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## **NOTICE OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Washburn City Hall

This meeting may have members participating via tele or web conferencing.

Public participants can listen to the proceedings on-line at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84880644108?pwd=NEoxaTVmQVR6V0hxWWRUS291SC9Cdz09> or

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Limited seating will be available.

### **AGENDA:**

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the August 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Discussion & Action on West End Playground Replacement
- Updates from Public Works Department & City Administration
- Update on Implementation and Updating of the Lakeshore Parkway & Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant
- Discussion & Update on Bike Park Development
- Discussion & Update on Memorial Park Coastal Erosion Planning
- Adjournment

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, other governmental bodies including the Common Council of the City of Washburn are in attendance at the above meeting. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than the Parks Committee.

**August 15, 2023**

**City of Washburn Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

5:30 PM

Thompson's West End Park

Members Present:

Angel Croll, Jeremy Oswald, Jen Maziasz, Erika Lang,  
Susan Hall

Municipal Personnel Present:

Tony Janisch, Asst. City Administrator; Gerry Schuette,  
Public Works Director

Absent:

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting to order at 5:37 PM; four (4) of five (5) members are present; quorum is recognized. Maziasz arriving after roll call.

**Approval of Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve Park Committee minutes of July 18, 2023 by Lang, second by Croll; Minutes approved unanimously.

**Updates from Public Works Department & City Administration**

Public Works Director Schuette provided the following updates:

- City received a quote for \$165,000 to pave Thompson West End area (8th Ave to Lake Rd to 6th Ave) and loop through the campground. Funding request for the 2024 Budget.

Asst. Administrator Janisch provided the following updates:

- Goose control at West End Park and the Treatment Plant will be starting again.
- City Council approved to accept FEMA funding for engineering plans to address erosion control at Memorial Park, which will include a 10% match from the City.
- City Council changed the ordinance that defined "camping" in order to better regulate camping within the city limits.
- CAMBA will be holding a fundraiser movie night September 30<sup>th</sup> at the field along Omaha Street, across from Stage North.
- Hobie fleet received a special event permit for August 25-27 at Thompson West End Park.
- Pickleball tournament is scheduled for August 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, using the tennis courts.
- DOT Phase II planning may not include extending the sidewalk along Bayfield Street to Superior Avenue. If this is desired, the City will have to cover the costs.
- City received correspondence from Game Time playground equipment about a promotion grant for 50% of the cost for playground equipment. However, the application must include the other 50% of the cost. Applications are due by October for Spring 2024 installation.

### **Update on Implementation and Updating of the Lakeshore Parkway & Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant**

- The first Coastal Management grant was completed and closed out. The second has not yet begun.
- It was determined to create a working subgroup, comprised of Lang, Hall, Croll & Maziasz.
- Committee will review the 2020 Plan to determine if goals were met, and to look at future desired conditions. And to conduct a site visit by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion & Recommendation of West End Park Campground Expansion Plan**

- Because of the distance/location to bathrooms from the Yurts, the City will need to apply for a variance.
- In the overflow area design, it is requested to stagger the tent and RV sites, rather than to eliminate tent camping. It was also recommended to move the tenting area to a flatter area.
- For accessible pedestrian connection to Walking Trail from Yurt area, it is recommended to follow trail towards the bathrooms and access at the trailhead, rather than switchback down the hillside. There could be trail access at this location, but not the accessible route.
- Trail access to yurts should be wide enough to allow for maintenance vehicles.

### **Tour West End Park Campground**

The committee walked through West End campgrounds. Discussion included placement of items not on camping pad (boats, tents, ATV/UTVs), enforcement of rules, updating park regulations, and additional charges for extras like boats & ATV/UTVs.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Angel Croll

Secretary, Parks Committee

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To: Parks Committee  
From: Tony Janisch, Assistant City Administrator  
Re: West End Playground  
Date: September 14, 2023

As identified in the Outdoor Recreation Plan, the West End Park playground equipment is in need of replacement. Last month I mentioned a grant through Game Time, a manufacturer of playground equipment. However, this grant required the matching costs upfront with the application.

There is a group of Washburn citizens that have expressed interest in helping to raise funds for playground equipment, much like the group with Jackie's Field. They have been invited and will be speaking with the committee at the meeting.

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**Moneywort Treatment Experiment Report  
Michael Sinclair  
September 2023**

Background

Moneywort (*Lysimachia nummularia*), also known as creeping jenny, is an exotic, short trailing herbaceous plant which has been used widely in gardens and has recently become invasive in northern Wisconsin. It thrives in moist environments including yards, wood edges, ravines, and floodplains. At several sites in Ashland and Bayfield Counties, the species has significantly expanded, posing a serious threat to native vegetation and the insects and wildlife which depend on that native flora.

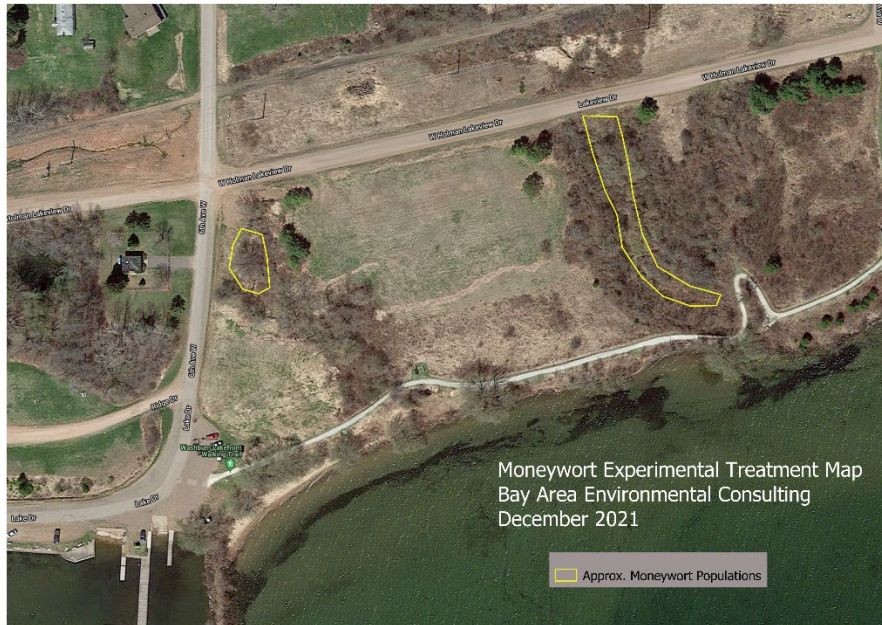
There are two cultivars of this species – yellow and green – easily told apart by the color of their leaf. The yellow cultivar has not been observed causing ecological problems, but the green has become highly invasive. This species has not been observed reproducing by seed in North America, only by vegetative reproduction. Mowing and flooding appear to be the primary transportation mechanisms for this species in northern Wisconsin.

As this is a new invasive species in the area, little research has been conducted on what methods effectively control its invasion. Mechanical means such as mowing may help spread it, and hand pulling may be effective on small patches but not a viable strategy on large populations. Its tolerance to fire or tarping is unknown, but these methods may be undesirable in residential areas where the species often exists.

It appears that chemical control is the best option for long-term management of the species. Glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) and triclopyr (e.g. Garlon) have been proposed. In a non-experimental treatment on the Fish Creek floodplain, mixed results were observed treating with glyphosate and triclopyr, suggesting that more research is needed.

The City of Washburn has two populations on its property. The eastern population, at 46.6678446, -90.9001892, is larger and stretches down an entire ravine. The western population, at 46.6673576, -90.9022153, is smaller (*Figure 1*).

We conducted an experiment in 2022 on City of Washburn land testing the efficacy of glyphosate and triclopyr applied at different times of the year, August and October.



*Figure 1. Map of the moneywort populations present on the Washburn lakeshore, on property owned by the City of Washburn. The boundaries are approximate. Twenty plots were randomly placed throughout these areas where moneywort is present.*

## Methods

### *Plot Establishment*

We placed 20 1x1 meter plots randomly throughout the populations. Five plots were assigned randomly to each treatment combination (glyphosate-August, glyphosate-October, triclopyr August, and triclopyr October). Plot edges did not touch each other to avoid cross contamination. The corners will be marked with flags and pins.

### *Pre-Treatment Monitoring*

Percent cover of living, damaged, and dead moneywort will be visually estimated in all plots, prior to the August treatment. Records will be made on any soils or native vegetation of note.

### *Plot Treatment*

Plots were treated with 2.5% glyphosate (Alligare Glyphosate 5.4) and 2.5% triclopyr (Alligare Triclopyr 3) during the assigned month, applied using backpack sprayers. Alligare 90 surfactant was added to both herbicides to reduce drip-off and improve herbicide performance. Application was done within the plot and a quarter meter outside of the plot in all directions. By treating outside of the plot, we hoped to minimize the amount of “creep” back into the plot from untreated individuals in the surrounding area.

All herbicides and surfactants we used in this project are approved for aquatic use to protect the health of Lake Superior and its feeder streams.



### *Post-Treatment Monitoring and Data Summary*

Plots were evaluated for percent live moneywort on 6/5/23 and 8/15/23. In June, only 4 plots had any live moneywort and all less than 2% cover. By August, 9 plots had live moneywort with one plot having 10% live moneywort cover. Most live moneywort was near the plot edge, having grown back into the plots from the untreated surrounding population.

There was no significant difference in percent live moneywort on 8/15/23 between treatment month, chemical used, or the interaction of those two variables (generalized linear model with Poisson distribution,  $r=0.23, 0.44, 0.12$ , respectively). This is shown below in Figure 2.

We observed that triclopyr and glyphosate are both effective on moneywort in both August and October. It appears that moneywort rapidly expands from untreated individuals, possibly multiple feet over a summer. Nearby individuals are not controlled if a neighbor is sprayed – herbicide does not translocate through the roots to nearby plants. When treating moneywort, it appears important to cover every individual and stem. This can be difficult when the species is mixed in with native vegetation.

We suggest that to control moneywort, two or more applications of triclopyr be done each year, once in Aug and once in October. Glyphosate is also effective but is a less selective herbicide that kills grasses, unlike triclopyr. It would be best if the triclopyr could be broadcast over the entire population instead of spot sprayed. This may not be possible in areas with desirable native vegetation. It appears that treatments will need to be done for at least three to five years to control moneywort effectively. Monitoring should continue after that.

An herbicide that stays active in soil longer may be good for controlling moneywort and may only need one application per year. Imazapyr is rated for aquatic use and is often applied successfully to species that spread quickly. Imazapyr kills nearly all plant species, creates long lasting bare areas, and can kill neighboring native vegetation if applied improperly. Even when applied properly, unexpected negative effects are seen on native vegetation sometimes. Despite these drawbacks, it may be a good tool for the control of moneywort.

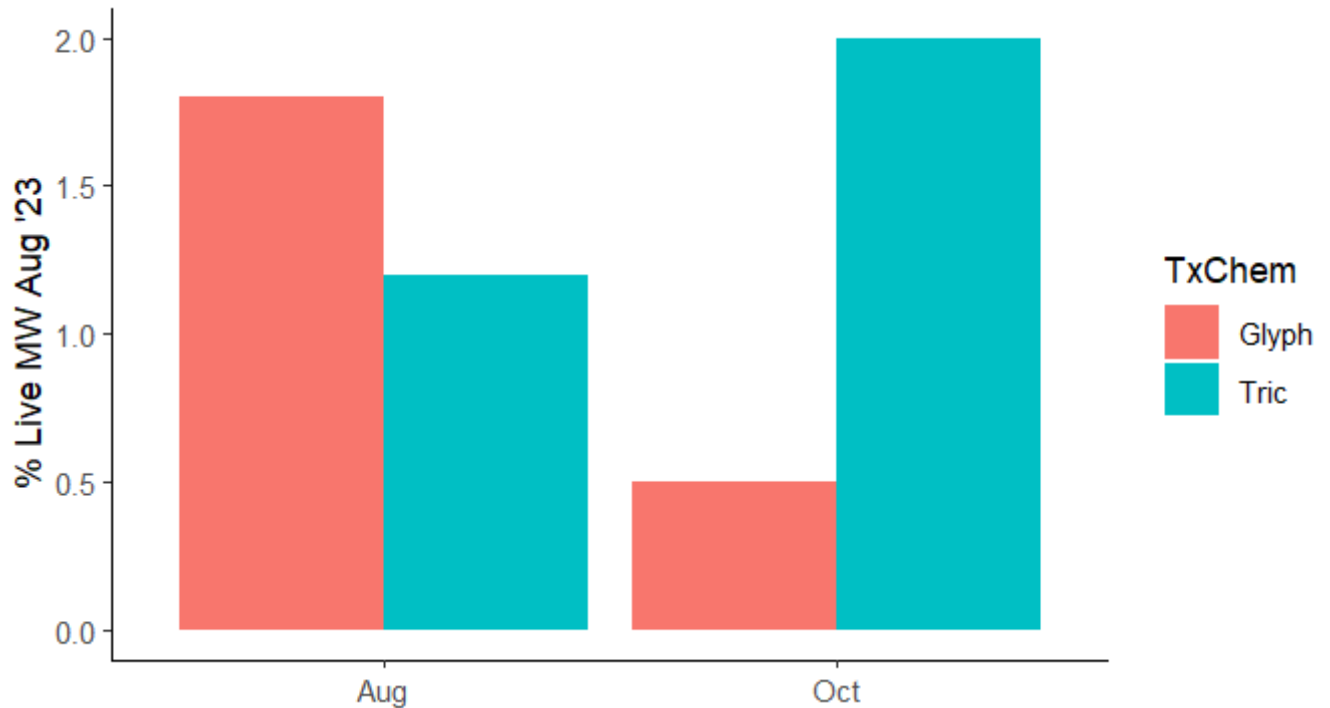


Figure 2. Percent live moneywort in plots in August 2023. On average, all treatments had no more than 2% live moneywort – a very effective treatment. There were no significant differences between the treatments. The triclopyr treatment in October has a somewhat higher average which is driven by one plot. Even though the bars look very different, the greatest difference is only 1.5%.

### Our Thanks

We want to thank the City of Washburn for allowing us to conduct this experiment on their property. We would also like to thank all our employees who helped do this work, usually in addition to their normal tasks.

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To: Parks Committee  
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Re: Bike Park Development  
Date: September 14, 2023

Last month, Jen and I, along with Kellie Pederson and Charmaine Swan, participated in the kick-off meeting with IMBA for a potential bike park development. IMBA provided a concept design layout with varying amenities at three locations within the City. A potential fourth location was discussed, as identified on the map, but because of the topography and access of the locations, it was determined not to be a suitable location.

These concept plans are likely to be shared at a CAMBA event in town later this month (9/30), to begin collecting public comment. IMBA is also planning an onsite tour next month, tentatively scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any specific questions regarding these designs, please let me know before the meeting and I will try reaching out to IMBA for the information.



SKILLS ZONE - PREFABRICATED PLAY FEATURES



SKILLS ZONE - NATURAL PLAY FEATURES



BIKE PLAYGROUND - ENTRY LEVEL SKILL FEATURES



BIKE PLAYGROUND ENTRY LEVEL SKILL FEATURES



TOT TRACK - ENTRY LEVEL PUMPTRACK (ASPHALT)



TOT TRACK - ENTRY LEVEL PUMPTRACK (CONCRETE)



FULL SIZE PUMPTRACK - 4FT TO 6FT TALL FEATURES



FULL SIZE PUMPTRACK - 4FT TO 6FT TALL FEATURES



SLOPESTYLE ZONE - BEGINNER LINE (ALL ROLLABLE)



SLOPESTYLE ZONE - INTERMEDIATE LINE



SLOPESTYLE ZONE - ADVANCED LINE



SLOPESTYLE ZONE - ASPHALT SURFACING

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BIKE AMENITY EXAMPLES



GRAVITY ZONE - BEGINNER LINE



GRAVITY ZONE - INTERMEDIATE LINE



GRAVITY ZONE - ADVANCED LINE



GRAVITY ZONE FEATURES (ALL HAVE RIDE-A-ROUND)



TRADITIONAL XC - NATURAL SURFACE SINGLE TRACK



TRADITIONAL XC - OPTIONAL LINE WITH FEATURES



ELEVATED START ZONES FOR ALL TRAIL OPTIONS



NO MAINTNENCE CHIP SEAL SURFACING



VIEWING AREA - SHADE STRUCTURES



LIGHTING OPTIONS



BRANDING OPTIONS



SIGNAGE OPTIONS

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# BIKE AMENITY EXAMPLES



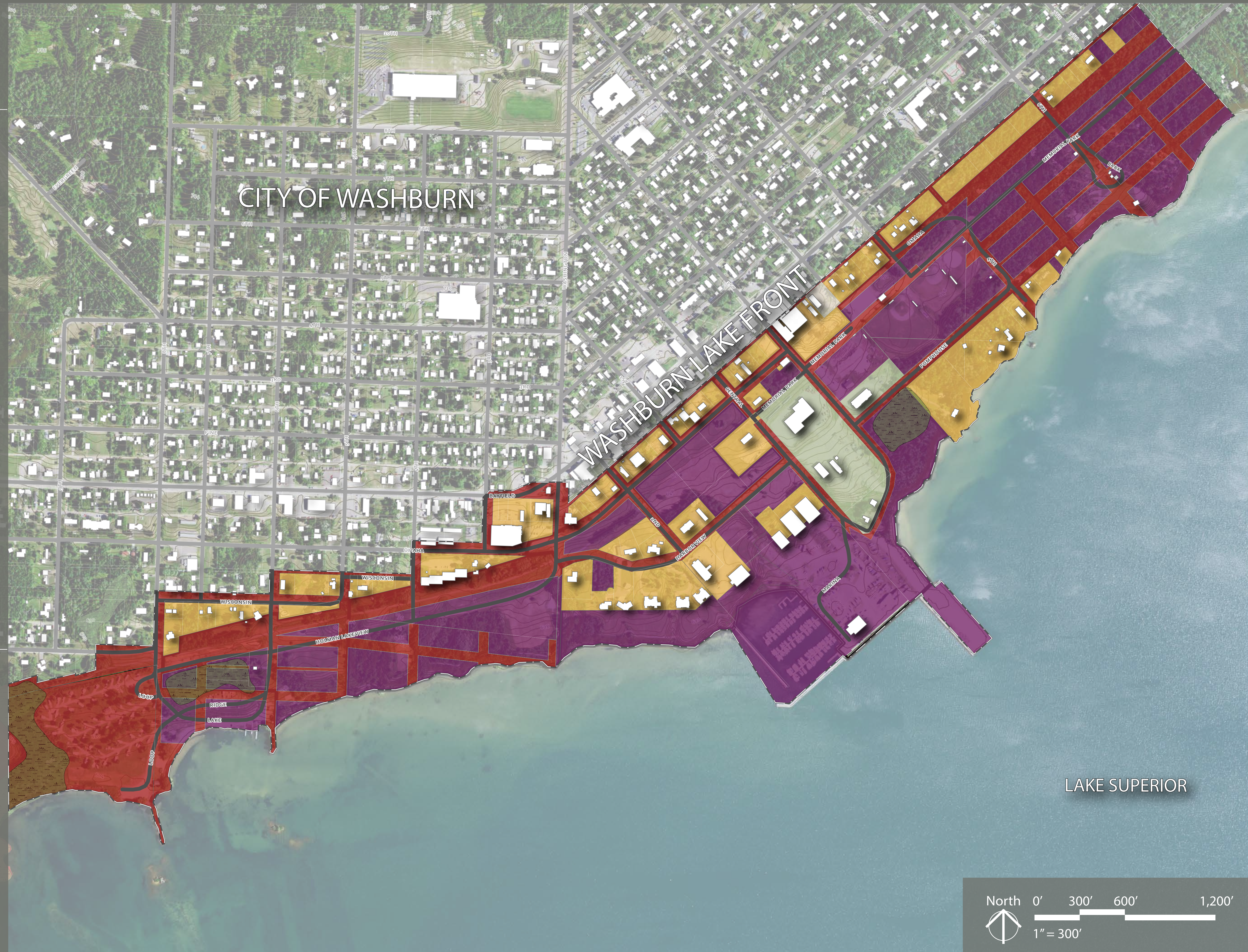
# WASHBURN WISCONSIN

AUGUST 2023

## LAKE FRONT PROPERTY BY OWNERSHIP

### Legend

- Right of Way
- City of Washburn
- Private Property
- Bayfield County
- Wetlands
- Focus Area Boundary
- Tax Parcels
- Buildings/Structures
- Roads



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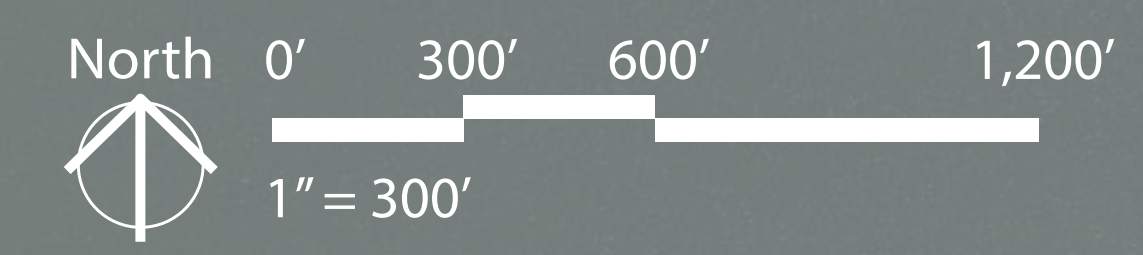


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LAKE SUPERIOR





# WASHBURN WISCONSIN

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## BIKE AMENITY FEASIBILITY FOCUS AREAS

### Legend

- Focus Area
- Wetlands
- Focus Area Boundary
- Tax Parcels
- Buildings/Structures
- Roads



FOCUS AREA 4 - CITY PROPERTY  
LOCATED NW OF SCHOOL



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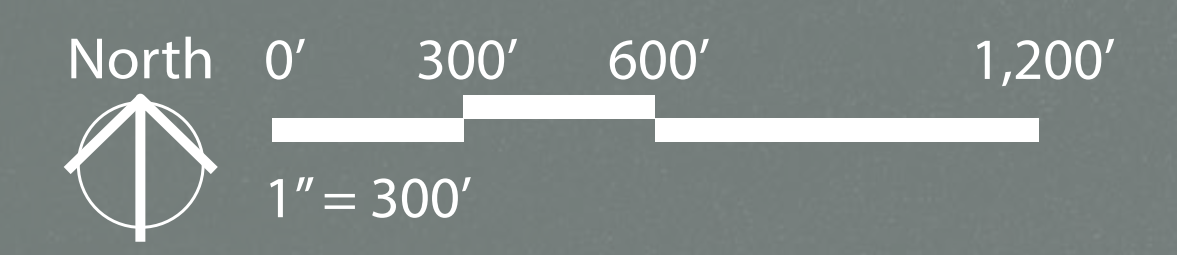


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## BIKE AMENITY FOCUS AREA 1

### Legend

- Skills Zone
- Parking
- Pumptrack Area
- Starting Platform/Area
- Slopestyle Zone
- Viewing Area
- Rider Safety Zones
- Natural Surface Area
- Return Line
- Existing Trails
- Focus Area
- Wetlands
- Focus Area Boundary
- Tax Parcels
- Buildings/Structures
- Roads



"RIDER SAFETY ZONE"  
 - SIGNAGE  
 - SPEED BUMPS  
 - SLOW VEHICLES

START PLATFORM  
 - ELEVATED  
 - ROLL-IN START  
 - DROP-IN START

SLOPE STYLE LINES  
 START PLATFORM  
 ELEVATED  
 - ROLL-IN START  
 - DROP-IN START

VIEWING AREAS  
 - SHADE STRUCTURE  
 - SEATING  
 - WATER FOUNTAIN

SLOPE STYLE LINES  
 MAIN FEATURE  
 - DROPS  
 - TABLE TOPS  
 - WOODEN RAMP

### FOCUS AREA #1 - 10.86 ACRES

| POTENTIAL USE OF SPACE:           |                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SKILLS ZONE</b>                | - PREFABRICATED PLAY FEATURES<br>- NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL TREAD                            |
| <b>PARKING</b>                    | - ADDITIONAL TO ACCOMDATE USE                                                             |
| <b>SIGNAGE/SPEED BUMPS</b>        | - SLOW TRAFFIC FOR RIDER SAFETY<br>- CREATE A "RIDER SAFETY ZONE"                         |
| <b>SLOPE STYLE LINES</b>          | - START PLATFORM<br>- MAIN FEATURE<br>- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED LINE CHOICES |
| <b>PUMPTRACK</b>                  | - 10K TO 15K SF WILL FIT SPACE                                                            |
| <b>NATURAL SURFACE FLOW LINES</b> | - START PLATFORM/AREA<br>- BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE LINES                                |
| <b>VIEWING ZONE</b>               | - SHADE STRUCTURE<br>- WATER FOUNTAIN                                                     |
| <b>SITE ELEVATION</b>             | - TOTAL OF 18FT<br>- FROM NORTHERN REC PATH TO SOUTHERN LAKE FRONT PATH                   |

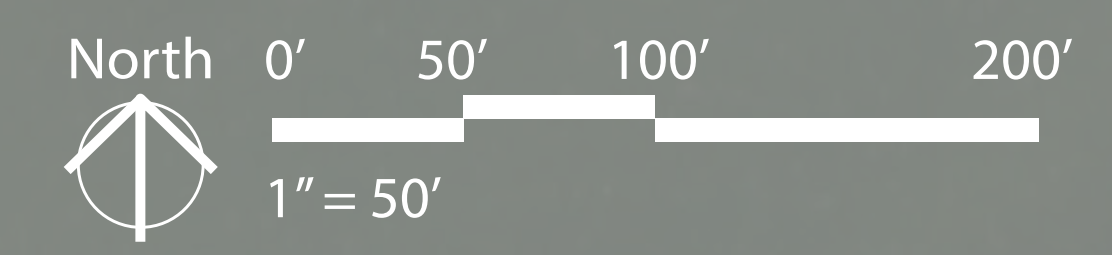
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## BIKE AMENITY FOCUS AREA 2

### Legend

- Skills Zone
- Parking
- Pumptrack Area
- Starting Platform/Area
- Slopestyle Zone
- Viewing Area
- Rider Safety Zones
- Natural Surface Area
- Bike Playground
- Return Line
- Existing Trails
- Wetlands
- Focus Area Boundary
- Tax Parcels
- Buildings/Structures
- Roads

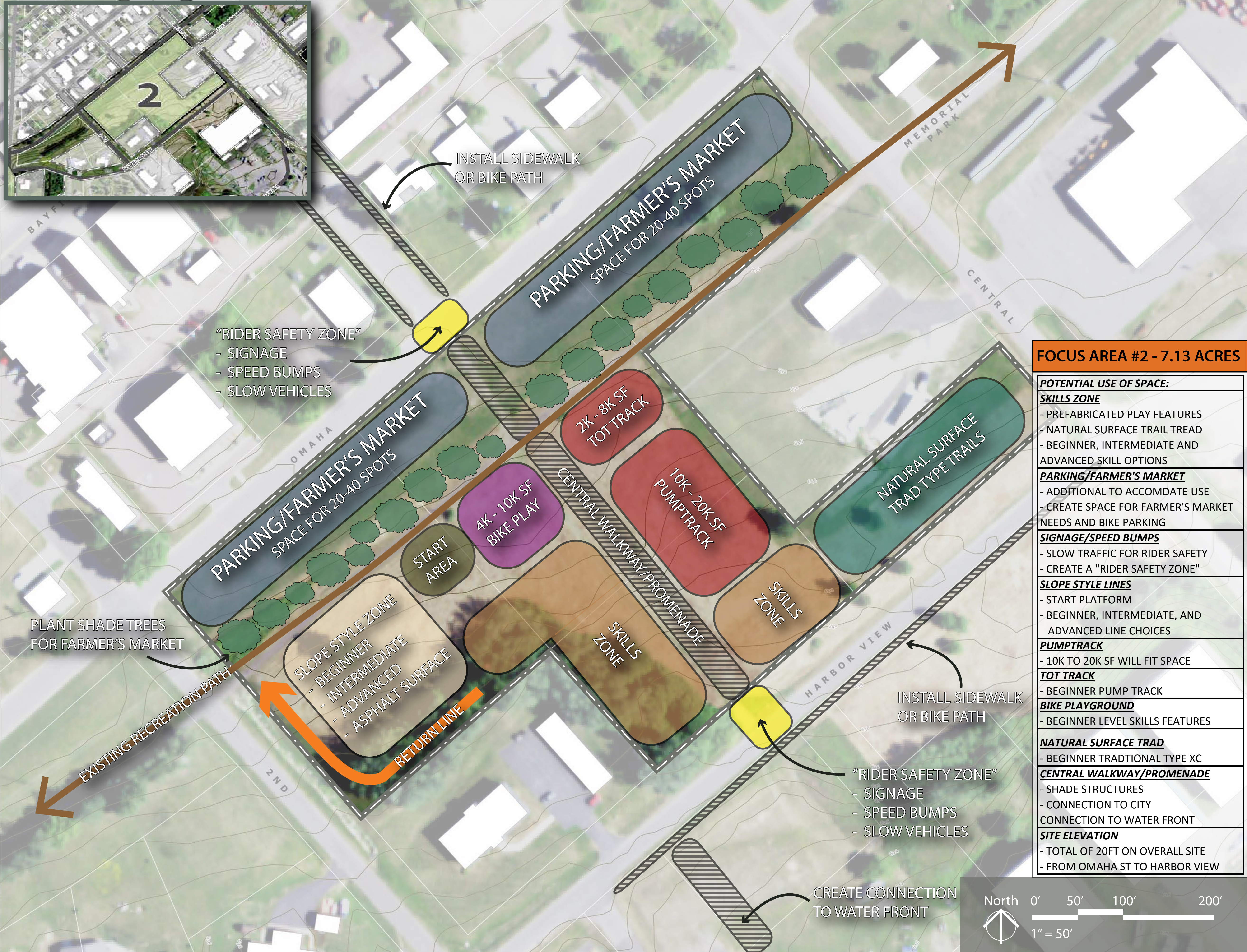
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### FOCUS AREA #2 - 7.13 ACRES

| POTENTIAL USE OF SPACE:          |                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SKILLS ZONE</b>               | - PREFABRICATED PLAY FEATURES<br>- NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL TREAD<br>- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED SKILL OPTIONS |
| <b>PARKING/FARMER'S MARKET</b>   | - ADDITIONAL TO ACCOMDATE USE<br>- CREATE SPACE FOR FARMER'S MARKET NEEDS AND BIKE PARKING                            |
| <b>SIGNAGE/SPEED BUMPS</b>       | - SLOW TRAFFIC FOR RIDER SAFETY<br>- CREATE A "RIDER SAFETY ZONE"                                                     |
| <b>SLOPE STYLE LINES</b>         | - START PLATFORM<br>- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED LINE CHOICES                                               |
| <b>PUMPTRACK</b>                 | - 10K TO 20K SF WILL FIT SPACE                                                                                        |
| <b>TOT TRACK</b>                 | - BEGINNER PUMP TRACK                                                                                                 |
| <b>BIKE PLAYGROUND</b>           | - BEGINNER LEVEL SKILLS FEATURES                                                                                      |
| <b>NATURAL SURFACE TRAD</b>      | - BEGINNER TRADITIONAL TYPE XC                                                                                        |
| <b>CENTRAL WALKWAY/PROMENADE</b> | - SHADE STRUCTURES<br>- CONNECTION TO CITY<br>- CONNECTION TO WATER FRONT                                             |
| <b>SITE ELEVATION</b>            | - TOTAL OF 20FT ON OVERALL SITE<br>- FROM OMAHA ST TO HARBOR VIEW                                                     |





# WASHBURN WISCONSIN

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## BIKE AMENITY FOCUS AREA 3

### Legend

- Skills Zone
- Parking
- Pumptrack Area
- Starting Platform/Area
- Gravity Zone
- Viewing Area
- Rider Safety Zones
- Traditional XC Zone
- Bike Playground
- Return Line
- Existing Trails
- Wetlands
- Focus Area Boundary
- Tax Parcels
- Buildings/Structures
- Roads

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### FOCUS AREA #3 - 9.33 ACRES

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>POTENTIAL USE OF SPACE:</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>SKILLS ZONE</b><br>- PREFABRICATED PLAY FEATURES<br>- NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL TREAD                              |
| <b>PARKING</b><br>- ADDITIONAL TO ACCOMDATE USE                                                                   |
| <b>SIGNAGE/SPEED BUMPS</b><br>- SLOW TRAFFIC FOR RIDER SAFETY<br>- CREATE A "RIDER SAFETY ZONE"                   |
| <b>GRAVITY ZONE</b><br>- START PLATFORM<br>- MAIN FEATURES<br>- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, AND ADVANCED LINE CHOICES |
| <b>PUMPTRACK</b><br>- 10K TO 15K SF WILL FIT SPACE                                                                |
| <b>BIKE PLAYGROUND</b><br>- BEGINNER LEVEL FEATURES                                                               |
| <b>TRADITIONAL XC ZONE</b><br>- BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE LINES<br>- TRAVERSE THROUGH THE WOODS                   |
| <b>VIEWING ZONE</b><br>- SHADE STRUCTURE<br>- WATER FOUNTAIN                                                      |
| <b>SITE ELEVATION</b><br>- TOTAL OF 24FT<br>- FROM THE NORTHERN FOCUS AREA BOUNDARY TO THE SOUTHERN R.O.W.        |

