



Vilas Park Master Plan

Community Partner Advisory Group/
Resident Resource Group

Meeting #4

October 15, 2020



Vilas Park Master Plan – Community Partner Advisory Group Project Schedule – Phase III

PROJECT TIMELINE *Vilas Park Master Plan: Phase III*

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Meeting Outline

Focus of today's meeting

1. Provide overview and description of draft plan
2. Answer questions
3. Identify additional follow up or clarifications needed

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Summary of Proposed Changes in the Draft 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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Existing

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



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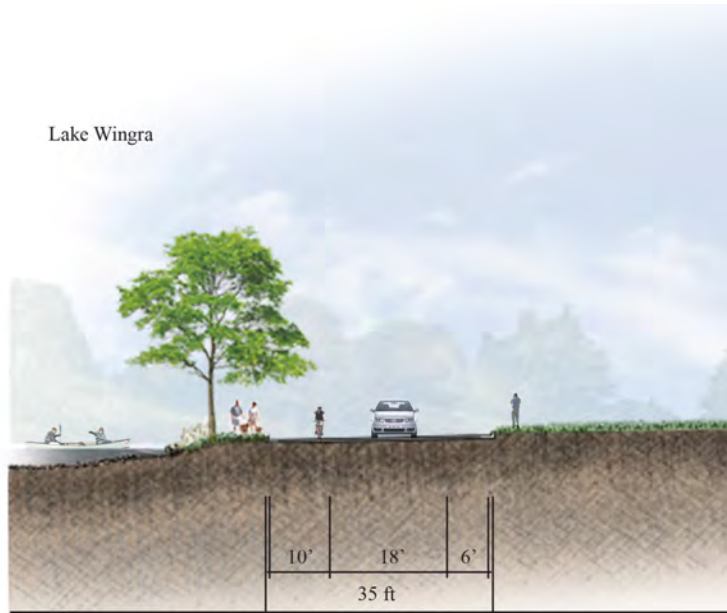
Vilas Park Drive



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A

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

VILAS PARK DRIVE EXISTING CROSS-SECTION - WEST BOUND



B

B'

Terrace Two-way Traffic,
No Bike Lane or Sidewalk Terrace

VILAS PARK DRIVE EXISTING CROSS-SECTION - EAST BOUND

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Sidewalk

Shelter Drop-Off

Two-Way Vehicular Traffic

Multi-Use Path

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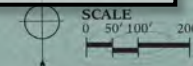
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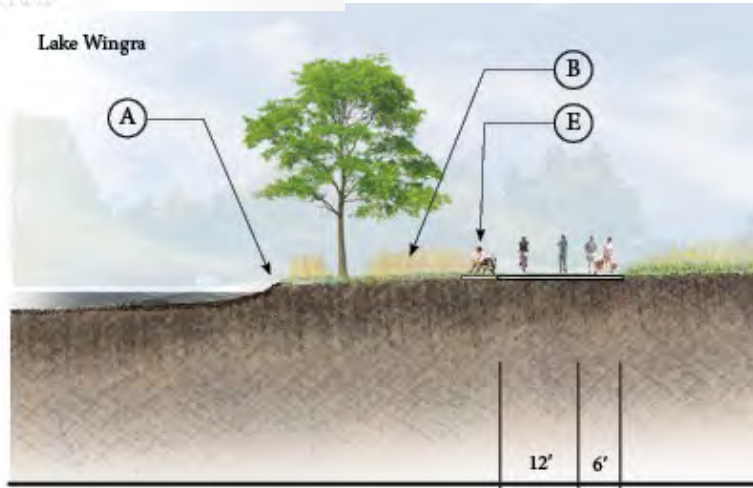
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(A) Shoreline Restoration with Native Plants

(B) Natural Areas

(E) Bench

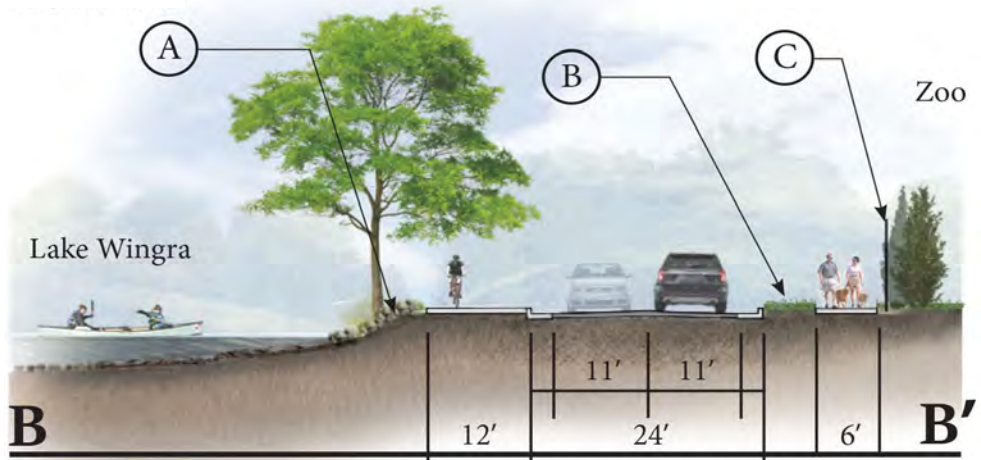


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(A) Shoreline Restoration with Native Plants

(B) Terrace/Lawn

(C) Zoo Fence



B

B'

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
- **Vilas Park Drive**
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Main Park Shelter



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Fully Accessible Facility
- Act as a warming shelter for skating and hockey
- Community Meeting Room
- Views from Shelter onto Lagoon and Lake
- Views from Park to Shelter
- Stormwater Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Existing (main) shelter to remain in place while changes to Vilas Park Drive and multi-use path are developed. Allowing time for budgeting and community involvement.



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Parking



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Existing

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Existing Parking

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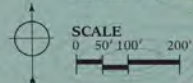
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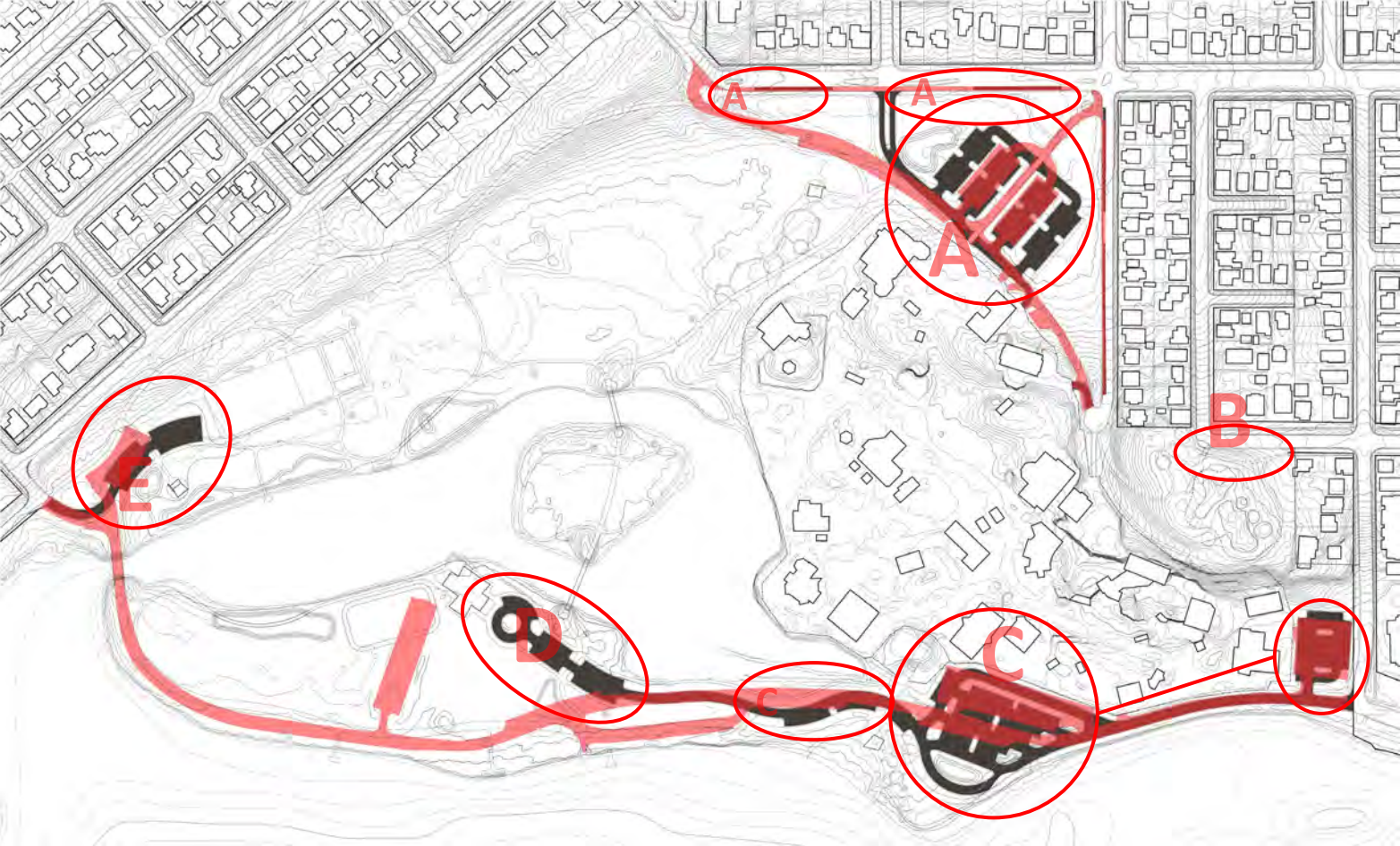
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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Landscaped Islands
- Stormwater Treatment
- Pedestrian Safety

North Lot

- Pedestrian Plaza

South Lot

- Bus Drop Off



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Open Space and Active Recreation



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Maintain similar character and feel of the park to existing
- Added picnicking opportunities
- Improvements to field drainage
- Additional trails and pathways (accessibility)
- Create additional useable open space on peninsula



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Old Woman in a Shoe

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Accessibility
- Age Appropriate Play Options
- Shade
- Maintain 'Old Woman in a Shoe'



Old Woman in a Shoe



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Lagoon



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- **Lagoon and Lake**
Open Water/Bog
50 - 50%

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Habitat enhancement around lagoon
- Minimize turf grass at shoreline
- Use wetlands/forebays/native landscape as stormwater treatment
- Maintain open water for skating



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Let's discuss.

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Public Engagement

Residential Resource Group

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

Community Partners Advisory Group

- Meeting #1 – Sept. 23, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Feb. 11, 2020
- Meeting #3 (Jointly with RRG) – April 22, 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 – June 26, 2019
- Meeting #2 – June 22, 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 – April, 20, 2020

Interagency Meeting – City Departments

- Meeting #1 – July 24, 2019
- Meeting #2 – Oct. 23, 2019
- Meeting #3 – Feb. 24, 2020
- Meeting #4 – April 27, 2020
- Meeting #5 – July 23, 2020
- Meeting #6 – September 16, 2020

Public Survey and Site Observations

- Survey #1 - Fact Finding – Fall 2019
- Survey #2 - Concept Review – May 2020 – July 2020
- Youth Survey – June 2020
- Site Observations – 40 completed over 12 months
- On-site Intercept Interviews – 36 completed

Themes from Public Engagement

MOBILITY AND SAFETY

- Improve pedestrian safety along Vilas Park Drive corridor
- Consider accessibility in design of new trails and park features

ENVIRONMENT

- Improve lagoon water quality and shoreline access and aesthetics
- Increase quality and size of natural areas within the park
- Address flooding and mud in pedestrian areas

Themes from Public Engagement

COMMUNITY

- Continued engagement with neighborhoods and park users for improvements and programming
- Provide space for community events
- Incorporate park's history into design and programming

CONNECTIVITY

- Improve physical connection to Madison through multimodal options (i.e. public transit, bike rental, canoe/kayak)
- Expand pedestrian connections within park
- Wayfinding improvements could alleviate traffic congestion during heavy visitation times

Themes from Public Engagement

A PARK FOR EVERYONE

- Offer programmed active spaces for adults
- Consider allowing dogs in some areas of park
- Continue to offer amenities and activities that can be enjoyed year round

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Draft Plan – Next Steps

How to stay engaged.

1. **Discuss the Plan with your organization or group and provide feedback**
 - Email Comments to VilasMasterPlan@cityofmadison.com
2. **Public Meeting #3 – Review Draft Master Plan**
 - **TBD** - Zoom
3. **Take the Draft Master Plan Online Survey** (*link will be available prior to the public meeting*)
4. **Public Meeting #4 – Present Final Master Plan Report** (early November)
5. **RRG/CPAG Meeting #5 – Review Final Master Plan Report** (**TBD**)

Thank you for participating.

Please email

VilasMasterPlan@cityofmadison.com

to share additional comments.

Check the Project Website for updates:

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

