



Vilas Park Master Plan

Community Information Meeting #4
February 4, 2021 6 pm
Final Master Plan

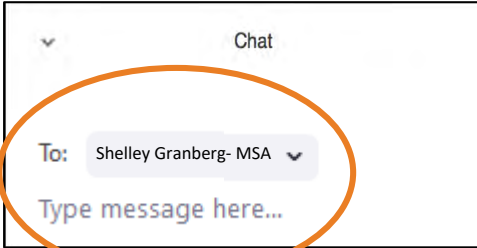


Meeting Logistics - Chat

- If you are having **technical issues** related to the meeting please send a **direct chat message** to:

Shelley Granberg – MSA

Technical issues

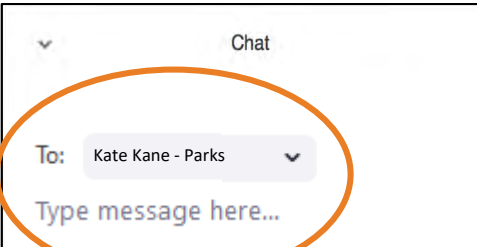


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Meeting Logistics and Etiquette

- All participants will be muted during the presentation and unmuted when called upon for the question and answer session (Q&A). Questions or comments will be limited to **3 min.**
- Please use the chat window for **brief questions**, we will respond to as many as possible during the Q&A.
- You may email VilasMasterPlan@cityofmadison.com to share your comments.



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Meeting Outline

Focus of today's meeting

1. Provide overview and description of the Final Master Plan*, including identifying changes to Draft Final Master Plan.
2. Overview of the planning process.
3. Answer questions.

* The meeting is formatted to provide background to those who are participating in the Vilas Park planning process for the first time as well as updates for those who have attended previous meetings.



Equity: The inherent worth of each individual in Madison should be esteemed and fostered, enabling them to reach full potential.



Public Health: The access and contribution to mental and physical health of a community.



Sustainability: Management of resources to promote welfare and equity for current and future generations.



Adaptability: Preparedness and ability to respond to and recover from hazards and threats with minimal damage to safety, health, security, and the economy.

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Project Schedule – Phase III

PROJECT TIMELINE

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Summary of Proposed Changes in the Final Plan

BIG PICTURE DESIGN DRIVERS

- Vilas Park Drive
- Main park shelter
- Parking
- Open space and active recreation
- Playgrounds
- Lagoon
- Lake and shoreline access

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Final Plan

MOBILITY AND SAFETY - ENVIRONMENT - COMMUNITY - CONNECTIVITY - A PARK FOR EVERYONE



- Vilas Park Drive
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Indicates change from Draft Final Master Plan

* Please note the Key symbols on the Existing Conditions Map on the previous slide do not match the draft Master Plan.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO DRAFT FINAL MASTER PLAN BASED ON DESIGN FEEDBACK

- I. Reduced parking capacity in North Lot to retain additional green space.
- II. Added nature-based play area east of Vilas Ave. on west side of meadow.
- III. Removed several of the proposed paths around the lagoon to reduce amount of impervious area.
- IV. Reduced parking capacity and moved open shelter closer to tennis courts. Flipped location of tennis courts with pickleball courts. Added 'Wall ball'/bounding board. Added callout for sledding hill west of parking lot.
- V. Reduced amount of space dedicated to "Natural Areas" west of lagoon, now shown as "Maintained Open Space".
- VI. Master plan recommends further study of lagoon management.
- VII. Playground by beach is removed, and returning a play area per item II.
- VIII. Possible* METRO transit stop shown at intersection of Orchard Street and Wingra Drive.
- IX. The Annie Stewart Fountain is shown in its original location. Separate planning effort underway to determine the future of the fountain.
- X. City and SSM Health discussing use of St. Mary's Hospital staff parking for weekend park use.

* METRO is currently undergoing a route planning study, recommendations in the master plan may not coincide with outcome of METRO study.

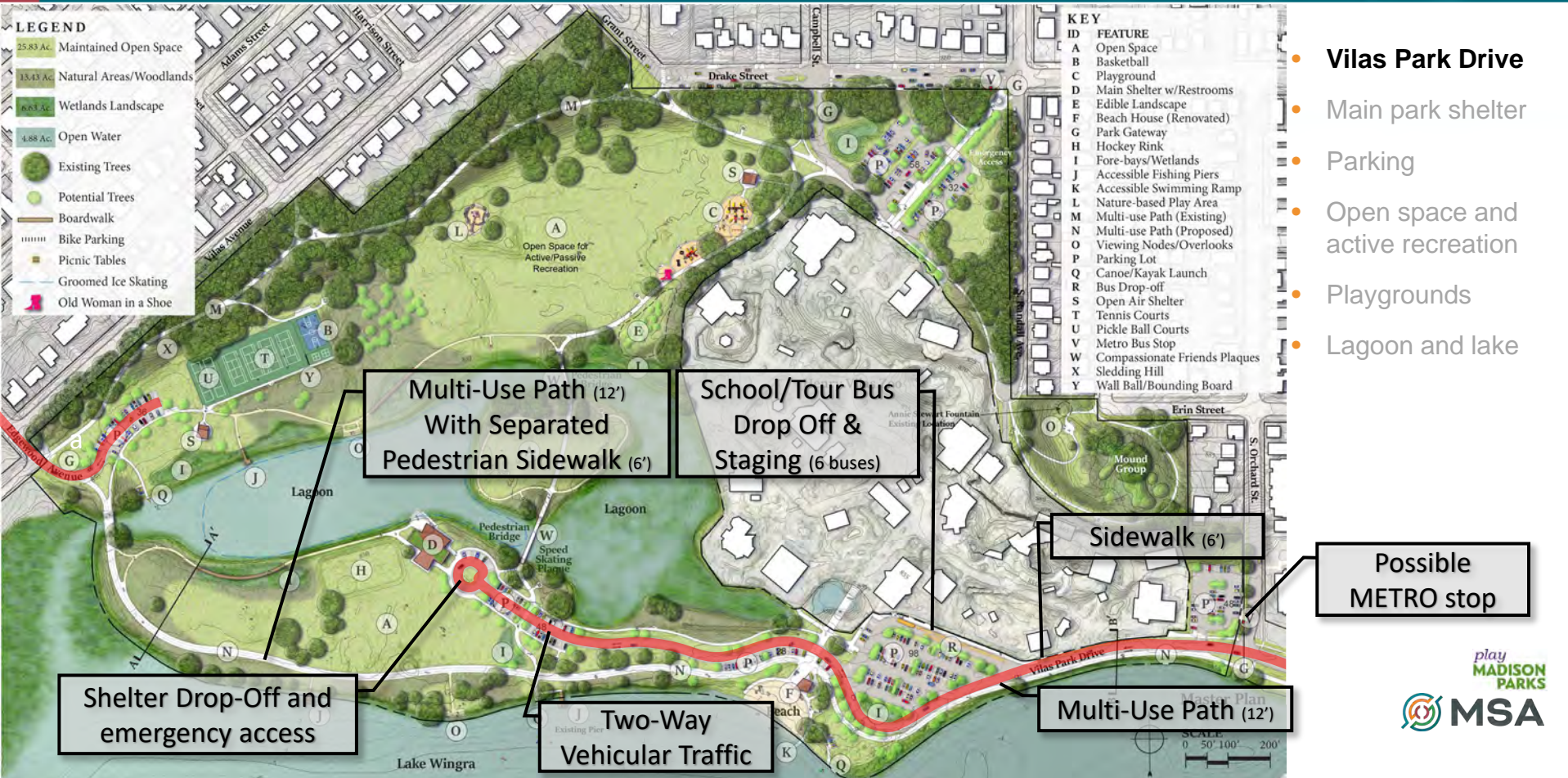
Vilas Park Drive



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Close Vilas Park Drive to through traffic
 - Maintain access to shelter for two-way traffic
 - Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections
 - Improve transit connectivity
 - Dedicated tour and school bus drop off
 - Improved wayfinding signage within park and surrounding streets
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Main Park Shelter



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Parking



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Existing

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Existing Parking

- A – 144
- B – 8
- C – 168
- D – 84
- E – 25
- Total 429

Asphalt Pavement
262,389 sf

ID	FEATURE
A	Vilas Park Mound Group
B	Basketball
C	Multi-use Path (Formerly Edgewood Dr)
D	Entrance Road
E	Annie Stewart Fountain
F	Playground
G	Tennis Courts (6)
H	Hockey Rink
J	Ballfields
K	Beach House
L	Vilas Shelter
M	Speed Skating Plaque
N	Shoe Playground
O	Pedestrian Bridge
P	Parking Lot
Q	Pump House
R	Boat Launch
S	Accessible Fishing Pier

Existing Conditions
SCALE
0 50' 100' 200'

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~69,400 SF
~ 1.6 acre

Recovered Greenspace

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Landscaped islands
- Stormwater treatment
- Pedestrian safety

North Lot

- Pedestrian plaza
- Maintain open greenspace
- Realign entrance drive

South Lot

- School/tour bus drop off
- Future transit connections



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PROPOSED

36 stalls

48 stalls

28 stalls

98 stalls

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Open Space and Active Recreation



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▲ = Improved fishing and water access areas, fishing and access along remaining shoreline is not restricted.

▭ = Possible recreation field layout

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Maintain similar character and feel of existing park
- Add picnicking opportunities
- Improvements to field drainage
- Additional trails and pathways (improved connectivity and accessibility)
- Create additional useable open space on peninsula
- Replace existing exterior lighting with energy efficient (LED) fixtures



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Playgrounds



Old Woman in a Shoe

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Accessibility
- Age-appropriate play options
- Shade
- Maintain 'Old Woman in a Shoe'
- Add nature-based play area (in location of existing western playground).



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Lagoon



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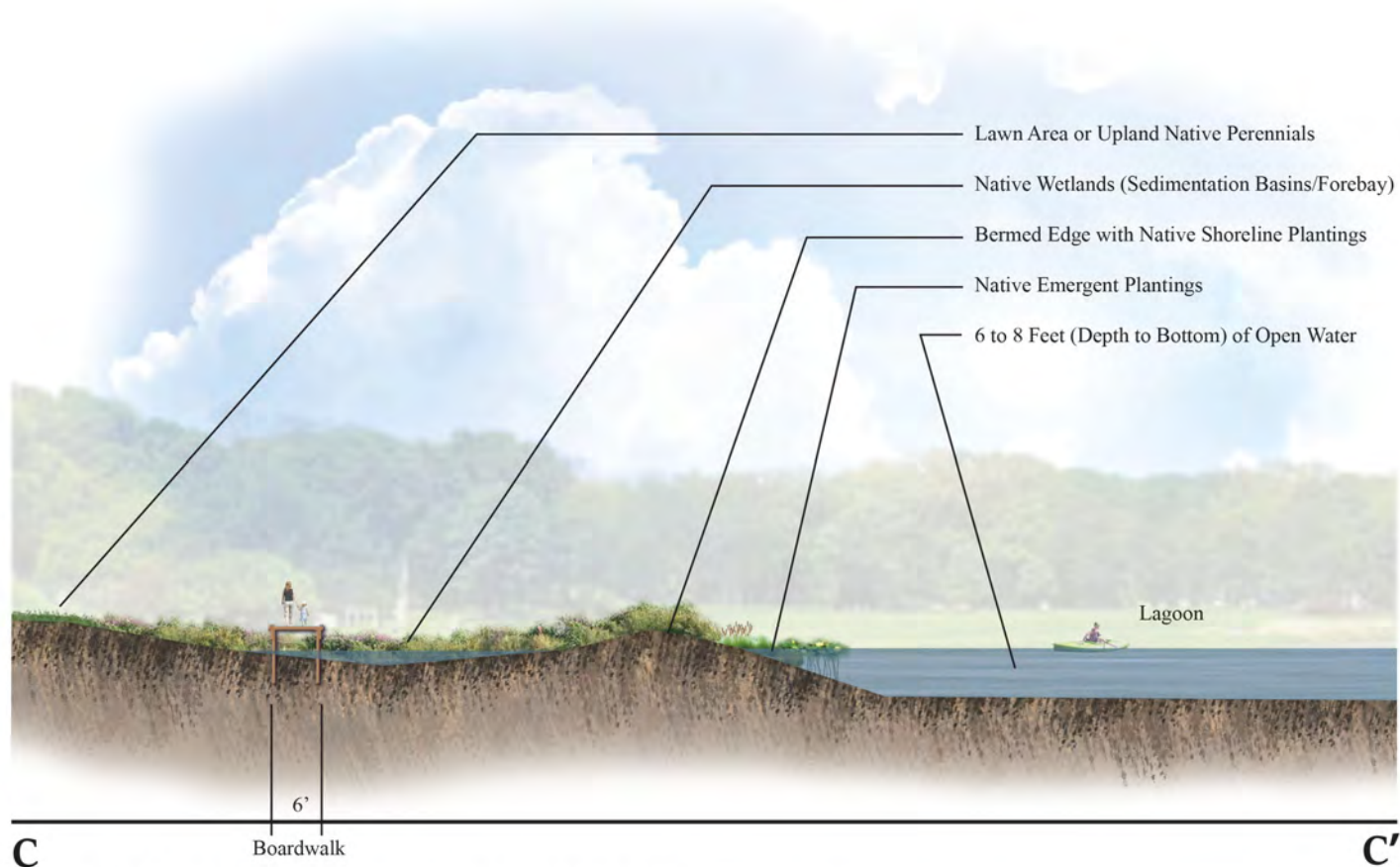


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- Open Water/Marsh 50 - 50%

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VILAS PARK LAGOON CROSS-SECTION - PROPOSED NATIVE WETLAND EDGE

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Habitat enhancement around lagoon, minimize turf grass at shoreline
- Use wetlands/forebays/native landscape as stormwater treatment
- Maintain open water for skating, **additional study needed to explore dredging depth, vegetation management, and other water quality improvements**
- **Improve access for fishing**



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Master Plan Process

THE PROCESS

- **Phase I – Site Assessment**
 - Kick-off June 2019 – January 2020
- **Phase II – Concept Development**
 - January 2020 – September 2020
- **Phase III – Draft and Final Master Plan**
 - September 2020 - Current

- Effects of COVID-19.

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Final Plan – Next Steps

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Board of Parks Commissioners – Review Final Master Plan and report

- Initial Presentation for Consideration and Adoption – **March 10, 2021**
- If needed, follow-up Presentation – **April 14, 2021**

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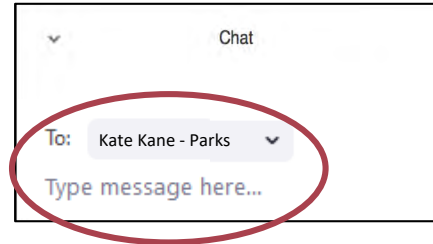
Final Plan – Question and Answer

Question and Answer.

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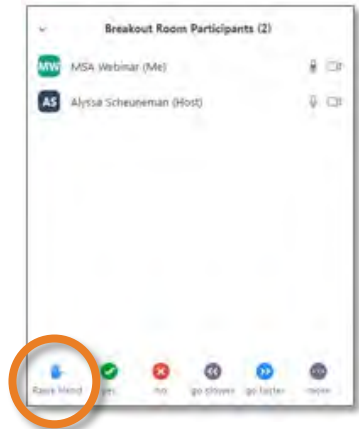
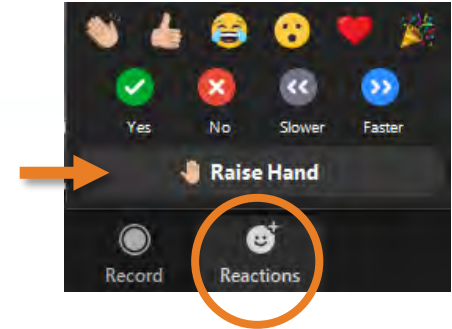
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2. Use **“Raise your hand”** or submit a question to the Chat

- Send questions in chat to **“Kate Kane – Parks”**



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Thank you for participating.

Check the Project Website for updates:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/vilas-henry-park-master-plan>

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