

Dane County Parks

Capital Springs and Goodland Park Updates

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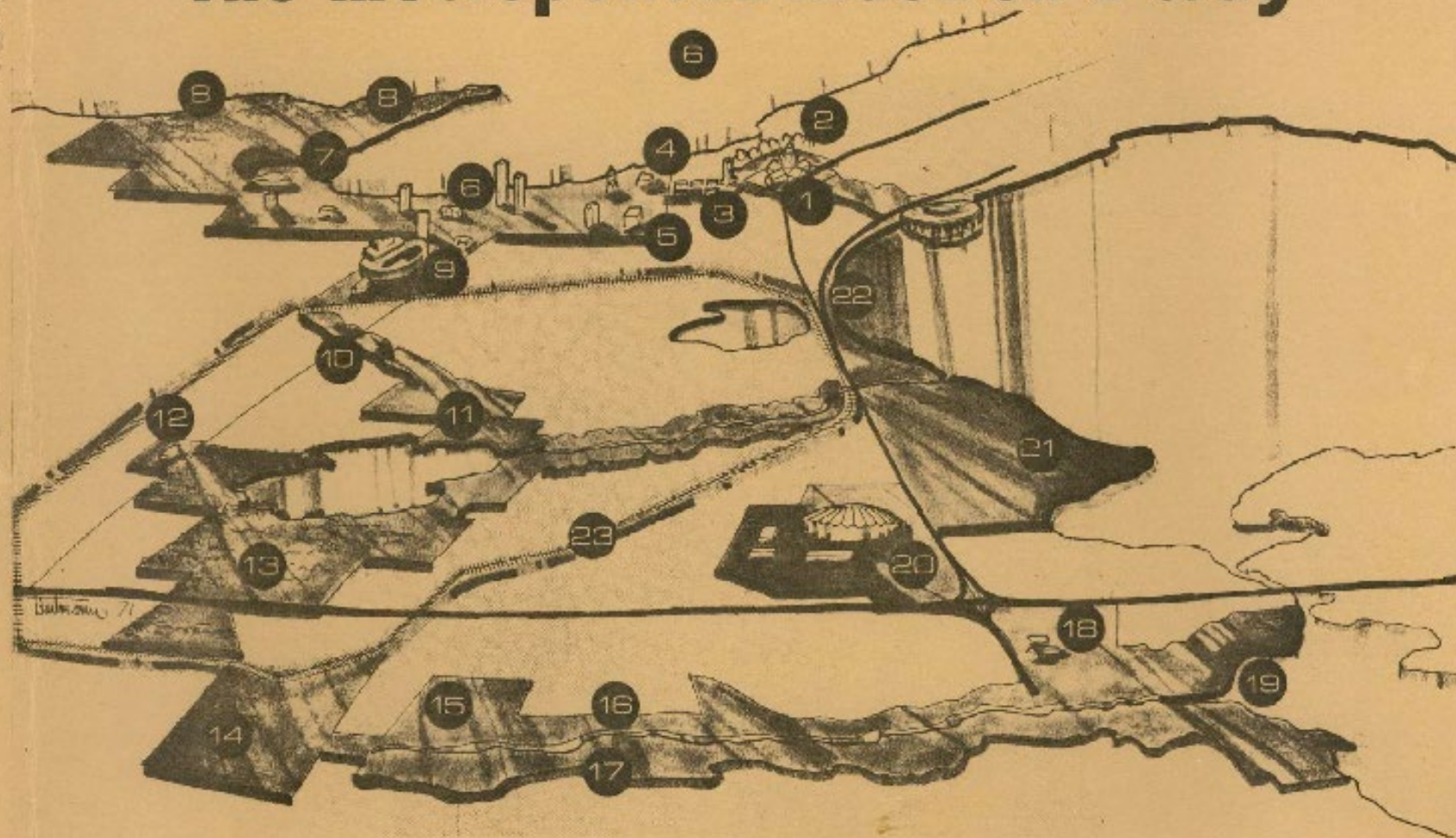
History of Capital Springs Centennial State Park & Recreation Area

Where Did It Come From?

- ▶ Phil Lewis, UW Madison Professor of Landscape Architecture began planning for protection of environmental corridors in 1971 with financial support from the National Endowment for the Arts
- ▶ Professor Lewis identified a linear corridor of water, wetlands and steep topography from Lake Waubesa to the Nevin Fish Hatchery that would become known as the Nine Springs E-Way.
- ▶ The Dane County Park Commission has been working with many partners (including the Town & DNR) ever since to implement the vision of the Nine Springs E-way Plan.

Learn More At: <https://parks-lwr.dane.countyofdane.com/park/LewisNineSprings>

The Metropolitan Madison E-Way



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| 1 STATE CAPITOL | 8 PICNIC PT./INDIAN MOUND | 17 MCCOY FARM |
| 2 HISTORICAL HOMES | 9 UNIVERSITY STADIUM | 18 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT |
| 3 STATE STREET | 10 OAKLAND-CAMPBELL ST. | 19 MARSH PROTECTION |
| 4 STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM | 11 VILAS PARK & ZOO | 20 DANE COUNTY FAIRGROUND |
| 5 ELVEHJEM ART CENTER | 12 DAY CARE CENTER | 21 TURVILLE POINT |
| 6 UNIVERSITY OF WIS. & LAKE MENDOTA | 13 ARBORETUM | 22 MONONA CAUSEWAY |
| 7 U W MARSH | 14 REGIONAL AWARENESS CENTER | 23 MIN-MASS TRANSIT R.O.W. |
| | 15 FISH HATCHERY | |
| | 16 NINE SPRINGS CREEK | |

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- ▶ The property (former Libby Farm site) was originally targeted for a municipal landfill in the early 1980's. Citizen and Dane County Board District Supervisors efforts successfully stopped this proposal in 1982.
- ▶ A second effort to site a landfill on the property occurred in the mid 1980s.
- ▶ The Town of Dunn, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, Lake Waubesa Conservation Association and Dane County partnered on a legal battle against the private landfill, and eventually prevailed in 1994.

History of Capital Springs Centennial State Park & Recreation Area







Where Did It Come From?

- ▶ In 2000 Dane County was successful in their proposal to the Wisconsin DNR to create a new Centennial State Park on the former Libby Farm site and adjacent acreage owned by Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.
- ▶ Governor Tommy Thompson established Capital Springs Centennial State Park as one of two new parks in the Wisconsin DNR State Park System.
- ▶ Capital Springs Centennial State Park is approximately 326 acres and located immediately south of William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park. The entire Capital Springs Recreation Area project boundary is approximately 2500 acres!

Map 2.15 Lake Farm County Park & Capital Springs State Park Units

Capital Springs State
Recreation Area

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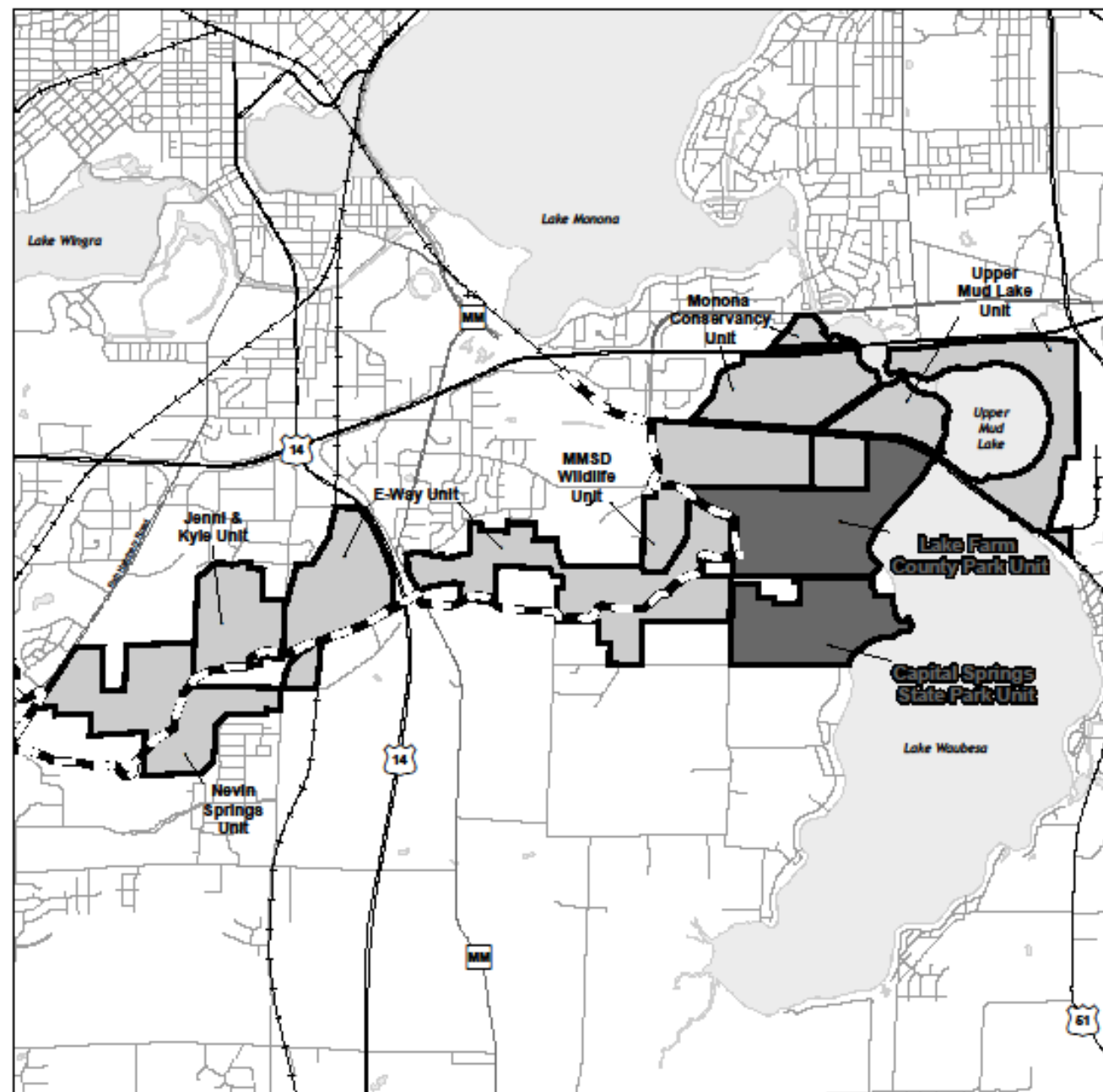
-  Lake Farm County Park & Capital Springs State Park Units
-  Capital Springs State Recreation Area (All Other Units)
-  Major Lake
-  Capital City Trail
-  Roads
-  Railroad



0 0.5 1 Miles

Map revised April 14, 2010.

Data Source:
Park boundary data from Dane County
Parks, 2005



History of Capital Springs Centennial State Park & Recreation Area

Where Did It Come From?

- ▶ In 2002 Dane County Parks and the Wisconsin DNR began working on a master plan for Capital Springs Centennial State Park and Recreation Area.
- ▶ The master plan included Regional Analysis that provided a comprehensive analysis of existing natural and cultural features found throughout the project area.

Learn More At:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/masterplanning/documents/FEAS-CapSpringsPR-2003.pdf>

- ▶ The planning process lasted more than 8 years and included input from local units of government (including the Town), stakeholder groups, citizens and neighboring residents.

Capital Springs State Recreation Area Master Plan Chronology of Public Involvement Activities

July, 2002

Intergovernmental Partner Meeting

September, 2002

Capital Springs Neighbor Meeting at the Lussier Family Heritage Center

March, 2003

Intergovernmental Partner Vision and Goals Drafting Meeting

May, 2003

Public Design Workshop at the Lussier Family Heritage Center

August, 2003

Intergovernmental Partner Meeting

August, 2003

Draft Alternatives Public Input Meeting

July, 2009

Draft Plan Review Friends of Capital Springs State Park Meeting

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2003-2010

Dane County Park Commission Meetings

May, 2010

Dane County Board Meeting Plan Approval

October, 2010

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board Meeting Plan Approval

Learn More At:

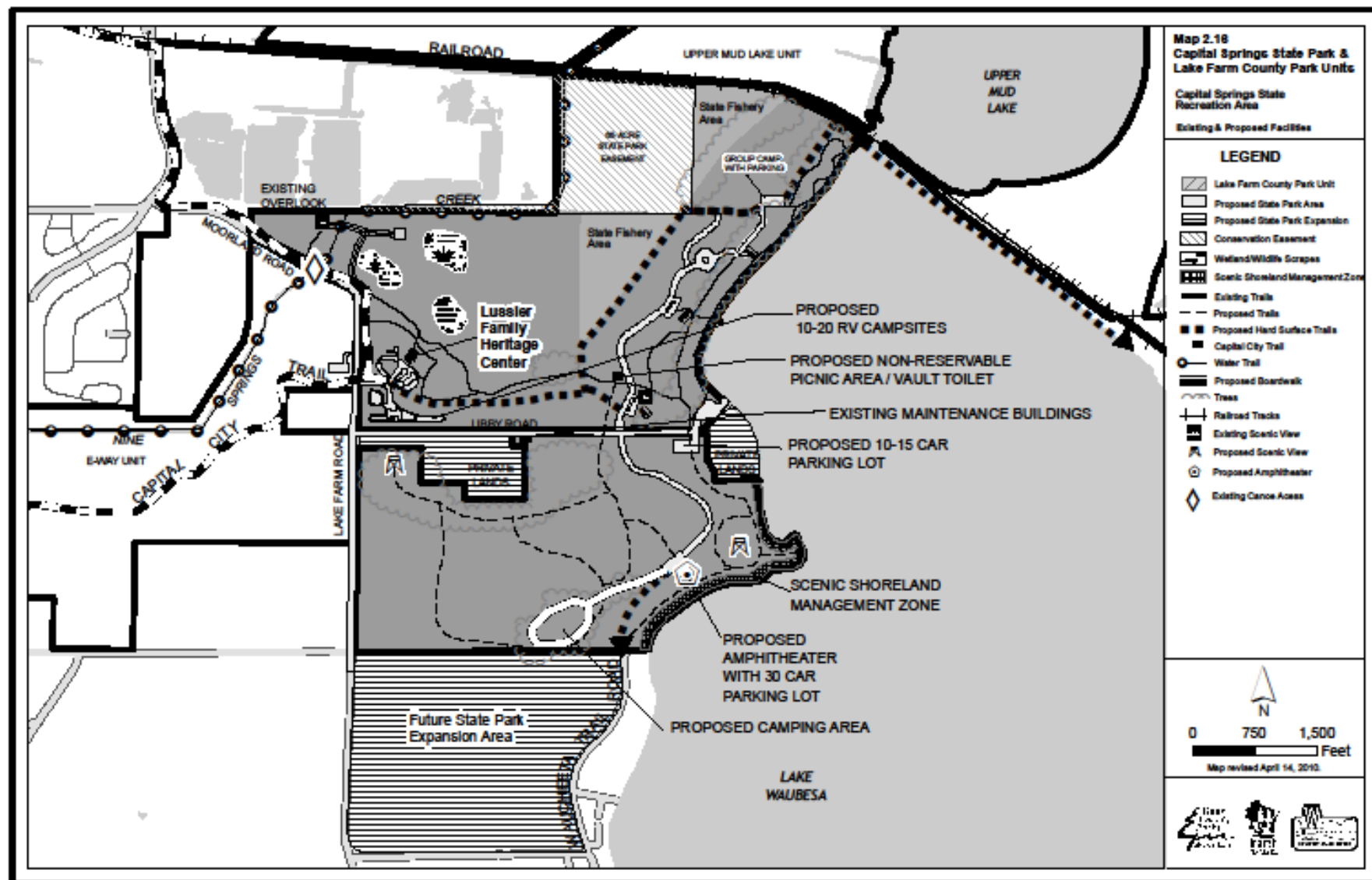
<https://parks-lwr.dane.countyofdane.com/documents/PDFs/plans/CapitalSprings-MasterPlan.pdf>

Chapter 6-Summary of Public Involvement

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Where Did It Come From?

- ▶ Support was heard from the Town and neighborhood residents throughout the planning process for a trail connection from Waucheeta Trail to the new State Park and Madison trail network.
- ▶ Other recommendations for the State Park in the master plan include an observation tower, rustic campground and amphitheater.



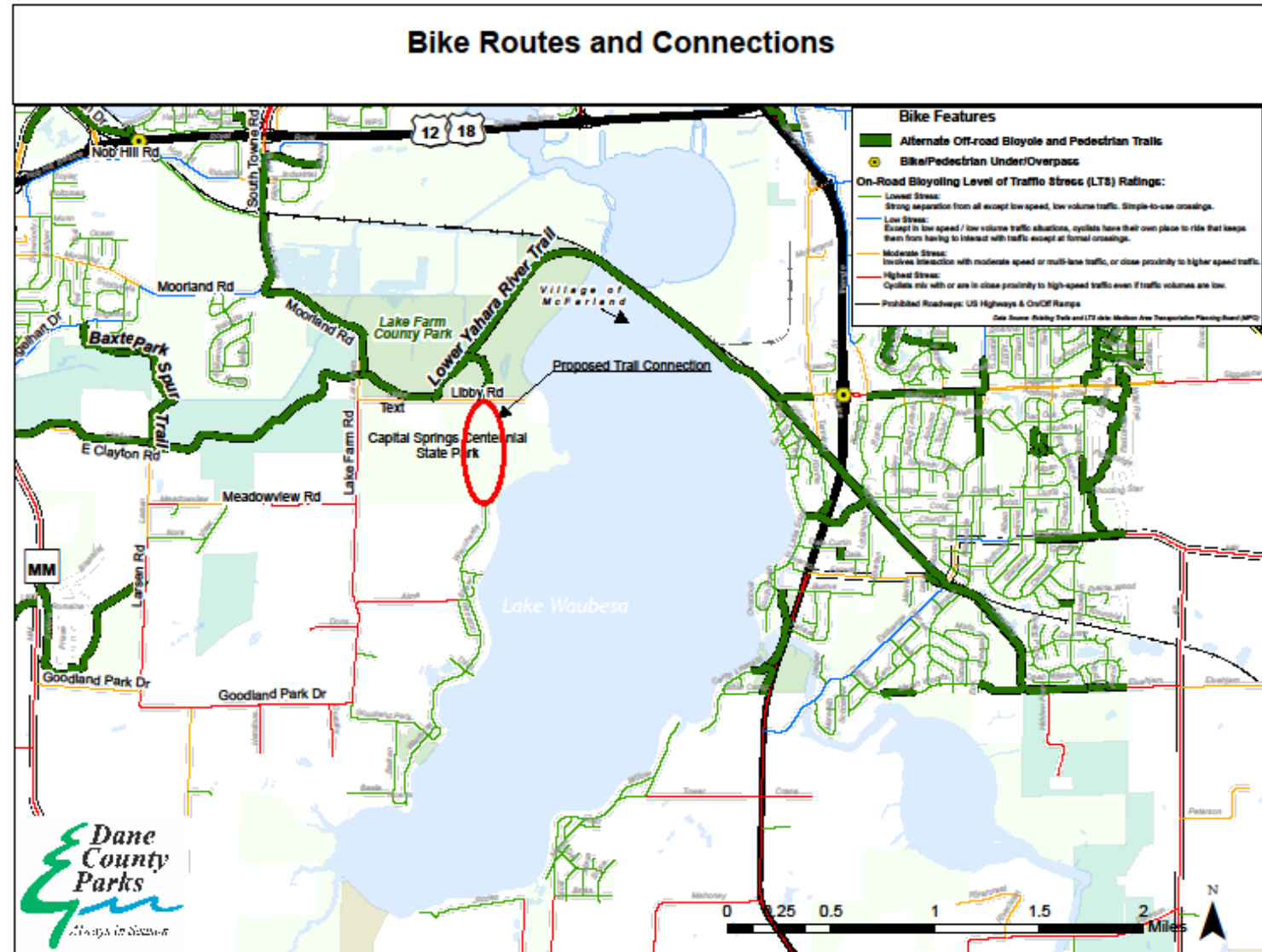
Review of Lake Farm Region Bicycling Conditions

- Frequent Requests from the Town and Area Residents to Look at Widening Lake Farm Road and/or Add A Side Path
 - Narrow Right of Way
 - Relocate Existing Utilities
 - Conservation Easements
 - Town of Dunn, Town of Blooming Grove, City of Madison
 - May Require Eminent Domain to Acquire Necessary Lands
 - Towns & City Would Be Responsible for Cost
 - Multiple Locations have Extremely Limited Sight Distances and High Traffic Speeds
 - Impacts to Mature Trees, Glacial Features, Possible Archaeological Features



Review of Lake Farm Region Bicycling Conditions

Learn More At: <https://www.gretermadisonmpo.org/planning/BikePlan.cfm>



Overview of Proposed Waucheeta Connector Trail

- ▶ Phase 1 Includes Approximate 200' Boardwalk from North End of Waucheeta Trail to Upland Cleared Trail in State Park on Lakeshore
 - Dane County partners on planning and developing projects in the State Park identified in the adopted master plan through an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DNR and Dane County Parks
 - Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area donated funds for wetland delineation.
 - Archaeological and environmental review was completed during the master planning process to decide the location of this trail corridor, and all other facilities.
 - Additional archaeological and environmental review must be approved by DNR prior to any facility development in the State Park.
 - Dane County Parks must follow local and State permitting requirements for ALL park and trail development projects.



Overview of Proposed Waucheeta Connector Trail Project Timeline*

Winter 2021-Survey State Park-ROW Property Boundary/Complete 1 Soil Boring

Winter/Spring 2021-Complete Construction Documents for Boardwalk

Spring/Summer 2021-Apply for Grants/Consider Budget Request for Trail Development

Fall 2021-Complete Permits/Bid Boardwalk if Funding for Trail is Secured

Winter 2022-Complete Boardwalk Construction if Funding is Secured

*As funding becomes available, Dane County Parks will continue working with the DNR on development of a paved trail from the boardwalk through the State Park to Libby Road/William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park

Frequently Heard Neighborhood Concerns and Questions

- Unaware of State Park and Trail Project

Response: The public input process was extremely inclusive and transparent. It is well documented in Chap. 6 of the master plan. Neighbors from throughout the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood participated. The park and planning process were covered by multiple television and newspaper articles over the duration of the planning process.

*Search Madison.com webpage: Capital Springs Recreation Area Master Plan/
1/1/2000-1/1/2010*

- Will Increase Traffic Safety Concerns in Waubesa Beach Neighborhood.

Response: The neighborhood road network has less traffic and lower speed limits than Goodland and Lake Farm Park roads.

Frequently Heard Neighborhood Concerns and Questions

- ▶ Add Bike/Ped Accommodations to Goodland/Lake Farm Roads Instead.

Response: The terrain of the road still has major sight distance limitations. Lack of sufficient right of way, conservation easement limitations, multiple jurisdictions and funding responsibilities are some of the barriers to these improvements.

- ▶ Concerns Related to Wetland/Wildlife.

Response: Properly designed boardwalk has extremely low impact on the hydrology/wildlife of the wetland. Urban wildlife is very adaptable to human interaction. Project will undergo additional environmental screening review and approvals by DNR prior to development.

Frequently Heard Neighborhood Concerns and Questions

- Concerns (noise/environmental) related to other park development projects identified in the master plan.

Response: The proposed campground is rustic and would have only 1 electric site for the host. The primary function of the amphitheater would be outdoor education, larger events would continue to be hosted at William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park. All of the facility recommendations in the master plan underwent tremendous amounts of public and environmental review prior to being located. These projects are separate from the trail and can be discussed at a future meeting if the Town desires.

- Concerns Related to Crime Increase.

Response: Data searches do not substantiate this claim. May decrease crime by adding more non-criminal participants to neighborhood setting.

GOOGLE: “Do bicycle trails increase crime in a neighborhood?” or contact Madison Police Department.

Frequently Heard Neighborhood Concerns and Questions

- ▶ Goodland Park and Lake Farm Park Roads are extremely dangerous for bicycles and pedestrians.

Response: The proposed project is anticipated to provide an alternative route for bicycles and pedestrians.

- ▶ Concerns Related to Increased Noise.

Response: People using proposed trail will be travelling between destinations, the amount of time they are in one place should be minimal. Motorized traffic is not allowed on the trail and will be blocked with bollards or gates at each end similar to the Lower Yahara River Trail.

Frequently Heard Neighborhood Concerns and Questions

- Concerns related to impacts to Native American features in the State Park.

Response: An intensive archaeological review was completed for the State Park property before any future facility (including the trail) locations were considered during the master planning process. The DNR requires additional archaeological review and approval for each development project in the park.

- Concerns related to vehicles parking on Waucheeta Trail to access the trail.

Response: The Town can restrict or limit parking to address this concern if needed.

Responses to Chat Questions and Public Comment

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This Presentation will be posted on the Dane County Parks website at:

<https://parks-lwr.dane.cov/gov/recreation/Biking>



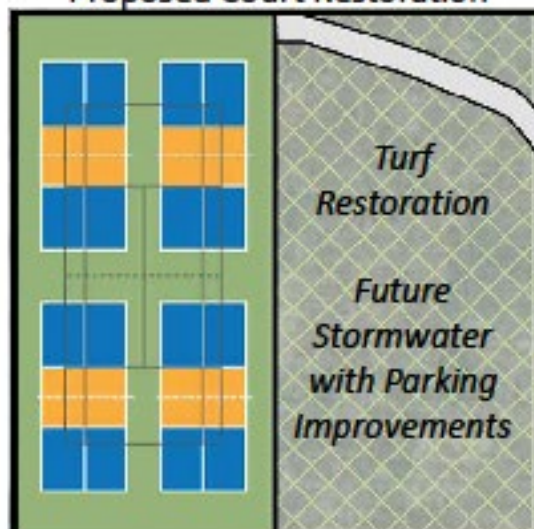
GOODLAND COUNTY PARK

2021 Park Improvements

Existing Courts



Proposed Court Restoration



Rooft Restoration - Cost Estimate: \$50,000

Court Restoration - Cost Estimate: \$75,000

- Remove basketball court & reconstruct tennis court w/ 10' high fence
- Or construct (4) Pickleball courts w/ 4' high fence
- Restore half the court area to turf for future stormwater/pollinator garden

Responses to Chat Questions and Public Comment

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