

# Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor

US Environmental Protection Agency Area-Wide Plan



May 10, 2017
Plan Commission Meeting







#### **RootWorks Long-Term Partners**



































# **Back to the Root:**

#### An Urban River Revitalization Plan, 2008

Sense of Place



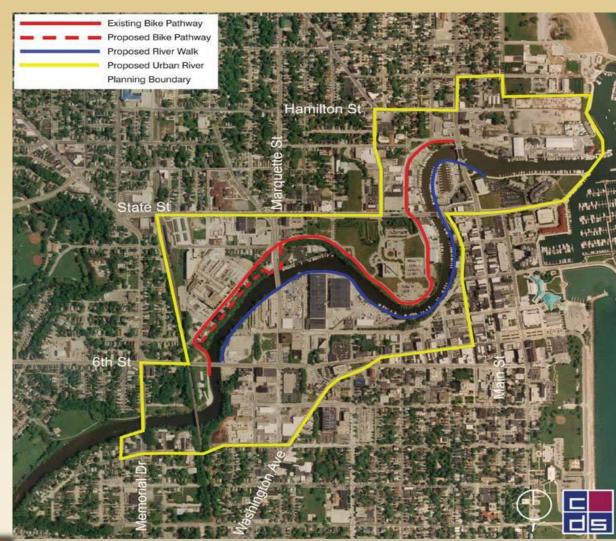
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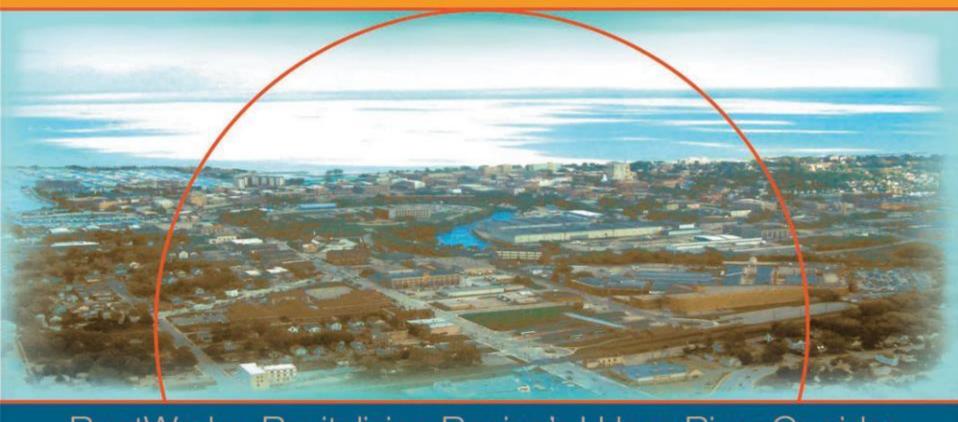


**Economic Growth** 

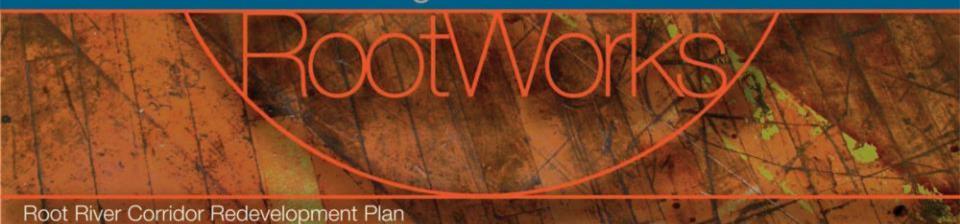








RootWorks-Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor



# RootWorks: Revitalizing Racine's Urban River Corridor Implementation Priorities & Opportunities

Reposition the area as a new neighborhood, employment center, and destination

Increase tax base Create residential

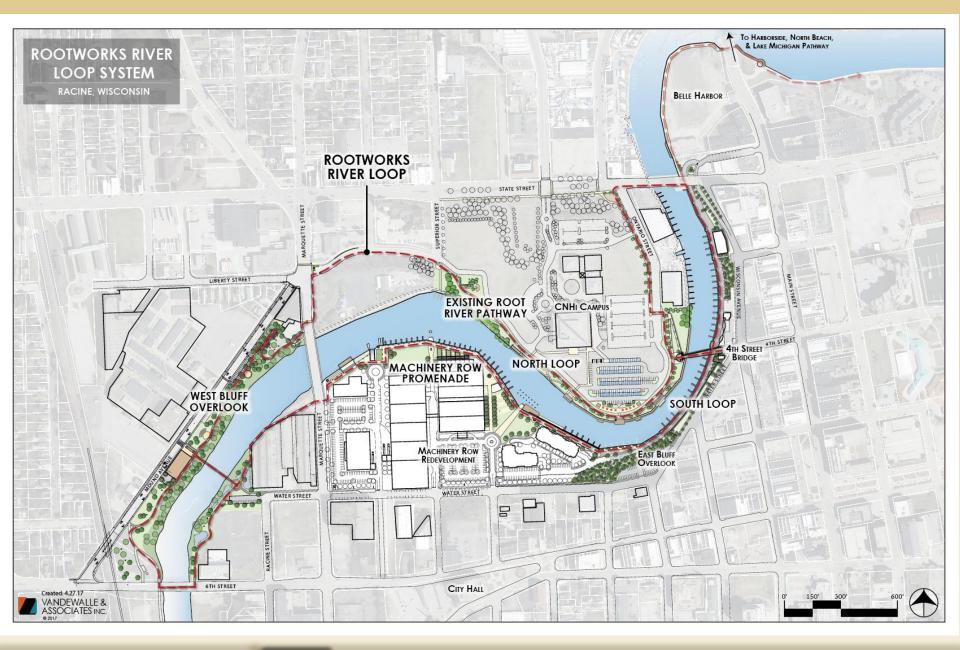
Create jobs Generate excitement

Improve access Inspire innovation

Reconnect with area history and cleanup existing brownfield













ROOTWORKS AREA-WIDE PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

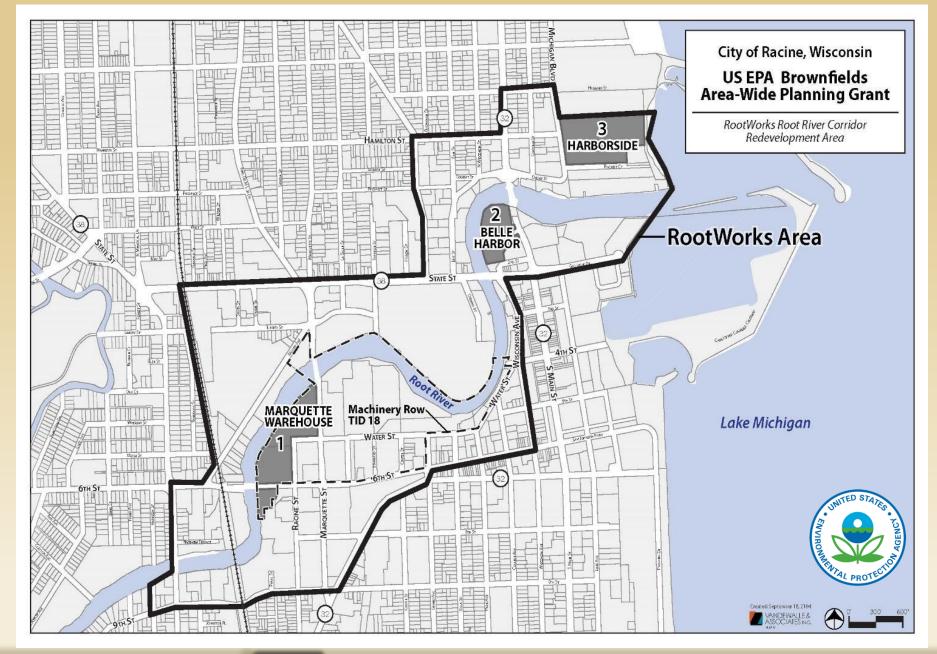


Racine, Wisconsin

Plan Commission Draft: February 15, 2017











#### **RootWorks Project Management Team**

**Mayor John Dickert** 

State Representative Cory Mason, 66th Assembly District

Tom Friedel, City Administrator

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Matt Sadowski, *Assistant Director of City Development* 

George Whitaker, Manager,
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New Holland Industrial

Julie Anderson, *Director, Racine*County Public Works &
Development Services

Rachana Kothari, Racine County
Economic Development
Corporation

Vanessa Llanas, Southeast WI Regional Representative for US Senator Tammy Baldwin

Brian O'Connell, *Board Member, Root River Council* 





## **Area-Wide Plan Open House!**

February 2, 2017 **Location:** 

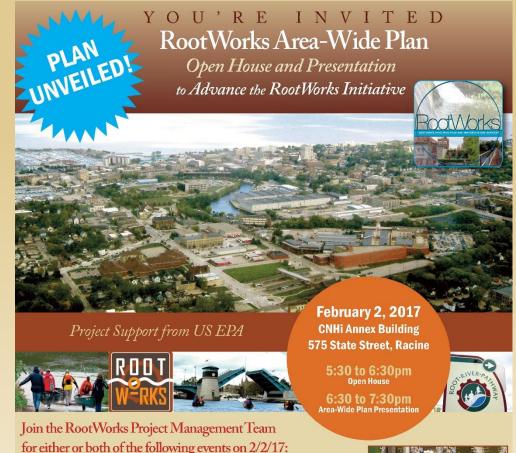
**CNHi Annex Building** 575 State Street

**Open House:** 

5:30 to 6:30 PM

**Group Presentation:** 

6:30 to 7:30 PM



- 5:30-6:30pm: Interactive Open House led by the RootWorks Project Management Team. Participants can take a self-paced tour through the planning area to discover the recommended projects and current and future development activity planned for RootWorks
- 6:30-7:30pm: The Project Management Team will lead attendees through the major findings and recommendations of the finalized Area-Wide Plan. The presentation will highlight critical next steps and partnerships and inform attendees how to get involved.





Light refreshments will be served.

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#### Public Input on Place-Making:



- Bring year-round activities
- Focus on making the River a destination
- Accelerate River Loop bike/pedestrian routes
- Bring jobs to the area
- Implement environmental improvements
- Advance education elements at REC



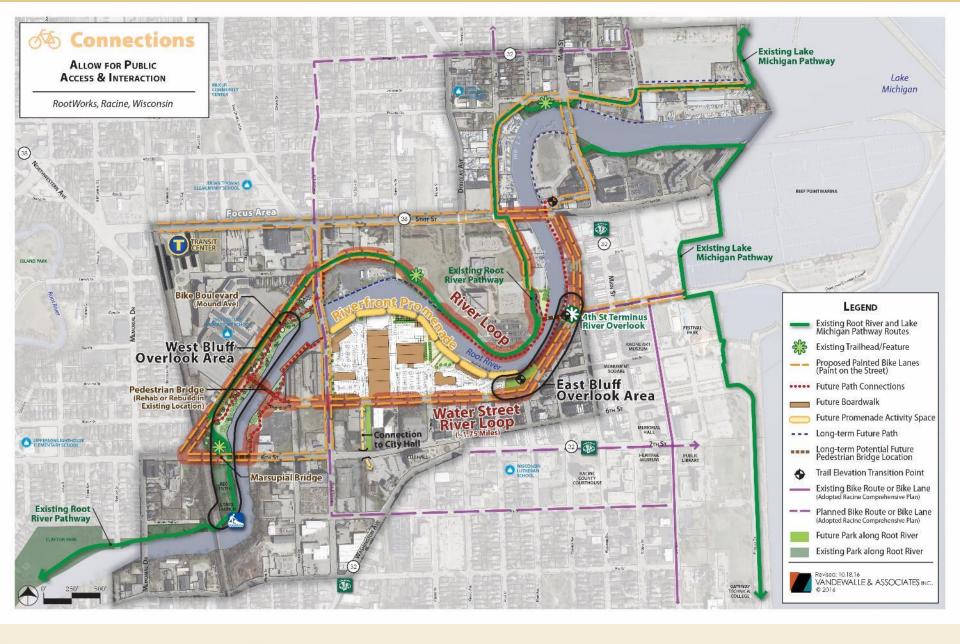


#### **Community Priorities:**

- 1. Build Neighborhood Unity and Identity
- 2. Increase and Improve Employment Opportunities
- 3. Increase Environmental Sustainability
- 4. Provide Opportunities for Community Uses and Activities
- 5. Create New Shopping Choices

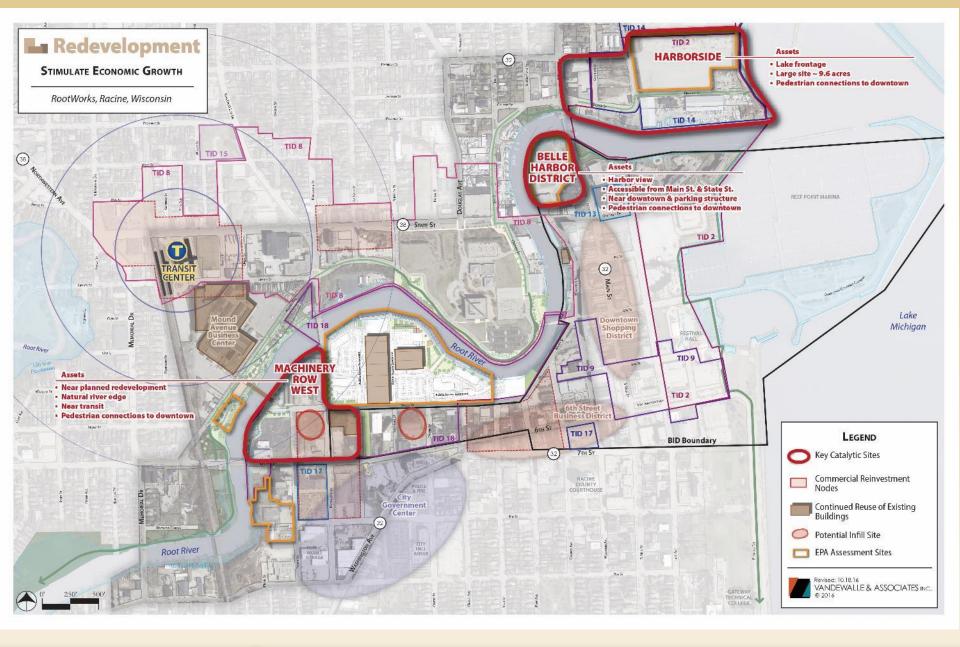












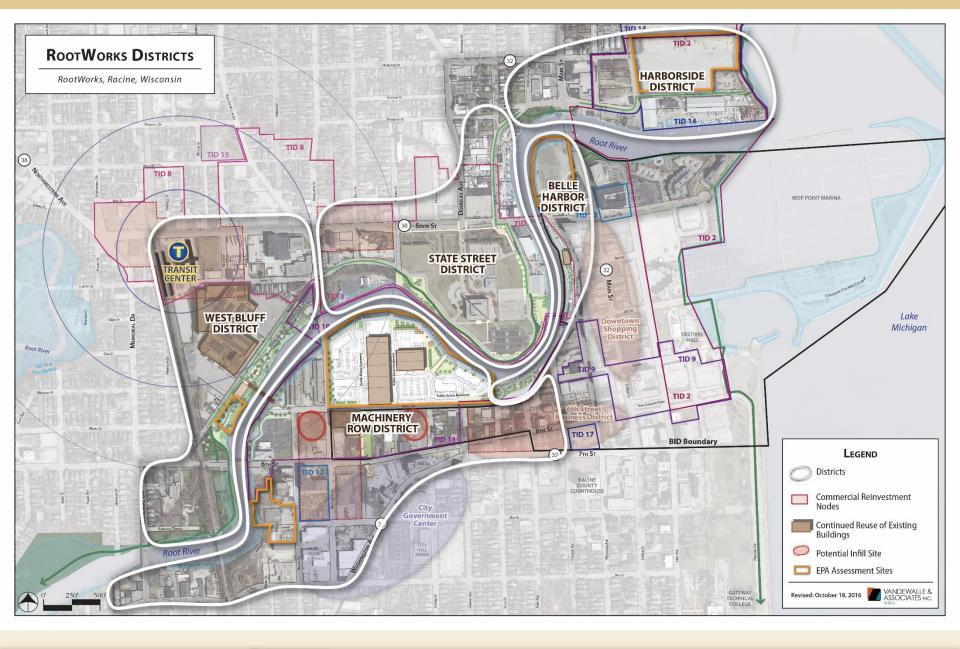










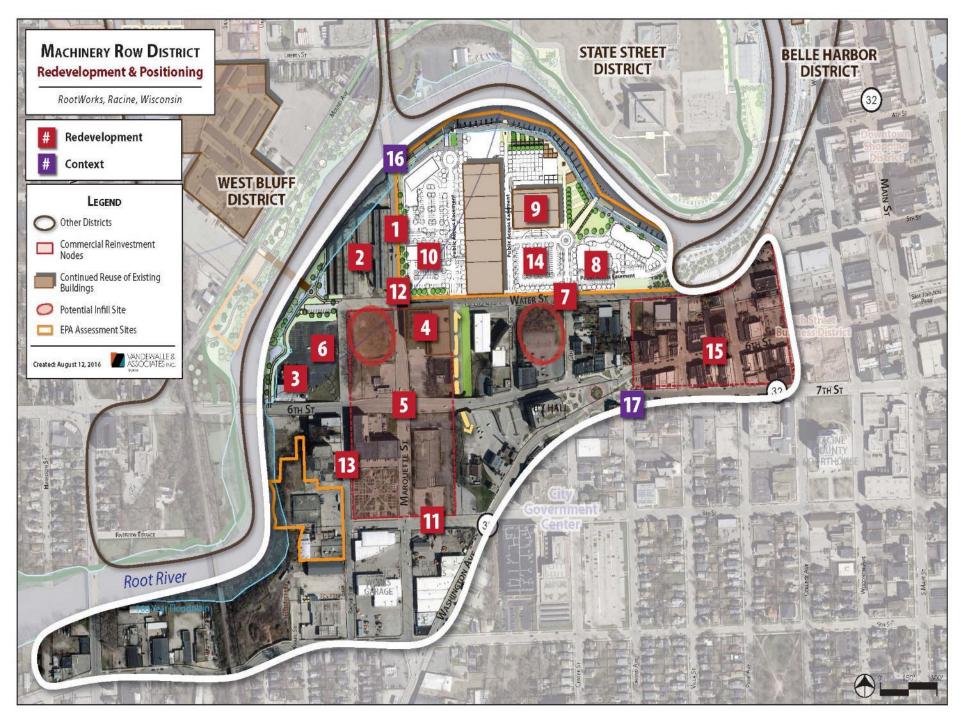


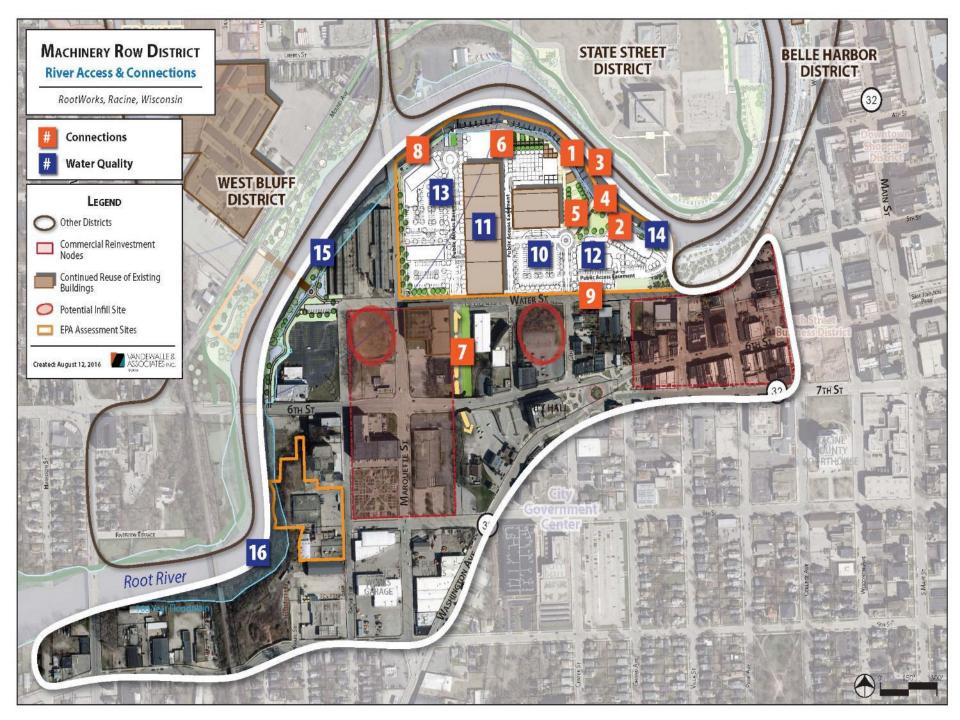


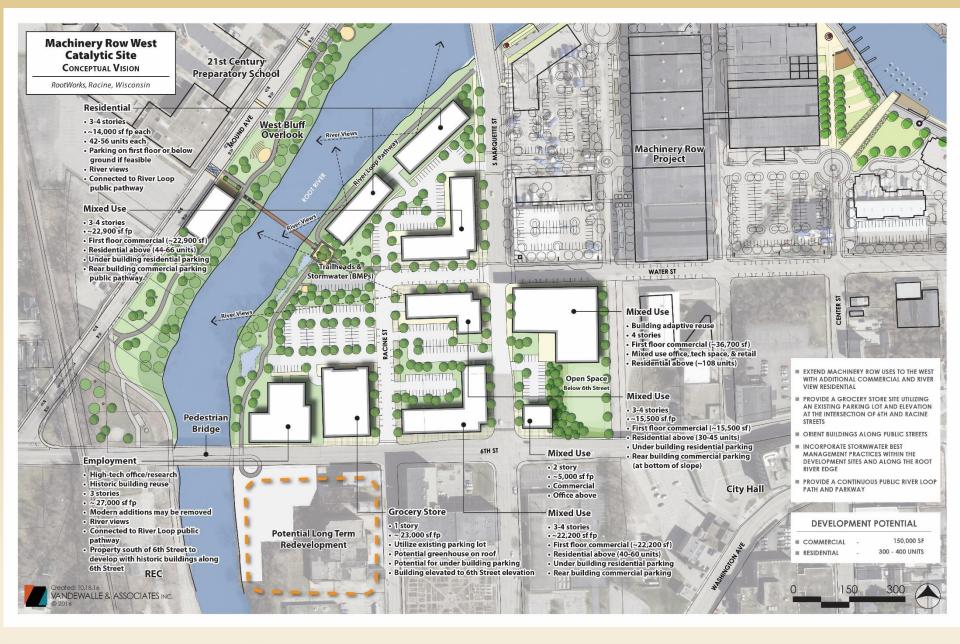






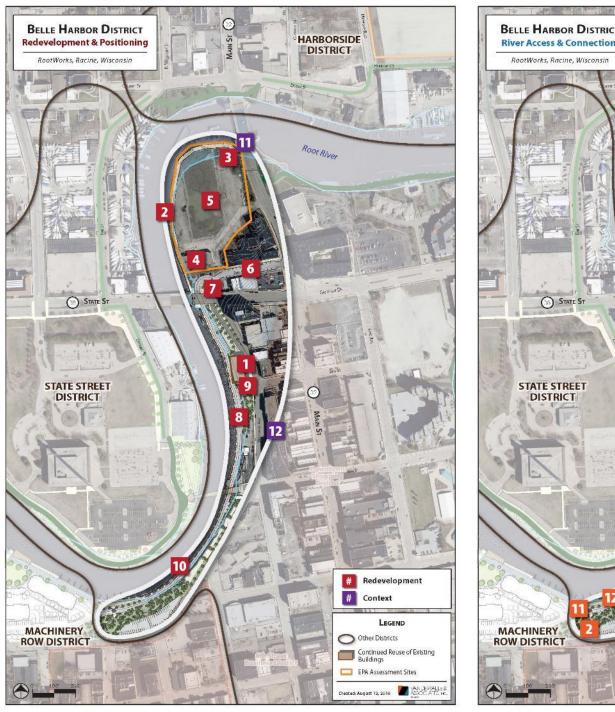


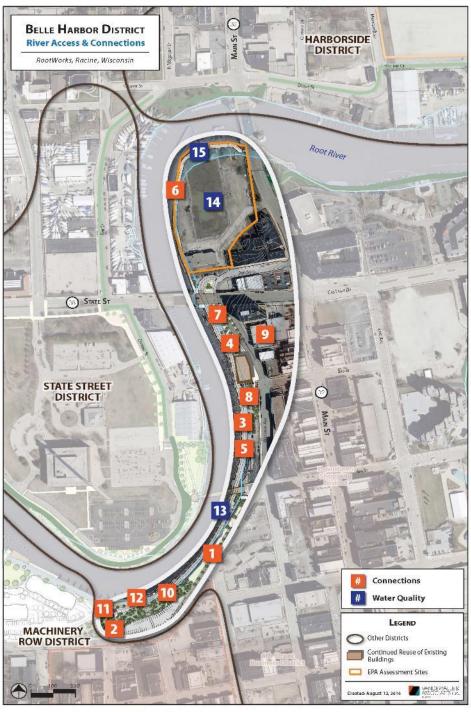










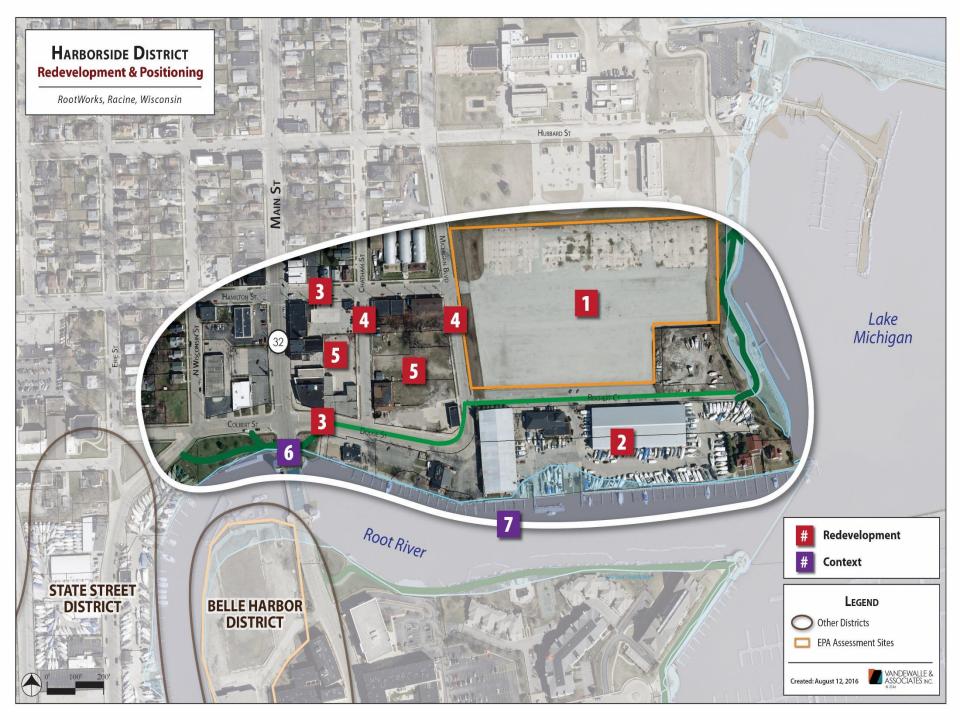








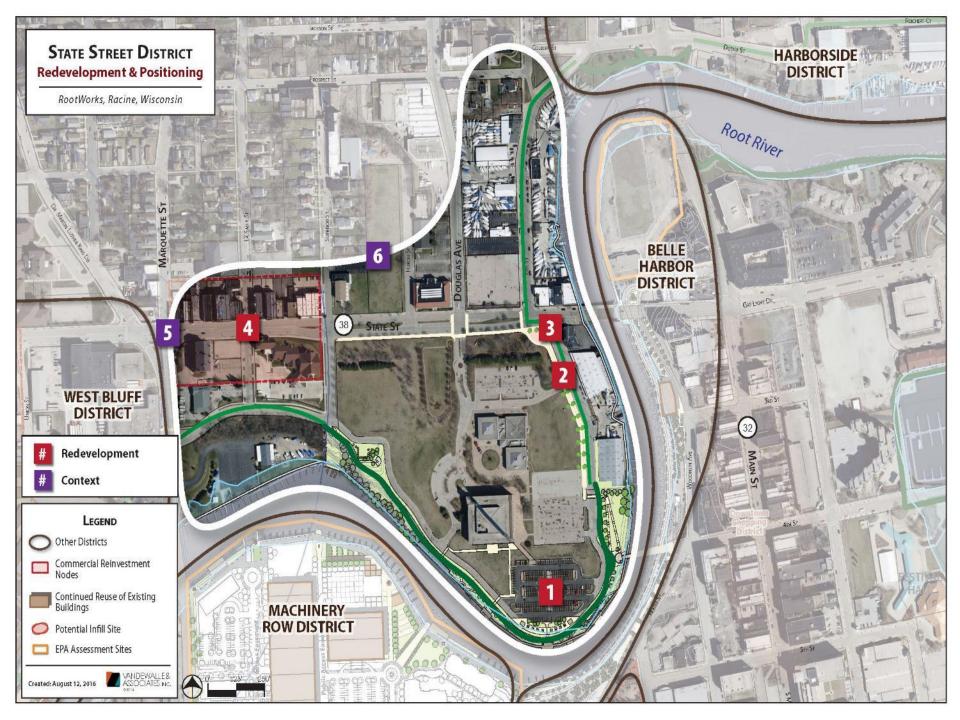


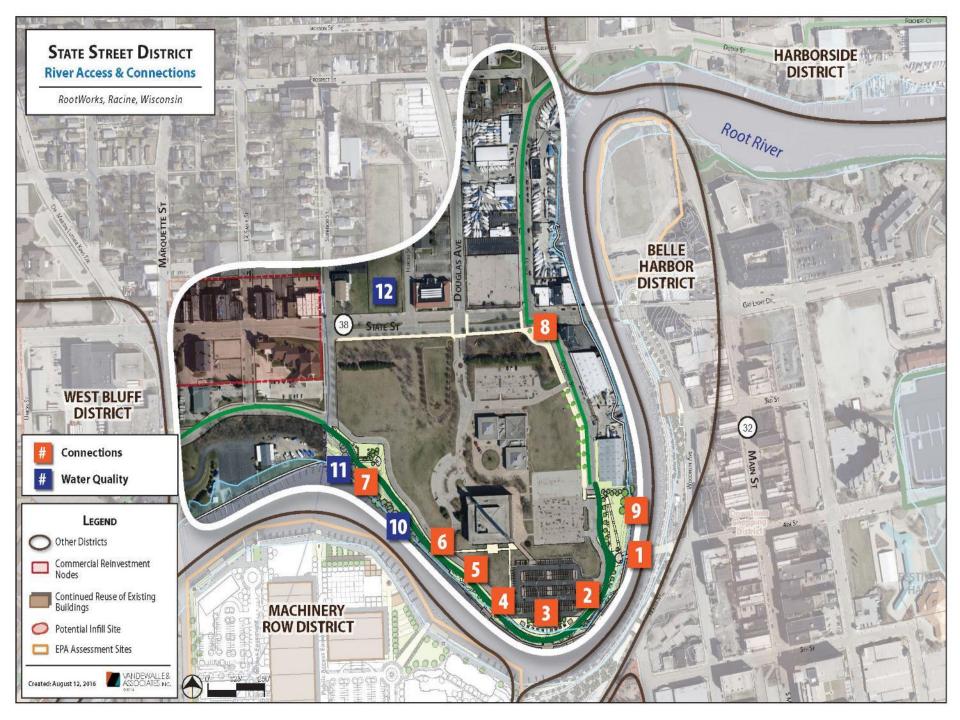


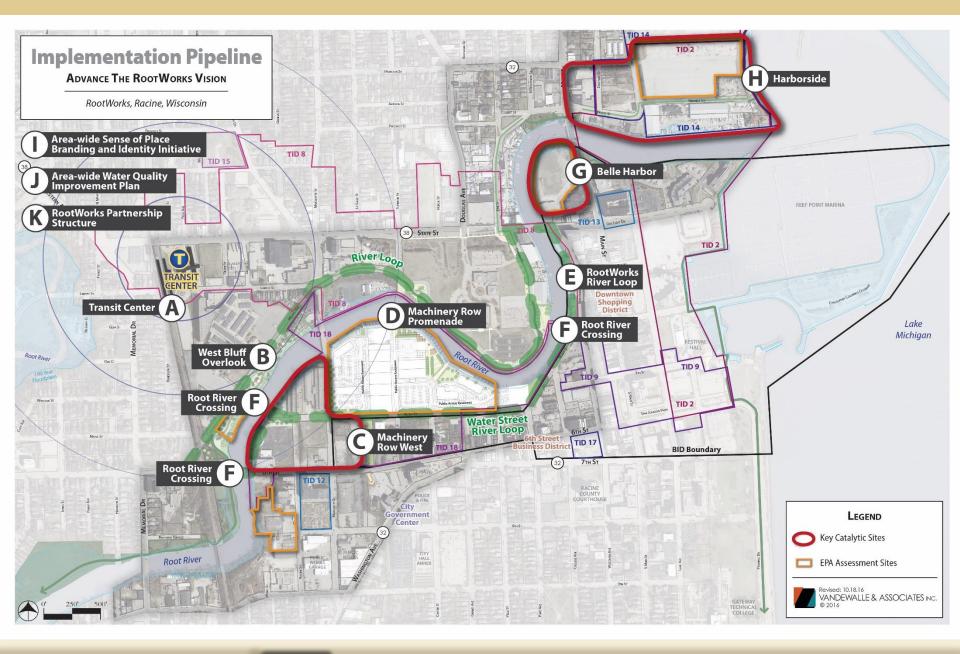
















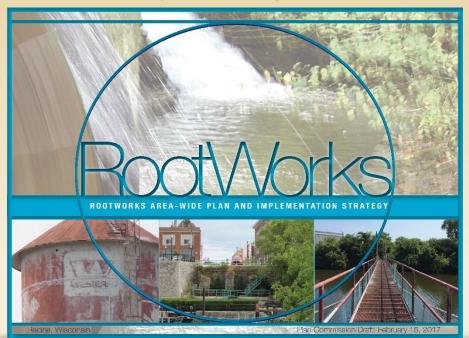
## Download the draft Plan:

#### **City of Racine RootWorks Webpage:**

http://cityofracine.org/CityDevelopment/ImpactAreas/

#### **RCEDC RootWorks Webpage:**

http://racinecountyedc.org/content/rootworks









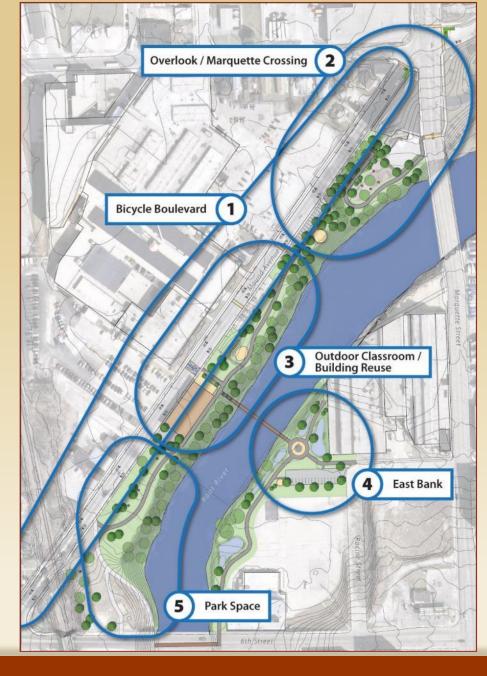
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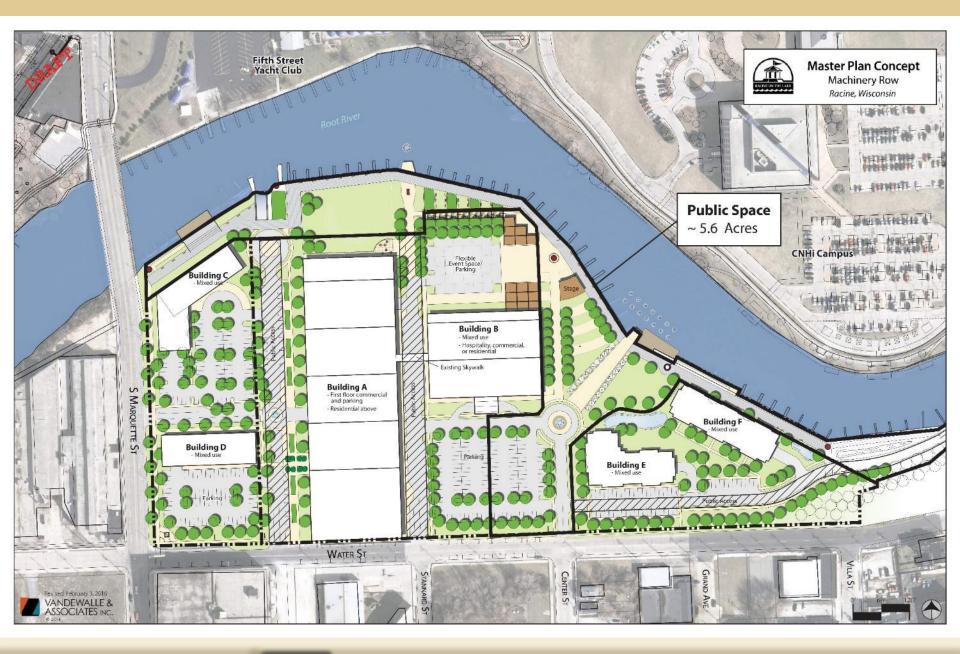
## West Bluff Overlook

- Knowles Nelson Parkland Acquisition Grant
- Public/Private partnership
- Public space & education opportunities
- River access
- Bicycle connections













# South River Loop

- Belle Harbor and Machinery Row District connector
- Public space & education nodes
- Interpretative features
- Belle Harbor river access
- Final portion of River Loop
- Overlook design & river connection





