

A Master Plan for Vilas Park

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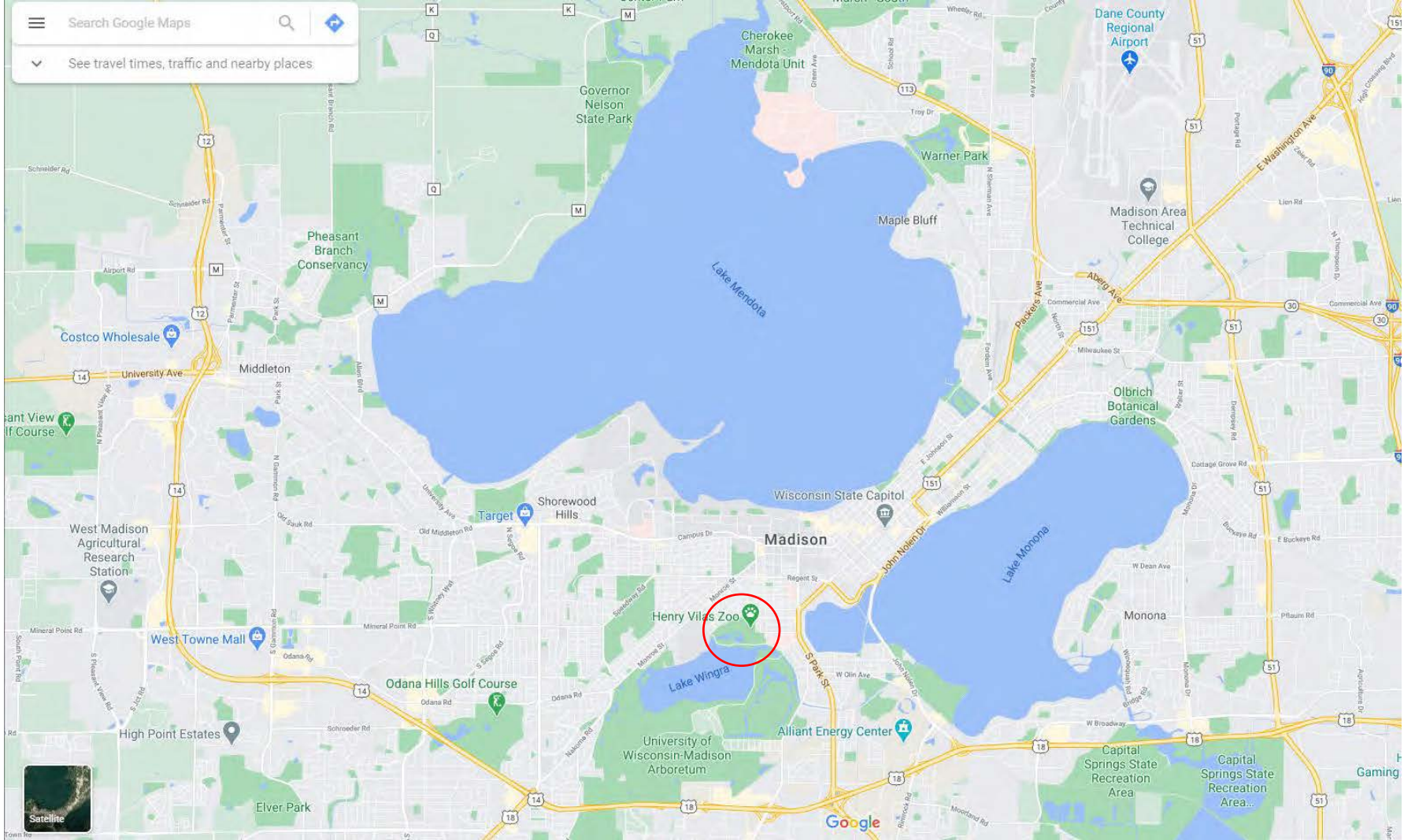
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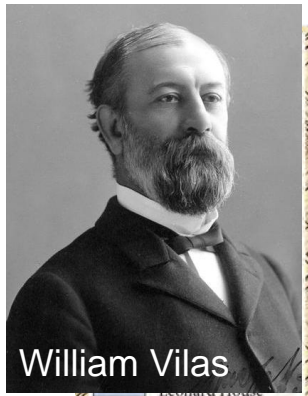
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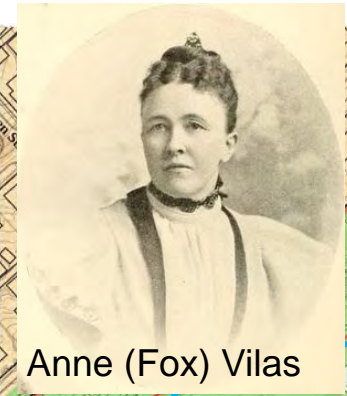
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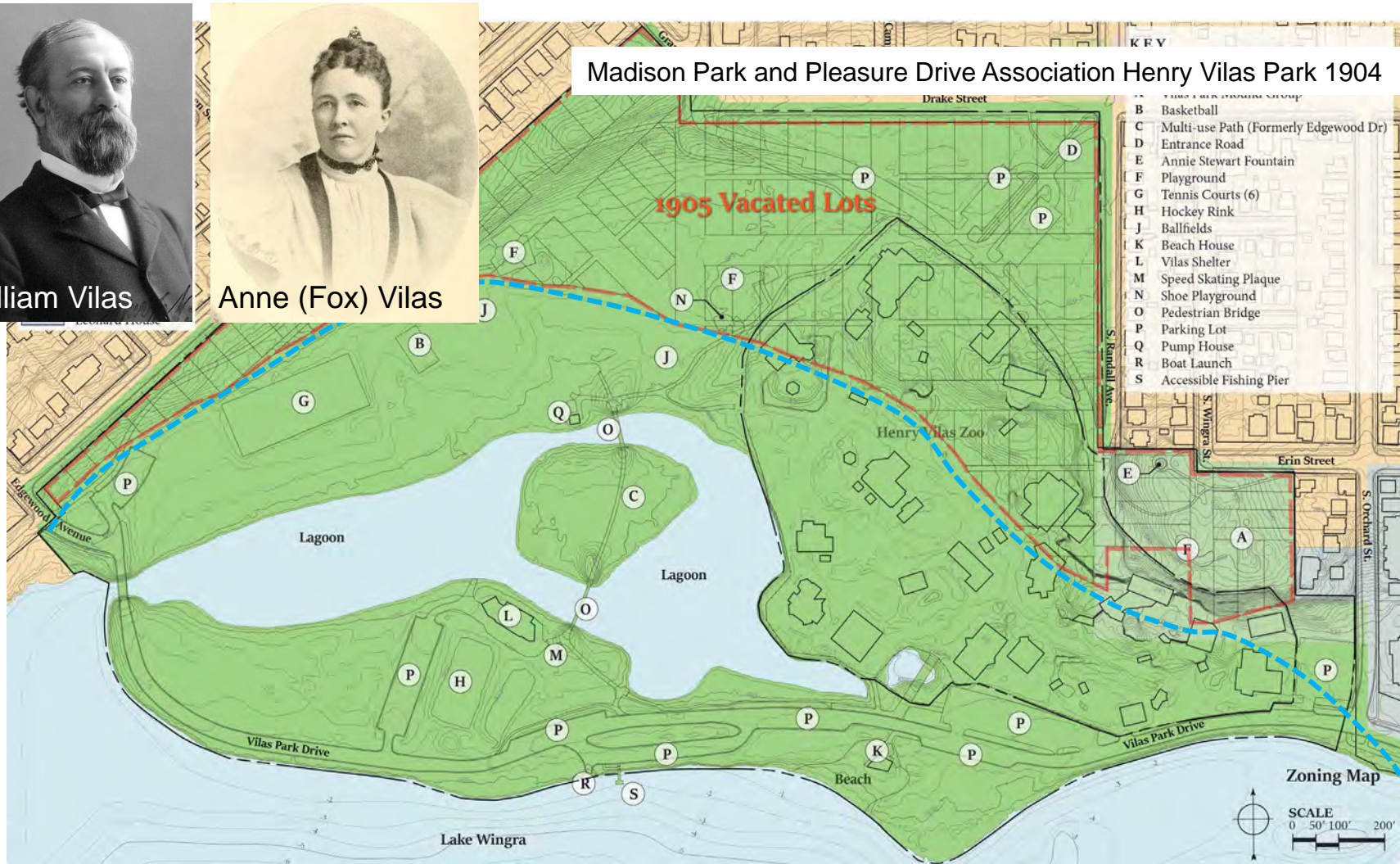


William Vilas



Anne (Fox) Vilas

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association Henry Vilas Park 1904



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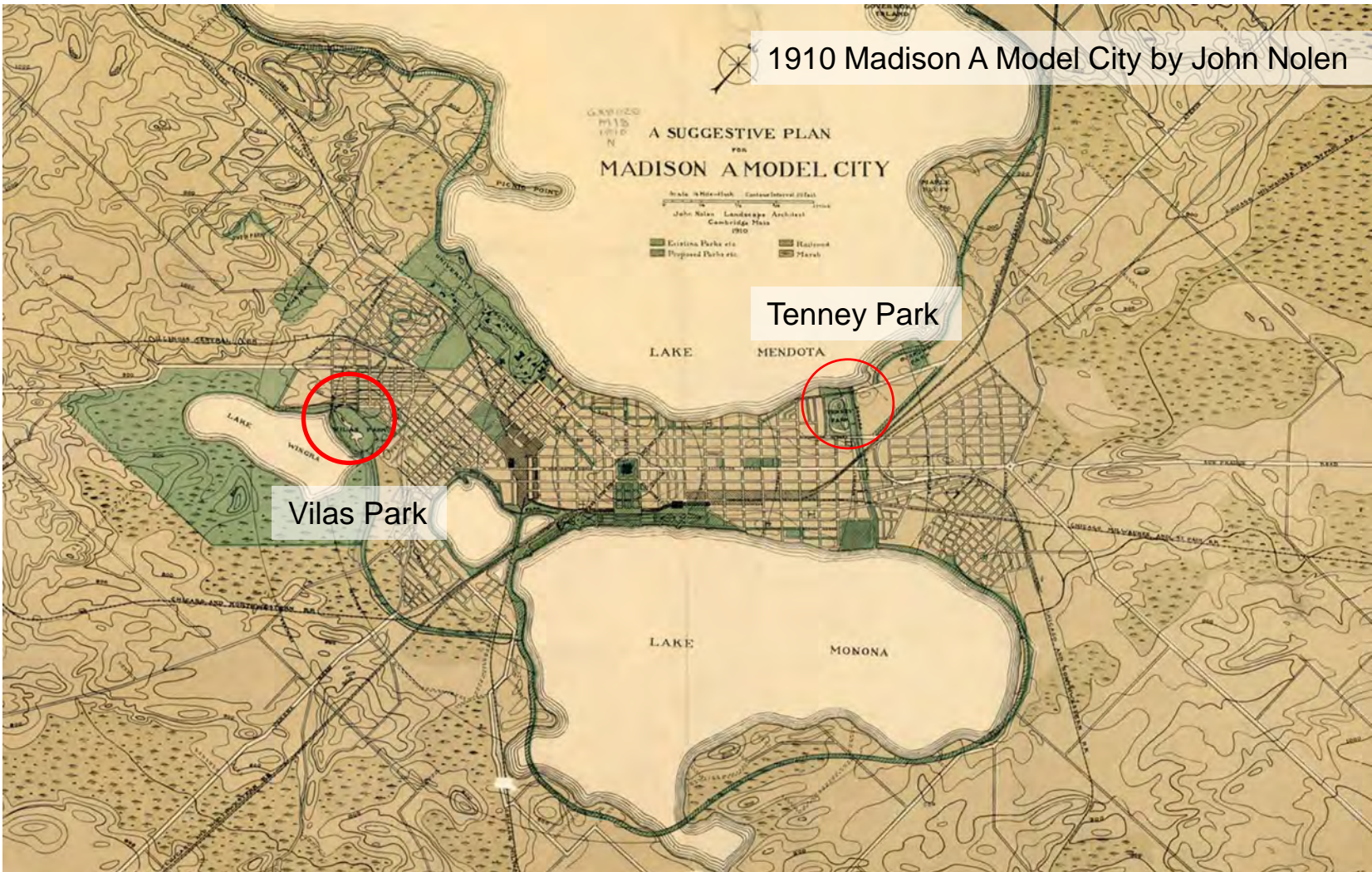


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1910 Madison A Model City by John Nolen



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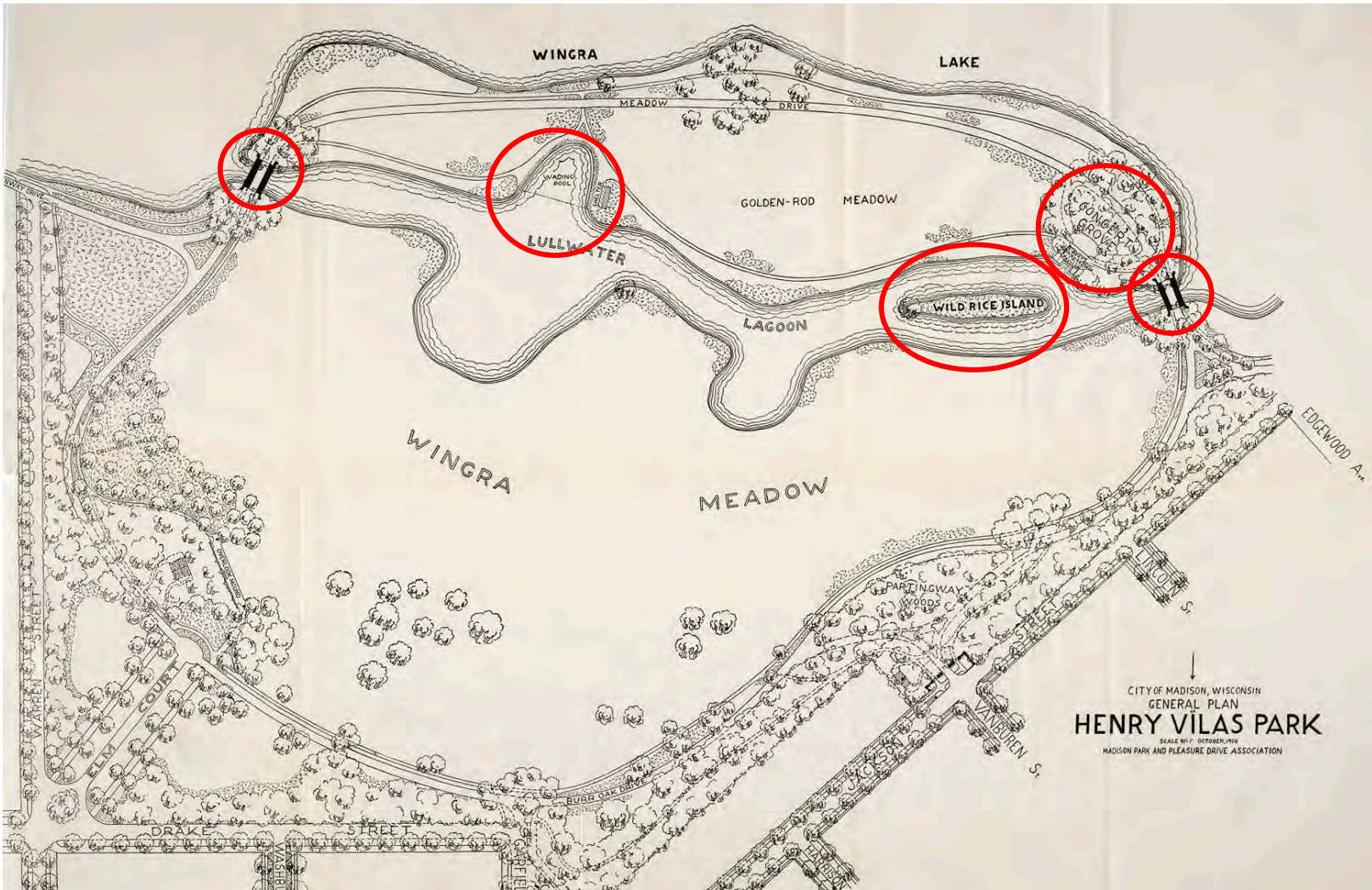


Wingra Bog 1906

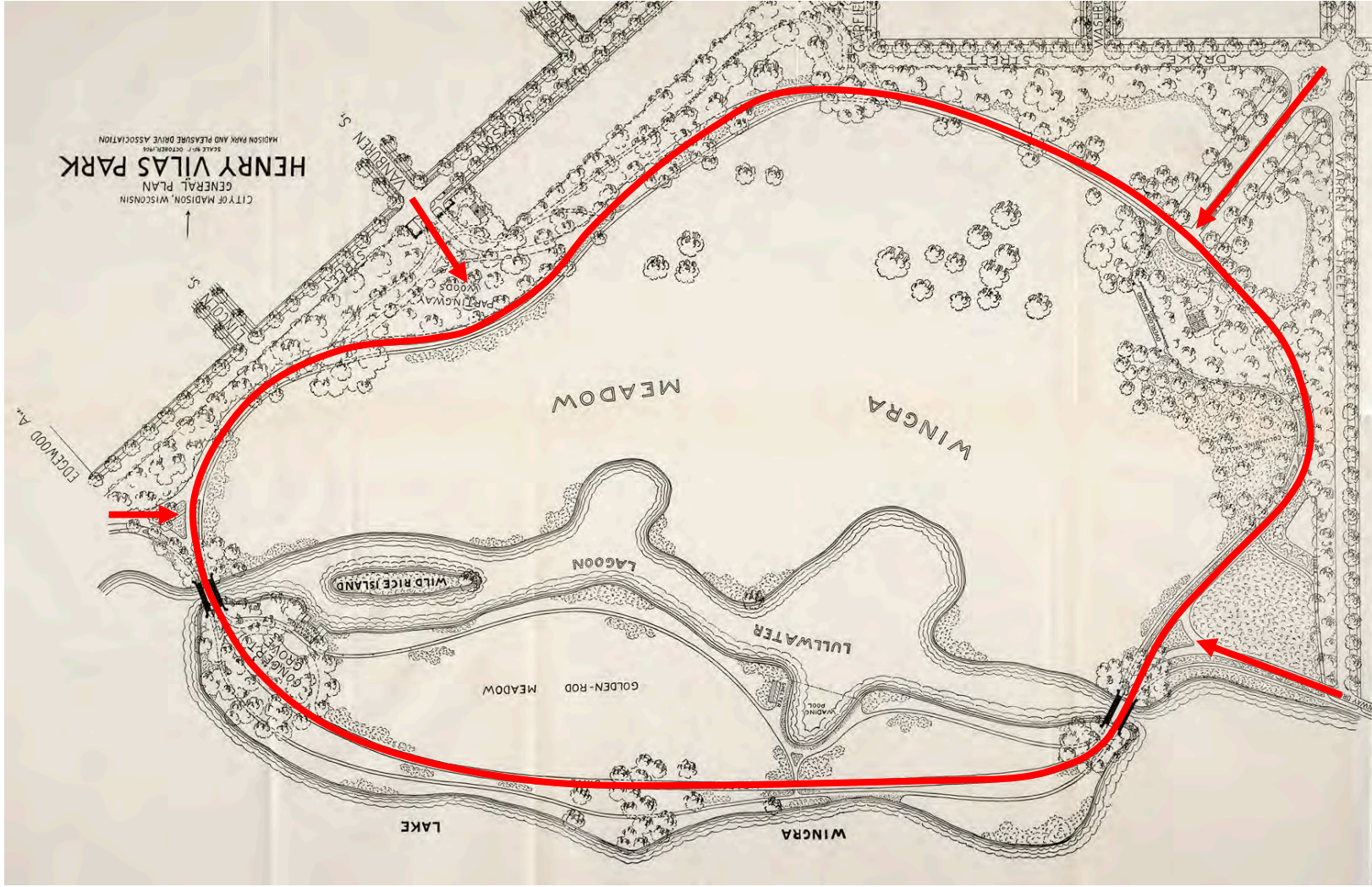
Lagoon Dredging by the La Crosse Dredging Co. 1906



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Boat Landing in the Lagoon 1907



Lagoon from Addition (Mounds) 1909



Lagoon from Edgewood 1910

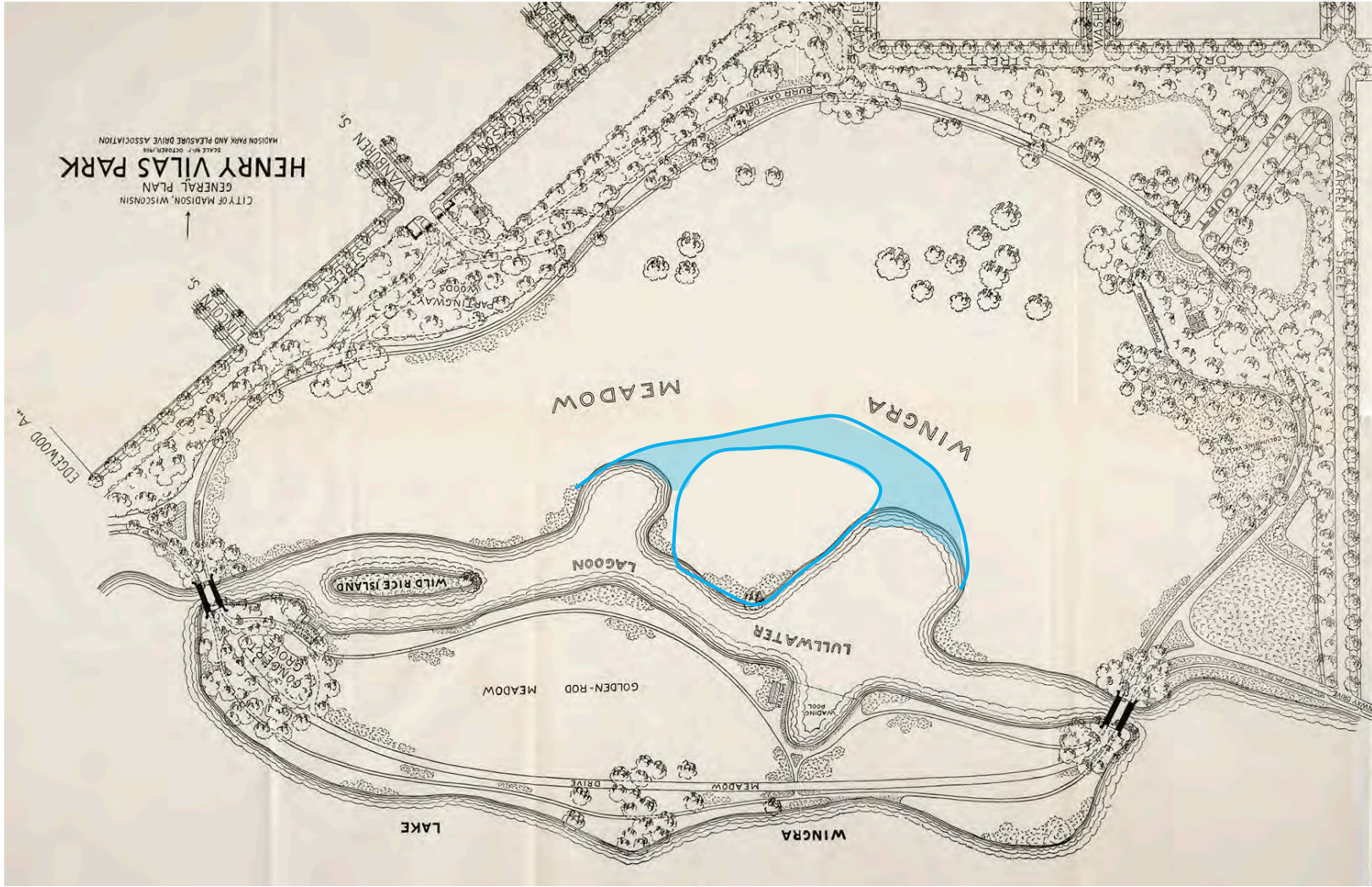


Lagoon Edge Plantings 1911



Lake Wingra and Vilas Park Lagoon 1913

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Vilas Park Aerial Photo 1924



Pagoda on and Bridge to Island 1919

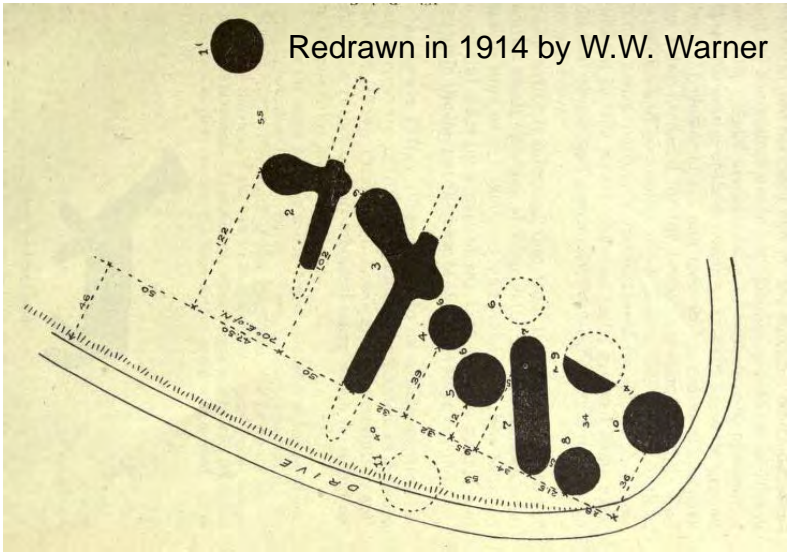


Wild Rice Island 1919



Pagoda on Island 1919

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Dividing Ridge Survey by Increase A. Lapham 1850



Burial Mounds at Vilas Park 1919



Vilas Park Overlook at Mounds 1916



Vilas Park Addition 1919



Burial Mounds 1909

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Elm Court 1908



Burr Oak Drive at Elm Court 1908



Erin Street Entrance at Addition 1921



Burr Oak Drive 1909



Burr Oak Drive 1913



Meadow 1912



Edge Plant Beds 1913



A Sane Fourth 1910

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Vilas Park Aerial Photo 37

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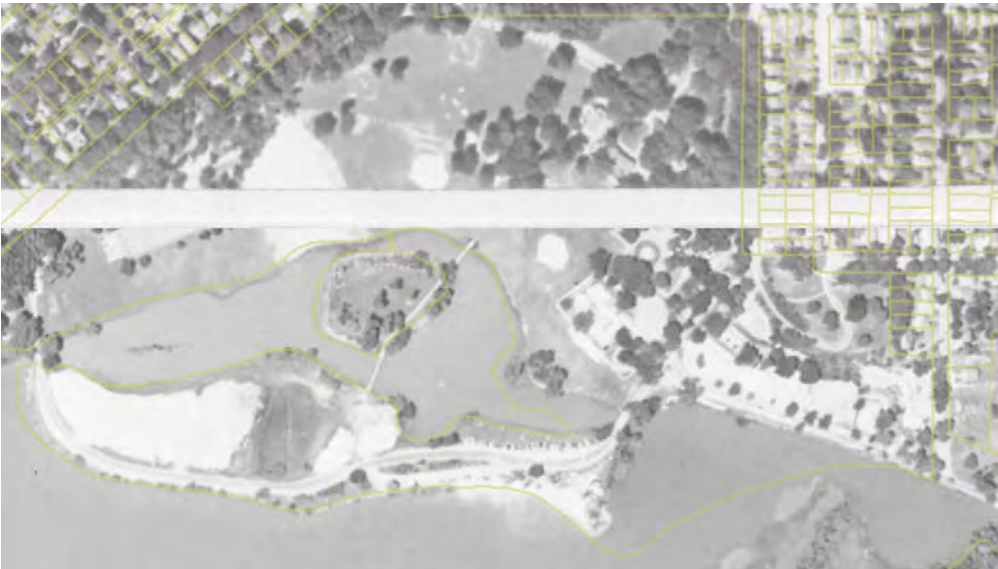


West Bridge along Vilas Park Drive



East Bridge at the South Zoo Entrance

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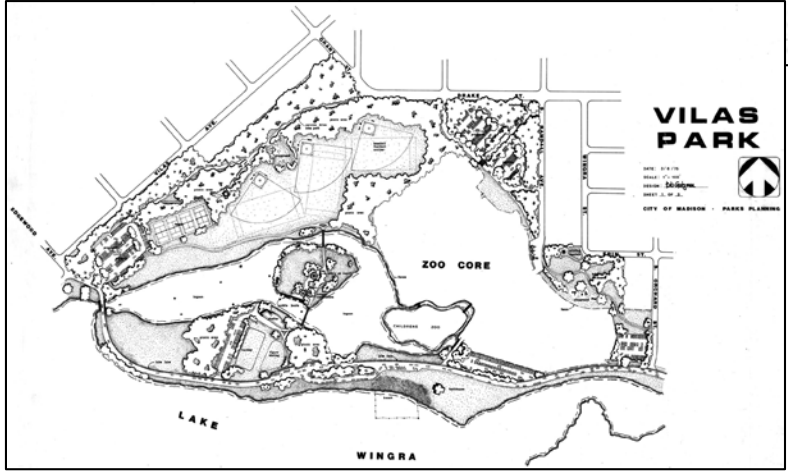
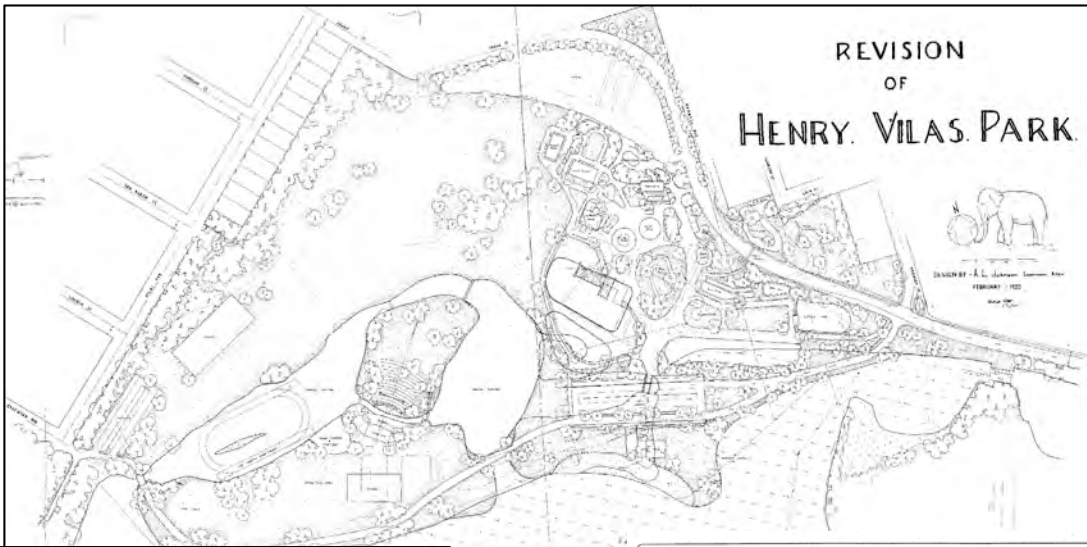
Vilas Park Aerial Photo 1955

Vilas Park Aerial Photo 1957

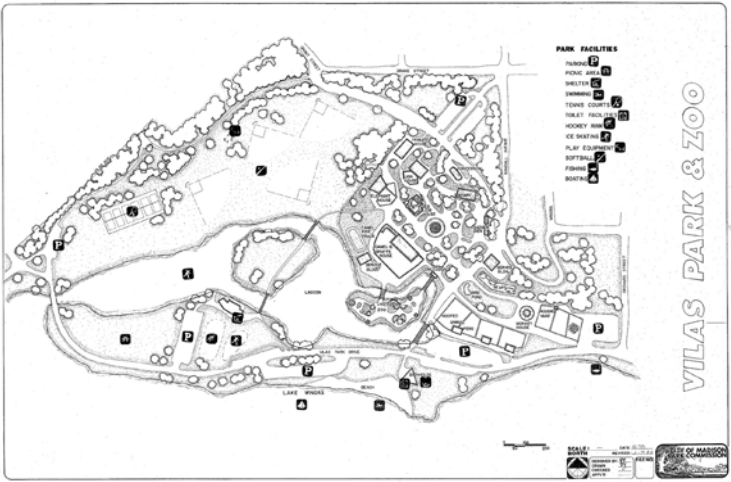


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A.L. Johnson Plan 1955



City of Madison 1975 Plan



City of Madison 1977 Plan

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HENRY VILAS PARK

1906

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1906

114 YEARS

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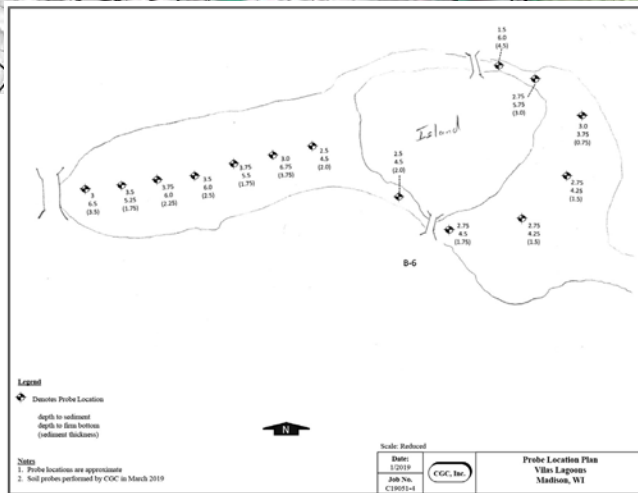
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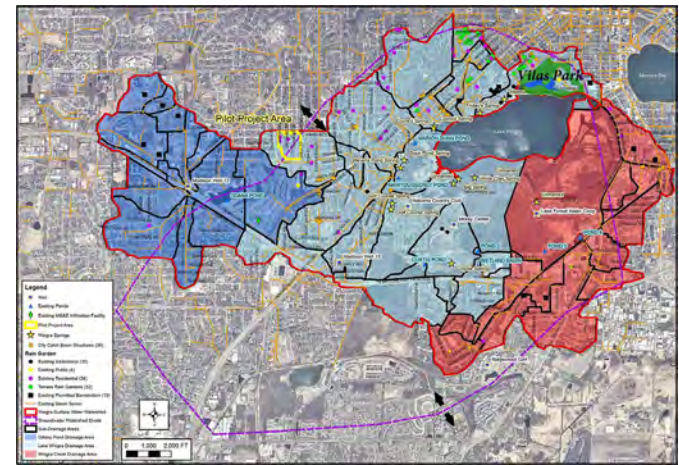
2020

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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CDG, Inc. Lagoon Probes



Strand Lake Wingra Watershed Report

WETLAND BOUNDARY MAP



Baxter and Woodman Wetland Delineation

SITE ANALYSIS

Slopes Analysis



Tree Survey



Tree Information Popup:

- OBJECTID: 100
- Diameter: 29 (in)
- Species: Cottonwood
- Notes: Photo 1.jpg, Photo 2.jpg
- Attachments: Photo 1.jpg, Photo 2.jpg
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CULTURAL FEATURES

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Olympic Skaters



Old Women in a Shoe Play Structure



INDIAN MOUNDS
ONE OF THE SEVERAL GROUPS OF PREHISTORIC BURIAL, LIVING AND BRONZE MOUND VILLAGES LOCATED ON THE EAST OF THE MOUND—LITTLE LAKE. SEVERAL OF THESE WERE DISCOVERED BY HENRIETTA LEPPER, IN 1838. VILLAGES SITE WAS IN THE PARK BEFORE. MARKED FOR THE WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BY HENRY WARRER, 1914.

Indian Mounds



Annie Stewart Fountain

EXISTING PARK BUILDINGS

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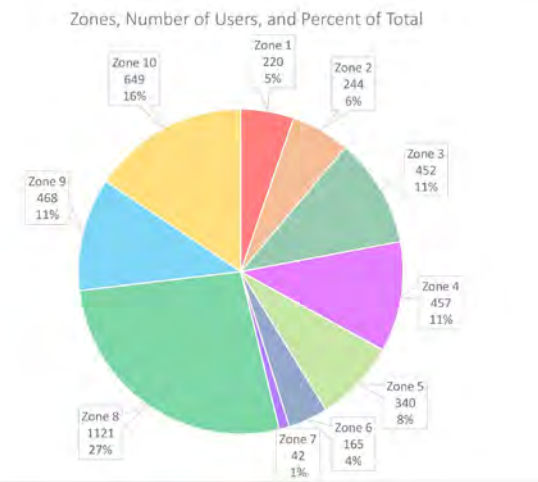
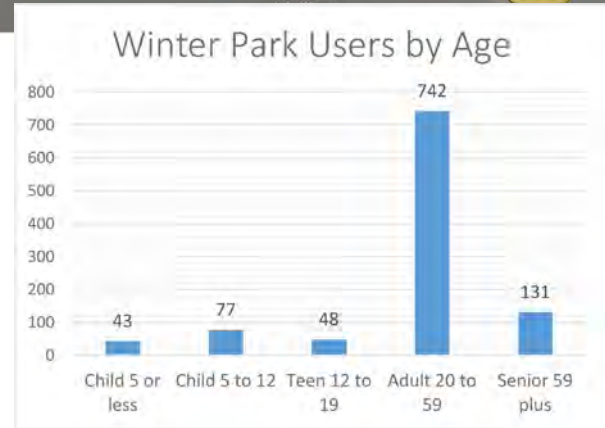
Main Park Shelter



Beach House

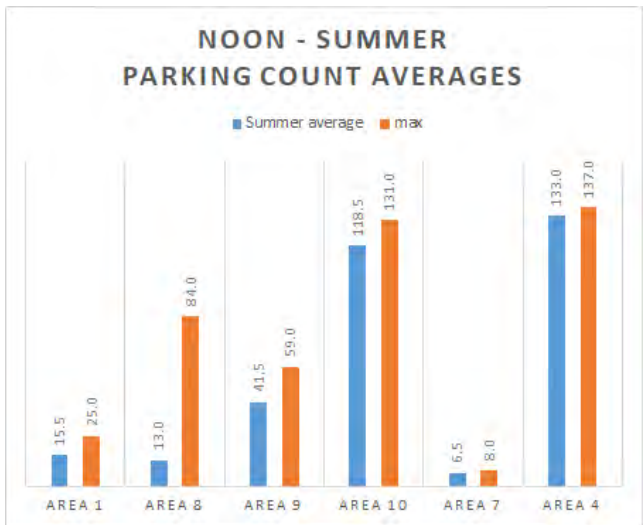
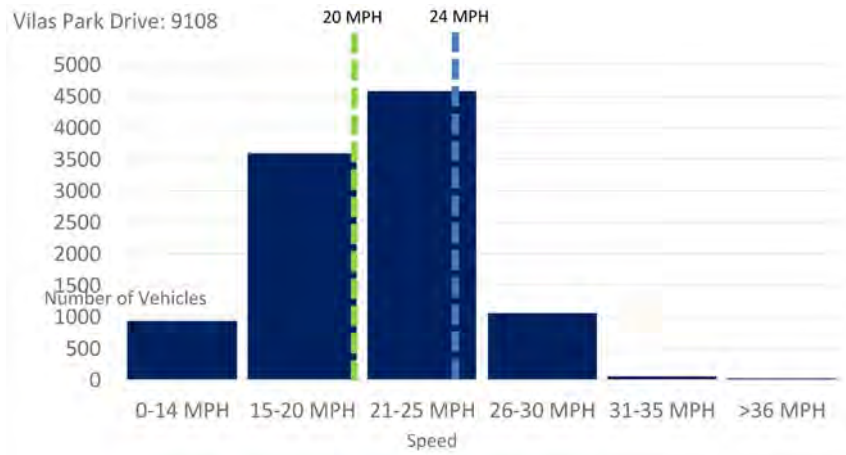
SITE OBSERVATIONS AND INTAKE SESSIONS

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TRAFFIC INFLUENCES AND PARKING

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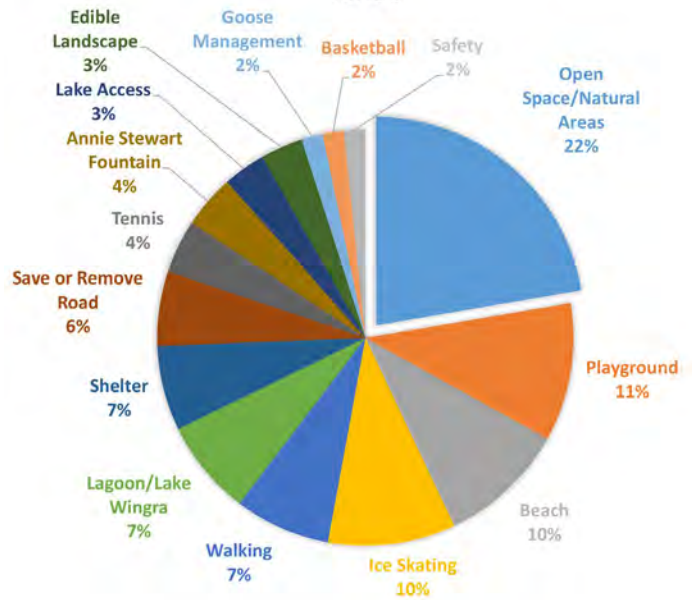
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AM	EB Vehicles Enter	EB Vehicles Exit	EB Vehicles	Vehicles	
6:00 AM	4	4	4	0	100%
6:15 AM	11	11	11	0	100%
6:30 AM	11	8	8	3	73%
6:45 AM	14	15	14	-1	100%
7:00 AM	24	24	24	0	100%
7:15 AM	26	25	25	1	96%
7:30 AM	39	37	37	2	95%
7:45 AM	48	42	42	6	88%
8:00 AM	25	27	25	-2	100%
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PM					
3:00 PM	44	51	44	-7	100%
3:15 PM	43	57	43	-14	100%
3:30 PM	50	66	50	-16	100%
3:45 PM	51	58	51	-7	100%
4:00 PM	53	62	53	-9	100%
4:15 PM	57	70	57	-13	100%
4:30 PM	52	68	52	-16	100%
4:45 PM	57	54	54	3	95%
5:00 PM	61	66	61	-5	100%
5:15 PM	57	52	52	5	91%
5:30 PM	53	45	45	8	85%
5:45 PM	47	45	45	2	96%

Notes: Intersection Counts Completed 4/24/19
 Trips include vehicles only, does not account for bikes on road
 Assume WB vehicles entering/exiting Vilas park are staying longer than 15 minutes
 - Occupants are either parking & walking to Edgewood, or parking & using Vilas Park/Zoo

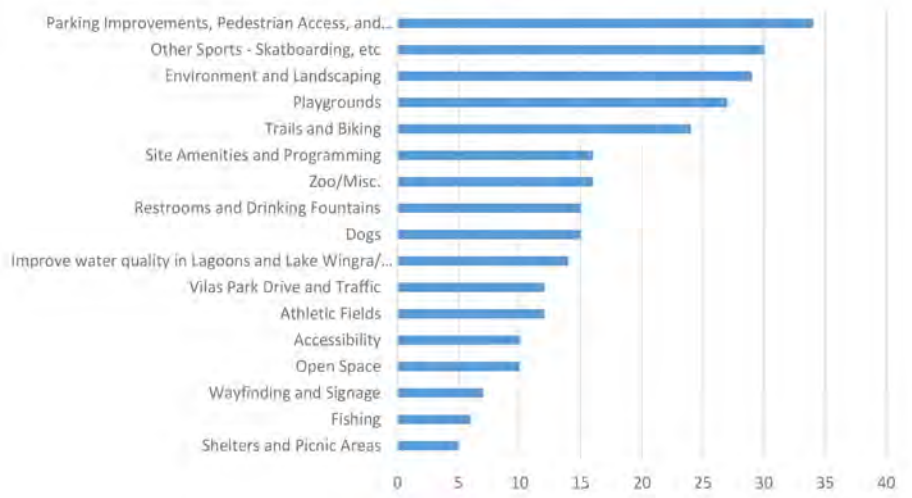
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING #1

TOPIC 2



Is anything missing from the concepts that should be included in the master plan?



Residential Resource Group

- Meeting #1 – Nov. 6, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Feb. 10, 2020
- Meeting #3 (Jointly with CPAG) – Apr. 22, 2020
- Meeting #4 (Jointly with CPAG) – Oct. 15, 2020

Community Partners Advisory Group

- Meeting #1 – Sept. 23, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Feb. 11, 2020
- Meeting #3 (Jointly with RRG) – Apr. 22, 2020
- Meeting #4 (Jointly with RRG) – Oct. 15, 2020

Focus Groups

- Meeting #1 – Sept. 25, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Dec. 10, 2019
- Meeting #3 – Feb. 6, 2020 (Youth Workshop)
- Ho Chunk Nation – Ongoing
- Access to Independence – Ongoing

Community Meetings

- Meeting #1 – Jun. 26, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Jun. 22, 2020
- Meeting #3 – Nov. 16, 2020

Federal/State Agencies

- ACOE Meeting #1 – Aug. 28, 2019
- WIDNR Meeting #1 – Aug. 26, 2019
- ACOE Meeting #2 – May 18, 2020
- WIDNR Meeting #2 – Apr. 20, 2020

Interagency Meeting – City Departments

- Meeting #1 – Jul. 24, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Oct. 23, 2019
- Meeting #3 – Feb. 24, 2020
- Meeting #4 – Apr. 27, 2020
- Meeting #5 – Jul. 23, 2020
- Meeting #6 – Sept. 16, 2020

Public Survey and Site Observations

- Survey #1 - Fact Finding – Fall 2019
- Survey #2 - Concept Review – May 2020 – Jul. 2020
- Survey #3 – Draft Master Plan Review – Nov. 2020
- Youth Survey – Jun. 2020
- Site Observations – 40 completed over 12 months
- On-site Intercept Interviews – 36 completed

DESIGN DRIVERS

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MOBILITY AND SAFETY
ENVIRONMENT
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A PARK FOR EVERYONE

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Existing Conditions
SCALE
0 50' 100' 200'

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VILAS PARK DRIVE - SHELTERS - BEACH

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Shelter Drop-Off

Multi-Use Path
With Separated
Pedestrian Sidewalk

School/Tour Bus
Drop Off

Two-Way
Vehicular Traffic

Sidewalk

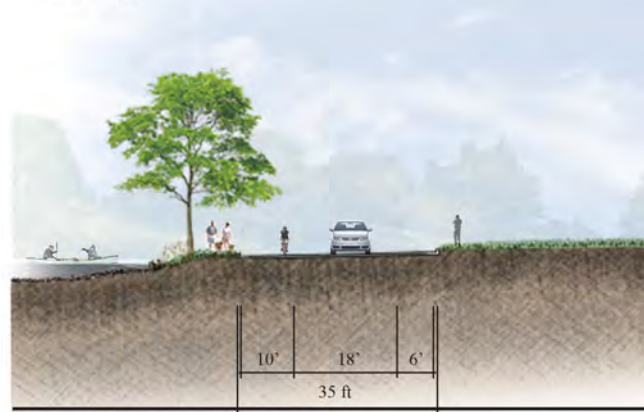
Multi-Use Path

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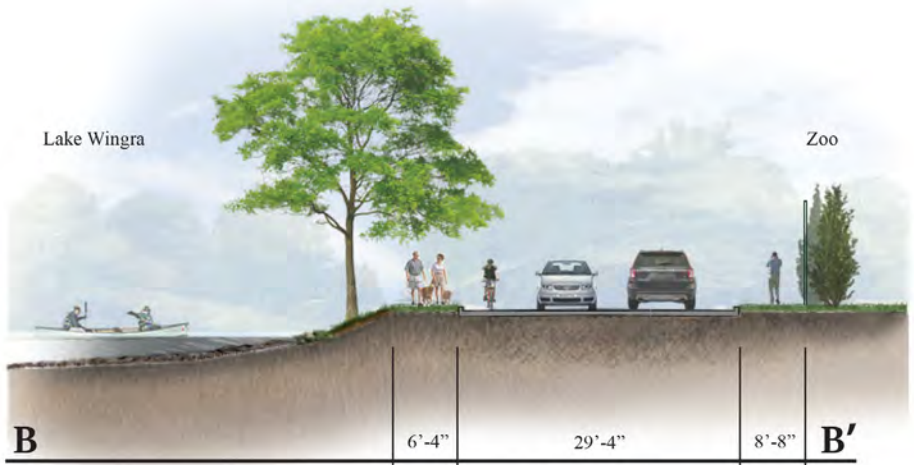


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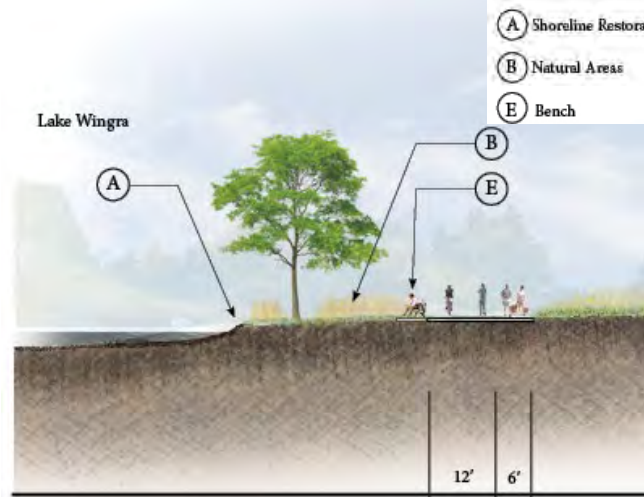
Lake Wingra



A
 One Way Traffic,
 Shared bike Lane - Eastbound
 Separated Bike Lane - Westbound

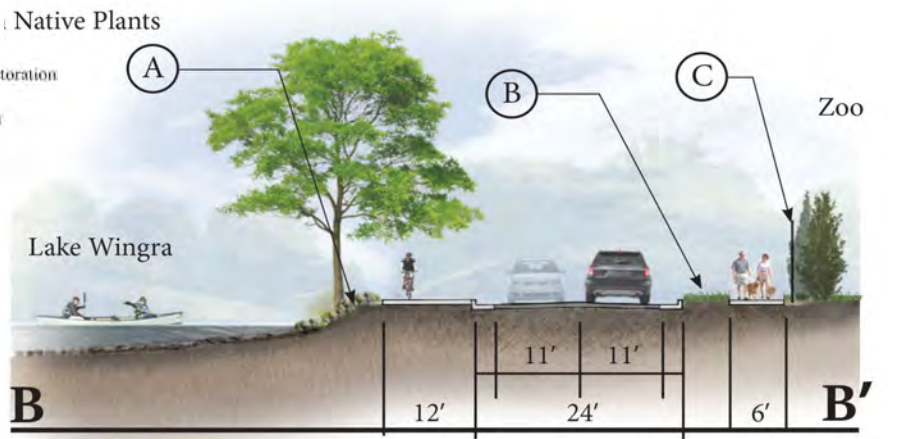


B
 Terrace Two-way Traffic,
 No Bike Lane or Sidewalk Terrace **B'**



A
 Multi-Use Path Walk Path

- (A) Shoreline Restoration with Native Plants
- (B) Natural Areas
- (E) Bench



B
 Multi-Use Path Two Way Traffic,
 Shared Bike Lane Walk **B'**

- (A) Shoreline Restoration
- (B) Terrace/Lawn
- (C) Zoo Fence

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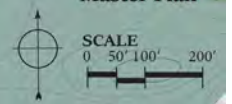


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Existing Parking

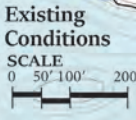
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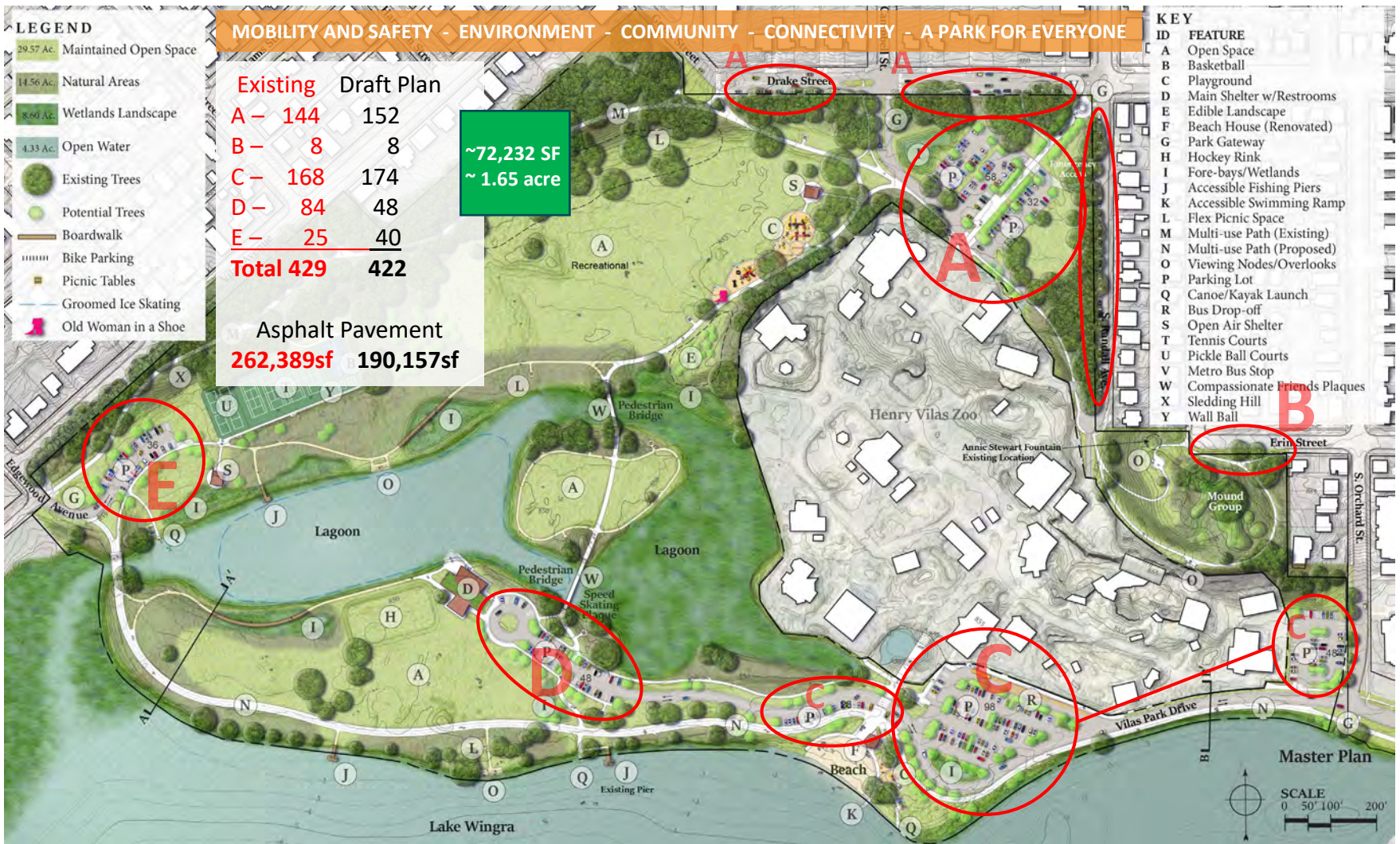
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Existing	Draft Plan
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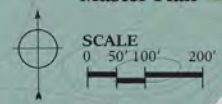
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262,389sf **190,157sf**

~72,232 SF
~ 1.65 acre



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Tennis, pickleball, basketball, and, foursquare

Multi-purpose open space

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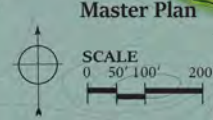
Multi-purpose open space, skating and hockey

Beach

▶ = Improved fishing areas

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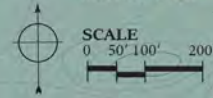


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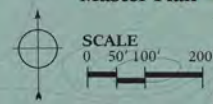
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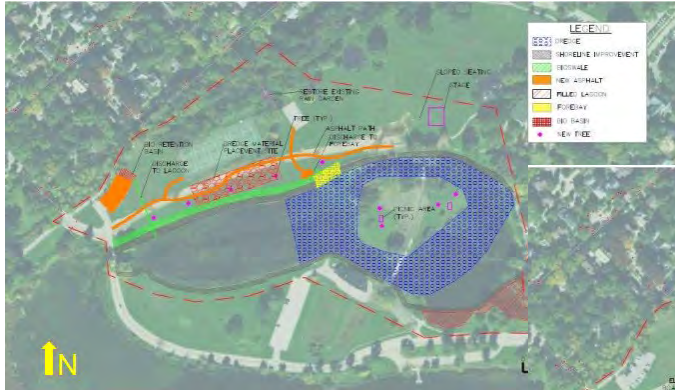
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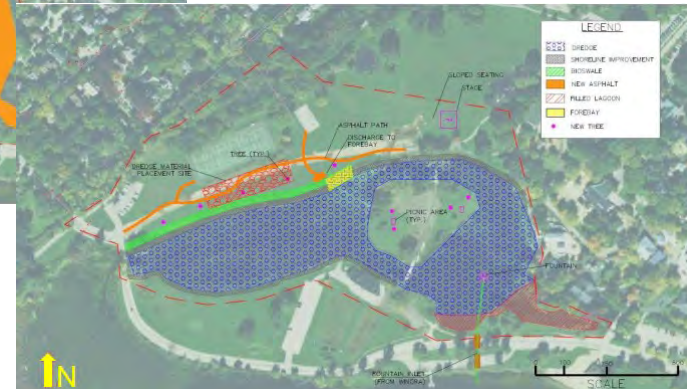
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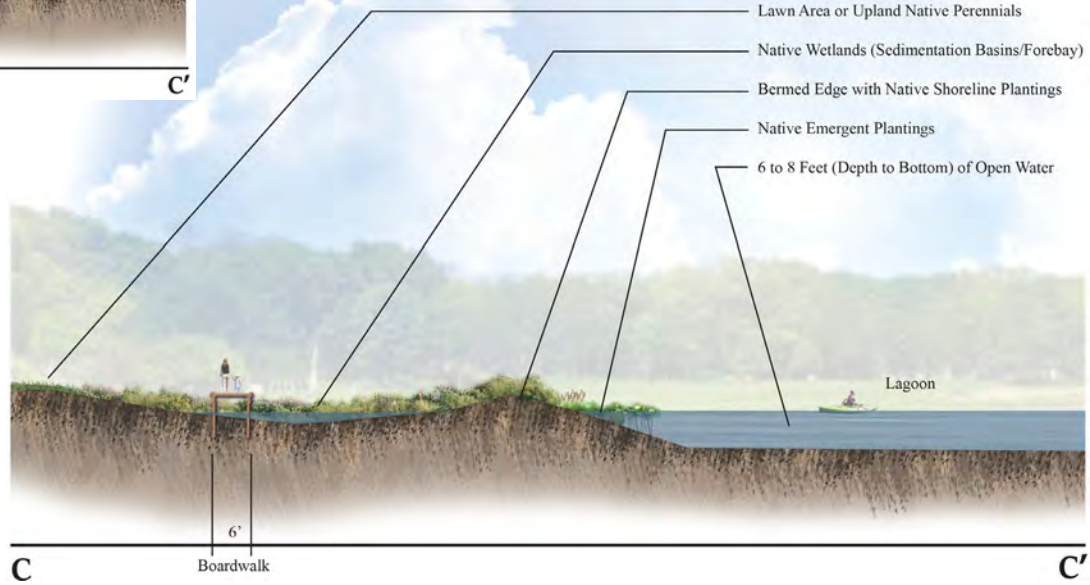
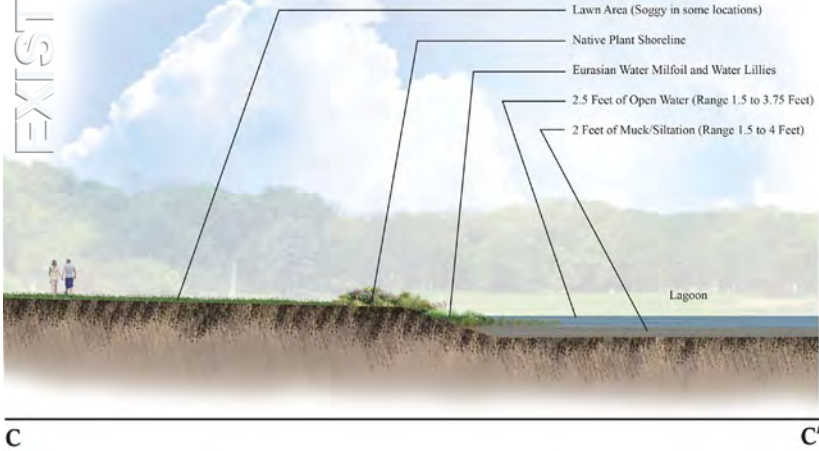
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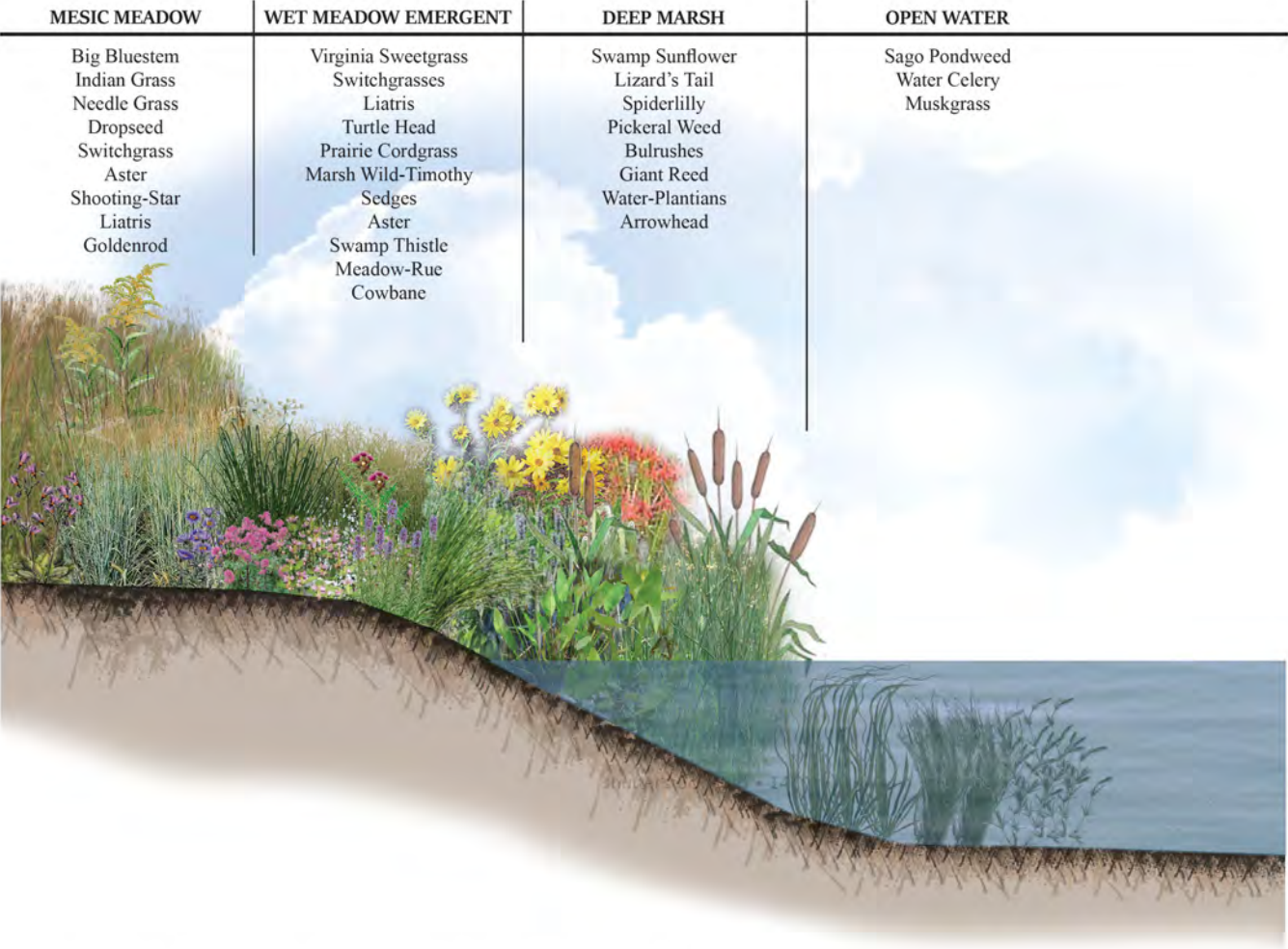
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SHORELINE VEGETATION ZONES WITH EXAMPLE PLANT LIST FROM WIDNR

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LESSONS LEARNED

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- Thoroughly review public engagement process with client on large scale projects
- Allow for additional document review steps by client for extensive plans
- Built in editor role for written documents
- Establish client/consultant roles and form a plan early
- Maintain relationship with sub consultants and manage the team