



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the River and Trails Task Force Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:

Date /Time:

Location:

Members:

RIVER AND TRAILS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON

Monday, October 8, 2012 @ 6:00

Hall of Fame Room/City Hall (381 E Main St, Stoughton WI 53589)

Jon Lewis, Jim Wilcox, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, David Sharpe, John Archer, Greg Jensen, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

CC:

Attorney Matt Dregne, Donna Olson, Department Heads, Stoughton Newspapers, Pili Hougan, Debbie Myren, Sean Brusegar, Council Members.
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Item # CALL TO ORDER

1 Communications:

Item # OLD BUSINESS

2 Riverside Dr. Path

3 Fishing Pier Update

Item # NEW BUSINESS

4 August 6, 2012 Minutes

5 Elven Sted to Dunkirk Park Trail Connection

6 Parks and Open Space plan Update

5 Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

River and Trails Task Force
August 6, 2012
Hall of Fame Room

Present: Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Greg Jensen, Tom Lynch.

Guest: David Kneebone.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nancy Hagen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Communications: Discussion regarding striping for a bike lane on Milwaukee Street. The Task Force is in favor of striping. Tom will discuss our recommendation with Karl.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Riverside Drive Path: Discussed written Riverside Drive Trail Request. Revisions made including adding signage to state that the service road should be one way. Tom will update the letter and share with Task Force members before submission. A map of the area will be included. If completed before August 26, this could be presented at the next meeting.
3. Fishing Pier Update: Pier will be built August 25 with the Street Department installation to follow.
4. Troll House: Nancy shared contents of the house. She visits twice a week. While Nancy is on vacation, Joni will cover.
5. New Member Discussion: With the elimination of Tom Majewski to the Task Force, a new spot has opened. John Archer would like to be a member. Bob motioned with a second by Nancy that John Archer be approved as a new member. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. July 20, 2012 Minutes: Motion by Greg with a second by Bob to approve minutes. Carried.
7. The next meeting will occur on Monday, October 6, 2012.
8. Adjournment: Motion by Bob with a second by Larry to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean

Riverside Drive Trail Request

The River and Trails Task Force was appointed by Mayor Johnson during her first term with the direction of enhancing the Yahara River. With that vision, the committee pursued a trail system that would allow multiple recreation use, more access to the river and create as many off road trails as possible.

Over the years, the trail system has grown. Trails are given a consideration in all new subdivisions with the ultimate goal of connecting the entire City with trails to parks, schools and the Yahara River.

One of the most recent projects added to the trail system is an off road path from Mandt Park to Riverside Park.

In order to enhance the use of this area, we are offering the following proposal. These changes are intended to make walking and biking safer in this area that offers connectivity between parks and better access to the fishing pier.

Our proposal:

1. Create a pedestrian walkway connecting Mandt Park, Riverside Park and Veterans Park.
2. Turn Riverside Road into a one way street going west. The one way would start the intersection of Riverside Rd. and the cemetery service road located on the east end side of the cemetery. A two way road would remain till that point.
3. a. Move the existing barrier along the north bank of the Yahara River to the road to protect pedestrians on a newly established path or
b. Stripe Riverside Road, without moving the barrier, to designate a pedestrian walkway.

This recommendation meets our initial directive to enhance the Yahara River. It would provide more river access, a safer street for pedestrians and connect another park to the whole City park system.

Change is rarely easy. If the idea of quicker routes for cars remains the only goal, this idea is a hard sell. If the goal is to find ways to enhance the Yahara River and implement the Parks and Recreational Long range plan, this idea would add another unique element to the beauty of the river, while providing a safer route for pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Hagen
River and Trails Task Force Chair



Stoughton
PARKS & RECREATION

**Riverside Park Fishing Pier
Dedication Ceremony
September 15, 2012
Riverside Park**

Thank you to everyone that made this accessible fishing pier possible:

Bill Majerle

River and Trails Task Force

The Parks and Recreation Committee

The Stoughton City Council

Jordan and Bryan Smyth and Boy

Scout Troop 167

Kurt Welke

Tom, Megan, and David Wisersky and Boy Scout Troop 167

Scott Chambers and VW Docks

Rick Lane and The Madison Fishing Expo

Andrew Brantmeyer and The Brantmeyer Family

Al Byla

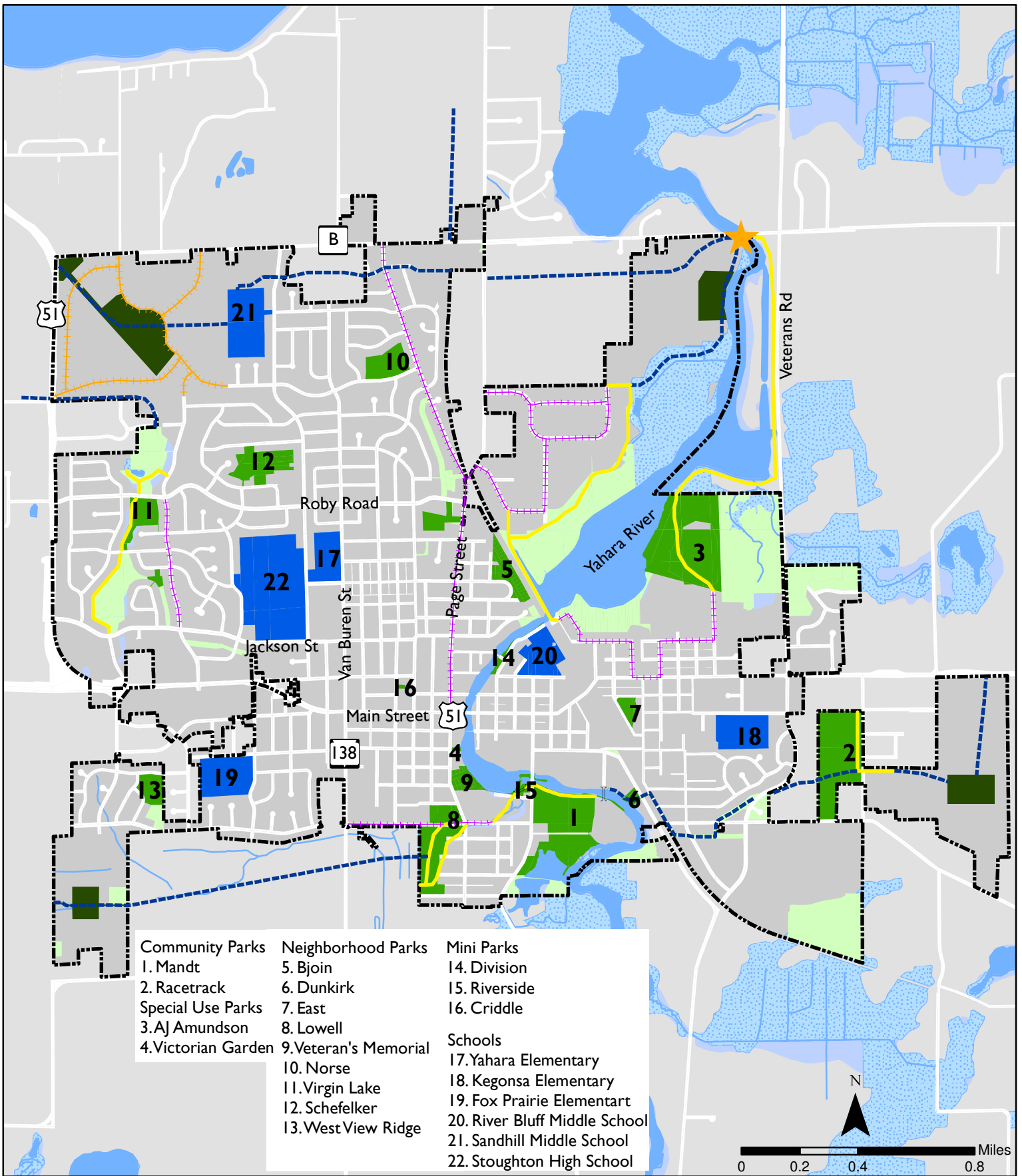
Carl Chenoweth and Resource Engineering Associates

Brian Benschop

Lycon Concrete

Stoughton Street and Parks Department





Existing & Future Trails

City of Stoughton POSP

Legend

- Park
- Future Parks
- Passive Open Space / Stormwater
- School

Trail System

- Existing Trail
- - - Future Trail
- - - Existing On Street Facility
- - - Future On Street Facility
- ⌒ Proposed Bridge
- ★ Bridge Improvement



Project # 2208
September, 2007