

SUMMARY

The recommended park and open space plan consists of both areawide park and open space recommendations and City park and open space recommendations. The areawide park and open space recommendations are based on the Racine County park and open space plan.

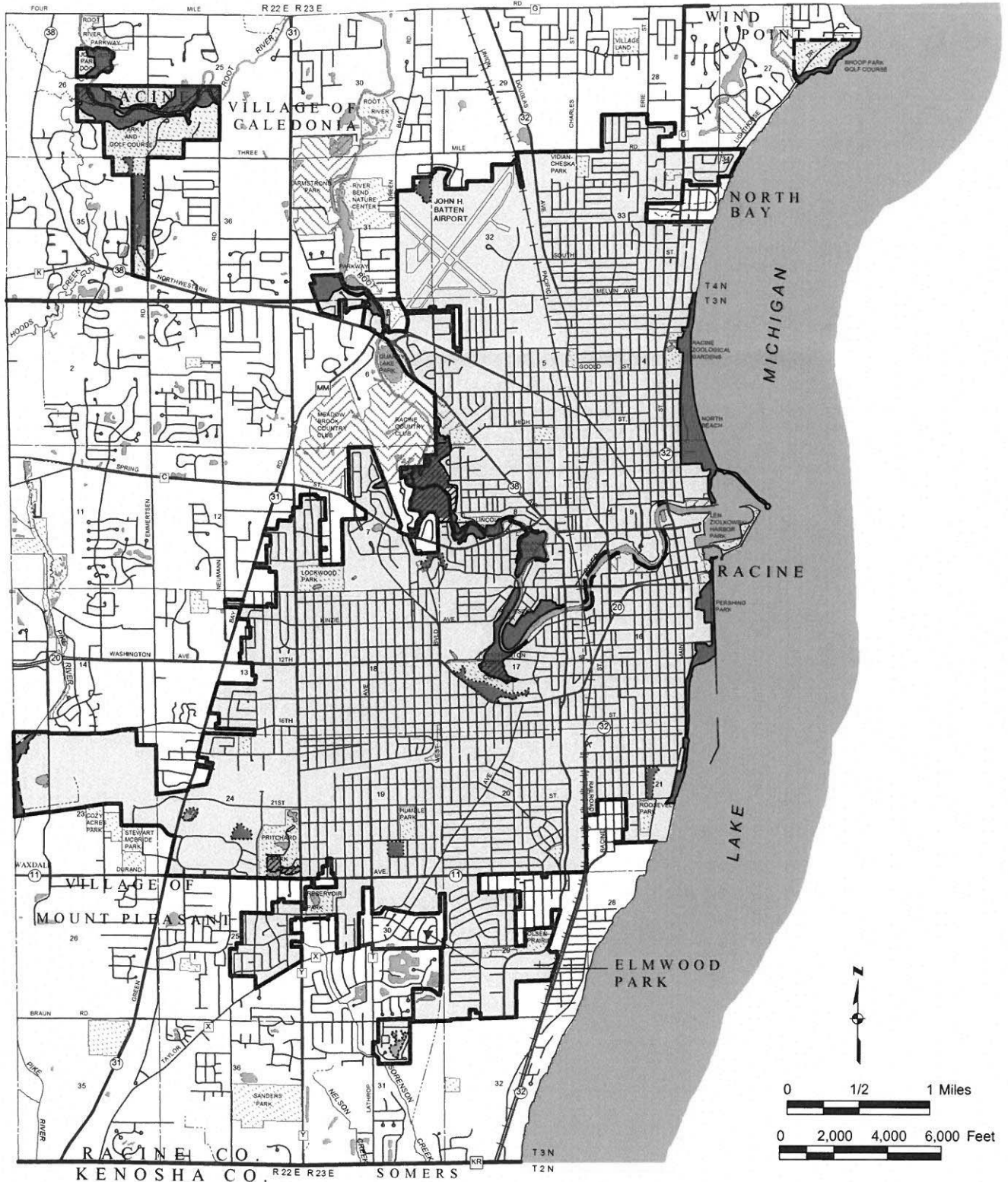
The key components of the plan are as follows:

- The WDNR should endorse the plan, thereby making the City eligible to apply for and receive State and Federal grants for acquiring park and open space lands and developing outdoor recreation facilities.
- Racine County should continue to maintain and provide additional facilities at one major park, Pritchard Park, within the City. The County should continue to maintain Horlick Park, Quarry Lake Park, Len Ziolkowski Harbor Park, and Reef Point Marina, which are County-owned sites located within the City
- The County should continue to maintain the Lake Michigan Trail and the Racine-Kansasville Trail, and develop the Root River Trail north of the City to connect with the City's existing Root River Pathway. The County is currently planning to develop the remainder of trail in the abandoned right-of-way from the Village of Sturtevant to Kansasville, which will connect to the existing trail segments on the eastern and western portions of the County. The County should also acquire and protect critical species habitat sites and geological sites as recommended in the 2010 update to the regional natural areas plan.
- The City should consider adopting conservancy zoning regulations and applying those regulations to portions of primary environmental corridors that are not publicly owned. Consideration should also be given to protecting privately-owned secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas through conservancy zoning.
- The park and open space plan recommends improvements to 26 existing City-owned recreational parks, special use parks, community centers, golf courses, and cemeteries to upgrade and modernize facilities and equipment. Park-related improvements for the years 2017-2021 are included in the City's Capital Improvement Program.
- The park and open space plan recommends developing recreational facilities at nine existing City-owned parks to help ensure that recreational facilities are well-distributed throughout the City and thereby convenient to all residents. The plan further recommends additional development and improvements at 13 City sites. These developments and improvements are likely to occur after 2021.
- The park and open space plan recommends that the City of Racine maintain the Lake Michigan Pathway and the Root River Pathway within the City. The City should develop an additional mile of the Root River Trail within or near Johnson Park and Golf Course that will eventually connect to a County-owned Trail. The City should also develop the River Loop Trail and the Riverwalk.
- The park and open space plan recommends that the City cooperate with WisDOT and Racine County to develop on-street bikeways recommended by the City's 2035 comprehensive plan and the regional transportation system plan. The City should also work with Racine County and, as appropriate, nonprofit conservation organizations to develop the Root River and Lake Michigan Water Trails.
- The cost to the City to implement the park and open space plan would be \$7,751,000 over the five-year period from 2017 through 2021. Costs for additional park facility development recommended by the plan beyond 2021 will be determined through the City's Capital Improvement Program process.

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OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RACINE PLANNING AREA

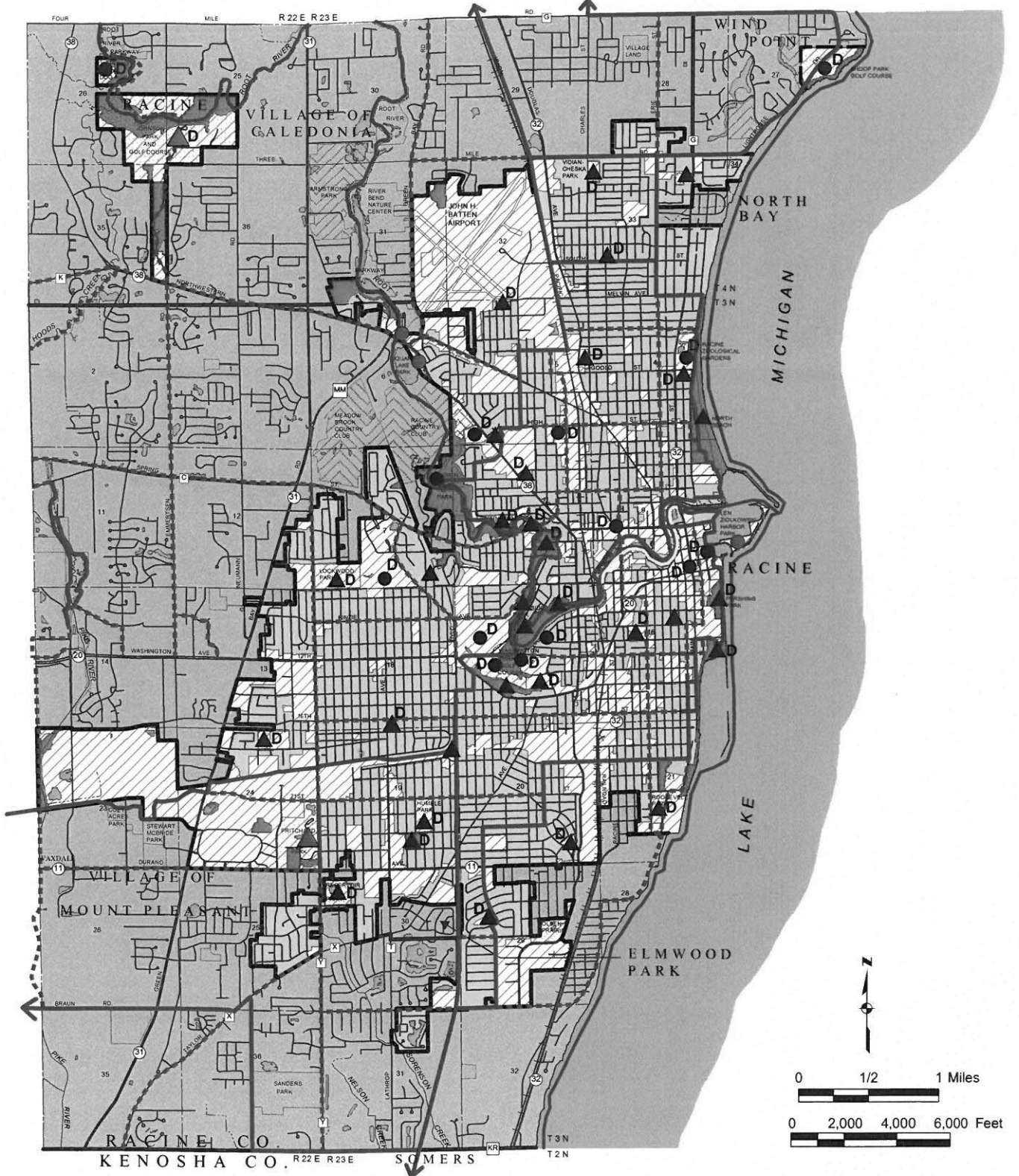


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| EXISTING OWNERSHIP: RACINE COUNTY | OPEN SPACE LANDS RECOMMENDED TO BE PROTECTED THROUGH CONSERVANCY ZONING | CITY OF RACINE PLANNING AREA |
| EXISTING OWNERSHIP: CITY OF RACINE | NATURAL AREA OR CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITE | CITY OF RACINE CORPORATE LIMITS |
| EXISTING OWNERSHIP: VILLAGE OF MOUNT PLEASANT | SURFACE WATER | SHOOP PARK |
| PROPOSED OWNERSHIP: CITY OF RACINE | PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR | NOTE: PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS ARE LOCATED ALONG THE LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE AND THE ROOT RIVER. SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS ARE LOCATED ALONG THE PIKE RIVER. |
| EXISTING PRIVATE OWNERSHIP: OUTDOOR RECREATION USE | SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR | |
| | ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | |

Source: SEWRPC.

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RACINE PLANNING AREA: 2035



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| ▲ EXISTING MAJOR PARK: CITY OF RACINE | ~ EXISTING ON-STREET TRAIL OR BICYCLE WAY | ■ ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS |
| ▲ EXISTING MAJOR PARK: RACINE COUNTY | ~ EXISTING OFF-STREET TRAIL | □ RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT |
| ▲ EXISTING CITY OF RACINE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OR COMMUNITY PARK | ~ RECOMMENDED ON-STREET TRAIL OR BICYCLE WAY | ▨ NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT |
| ● EXISTING CITY OF RACINE SPECIAL USE PARK OR OTHER PARK | ~ RECOMMENDED OFF-STREET TRAIL | ■ SURFACE WATER |
| ● EXISTING RACINE COUNTY SPECIAL USE PARK OR OTHER PARK | ~ RECOMMENDED RIVERWALK | — CITY OF RACINE CORPORATE LIMITS |
| D ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDED | ~ POTENTIAL WATER TRAIL | — SHOOP PARK |

Source: City of Racine and SEWRPC.