

The Lower Yahara River Trail Phase One Planning and Design

Public Information Meeting

June 17th, 2009





Why Are You Here?



- ◆ Bike Trail
- ◆ Environmental Concern
- ◆ Concerned Neighbor
- ◆ Water Levels
- ◆ Boater/Fisherman
- ◆ Concerned Park Patron
- ◆ ?

The Lower Yahara River Trail

- ◆ Introductions
- ◆ Project History and Background
- ◆ Planning Status
- ◆ Project Stakeholder Team
- ◆ Phase One Project Overview
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- ◆ Phase One Planning Considerations
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- ◆ Next Steps
- ◆ Listening Session
- ◆ Project Team Question/Answers



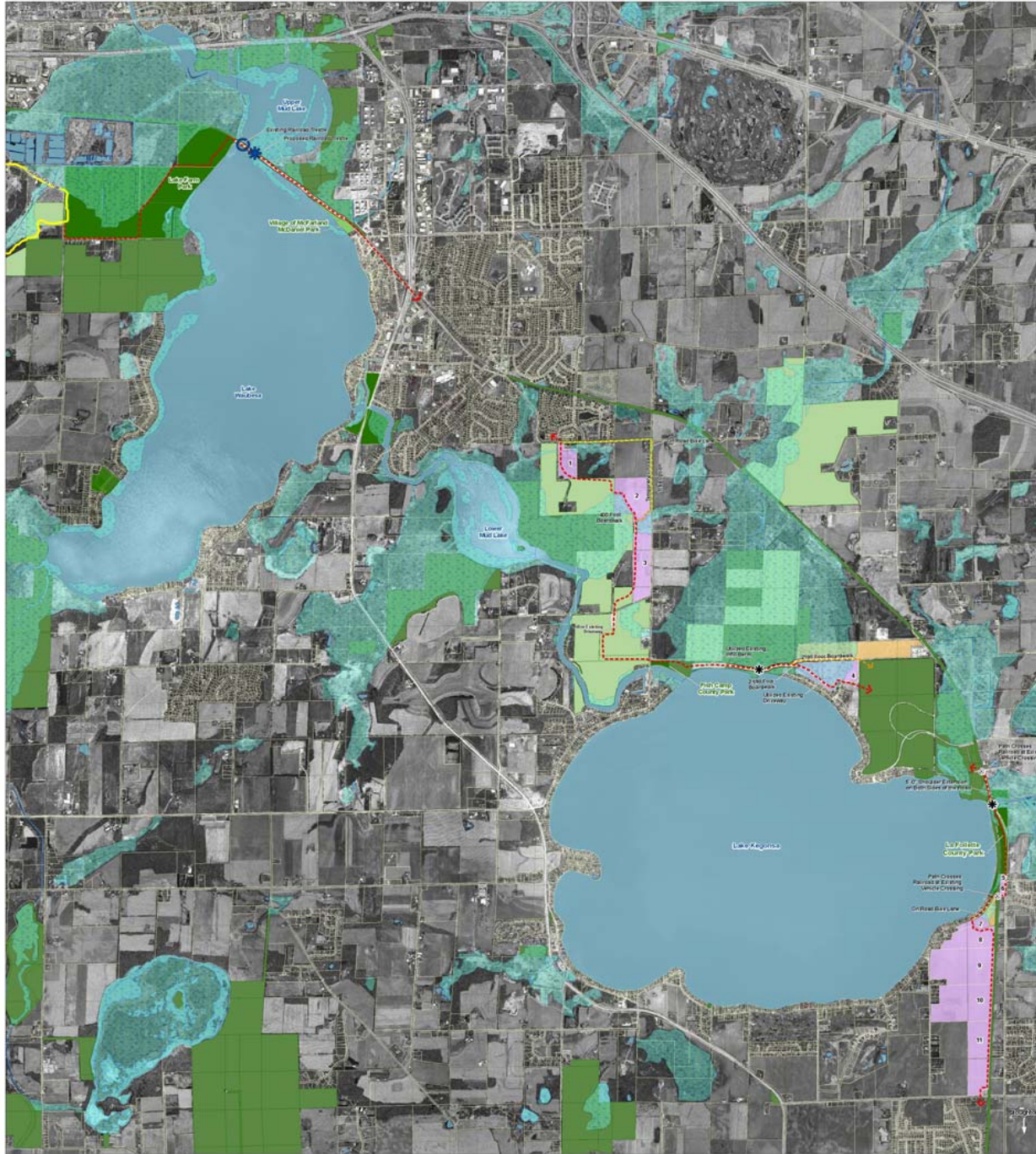
The Lower Yahara River Trail Project History and Background

- ◆ Trail Concept Originated 1995 from Village of McFarland during update to County POSP
- ◆ Support for trail was reinforced and expanded by McFarland, Town of Dunn and Stoughton over the past 12 years for connections to Capital City Trail
- ◆ Dane County Parks has been actively acquiring lands for the entire corridor



Lower Yahara Multi-Use Trail

Map Revised November 28, 2007



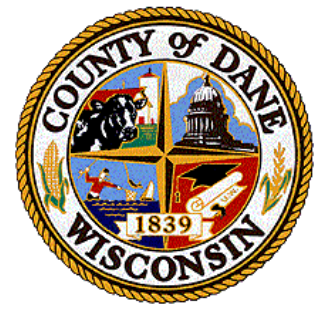
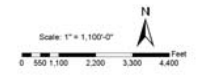
Legend

- Primary Trail Route
- Secondary Trail Route
- On Road Bike Lane
- Boardwalk
- 5'-0" Shoulder Extension on Both Sides of the Road

- Parcel lines
- Railroad Crossing
- Bridges
- Primary Parcels for Acquisition
- Secondary Parcels for Acquisition

- County Owned Land
- State/Federal Land
- Dane County Parks
- Wetlands > 2 acres
- Lakes/Ponds

- Proposed Railroad Trestle
- Existing Railroad Trestle
- Capital City Trail



Planning Status

- ◆ Fall 2007 Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting
- ◆ Scope of Project Expanded to Consider Water Flow, Navigation and Corridor Safety
- ◆ Spring 2008 Established Stakeholder Committee
- ◆ Summer 2008 Issued LYRT RFP
- ◆ Fall 2008 Hired Graef for Design Development
- ◆ Winter 2009 Began Conceptual Design Development
- ◆ Spring 2009 Applied for Phase 2 Economic Stimulus \$
(Required “Shovel Ready” by December 1, 2009)
- ◆ Spring 2009 Expanded Graef Contract to PS&E
- ◆ May 2009 Completed Wetland Delineation, Boring Investigation
- ◆ June 2009, Public Information Meeting

Stakeholder Oversight Committee

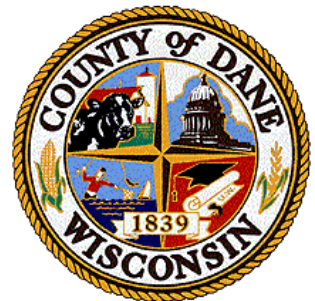
- ◆ Ken Lucht, WSOR
- ◆ Sue Josheff, WDNR
- ◆ Cami Peterson, WDNR
- ◆ Vicki Schaefer, WDOT
- ◆ Kim Johnson, Citizen Member
- ◆ Larry Nelson, City of Madison
- ◆ John Reimer, City of Madison
- ◆ Rob Phillips, City of Madison
- ◆ Rich Vela, City of Monona
- ◆ Arthur Ross, Bicycle Advocate
- ◆ Jeremy Balousek, Dane County
- ◆ Kevin Connors, Dane County
- ◆ Chris James, Dane County
- ◆ Pauline Boness, Village of McFarland
- ◆ Doug Wood, OCR
- ◆ Roger Breske, OCR



The Lower Yahara River Trail Phase One Project Overview

- ◆ Explore creation of a multi-use path between Lake Farm Park and McDaniel Park
- ◆ Trail segment is approximately 1 mile in length
- ◆ Wetland designation and topography would require the majority of this trail segment to be boardwalk
- ◆ One clear span bridge approximately 100' in length would be required to cross Yahara River
- ◆ Approximate ownership:

1500' Village of McFarland, 1400' DNR, 2100' DOT



**Proposed Lake Farm-McFarland Segment
Lower Yahara River Trail**

City of Madison Parcels (8/2007)
Dane County Parcels (8/2007)



Digital orthophoto taken April 2005
W&OR = Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company

Map created October 2007 by Dane Co. DNRD

Map Location



WI DOT

WI DNR

Mud Lake

State of WI WSOR

State of WI WSOR

WI DOT

Dane County Parks

Dane County Parks

Lake Farm Park

State of WI WSOR

WI DOT

WI DOT

City of Madison

WI DNR

WI DNR

WI DNR

WI DNR

High Track LLC

Dane County Parks

WI DNR

WI DOT

WI DNR

WI DNR

Village of McFarland

WI DNR

Lake Waubesa

Village of McFarland

McDaniel Park

Village of McFarland

Phase One Project Objectives

- ◆ Construct Multi Use Trail between Lake Farm County Park and McDaniel Park
- ◆ Improve Water Flow at RR Trestle
- ◆ Improve Boat Navigation at RR Trestle
- ◆ Improve Safety and Reduce Trespass Issues on Railway Corridor



Preliminary Planning Considerations

- ◆ Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company Liability
- ◆ Access Agreements
- ◆ Permitting Requirements
- ◆ Other Adjacent Recreation Uses (Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Canoe/Kayaking)
- ◆ Aesthetics
- ◆ Improved Waterway Navigation
- ◆ Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities



Planning Considerations Cont.

- ◆ Water Regulatory Considerations
- ◆ Aesthetics
- ◆ Structural Considerations
- ◆ Safety and Separation
- ◆ Environmental Considerations
- ◆ Hydraulic Flow and Lake Levels



Safety and Separation

- ◆ WDOT/WSOR Right of Way Extends 49.5' from Centerline of RR Tracks
- ◆ Provide Alternative Walking and Shore Fishing Options
- ◆ Design to Discourage Leaving Trail through Railings and Height



Environmental Considerations

- ◆ 2002 Capital Springs Ecological Overview

Prepared by Clark Forestry

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/master_planning/capsprings/data/cap_springs_eco_review.pdf

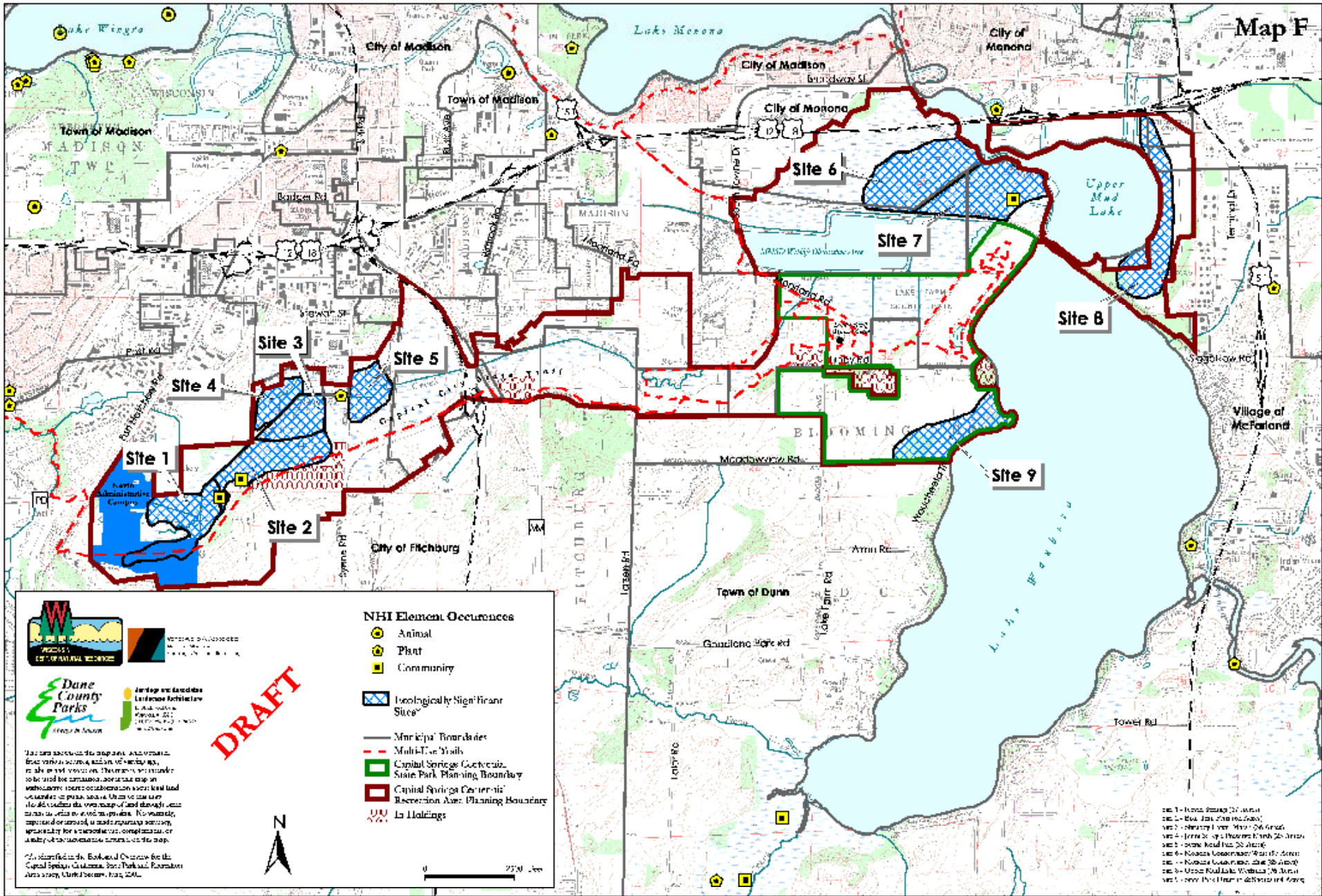
- ◆ 2009 Phase 1 Environmental Assessment
- ◆ Wetland Delineation





Capital Springs Centennial State Park & Recreation Area Ecosystems of Ecological Significance (June, 2003)

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Hydraulic Flow and Lake Level Analysis

Concept: Improve water level management by providing greater conveyance from Monona to Waubesa.



Modeling Results

LAKE MONONA

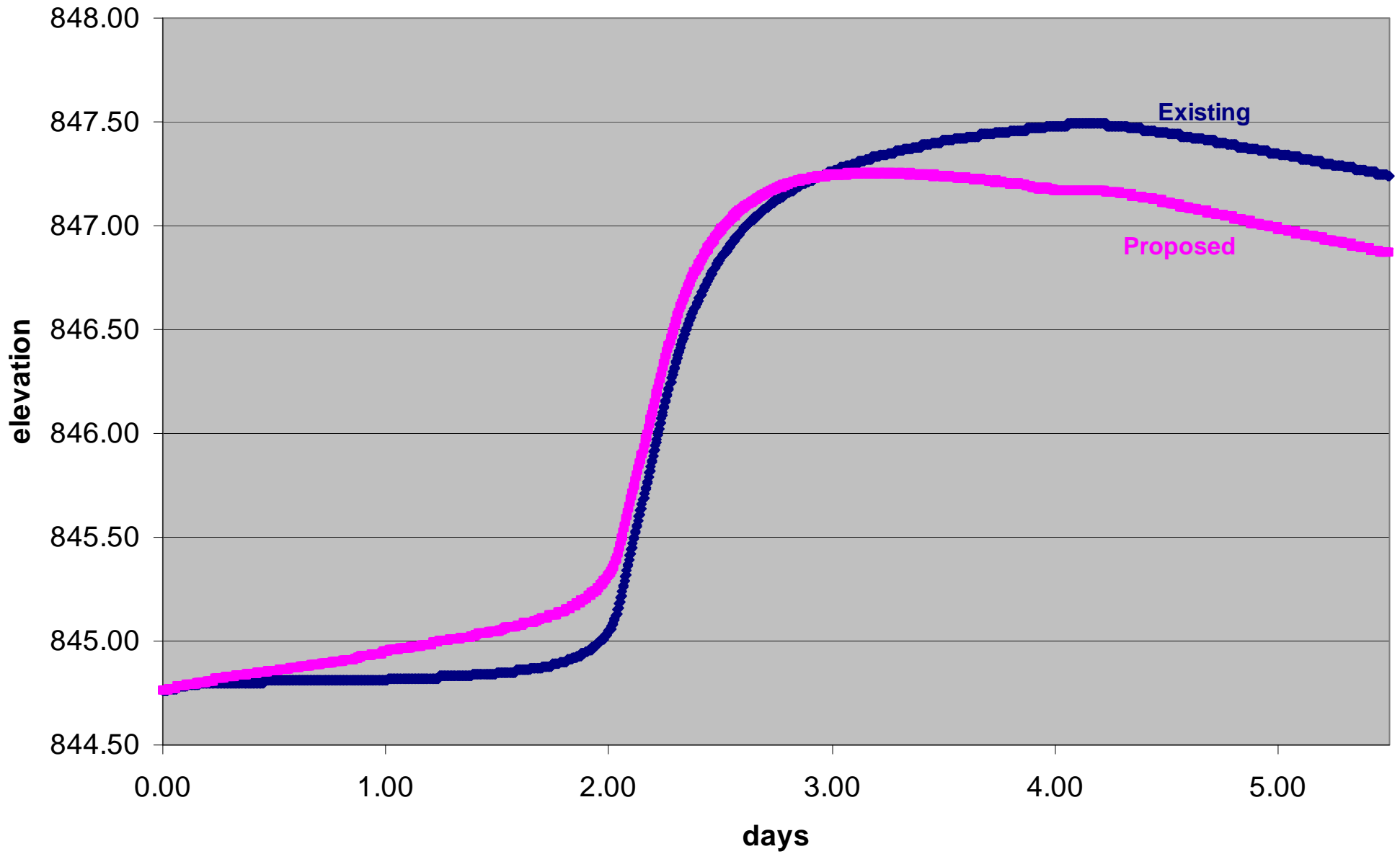
- Peak elevation is reduced and duration is not as long.
- Benefits realized may increase during more frequent and smaller rain events.

LAKE WAUBESA

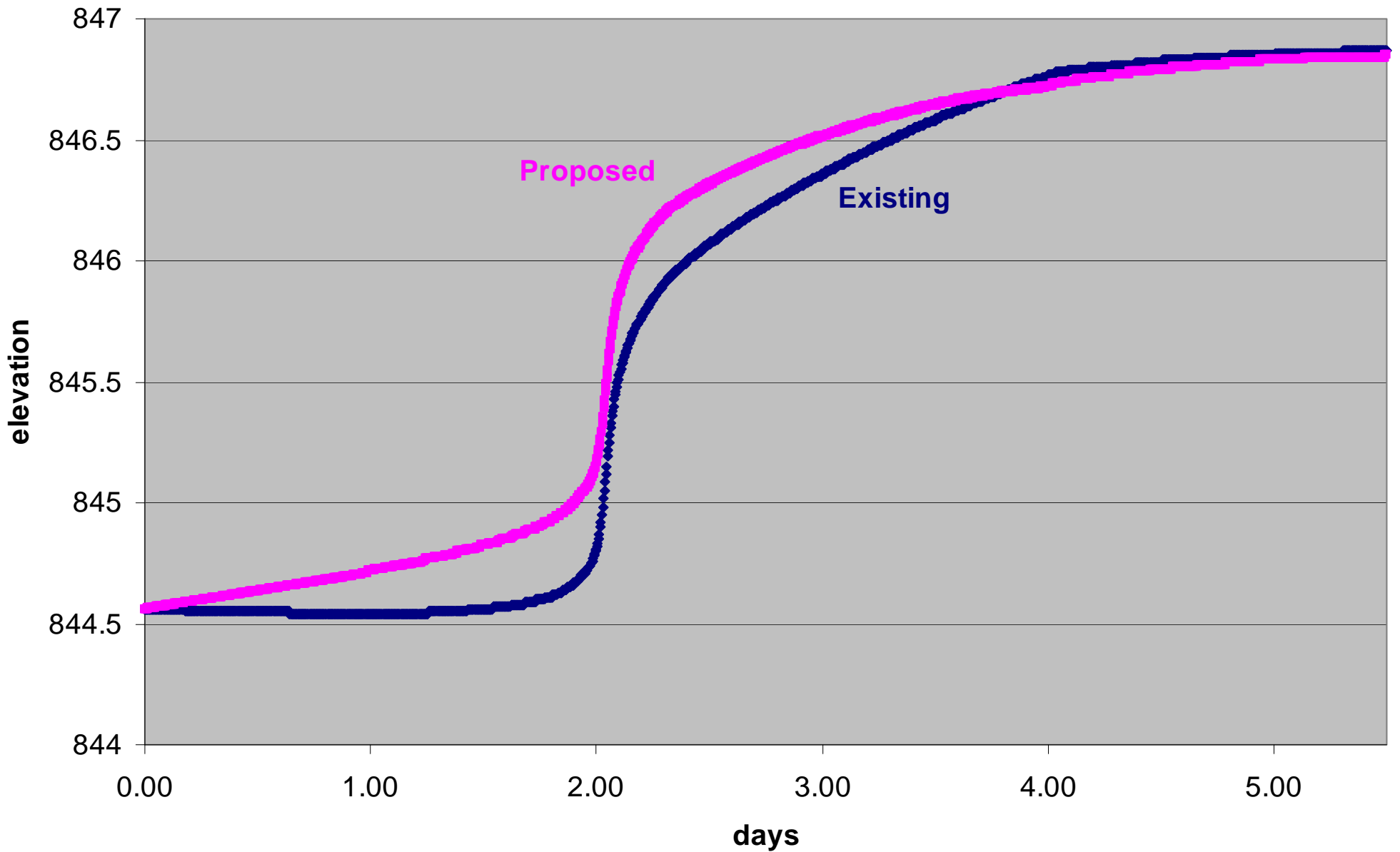
- Proposed peak elevation does not change.
- Allows for better water management of Waubesa.



Monona Existing vs Proposed Conditions



Waubesa Existing vs Proposed Conditions



Preliminary Design Concepts

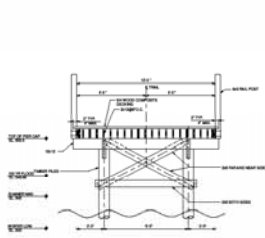
- ◆ 14' Wide Engineered Boardwalk at Shoreline
- ◆ 12' Boardwalk at McDaniel in Wooded Area
- ◆ 100' Clear Span Bridge
- ◆ Temporary Use of Existing Park Roads
- ◆ Long Term Paved Trail from Trestle to CCT



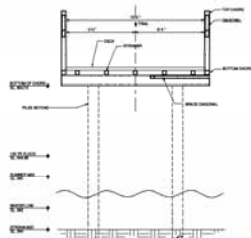


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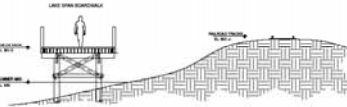




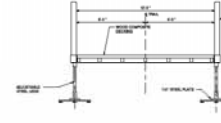
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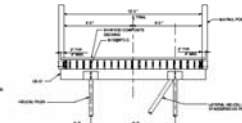
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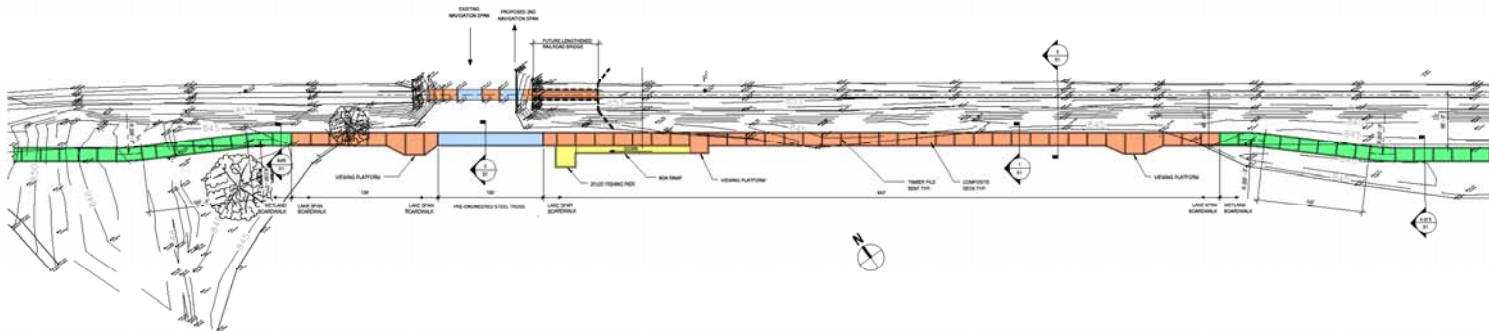
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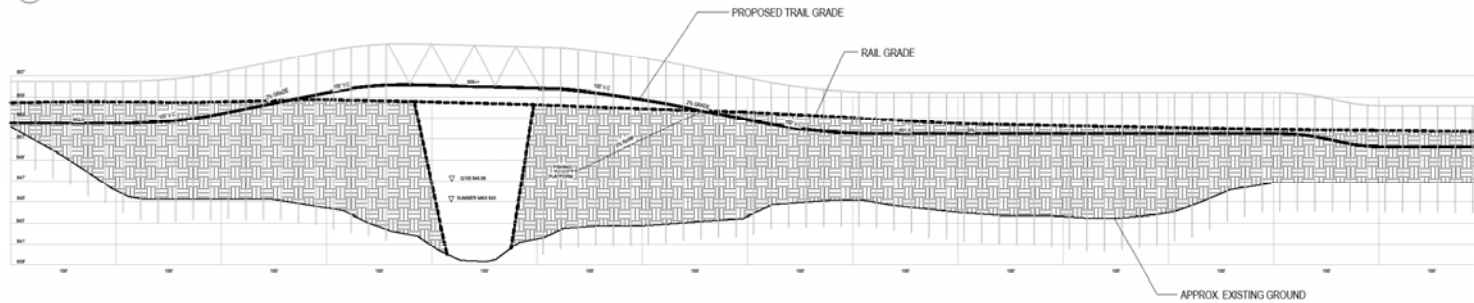
4 WETLAND BOARDWALK OPTION A
1/4" = 1'-0"



5 WETLAND BOARDWALK OPTION B
1/4" = 1'-0"



6 BRIDGE AND BOARDWALK PLAN
1" = 40'



7 PROFILE

Preliminary Cost Estimates

- ◆ Multi Use Boardwalk/Bridge (Approx. 1 mile)
\$2.5-3 Million
- ◆ Trestle Expansion (Approx. 70')
\$750,000-1 Million

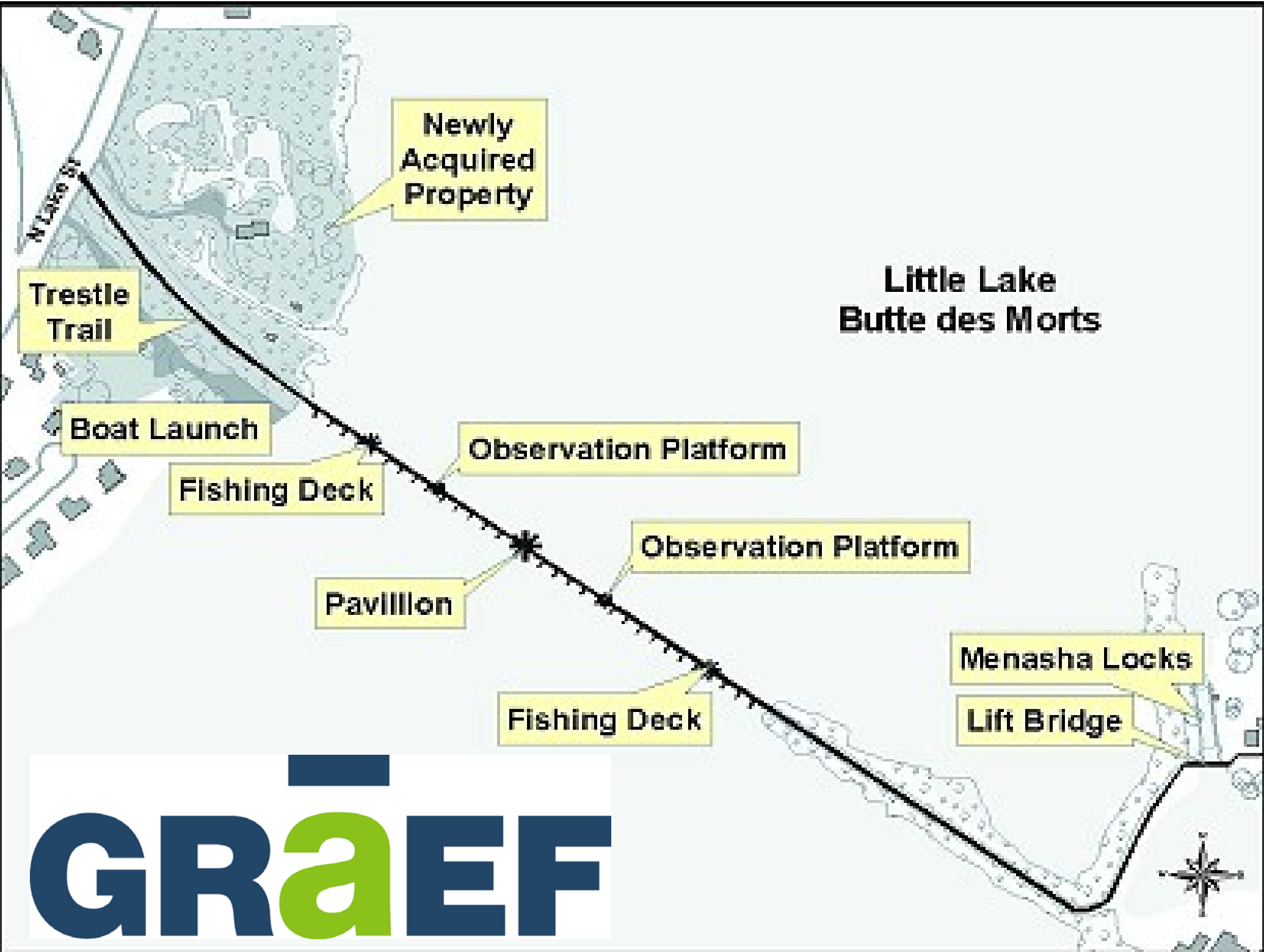


Similar Projects

- ◆ Trestle Trail-Town of Menasha
- ◆ Located on Little Lake Buttes des Morts
- ◆ Approx. 4000' long, 2000' span open water
- ◆ Includes fishing platforms, pavilion, overlook



Little Lake Butte des Morts



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The Lower Yahara River Trail Next Steps

- ◆ Complete Construction Documents by End of the Year
- ◆ Secure Necessary DNR/ACOE Permits
- ◆ Apply for Upcoming Funding in early 2010
- ◆ Construction 2011?

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It's Time for our Patent Pending Public Listening Session!

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- Respect your allotted time limit
 - Do not interrupt or interject during others comments
 - Do not laugh at somebody else's idea or comment
 - Refrain from talking while others are speaking
- ◆ We'll be here as long as we can afterward to answer additional questions.



Questions?

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Thank You!