density transitioning is still required for areas separated by roads, unless major roads (e.g. MSA or County roads).
3. Staff needs to discuss density transitioning with the City Attorney to determine where it will be required onsite.
4. The City does have broad discretionary/legislative authority in this case, as the project requires a Zoning Amendment
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Planning Commission and City Council Feedback Needed/Primary Policy Question

1. Staff needs clear direction on lot sizes
 - a. Are the Planning Commission and City Council supportive of the project as presented?
 - b. Are the Planning Commission and City Council open to a compromise that requires 80 foot wide lots adjacent to key areas while allowing for smaller lots more internal to the site?
 - c. Do the Planning Commission and City Council feel that all lots in the project should be 80 foot wide lots?

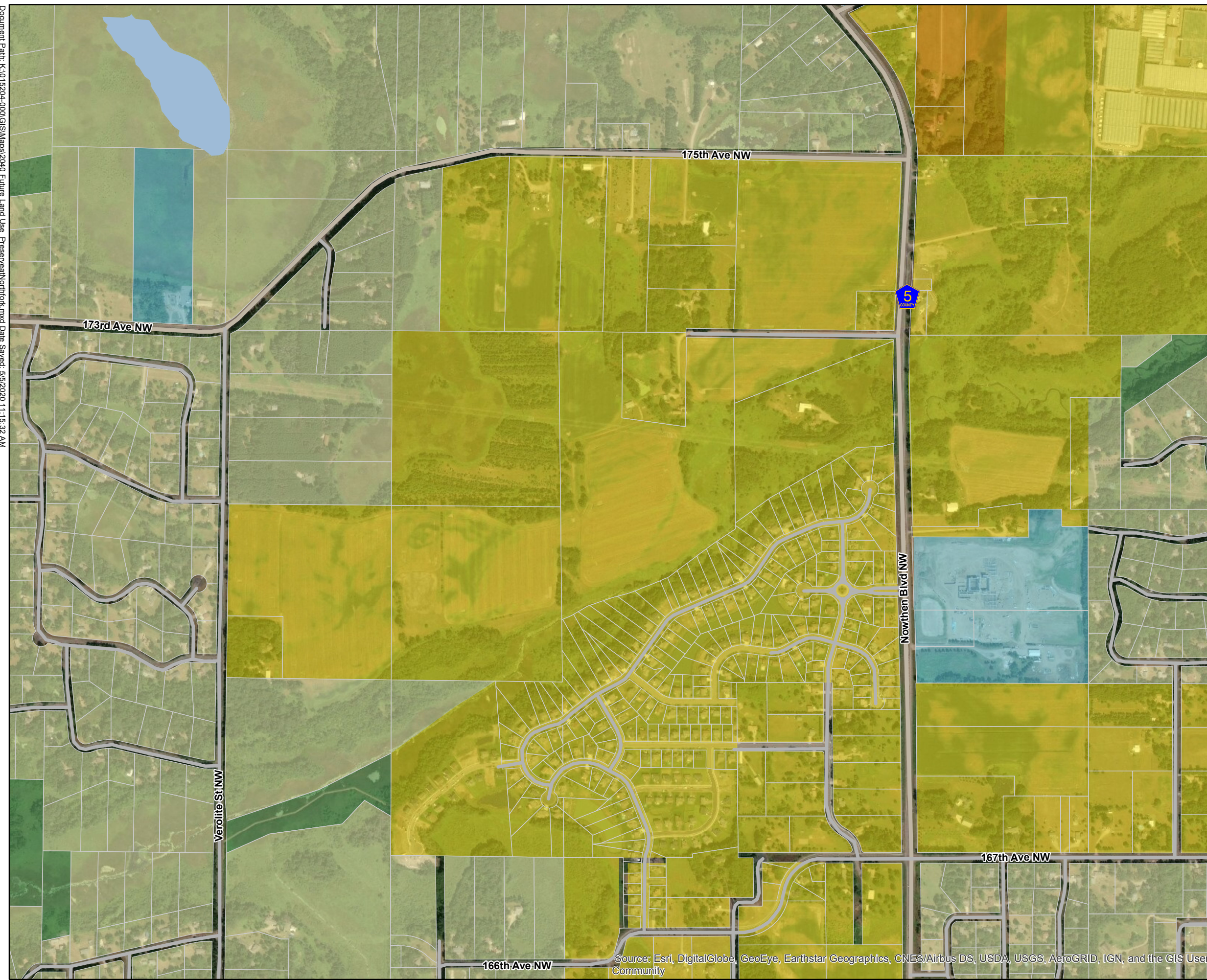
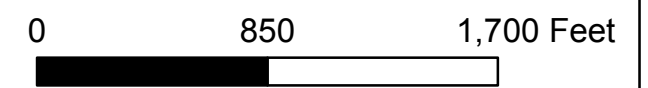
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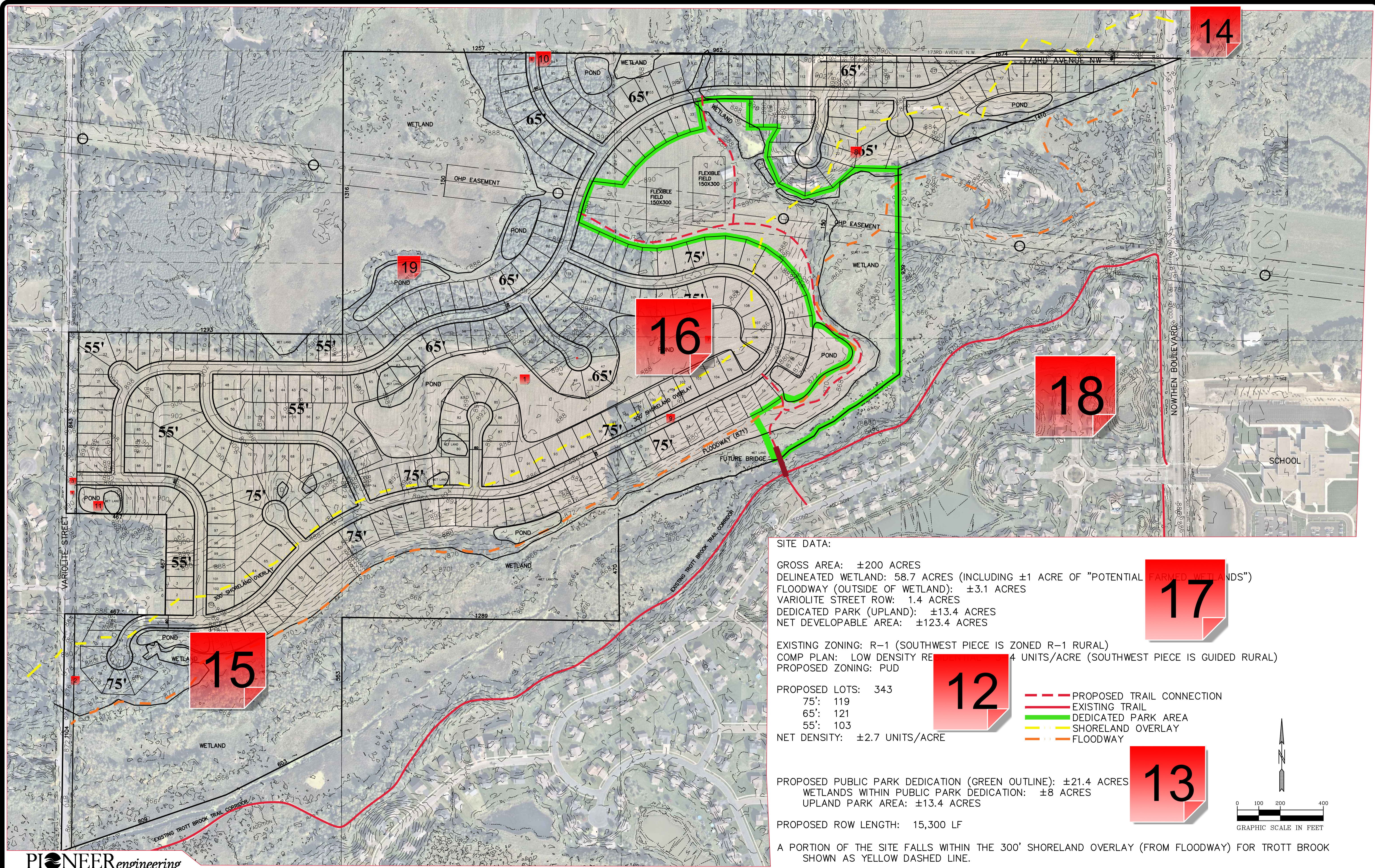


Ramsey Comprehensive Plan 2040 Future Land Use Ramsey, MN

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	Mixed Use (MU)
	High Density Residential (HDR)
	Medium Density Residential (MDR)
	Low Density Residential (LDR)
	Rural Developing (RD)
	Park (P)
	Public/Institutional (P/I)
	Closed Landfill (CL)
	Right-of-way (ROW)



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



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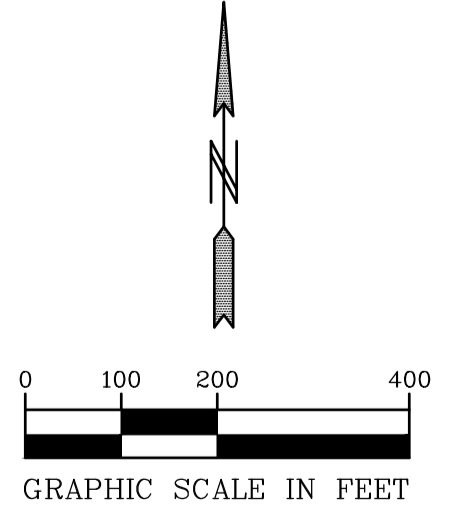
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17

13



1 - Connect CDS

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:05 AM

If possible connecting these cul-de-sacs. CDS are higher maintenance for the City, particularly with plowing.

----- 0 Replies -----

2 - Trunk Watermain Loop

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:18 AM

The City is planning to extend trunk watermain up Variolite, to loop with the trunk watermain on CSAH 5. We will have to discuss where this trunk WM connects.

----- 0 Replies -----

3 - Variolite Street Connection

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:20 AM

Most likely a right turn lane will be required off of Variolite Street.

----- 0 Replies -----

4 - Variolite Reconstruction

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:20 AM

City is currently designing a reconstruction of Variolite Street, this is planned for this summer. Ideally any units built would not be reliant on Variolite Street for access.

----- 0 Replies -----

5 - CDS Size

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:23 AM

CDS need to have a 50' radius to back of curb.
Engineering Design Standards are available on the City Website Engineering Department Page.

----- 0 Replies -----

6 - Future Road Connections

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:24 AM

This would require a temporary cul-de-sac. The area of the temporary cul-de-sac will require at a minimum roadway easement for the cds and snow storage.

----- 0 Replies -----

7 - Stormwater

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 09:25 AM

The City is part of the Lower Rum River WMO, and all WMO requirements must be met. Contact Engineering Department with questions.

----- 0 Replies -----

8 - Reduce amount of CDS

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 10:52 AM

Could this be adjusted to be a small loop, or just one CDS?

----- 0 Replies -----

9 - Street Typical Sections

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 11:14 AM

Is this street going to be curb & gutter, or drainage ditches?

----- 0 Replies -----

10 - Permanent Cul-de-Sac

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:15 AM

This must be a permanent Cul-de-Sac with proper setbacks. If the parcel to the north develops and the road is extended, pavement can be removed and the right of way reduced to follow the curb.

Half cul-de-sacs and temporary cul-de-sacs have not worked well in Ramsey.

----- 0 Replies -----

11 - Wetland Delineation required

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:20 AM

A wetland delineation will be required. Mitigation may be required if the pond will impact the function of this wetland.

----- 0 Replies -----

12 - Environmental Document Required

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:23 AM

This project crosses the threshold for environmental documentaion. The project scheduile must include time for preparation of the environmental document and review by the appropriate agencies.

----- 0 Replies -----

13 - Park Dedication

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:25 AM

The City does not accept wetlands for park dedication credit. Creditable park dedication must be upland area outside of wetlands.

----- 0 Replies -----

14 - Anoka County Review

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:26 AM

This plat will require review by Anoka County Highway department.

Turn lanes and bypass lanes will most likely be required.

----- 0 Replies -----

15 - Sanitary Sewer Connection

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:27 AM

A sanitary sewer stub was provided south of Trott Brook. The stub and lift station down stream may not provide adequate capacity for this development.

The City is requiring construction of a lift station in the southwest corner of this project to serve the site. The City will be extending gravity sewer up Variolite Street to just south of Trott Brook in 2020. This lift station will connect to that gravity line.

----- 0 Replies -----

16 - Stormwater Ponds

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:35 AM

All stormwater ponds must have a maintenance access covered by drainage and utility easement.

This surface should be vegetated with slopes gentle enough for equipment access. Lot spacing must be adjusted to provide this required access route.

----- 0 Replies -----

17 - Review Comments

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 11:44 AM

All comments must be addressed on the next submittal in order to keep this project moving forward.

Unaddressed comments may delay approval of the next submittal.

----- 0 Replies -----

18 - Stormwater

Created by: Len Linton
On: 03/16/2020 12:21 PM

Stormwater Design must meet Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization requirements.

Compliance with infiltration must be demonstrated using the MIDS calculator from the MPCA, P-8 or Win-SLAMM software. Printouts provided must include data input and results including removal efficiencies.

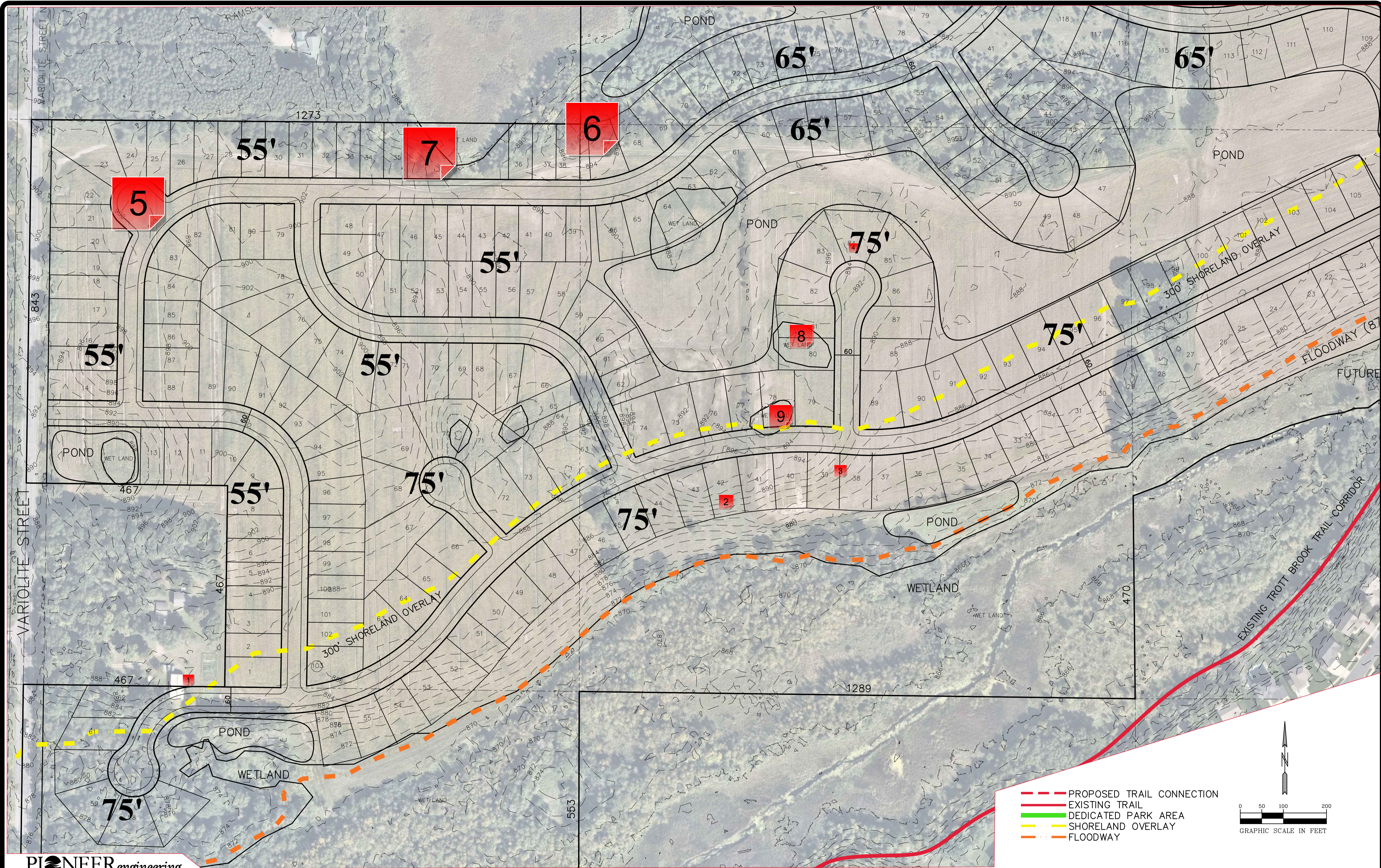
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19 - Wetland Setback and Pond

Created by: Chloe McGuire Brigl
On: 03/19/2020 09:03 AM

16.5 foot d/u easement required from edge of delineated wetland, no ponds in that area.

----- 0 Replies -----



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Name: Jennifer L. Thompson
 Reg. No.: 44763
 Date: xx

Revisions

Date: 2-28-2020
 Designed: JLT
 Drawn: JLT

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EXCELSIOR GROUP
 1660 HIGHWAY 100 SOUTH, SUITE 400
 SAINT LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA 55416

TROTT BROOK PROPERTY
 RAMSEY, MINNESOTA

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1 - SW CDS - Future Expansion

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 11:07 AM

Recommend leaving enough space before turning this CDS south, so if the remaining lot sells/develops, a row of houses will fit on the east side, to maximize development.

----- 0 Replies -----

2 - Grading Plans

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 11:09 AM

When grading these lots, keep in mind lowest floor elevations must be the highest of: 3-feet above groundwater, 2-feet above 100 HWL, or 1-feet above EOF. Max allowable is 1:3, minimum is 2.0%.

----- 0 Replies -----

3 - Drainage Easement

Created by: Joe Feriancek
On: 03/16/2020 11:11 AM

Keep in mind drainage easement will be required, if pipe is used, need to be wide enough for safe maintenance, and access to ponds is required.

----- 0 Replies -----

4 - Lot Width

Created by: Chloe McGuire Brigl
On: 03/19/2020 08:48 AM

We will measure lot width at the front yard setback (25 feet for detached villas)

----- 0 Replies -----

5 - Cul-de-sac

Created by: Chloe McGuire Brigl
On: 03/19/2020 08:53 AM

This cul-de-sac must stay open for plowing, no planted center island

----- 0 Replies -----

6 - Standard DU easements

Created by: Chloe McGuire Brigl
On: 03/19/2020 08:54 AM

City will require standard DU easements on each lot

----- 0 Replies -----

7 - 16.5 buffer from wetland

Created by: Chloe McGuire Brigl
On: 03/19/2020 08:55 AM

Requirement that 16.5 feet from edge of delineated wetland is encumbered by D/U easement

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8 - Wetland?

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This lot is almost entirely wetland and won't be buildable

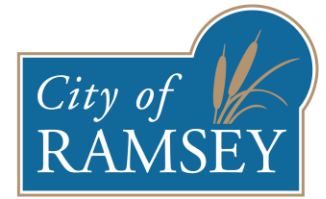
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The wetlands in the front of this lot wil make it difficult to build

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TROTT BROOK NORTH SKETCH PLAN

Applicant: The Excelsior Group

MN STATUTE 15.99 (60 DAY RULE)

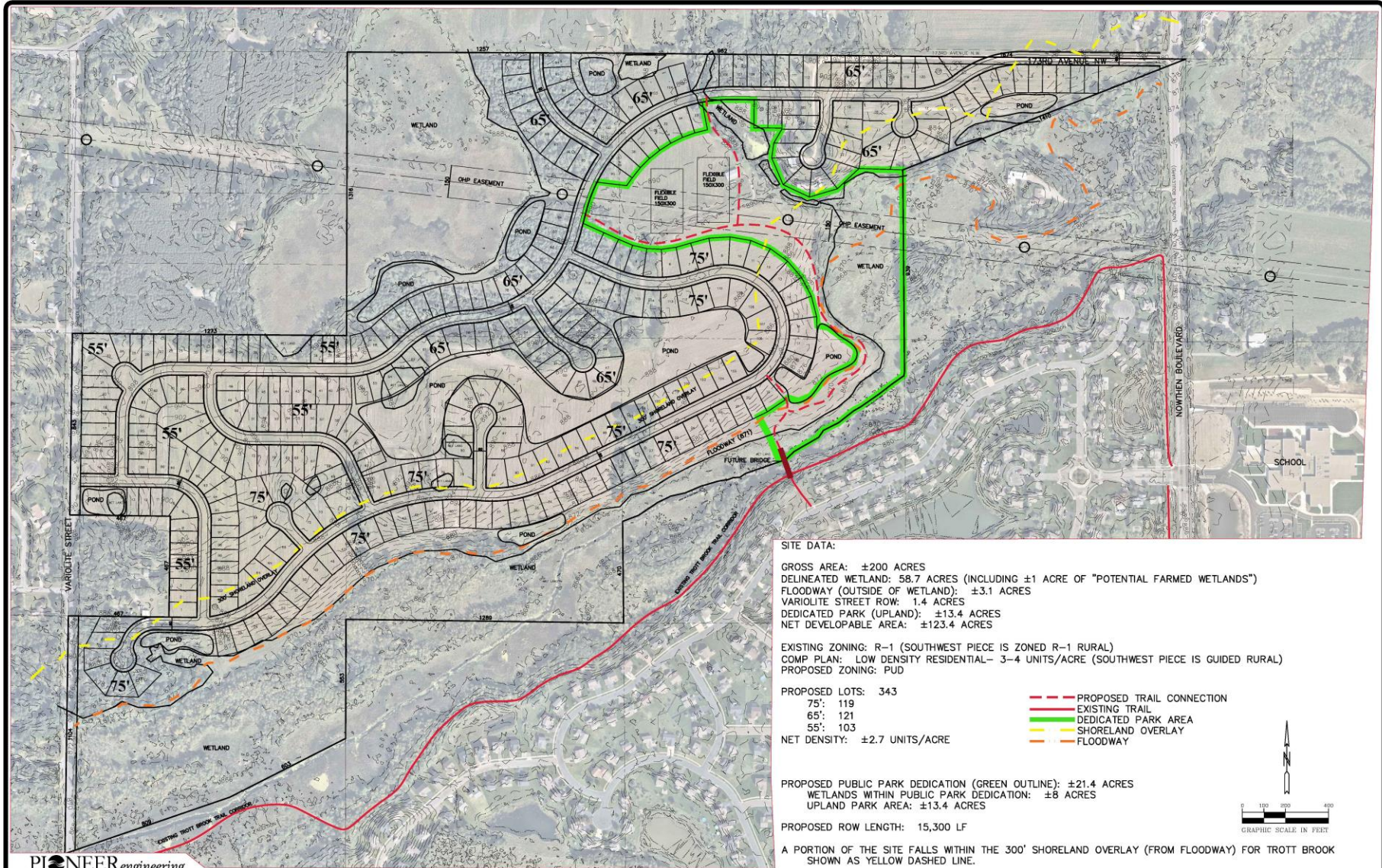
Submittal Date	March 5, 2020
60 Day Deadline	May 4, 2020
120 Day Administrative Extension	July 3, 2020

- Action within 60 Day or Automatic Approval
- Multiple Applications – not full project approval
- Developer can agree to additional extensions

COVID-19

- Public Comment during Stay at Home Order
 - Postponed cases
 - Hosted preparatory webinars
 - Placed videos online
 - Extended public comment periods
 - Did more focused outreach
 - Suggested alternative means to provide comment

SKETCH PLAN



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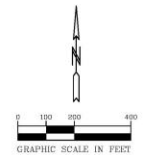
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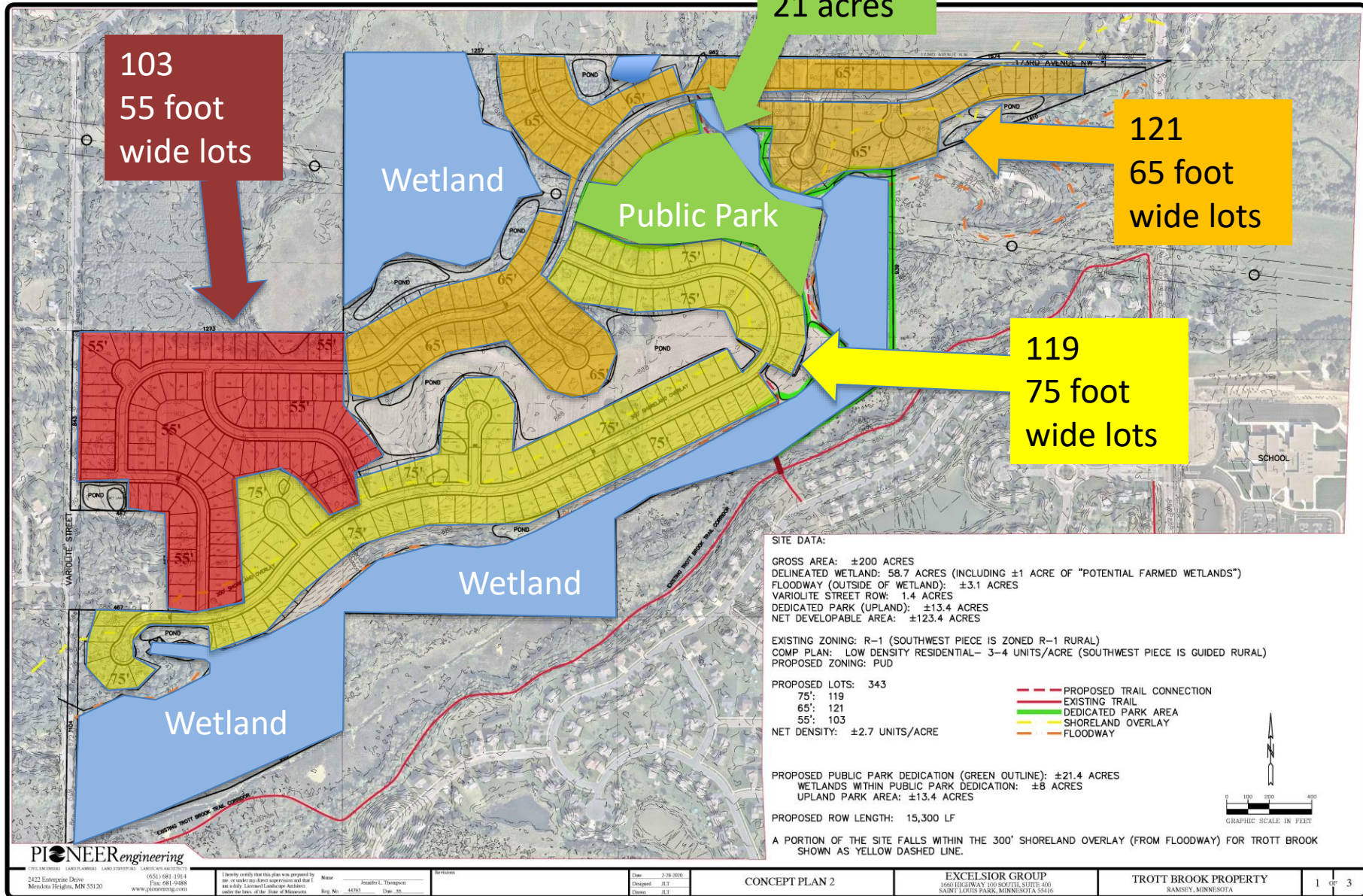
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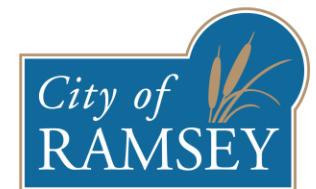
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SUMMARY

Site Summary	
Site Acreage	200 acres
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Density	2.7 units/acre*
Existing Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R-1 Residential (Rural Developing) District; and• R-1 Residential (MUSA) District
Proposed Lot Sizes	55, 65, 75 foot wide lots
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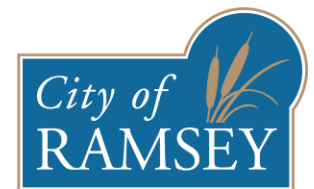
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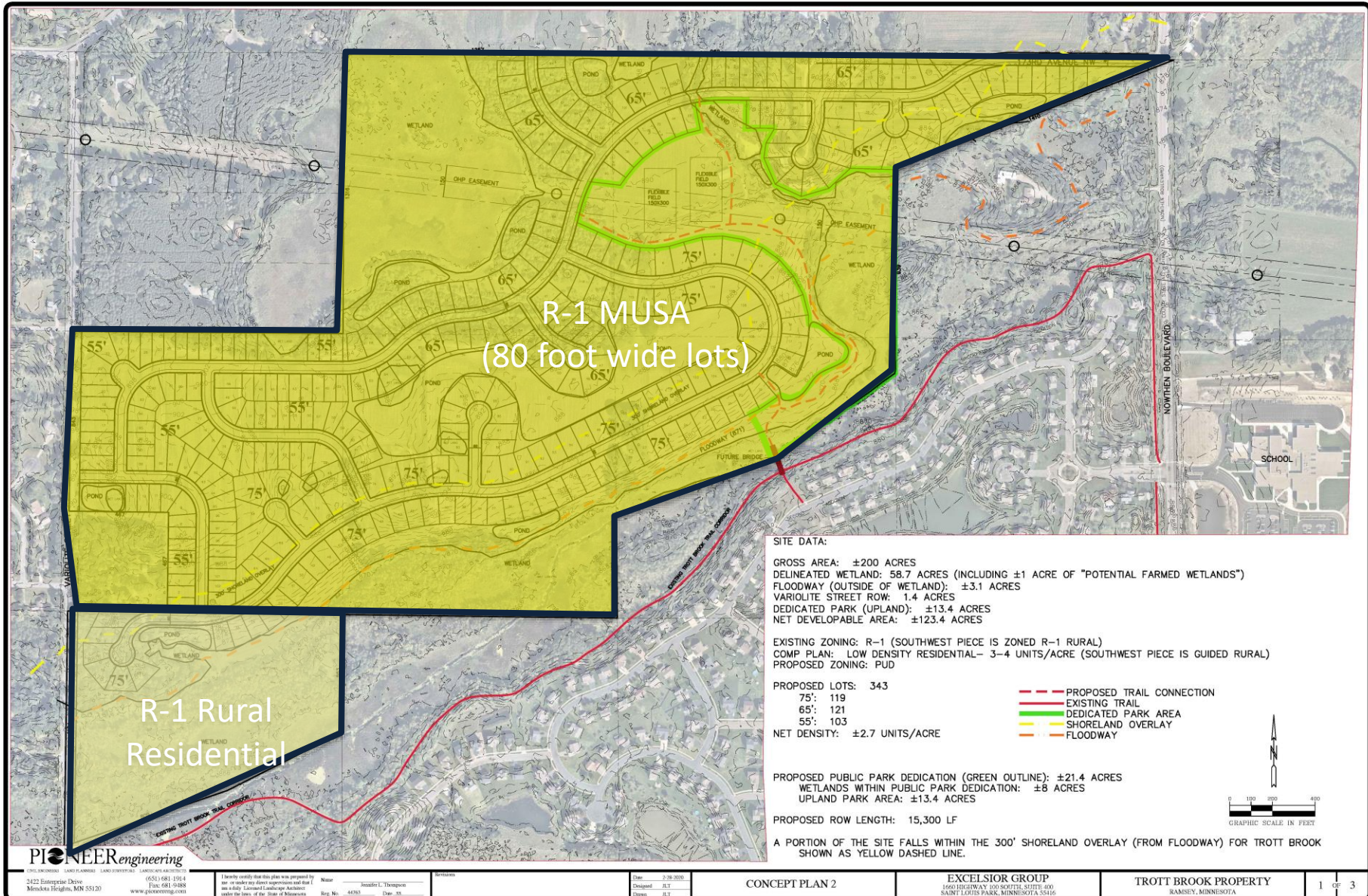
SUMMARY CONTINUED

- Current Zoning (80 Foot Wide Lots)
 - 274 lots at 80 foot wide (current zoning)
 - 343 lots at 55, 65, 75 lots (proposal)
 - Zoning Amendment would add 69 additional lots

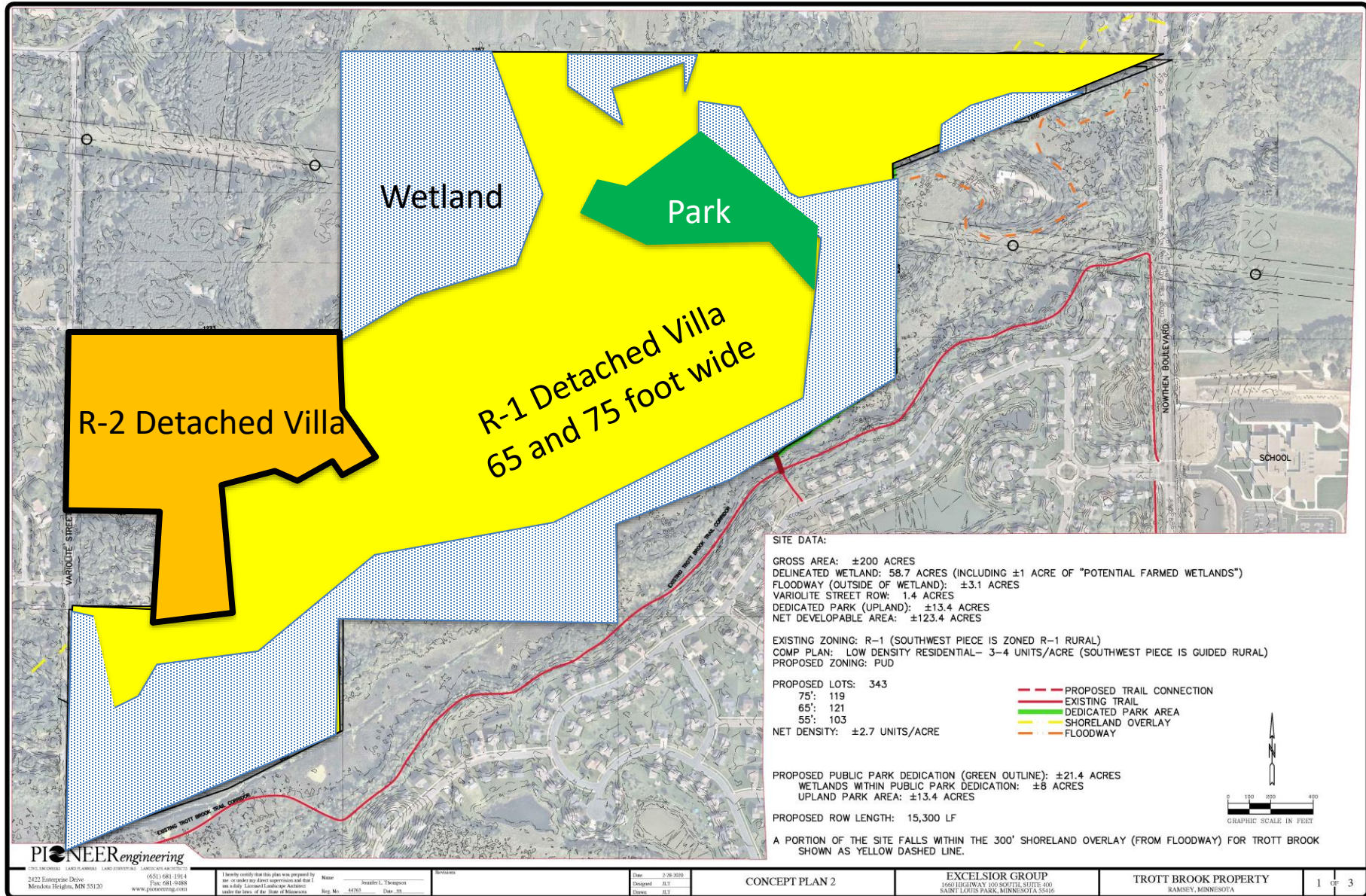
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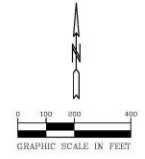
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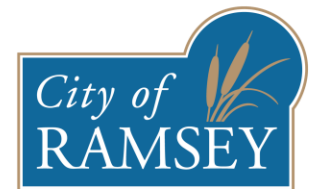
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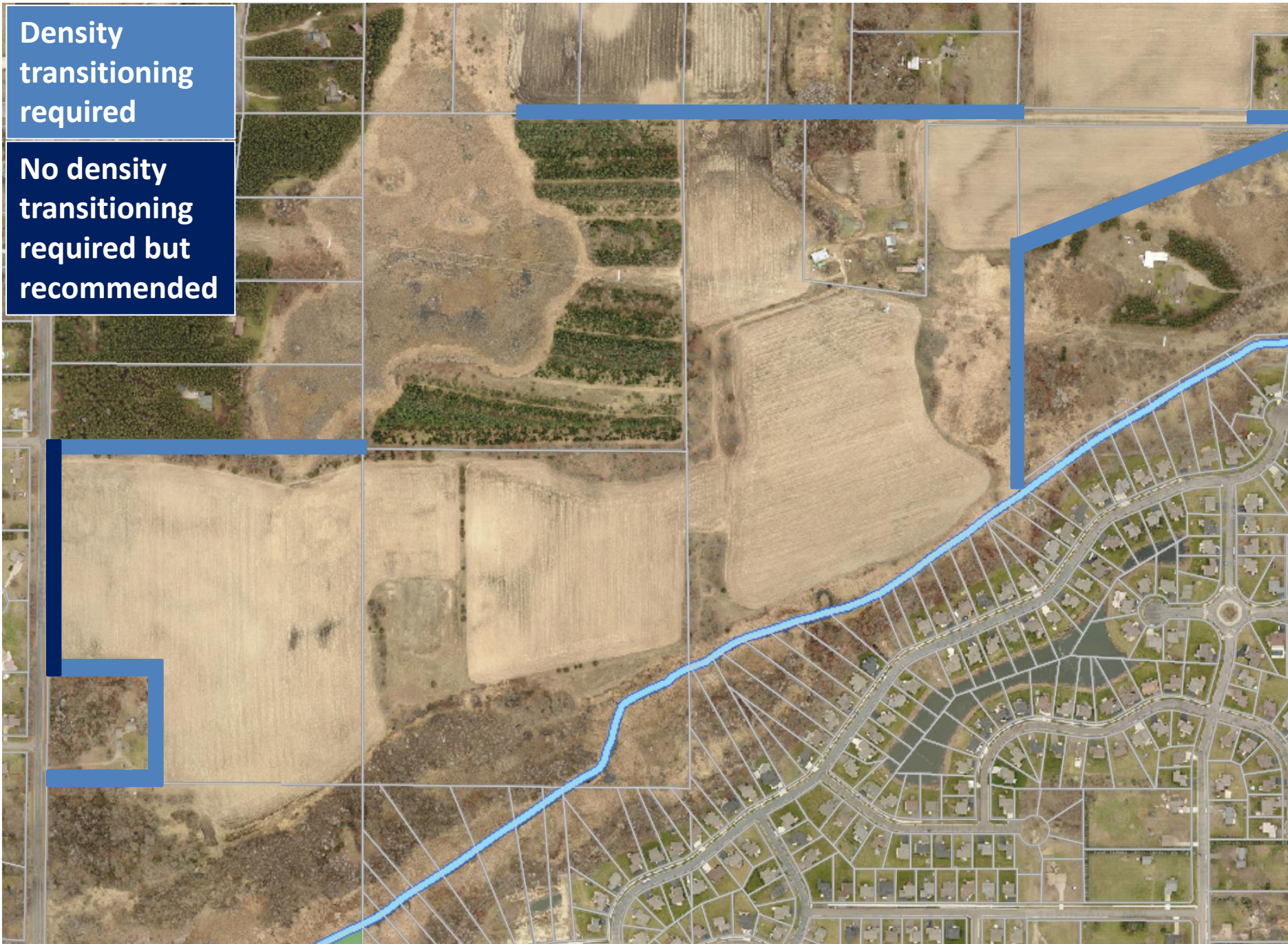
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

- The City requires a delineated wetland at time of preliminary plat and requires a **16.5 foot setback under easement from any wetland** to protect them
- This project is large enough that it will require an **Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)**, DNR has seen Sketch Plan
- The City Council has included in their 2020 Strategic Plan an action to complete a **Corridor Study of the entire Nowthen Boulevard Corridor**. Staff is working with Anoka County to advance this study later in 2020 or in early 2021
- Tree survey required onsite, City Staff includes a Certified Arborist



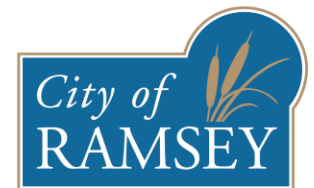
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**No density
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PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

- Opposition of rezoning (21 letters)
- Layout of the development/density (20 letters)
- Preservation of rural character (16 letters)
- Transportation infrastructure problems (14 letters)
- Environmental degradation (10 letters)
- Safety hazards (10 letters)
- Decreasing property values (5 letters)
- Support of park/trail (4 letters)
- Noise pollution (4 letters)
- Business attraction (2 letters)
- Rental properties (1 letter)
- Setback regulations (1 letter)
- Petition of development (1 letter)
- Limited public input due to pandemic (1 letter)
- Higher demand on schools/institutions (1 letter)



PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

- Update on Change.org Petition
 - Potential Citizen Survey with current info and request for addresses
- Individual resident comments
 - Staff sent letters to three homes that are ‘internal’ to the site to set up individual meetings

FAQ

Why would the City allow more residential? We want to see more retail.

This area is guided for residential. The City has approximately 100 acres of undeveloped retail land. Retailers have responded that they are looking for additional population and traffic counts.

Is this high density residential?

No – the proposal is still for detached single-family homes, on smaller lots.

Does this proposal require a Comprehensive Plan Amendment?

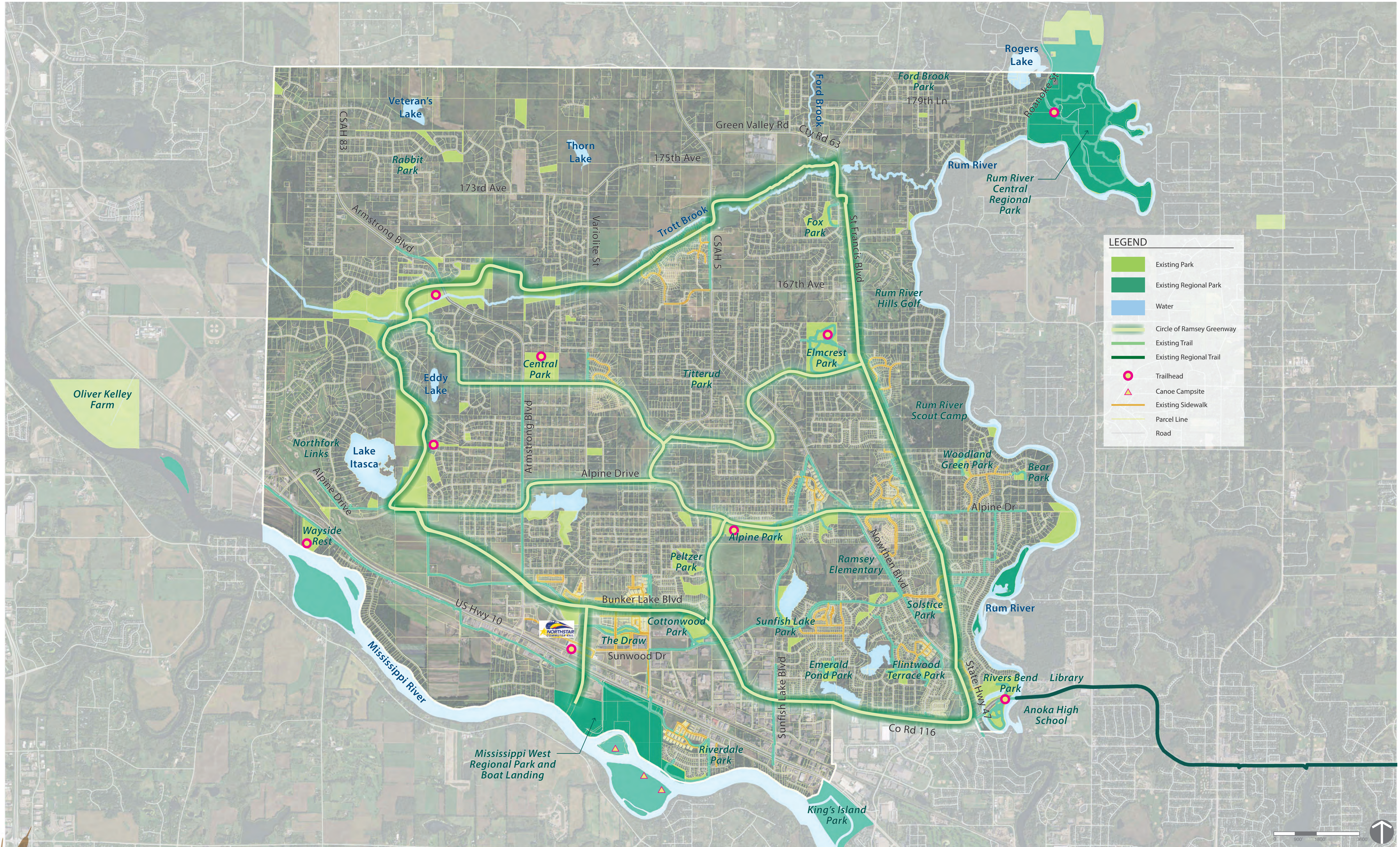
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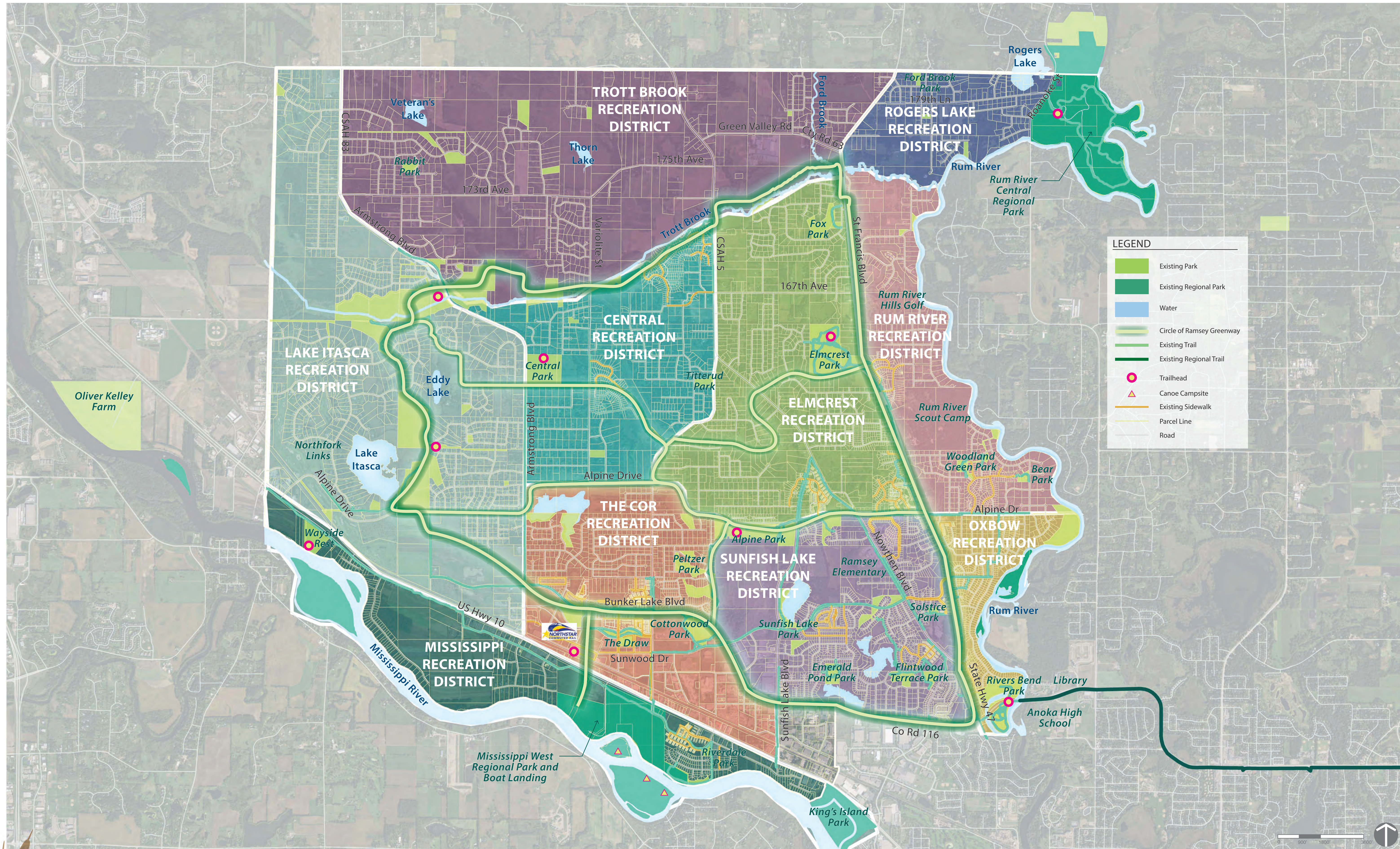
Is the City or the Metropolitan Council driving this Application?

No – the City is responding to an official Application. The Applicant is responsible for the costs of processing the Application.

NEXT STEPS/POLICY QUESTIONS

- Is the Planning Commission supportive of the City initiating a Citizen Survey for the project?
- What is the Planning Commission's recommendation for this area?
 - All 80 foot wide lots? (Current Zoning)
 - 65 and 80 foot wide lots? (Compromise)
 - 55, 65, and 75 foot wide lots? (Proposal)
 - Could 55 foot wide lots be relocated away from existing residential and Variolite Street?





LEGEND

- Existing Park
- Existing Regional Park
- Water
- Circle of Ramsey Greenway
- Existing Trail
- Existing Regional Trail
- Trailhead
- Canoe Campsite
- Existing Sidewalk
- Parcel Line
- Road



Park and Recreation Commission

5. 2.

Meeting Date: 05/21/2020

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Revising Ramsey Central Park's Name

Purpose/Background:

Considerable discussion has occurred over the years, relative to naming public facilities—culminating in the Park and Recreation Commission recommending a naming policy to City Council at the regular February meeting in 2020 (background within the first attachment).

The draft Resolution and Naming Policy (second attachment) has not yet been considered formally by City Council.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Concurrent with the above discussions in 2019 into 2020, has been a proposal by Ramsey resident Ron Schara to rename Central Park to honor and recognize long-time resident and Internationally renown, Loral I Armstrong Delaney. (The third attachment highlights a few of her accomplishments and legacy.)

Funding Source:

Funding for revising the existing monument can be addressed, upon support for renaming Central Park, and subsequent City Council action in the affirmative on this topic.

Recommendation:

Staff supports the revised name for Ramsey's 36 year-old park.

Action:

Based upon discussion, Motion to recommend to City Council, revising the name of the existing Central Park to be known as **Loral I Armstrong Delaney Central Park**.

Attachments

Feb 2020 case

Draft Resolution and Policy

Profile of Loral I

Location Exhibit

Existing Monument

Form Review

Inbox

Reviewed By

Date

Kurt Ulrich
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Information

Title:

Update Policy for Naming Public Facilities

Purpose/Background:

Background:

In 1991, the City was contacted with the request to have the south portion of River's Bend Park renamed, and at that time, it came to light that the City did not have a formal public facility naming policy. A policy was drafted and presented to the Park and Recreation Commission for discussion and comment. The Commission approved that policy and recommended the City Council review same and adopt. On June 11, 1991, the City Council adopted Resolution #91-06-138 formally adopting the Park and Recreation Commission's Public Facility Naming Policy. That Resolution/Policy is the second attachment. The resolution states "that all proposed public facility names shall first go before the Park and Recreation Commission. In the case of parklands, the name shall be chosen before final plat approval and will generally reflect the name of the subdivision or other significant geographical feature. Any sign bearing the name of a public facility will be in accordance with City Code requirements for signs, and facility names other than those of the subdivision that contains them will be brought before the City Council for approval".

In 2009, a case went before the Park and Recreation Commission to discuss a policy for accepting park donations, monuments, memorials, and other improvements. The Commission sent such policy for adoption to the City Council. Resolution #09-04-075 formally adopted the policy for accepting park donations, monuments, memorials and other improvements and that action was taken by the City Council on April 14, 2009. The resolution/policy referenced donations with regard to naming rights. That resolution is also attached for Council information. It states the following: "If a financial contribution exceeding 60% of the cost of major planned improvements is made, naming rights for new parks and recreational facilities may be granted through City Council approval". Attached as additional information relating to the research in drafting that policy and a summary of memorial policies adopted by other cities.

In 2014, the Park and Recreation Commission again looked at the policy for naming public facilities. Consensus of the Commission was to direct staff to develop a naming rights policy using the policy from the City of Champlin as a starting point, but using an application process rather than a petition process; to include a threshold for donations of more than half or 60 percent; language specifying that the request would go before the City Council but that approval is not guaranteed.

Purpose:

This case picks up the aforementioned discussion with a proposed Resolution that broadens the scope of what may be considered for public facility names, and would include input from the Planning Commission (for public facilities that are not within the park realm). The draft Resolution (first attachment) includes much of the recent dialog on the various considerations for naming public places. It does not address details like a funding threshold as was discussed in 2014—it is suggested that this could be identified within the 'naming application' if that is process City Council wishes to approve, along with the updated Resolution that is the primary subject of this case.

Timeframe:

Funding Source:

Responsible Party(ies):

Outcome:

Commission Action

Based upon discussion, Motion to recommend to City Council approval of the draft Resolution Adopting the Park and Recreation Commission's Public Facility Naming Policy

Attachments

Draft Resolution and Policy

Resolution Naming Public Facilities Policy

Resolution Accepting Donations Etc Policy

Memorial Policies

City of Champlin Naming Policy

West Linn Policy

Mt Pleasant Policy

Pinellas County Policy

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Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #20-XXX

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING POLICY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ramsey continues to support the development of recreation and public facilities for the betterment of the community and enhancements to the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to name all public facilities in a consistent, timely and appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, under this policy all proposed public facility names shall first go before the Park and Recreation Commission of the City of Ramsey, and also the Planning Commission for non-park facilities and places; and

WHEREAS, in the case of parklands, the name may be chosen before final plat approval and may generally reflect the name of the subdivision, or other natural or geographical feature; and

WHEREAS, for any public facility, including parklands, the City of Ramsey may also consider, names reflecting historical significance, original landowners, or those reflecting important contributions of local, state, national or international significance; and

WHEREAS, public facilities may also be named for individuals, organizations or lifetime achievements as well as substantial contributions in providing to the public said facility, including as a recognition or memorial; and

WHEREAS, any sign bearing the name of a public facility will be in accordance with City Code requirements for signs; and

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

- 1) That facility names shall be congruent with the above, and not inconsistent with the Ramsey brand identity, and
- 2) That the City Council hereby adopts the Park and Recreation Commission's Public Facility Naming Policy.

The motion for the 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:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the ___th day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



TRAPSHOOTING HALL OF FAME

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Hall of Fame Inductee



Loral I Delaney

INDUCTED IN 1989

Born: 3-Feb-1938

State: MN

Loral I. Delaney of Anoka, Minnesota began shooting registered targets in 1957 and has been earning titles in her home state, at other large meets, and at the Grand American beginning with her first year in the sport. She attended her first Grand American in 1964 and since then has earned fifty trophies there. She captured the women's High-Over-All title in 1966 with a record-tieing 954x1000, and scored 946, 949, 931, and 937 to take home the crown each of the next four years. She is the lone lady to capture this award more than two consecutive years, or exceeding a four-time total, having won it five consecutive years, with a total of seven wins in this category. Her fifth win in 1970 retired the second, much coveted, Frances and Clyde King trophy.

In the Grand American Loral I paced women in the All-Around in 1966 with a record setting 380 x 400, in 1970 with a 376, 1977 a 373, and 1978 a 376. At her first Grand in 1964, she ended third in the Women's Champion of Champions race after a tie at 97 for the crown. She earned the title in 1967 for 99x 100, and in 1969 for 198x200 shot concurrently with the Class Singles. A runnerup in 1968 for a 98, she placed third again in 1970 for the same score, and in 1978 for a 99 after deadlocking for the title.

In the Clay Target Championship, three first-place and three runnerup awards have been Mrs. Delaney's. She won the title with a 199 in 1968, repeated in 1970 with a 196, and was tops again ten years later with a 199. A score of 198 placed her second in this race in 1966, 1969, and 1986.

Loral I has captured eight trophies in the Doubles championship since 1969, the most recent for a second place in 1985 with a 96x100 tie for the top prize. Her prior trophies were by class.

She has garnered seven awards from the Class Singles while, with husband Chuck, snaring four Husband-Wife titles in the same races. Loral I was runnerup woman in the 1986 class 16s with 197. She topped AA standings in 1968 through 1970 and in 1978, and her scores of 198, 198, 197 and 199 were also the top ones posted by women in the race. She was also victorious in A Class with 196x200 both in 1966 and 1967.

She won the ladies in the Dayton Homecoming races of 1969 (100x100) and 1979 (197x200); in the 1966 preliminary handicap with 93 from 22 yards, and headed ladies in the 1970 Saturday preliminary 16s with a 99. In 1968, during the final Introductory Singles race in Grand American history, Loral I broke 197 to capture the female title. During the international Clay Pigeon Championships of 1977 and 1989 she posted 96s for the women's title.

The only lady in Minnesota to earn the state doubles crown, in 1968 with a 98, she was also, at the time, the ninth woman in the ATA record books to win any state or provincial twin-bird title.

Her first ladies state championship was won in 1957, the year in which she was introduced to trapshooting. Her next state title win was in 1966 when she set a record of 197. She kept the crown for six straight years, tying her zenith again in 1968. She was also victorious in 1978 and 1987, matching the current Minnesota mark of 199 in her 1987 triumph in 1982.

Loral I captured the ATA Central women's singles championships in 1966 with 193 and in 1967 and 1970 with 195s.

She earned the women's trophy in the Golden West Grand singles in 1971 with 197 and was lady runnerup in the handicap in '76. The following year she finished second among women in the class race and preliminary doubles, and also with husband Chuck headed the husband-wife race. In 1979 she paced the ladies in the preliminary singles and two years later captured 13 laurels in the main doubles event. In 1986 she scored 99 from 25 yards to win high-gun honors in Tuesday's preliminary handicap receiving 1½ yards for her efforts. The following day she earned another half yard to make it to the 27 yard line for the first time. In 1988 her 95 in the class doubles won C class.

Since the 1950's when target minimums were introduced for ATA average leaders, Loral I Delaney has been the only women to lead all three types of averages in one year. In 1968 she hit 97.72% of 2,500 singles, 91.66% of 1,500 handicap, and 92.42% of 950 doubles targets. This same year she set a women's All-Around Average record of .9393, topping the previous mark by more than two targets which was not surpassed until 1982.

Mrs. Delaney was named to every women's All-American team from 1966 through 1981 except 1975. All but three selections were to the first team. She was chosen captain each year from 1969 through 1971 and again in 1979, and she was named co-captain in 1968.

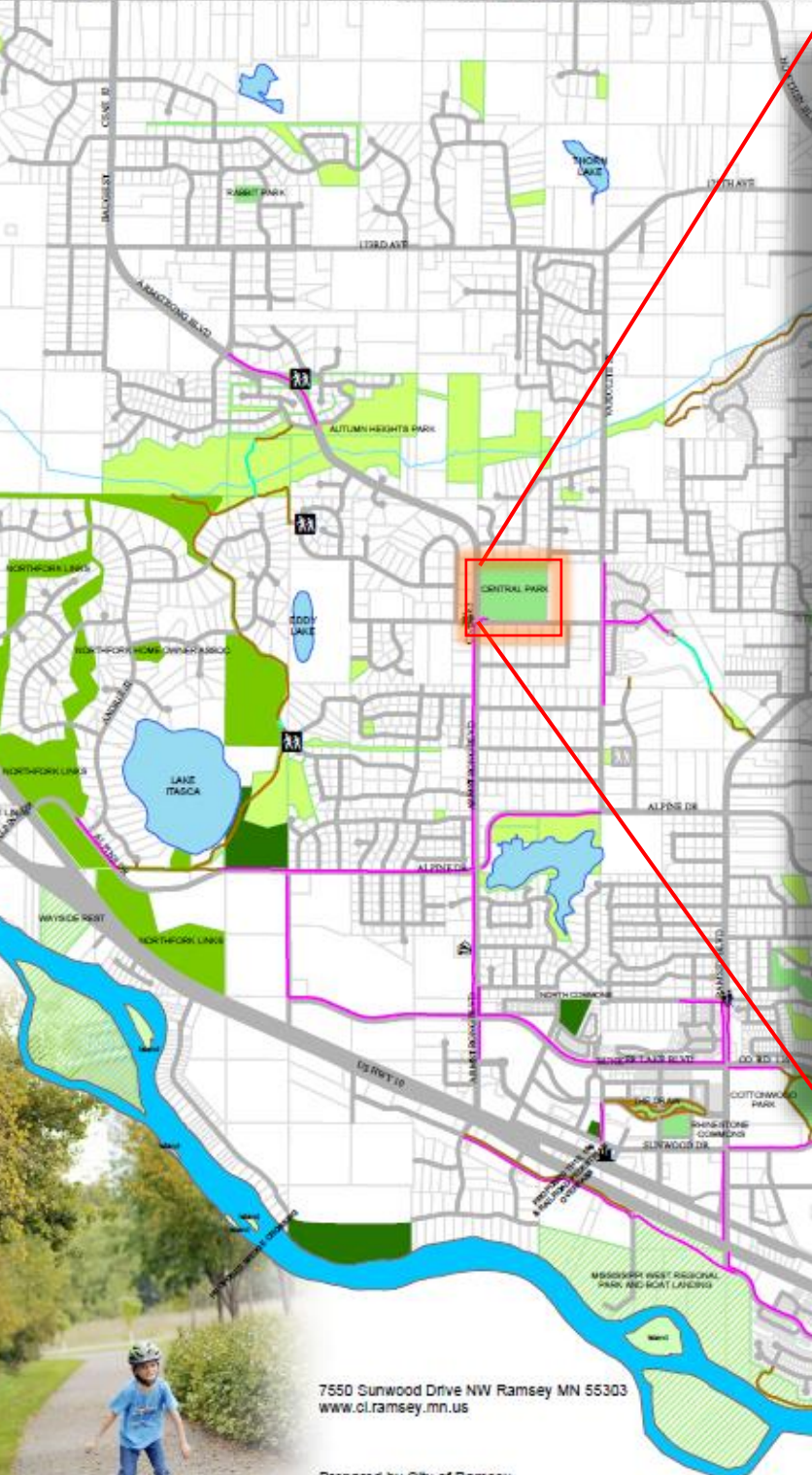
At the Hall of Fame dedication dinner twenty years ago, Loral I, dressed in buckskins and portraying Annie Oakley, presented one long stemmed rose to each of the ATA officers responsible for making the Hall of Fame a reality., a scene reminiscent of one at the 1924 Grand American, the first held on the ATA's permanent homegrounds in Vandalia. There, 1920 Olympic team captain Jay Clark presented roses to the ATA President George McCarty at the tournament's opening ceremonies.

Loral I Delaney, with her husband Chuck are professional dog trainers. For many years she performed at sport and travel shows throughout the country with her hunting dog act.





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Meeting Date: 05/21/2020

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

Recreation programming updates (by Abby Proulx)

- Last week saw the completion of a successful May Day Basket Hunt encouraging residents to safely spend time outdoors, and promoting a Ramsey business. The approximately 15 families who participated in the May Day event not only learned a lot about trees, but will receive a gift card to the Kitchen Table!
 - Feedback from residents of all ages included: *“This was my girls’ favorite tree because a mamma duck was sitting on her nest!!!! Thank you for a fun activity during this stay-at-home order!! It’s our daughters 4^h birthday today!!”*, *“I love to climb this tree. It reminds me of the book ‘The Giving Tree’”*, *“this tree looks smart”*, and *“[my daughter’s] favorite tree is a crabapple! Fun to learn there are so many different trees here!”*
- More *new* recreation programming is on the way:
 - A Story Walk trail at Cottonwood Park, co-developed with one of Ramsey’s Minnesota Master Naturalist’s (another recreation and enrichment program concluding this Spring)
 - Adapted Movies in the Park: Ol’ fashion Drive in Movies!
 - At home art classes with supplies and instructors from the Rumriver Art Center. Create fun pieces to display in your window for all to see!
 - Ramsey Parks and Recreation BINGO activities, multiple boards to find fun activities for everybody!
 - Bluebird Restoration Project virtual interpretative walk. This is an adaptation to the canceled information session on Earth Day
 - Rescheduling and modifying the Starwatch Party with Mike Lynch, that was canceled in March, to take place in late September at Elmcrest Park
 - And, a revamp of the Parks and Recreation website to make it more user friendly, and providing resources for self-guided and at home activities
- **Summer Concert Series (status)**
- **2020 Capital Improvements, to include Ford Brook Park Renovations**
- **Expansion of Anoka County’s Rum River Central Regional Park**

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

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Recommendation:

Action:

Attachments

Regional Park scope

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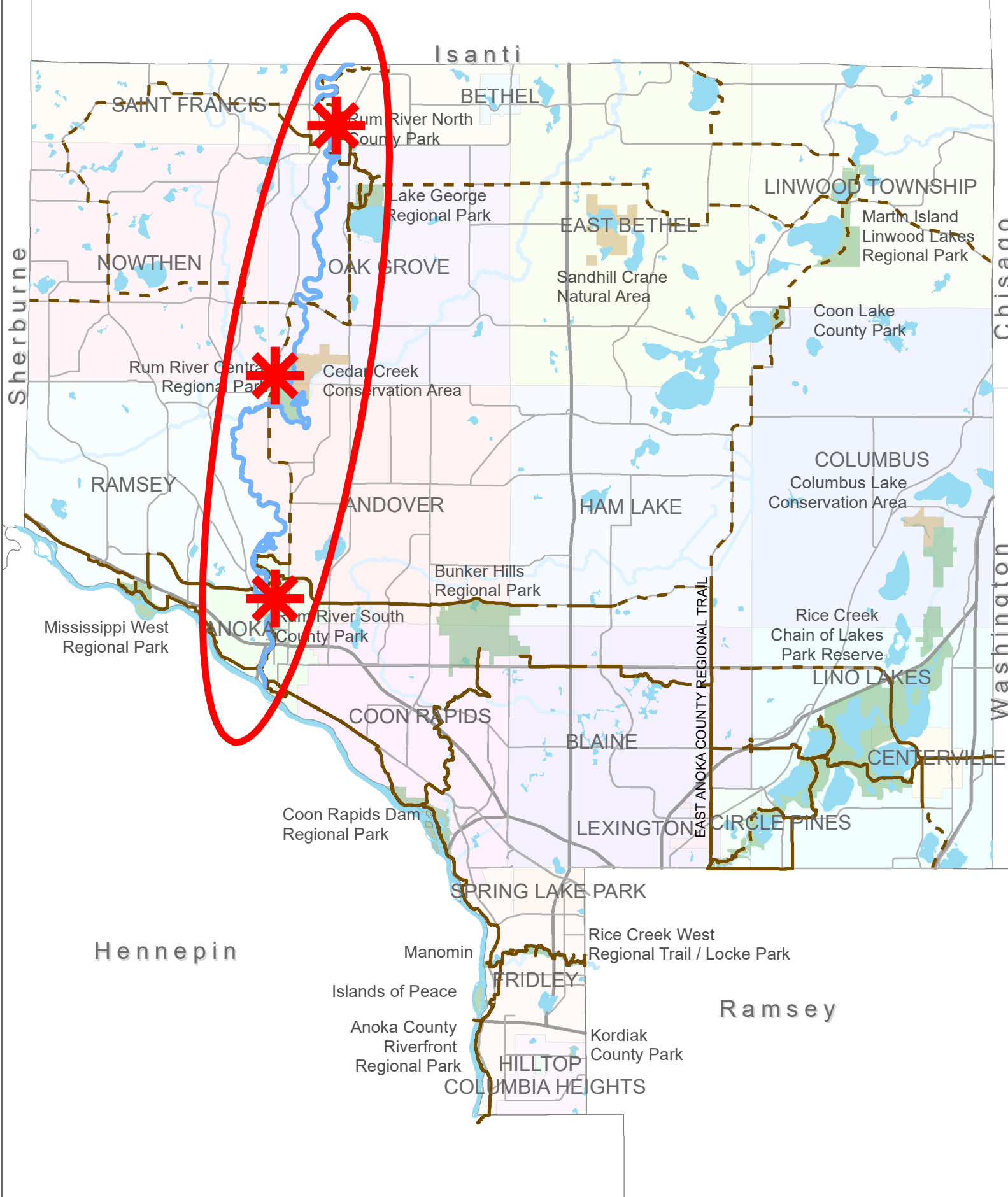
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Rum River Regional Park
System Addition Application
Context Map
Exhibit A





Anoka County

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Water Park
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Chomonix
Golf Course
763-324-3434

Wargo
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763-324-3350

May 7, 2020

Emmett Mullin
Regional Parks System Manager
Metropolitan Council
390 N Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Rum River Parks System Addition Application

Dear Emmett:

This letter serves as Anoka County's application for Rum River North and Rum River South County Parks, along with Rum River Central Regional Park to become a Regional Park and be included within the Regional Parks System. Per Minnesota State Statute 473.147, subd. 1, which states that the Metropolitan Council (Council) shall plan for the Regional Parks System. The updated *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* committed the Council to convene a region-wide discussion about system additions in 2019/20. To inform the discussion, the Met Council has asked the implementing agencies to provide a response for each system addition proposal that addresses the following topics:

1. System Addition Proposal:

Anoka County is proposing that Rum River North and Rum River South County Parks, which are owned and operated by Anoka County, along with Rum River Central Regional Park become one regional park for inclusion into the Regional Parks System.

The three parks are located along the Wild and Scenic Rum River; Rum River North is 73 acres and located in the City of St. Francis; Rum River South is 13 acres and located in the City of Anoka; and Rum River Central, an existing regional park is 343 acres and located in the Cities of Ramsey and Oak Grove. Combined, the regional park would be more than 425 acres along the Rum River, as shown in Exhibits A and B.

2. General Criteria:

The Rum River itself is a regional draw for the County with the headwaters originating from Mille Lacs Lake in north central Minnesota. The state designated wild and scenic recreation river offers recreation opportunities such as canoeing, kayaking, fishing and canoe camping. The Rum River is well known for its world class smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern fishing opportunities. The proposal to combine the three parks into one regional park, Rum River Regional Park, will allow the county to invest in and expand water related facilities and amenities to

create a water recreation destination in the north metro area. In addition to water recreation, the park supports other outdoor recreation opportunities, such as biking, walking/hiking, picnicking, birdwatching, horse-back riding and cross-country skiing. There are also play structures, observation decks/area, restroom facilities and drinking fountains.

The proposal will also protect an additional mile and a half of riverbank habitat and conserve an additional 86 acres of naturally occurring and human built natural resources that support outdoor recreation, making the total acreage for the park 425 acres.

3. Agency and Other Support:

The County has passed a Resolution of Support for the application proposal. See Exhibit B. The County is requesting letters of support from the local agencies, which will be included with the application.

4. Public Participation:

Previous public participation occurred during the development of the County's 2006 Comprehensive System Plan, where the proposed system addition was vetted and supported by a stakeholder group of approximately 25 county residents. Recent, public engagement regarding the proposal has been through social media and advertising informing the public about the proposal.

5. Regional Context:

Inclusion of Rum River Regional Park into the Regional Parks System will advance the *Thrive MSP 2040* and the Regional Parks System outcomes. The Stewardship outcome is advanced by the inclusion of the park in the regional system, which allows the county to responsibly conserve and manage the park's natural and recreation resources in a balanced manner. It also allows for the protection of an additional 1.5 miles of riverbank habitat. Inclusion of the park in the regional system will also advance the Prosperity outcome by allowing investment into the park, ensuring the region is attractive to businesses, workforce and residents alike creating a better quality of life. Inclusion of the park will also enhance Livability in the area through increased access to nature and outdoor recreation in the regional system, particularly for underserved populations in and around the south park unit in Anoka where the nearest regional park is located in Ramsey or Andover.

6. Anticipated Funding Request and Timeline:

If approved, this proposal could be implemented immediately. Since the County currently owns and operates the parks, no funding would be required to implement the addition. In 5-10 years, the County does anticipate the need for redevelopment the parks.

Anoka County hopes the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Met Council will approve Rum River Regional Park for inclusion within the Regional Parks System.

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #20-097

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANOKA COUNTY'S PROPOSAL TO
CONSOLIDATE RUM RIVER NORTH AND SOUTH COUNTY PARKS,
WITH RUM RIVER CENTRAL REGIONAL PARK AS ONE REGIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Pandemic of 2020 has demonstrated that safe and improved accessibility to parks, trails, and recreation areas, are evermore essential to the quality of life, health and welfare of the City of Ramsey and the regions's residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey and County of Anoka continue to work closely to develop recreational opportunities and conserve open space and natural resources along the Wild and Scenic Rum River; and

WHEREAS, these cooperative efforts are advanced by combining Anoka County's 73 acre Rum River North, and 13 acre Rum River South with the 343 acre Rum River Central Regional Park to wholly become a 425 acre park within the Regional Park System; and

WHEREAS, the Rum River Central Regional Park, is already a cherished park space, and adding to its geographic span and scope will further its long-term value in terms of natural resource *and* cultural history conservation and;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the larger Rum River Regional Park into the Regional Parks System will advance the following Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes; allowing the county to responsibly conserve and manage the park's natural and recreation resources in a balanced manner, allowing for the protection of an additional 1.5 miles of riparian habitat (*Stewardship*). Inclusion of the park in the regional system will also advance the *Prosperity* Outcome by allowing investment into the park, ensuring the region is attractive to businesses, and its workforce by promoting an improved quality of life. Adding the larger park to the system will also enhance *Livability* Outcomes through increased access to nature and outdoor recreation in communities from St. Francis to Anoka, the region, and in particular Ramsey.

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

- 1) That, the City of Ramsey hereby offers support to Anoka County's application for Rum River North and Rum River South County Parks, along with Rum River Central Regional Park to wholly become a Regional Park within the Metropolitan Council Regional Parks System.

The motion for the 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:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 12th day of May 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk