

TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARK COMMISSION MEETING
11 May, 2024, 9:00 AM
AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Glarus Park Commission, County of Green, and Vierbicher and Associates planning staff will conduct a tour of Town land to review the second community park concept plan.

LOCATION: New Glarus Town Park
W6599 State Highway 39
New Glarus, WI 53574

Posted: 05.02.2024

New Glarus Town Hall
New Glarus Garage
New Glarus Post Office

Harry Pulliam, Chair
New Glarus Parks Commission

<https://townofnewglarus.com/> John Wright, Clerk-Treasurer

Pursuant to applicable law, notice is hereby given that a quorum or a majority of the New Glarus Town Board or Plan Commission Members may attend this meeting. Information presented at this meeting may help form the rationale behind future actions that may be taken by the Town of New Glarus Board. Persons requiring additional services to participate in a public meeting may contact the Town Clerk for assistance at 527-2390.

mission STATEMENT

Our mission is to transform formerly agricultural land into a multi-faceted destination, and at the heart of it, our Community Park. Through our Community Park, we aspire to create a harmonious space that not only nurtures biodiversity but also fosters community well-being. Our commitment extends to the establishment of modern municipal facilities, enhancing the Town's infrastructure. We seek to integrate individual group passions ensuring diverse interests contribute to creating value by promoting environmental stewardship, connection, enrichment, and cultural engagement for generations to come.



PROGRAMMING

The community input night and community online survey resulted in an environmental theme of park uses including restoration areas, walking/hiking trails, mature woodlands, picnic areas and interpretive signage. Park uses with fewer mentions included a dog park, an orchard, a playground and sport courts.

With this information, the Town will decide what park uses will suit the 84 acres of land and what will be feasible regarding infrastructure, construction costs and maintenance.

TRAILS
4 MILES

RESTORATION
84 ACRES

PICNIC
4 AREAS

DOG PARK
1 AREA

1
ORCHARD

1
PLAY
AREA

PHASING

Five zones have been identified and separated into manageable phases of park infrastructure, restoration and program development. Each phase consists of approximately 2-5 acres. The division of zones and subsequent phases were determined by Town goals, strategic implementation of programming (i.e. trail systems & feature areas) and a logical phase-out of agricultural activity.

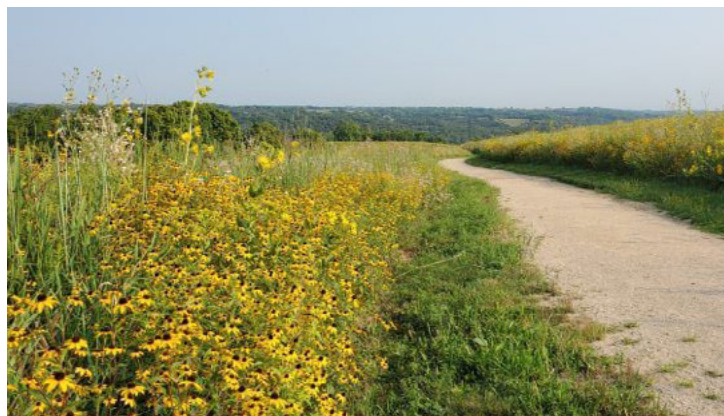


84 ACRES



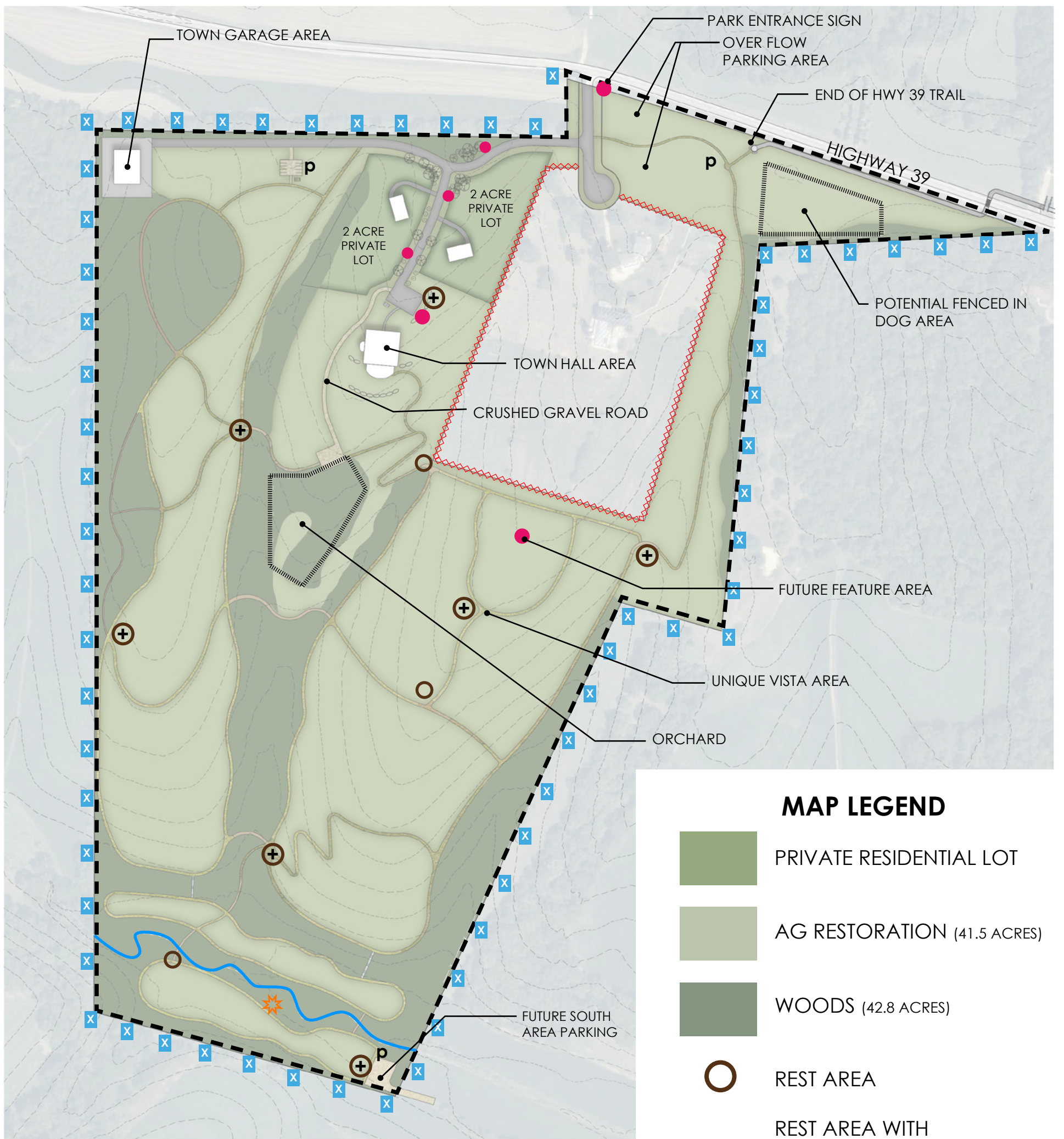
WALK
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RUN
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PLAY
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SEE
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LISTEN
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HEAR

3 VISTAS
:
:
**13 TRAIL
LOOPS**
:
:
1 CREEK



Concept Plan #2 - Vision Palette

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MAP LEGEND

- PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOT
- AG RESTORATION (41.5 ACRES)
- WOODS (42.8 ACRES)
- REST AREA
- + REST AREA WITH EDUCATIONAL & WAY FINDING SIGNAGE
- FENCE
- ARTISTIC SCULPTURE AREA
- p PICNIC AREA
- STRONG PHYSICAL BOUNDARY
- LEGLER SCHOOL BRANCH
- PLAYGROUND AREA
- X PROPERTY BOUNDARY SIGN SHOWN AT ~150' INTERVALS



Concept Plan #2 - Overall Plan

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future FEATURE AREAS

The community feedback generated a handful of park ideas which fell into a niche environmental category. These ideas could be useful as features or highlights throughout the park. The following are a summary of the most feasible niche park features for future implementation. These could be located in more than one area.

wildlife housing



Bird House



Rock Pile



Bee Box

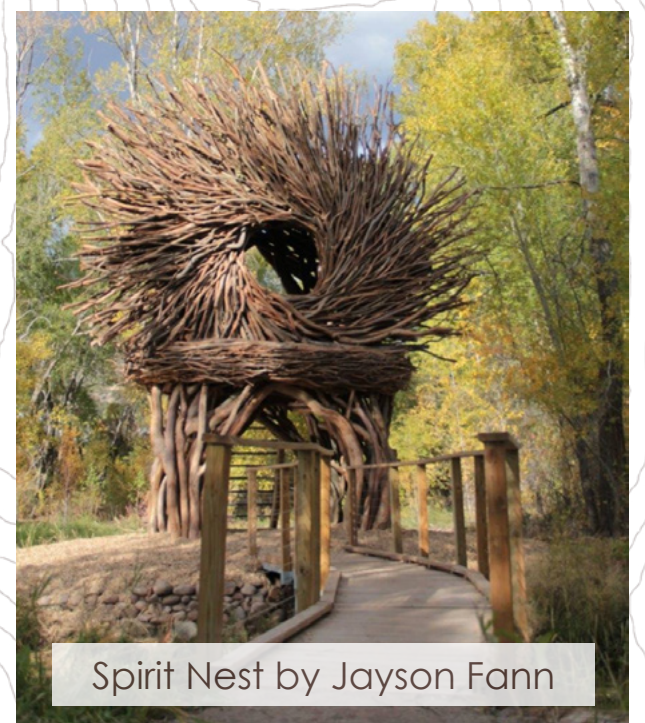
artistic creations



Updraft by Mike Burns



Prairie Labyrinth by Toby Evans



Spirit Nest by Jayson Fann

memorial trees



Young Oak Tree



New Glarus Arbor Day 2021



Young Apple Tree

a new approach SENSE OF PLACE

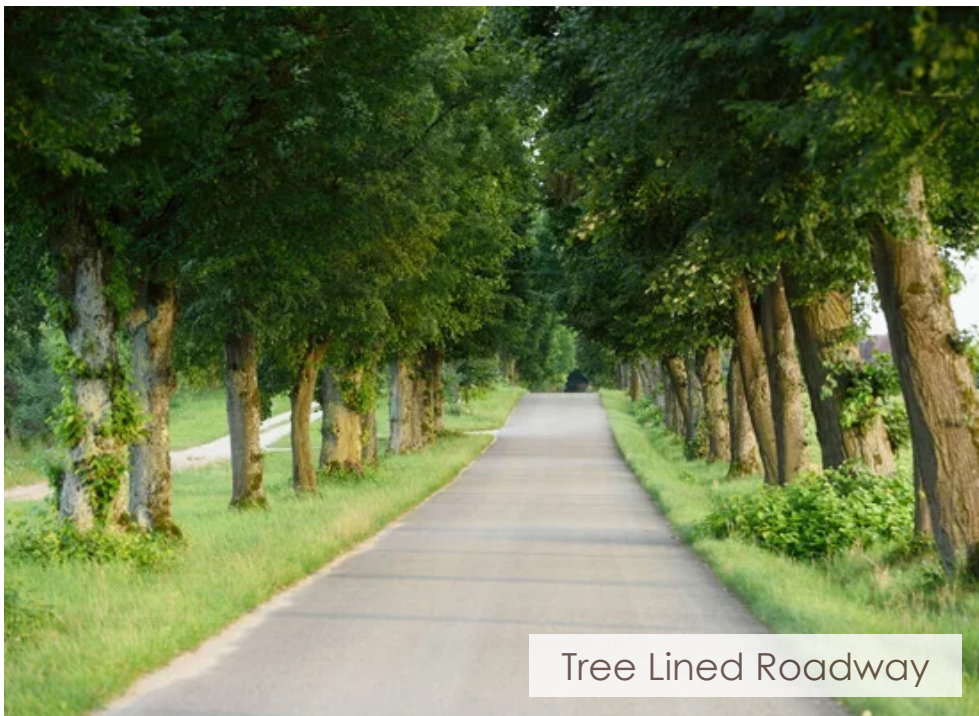
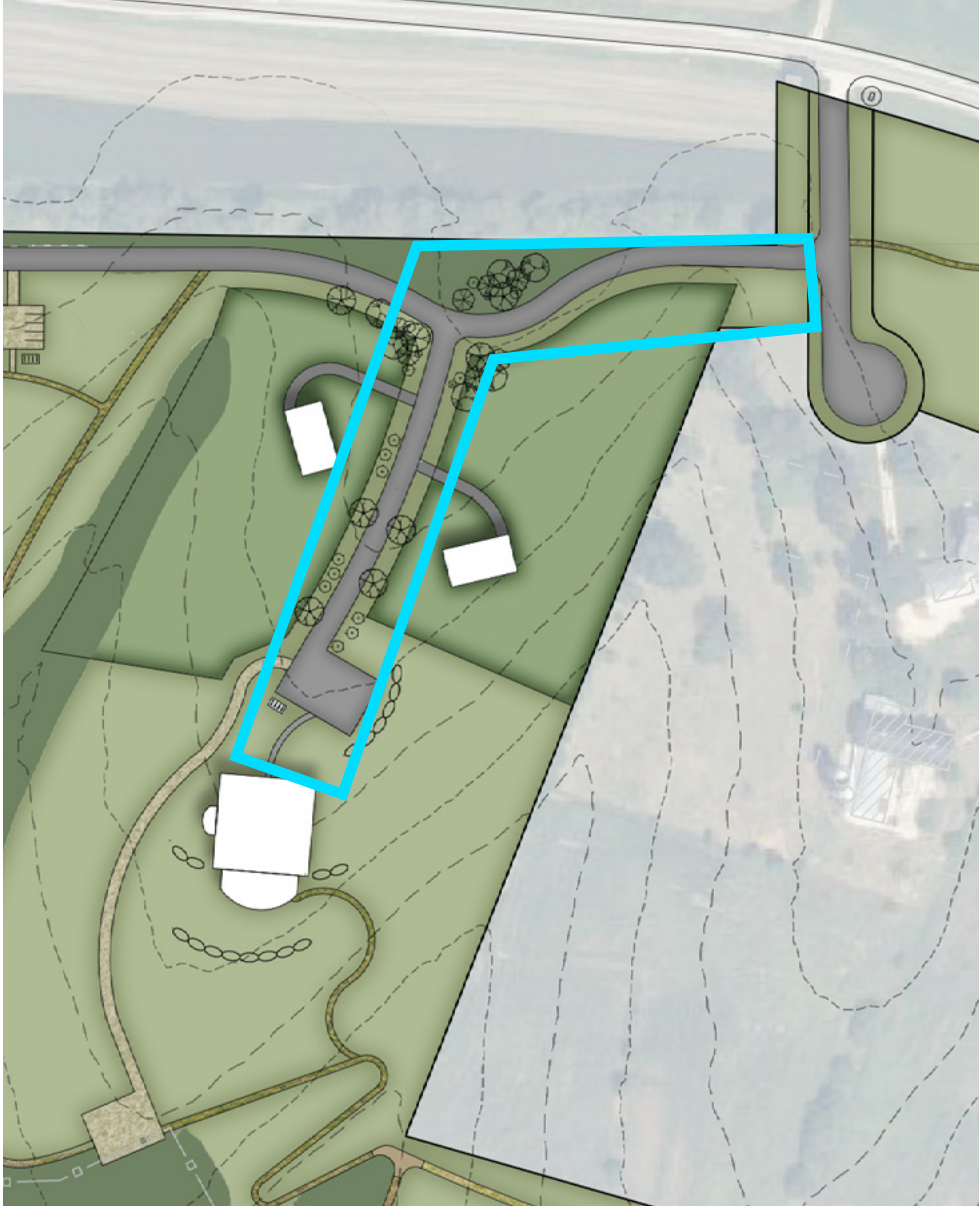
Characteristics shape identity. With a transition of land from agriculture to municipal and communal park use, an opportunity to create a unique identity is at hand. Since the length of road to the Town Hall is over 800', the materials, views, vegetation and man made features will have great impact on visitors' impressions.

The planting palette of the roadway vegetative buffer should reflect the values of the restoration efforts. Acorns from on-site oak trees could be collected and grown with the intention of planting them on-site.

Trees could flank the roadway in a formal configuration. In contrast, a naturalized border would reflect the Community Park restoration efforts. A blend of both strategies should be considered.

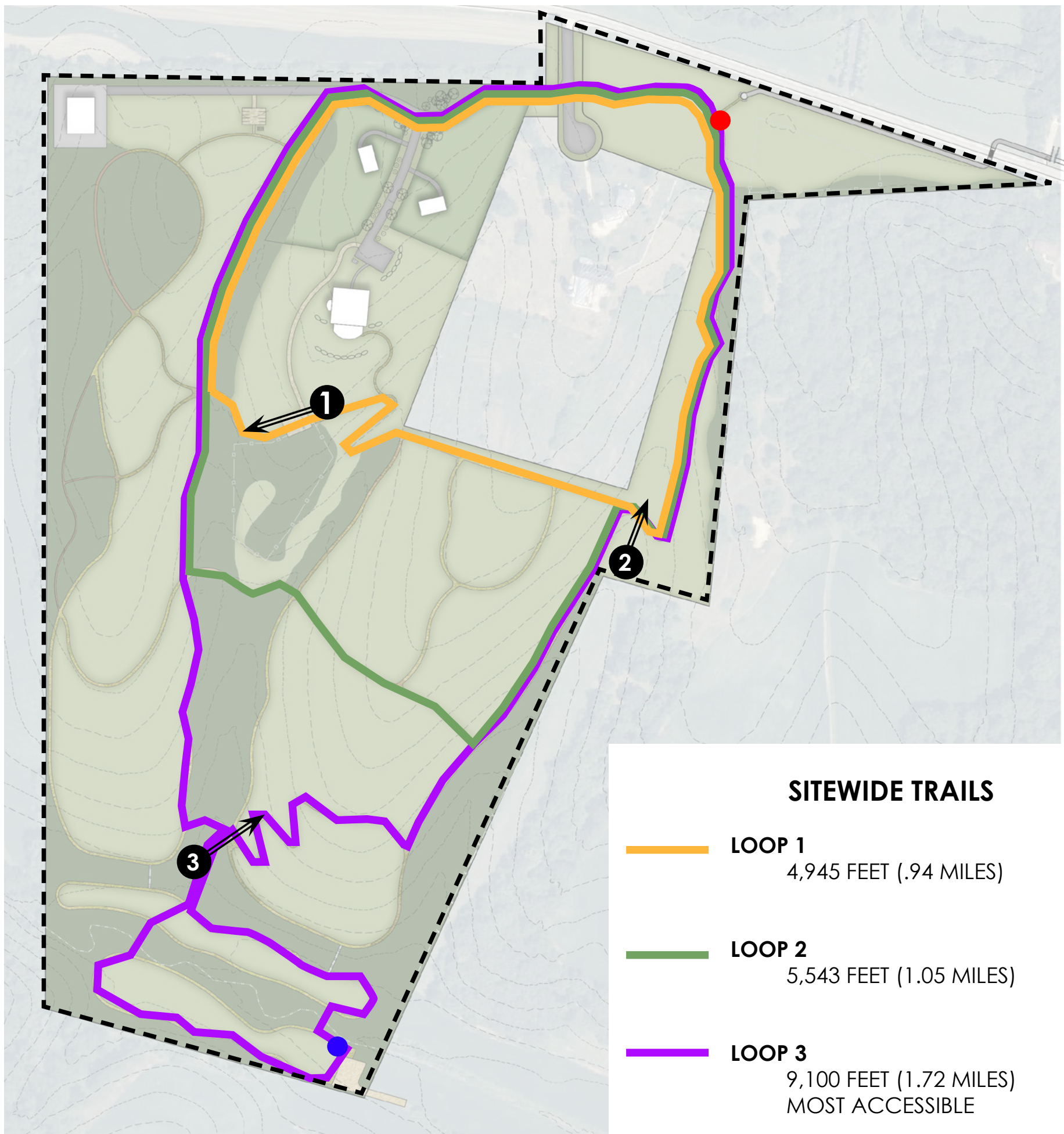
Additionally, creating a barrier between private residential lots and the road to the Town Hall will be important if they are to exist on the same ridge. This can be accomplished through dense plantings. Artistic sculptures or other objects could be incorporated as a way to showcase Town values and niche characteristics.

Overall, selection of materials, framing views and visitor experience should be intentionally planned for.



Concept Plan #2 - Road Infrastructure & Planting Concept

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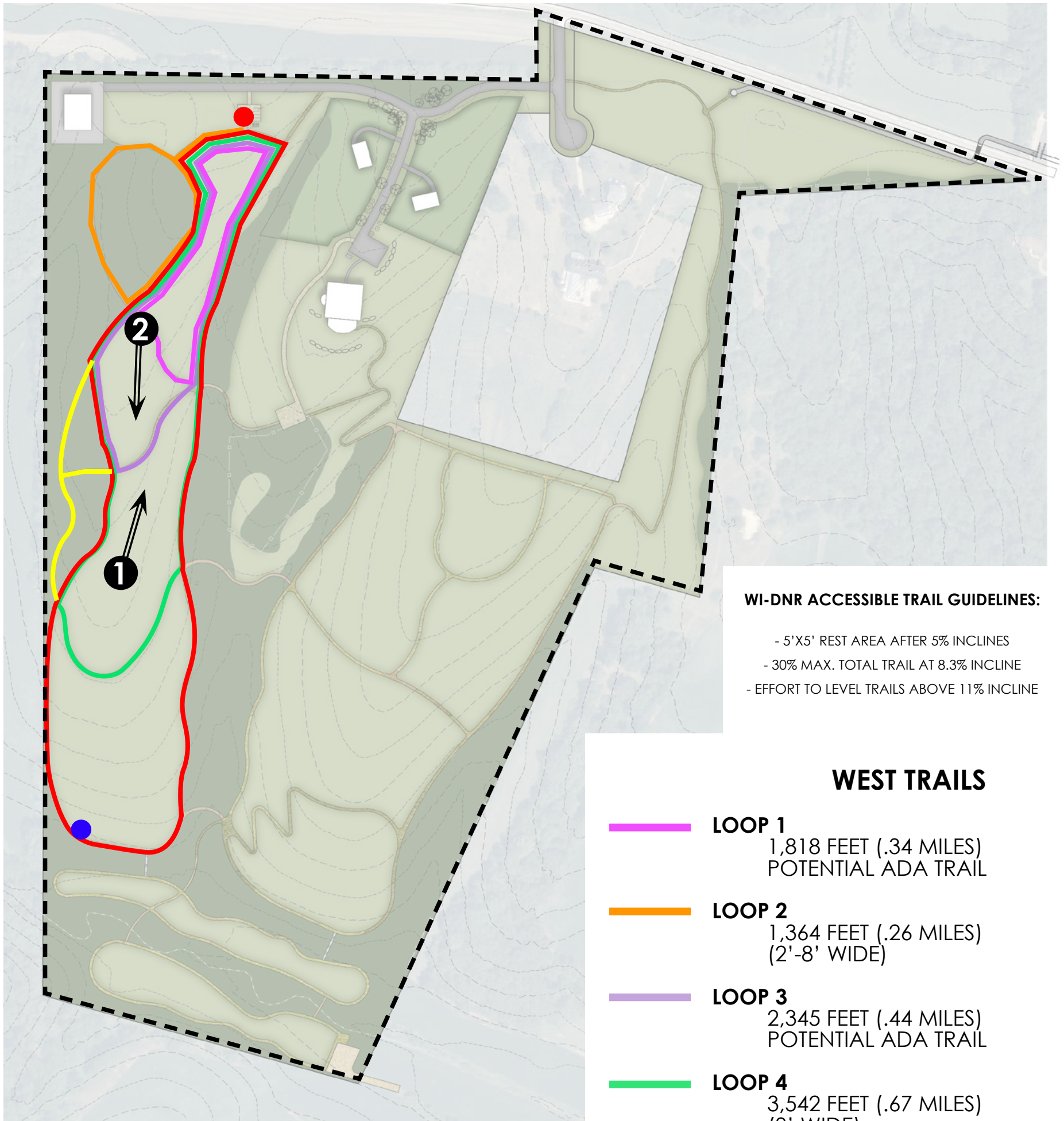
Concept Plan #2 - Sitewide Trails

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planners | engineers | advisors



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WI-DNR ACCESSIBLE TRAIL GUIDELINES:

- 5'X5' REST AREA AFTER 5% INCLINES
- 30% MAX. TOTAL TRAIL AT 8.3% INCLINE
- EFFORT TO LEVEL TRAILS ABOVE 11% INCLINE

WEST TRAILS

- **LOOP 1**
1,818 FEET (.34 MILES)
POTENTIAL ADA TRAIL
 - **LOOP 2**
1,364 FEET (.26 MILES)
(2'-8' WIDE)
 - **LOOP 3**
2,345 FEET (.44 MILES)
POTENTIAL ADA TRAIL
 - **LOOP 4**
3,542 FEET (.67 MILES)
(8' WIDE)
 - **LOOP 5**
4,594 FEET (.87 MILES)
(6' WIDE)
 - **WOODS SEGMENT**
830 FEET TOTAL (.16 MILES)
(2'-4' WIDE)
- HIGH: 1,121 FT
● LOW: 998 FT

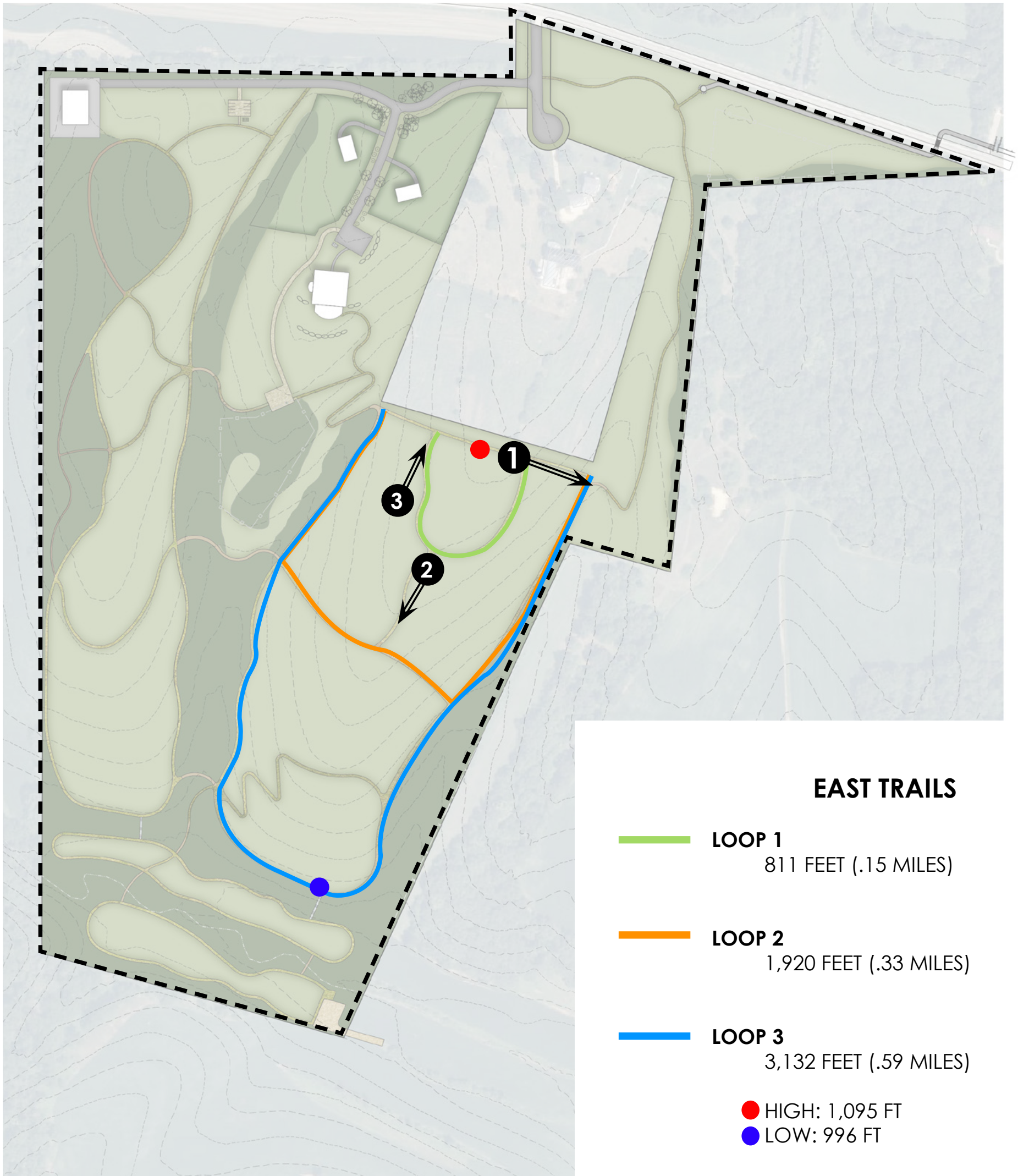


0' 75' 150' 300' Feet

*NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL ADA ACCESSIBLE TRAIL MILES

Concept Plan #2 - West Trails

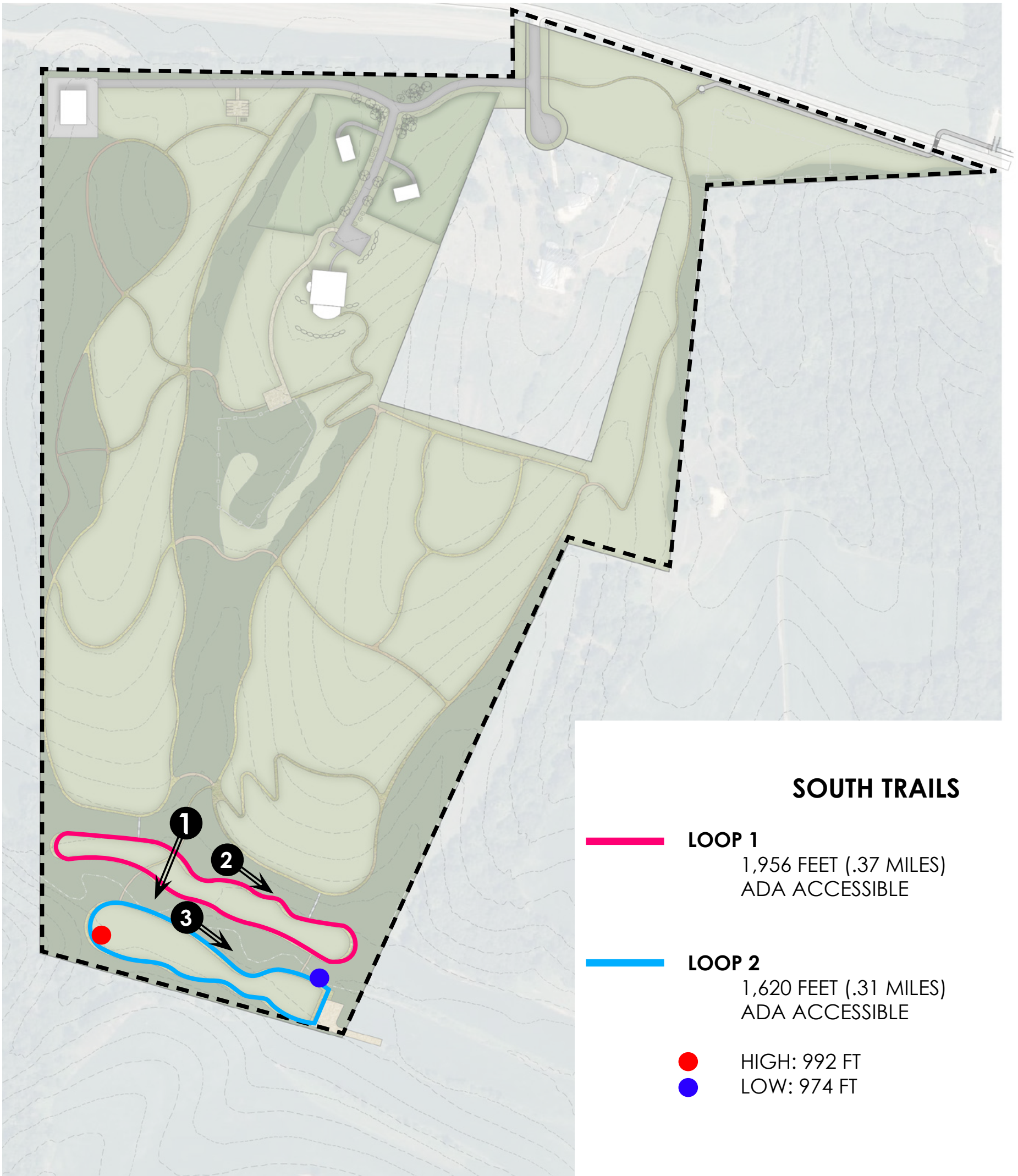
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Concept Plan #2 - East Trails

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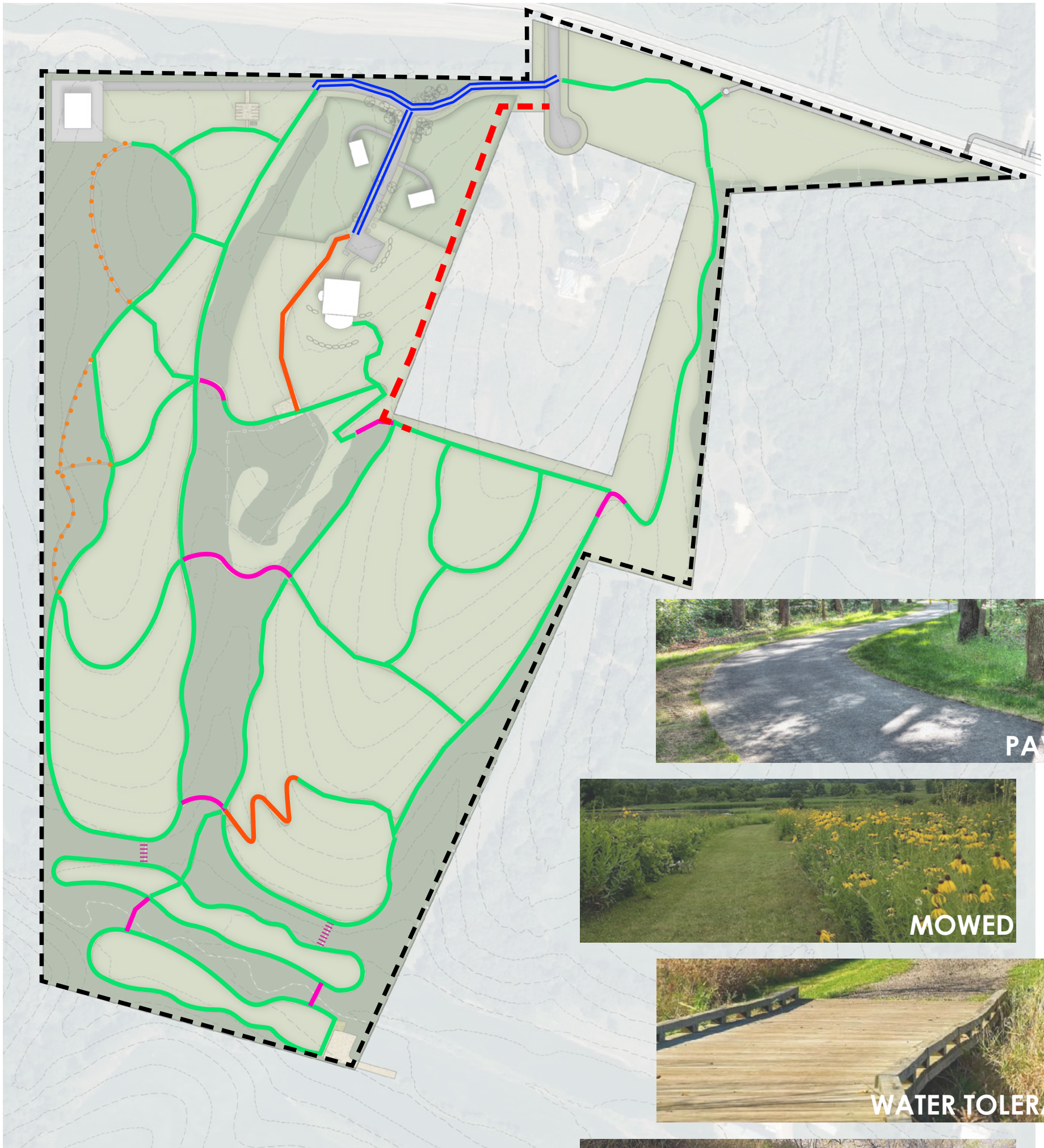


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Concept Plan #2 - South Trails

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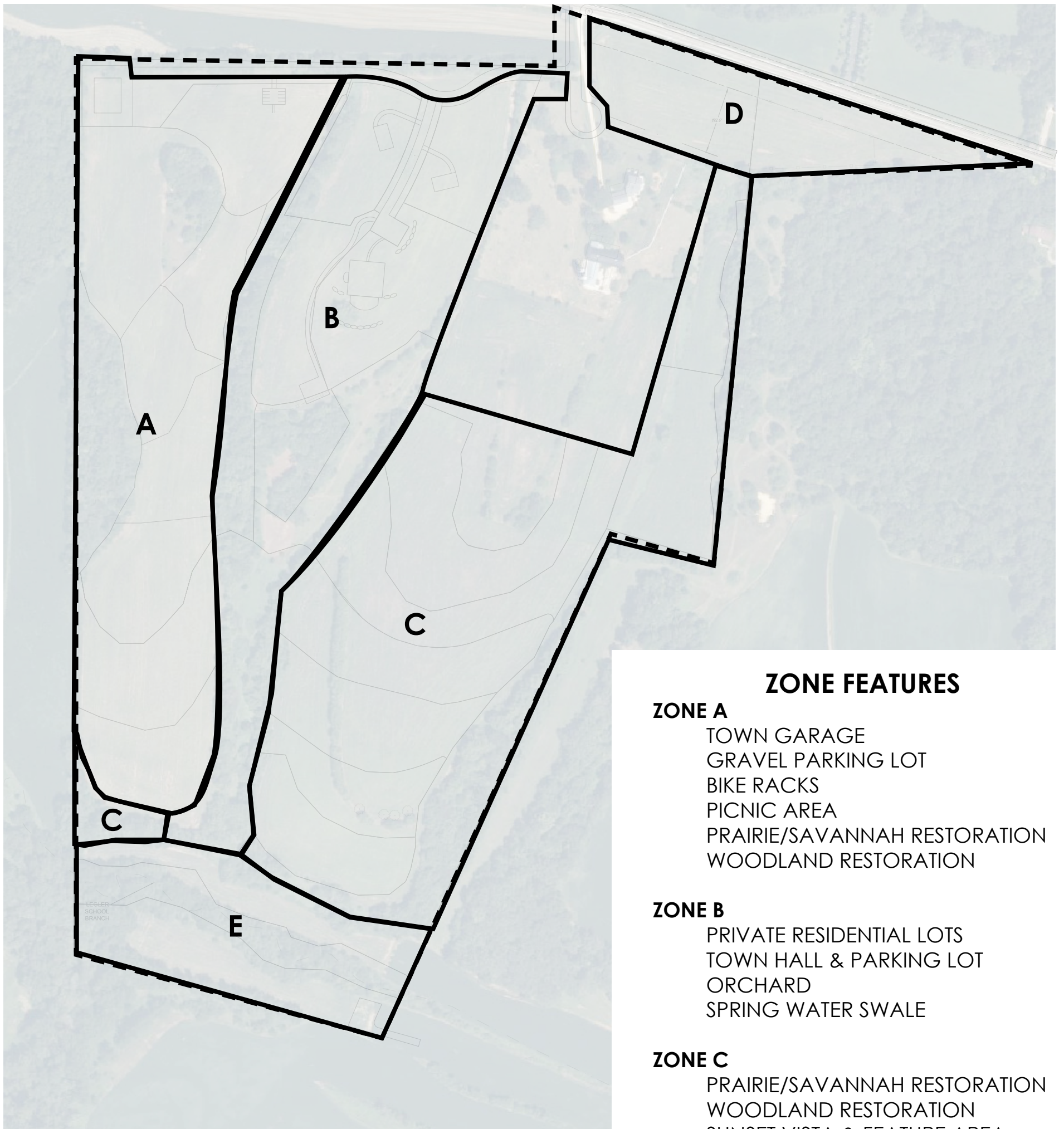
PATH TYPES

-  PAVED
-  MOWED
-  WATER TOLERANT
-  NATURAL STAIRWAY
-  CRUSHED LIMESTONE
-  WOODLAND
-  AGRICULTURE EASEMENT



Concept Plan #2 - Path Types

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ZONE FEATURES

ZONE A

TOWN GARAGE
GRAVEL PARKING LOT
BIKE RACKS
PICNIC AREA
PRAIRIE/SAVANNAH RESTORATION
WOODLAND RESTORATION

ZONE B

PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL LOTS
TOWN HALL & PARKING LOT
ORCHARD
SPRING WATER SWALE

ZONE C

PRAIRIE/SAVANNAH RESTORATION
WOODLAND RESTORATION
SUNSET VISTA & FEATURE AREA

ZONE D

PARK ENTRANCE
PICNIC AREA
HWY 39 TRAIL EXPANSION
OVER FLOW EVENT PARKING
PRAIRIE/SAVANNAH RESTORATION
WOODLAND RESTORATION
POSSIBLE DOG AREA

ZONE E

LEGLER SCHOOL BRANCH
RIPARIAN AREA
PARKING LOT
PICNIC/PLAY AREA

ZONES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN ANY ORDER.
HOWEVER, CONCEPT PLAN #2 ENCOURAGES
ZONE B OR ZONE E TO BE EXECUTED FIRST.

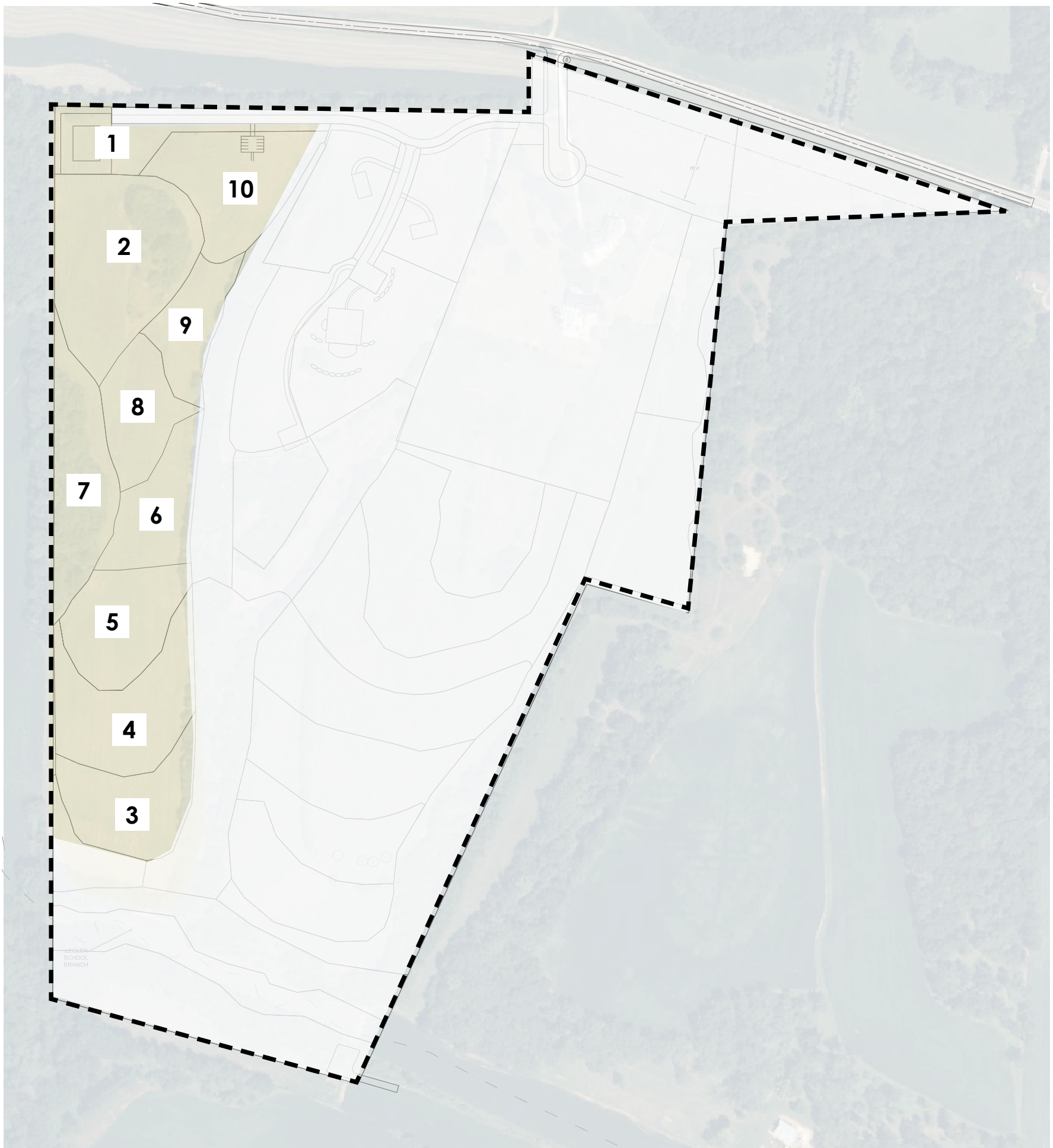
HAYES LANE EXTENSION IS OMITTED FROM ANY
ZONE AS IT WILL BE THE FIRST INFRASTRUCTURE
REQUIREMENT FOR THE SITE OVERALL.

0' 75' 150' 300' Feet

Concept Plan #2 - Phasing Zones

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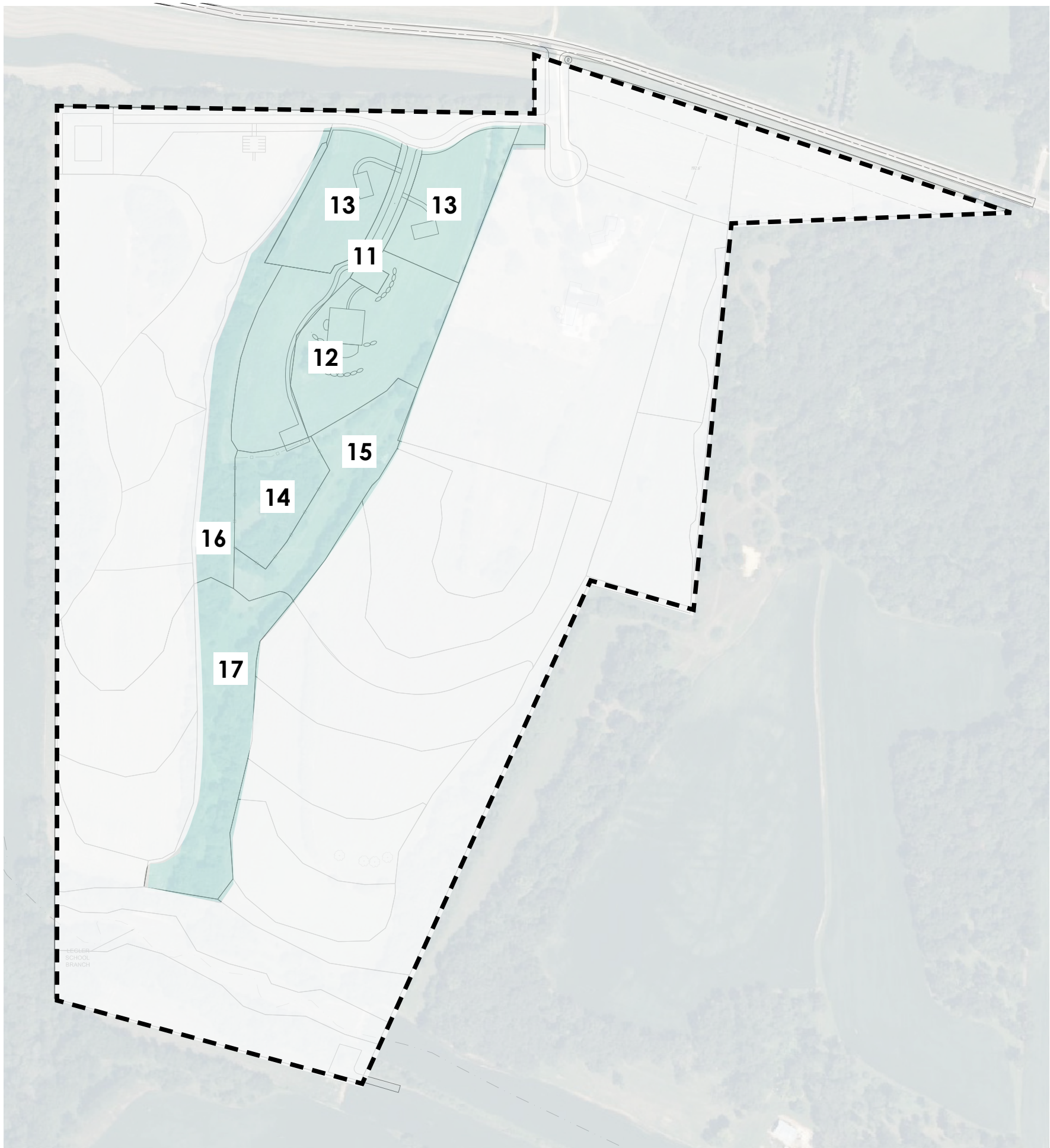
Restoration Areas	Area Acres	Year	Constructed Features per Year per Area															
			Trail Construction (feet)						Restoration (Acres)			Picnic Areas (Each)	Dog Park (Sq. Ft.)	Orchard (Acres)	Play Area (Each)	General Amenity (Each)		
			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (Dirt)	Boardwalk	Timber Stairs	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland						
Zone A	21.35		0	5801	0	1354	0	0	2	17.69	15	6.35	1	0	0	0	1	
Area 1	1.35	Year 1											1.35					
Area 2	4.04	Year 1				524				4.04								
		Year 2										4.04						
Area 3	2.00	Year 2		904						2.00								
		Year 3									2.00							
Area 4	2.63	Year 3		760						2.63								
		Year 4									2.63							
Area 5	2.05	Year 4		646						2.05								
		Year 5							1		2.05							
Area 6	1.63	Year 5		667						1.63								
		Year 6									1.63							
Area 7	2.31	Year 7				830							2.31					
Area 8	1.53	Year 7		830						1.53								
		Year 8							1		1.53							
Area 9	1.31	Year 8		1027						1.31								
		Year 9									1.31							
Area 10	2.50	Year 9		967						2.50								
		Year 10									2.50		1					Parking Lot

0' 75' 150' 300' Feet

Concept Plan #2 - Zone A

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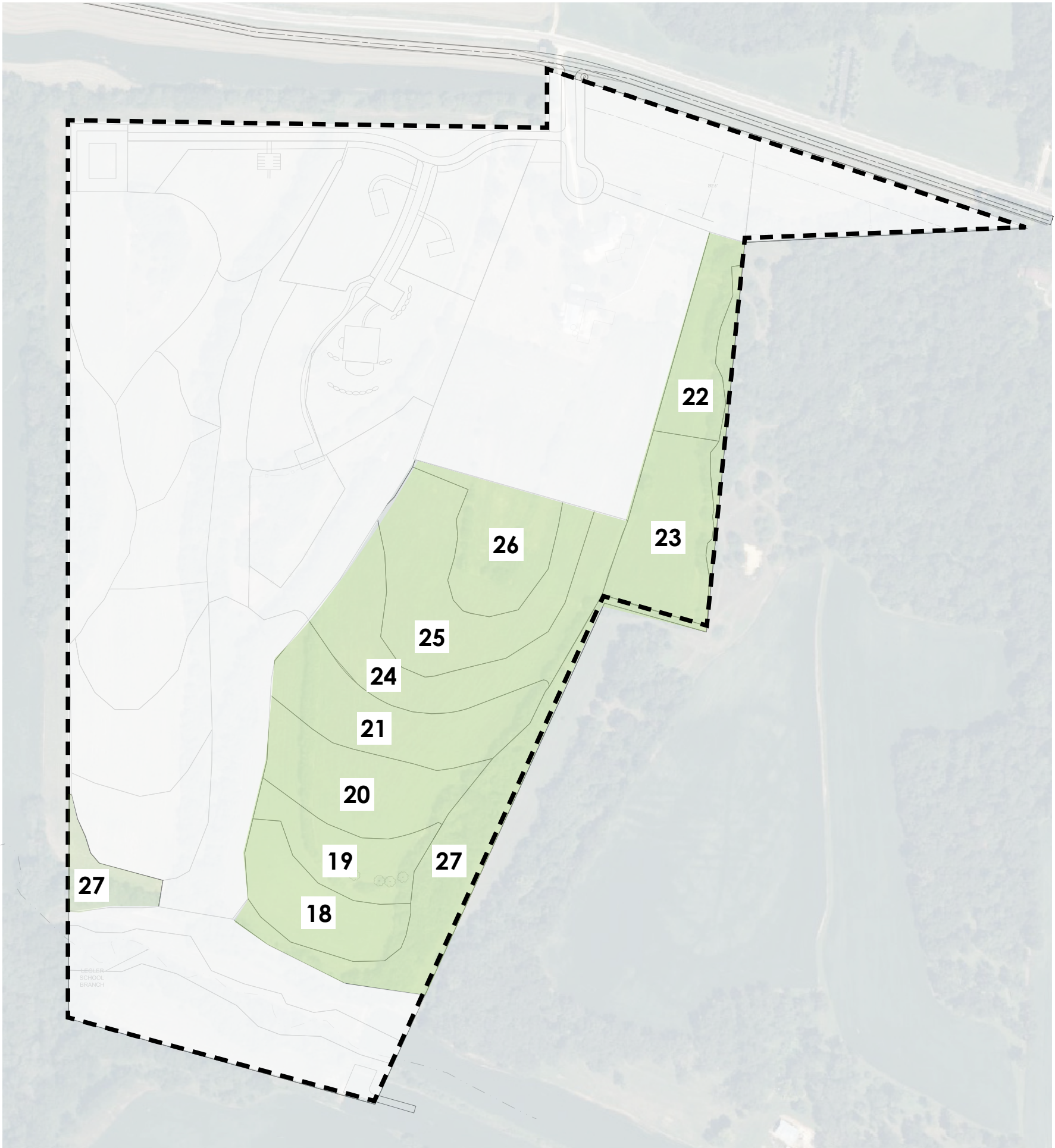
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			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (Dirt)	Boardwalk	Timber Stairs	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland					
Zone B	19.34		0	789	586	0	550	1	0	9.19	17.11	7.21	1	0	1.47	0	2
Area 11	0.62																
		Year 1									0.62						Road/Parking
Area 12	5.19																
		Year 1		211							5.19						
		Year 2			586								1				
Area 13	4.00																
		Year 2									4.00						
Area 14	1.47																
		Year 1									1.47	1.47					
		Year 2													1.47		
		Year 4															Fencing
Area 15	2.32																
		Year 5		382				80			2.32						
Area 16	2.31																
		Year 6									4.08	2.31					
Area 17	3.43																
		Year 7		196				470	1		3.43	3.43					

0' 75' 150' 300' Feet

Concept Plan #2 - Zone B

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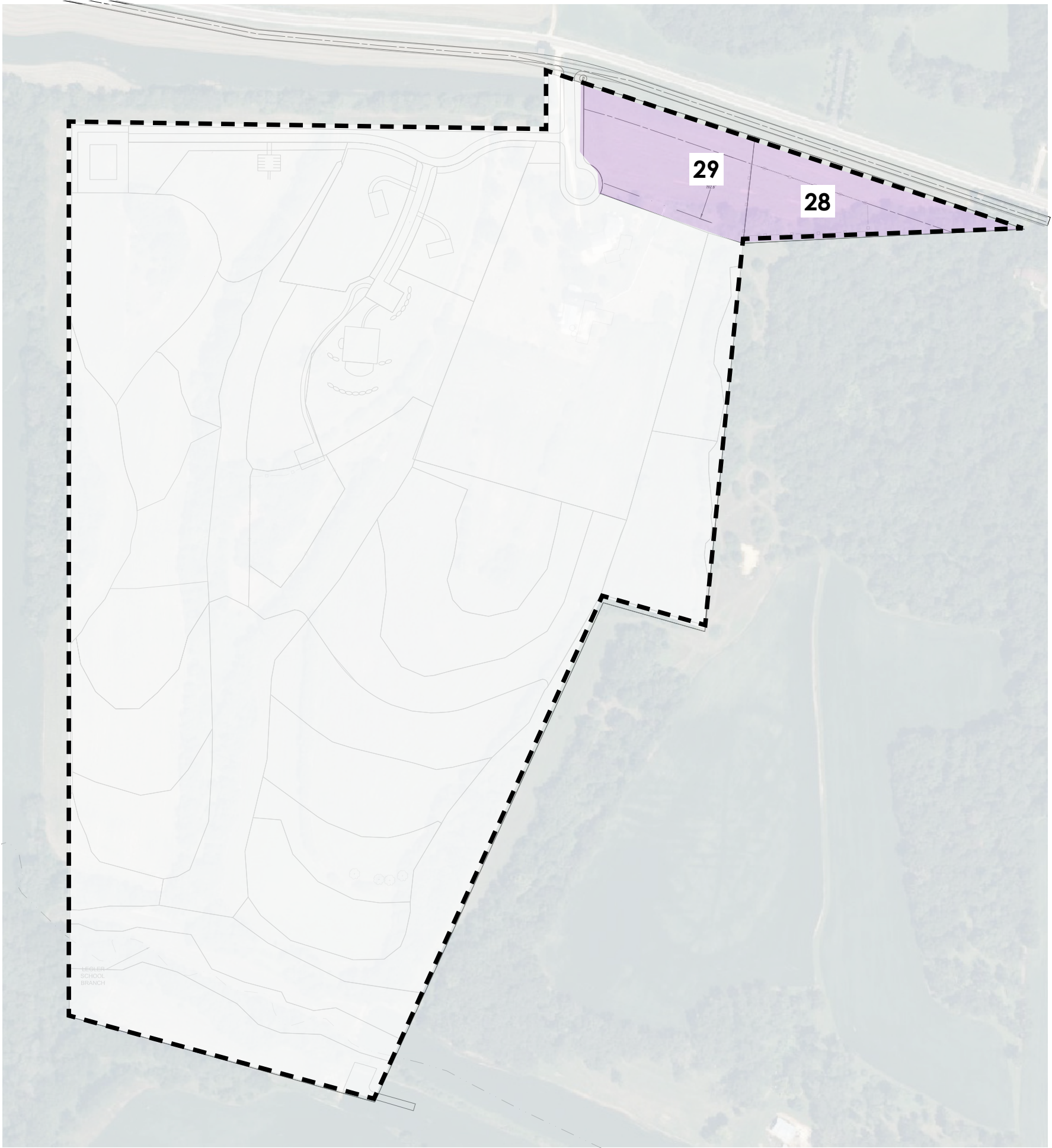
Restoration Areas	Area Acres	Year	Constructed Features per Year per Area														
			Trail Construction (Feet)							Restoration (Acres)			Picnic Areas	Dog Park	Orchard	Play Area	General Amenity
			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (Dirt)	Boardwalk	Timber Stairs	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland	(Each)	(Sq. Ft.)	(Acres)	(Each)	(Each)
Zone C	28.23		116	6520	493	0	196	0	1	23.37	28.23	4.86	0	0	0	0	1
Area 18	2.10			820	270					2.10	2.10						
		Year 1		820	270					2.10	2.10						
		Year 2							1								
Area 19	1.75			750	223					1.75	1.75						
		Year 2		750	223					1.75	1.75						
		Year 3															
Area 20	2.74			439						2.74	2.74						
		Year 3		439						2.74	2.74						
		Year 4															
Area 21	2.98			1377						2.98	2.98						
		Year 4		1377						2.98	2.98						
		Year 5															
Area 22	1.67		116	462						1.67	1.67						
		Year 5	116	462						1.67	1.67						
		Year 6															
Area 23	2.68			449			196			2.68	2.68						
		Year 6		449			196			2.68	2.68						
		Year 7															
Area 24	3.45			766						3.45	3.45						
		Year 7		766						3.45	3.45						
		Year 8															
Area 25	3.81			1024						3.81	3.81						
		Year 8		1024						3.81	3.81						
		Year 9															
Area 26	2.19			433						2.19	2.19						
		Year 9		433						2.19	2.19						
		Year 10															Unique Feature
Area 27	4.86									4.86	4.86						
		Year 10								4.86	4.86						



Concept Plan #2 - Zone C

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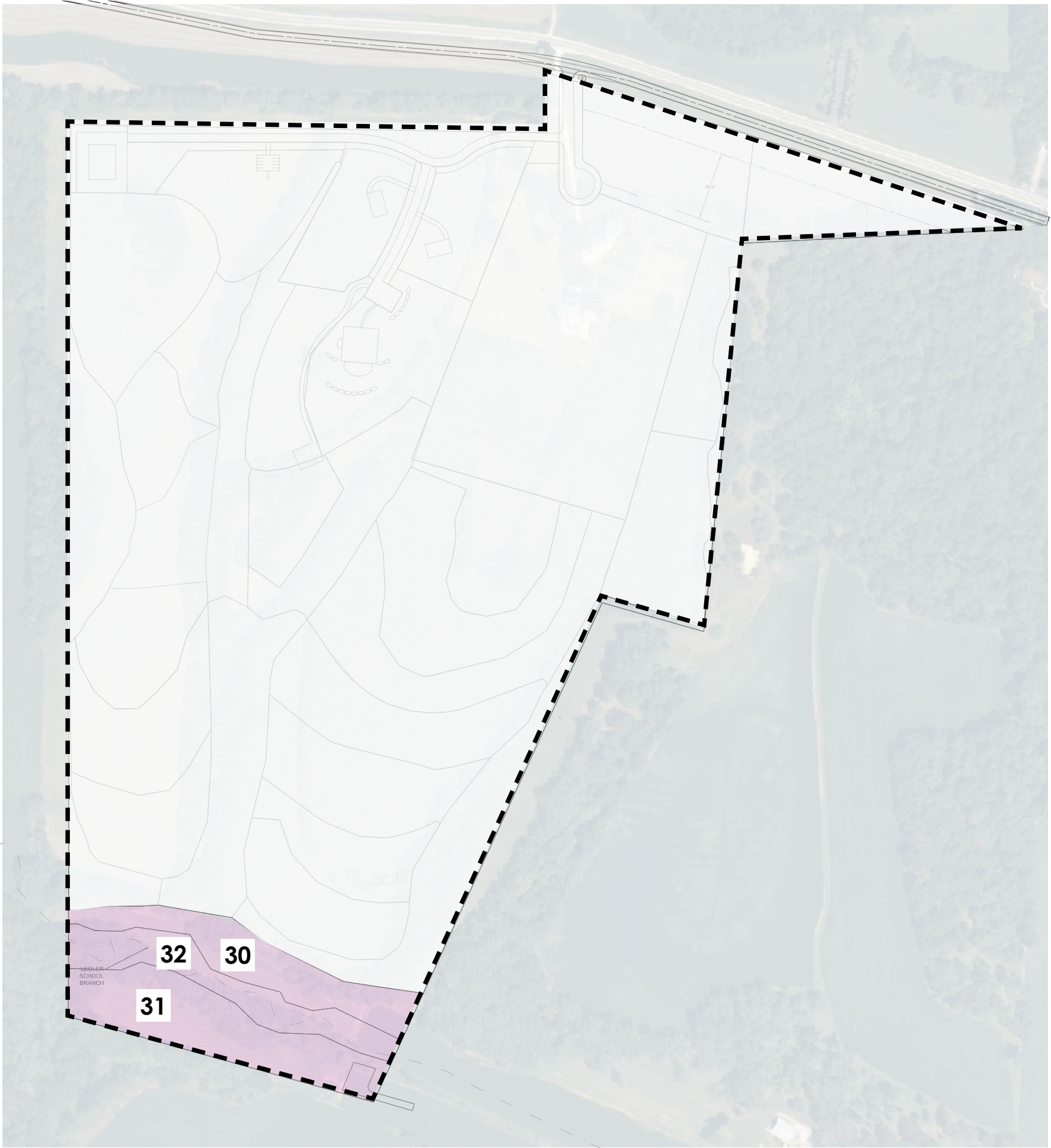
Restoration Areas	Area Acres	Year	Constructed Features per Year per Area														
			Trail Construction (Feet)							Restoration (Acres)			Picnic Areas	Dog Park	Orchard	Play Area	General Amenity
			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (Dirt)	Boardwalk	Timber Stairs	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland	(Each)	(Sq. Ft.)	(Acres)	(Each)	(Each)
Zone D	5.95		0	421	268	0	0	0	0	5.95	5.95	0	1	43560	0	0	1
Area 28	3.18									3.18							
		Year 1								3.18							
		Year 2								3.18				43560			
Area 29	2.77																
		Year 1								2.77							
		Year 2		421	268					2.77							Entrance Sign
		Year 3											1				



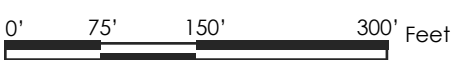
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Restoration Areas	Area Acres	Year	Constructed Features per Year per Area														
			Trail Construction (Feet)							Restoration (Acres)			Picnic Areas	Dog Park	Orchard	Play Area	General Amenity
			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (Dirt)	Boardwalk	Timber Stairs	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland	(Each)	(Sq. Ft.)	(Acres)	(Each)	(Each)
Zone E	7.57		0	3576	0	0	106	0	0	0	6.39	3.19	1	0	0	1	0
Area 30	2.31	Year 2		1956							2.31						
Area 31	3.25	Year 1										1.18					
		Year 2		1620							2.07		1				Parking Lot
Area 32	2.01	Year 1										2.01					
		Year 2				106					2.01					1	



Concept Plan #2 - Zone E

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Restoration Areas	Area Acres	Year	Constructed Features per Year per Area															Construction Budget*														
			Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland (DHI)	Boardwalk	Timber Stots	Amenity	Cover Crop Seed	Rest. Seed	Woodland	Picnic Areas (Each)	Dog Park (Sq. Ft.)	Orchard (Acres)	Play Area (Each)	General Amenity (Each)	Paved	Mowed	Limestone	Woodland	Boardwalk	Timber Stots	Amenity (\$/acr.)	Cover Crop (\$/acr.)	Rest. Seed	Woodland	Picnic Areas (Allowance)	Dog Park (per sq. ft.)	Orchard (per acre)	Play Area (Allowance)	General Amenity (\$/acr.)
Zone A	21.35		0	5801	0	1354	0	0	2	17,69	15	6.35	1	0	0	1	\$0	\$29,400	\$0	\$6,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,500	\$22,500	\$9,600	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$102,200
Area 1	1.35	Year 1								1.35							\$35	\$5	\$20	\$5	\$40	\$5	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,453	\$1,500	\$4,500				\$8,000	\$2,000
Area 2	4.04	Year 1				524				4.04														\$4,900		\$6,100						\$13,700
Area 3	2.00	Year 2								2.00														\$2,400		\$3,000						\$10,000
Area 4	2.63	Year 3				760				2.63														\$3,200		\$3,900						\$10,900
Area 5	2.05	Year 4								2.05														\$2,500		\$3,000						\$8,800
Area 6	1.63	Year 5								1.63														\$2,000		\$2,400						\$7,800
Area 7	2.31	Year 6								2.31																						\$7,700
Area 8	1.53	Year 7								1.53														\$1,900		\$2,900						\$8,400
Area 9	1.31	Year 8				1027				1.31														\$1,600		\$2,000						\$8,800
Area 10	2.50	Year 9								2.50														\$3,000		\$3,700						\$24,100
Area 11	0.82	Year 10								0.82																						\$26,000
Zone B	19.34		0	789	586	0	580	1	0	9.19	17.11	7.21	1	0	2	\$0	\$4,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$5	\$0	\$11,100	\$17,600	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$104,800	
Area 11	0.82	Year 1								0.82							\$35	\$5	\$20	\$5	\$40	\$5	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,453	\$1,500	\$4,500				\$1,000	\$26,000
Area 12	5.19	Year 1								5.19														\$6,300		\$7,400						\$7,400
Area 13	4.00	Year 2				586				4.00														\$4,800		\$5,900						\$4,800
Area 14	1.47	Year 1								1.47														\$2,200		\$2,300						\$20,400
Area 15	2.32	Year 4								2.32														\$3,400		\$3,500						\$8,600
Area 16	2.31	Year 5								2.31														\$4,000		\$3,500						\$9,500
Area 17	3.43	Year 6								3.43														\$5,000		\$5,200						\$30,100
Area 17	3.43	Year 7								3.43																						\$30,100

Concept Plan #2 - Preliminary Cost Analysis

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