City of Racine, Wisconsin







Application for:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2013 Stewardship Local Assistance Programs, Federal Land and Water Conservation Program, and Federal Recreation Trails Program

Submitted May 1, 2013

City of Racine 2013 Application for Stewardship Local Assistance Programs Federal Land & Water Conservation Program Federal Recreation Trails Program

Application Components

Cover Letter

Application Form

Project Narrative

Attachments:

- Project Resolution by Grant Sponsor
- Project Location and Boundary Map
- Concept Map and Topographical Map
- West Bluff Overlook Initial Designs
- Legal Description with GPS Coordinates (to be turned in with the appraisals by June 15, 2013)
- Appraisal Cover Letters (full appraisals will be completed by June 15, 2013)
- Public Access and Acceptable Uses Form
- Cost Estimate Worksheet
- Relevant Plans and City Ordinances
 - RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan
 - A Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine
 - A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035
 - Racine County Park and Open Space Plan: 2020
 - A Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed
 - Article III: Possession or Discharge of Weaponry
 - Ordinance and Resolution Adopting the City's Smart Growth Plan
- Letters of Support
 - Mound Avenue Associates
 - Racine County
 - Racine County EDC
 - o River Alliance of Wisconsin
 - RootPike Watershed Initiative Network
 - Root River Council
 - 21st Century Prep School
 - University of Wisconsin Parkside
 - State Legislature



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May 1, 2013

Jim Ritchie Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Southeast Region 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

On behalf of the City of Racine, I am pleased to submit this Stewardship Local Assistance Programs, Federal Land & Water Conservation Program, and Federal Recreation Trails Program application for funding the purchase of properties along the West Bluff Overlook. With the assistance of the Department, the City will be able to fund a critical component of the RootWorks Initiative, and will help ensure that all residents have the opportunity to appreciate the Root River and that the area is poised for economic growth and an improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The decline in manufacturing in the heart of the City of Racine, one of Wisconsin's key historic industrial coastal communities, has left behind underused property along and minimal access to the river that once shaped the area's geography, culture, and economy. After years of neglect, and following the completion of the RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan, the area is poised again to become the center for Racine's economic revitalization through increasing public outdoor recreation space along the Root River. As stated in the RootWorks Plan, the Initiative focuses on achieving four goals: Create a Sense of Place; Stimulate Economic Growth; Allow Public Access and Interaction; and Improve Water Quality.

The West Bluff Overlook area is noted in the Plan as a high priority implementation project for achieving these goals by offering public park space along this portion of the River. Specifically, our attached application for funding assistance is for the purchase of five properties on Mound Avenue in Racine to create a public park space that is more than a simple pathway, rather an inspired natural area that can act as a catalyst for area revitalization. The West Bluff Overlook area offroad pathway is envisioned as an improved connection along the section of the Root River Pathway that is currently onroad only. In this area where the park system transitions to the urban fabric of Downtown Racine, an off-road pathway is critical.

We hope that you agree that this project represents a significant opportunity for the Department to support a public, private and non-profit partnership that has proven its dedication to the Root River and its unique cultural and economic assets. We look forward to your feedback. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Mayor John Dickert **⊈**ity of Racine

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	e, Zip Code				Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
Racine, V					(262) 636-9152	(262) 635-5347
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Provide a detail description of the project proposal that includes the primary purpose and goals; description of the project (site, existing conditions, improvements); public access and use; land management plans; problems; implementation and key partnerships; timeline; and operation and maintenance of the project. Attach additional pages if needed.

Project Description

The decline in manufacturing in the heart of the City of Racine, one of Wisconsin's key historic industrial coastal communities, has left behind underutilized and largely blighted property along and minimal access to the Root River which once shaped the area's geography, culture, and economy. After years of neglect, and following the completion of the RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan (adopted July 2012), the area is poised again to become the center for Racine's economic revitalization through increasing public outdoor recreation space along the River.

The RootWorks Plan includes a revitalization strategy for redevelopment of the 325-acre area in the core of the City. The Plan specifically focuses on achieving four goals: Create a Sense of Place; Stimulate Economic Growth; Allow Public Access and Interaction; and Improve Water Quality. These four goals are integrated into Plan recommendations and implementation strategies. A major component of the "Allow Public Access and Interaction" strategy is the development of the West Bluff Overlook area as a public park enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities and a safe path alternative for pedestrians and bicyclists along this segment of the existing Root River Pathway. The Root River Pathway extends 4 miles from the Main Street Bridge in Downtown Racine west to Colonial Park. The Root River Pathway is a popular way to explore Racine by bicycle and walking or jogging. The Root River Pathway connects to the Lake Michigan Pathway at the Main Street Bridge and also connects to the Racine, Sturtevant, MRK, and North Shore trail networks.

To build off of the successful RootWorks planning effort and Plan adoption in 2012, and to further the "Allow Public Access and Interaction", the Root River Council, a non-profit partner in the RootWorks Initiative, retained Vandewalle & Associates to prepare a concept plan and initial design of the West Bluff Overlook Project. This effort was funded in part by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. The resulting concept plan and initial design designated a public space that is more than a simple pathway; rather an inspired natural area that can act as a catalyst for area revitalization. The West Bluff Overlook public space will be enriched with place-based interactive "experience" areas each defined by their potential outdoor-based learning opportunities and unique aspects: 1) Overlook, 2) Outdoor Classroom, 3) Stormwater, and 4) Fishery & Water Quality. Each of these is shown in the attached West Bluff Overlook project concept graphics.

PARK DESIGN CONCEPT

1. Overlook

The West Bluff Overlook is on the edge of the section of the Racine Public Park system that was designed by Jens Jensen, a landscape architect and master of Midwest park design. The planned Overlook concept is defined by a Council Ring inspired gathering space that overlooks the Root River valley. The overlook will provide long vistas up-River toward Racine's parkway system and down-River toward Downtown, the Harbor, the planned East Overlook and planned Machinery Row redevelopment area. In addition to the Council Ring feature, education and interpretive in this area include:

- Historic factory education panel at the location overlooking the historic J.I. Case plow works site, describing the corporate heritage and Racine's strong engine manufacturing history
- Machinery Row interpretive feature to present the opportunity for the revitalized district

Exhibit 2: Overlook perspective sketch provides a vision of this concept.

2. Outdoor Classroom

The second experience area is defined by an amphitheater-style education node nestled into the River bluff and connected to the pathway. The existing conditions in this area provide an opportunity to build an outdoor classroom into the natural slope for children to learn about both sciences and the cultural history of Racine. Located across the street from a former book bindery (Golden Books/Western Publishing) now converted into a charter school, early education center, and business/light manufacturing center, the space provides an ideal location for a unique learning environment.

Further elements of the Jens Jensen park design can be incorporated into the outdoor classroom space to provide a unique learning environment and a source for developing a strong sense of place and Racine pride. Arts and interpretive opportunities include Golden Books interpretative features, and/or presentation of other corporate connections relevant to the history of the area. *Exhibit 3: Outdoor Classroom* perspective sketch provides a vision of this concept.

Stormwater

The City of Racine installed stormwater infiltration features in this location (north end of this project area) in 2012. These stormwater management best management practices (BMPs) will be installed in other areas along the River over time to reduce runoff and improve River health. This third area is a place along the pathway that may contain other stormwater management and interpretive features explaining the importance of infiltrating stormwater before it enters the River. To educate the public and express the importance of stormwater management to the community and for River health, specific educational and arts features may include:

- Stormwater management BMPs explanation and installation
- Display panels of positive effects of stormwater treatment
- Interactive water feature

Exhibit 4: Pedestrian Bridge and Stormwater perspective sketch provides a vision of this concept.

4. Fishery and Water Quality

The fourth experience area is outside of the parcels to be acquired with this grant, but is a public park space directly adjacent. This area provides the public direct access to the River and will display information about water quality issues and corrective efforts. Improvements are intended to complement the existing water-related activities occurring at the UW-Parkside Root River Environmental Education Center (REC) facility. The REC provides River access, canoe and kayak rentals, and river education. To build upon this existing asset, specific additional arts and educational opportunities include:

- Root River Steelhead Facility (education on steelhead facility upstream and spawning) education panel
- Lake trout and salmon art sculpture and education display
- · River health education displays and interactive "River lab" area

PATHWAY DESIGN CONCEPT

The West Bluff Overlook area off-road pathway is envisioned as an improved connection along the section of the Root River Pathway that is currently on-road only. In this area where the park system transitions to the urban fabric of Downtown Racine, an off-road pathway is critical.

Path Design

The alignment of the off-street path along the bluff will provide users views of the Root River below. The path is planned as 10' wide asphalt which will be designed to meet Federal Highway Administration design standards. Path features such as lighting, benches, and trash receptacles are envisioned to match the existing features found along the Root River Pathway to the west. Natural materials are encouraged whenever possible. Exhibit 5: Path Design illustrates a typical path cross section.

Riverbank Slope Treatment

In 2012, the Root River Council retained UW-Parkside to prepare a Survey of Riparian Vegetation along the Root River. The study found a mix of native and invasive species along the steep riverbank and recommended removal of invasive species and the limitation of human disturbance to allow native species to reestablish and stabilize the riverbank slope. Locating the pathway outside of or above the bluff slope and installing additional stormwater treatment areas, as shown in this design, will help contribute to the success of riverbank stabilization. Clearing out invasive species will also allow path users to see the Root River while maintaining native tree canopies.

Path Alignment

As illustrated in Exhibit 6: Root River West Bluff Overlook site plan, the planned path is predominately located as close to the top of slope as safely possible. Users of the trail will experience a more natural park space on the western edge of this project. As users travel east, they will experience the transition from a natural area to a more urban form.

Current Conditions

The existing West Bluff area is currently blighted and contains both privately-owned buildings and related impervious surfaces contiguous to the banks of the Root River, as well as vacant land. The properties for which we are requesting acquisition funds include five (two of these parcels are adjoining and are owned by the same party) properties located between 1231 and 1287 on Mound Avenue in Racine, Wisconsin. In each case, the property lines lie between Mound Avenue and the Root River.

1231 Mound Avenue. This is a 1.75 acre site classified as a commercial parking lot with no building on site. This property is being donated by the owner, Mound Avenue Associates, LLC, for conversion to public parkland and is part of the match for this grant application (donation is contingent on grant funds being received). As part of this park development project this parcel is planned to be developed with an overlook, outdoor classroom and pathway, and riverbank restoration will occur along the slope leading to the Root River.

1251 Mound Avenue. This is a .719 acre site classified as industrial with one brick-exterior building built around 1920 with no additional rooms, bathrooms, etc on the inside. As part of this park development project, the existing building is proposed to be developed as a City-run recreation hub with such features as bicycle rentals, a public park information center, and a City-run refreshments stand. The remaining land will have landscape architecture improvements and a pathway, and riverbank restoration will occur along the slope leading to the River.

1269 Mound Ave. This is a .238 acre site classified as vacant land with no improvements. As part of this park development project, the parcel will be enhanced with landscape architecture improvements and a pathway, and riverbank restoration will occur along the slope leading to the River.

1281 Mound Avenue. This is a .3 acre site classified as warehouse general with one storage equipment type building built around 1979 with metal sandwich panels on the exterior with no additional improvements, rooms, etc on the inside. Upon acquisition, the building will be demolished and the full parcel will be developed with a pathway, landscape architecture, and riverbank restoration along the slope leading to the River.

1287 Mound Ave. This is a .11 acre parcel classified as single-family with one, 1.5 story residential home on the property. Upon acquisition, the owners will be relocated, the building will be demolished, and the full parcel will be developed with a pedestrian pathway, landscape architecture, and riverbank restoration along the slope leading to the River. This parcel adjoins the existing public park land and off-road Root River Pathway leading to the west.

Project Implementation

A dedicated RootWorks Implementation Project Management Team (PMT) is already in place and actively engaged in this Initiative. The PMT includes both public and private sector representatives, including: John Dickert, City of Racine Mayor; Tom Friedel, City Administrator; Matt Sadowski, Assistant Director/Principal Planner City of Racine; Gordy Kacala, Executive Director and Karen Frost, Redevelopment Specialist, Racine County Economic Development Corporation; Matt Wagner, President, Johnson Redevelopment Corporation; Julie Anderson, Planning and Development Director Racine County; Ben Lehner, Project Coordinator Root River Council; and Brian Vandewalle, Jolena Presti and Celia Benton of Vandewalle & Associates. The team unanimously approved the West Bluff Overlook project and the request for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds.

Problems

There is a great deal of local support for the RootWorks Initiative which includes the West Bluff Overlook project. The original RootWorks Plan, which designated the West Bluff Overlook as a high priority implementation project, was approved unanimously by the City Council, and no individual went on record against the project during the formal public hearings.

The major threat to the West Bluff Overlook project is the availability of project funds to realize the project vision. The City of Racine has regularly had the highest unemployment rate in the State, and City funds for the acquisition of this project are scarce. With a successful Knowles-Nelson Stewardship application, however, the City will receive nearly 80% of acquisition costs through the grant and the matched donated land – thereby making the project feasible for the City. However, the donation of land by Mound Avenue Associates is contingent on receiving these critical grant funds.

Timeline, Operation and Maintenance

As soon as the City acquires these properties, each parcel will be immediately and permanently designated as public park land, to be managed and operated by the City of Racine Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services. Once the properties are acquired, the City will seek development funds to implement the West Bluff Overlook park design.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY: Provide a description of the project's planning and historical background.

<u>Historical Background</u>: According to 1908 and 1958 Sanborn maps, with the exception of the area around 1251 Mound Avenue the properties have been used for residential purposes. The area of 1251 Mound Avenue previously held a building which was used both for process printing and a garage by the Western Publishing company. The City owns the parcels immediately to the south of these parcels; and they are already public park land.

Project Timeline

<u>July 2, 2012:</u> The RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan is unanimously adopted by the City of Racine. This Plan cites the West Bluff Overlook project as a priority project for RootWorks Implementation.

<u>August 2012:</u> The Root River Council retains Vandewalle & Associates to prepare a concept plan and initial design of the West Bluff Overlook area. This project was funded by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management under the Coastal Zone Management Act, Grant # NA12NOS4190091. The resulting deliverables include a concept plan and initial designs to develop the space as public park land with four main zones each defined for their potential learning opportunities: (1) Overlook, (2) Outdoor Classroom, (3) Stormwater and (4) Fishery & Water Quality.

<u>February 2013:</u> The Root River Council Board and RootWorks Implementation Project Management Team approve the West Bluff Overlook concept plan and initial designs.

<u>April 2013:</u> The RootWorks Implementation Project Management Team unanimously approves the City proposal to seek Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds for acquisition of the West Bluff Overlook properties for use as public park land. The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine authorizes expenditure of funds to secure the services of a surveyor, appraiser and an environmental consultant to provide supporting materials for the Knowles Nelson grant application.

SECTION 2: GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

	Six Mile Wilderness Trail, etc.)
	Total Park Acreage: 3.26 Acreage for this Project: 3.26
	☐ Project site is undeveloped ☐ Project site is partially developed
2.	Are there any underground utility easements or overhead power lines on the property? Explain:
	There is a utility easement for storm mains in addition to catch basins from Mound Avenue to the toe of the slope on the Mound Avenue Associates property at 1231 Mound Avenue. There are no overhead power lines running through the properties.
3.	How will the public access the property? (Check types)
	☑ Roadway ☑ Trail ☑ Adjacent applicant property ☐ Other:
	☐ By Water
4.	When will the property or facility be open to the public?
	As soon as grant funds are received.
5.	Who is the primary project manager? ☑ Applicant from Page 1 ☐ Other – Specify: Matt Sadowski, City of Racine
5.	Who is handling the financial administration of the project? ☐ Applicant from Page 1 ☐ Other - Specify:
	Vandewalle & Associates
7.	Estimated Project Timeline:
	Acquisition: Have you already purchased the property? If yes, date NO
	If so, have you received a DNR "letter of retroactivity" for the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No (NA)
	If no, anticipated closing date: As soon as notice of grant award is received
	Development: Anticipated Start Date (NA) Anticipated Completion Date

 Describe the current project site and use. (Include physical characteristics, topography, vegetation cover type, presence of any waterways/wetlands, current land use and zoning classification, etc.)

The West Bluff Overlook acquisition project includes the five parcels located between the Root River and Mound Avenue, and include 1231, 1251, 1269, 1281 and 1287 Mound Avenue. Each of these parcels includes the sloped land and riverbank of the Root River. Due to heavy vegetation (including invasive species) along the slopes and the current property uses, the Root River is widely hidden from view and there are not designated look-out spots for people to enjoy this natural resource. Furthermore, while this portion of Mound Avenue lies on the existing Root River Pathway, signage along these parcels is poor and the area is not perceived as pedestrian or bicycle friendly, as noted in the community meetings held as part of the Root River Plan development process. Following is a description of each of the individual parcel characteristics:

1231 Mound Avenue. This is a 1.75 acre site classified as a commercial parking lot with no building on site.

1251 Mound Avenue. This is a .719 acre site is classified as industrial and has on brick-exterior building built about 1920 with no additional rooms, bathrooms, etc on the inside.

1269 Mound Ave. This is a .238 acre site classified as vacant land with no improvements.

1281 Mound Avenue. This is a .3 acre site classified as warehouse general with one storage equipment type building built around 1979 with metal sandwich panels on the exterior with no additional improvements, rooms, etc on the inside.

1287 Mound Ave. This is a .11 acre site classified as single-family with one, 1.5 story residential home on the property.

9. Are there any known controversies/complications with the proposed project? Are there any measures proposed to address the controversies/complications?

There is a great deal of public, private, corporate and non-profit support for this project and the original RootWorks Redevelopment Plan from which this project emerged. In addition, the owners of three contiguous parcels (1231, 1251 and 1269 Mound Ave.), comprising 83% of the subject land area, are amenable to selling land for the project. These lands are those proposed to host not only the off road bike and pedestrian path, but also the recreation building, scenic overlook and outdoor classroom. Owner amenability is best demonstrated by the fact that Mound Avenue Associates, LLC is donating their 1231 Mound Ave parcel as a match for this application, contingent on grant funds being received. The owners of 1281 and 1287 Mound Ave have either not indicated opposition to the planned purchase, or are considering the possibility.

10.	Has the area been surveyed for endangered and rare species? If yes, explain.
	While the City has not directly created a survey of endangered species, the City, along with area
	universities, has completed fish indexing for the area which do not note any endangered species.

11.	Have you discussed the project with your regional DNR Community Services Specialist? X Yes	☐ No
	DNR Contact Jim Ritchie	

12.	What public use activities will be available within this park, recreational area, greenspace, etc?	(check
	all that apply)	200000000000000000000000000000000000000

	1.	Hiking	14.	ATV trail
	2.	Hunting	15.	Snowmobile trail
	3.	Fishing	16.	Picnic area
	4.	Trapping	17.	Snowshoeing
•	5.	Cross-country skiing	18.	Nature study/wildlife observation/photography
	6.	Non-motorized boat access (canoe, kayak)	19.	Bird Watching
	7.	Motorized boat launch	20.	Other activities (describe):
	8.	Swimming area		Outdoor Education/Outdoor Classroom
	9.	Biking		0.000.000.000.000
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	NA			
15.	If yes,	property currently being leased or rented? Date agreement expires: To be provided by explain and include copy of the lease.		
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1287 Mound Ave. This parcel has one, 1.5 story residential home on the property. Upon acquisition, the owners will be relocated, the building will be demolished, and the full parcel will be developed with a pedestrian pathway, landscape architecture, and riverbank restoration along the slope leading to the River.

17. After (or at the time of) the land purchase, will a conservation easement be executed on the property?
Yes No If yes, explain and attach draft easement.

18.		acquire property 3 or less years le eller's deed for potential grant cal	pefore expected date of purchase? Yes No culation purposes.
19.	If yes, explain and prov		or? ☐ Yes ☒ No the accepting sponsor and agreement between you. Ulrements of the program and agree to abide by them?
20.	NA is seller requiring paym if yes, explain.	nent for property over time? Ye	s 🖾 No
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Acquisition of Development Rights Rating Questions -- Go To Section 4

Recreational Trails Act Project Rating Questions – Go To Section 5

Answers all questions and submit required information when instructed.

	Grant Eligibility Requirements	Maximum Points	ADLP	URBAN RIVERS	URBAN GREEN SPACE	LWC
1,	COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN – The project is referenced in a locally adopted comprehensive outdoor recreation or land use plan. Plan: Yes, this project is referenced in the Park and Open Space	YES	VEO	VEO	VE0.	VEC
	Plan for the City of Racine, 2011	TES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Page #: 52-53 Include plan cover page and pages on which the project appears. IF NO – YOUR PROJECT IS INELIGIBLE!					
2.	NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR RECREATION — The recreational opportunities provided by the project will only be nature-based outdoor recreation. Do not confuse this with the nature-based outdoor activities requirement of hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing. The project's primary focus or purpose is the appreciation or enjoyment of nature. Activities include, but not limited to hiking, blcycling, planicking, camping, fishing, nature study, etc. Ineligible activities include but are not limited to sports that require extensively developed open space such as dedicated sports fields, swimming pools, and tennis courts.	YES	YES	YES	YES	
	Explain the primary focus or purpose of the project:	100	100	1,50	150	
acce Racii appri abou recre	purpose of the West Bluff Overlook is to provide residents with public as to the Root River, a stronger sense of connection with the greater me bicycle and pedestrian pathways, additional park space in which to eciate the River and the outdoors, and to provide learning opportunities the local ecosystem and water quality issues. As such, all of the eational opportunities will only be nature-based outdoor recreation. IF YOUR PROJECT CONTAINS ACTIVE RECREATION, PLEASE CONTACT					

Project Rating Quest	ions				-
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Acquisition & Development Project	cts				
ECONOMIC OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The project is referenced in a locally adopted economic, community, or comprehensive development plan. The plan recognizes the importance of outdoor public recreation to the community's development or economy. Plan: RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan Page #: 17	1	1	1	1	1
Include plan cover page and page on which the project appears.					
The RootWorks Plan, an economic development and redevelopment focused planning document, recognizes the importance of allowing for additional recreational opportunities to connect residents to the River and its assets as a key component of economic development in the area. The West Bluff Overlook project is noted as a high priority implementation project in the Plan.					
2. SUPPORTS REGIONAL PLANS - The project is a recommendation contained in a regional plan of another unit of government. Project must implement a recommendation from a regional plan from another unit of government, such as a Regional Planning Commission Plan, an Integrated Resource Management Plan, Economic Plan, or the DNR's Land Legacy Report. Regional Planning Commission Plans count if the plan is other than the one that established eligibility.					
Yes					
Plans:	1	1		1 1	1
A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035 and the Racine County Park and Open Space Plan: 2020 Page #:		1150.2			*76
Regional Transportation System Plan: Map 94 shows recommended bike trails along the West Bluff Overlook area.					
Racine County Park and Open Space Plan Map 18 shows a recommended recreational trail along the West Bluff Overlook area.					
Include plan cover page and page on which the project appears. (see attached)					

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3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND PLANNING - The project is being implemented by two distinct governmental agencies. At least two different governmental agencies must be involved in a consolidation effort that predicts a financial savings or a user end benefit over what would have been provided had the project not been consolidated. Examples include a local governmental unit taking over the development and management of a state operated facility and a companison of cost savings because of that effort; or, two local units of government working together to provide one facility that both can use instead of each implementing similar facilities. Explain: The complete RootWorks Root River Redevelopment Plan and implementation project, which includes the West Bluff Overlook project, is being supported and implemented by the City of Racine, Racine County and the Racine County Economic Development Corporation — in addition to other private and non-profit entities which have representation in the RootWorks Project Management Team such as the Root River Council. While there is no financial intergovernmental consolidation for the West Bluff Overlook project, both the County and the City of Racine are actively involved in the RootWorks Initiative and the West Bluff Overlook project and both parties understand the economic, social and quality of life benefits which would be realized by this project. Please note the attached letters of support from Racine County and the Racine County Economic Development Corporation	2	2		2	2
4. LINEAR CORRIDORS - The project will acquire or develop a segment of linear parkway, trail, or environmental corridor which links existing parks, recreational areas, or state and multi-county trails to one another or to a city center, or other recreational site. Urban Greenspace (Acquisition Only) Urban Rivers (must be associated with a River corridor) The project must acquire land that is part of a corridor of land planned to provide a linkage between trails or other recreational sites, or recreational sites to a business or residential center, develops existing trail corridors, or develops land that provides a linkage between trails or other recreational sites Explain: Yes, the project will strengthen the existing pathway by providing an off-road alternative in this section of the Root River. The project will also add pedestrian-friendly park space including an outdoor classroom and overlook to both appreciate and learn about the River, nature and area	1	8	4	,	1

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5. HABITAT PROTECTION OR RESTORATION a. If Acquisition with habitat restoration or protection goals identified. (2 pts.) OR b. If Development includes habitat restoration or protection. (1 pt.) Project must include identified habitat protection or restoration goals and have scientific basis. Examples include acquisition of wedlands significant enough in relation to total project to impact habitat, acquisition of shoreline; vegetation restoration activities. Explain: If the City is able to acquire the West Bluff Overlook properties, it will then be able to address some of the streambank and outfall issues noted in the 2004 Root River streambank and outfall assessment. In this assessment, the Overlook area was noted of concern for potential erosion. In addition, a Survey of Riparian Vegetation completed in this area found invasive species along the riverbank. As the Overlook project is part of the greater RootWorks Initiative and therefore has a goal of improving water quality, our project includes vegetation restoration and adding stormwater BMPs along the riverbank, which will be possible through acquisition of the properties. While the entire area will not be developed specifically for habitat restoration, the		A-C			1
portion of each parcel located on the slope to the Root River is specifically being acquired to address the noted concerns. 6. SUPPORTS MULTIPLE SEASONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES- The project provides or supports multiple seasonal and recreational opportunities (minimum 4 activities) for nature-based outdoor recreation that is feasible for the site. Explain:	4	1	1	-	1
Yes, within the project area biking, snowshoeing, hiking, non-motorized boat launches (just outside the project area), and other multi-season activities will be available from the area.					

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 COMMUNITY SUPPORT – The project involves a Friends Group, a group of volunteers, or business sponsoring or supporting it. Civic groups, citizen volunteers, businesses, etc. who will support and will be 	1	1	1	1	1
in the project. The support must be documented in the application to receive this point. Explain:					
Yes, this project has a large amount of public, private and non-profit support, including the Root River Council which has provided volunteers to support developing the Root River plan and the schematic design and vision for the West Bluff Overlook project. In addition, Mound Avenue Associates, LLC, a holding company of SC Johnson, has shown its support financially, through donation of the 1231 Mound Avenue property for the project (contingent on receiving grant funds).					
10. FINANCIAL SUPPORT	-	-		-	
A local service or business organization, other unit of government, or nonprofit organization is contributing 25% to 49% of sponsor's cost share of total project costs. (1 pt.) OR					
 A local service or business organization, other unit of government, or nonprofit organization is contributing 50% or more of sponsor's cost share of total project costs. (2 pts.) 	2	1	1	1	1
The contribution may consist of cash or donations of land, labor, services, materials, or equipment rental. The contribution must be documented in the application to receive these points. Explain and Provide Documentation:					
Mound Avenue Associates, LLC is providing an estimated 44% of the total project matching costs through donating the parcel at 1231 Mound Avenue.					
11. PREVIOUS GRANTS					
a. The sponsor has never received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the past. (3 pts.)					
OR					
b. The sponsor has not received a Local Assistance or LWCF grant in the last 5 years. (1 pt.) All past Stewardship Local Assistance and Land & Water Conservation Fund grants projects are complete. Praylous development grantees get the point if has been less than one full construction year since grant award. New sponsor shall receive credit for this question.	3	3 1	1		1
Explain:					
The City has not received a LWCF grant in the last 5 years.					

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12. POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCING TOURISM					
The project is located in an area which experiences a documented high seasonal visitor population. (1 pt.)					
b1. The project will attract some visitors from outside the community. (1 pt.)					
b2. The project will be of region-wide or statewide significance in terms of travel. (2 pts.)	3	1	1	1	1
The project will be used to attract large attendance, such as nature centers or other nature-based outdoor recreation focused facilities of statewide significance. Regional significance could be trails on the state trail system or trails that connect to state trails, or trails that cover more than one county, boat launching site that handle high volume launching. River corridors that connect to state or regional parks. Documentation must be provided to receive these points					
(Urban Rivers - must be on the Riverfront)					
Explain:					
As part of the Root River Pathway the West Bluff Overlook is located on an urban river with high visibility for residents and visitors. As the Root River Pathway connects to the Lake Michigan Pathway at the Main Street Bridge with additional links to the Racine, Sturtevant, MRK, and North Shore trail networks, the West Bluff Overlook will be a destination for regional and local users of the trails, waterways, and Downtown Racine.					
13. HEALTH OR SAFETY CORRECTION – The project will correct a documented health or safety problem at a public facility open for public use. Only documented problems can be considered. For example: State or local inspections of sanitary facilities or documented reports of conflicts between bikers and horseback riders.	1	0			0
Explain: There are no documented reports of a health or safety problem, as there is no public facility currently on the site.		2,550	4 - 11		
 SMART GROWTH PLAN – A comprehensive land use plan compliant with s. 66.1001, Wis. Stats., (aka Smart Growth) has been adopted by ordinance. 		Ī			
A copy of the adoption resolution must be submitted with the application to get this half point. Yes, A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035 (resolution attached to this application).	.5	.5	.5	.5	,5

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15. NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY (NHI) OR HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SITE – The project is on the NHI or restores or preserves an area with significant historical or cultural value. The project must be listed on the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) or is of local historical or cultural significance. The Natural Heritage Inventory is prepared and maintained by the DNR's Bureau of Endangered Resources. Explain and Provide Documentation: This project is not on the NHI, however, the West Bluff Overlook does have very significant historical and cultural value as it is located in the area where Racine's industrial economy was built. It is because of this section of the Root River that Racine has such a unique history, and the West Bluff Overlook project seeks to both educate on this history and expand opportunities for education about Root River health and ecology.		2	2	2	2
a. The project is in another plan, other than the Local Comprehensive Outdoor Plan that establishes eligibility, including water quality management plans. (1 pt.) The project must be included in a recreation, natural resource, environmental, economic, or land use plan of another local unit of government, state agency or non-profit conservation organization. A copy of the plan must be provided. OR b The project will implement recommendations of a Riverway plan. (2 pts.) The project is in a River corridor plan and should include integrated resource management methods that call for outdoor recreation, water quality, habitat restoration and preservation, open space planning, economic development, municipal master planning, etc. Explain and submit copy of plan cover and relevant pages:	2		2		
Yes, the project would fulfill the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's urban nonpoint source pollution control recommendations for the Root River Watershed, as noted in the organization's regional water quality plan. These recommendations include the adoption of stormwater best management practices in the project area, which the West Bluff Overlook project would implement. (see attached plan cover and relevant pages).					

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a. The project will improve water quality by acquiring or restoring existing erosion problem area(s) or converting hard surfaced lands to green space. The project will be left in a natural state. (1 pt.) The project will stabilize eroding lands or convert hard surfaced lands to green space. Property along a waterbody identified as a "Special Natural Resources Interest" (under Chapter NR 1. Wis. Admin Code) would qualify for this point. OR b. The project will provide for acquisition or restoration of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory (or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory) or documented other key habitat area that will be left in a natural state. (2 pts.) (Acquisition only.) The project acquires land as defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Priority Plan, restores wetland habitat. or protects habitat identified. The project must acquire or restore habitat documented to be critical to protecting environmental quality. Acquisitions adjacent to Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters would also qualify for this point. This project must be left in a natural state. Explain and provide documentation: The West Bluff Overlook project places a strong emphasis on improving water quality through implementing stormwater best management practices including restoration of the steep bluffs along the Overlook and through restoring native vegetation and understory plants on highly eroded river banks within the project area. In addition, much of the impervious surfaces will be converted to pervious green space.	2		1		
18. DAM REMOVAL – The project restores wetlands, River or stream corridors, or habitat following a dam removal. Explain: The West Bluff Overlook Project calls for restoring the Root River Corridor through habitat restoration and stormwater best management practices; however, dam removal is not part of this project.	2		o		

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a. The project expands outdoor recreation near an urban center. (1 pt.) The project provides for an expansion of outdoor recreation that is within easy walking distance (1/4 mile or less) from urban centers. Urban centers would include the traditional business retail centers and residential areas contiguous to the business retail center. OR b. The project will serve the documented needs of special populations in urban areas. (2 pts.) The project will be used to fulfill identified outdoor recreational needs of special populations (elderly, disabled, low income or minority groups). The sponsor must be able to identify the special population in the project narrative and be able to support with evidence any statement to the above to be eligible for this point. Explain: The project expands outdoor recreation in the heart of the City of Racine. As part of the urban center of Racine, the West Bluff Overlook is within walking distance to the downtown and surrounding neighborhood commercial districts, schools, and residential neighborhoods comprised of generally working class and low-income residents.	2		1		
20. PUBLIC ACCESS TO RIVER a. The project will improve an existing public access. (1 pt.) The project will expand and/or improve an existing River access; a project bought for a bird nesting area, nature preserve, etc., that would exclude the public would not be eligible for this point. OR b. The project provides access to the River where none is available now. (2 pts.) (Acquisition only) The project will provide new access for Riverfront users where no public access in the immediate area is now available. A project bought for a bird nesting area, nature preserve, etc., that excludes the public because of single use activities would not be eligible for this point. Explain: While the project area is nearby a cance launch center, within the	2		2		
project area itself access to the Root River is largely shielded from the public. The successful acquisition of the West Bluff properties is crucial for increasing River connections through the overlooks, pathway and onstreet bike path which will be developed as a result of this acquisition.					

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 21. COUNTY POPULATION WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED — For these questions see the Wisconsin population estimates & metro area charts in Appendix A. The project is located: a. In a county that has a city with a Jan. 1, 2012 population of 50,000 or more. (1 pt.) b. In a county with a Jan. 1, 2012 population over 200,000. (1 pt.) c. In a county where the five- year population growth rate (2006-2011) exceeds 1.50% (State growth rate) and the total population as of Jan. 1, 2012 exceeds 50,000. (1 pt.) d. Within 50 miles of a recognized metropolitan area. (1 pt.) The City of Racine has a population of 78,853. The population of Racine County is 195,388, with a growth rate of 3.5% between 2000 and 2010. 	4		2	2	
22. TWO OR MORE GOVERNMENTS IMPLEMENTING A RIVER PLAN a. The planning area has 2 or more local units of government cooperating. (1 pt.) Two separate local units of government – county, city, town, village, or tribe – are cooperating and implementing a River corridor plan. OR b. County-wide or two or more counties cooperating. (2 pts.) Includes all communities located on the River within the county. Communities, county, city, town, village, or tribe – are cooperating and implementing a River corridor plan. Explain and provide documentation: The RootWorks implementation Project Management Team (PMT) includes all relevant units of government participating and cooperating to implement the Plan. The PMT includes the City of Racine and Racine County (see attached letters of support). Includes all community	2		2		
a. The sponsor has signed an agreement with the DNR to do necessary investigation and remediation work on a brownfields site. (2 pt.) The sponsor must submit a copy of the agreement with the application to receive this point. OR b. The project is on lands in process of remediation or remediation has been completed. (3 pts.) The sponsor must have a remediation plan and schedule approved by the DNR. Documentation of the both must be submitted with the application to receive this point. If remediation is completed, a copy of the close out letter from DNR must be submitted. Explain and provide documentation: None of the parcels have any BRRTS records; however, the City will perform a Phase I to ensure there is no potential for contamination.	0		0	0	

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24. DEDICATED ACQUISITION OR MAINTENANCE FUND - The sponsor has a non-budget, dedicated acquisition or maintenance fund, established to maintain and improve the community's/organizations recreational areas. The revenue generated for this fund comes from non-budget sources, such as parkland dedication or impact fee ordinances, endowments, donations, etc. The dedicated fund is used to recover costs for the acquisition, development, and/or maintenance of parks and open space. Explain and provide documentation:	1	0	0	0	0
NA (None available)					
25. COMPLETE APPLICATION — A complete application was submitted by the deadline. Mailed applications with electronic version must be postmarked or received on or before May 1. A complete application consists of all documentation required in the application form checklist for the appropriate project type (located in Appendix K). All required items must be filled out in their entirety.	1	1			1
The application is complete; however, the appraisals and supplemental information will not be available until June 1, 2013.					
26. MATCHING FUNDS – Matching funds are budgeted or available immediately. The project can start with matching funds available immediately upon approval of the grant Explain: Yes, all matching funds for the project are available. The majority of the project matching funds is being provided Mound Avenue Associates, LLC (a holding company of SC Johnson) through land donation, contingent on grant funds being received. The remaining matching funds have been budgeted by the City.	1	t	1	1	1
27. AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS The proposed project will implement a segment of Wisconsin's America's Great Outdoors projects. Wisconsin's AGO projects are: the Lake Michigan Shoreline, Ice Age Trail (Central Wisconsin), Mississippi Bluff Lands, and Milwaukee River Watershed. (See http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/ for more information) Explain:					0.00
While the project is not directly located on the Lake Michigan Shoreline, the project will encourage overall water recreation including along Lake Michigan. In particular, the Root River Pathway is connected to the Lake Michigan Pathway at the Main Street Bridge Downtown Racine, around 1 mile from the West Bluff Overlook.	1				.5

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28. NEW PARK OR CONTIGUOUS RECREATION LAND – (Acquisition Only) a. The project will acquire new park and recreation lands. (2 pts.) Project sponsor must be acquiring land for the community's first park, or for a park in an area in a community that isn't served by a park. An area is determined by the service area standards set in the local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Project must acquire land for non-intensive use in communities. OR b. The project will provide acquisition of land contiguous to existing recreation sites. (1 pt.) Explain: The project will both acquire new recreational land for pedestrians and will provide additional land for an improved and safe bike path section of the Root River Pathway.	2	2	2	2	Z
29. WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES ACQUISITION (Acquisition Only) The project acquires land that provides for water based activities, defined as swimming, shore or ice-fishing, ice skating, or non-motorized boat access. Explain: The project will enhance nearby water-based activities, but will not directly provide any.	1	0			0
30. APPRAISALS – Appraisals are complete and submitted to the DNR with the application. (Acquisition Only) Appraisal Date: To be completed before June 15, 2013 Date Submitted to DNR: Before June 15, 2013	1	1	1	1	1
31. OFFER TO PURCHASE – The sponsor has an accepted option or offer to purchase agreement. (Acquisition Only) The option or offer to purchase must be signed by the landowners. Include copy of option or offer to purchase with application: Date of offer/option: TBD Offer/Option Expiration Date: TBD	1	0	0	0	0

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32. NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (Acquisition Only) a. The project will allow four of the five nature-based outdoor activities. (1 pt.) Check those that apply: Hunting X_Trapping Fishing X_Hiking X_Cross-Country Skiing Or b. The project will allow all nature-based outdoor activities. (2 pt.) Nature-based outdoor activities are defined as hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing. The area will allow for trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing	2	0	0	0	
33. DEVELOPMENT THREAT (Acquisition Only) The property is listed on the open market, an offer to purchase, or the sponsor has purchased the property having received a letter of retroactivity from the regional Community Services Specialist. Explain: While none of the properties are on the open market, we anticipate having accepted offers to purchase prior to grant funds being awarded.	1		0	0	
a. The project will acquire and protect existing green space area(s). (1 pt.) The project will add existing "undisturbed by development" land on the River within an area where the majority of the surrounding land has been developed. OR b. The project will acquire lands that are presently developed and will include substantial renovation, restoration, or revitalization of a blighted Riverfront area. (2 pts.) The project will restore under-utilized land along the River for useful outdoor recreation purposes. An example would be: purchasing a partially used or unused building or a parking lot on the River and convening the land into passive or active green space and renovated support facilities.	2		2		

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The pland tof 6th	a. The project provides recreation on a waterbody where none is available now. (2 pts.) Or b. The project will improve an existing recreation site. (1 pt.) The waterbody must be navigable. Explain: project will both improve and expand the existing City owned park to the south of these parcels, as well as the REC center area (south Street) with new public park space and a more diverse set of ational opportunities.	1			1	
36. NA	WETLANDS ACQUISITIONS — The project provides for acquisition of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory or another approved wetland delineation or inventory and preserved through the property management plan. Other approved wetland delineations or inventories must be approved/accepted by the project sponsor and the wetland area must be preserved through the property management plan. Wetlands include aquatic bed plants, sphagnum moss, marsh and wetland meadow, wet shrubs, wet forests, shallow open water, and nonvegetated wet soil. Explain:	0			Õ	
37. NA	WETLANDS RESTORATION - The project provides for restoration of wetlands defined in the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory or another approved wetlands delineation or inventory and preserved through the property management plan. Other approved wetland delineations or inventories must be approved/accepted by the project sponsor and the wetland area must be identified to be restored preserved. Wetlands include aquatic bed plants, sphagnum moss, marsh and wetland meadow, wet shrubs, wet forests, shallow open water, and non-vegetated wet soil. Explain:	0			0	
CEVE	COMMUNITY GARDENS – The project will provide community garden plots for non-commercial gardening activities involving raising vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs for personal consumption or use. Explain:	0			0	

Development Projects Only	201				
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39. RAILROAD CORRIDOR - The project will develop an abandoned rail corridor for trail use. Explain: NA (not development)	1	1			1
40. RESTORATION OR RENOVATION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (Development Only) The project will specifically provide for the renovation or replacement of outdoor recreation facilities that are in danger of being lost for public use or updating existing facilities to meet current American with Disabilities Act requirements. Urban Rivers – must occur on the Riverfront Explain: NA (not development)	1	1	1		1
41. SPONSOR INITIATION OF PROJECT (Development Only) a. The sponsor has acquired the land for the project without OR b. The sponsor has completed development of some basic eligible facilities. (1 pt.) Explain: NA (not development)	2	2 Or 1			2 Or 1
42. WISCONSIN MADE PRODUCTS (Development Only) The project involves the use of materials or products that are made in Wisconsin. Explain: NA (not development)	1	1	1		1

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43. RECYCLED OR RE-USED PRODUCTS (Development Only) The project involves the use of materials or products with recycled content or being re-used. Explain: NA (not development)	1	1	1		1
44. CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE – The project will be implemented immediately and can be completed in two construction seasons. (Development only) Sponsor must provide that match funds are budgeted, provide copies of a site plan, and construction plans for the project in order to receive this point. Explain: NA (not development)	1	1			1
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SUBTOTAL PROJECT SCORE					
45. ACTIVE PROJECT POINT ADJUSTMENT For each active project that a sponsor has under the Stewardship Local Assistance, Land & Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Trails Act grant programs, points will be deducted from the total project application score as follows: No. of Active Projects 0					
Three or more active projects -deduct 5 pts.					
Two active projects – deduct 3 pts One active project – deduct 1 pt.	0	0	0	0	0
NOTE: An "active project" is defined as a project where the scope has not been completed. Development projects are allowed one full construction season from the grant award start date before being defined as "active", acquisition projects are considered factive if the grant award is prior to July 1 of last grant cycle. The final reimbursement claim must be submitted to the regional office in order to remove the project from the active project list.					
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE					

TIE BREAKERS	Maximum Points	ADLP	URBAN RIVERS	URBAN GREEN SPACE	LWCF
T1. POPULATION SERVED – The project will serve a population of 5,000 or more. Determined from Dept. of Administration January 1, 2011, population estimates. Yes, the current City of Racine population is 78,853.	.1	,1			,1
T2. FIRST OF A KIND — The project will result in a first-of-a-kind facility for the project sponsor or service area. Facility can be judged on a service area basis as defined in the outdoor recreation plan. Explain:	.1	.1	.1		.1
Yes, there is no such unique project along a riverfront or lakefront in Racine.					
T3. TRAIL SYSTEM – The project will provide or support a multipurpose, regional, or statewide recreational trail for trail system. Explain: Yes, the project will support an improvement of the Root River Pathway and will provide for a better connection to the regional Lake Michigan Pathway.	3	á			3
T4. ACCESSIBILITY RENOVATION – The project will provide for major renovation or updates for disabled accessibility to a park or recreation area having limited or no accessibility. Examples include items such as sanitary facilities, shelters, or parking lots. Explain: The City intends to implement the West Bluff Overlook park design to be ADA compliant to allow for disabled accessibility to the park area.	.1	.1	.1		.1
T5. NATURAL WATERBODY – The project will improve recreational opportunities on a natural waterbody. Waterbody must be navigable. Explain: Yes, the project will bring more people to the River to partake in fishing, hiking etc, and will also encourage use of canoe and kayak rental at the nearby REC center.	.1	.1			.1
T6. HUNTING AND TRAPPING – The project will provide hunting and trapping opportunities. Check all that apply: Hunting (.2 pts)					
Trapping (.2 pts)	.5	.2	.2	.2	.2
Hunting and Trapping (.5 pts) There is no City ordinance restricting trapping, however, there is an ordinance restricting hunting in the project area.	57.00		mark	50ë-	

T7. Legacy Community — The project sponsor has signed the Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy Community Charter before April 30, 2013, and agrees to take actions to achieve superior environmental performance in the areas of (1) water resources management and/or (2) sustainability practices and to share the results of their Green Tier Legacy efforts. (As of November 29, 2012, seven local governments are Legacy Communities, including the cities of Middleton, Bayfield, Fitchburg, Appleton, Weston, Monona, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Village of Bayside.) No Include a copy of the signed charter. NA	a	0	0	0	0
PROJECT TOTAL SCORE + TIE BREAKERS					

SECTION 4: Acquisition of Development Rights Project Rating Questions

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
1. FRONTAGE ON RIVERS, STREAMS, LAKES OR ESTUARIES Select only one a. The property has frontage on a navigable River, stream, lake or estuary. – 3 pts. OR b. The property has frontage on a navigable River, stream, lake or estuary, AND the waterbody has ecological importance, protects threatened or endangered species habitat, or has unique natural resource features. (e.g., the property is on the wild lakes inventory, priority lakes, Rivers, or streams inventories.) – 6 pts. Explain: NA (not acquisition of development rights)	6	3 Or 6

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
PROXIMITY TO OTHER PERMANENTLY PROTECTED LAND Select only one		
The property creates a buffer between land that has been permanently protected for natural resource, conservation or outdoor recreation purposes and potential or existing residential, commercial or industrial development. – 8 pts. OR b. The property is within the boundaries of an acquisition	.8	
project area (node or corridor) established by the DNR, a governmental unit, or a nonprofit conservation organization, where the uses of the property will complement the goals of the project and the stewardship program. – 8 pts. OR	ō	8
c. The property is within the boundaries of an acquisition project described above AND it connects or is adjacent to already acquired parcels within a designated project area. – 10 pts.	10	10
OR d. The property is within an identified environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas. – 1 pt. OR	1	Or 1
 e. The property is within an identified environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas, and progress has occurred in the past 5 years toward protecting the environmental corridor. (e.g., proof of active involvement and efforts in protecting the entire corridor.) – 2 pts. 	2	
Explain:		
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
NATURE-BASED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES a. The property enhances the recreational value of another project that provides multiple use and/or multiple season recreational activities.	2	2
Explain:		
b. The property provides nature based outdoor recreation and there will be public access to: 1) The entire property year-round. – 3pts. OR		3
2) A corridor within the property year round. – 2 pts. OR	3	2
3) The property during a defined period of the year 1 pt.		Or
Explain:		

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
4. NATURAL, SCENIC, GEOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL VALUES a. Natural Communities: The property preserves an existing		
natural community or will be restored to a natural community.		
Explain:		2
 b. The property contains state or federal threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, or rare natural communities. 		5
Explain:		
	2	
		1
c. The property preserves an identified archeological site.		15
Explain:		
	5	
d. The property has unique geological or physical characteristics (e.g., unexpected scenic contribution, other significant physical features having outstanding values rock outcroppings, glacial features, etc.)		4
Explain:	1	
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
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	4	

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
5. DEVELOPMENT PRESSURE		
a. The property's physical characteristics make it unsuitable		
for development, e.g., wetland, floodplain.	-3	
Explain:	-	-3
b. The property can be divided under the current land use plan.		
Explain:	1	1
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 c. Property is/was listed on the open market or an offer has been made by a developer. 		
Explain:	1	1
Explain.		'
d. The project is within a ½ mile of a city or village that is in a position to annex.		
position to annex.	4	à .
Explain:		
e. Development of the property will:		
1) Initiate rural fragmentation in the area 2 pts.		2
OR		4.
Increase rural fragmentation in the area. – 1 pt.	2	OR
Explain:		1
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
S. LOCAL PLANS		
a. The project has been identified in a plan that has as one of		
its purposes the protection of natural resources or provision		
of recreational opportunity.	1	1
Plan:		
Page #:		
Include plan cover page and page on which the project appears.		
b. The quality has been identified in a family service.		
 The project has been identified in a locally approved comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 66.1001, Wis. Stats. 	1	4
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A copy of the adoption resolution must be submitted with the application to get this half point.		
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
na free statement at seasachment (Rue)		

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
7. AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN STEWARDSHIP		
a. The grant request is.		1
30% - 40% of the total project costs. – 1 pt.		2
 20% - 20.99% of the total project costs 2 pts. 	3	Or
 Less than 20% of the total project costs. – 3 pts. 	3	3
Explain and Provide Documentation:		Ü
 At least 15% of the funding for the property is coming from private, non-governmental sources (includes donations) 	1	
Explain and Provide Documentation:		1
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
8. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS		
a. The sponsor has never received a Stewardship grant.	1	1
 A property appraisal is complete and has been submitted to the DNR for certification. 	1	1
Appraisal Date:		
Date Submitted to DNR:		
c. The sponsor has submitted a draft easement for DNR review.	-0.	V
Date Submitted to DNR:		1
d. The property is located within a governmental unit that has a protection of development rights program in place.	1	1
Explain and Provide Documentation:		
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		
9. OVERALL ECONOMY OF COMMUNITY		
The project will compliment a community economic plan to create partnerships that will generate private-sector outdoor recreation support, agriculture, or the forestry industries. The project will create partnerships that will expand outdoor recreation opportunities that will generate additional income to private-sector businesses. An example includes additional revenue generated by a bait shop selling tackle and bait to people to use while trout fishing on a protected trout stream. Specific documentation must be included to be eligible for this point.	1	1
Explain and provide documentation:		
NA (not acquisition of development rights)		

Note: Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Project Points
a. The project will allow four of the five nature-based outdoor activities 1 pt. Check those that apply: Hunting Trapping Fishing Hiking Cross-Country Skiing Or b. The project will allow all nature-based outdoor activities 2 pts. Nature-based outdoor activities are defined as hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, and cross-country skiing. NA (not acquisition of development rights)	2	1 Or 2
11. HUNTING AND TRAPPING – The project will provide hunting and trapping opportunities. Check all that apply: Hunting Large Game Waterfowl Small Game Turkey Trapping Upland Water NA (not acquisition of development rights)	2	2
12. Legacy Community – The project sponsor has signed the Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy Community Charter before April 30, 2013, and agrees to take actions to achieve superior environmental performance in the areas of (1) water resources management and/or (2) sustainability practices and to share the results of their Green Tier Legacy efforts. (As of November 29, 2012, seven local governments are Legacy Communities, including the cities of Middleton, Bayfield, Fitchburg, Appleton, Weston, Monona, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Village of Bayside.) Include a copy of the signed charter. NA (not acquisition of development rights)	1	1
ADR TOTAL PROJECT SCORE		

SECTION 5: Recreational Trails Act Project Rating Questions

develop progran	nless otherwise indicated, questions apply to both acquisition and ment projects. Areas with dark shading do not apply to that specific n. answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
	PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS - The project is referenced in a local or recreation plan. Local Recreation Plan: 1 pt. Plan Name: Yes, A Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine, 2011 Page #: 52-53		1	1	1
	-age #: 52-55	3			
F	Page #: Map 18 (see attached)		2	2	2
6	nclude plan cover page and pages on which project appears.				
2, 1	RAIL CORRIDOR - The project involves the acquisition, development, or maintenance of a trail on an abandoned ail corridor. The trail is located on an abandoned rail corridor. Explain:	2		0	
t å å The Ra	TRAIL PATROL – The sponsor provides or supports a rail patrol associated with the proposed trail. The sponsor either (1) provides a courtesy trail patrol or paid trail law enforcement or (2) supports a voluntary courtesy trail patrol or a paid law enforcement patrol brough a written agreement. Explain: acine Police Department has a bicycle patrol, which supports ular vehicular patrol of this area.	1		j	
4.	SAFE TRAIL USE				
	Choose all that apply. a. Proposed trail project section does not use any roadway. — 3 pts The trail is located completely off road. An example includes a trail located completely in a county forest that does not use any roads as pair.				
	 of the trail. b. Proposed trail project section does not contain any argrade roadway bridge crossings. – 2 pts. 	:-		6	
	The trail will not cross a roadway bridge(s) that require the trail user to use any part of the road or road shoulder to access the bridge deck. c. Proposed trail project section does not contain atgrade roadway crossings. — 1 pt. The trail will not cross a roadway.	6			
The W will mo off-roa	Explain: est Bluff Overlook project area section proposed for this grant ve the currently on-road Root River Pathway in this section to d, so this proposed project does not use any roadway, has no le bridge crossing and does not have any at-grade roadway gs.				

L'IONIGE BILL	nt projects. Areas with dark shading do not apply to that specific swers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
	NATIONS				
Cho	pose all that apply.				
a.	The project involves a friends group or a group of volunteer sponsoring and supporting it 1 pt.				
	Explain how civic groups, citizen volunteers, snowmobile clubs, etc. will be involved in the trail project.				
b.	A minimum of 25% of the project cost is provided through donations. – 2 pts.				
	A minimum of ¼ of the project cost must come from any single or combination of donations, materials, services, or labor.				
	plain:				
are corner the RootW gathered of initiated th RA has por the RootW	River Council (RRC) and River Alliance of Wisconsin (RA) estones of this project. The RRC secured funds to complete Vorks Plan and the initial West Bluff Overlook designs, community input through extensive public meetings, and he RootWorks project through a partnership with the City. ovided technical expertise throughout the development of Vorks plan and continues to be a valuable resource in tation of the plan's recommendations.	3		3	
Project Ma of Racine, organization implement In addition located at would covid donated la	has a representative on the RootWorks Implementation anagement Team created through a partnership of the City RCEDC, Racine County, and regional stakeholders. Both ons will continue to be actively involved in the tation of the West Bluff Overlook project. In, Mound Avenue Associates, LLC, is donating the property 1231 Mound Avenue as a match for this application – which her an estimated 44% of the required matching funds. The and, however, is contingent on grant funds to acquire the				
remaining					
b. LOI	NG TERM TRAIL			7 - 1	
12.6	pose only one.				
Cho					
a.	Trail is located on public land or private land with a minimum of a 25 year use period. – 4 pts. The trail on private land must be protected with a 25 year use easement.	4			
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a. b.	a minimum of a 25 year use period. – 4 pts. The trail on private land must be protected with a 25 year use easement. Trail corridor is on public or private land with a use period at least 10 years but less than 25 years. – 2 pts. Trails on private land must be protected with an easement that is at least	4			
a. b.	a minimum of a 25 year use period. — 4 pts. The trail on private land must be protected with a 25 year use easement. Trail corridor is on public or private land with a use period at least 10 years but less than 25 years. — 2 pts. Trails on private land must be protected with an easement that is at least 3 years but less than 25 years. Trail corridor is on public or private land with a use period at least 3 years but less than 10 years.	4			

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, questions apply to both acquisition and development projects. Areas with dark shading do not apply to that specific program. Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
7. ABILITY TO CARRY OUT PROJECT – The sponsor can demonstrate the ability to carry out a trail project. The sponsor must describe how and with what type of funds the project will be implemented. If the sponsor has not constructed or maintained a trail, describe any organizational efforts that would indicate the group's ability to successfully carry out a trail project. The sponsor must not have any unresolved controversies concerning trail construction, siting, uses, etc.in the last 10 years. Explain: Yes, the project funds will be available both through the donation of the land at 1231 Mound Avenue, with the remaining funds budgeted through the City's intergovernmental revenue sharing funds.	3		3	
8. POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCING TOURISM a. The project is located in an area which experiences a documented high seasonal visitor population. (1 pt.) b1. The project will attract some visitors from outside the community. (1 pt.) OR b2. The project will be of region-wide or statewide significance in terms of travel. (2 pts.) Regional significance could be trails on the state trail system or trails that connect to state trails, or frails that cover more than one county, or that connect to state or regional parks. Documentation must be provided to receive these points As a Wisconsin coastal community with significant investment and assets in water-based recreation and Downtown tourism the West Bluff Overlook project is located in an area impacted by a seasonal visitor population. Implementation of the RootWorks Plan will further increase Downtown Racine's role as a visitor destination; the West Bluff Overlook project is the catalytic project to advance this role.	3		1	
9. MOTORIZED PROJECT TYPE - Choose only one. a. Rehabilitation - 8 pts. b. Maintenance - 7 pts. c. Development - 4 pts. d. Acquisition - 1 pt. Explain: NA	8	8 7 4 1		

10.	NL apply	IMBER OF MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES - Choose all that				
		Trail provides for more than one motorized use at a time. – 2 pts.		2		
		The trail must accommodate two different types of motorized activities at the same time. An example is a trail that allows ATV and four wheel drive vehicles on the trail at the same time.	4			
	b.	Trail provides for more than one motorized use during different seasons 2 pts.		2		
		The trail shares uses depending on the season. An example is motorcycle use in the summer and fall, and snowmobile use in the winter.				
	Exp	plain:				
NA						
develo progra	ppme im.	ss otherwise indicated, questions apply to both acquisition and nt projects. Areas with dark shading do not apply to that specific swers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
	YE	AR-ROUND USE - Does the trail provide for year				
		nd use? trail provides for motorized use for both winter and summer.	2444	160		
		plain:	2	2		
NA						
12.	TR	AIL LINKS Choose only one				
	a.	Trail links with other trails to form a trail or lead to				
		another trail system 3 pts. The trail on which the project is located is connected to other trails and is		3		
		not self-contained. OR				
	b.	Continues the development of a trail that does not		2		
		connect to other trails 2 pts.	3	2.1		1
		The trail is self-contained or a closed trail system		1		
	c.	Develops the first trail link of a trail system 1 pts.		121		
	Exp	olain:				
NA				-0-1		
13	NO	N-MOTORIZED PROJECT TYPE - CHOOSE ONLY				
	57.	a. Rehabilitation - 8 pts.				
		b. Maintenance - 7 pts.				
		c. Development – 4 pts.			9	
		d. Acquisition – 1 pt.			8	
area v	with striar	Bluff Overlook project will rehabilitate a currently blighted impervious surfacs into a public park and bike and pathway with open/green space and outdoor recreation ies.				

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, questions apply to both acquisition and development projects. Areas with dark shading do not apply to that specific program. Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed.	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
 CLOSE TO HIGH POPULATION AREAS – The project serves a county population estimated to be over 50,000. See Appendix A 	1		1	
Yes, the current population of Racine is 78,853.				
15. DIVERSIFIED PROJECT TYPE - Choose only one. a. Rehabilitation - 4 pts. b. Maintenance - 3 pts.	4			4
c. Development – 2 pts.				3
d. Acquisition – 1 pt.				2
Explain: NA				1
16. GREATEST NUMBER OF COMPATIBLE USES				
 a. Trail provides for three compatible uses. – 2 pts. 				
b. Trail provides for four or more compatible uses 3				2
pts.	3			3
Explain: NA				
17. CLOSE TO HIGH POPULATION AREAS – The project serves a county population estimated to be over 50,000. See Appendix A	1			1
18. GREATEST NUMBER OF OUTDOOR USES - Choose only				
 a. Trail provides access to four or more outdoor uses in addition to trail use. – 3 pts. 				
The trail project is located on a trail that gives access to four or more outdoor recreation activities. An example include a trail that has one spur to a local park with baseball and soccer fields, and another spur to a campground, and the trail has a fishing platform located along a stretch of River to which the trail runs parallel.				3
b. Trail provides access to three outdoor recreation uses.	3		11.01	
- 2 pts. OR				2
c. Trail provides access to two outdoor recreation uses. – 1 pt.				Ť.
Explain:				
NA				

Provide answers below question and attached additional pages if needed. 19. RESOLVES CONFLICTS BETWEEN USERS - Choose all that apply a. Trail will resolve conflicting use by creating separate trails within the same corridor for each trail group. — 3 pts. The trail project will create separate and distinct trails within an existing trail corndor. An example includes the creation of a trail for horses and a separate trail to accommodate mountain bikes. b. Trail will resolve conflicting use by establishing distinct trail use periods for each trail group. — 2 pts. The trail project will involve separating trail uses by scheduling and posting days and hours when individual trail uses are and are not allowed. Explain:	5			3
distinct trail use periods for each trail group. – 2 pts. The trail project will involve separating trail uses by scheduling and posting days and hours when individual trail uses are and are not allowed. Explain:				
NAME OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR				
NA .				
20. ACTIVE PROJECT – POINT ADJUSTMENT For each active project a Sponsor has under the Stewardship Local Assistance, Land & Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Trails Act grant programs, points will be deducted from the total project application score as follows:				
No. of Active Projects 0				
Three or more active projects -deduct 5 pts.	-5		0	
Two active projects - deduct 3 pts				
One active project - deduct 1 point				
NOTE: An "active project" is defined as a project where the scope has not been completed. Development projects are allowed one full construction season from the grant award start date before being defined as "active", acquisition projects are considered "active" if the grant award is prior to July 1 of last grant cycle. A project's reimbursement claim documents must be submitted in order to be considered completed.				
RTA PROJECT TOTAL				
RTA TIE BREAKER	Maximum Points	Motorized	Non- Motorized	Diversified
 Legacy Community — The project sponsor has signed the Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy Community Charter before April 30, 2013, and agrees to take actions to achieve superior environmental performance in the areas of (1) water resources management and/or (2) sustainability practices and to share the results of their Green Tier Legacy efforts. (As of November 29, 2012, seven local governments are Legacy Communities, including the cities of Middleton, Bayfield, Fitchburg, Appleton, Weston, Monona, Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Village of Bayside.) 	1		0	
NA SIGNAL				
TOTAL RTA PROJECT SCORE				

ACQUISITION PROJECT	DEVELOPMEN T PROJECT	APPLICATION ITEM
		Completed Application
\boxtimes		Project Resolution by Grant Sponsor (see example in Appendix G)
⊠		Project Location Map (see Appendix D)
		4. Project Boundary Map (see example in Appendix E)
		5. Topographical Map
⊠		Legal Description and GPS Coordinates (legal description will be provided with appraisals)
N/A		7. To-scale Site Plan, Preliminary Building Drawing Plans (example in Appendix E)
	N/A	Conceptual Future Site Plan - if trails, facilities, etc., are to be developed (see Appendix E)
N/A		9. Estimated Construction Timeline, Including Schedule of Dev. Phases (if applicable
⊠		10. Cost Estimate worksheet - Form 8700-14 (Appendix L)
N/A		 <u>Draft</u> Easement or Lease Document (if development project is on land not owned by applicant)
		12. Required Permits
		 Appraisal(s) (For Development Projects - Third party land donation used as match (To be provided by June 15, 2013)
		 Just Compensation Form (if price negotiated & federal funds are being considered) (NA)
		15. Relocation Plan (if applicable) (Available once offers are made)
		16. Signed Option or Offer to Purchase (Available once offers are made)
		17 Agricultural Impact Statement (if applicable) (NA)
		18. Hazards Assessment Form #1800-001 (to be provided by the time grant funds are received)
		19. If brownfield site - remediation plan information (Phase I's will be completed)
		 If brownfield site and remediation has occurred - signed DNR Final Close Out Letter (NA)
		21. Parkland Dedication Ordinance Adoption Resolution (if applicable) (To be provided as grant funds are received)
	N/A	If property located in another jurisdiction - approval resolution from other jurisdiction (NA)
		23. If seller has owned property for less than three (3) years - copy of seller's deed (NA)
		24. Electronic version of application and required documentation.
		25, Public Access & Acceptable Uses Form #8700-332 (Appendix I) Indicate date sent to regional CSS if before application date: (NA)

Project Resolution by Grant Sponsor

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 13-05

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Racine adopted the document titled "Rootworks-Revilatizing Racine's Urban River Corridor: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan" (RootWorks Plan) for the City of Racine, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, as a component of the Rootworks plan, opportunities for public access and interaction are identified; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity for public access and interaction was identified as the "West Bluff Overlook Area" along Mound Avenue; and

WHEREAS, concepts for the West Bluff Overlook Area include the assemblage of lands for the accommodation of an off-road pedestrian-bicycle path, and outdoor classroom, a river bluff overlook, and a potential community building; and

WHEREAS, continued assessment and development of the properties along the West Bluff Overlook on Mound Avenue advance the goals of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035 as an area of "Opportunities for Redevelopment in the City of Racine" and the 2011 Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Racine: 2035 as location for the development of a river pathway system; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources administers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund making grants available to local units of government and non-profit conservation organizations to help fund land acquisition and recreational development; and

WHEREAS, the Knowles Nelson grant process requires that professional services be retained to provide the necessary appraisals and surveys of lands contemplated for acquisition and recreational development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Matthew G. Sadowski, Assistant Executive Director, or his authorized agent, are authorized to act on the behalf of the Authority to: solicit for and enter into agreements for professional services; submit an application to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; submit reimbursement claims along with necessary documentation within 6 months of project completion date; sign and submit documents; take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project and activities.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 13-05

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine, or its successor will comply with state or federal rules for the programs for projects accessible to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made to the project site.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in the Redevelopment Activities account of the Capital Budget (919.000.5020). Total cost of appraisals and surveys is not anticipated to exceed \$25,000.

Adopted on:

April 1, 2013

Seal

By a Vote of

For:

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

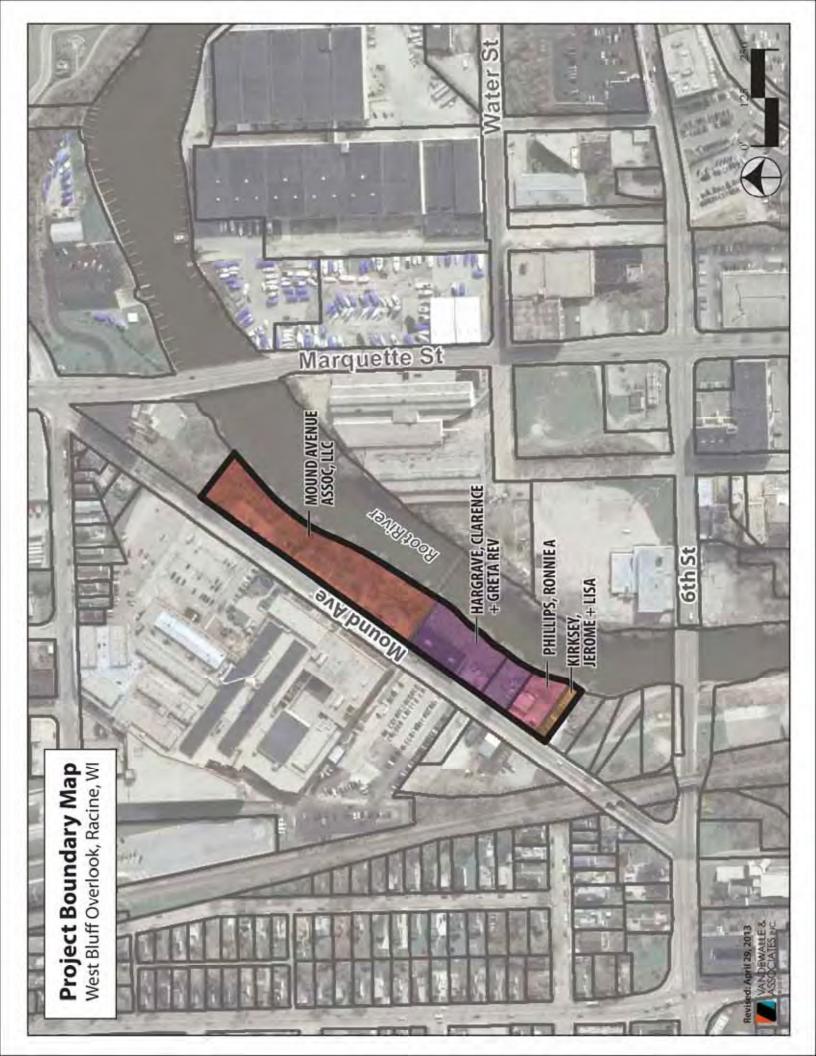
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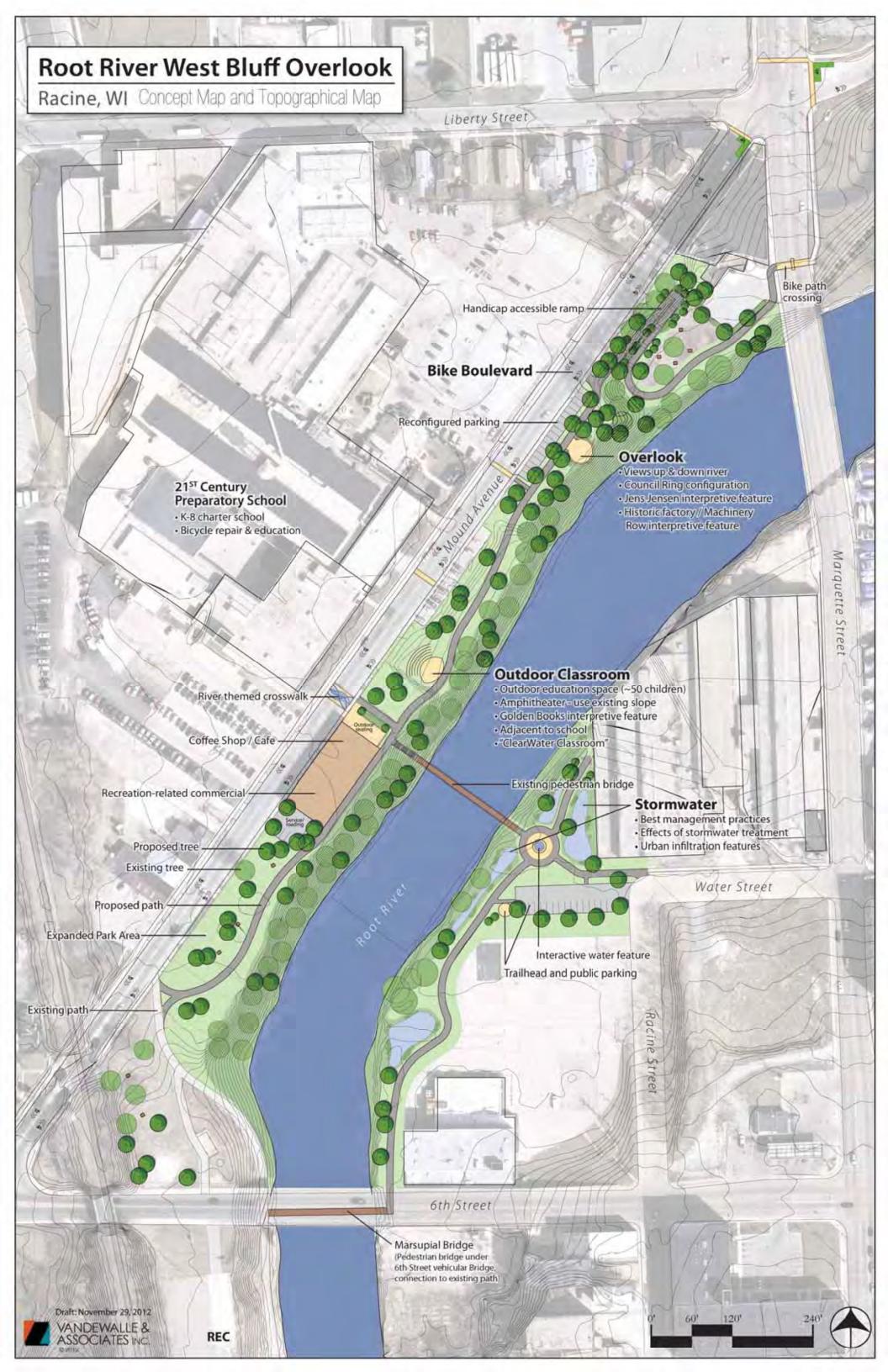
Matthew G. Sadowski, Assistant Executive Director

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine

Project Location and Boundary Map



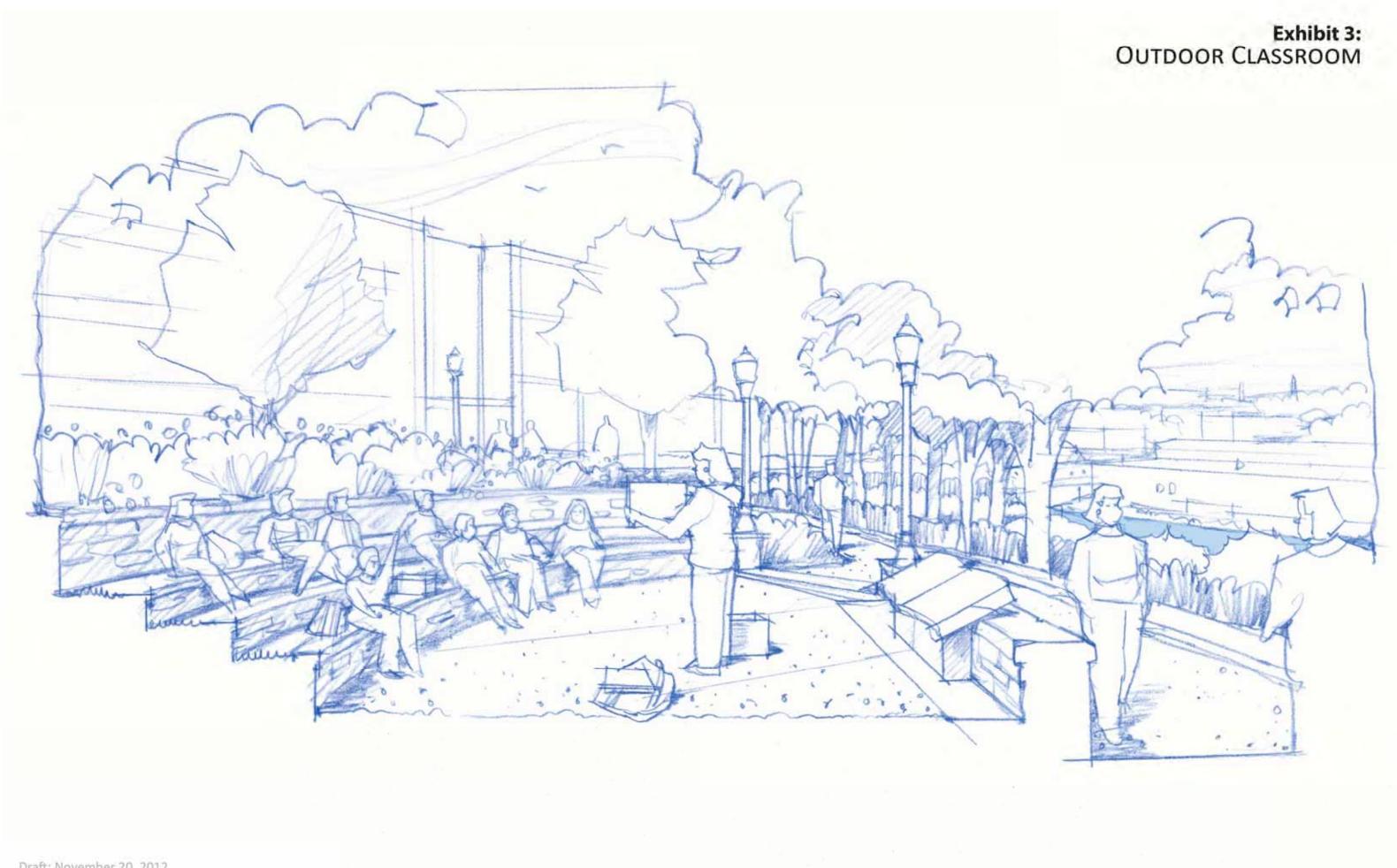
Concept Map and Topographical Map



West Bluff Overlook Initial Designs

Exhibit 1: **Root River West Bluff Overlook** · Views up & down river · Outdoor education space (~50 children) Racine, WI · Council Ring configuration · Amphitheater - use existing slope · Jens Jensen interpretive feature · Golden Books interpretive feature · Historic factory / Machinery **Experience Concept:** Adjacent to school 21ST Century-Preparatory School Row interpretive feature Create a green space that provides both a Jens "ClearWater Classroom" · K-8 charter school Jensen inspired natural environment as well as "OVERLOOK" · Bicycle repair & education place-based interactive learning opportunities. "OUTDOOR CLASSROOM" Coffee Shop / Cafe Recreation-related commercial-Expanded Park Area WATER QUALITY. "STORMWATER" · Best management practices Effects of stormwater treatment Urban infiltration features · Interactive water feature · UW Parkside REC facility Root River Steelhead Facility educational display Lake trout & salmon educational / art display River health educational features · Interactive health monitoring learning opportunity





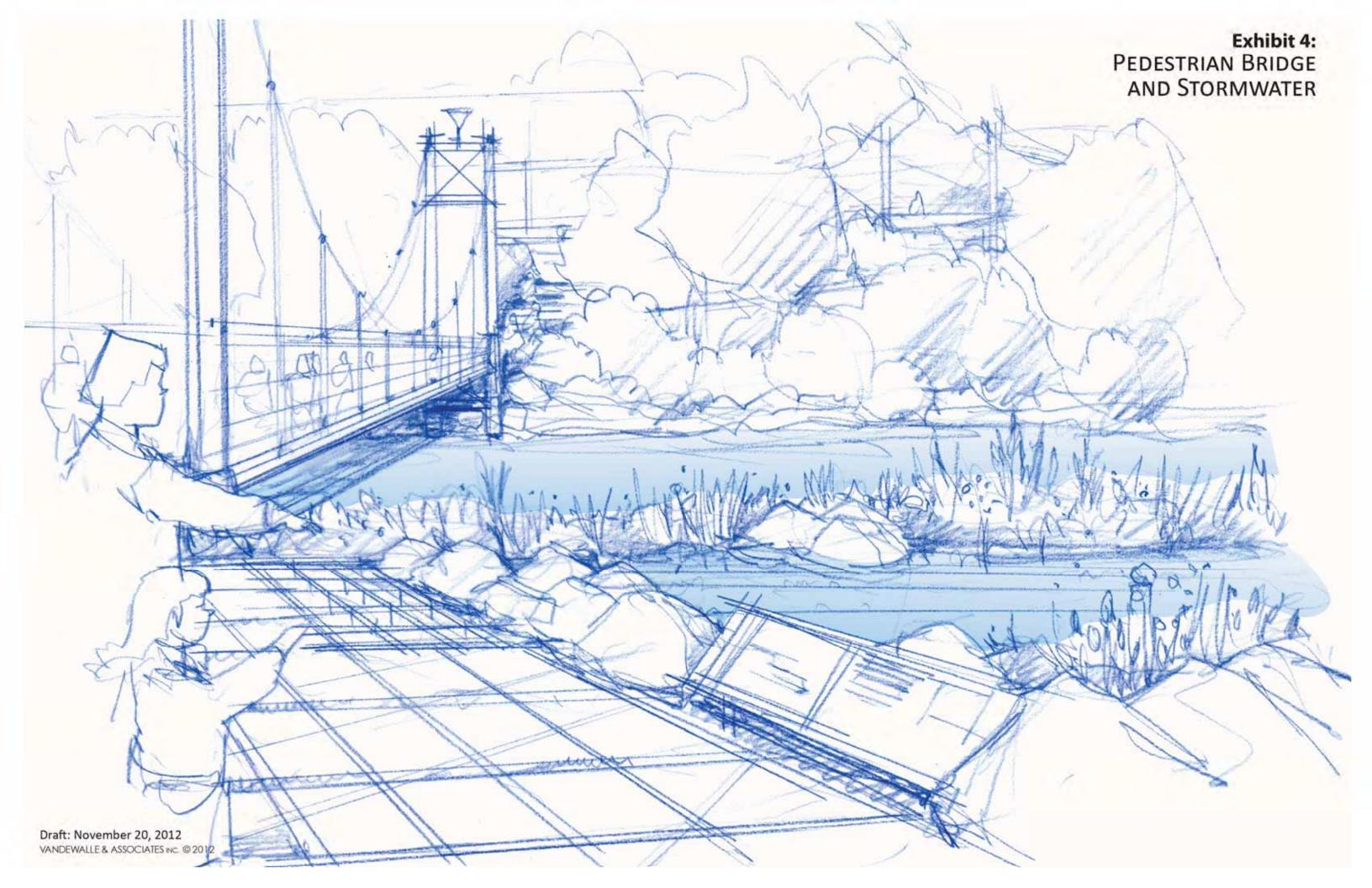
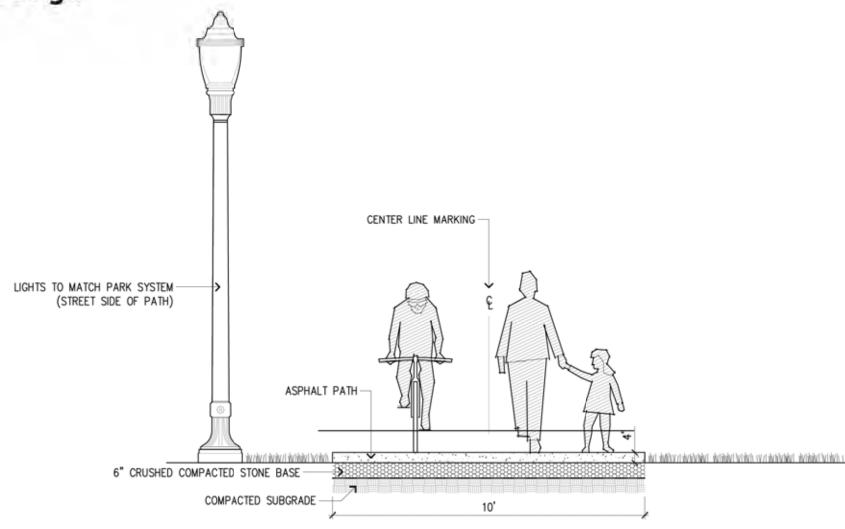


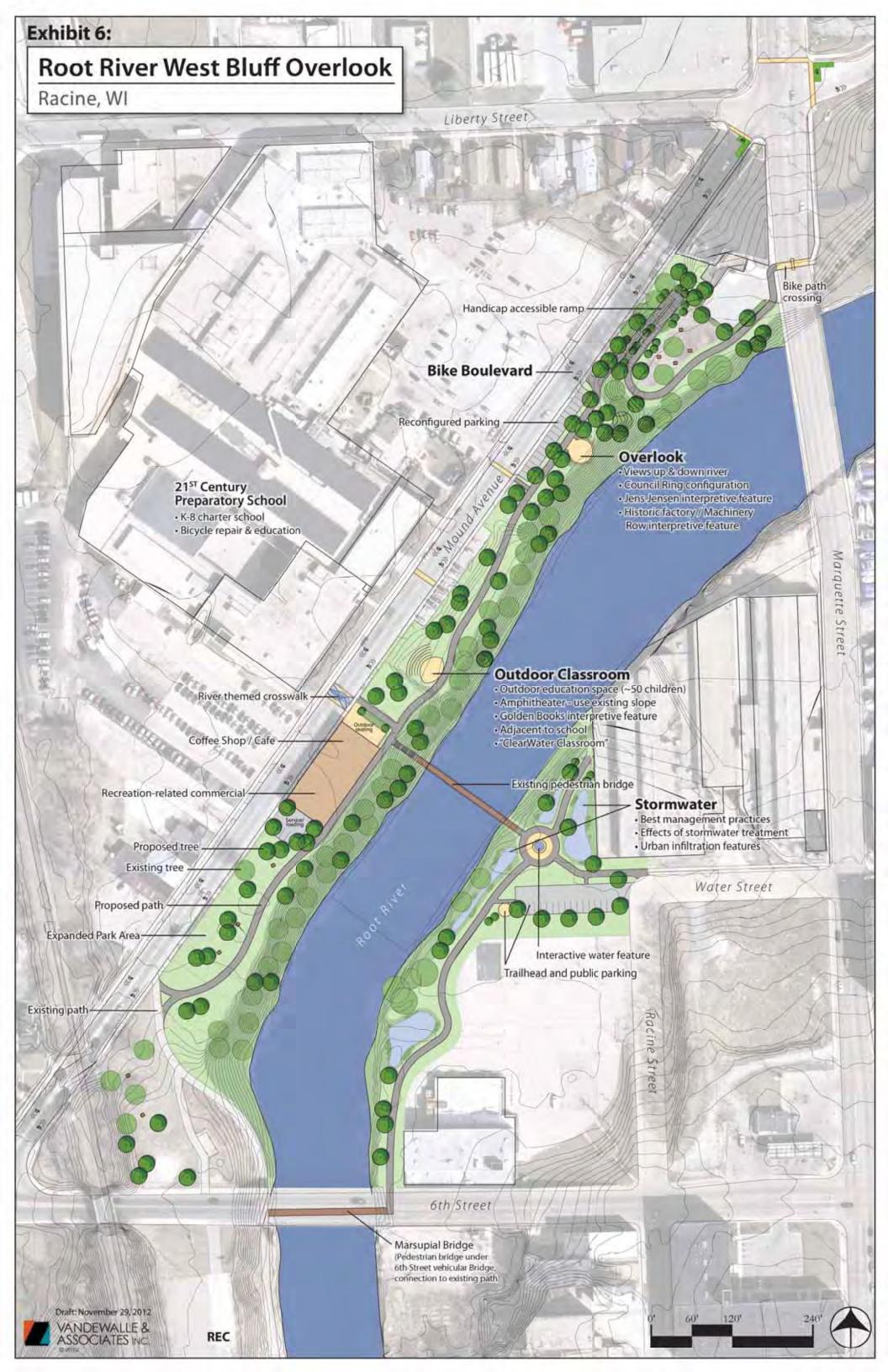
Exhibit 5: Path Design

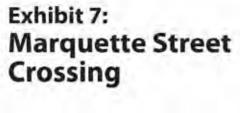


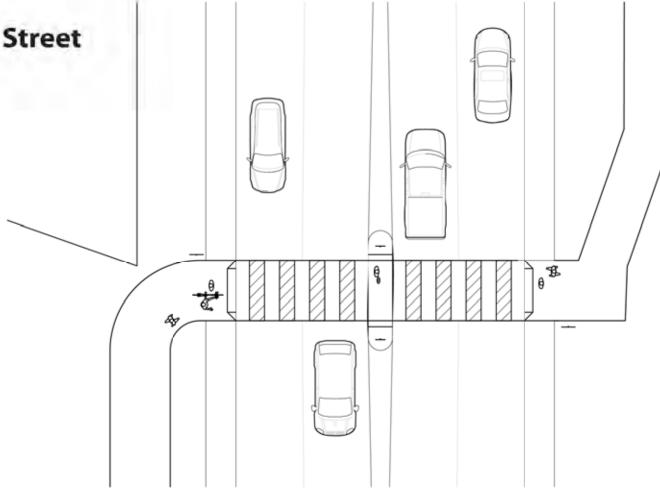


BICYCLE PATH TYP.









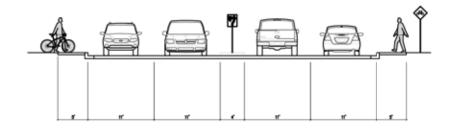
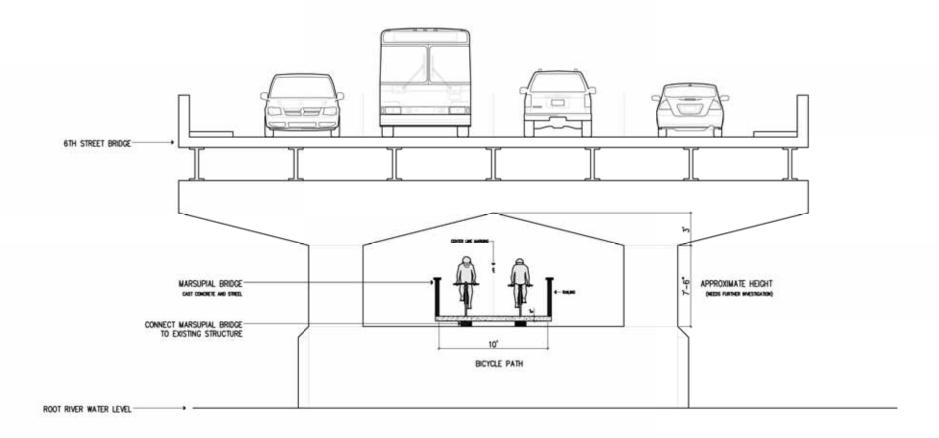


Exhibit 8: 6th Street Marsupial Bridge



MARSUPIAL BRIDGE



Exhibit 9:

Marsupial Bridge Examples



















Bike Boulevard:

 A low volume street that has been optimized for bicycle travel through traffic calming and diversion, signage and pavement markings, and intersection crossing treatments.



Advantages:

- Tangible safety benefits
- Appeal to inexperienced cyclists, families, and seniors
- · Calmer riding environment
- Inexpensive capital costs











Methods:

- Prioritize bicycle through movement by turning stop signs to favor the bicycle boulevard.
- Reduce vehicle speeds through traffic calming measures.
- · Reduce vehicle volumes through traffic diversion measures.
- Provide crossing improvements at intersections with major streets (including median refuge islands, signalization, and/or curb extensions).
- Help cyclists find and use the facility (through pavement markings and signs that provide directional and destination information).

Source: http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/faqs/answer.cfm?id=3976

Exhibit 11: West Bluff Overlook

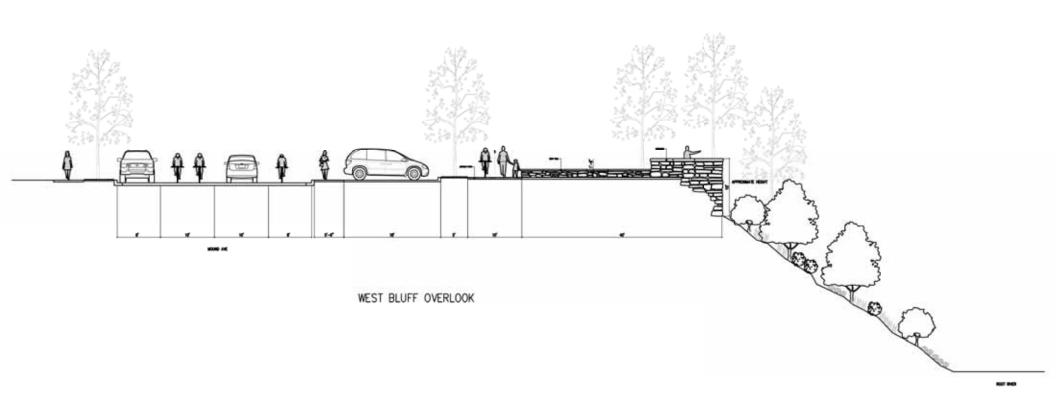




Exhibit 12: West Bluff Overlook Detail

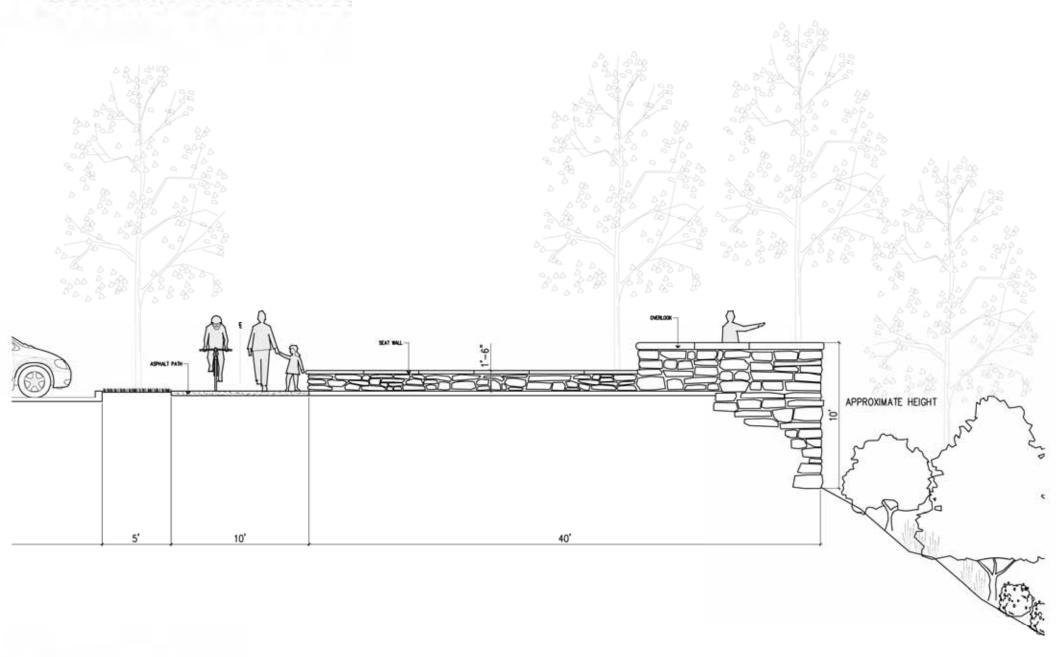




Exhibit 13: Outdoor Classroom

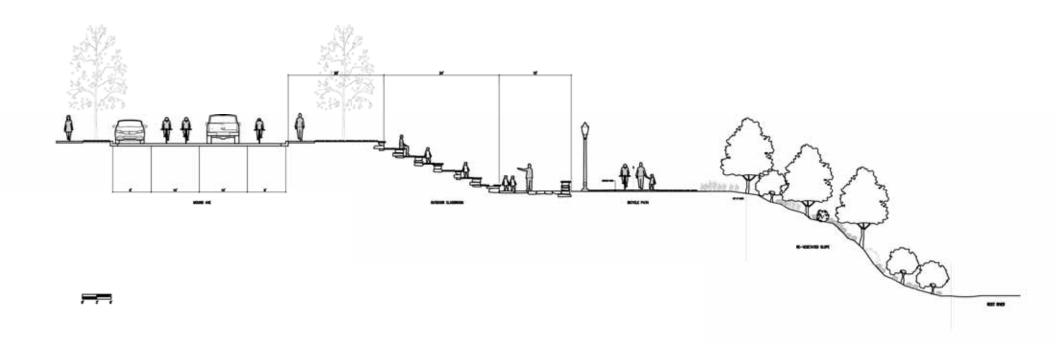
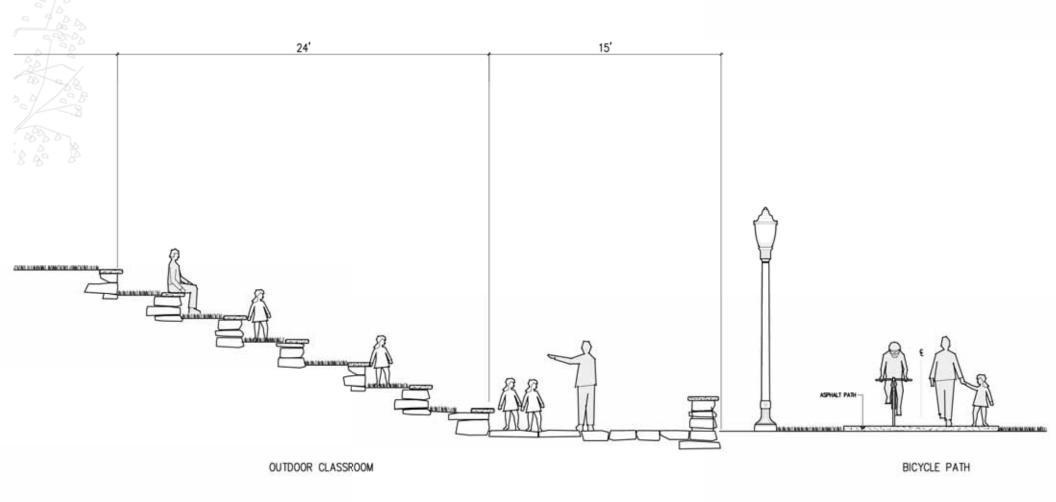




Exhibit 14: Outdoor Classroom Detail





Legal Description with GPS Coordinates (to be turned in with the appraisals by June 15, 2013)

Appraisal Cover Letters

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RootWorks Revitalization

West Bluff Overlook

Mound Avenue Assoc, LLC (Owner) 1231 Mound Ave City of Racine, Racine County.

Tax Key No. 03142000 A 1.75-acre site with a parking lot Zoned I-2: General Industrial

As of April 18, 2013

Prepared for City of Racine 730 Washington Ave, Rm 102 Racine, WI 53403

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April 22, 2013

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Matthew Sadowski City of Racine 730 Washington Ave, Rm 102 Racine, WI 53403

Re

RootWorks Revitalization-West Bluff Overlook Total Acquisition of the Fee Simple Interest in:

Owner: Mound Avenue Assoc, LLC City of Racine Tax No.: 03142000 Address: 1231 Mound Ave, Racine, WI

Dear Mr. Sadowski:

In accordance with your request, this firm appraised the real estate in the City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, identified above. The appraisal is intended to assist the City with negotiations regarding acquisition of a portion of the property in conjunction with a planned improvement project. In keeping with your instructions, the appraisal report placed primary consideration of the "Before & After Analysis" in estimating the owner's loss. This report was made in compliance with the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and follows the guidelines set by Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions as well as DNR guidelines.

A careful inspection of the subject property was made on several occasions during the past several weeks. The final viewing was made on April 18, 2013, with the owner's representative (Mr. Brett Neylan). Due consideration was given to all factors which influence market value and the owner's loss. The attached report contains the appraiser's estimate of the market value of the property as well as the compensation due the owner. A synopsis of the factors considered when developing this estimate is also included within the report. Please note the limiting conditions under which this value estimate is made. They are found within the report.

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Based on my analysis, it is my professional opinion that the loss in market value of the real estate, also known as the amount of compensation due the owner, as of April 18, 2013, is:

One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars \$113,800

Please note that this is an appraisal of real estate and does not include personal property. As this is a total acquisition, there will be no remainder and no value to the owner in the after condition. Also, the following table outlines the appraiser's conclusions of the subject's loss in market value resulting from the acquisition of real property and property rights associated with the planned area improvement project.

Summary

Date of Final Inspection: April 18, 2013

Date of Value: April 18, 2013

Date of Report: April 22, 2013

Interest Appraised: Fee Simple

Ste Size: 1.75-Acres

Current Use (Use Before): Paved Parking Lot

Value - Before the Acquisition: \$113,800

Value - After the Acquisition: \$0

Loss in Fair Market Value: \$113,800

Estimated Compensation: \$113,800(Rounded)

These items are more fully explained within the appraisal report.

It has been a pleasure to assist you in this assignment. Should you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Southern Wisconsin Appraisal

Gene A. Bock, SRA, ASA, CRA

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Root Works Revitalization

West Bluff Overlook

Clarence & Greta Hargrave Revocable Trust (Owner) 1251-1269 Mound Ave City of Racine, Racine County

Tax Key No. 03162000 & 0316600 A 0.96-Acres site with Shop Building Zoned 1-2: General Industrial

As of April 19, 2013

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Re:

Root Works Revitalization-West Bluff Overlook Total Acquisition of the Fee Simple Interest in: Owner: Clarence & Greta Hargrave Revocable Trust City of Racine Tax No. 03162000 & 0316600 Address: 1251-1269 Mound Ave, Racine, WI

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Based on my analysis, it is my professional opinion that the loss in market value of the real estate, also known as the amount of compensation due the owner, as of April 19, 2013 is:

One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars \$169,100

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Summary

Date of Final Inspection: April 19, 2013
Date of Value: April 19, 2013
Date of Report: April 22, 2013
Interest Appraised: Fee Simple
Site Size: 0.96-Acres
Current Use (Use Before): Industrial

Building Size: 12,528-SF Shop Building

Value - Before the Acquisition: \$169,100

Value - After the Acquisition: \$0

Loss in Fair Market Value: \$169,100

Estimated Compensation: \$169,100(Rounded)

These items are more fully explained within the appraisal report.

It has been a pleasure to assist you in this assignment. Should you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted.

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RootWorks Revitalization

West Bluff Overlook

Ronnie A, Kevin D & Danny R Phillips (Owners) 1281 Mound Ave City of Racine, Racine County

Tax Key No. 03167000

A 0.30-acre site with metal shed
Zoned I-2: General Industrial

As of April 19, 2013

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Matthew Sadowski City of Racine 730 Washington Ave, Rm 102 Racine, WI 53403

Re: RootWorks Revitalization-West Bluff Overlook

Total Acquisition of the Fee Simple Interest in:

Owner: Ronnie A, Kevin D & Danny R Phillips

City of Racine Tax No.: 03167000 Address: 1281 Mound Ave, Racine, WI

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Mr. Sadowski April 22, 2013 Page 2

Based on my analysis, it is my professional opinion that the loss in market value of the real estate, also known as the amount of compensation due the owner, as of April 19, 2013 is:

Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars \$33,000

Please note that this is an appraisal of real estate and does not include personal property. As this is a total acquisition, there will be no remainder and no value to the owner in the after condition. Also, the following table outlines the appraiser's conclusions of the subject's loss in market value resulting from the acquisition of real property and property rights associated with the planned area improvement project.

Summary

Date of Final Inspection: April 19, 2013
Date of Value: April 19, 2013
Date of Report: April 22, 2013
Interest Appraised: Fee Simple
Ste Size: 0.30-Acres

Current Use (Use Before): Industrial

Building Size: 1,643-SF Metal Pole Bldg (Unheated)

Value - Before the Acquisition: \$33,000 Value - After the Acquisition: \$0

Loss in Fair Market Value: \$33,000

Estimated Compensation: \$33,000(Rounded)

These items are more fully explained within the appraisal report.

It has been a pleasure to assist you in this assignment. Should you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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RootWorks Revitalization

West Bluff Overlook

Jerome & Lisa Kirksey (Owner) 1287 Mound Ave City of Racine, Racine County.

Tax Key No. 03171000 A 0.11-Acres site with Single Family Residence Zoned 1-2: General Industrial

As of April 19, 2013

Prepared for City of Racine 730 Washington Ave, Rm 102 Racine, WI 53403

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Matthew Sadowski City of Racine 730 Washington Ave, Rm 102 Racine, WI 53403

Re:

RootWorks Revitalization-West Bluff Overlook Total Acquisition of the Fee Simple Interest in:

Owner: Jerome & Lisa Kirksey City of Racine Tax No. 03171000 Address: 1287 Mound Ave, Racine, WI

Dear Mr. Sadowski:

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A careful inspection of the subject property was made on several occasions during the past several weeks. The final viewing was made on April 19, 2013, without the owner. The appraiser had the opportunity to speak with the owner; however the owner would not allow the appraiser to complete an interior inspection of the subject property. As such the value estimate is based on an exterior inspection only. Due consideration was given to all factors which influence market value and the owner's loss. The attached report contains the appraiser's estimate of the market value of the property as well as the compensation due the owner. A synopsis of the factors considered when developing this estimate is also included within the report. Please note the limiting conditions under which this value estimate is made. They are found within the report.

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Based on my analysis, it is my professional opinion that the loss in market value of the real estate, also known as the amount of compensation due the owner, as of April 19, 2013 is:

Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$32,500

Please note that this is an appraisal of real estate and does not include personal property. As this is a total acquisition, there will be no remainder and no value to the owner in the after condition. Also, the following table outlines the appraiser's conclusions of the subject's loss in market value resulting from the acquisition of real property and property rights associated with the planned area improvement project.

Summary

Date of Final Inspection: April 19, 2013
Date of Value: April 19, 2013
Date of Report: April 22, 2013
Interest Appraised: Fee Simple
Site Size: 0.11-Acres

Current Use (Use Before): Residential

Building Size: 1,005-SF single family residence

Value - Before the Acquisition: \$32,500
Value - After the Acquisition: \$0
Loss in Fair Market Value: \$32,500

Estimated Compensation: \$32,500(Rounded)

These items are more fully explained within the appraisal report. As the appraiser was not able to complete an interior inspection, the subject property is assumed to be in average condition.

It has been a pleasure to assist you in this assignment. Should you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Access and Acceptable Uses Form

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources dnr.wl.gov

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Public Access and Acceptable Uses Application

Form 8700-322 (1/12)

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Personally identifiable information collected will be used for program administration and may be made available to requesters as required under Wisconsin's Open Records Law [ss.19.31 – 19.39.Wis. Stats.]

<u>For Acquisition Projects</u>: Complete this form as early as possible in your project planning process and **contact your regional Community Services Specialist** to discuss your project **before submitting a completed Stewardship grant application**.

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		2.	Hunting				15.	Snowmobile trail
		3.	Fishing			[X]	16.	Picnic area
	X	4.	Trapping			\boxtimes	17.	Snowshoeing
	X	5.	Cross-country skiing			×	18.	Nature study/wildlife observation/photography
		6.	Non-motorized boat access (canoe, kayak)			\boxtimes	19.	Bird Watching
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		8.	Swimming area					
	X	9.	Biking					
		10.	Horseback riding					
		11.	Camping facilities					
		12.	Playground/playfield/intensive recreational a	rea				

Activity Descriptions

- Provide descriptions of the activities listed below that are available on the subject property.
- Explain reasons if the activities listed below are prohibited or restricted on the subject property. Note: Gun and archery hunting have separate public safety criteria and projects will be reviewed for both methods.
- Include a plat map identifying the property to be acquired with this grant.
- If allowable public uses on this form conflict with statements made in the Land Management Plan, then the Land Management Plan must be amended to reflect the correct public uses.
- Sees. NR 52,05, Wis. Adm. Code, for factors the Department will review when determining whether a prohibition is necessary.
- Include a Project Site Plan with map showing existing land uses, public roads, structures, wetlands, etc. Include map showing both subject property and surrounding property(s). Scale of map should be 1" = 660 feet.

Hunting	An ordinance(s)	urrently restrict this activity. vill restrict or prohibit this activity. Attach a contration system is being proposed for this activity.								
	Categories	Activity Available? Gun (Yes or No)	Activity Available? Bow (Yes or No)							
	Waterfowl	No	No							
	Small Game	No	No							
	Turkey	No	No							
	Large Game	No	No							
	 □ An ordinance(s) will restrict or prohibit this activity. Attach a copy of all applicable ordinance(s). □ A permit or registration system is being proposed for this activity. Submit relevant information. □ There is no water on this property. 									
	Location		Activity Available? (Yes or No)							
	Upland	As allowed by State law								
	Water As allowed by State law									
Fishing	An ordinance(s) A permit or regis	urrently restrict this activity. will restrict or prohibit this activity. Attach a claration system is being proposed for this activity on this property.								
	Method	Activity Available? (Yes	or No)							
	Shore	Yes								
	Boat Yes									
Hiking	☐ An ordinance(s) v	rrently restrict this activity. ill restrict or prohibit this activity. Attach a coation system is being proposed for this activity.								
	Location	Activity Available? (Yes	or No)							
	On-Trail	Yes								
	Off Trail	Voc								

Cross-Country	X	No ordinances currently restrict this activity.
Skiing		An ordinance(s) will restrict or prohibit this a

An ordinance(s) will restrict or prohibit this activity. Attach a copy of all applicable ordinances.

A permit or registration system is being proposed for this activity. Submit relevant information.

Type of Trail	Activity Available? (Yes or No)					
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes					
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes					
On-Trail (groomed)	No					

Cost Estimate Worksheet

ACQUISITION PROJECT COST ESTIMATE: NOTE: If project includes more than two parcels, attach additional information

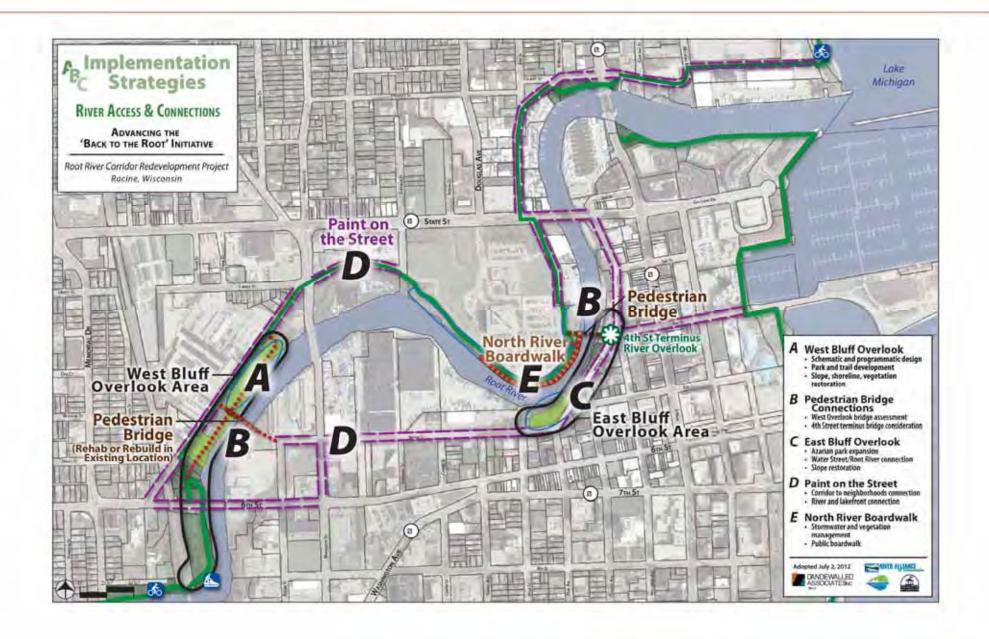
	Parcel 1	Parcel 2 and 3	Parcel 4	Parcel 5	Total
Parcel Owner	Mound Avenue Associates (donated as a match)	Clarence and Greta Hargrave	Ronnie Phillips	Jerome and Lisa Kirskey	
Number of Acres being Purchased	1.75	0.96	0.30	0.11	3.26
3. Grant Eligible Acres	1.75	0.96	0.30	0.11	3.26
4. Option Expiration Date	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5. Option Amount	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA.
Appraised Value; Land & Improvements	\$113,800 NA until 6/15	\$169,100 NA until 6/15	\$33,000 NA until 6/15	\$32,500 NA until 6/15	\$348,400
7. Subtotal	\$113,800	\$169,100	\$33,000	\$32,500	\$348,400
Estimated Other Eligible Acquisition Costs Total	\$41,170	\$41,170	\$41,170	\$41,170	\$164,680
List costs included in	Appraisals	Appraisals	Appraisals	Appraisals	
above:	Land Surveys	Land Surveys	Land Surveys	Land Surveys	
	Attorney Fees	Attorney Fees	Attorney Fees	Attorney Fees	
	Title Costs	Title Costs	Title Costs	Title Costs	
	Phase I	Phase I	Phase I	Phase I	
	Relocation Costs	Relocation Costs	Relocation Costs	Relocation Costs	
TOTAL COSTS	\$154,970	\$210,270	\$74,170	\$73,670	\$513,080
Grant Total Project Costs: (Add Lines 7 & 8)					\$256,540 eligible

Relevant Plans and City Ordinances



RootWorks-Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor



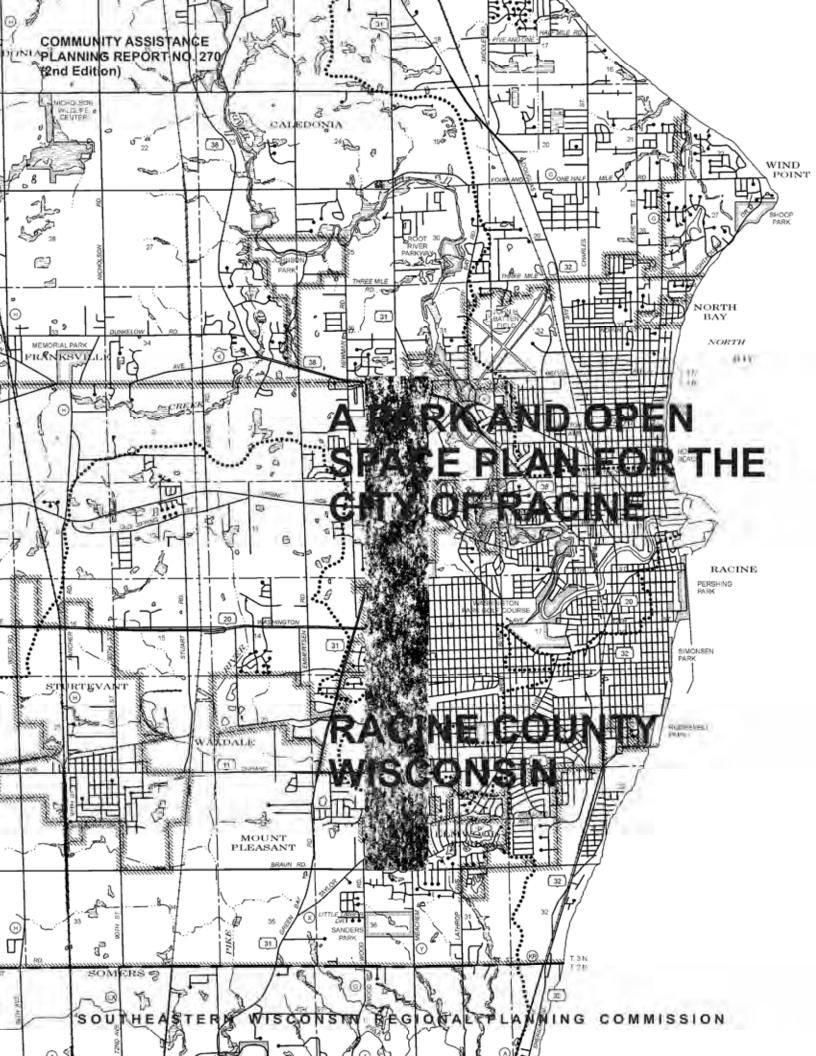


Implementation Strategies: River Access & Connections Priority Projects

To advance the Back to the Root Initiative's goal of Allowing for Public Access & Interaction in the Root River Corridor, the following proposed projects have been identified as priority projects for implementation over the next 1-3 years.

- A. West Bluff Overlook Area The West Bluff Overlook Area has strong potential to expand the Root River Pathway off road trial as well as incorporate programmatic elements to connect to adjacent schools and the REC. Next steps include coordination with private property owners, schematic and programmatic design, park and trail development, and slope, shoreline and vegetation restoration utilizing green infrastructure techniques.
- B. Pedestrian Bridge Connections -
 - West Overlook Bridge The existing bridge once used by Western Publishing staff as a short-cut to connect employees across River, should be assessed to determine whether the footings are structurally sound to either reuse the existing bridge for public use, or use the existing footings to develop a new pedestrian bridge at this location.
 - 4th Street Terminus The current terminus of 4th Street at Wisconsin Avenue is the historic location of a bridge that connected to the CNH peninsula. In implementation, explore the opportunity to use historic bridge footings and construct a pedestrian bridge to reconnect these points and promote the lakefront connection along 4th Street.

- C. East Bluff Overlook Area The existing parking lot southwest of Azarian Park is recommended for long-term park use in adopted City plans. As a crumbling parking lot and bluff, the site is ready for redevelopment and reuse as an extension to Azarian Park.
 - Bluff stabilization and restoration utilizing green infrastructure, with the incorporation of a Water Street to Root River/Sam's River Road connection will improve this site for the community as well as enhance stormwater management in the area.
- D. Paint on the Street Paint on the street bike lanes are bike icons and lanes delineated within the public right-of-way. Implementation of Paint on the Street in the Corridor is directly related to area redevelopment. The areas delineated for Paint on the Street in the implementation map could be completed in year 1 of implementation. Implementation of this first stage of paint on the street bike lanes within the project area will create a more bicycle-friendly and recreation-oriented River Corridor area, and provide Corridor-to-neighborhood connections and River-to-Lakefront connections.
 - This effort should become part of other regional and local bike planning initiatives, but for the focus area, it can be completed in the near term, it does not need to wait for other area plans to be completed.
- E North River Boardwalk The existing docking system along the southern edge of the CNH peninsula is gated off and no longer in use, as the former slips in this location are no longer leased out. While the boat slips aren't likely to return, the investment in the pilings and boardwalk system remains. This system could be repurposed for a public boardwalk to give additional public access to the River. Further, green infrastructure stormwater management and vegetation management techniques should be advanced in this location.



- here feasible, consider the accommodation for bicy cle travel on the arterial street and highway system as that system is resurfaced and reconstructed on a segment-by-segment basis.
- ndertake planning to refine and detail the recommendations of the regional transportation system plan for local bicycle and pedestrian facilities, taking into account individual neighborhood needs and conditions.
- Continue to prepare Capital improvement Plans (CP) to help identify major projects, including land acquisition, equipment acquisition, transportation facility development and maintenance (including roadways and transit), building maintenance and development, and park projects and associated funding.
- Provide a system of public community and neighborhood parks in the City that complement the City and County park and trail system:
- dentify and seek grant funds to study future needs and demands for recreational programs and facilities.
- Promote State, County, and local parks and trails to encourage economic development and tourism.
- Consider park and recreation standards developed by SERPC, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the isconsin Park and Recreation Association when updating the City park and open space plan to ensure an appropriate number, sie, and distribution of parks and recreational facilities.
- Coordinate the Citys bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian, and waterway trail planning and development with related County-wide efforts.
- The City of Racine and Racine County should continue to work with the DNR and non-government organizations to acquire and develop parks, trails, and other recreation facilities, and to acquire and protect valuable natural resource areas as called for in City and County park and open space plans.

Population Proections

The comprehensive plan proects a population of 80,510 residents and 32,370 households in the City in the year 2035. The proections were based on population and house hold levels in 2000, which were 81,850 residents and 31,450 households. In 2010, the city's population was 78,860 residents and there were 30,530 households inder the plan, the number of City residents would increase by 1,650 persons, or by 2 percent and the number of households would increase by 1,840 households, or by 6 percent, between 2010 and 2035.

Root River Revitaliation Plan

n uly 2008, the Root River Council and the River Alliance of isconsin, with assistance from City of Racine staff, completed a Root River Revitaliation Plan. ³ The purpose of the plan is to guide and inform the redevelopment and revitaliation of the Root River in the City, which includes encouraging innovative, mixed use development along the river, improving and protecting the natural habitat and water quality of the river, and promoting public awareness and use of the river and river corridor. The planning area includes the Root River corridor from the orlick Dam, located ust north of Nort hwestern Avenue (ST 38), to the mouth of the river at ake Michigan. Two County parks, a County marina, and 19 City parks, open space sites, or conservancy sites are located within the river corridor, as well as a two-mile segment of the Root River Pathway.

n 2007, the Root River Council developed and distributed surveys to Racine area residents to obtain feedback regarding the Root River. The survey had 83 respondents. Over one-half of the survey respondents indicated that

³Documented in a report titled, Back to the Root: An roan River Revitaliation Plan, prepared by the Root River Council and River Alliance of isconsin, uly 2008.

they experienced the Root River by walking. About 45 percent of survey respondents experienced the river by boating, 36 percent by biking, and about one-third by fishing. About 42 percent of survey respondents indicated they liked the naturewildlife associated with the river, while about one-quarter liked the river as an urban asset, and about 20 percent liked the recreation opportunities the river provides. The top five responses from survey respondents that indicated changes they would like to see to the Root River, from highest to lowest, include improve the water quality, remove trash, more recreation opportunities and events, increase access (including access for persons with disabilities), and enhance the ecosystem and fishery.

The plan recommends creating continuous public access along the riverfront by combining a Riverwalk, the Root River Pathway, and various access points. The plan recommends that the Riverwalk be developed on the south side of the river from 6th Street to Main Street, and eventually connect to the existing akefront walkway at ohn Thompson Park and Gaslight Pointe. The plan also recommends that the Riverwalk be developed with at least one non-motoried, public boat launch. Developing continuous public access along the river and sustainably redeveloping the County-owned Belle arbor Marina—could potentially stimulate economic growth along the river. The plan also recommends re-routing a portion of the Root River Pathway on Mound Street from 6th Street to Marquette Street to an off-street location either along the river or on a City sidewalk because of safety concerns.

The Root River plan also provides recommendations for parks located along the river. The plan recommends the development of a boat launch at uarry—ake Park prohibiting boat and viewing access points at Colonial Park to avoid disturbing ecologically sensitive areas modifying the boat launch upstream from the weir and steelhead facility developing a boat launch downstream of the weir—and steelhead facility increasing viewing areas of the river by providing benches at Clayton and incoln Parks—developing a boat launch at sland Park and providing signage at parks and along pathwaystrails to direct the public to recreational opportunities along the river. Since the completion of the plan in 2008, the City has developed boat launches at sland Park and incoln Park downstream from the weir and steelhead facility and has installed signs along the Pathway and streets.

Neighborhood Plans

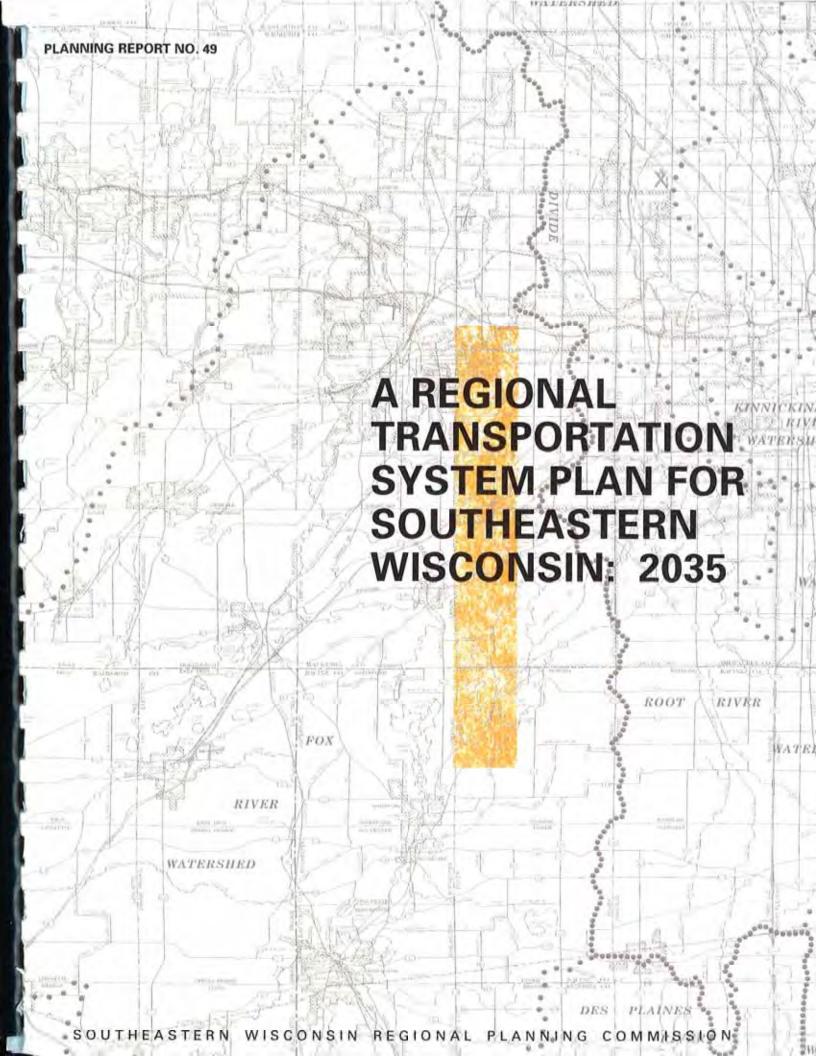
Since 2003, the City has adopted five neighborhood plans the Douglas Avenue Revitaliation Plan, the Downtown Plan, the ive Towervie w Plan, the Neighborhood Strategic Plan for Southside Racine, and the ptown improvement Plan. The plan is were prepared as a guide and achievable vision to recognie and establish needs and strengthen or maintain certain neighborhood districts within the City. The plans include parks-, open space-, andor trail-related recommendations. Specific recommendations from each neighborhood plan are summaried in the following paragraphs,

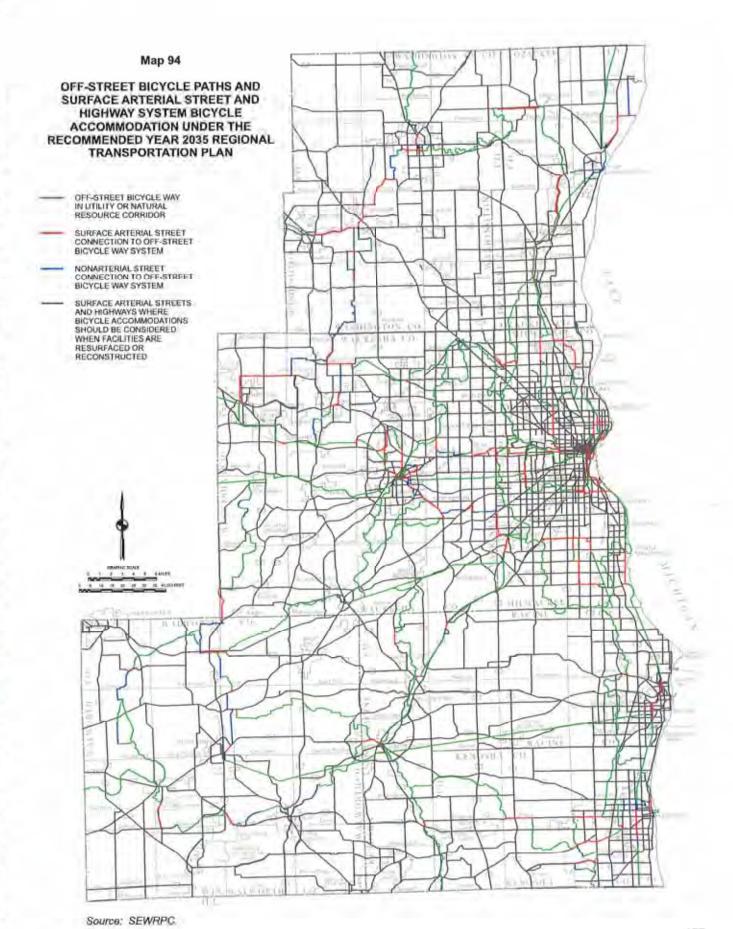
Douglas Avenue Revitaliation Plan

The Douglas Avenue Revitaliation Plan was prepared by the City of Racine and Schreiber Anderson Associates, nc. in 2004-2005. The neighborhood plan includes areas along Douglas Avenue from State Street northward to the Citys corporate limits at Three Mile Road. R ecommended improvements to existing parks include additional landscaping at onas Park, a historical exhibit located at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and igh Street, and at Douglas Park and the Cesar Chave Community Center thus creating a buffer between the neighborhood park and the street. Additional landscaping along the perimeter of the park should also be considered. Douglas Park and the Cesar Chave Community Center are considered very important civic sites along the street corridor, and enhancing this area would improve the visual character of the street. Consideration should also be given to converting the stand Area between out Street, Char les Street, and Douglas Avenue to a landscaped plaa, which in turn would provide additional needed green space for the neighborhood.

Racine Downtown Plan

The Downtown Plan was prepared by the City of Racine in 2005, and includes an area of the City, primarily along the Root River, where the Root River flows into ake Michigan from approximately State Street south to 6th Street and from ake Michigan west to Marquette Street, and also includes the Marina District and the Gaslight District. The plan recommends that publicly-owned park blocks, open space, or greenspace areas be developed in areas recommended for redevelopment that have a housing emphasis the creation of new open space areas, such

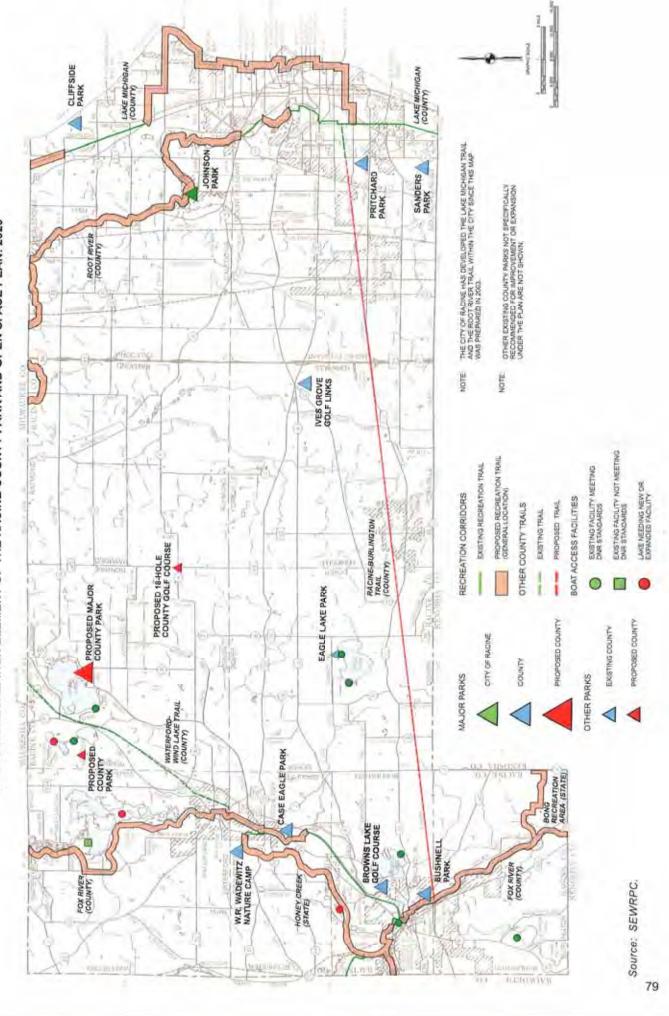






Map 18

OUTDOOR RECREATION ELEMENT OF THE RACINE COUNTY PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN: 2020



SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 316

A WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN FOR THE ROOT RIVER WATERSHED

Chapter II

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR THE ROOT RIVER WATERSHED

The 2007 regional water quality management plan update for the greater Milwaukee watersheds (RWQMPU)¹ updated the initial regional water quality management plan² for six watersheds, including the Root River watershed. The RWQMPU addressed three major elements of the original regional water quality management plan: the land use element, the point source pollution abatement element, and the nonpoint source pollution abatement element. In addition, the updated plan included consideration of several issues that were not considered in the initial plan including, instream and riparian habitat conditions and groundwater management. The RWQMPU planning effort was conducted in conjunction and coordination with the development of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) 2020 facility plan.

The RWQMPU made numerous recommendations that are relevant to the Root River watershed. These recommendations fall into nine broad areas:

- Land Use.
- Point Source Pollution Abatement Measures.
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement—Rural Control Measures,
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement—Urban Control Measures,
- Instream Water Quality Management Measures.
- Inland Lake Water Quality Management Measures,
- Auxiliary Water Quality Management Measures,

¹SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, December 2007.

²SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000, Volume One, Inventory Findings, September 1978; Volume Two, Alternative Plans, February 1979; Volume Three, Recommended Plan, June 1979.

urban development, redevelopment, and infill and infiltration of stormwater runoff from areas of new development. Urban best management practices that could be installed to control nonpoint source pollution from existing or new development could include such measures as) runoff infiltrationevapotranspiration andor pollutant filtration devices such as grassed swales, infiltration basins, bioretention facilities, rain gardens, green roofs, and porous pavement 2) stormwater treatment facilities, such as wet detention basins, constructed wetlands, sedimentationflotation devices and) mainte nance practices such as vacuum sweeping of roads and parking lots.

In order to address fecal indicator bacteria and the risks posed to human health from the pathogens whose presence can be indicated by the presence of these indicators, the RWQMPU recommends enhanced urban illicit discharge control andor innovative methods to identify and control possible pathogen sources in stormwater runoff from all urban areas in its study area, including the Root River watershed. To address the threats to human health and degradation of water quality resulting from humanspecific pathogens and viruses entering stormwater systems, the plan recommends that each municipality in the study area implement a program consisting of:

- nhanced storm sewer outfall monitoring to test for fecal coliform bacteria in dry and wetweather discharges,
- Molecular tests for presence or absence of humanspecific strains of Bacteroides, an indicator of human fecal contamination, at outfalls where high fecal coliform counts are found in the initial dry weather screenings,
- Additional dryweather screening upstream of outfalls where humanspecific strains of Bacteroides are found to be present, with the goal of isolating the source of the illicit discharge, and
- limination of illicit discharges that were detected through the program described in the preceding three steps.

It was anticipated that the program outlined above would also identify cases where illicit connections are not the primary source of bacteria, indicating that stormwater runoff is the main source. To adequately assess the appropriate way to deal with such bacteria sources (and the potentially associated pathogens), the RWQMPU recommends that human health and ecological risk assessments be conducted to address pathogens in stormwater runoff.

Water quality monitoring data set forth in the technical report that accompanied the RWQMPU indicated that chloride concentrations in the streams of the study area are increasing over time. The chloride is likely from multiple sources, including sodium chloride and calcium chloride applied for ice and snow control on roads and parking lots and discharges from water softener systems to either) PWTS which discharge to groundwater and, ultimately, to streams and lakes as baseflow, or 2) public wastewater treatment plants which discharge to surface waters. The RWQMPU makes several recommendations to reduce the amount of chlorides introduced into the environment. It recommends that the municipalities and counties in the study area continue to evaluate their practices regarding the application of chlorides for ice and snow control and strive to obtain optimal application rates to ensure public safety without applying more chlorides than necessary for that purpose. It is also recommends that municipalities consider alternatives to current ice and snow control programs, such as applying a sandsalt mix to local roads with en hanced street sweeping in the spring of the year to remove accumulated sand. It recommends that education programs be implemented to provide information about alternative ice and snow control measures in public and private parking lots and 2) optimal application rates in such areas. It recommends that education programs be implemented to provide information about alternative water softening

¹SEWRPC Technical Report No. 39, Water Quality Conditions and Sources of Pollution in the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, November 2007.

media and the use of moreefficient water softeners which are regenerated based upon the amount of water used and the quality of the water.

The RWQMPU recommends that the use of low or nophos phorus fertiliers be encouraged in areas tributary to inland lakes and ponds and that consideration be given to adopting low or nophosphorus fertilier ordinances in those areas. It is also recommends that information and education programs required under municipal WPDS stormwater discharge permits promote voluntary practices that optimic urban fertilier application consistent with the requirements of WDNR Technical Standard No 00, Interim Turf Nutrient Management, ne key provision of those standards calls for no application of fertilier within 20 feet of a waterbody.

The RWQMPU recommends that:

- xisting litter and debris control programs along the urban streams of the study area be continued and that opportunities to expand such efforts be explored
- All municipalities in the study area have pet litter control ordinance requirements and that those requirements be enforced and
- Targeted research on bacteria and pathogens and research and implementation of stormwater MP techniques and programs be supported. As part of this recommendation the plan also calls for support for research to develop and apply more direct methods of identifying sources of pathogens important to human health.

Instream Water Quality Measures Suelement

The RWQMPU recommends a number of instream water quality management measures that apply to the Root River watershed.

In 200, Milwaukee County assessed the stability and fluvi al geomorphic character of streams in the several watersheds within the County including the Root River watershed.¹ That study report set forth and prioritied projects for concrete lining removal, channel rehabilitation, and fish passage improvement. The RWQMPU recommends that the projects called for under the Milwaukee County stream assessment study be implemented over time in a manner consistent with the need to provide flood protection and consistent with the stream rehabilitation recommendations of the regional plan update.

The RWQMPU recommends that abandonment and associated riverine area restoration plans be prepared as part of the design of new, or reconstructed, dams and prior to abandonment of existing dams. It also recommends that any dam removals specifically include provisions to protect upstream reaches from erosion and downstream reaches from sedimentation by prohibiting excessive sediment transport from the impoundment during and after dam removal.

Culverts, bridges, drop structures, and channelied stre am segments, fragment and limit connectivity within stream habitat and ecosystems. The RWQMPU recommends that, to the extent practicable, these stream crossings and management strategies be limited. It also recommends that where such crossings are required, they be designed to allow the passage of aquatic organisms in addition to the passage of water, especially under low flow conditions.

¹ Inter-Fluve, Inc., Milwaukee County Stream Assessment, prepared for Milwaukee County, September 24, 2004.

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Sec. 66-56. - Definitions.

Sec. 66-57. - Concealed weapon.

Sec. 66-58. - Possessing dangerous weapon.

Sec. 66-59. - Discharge of weapon.

Sec. 66-60. - Display of firearms.

Secs. 66-61-66-80. - Reserved.

Sec. 66-56. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bona fide peace officer means any person specifically employed as a law enforcement officer as defined by Wis. Stats. § 165.85(2)(c).

Dangerous weapon means any instrument which by its capabilities of use is liable to produce death or great bodily harm. The following are dangerous per se: Blackjack; billy; sandclub; sandbag; bludgeon; slingshot; pistol; revolver; any instrument which impels a missile by compressed air, spring or other means; any weapon upon which loaded or blank cartridges are used; cross knuckles; knuckles of any metal, barbed or blade type; arrowhead; bowie knife; dirk knife; dirk dagger; any knife which has a blade that may be drawn without the necessity of contact with the blade itself but is instead automatically opened by slight pressure on the handle or some other part of the knife and is commonly known as a switchblade knife, straightedge razor or any knife having a blade three inches or longer; weapons known as kung fu sticks or chucksticks which are basically two or more pieces of wood or other material connected by a piece of chain or other material. Instruments not specifically enumerated in this definition are nonetheless dangerous weapons when they fall within the terms of this definition.

Public place means any area in which the person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

(Code 1973, §§ 25.02.010(b), 25.02.030)

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 66-57. - Concealed weapon.

No person other than a bona fide peace officer may go armed with a concealed and dangerous weapon, except for retired law enforcement officers licensed under HR 218 (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act).

(Code 1973, § 25.02.010(a); Ord. No. 13-08, pt. 1, 10-7-08)

PART II - MUNICIPAL CODE Chapter 66 - OFFENSES

ARTICLE III. - POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF WEAPONRY

Sec. 66-58. - Possessing dangerous weapon.

Unless otherwise provided by law, no person, except a bona fide peace officer, shall be found at or upon any public place in the city carrying or having within his reach any dangerous weapon, whether concealed or in plain view. "Plain view" within the meaning of this section does not include weapons carried in a case which does not permit immediate access to such weapons. Uniformed private security guards approved by the chief of police and while on duty are exempt from the prohibition against carrying weapons in plain view. This section shall not apply to persons engaged in the manufacturing of firearms under authority of a federal firearms license. Also, this section shall not apply to persons who are acting in accordance with the provisions of a plan approved by the chief of police under conditions which the chief has determined require the possession and discharge of specified weapons for a particular purpose in the interest of public safety. Also this section shall not apply to retired law enforcement officers licensed under HR 218 (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act).

(Code 1973, § 25.02.020; Ord. No. 28-93, pt. 1, 11-16-93; Ord. No. 13-08, pt. 2, 10-7-08)

Sec. 66-59. - Discharge of weapon.

Unless otherwise provided by law or by section 66-58, no person shall fire or discharge any air gun, pellet gun, spring gun, firearm, sling, slingshot or crossbow within the city limits, except where necessary in the manufacture or testing of weapons by a person operating under a class 1, type 6 or type 7 federal firearms license.

(Code 1973, § 25.02.040; Ord. No. 28-93, pt. 2, 11-16-93)

Sec. 66-60. - Display of firearms.

No person shall display a firearm in or upon any public place or in or upon any private premises without the permission of the owner. For purposes of this section, display shall mean the exhibition, showing or placing in the view of other persons and shall include displaying the entire firearm or any portion thereof. Display shall not include firearms carried in a case. This section does not apply to peace officers or armed forces or military personnel who go armed in the line of duty or to any person duly authorized by the chief of police to display firearms.

(Ord. No. 33-95, pt. 1, 12-19-95)

Secs. 66-61-66-80. - Reserved.

FOOTNOTE(S):

(140) Cross reference— Carrying weapons prohibited in parks and recreation areas, § 70-79.

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(140) State Law reference— Weapons, Wis. Stats. § 941.20 et seq. (Back)



City of Racine

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Resolution: Res.09-1660

File Number: Res.09-1660

A Resolution Adopting a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035

WHEREAS, the City of Racine, pursuant to Section 62.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes, has created a City Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and function of the City Plan Commission, pursuant to Section 62.23 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to make and adopt a comprehensive (master) plan for the development of the City, and to recommend that the City Common Council adopt the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the City cooperated with Racine County and SEWRPC to prepare a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan for the County that served as resource in the preparation of the comprehensive plan for the City of Racine, said plan for the County being documented in the report titled "A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035,"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the report titled "A Comprehensive Plan for The City of Racine: 2035" includes the following nine elements: Issues and Opportunities; Land Use; Housing; Transportation; Utilities and Community Facilities; Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources; Economic Development; Intergovernmental Cooperation; and Implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council adopted a Public Participation Plan for the comprehensive planning process as required by Section 66.1001 (4) (d) of the Wisconsin Statutes on September 18, 2007, and the City has conducted meetings and other public participation activities during the course of development of the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has duly noticed a November 11, 2009 public informational meeting held before the Plan Commission, and a November 17, 2009 public hearing held before the City Common Council on the comprehensive plan, and the City Common Council held a public hearing following the procedures in Section 66.1001 (4) (d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sections 62.23 (3) (b) and 66.1001 (4) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Plan Commission of the City of Racine hereby recommends to the City Common Council the approval of the comprehensive (master) plan embodied in the report titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the City of Racine: 2035" as the City comprehensive plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Commission does hereby recommend that the City Common Council enact an Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan.

Fiscal Note: N/A

I, Janice Johnson-Martin, certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. Res.09-1660, passed by the Common Council on 11/17/2009.

Attest: Janice M. Johnson-Marti

Janice Johnson-Martin

<u>2-4-09</u>

Date Certified



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Fiscal Note: N/A

Letters of Support

Mr. Jim Ritchie, Program Supervisor Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

As President of Mound Avenue Associates, LLC, owner of the land parcel at 1231 Mound Avenue in Racine, I am writing to confirm our intent to donate this parcel in support of the City of Racine's successful proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park development project is a key facet of the Racine RootWorks redevelopment project in particular the goal of "increasing public access and interaction" with the Root River. This grant will provide critical funding to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to appreciate the Root River. This project will also advance economic growth and an improved quality of life for residents and visitors.

Mound Avenue Associates is a holding company of SC Johnson, and as such has been a partner with the City of Racine on the RootWorks Initiative, and we are part of the RootWorks Implementation Project Management Team. As a partner, we have decided to donate our property as a match to a successful Knowles Nelson grant. The most recent appraised value for the property is \$113,800, meaning that our donation will likely equal approximately 44% of the required 50% match.

We are particularly supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project and its goal to improve and expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River as well as connect the Downtown river area to the regional and City-wide path systems, such as the Lake Michigan Pathway. In addition, while the West Bluff Overlook project is already part of the existing Root River Pathway, this project will provide an off-road section of the Pathway thereby providing a safe alternative for pedestrian and bicycle recreation. We also support the project vision of creating an "experience" at the West Bluff Overlook which includes education nodes and Jens Jensen inspired public areas enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities.

We are committed to the RootWorks project and look forward to the successful implementation of this new public space in Racine.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wagner, President

Mound Avenue Associates LLC



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April 16, 2013

Jim Ritchie, Program Supervisor Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212

Dear Mr. Ritchie.

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park development project is a key facet of the Racine RootWorks redevelopment project; in particular the goal of "increasing public access and interaction" with the Root River. This grant will provide critical funding to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to appreciate the Root River and that the area is poised for economic growth and an improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Racine County has been a partner with the City of Racine in previous efforts to create safe, accessible and enjoyable recreational spaces that foster economic development. We are particularly supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project, and its goal to expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River – and to connect the Downtown River area to the regional and City-wide path systems such as the Lake Michigan Pathway. While the West Bluff Overlook project is already part of the existing Root River Pathway, this project will provide an additional off-road section of the Pathway - creating a safe alternative for pedestrian and bicycle recreation and river enjoyment. We also support the project vision of creating more than just a pathway, but rather a Jens Jensen inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in this project and recommend approval of this proposal.

Sincerely

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Racine County Executive



April 11, 2013

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The Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) is the designated focal point for all economic development activities in Racine County. In addition, we serve as the local economic development staff to several Racine County communities, including the City of Racine, on a contractual basis. Having provided assistance relative to the harbor/marina project in the City of Racine, as well as several other recreation-based activities, we realize the importance of the quality of life to overall economic development. That is why we are so supportive of this project.

We are particularly supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project, and its goal to expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River – and to connect the Downtown River area to the regional and Citywide pedestrian and bicycle path systems such as the Lake Michigan Pathway. In addition, while the West Bluff Overlook project is already part of the existing Root River Pathway, this project will provide an additional off-road section of the Pathway - thereby providing a safe alternative for pedestrian and bicycle recreation and River enjoyment. We also support the project vision of creating more than just a pathway, but rather a Jens Jensen inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in this project as it moves forward. If you need additional information, please contact me at (262) 898-7412.

Sincerely.

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Executive Director



RIVER ALLIANCE of Wisconsin

Jim Ritchie, Program Supervisor Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212

April 11, 2013

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

It is a pleasure to write this letter of support for the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park development project is a cornerstone to the RootWorks Redevelopment project and will help realize one of the four key goals of this project: to increase public access and interaction with and around the Root River. The downtown section of the Root River is poised for redevelopment and economic growth and this grant would help make a crucial piece of this happen: to give the neighborhood and city residents the opportunity for open space and to access the riverfront - an opportunity that will improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

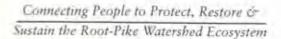
The River Alliance of Wisconsin has been a longtime partner with the City of Racine to foster a vision for a renewed historic industrial riverfront district that embraced four key goals: to develop a sense of place around the river, to stimulate economic growth, to allow public access and interaction and to improve the water quality of the river.

We are particularly enthusiastic of the West Bluff Overlook project, and its goal to expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River – and to connect the Downtown River area to the regional and City-wide path systems such as the Lake Michigan Pathway. In addition, while the West Bluff Overlook project is already part of the existing Root River Pathway, this project will provide an additional off-road section of the Pathway - thereby providing a safe alternative for pedestrian and bicycle recreation and River enjoyment. We also support the project vision of creating more than just a pathway, but rather a Jens Jensen-inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities. In particular it is important to me that this project will draw people closer to the river that runs through the heart of this city, whether to observe it, walk along it, paddle in it. People will experience the pleasure that comes with being able to interact with nature even amid the most dense of urban spaces.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in this project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Helen Sarakinos, Policy Director





April 24, 2013

Jim Ritchie, Program Supervisor
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network has been a partner with the City of Racine in previous efforts to create safe, accessible and enjoyable recreational spaces that foster economic development. It is critical to get the pathway off the road and create a safer route for walkers and bicyclists. Getting people to recreate on the river is the surest way to build support for protecting and improving this important waterway.

The bluff stabilization will reduce sediment in this portion of the river, making for a healthier river. Root-Pike WIN has funded similar projects in this area and is pleased to see the work continue.

We also support the project vision of creating more than just a pathway, but rather a Jens Jensen inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in this project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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April 25, 2013

Dear Mr Ritchie,

I am writing in support of the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook project is a cornerstone of Racine's RootWorks redevelopment project. This grant ensures that students and community members have access to the Root River and upstream parklands while improving water quality and the potential for economic redevelopment in the area.

Since 2006 the Root River Council (RRC) has been spearheading projects that improve water quality, increase public access, create a sense of place and spur economic growth along the Root River in Racine. In 2011, the RRC began a public planning project in partnership with the City of Racine and regional stakeholders to spur economic growth along Racine's downtown Root River corridor. The resulting RootWorks Plan was formally adopted by the City of Racine. RRC continues to be engaged in the RootWorks redevelopment project by galvanizing the community around the Root River while participating in the City's RootWorks Project Management Team.

The Root River Council is supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project and its goals of stabilizing an eroding stream-bank, incorporating storm-water best management practices, and expanding opportunities for recreation along the Root River. This project addresses safety and connectivity issues by creating an off-street alternative to the current shared-use, on-street system in this section of the Root River Pathway. The proposed Jens Jensen inspired natural area, outdoor classroom, and pathway expansion will create continuity between upstream parks and the Lake Michigan Pathway. Of particular interest is the potential to restore an eroding stream-bank overrun with invasive plant species to a high quality riparian sanctuary along critical avian migration and salmonid spawning routes.

We look forward to working with the City and area stakeholders in implementing this project and thank you for considering this grant request.

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Sincerely,

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April 25, 2013

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Dear Jim Ritchie,

I am writing to express my support for the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park project is a fundamental component of the Racine RootWorks redevelopment project- in particular the goal of "increasing public access and interaction" with the Root River. This grant will provide critical funding to ensure that the area is well-positioned for economic growth while addressing water quality and public access issues prevalent in this urban section of the Root River.

21st Century Preparatory School has supported this effort since the planning stages of the RootWorks Plan in 2011 when a series of public meetings were hosted at the school by the City and project partners. We are located directly across the street (Mound Avenue) from the proposed 'WestBluff Overlook' project site.

21st Century Preparatory School is particularly supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project, and its goal to expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River, connect the Downtown River area to existing off-street pathways, and incorporate stormwater management techniques into redevelopment efforts. This project will provide an additional off-street section of the Root River Pathway - thereby providing safe pedestrian and cycling access for our staff and students commuting to and from school. We are especially supportive of the project vision of creating a Jens Jensen inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities and an outdoor classroom. The pathway expansion and amphitheater/classroom proposals will provide unique learning opportunities while giving teachers and their classrooms safe access to the outdoor 'lab' inherent in City of Racine parks located along the Root River.

With your support, we look forward to improvements proposed in this project and the benefits they will bring to our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,

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Dear Jim Ritchie.

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park development project is a key facet of the Racine RootWorks redevelopment project- in particular the goal of "increasing public access and interaction" with the Root River. This grant will provide critical funding to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to appreciate the Root River and that the area is poised for economic growth and an improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The University of Wisconsin has been a partner with the City of Racine in previous efforts to create safe, accessible and enjoyable recreational spaces that foster economic development. UW-Parkside's College of Natural and Health Sciences (CNHS) is eager to promote environmental awareness and scientific literacy throughout the community and considers the West Bluff Overlook development a strong component in this community outreach initiative. The Root River Environmental Education Community Center (REC) under the leadership of faculty and staff within the CNHS is well positioned to be a key partner in the West Bluff Overlook development. The REC has been identified within the RootWorks plan as a vital part of this project.

We are particularly supportive of the West Bluff Overlook project, and its goal to expand opportunities for recreation along the Root River – and to connect the Downtown River area to the regional and City-wide path systems such as the Lake Michigan Pathway. In addition, while the West Bluff Overlook project is already part of the existing Root River Pathway, this project will provide an additional off-road section of the Pathway - thereby providing a safe alternative for pedestrian and bicycle recreation and River enjoyment. We also support the project vision of creating more than just a pathway, but rather a Jens Jensen inspired natural area enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities. In particular, it appears likely to me that the improved access along the Root River due to the West Bluff Overlook project will translate to increases kayaking, canoeing and paddle sports in the Root River.

We look forward to continuing to be involved in this project as it moves forward.

Sincerely.

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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

We are writing to express our strong, unified support for the City of Racine's proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant program. The West Bluff Overlook park development project is a key facet of the Racine RootWorks Redevelopment Initiative, and the Knowles-Nelson grant would provide critical funding to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to appreciate the Root River within the Racine urban setting and to advance the RootWorks Initiative.

The decline in manufacturing in the heart of the City of Racine, one of Wisconsin's key historic industrial coastal communities, has left behind underused property along and minimal access to the river that once shaped the area's geography, culture, and economy. After years of neglect, and following the completion of the RootWorks: Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan, the area is poised again to become the center for Racine's economic revitalization through increasing public outdoor recreation space along the Root River. As stated in the RootWorks Plan, the Initiative focuses on achieving four goals: Create a Sense of Place; Stimulate Economic Growth; Allow Public Access and Interaction; and Improve Water Quality. The West Bluff Overlook area is noted in the Plan as a high priority implementation project for achieving these goals by offering public park space along this portion of the River.

The existing West Bluff area is currently blighted and contains both buildings and related impervious surfaces contiguous to the banks of the Root River. The West Bluff Overlook project includes a vision to create an "experience" in the area with outdoor education nodes and Jens Jensen inspired public areas enriched with place-based interactive learning opportunities, and will also provide a safe path alternative for pedestrians and bicyclists along this segment of the Root River pathway. Bridge connections (including a marsupial bridge) a recreation loop, boardwalks, and bicycle paths will reconnect neighborhood residents and area visitors to the River. Environmental features will be enhanced through park and trail development, as well as slope, shoreline, and vegetation restoration. These recreation and stormwater enhancements will be supplemented by Initiative efforts to revitalize the area directly across from the West Bluff in the Machinery Row area. The West Bluff Overlook will enhance each of the four goals of the RootWorks Initiative, in addition to those related directly to public recreation.

While the West Bluff Overlook project merits funding as a key component of Racine's RootWorks Initiative, we also value public, private, and non-profit partnerships that collaborate on

comprehensive redevelopment efforts. The RootWorks and West Bluff Overlook projects serve as role models for such partnerships, as is shown by the collaborative public-private project implementation team and the Mound Avenue Associates (a holding company of SC Johnson) pending donation of land as a match for application funds, in addition to the letters of support from public, private, and non-profit Initiative partners.

We fully support the City of Racine's application for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant for the West Bluff Overlook project, and look forward to continuing to be involved in this project as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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