



June 10, 2025 Update on Landowner Meetings

Meetings

- Staff met with all 6 landowners about preferred type of sign and location.
 - Ada Deer Home (Fitchburg)
 - Harry Whitehorse Home and Studio (Monona)
 - Ho-Chunk Village (McFarland/Dunn)
 - Lake Mendota Dugout Canoes (Shorewood Hills)
 - Robert Valentine Farm (Rutland)
 - Vandenburg Heights/Capehart Housing (Sun Prairie)
- Staff also made own observations about which type of sign would work well at the site

Ada Deer Home

- Homeowners preferred a Two-Post Marker
- Staff felt Two-Post Marker could fit the location as it has a “country road” feel to it that serves well for pulling off and viewing from car or foot. Single Post with single side writing could also work as well, particularly when accounting for vegetation (tree) constrictions.
- Located as Close to Road as Possible
 - Per Fitchburg regulations, cannot be in Road Right of Way. As long as on private property, there are no further limitations.

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Harry Whitehorse Home and Studio

- Homeowners preferred a Single Post Marker
- Staff felt a Single Post Marker with single side writing could fit well on the property.
- There are three locations that could be considered by the committee
- Waiting to hear back from County Highway Department regarding restrictions on placing signs that encroach into the road right of way.



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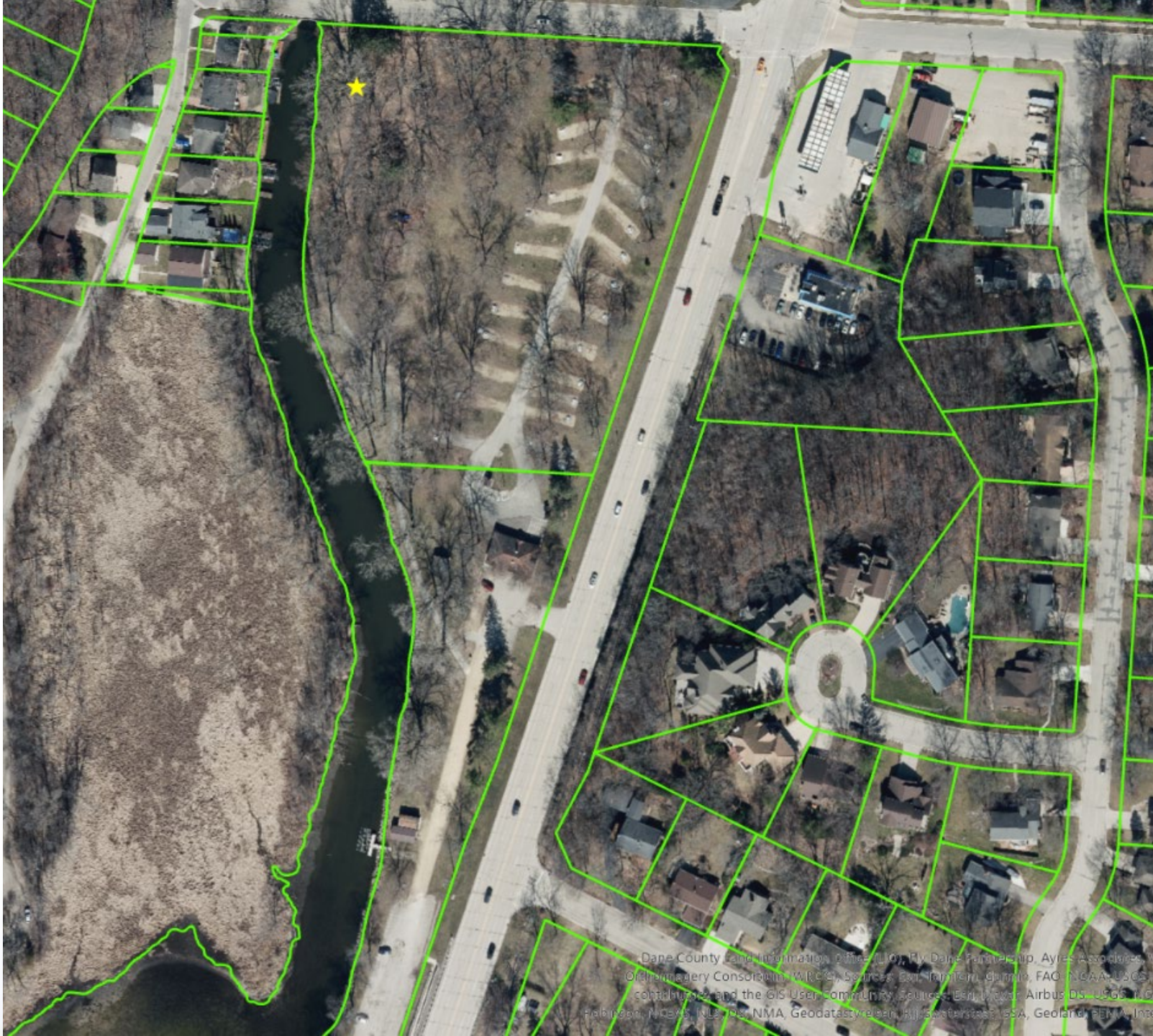






Ho-Chunk Village

- Landowners unsure of the best marker at this site
- County Parks wanted some assurances that they would not be responsible for replacing/fixing sign if it broke.
- Park is undergoing reconstruction in 2026/2027 to coincide with HWY 51 reconstruction
- Originally, staff believed a “waist-high” marker with images would work well. However, due to the historical features of the site, digging a post hole might not be advised/allowed. Therefore, staff believes a rock/stone with a plaque could be a good option as well.




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Take Care of This Special Place



- Stay on the trail.
- Do not disturb or walk on the mounds.
- Do not leave litter in the park.
- Speak quietly out of respect for the ancestors.
- We are all related here: people, plants, animals, birds, water, earth, and sky.

Stewards of the Earth

Garman Nature Preserve contains ancient Native American burial mounds. Ancestors of the Ho-Chunk People built the mounds over 1,000 years ago. The Ho-Chunk are the People of the Big Voice, the original people of this region. They regard these burial sites as sacred places. We all can walk here with respect and reverence.



Lake Mendota Dugout Canoes

- Village is in the middle of deciding what type of sign they prefer. Initial indication is that they would prefer a Single Post sign on Lake Mendota Drive.
- Other options under consideration: Sign on Welcome Kiosk, Waist-High Informative Sign, and Wall Mounted Plaque
- McKenna Park is undergoing a reconstruction project and will not be completed until 2027.
 - Have a ceremony prior to 2027, but don't install sign(s) until 2027?









Robert Valentine Farm

- Landowner (Town of Rutland) prefers a Single Post Sign
- Staff agrees this would be the best option for the site.
 - Could be one sided text or two sided text.
- In order to not interfere with the agricultural operations on the farm, the sign would be installed in the adjacent cemetery (farm surrounds cemetery on two sides)

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Vandenburg Heights/Capehart Housing

- Landowner preferred a single post sign
- Staff agrees that this makes the most sense and could be two-sided





Historical Site	Municipality	Sign Type	Est. Cost	Installation Help?	Timeline					
Ada Deer Home	Fitchburg	Two-Post	\$ 7,970	?	2025					
Harry Whitehorse Home	Monona	Single Post	\$ 2,995	?	2025					
Ho-Chunk Village	McFarland/Dunn	Waist High Sign? Rock Monument?	\$1,740 (for stone in 2020 dollars)	Maybe. If Coincides w/Park Work	2026-2027 (depends on DOT timeline)					
Lake Mendota Dugout Canoes	Shorewood Hills	Waist High Sign? Wall Mounted? Kiosk?		Likely	2027 (depends on McKenna Park reconstruction timeline)					
Robert Valentine Farm	Rutland	Single Post	\$ 2,995	Yes	2025					
Vandenburg Heights/Capehart Housing	Sun Prairie	Single Post	\$ 2,995	Yes	2025					
		Total	\$ 18,695							