



AGENDA
OZAUKEE COUNTY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - ROOM A-204
121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WILL BE BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD FOR INITIATION, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE FORMAL ACTION:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. December 6, 2023

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Legislative Update

Chairperson's Proclamation

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. CLAIMS

7. REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

January County Board Report

2023 Year End Financials

2024 Project Fund

EMS Grant Reporting

8. RESOLUTIONS

RES.23-45: Increase of Revenue 2023 - Land & Water Management; Planning & Parks

RES.23-46: Declaration of the Second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day
and Authorization for Ozaukee County to Apply to Retain its “Bird City
Wisconsin” Recognition Status

9. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ozaukee County Board**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA DATE:	January 3, 2024
DEPARTMENT:	County Clerk
DIRECTOR:	Karen Niemuth
PREPARER:	Karen Niemuth

Agenda Summary December 6, 2023

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

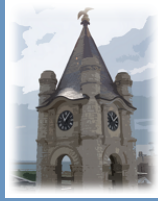
AGENDA DATE:	January 3, 2024
DEPARTMENT:	Administrator
DIRECTOR:	Jason Dzwinel
PREPARER:	Jason Dzwinel

Agenda Summary January County Board Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- County Administrator's Report January 2024 (PDF)

OZAUKEE COUNTY BOARD



County Administrator's Report

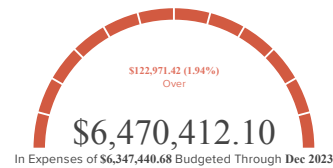
January 3, 2024

FINANCE

- October Sales tax was \$960,699 or \$56,110 less than October 2022. Still \$313,886 ahead of last year and \$252,082 ahead of budget on the year through October.

Finance Committee

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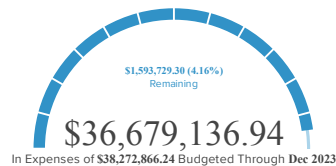


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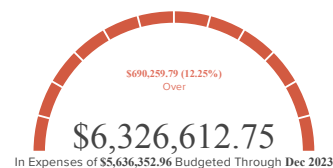


NATURAL RESOURCES

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Natural Resources

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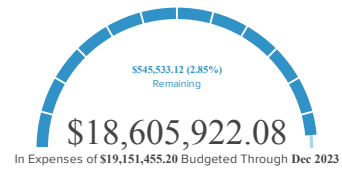


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Public Safety

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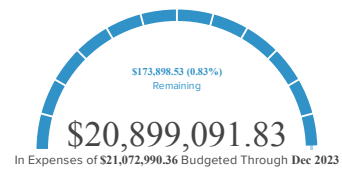


PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-45

INCREASE OF REVENUE 2023 - LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT; PLANNING & PARKS

RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, that budgets be increased in the accounts as follows:

<i>Department / Program</i>					
		<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<i>Land & Water Management</i>					
	Expense	117-2-01-58181-001	CFF Landowner Incentive Payments	\$ 10,000	
	Revenue	117-2-01-49302-009	Other Revenue Clean Farm Families		\$ 10,000
<i>Planning & Parks</i>					
	Expense	221-1-01-63315-000	Land Improvement - County Highway W	\$200,000	
	Revenue	221-1-01-42110-000	Fed Aid - MMSD / USFWS/ NAWCA - CTHW Acquisition		\$200,000
	Expense	221-1-01-54501-000	Purchased Services - Construction	\$ 5,000	
	Revenue	221-1-01-45901-000	Private Foundations - MTCF LM Access		\$ 5,000

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of January 2024.

SUMMARY: Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Nature Conservancy Grant-\$10,000; Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Grant for Acquiring (or portions of) Parcel ID: (110500502000) Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration per §§ 59.52(6)(a) AND 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes as Part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project-\$200,000; Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation Grant for the Lake Michigan Access Stairway at Virmond County Park-\$5,000

VOTE REQUIRED: Two-Thirds of Members Elect

Finance Committee
AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE:	January 3, 2024
DEPARTMENT:	County Clerk
DIRECTOR:	Karen Niemuth
PREPARER:	Karen Niemuth

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue 2023 - Land & Water Management; Planning & Parks

ATTACHMENTS:

- LWM (PDF)
- P & P(PDF)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: December 7, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Land and Water Management
DIRECTOR: Katie Vogeler
PREPARER: Geoff Schramm

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment - Nature Conservancy Grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This grant from The Nature Conservancy has been approved and accepted by NRC at the last meeting. It supplements the DATCP Producer Led Grant and will be utilized in conjunction with the Innovative Soil Health Practice Incentives for farmers: specifically cover crops, planting green, low disturbance manure injection, Bare Ground Initiative including pollinator and native seedlings and manure management/composting.

ANALYSIS: Funds will be used in conjunction with the Innovative Soil Health Practice Incentive for farmers promoting cover crops, planting green, low disturbance manure injection, Bare Ground Initiative including pollinator and native seedlings and manure management/composting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$10,000

Balance Current Year: N/A

Next Year's Estimated Cost: \$10,000 tentatively between 1-1-2024 and 12-31-2024.

FUNDING SOURCE: The Nature Conservancy

County Levy: \$0 Non-County Levy: \$10,000

Indicate source: The Nature Conservancy

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approval of Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for the \$10,000 provided by The Nature Conservancy for Soil Health Practice Incentives.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 12/21/2023**
 8:00 AM

MOVER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

SECONDER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

Attachment: LWM (RES.23-45 : INC REV)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: December 7, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Grant for Acquiring (or portions of) Parcel ID: (110500502000) Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration per §§ 59.52(6)(a) AND 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes as Part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Planning and Parks Department (Department) was awarded a cooperative grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) / US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) / North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) to support a County-sponsored fish and wildlife habitat improvement project in conjunction with a road (CTH W) reconstruction and improvement project. Specifically, the Department is partnering with the Ozaukee County Highway Department to engineer and design a holistic, long-term solution to improve County Trunk Highway W (CTH W) and alleviate flooding of the active roadway in the Village of Saukville, while improving floodplain connectivity for aquatic organism passage into the riparian floodplains, wetlands and historic Milwaukee River oxbow. Engineering and design is ongoing for a new roadway that allows for floodplain reconnection and functional fish and wildlife habitat connectivity by allowing substantial floodwater to pass under the new roadway, while improving the road infrastructure by decreasing flooding occurrence. Acquisition of property adjacent to the County Trunk Highway W right of way and in the project area is required for completion of the project plans and for floodplain and wetland and habitat restoration. Four (4) parcels (ID's 110500502000, 110500510001, 110500506003, 110500504001) containing approximately 67.2 acres and in the floodway of the Milwaukee River have been identified for acquisition and wetland floodplain mitigation/habitat restoration. These parcels contain approximately 51.1 acres of wetlands, 60.7 acres of regulatory floodway and 67.2 acres (entire area) of 100-year floodplain with a BFE (base flood elevation - studied), thereby, significantly limiting development potential on the parcels (including dry land access to the parcels from CTH W). WDNR Stewardship Local Assistance, Highway Department Reserve Funds and WisDOT Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) grant funding is supporting acquisition of these parcels (or portions of the parcels) for implementation of project plans. The MMSD USFWS NAWCA grant will support acquisition of parcel ID 110500502000.

ANALYSIS: The total grant award is \$200,000. The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved submittal and acceptance of the WDNR Stewardship Local Assistance grant at its March 3, 2022 meeting (Ayes: Jobs, Holyoke, Minkel-Dumit, Ross) and the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 21-75 at its April 6, 2022 meeting (Ayes - 20, Nays - 0, Absent - 5) which included the MMSD grant as critical match for the WDNR Stewardship Local Assistance grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: NONE (Additional Program Revenue of \$200,000)

Attachment: P & P (RES.23-45 : INC REV)

FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy: Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: MMSD / USFWS / NAWCA grant and a secured WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the budget amendment for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District / US Fish and Wildlife Service / North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant for acquiring parcel ID 110500502000 in the Village of Saukville for floodplain and wetland and habitat restoration as part of the CTH W road reconstruction and restoration project in partnership with the Ozaukee County Highway Department.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 12/21/2023**
 8:00 AM

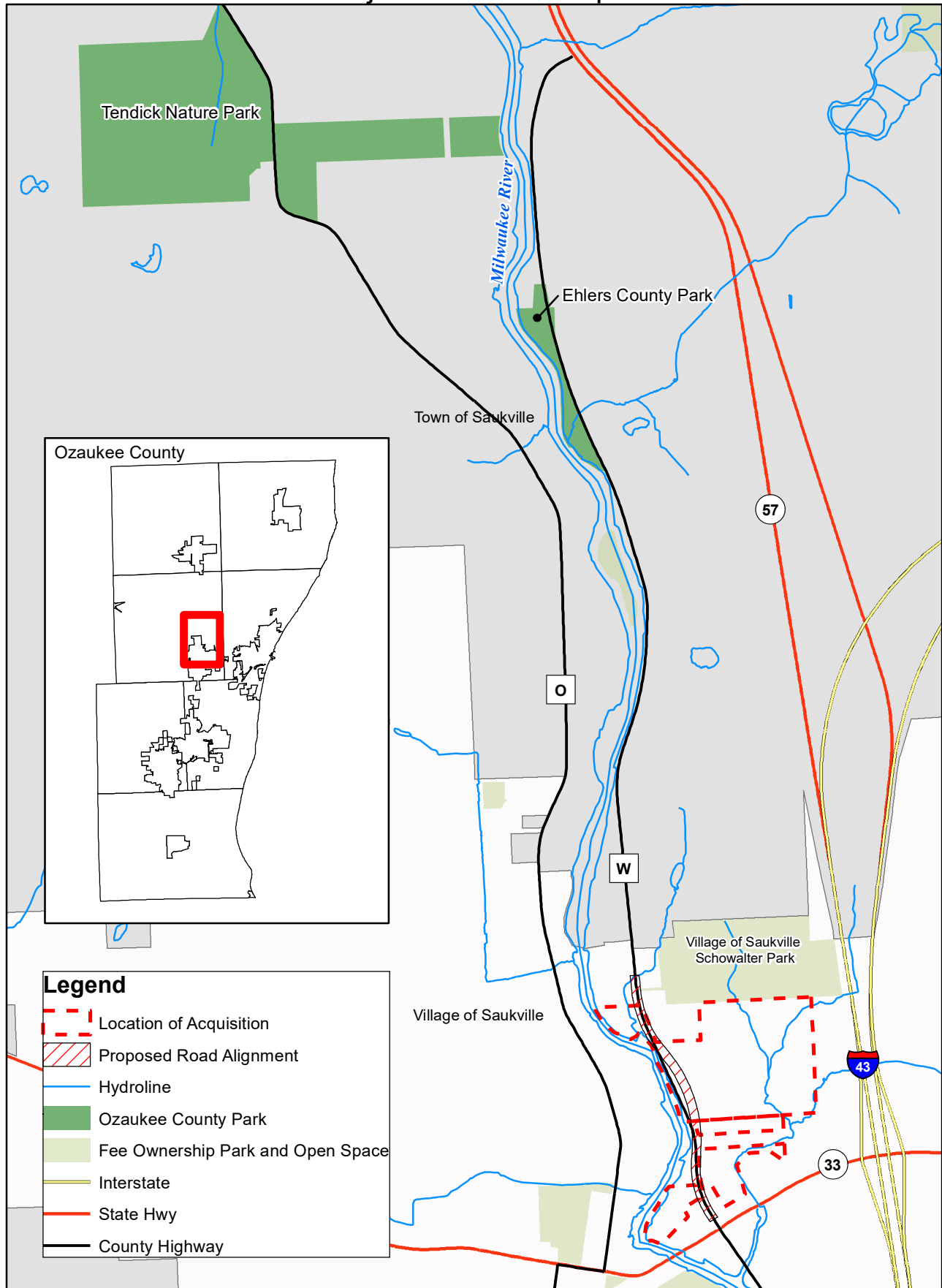
MOVER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

SECONDER: K. Schoessow, Supervisor District 23

AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Project Location Map

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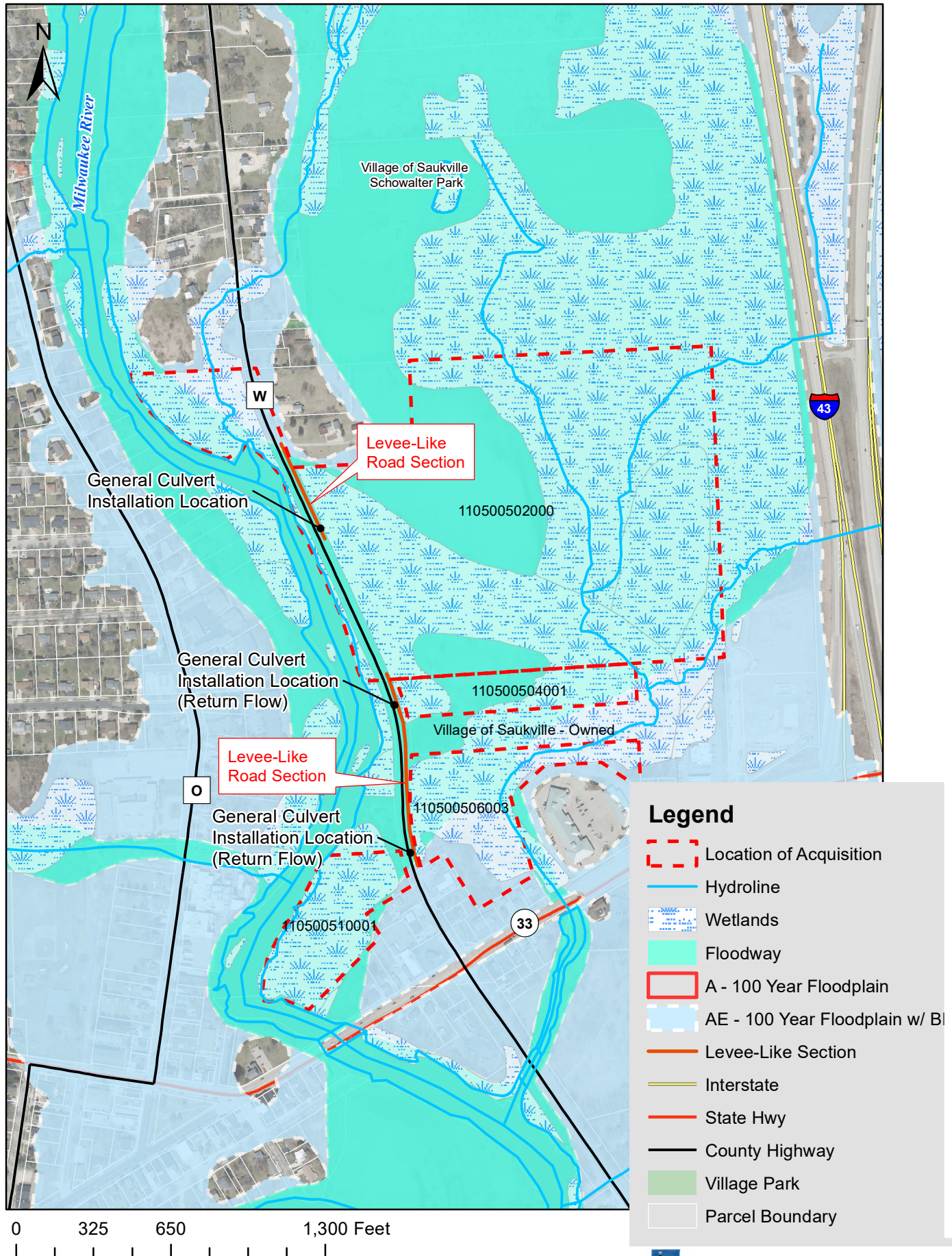


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Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Project Boundary Map

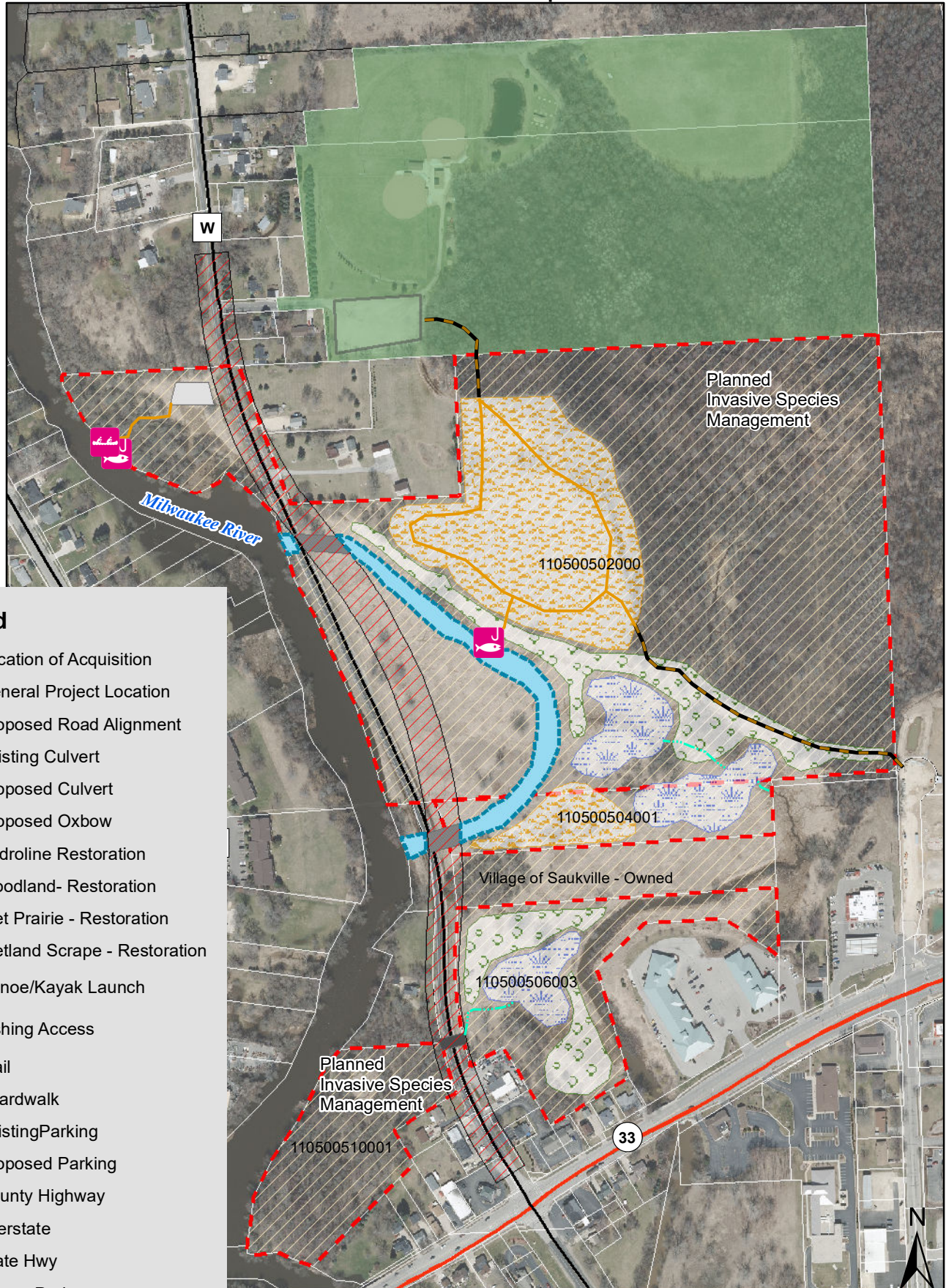
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Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Site Plan Map

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Legend

- Location of Acquisition
- General Project Location
- Proposed Road Alignment
- Existing Culvert
- Proposed Culvert
- Proposed Oxbow
- Hydroline Restoration
- Woodland- Restoration
- Wet Prairie - Restoration
- Wetland Scrape - Restoration
- 🚣 Canoe/Kayak Launch
- 🐟 Fishing Access
- Trail
- Boardwalk
- Existing Parking
- Proposed Parking
- County Highway
- Interstate
- State Hwy
- Village Park
- Parcel Boundary (Village)
- Parcel Boundary (Town)

Attachment: P & P (RES.23-45 : INC REV)



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Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: December 7, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation Grant for the Lake Michigan Access Stairway at Virmond County Park

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department) was awarded a grant from the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation (MTCF) to fund County activities to improve public access and protect sensitive Clay Seepage Bluffs to Lake Michigan at Virmond County Park in the City of Mequon. Specifically, the MTCF funding will support the completion (Phase III) of the public access stairway project as an ecologically sensitive public access demonstration project. Construction has been supported by private donations, two Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) grants, a WDNR Stewardship grant, and three Brookby Foundation grants, which includes an ecologically sensitive, low-impact design of floating stairway sections secured by cabling to respect the ecologically sensitive clay bluff and best fit the local topography and bluff stability conditions at the project area. The Virmond County Park project will be used as a case study for reference at other sites along the Lake Michigan shoreline under similar conditions. Bluff toe erosion (due to high Lake levels) and expected erosion in the stairway alignment delayed some construction activities. The existing structure has not been impacted by any erosion as it appears the stairway “sleds” and associated cabling and anchoring have kept the bluff (along the existing stairway alignment) largely stable and protected from erosional forces during spring thaws and rain events. However, the changing lake levels have modified the originally planned alignment and final downslope landing area, which required modification to the original project plans. The contractual budgets under the WCMP, WDNR, and Brookby Foundation grants have been fully expended, but require access to the beach/shoreline. About Nature LLC, the project contractor, has submitted a change order request to complete the public access project. Specifically, MTCF funding and private donations will support completion of the revised, larger downslope landing platform, incorporation of a retractable aluminum staircase section (which can be raised/lowered depending on site conditions and lake levels) to provide access to the current beach area, and final site restoration including a brick paver path to the top of the staircase from the parking lot area.

ANALYSIS: The total grant award is \$5,000. The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved the submittal and acceptance of the MTCF grant at its September 7, 2023 meeting (Ayes: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow). No match is required. There have been no changes to the budget or project scope since grant submittal, however, the original MTCF grant submittal request was \$2,500. The About Nature LLC change order balance will be covered by private donations, MTCF grant and a pending County Capital Fund request.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: NONE (Additional Program Revenue of \$5,000)

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Next Year's Cost: NONE

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FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy X Non-County Levy X

Indicate source: MTCF funds, private donations, pending County Capital Fund request.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the budget amendment for the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation grant for an ecologically sensitive Lake Michigan Public Access Stairway at Virmond County Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED AND FORWARDED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 12/21/2023**
 8:00 AM

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

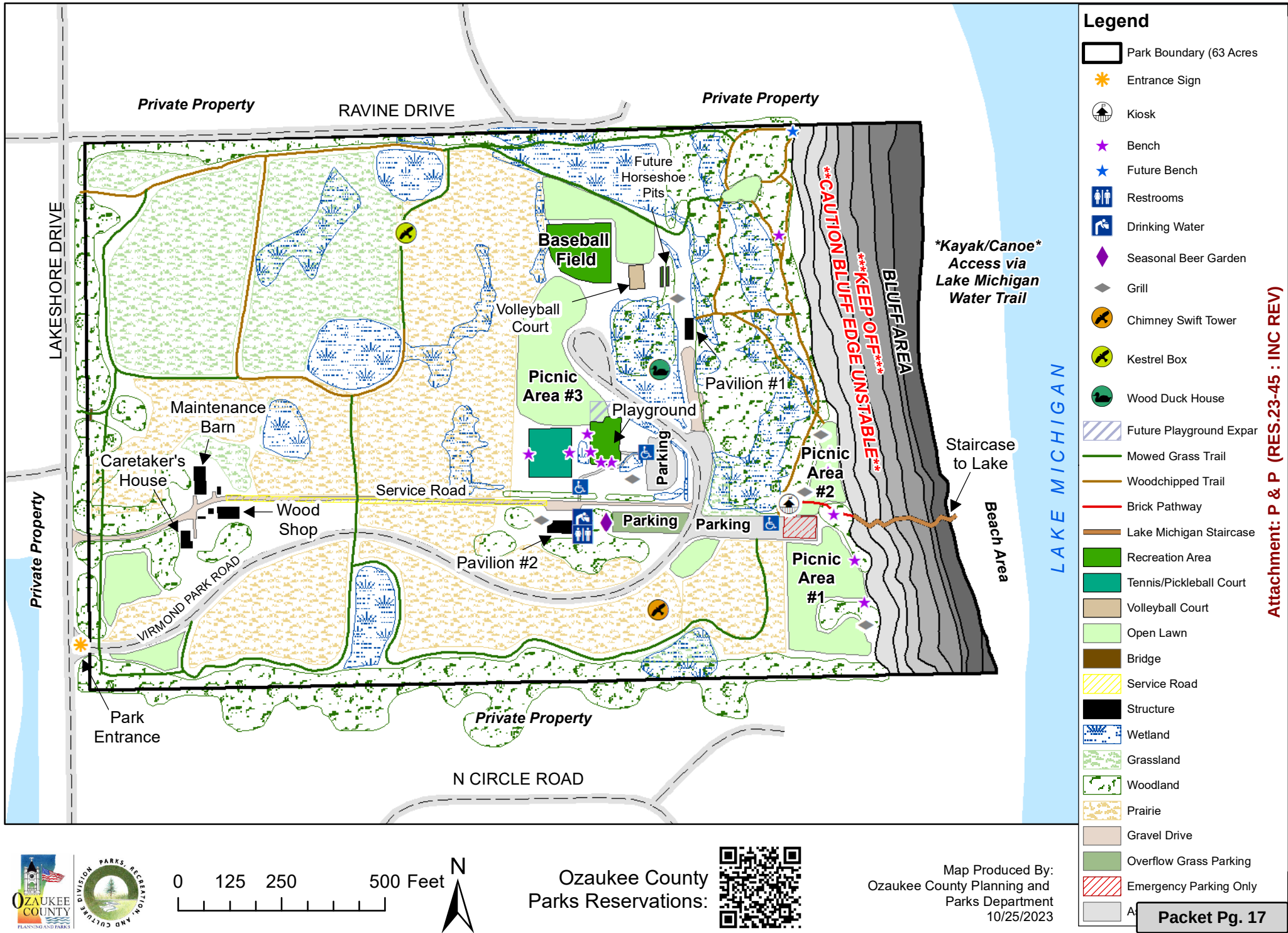
AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

Attachment: P & P (RES.23-45 : INC REV)

Virmond County Park

10606 N Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, WI 53092

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-46

DECLARATION OF THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY AS WORLD MIGRATORY
BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY TO APPLY TO RETAIN
ITS “BIRD CITY WISCONSIN” RECOGNITION STATUS

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin has a long history of supporting actions that support migratory birds and bird habitat through the protection, preservation and management of parks, natural areas, trail corridors and open space; effective community forestry management including the management of invasive species and tree planting; limiting or removing hazards to birds; the sale of bird houses, installation of cavity nest boxes and creation of bluebird trails; the development of educational information on migratory birds and their habitat; and recognition and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day (formerly known as International Migratory Bird Day); and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County first received “Bird City Wisconsin” status in 2010, the first County in Wisconsin, based on its effort to protect birds and their habitat, then Ozaukee County received “High Flyer” status in 2011, the first County in Wisconsin and just one of 32 communities to receive this prestigious recognition, which has been awarded to Ozaukee County each year from 2012 - 2023 and is now one of 96 “Bird City Wisconsin” communities in the State of Wisconsin including three communities in Ozaukee County; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that enhance our community and quality of life as well as our citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring and enjoy all the opportunities they have to engage in recreational endeavors such as birdwatching and nature photography; and

WHEREAS, these migrant bird species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating revenue related to bird watching activities and tourism; and

WHEREAS, a September 2019 study published in the scientific journal *Science* found that there are almost 3 billion fewer birds in North America today than there were in 1970 and migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, they are facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is a crucial component of migratory bird conservation and citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2008 the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted A *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* (Resolution 07-72) and enacted ordinance 07-8 as Chapter 13 in the County Code of Ordinances and this plan identifies a number of programs to preserve and protect natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of Important Bird Areas in Ozaukee County was developed and specific recommendations for the preservation of this wildlife habitat was included as part of the *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County* and the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*; and

WHEREAS, The Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, acting on the recommendation of the Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee, adopted Resolution 11-14 on June 1, 2011 and this resolution adopted the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*, which includes a comprehensive analysis and recommendations for the Open Space Preservation Element from the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin* for Ozaukee County, and the Outdoor Recreation Element; whereby, the plan recommends the protection of environmental corridors and natural areas, protection and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat, the provision of outdoor recreation opportunities and public access; and

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the current trend of declining populations of migratory birds and the decrease in their natural habitat through the infringement upon natural areas and environmental corridors in Ozaukee County as identified in the *Ozaukee County Strategic Plan*, *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County* and the *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in Ozaukee County and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the southern United States and thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County continued its annual celebration and recognition of WMBD on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Veterans Memorial Park in Port Washington with numerous partners including Lake Michigan Bird Observatory and hosted a guided bird hike along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, and provided public information about migratory bird conservation through an educational booth and distribution of the Ozaukee Trailside Birding Guide; and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County has declared it will continue its annual celebration and recognition of WMBD on a Saturday or Sunday, in May, 2024 with its partners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ozaukee County declares the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day having recognized and celebrated this day on May 20, 2023 and having plans to celebrate again on a Saturday or Sunday in May 2024 and that Ozaukee County supports efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our County; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Ozaukee County, through the Planning and Parks Department, authorizes the Director of Planning and Parks to submit an application and application fee to Bird City Wisconsin and implement the criteria established by Bird City Wisconsin, so that Ozaukee County can retain its “Bird City” and “High Flyer” designations that will further enhance the County’s reputation for leadership in protecting its natural environment including bird habitats as well as recognize the interest of many of its citizens in bird conservation.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of January, 2024.

SUMMARY: Ozaukee County supports efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats and declares the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day having recognized this day on May 20, 2023 and having plans to celebrate again in 2024 and intends to submit an application and application fee to Bird City Wisconsin and implement the criteria

established by Bird City Wisconsin, so that Ozaukee County can retain its “Bird City Wisconsin” designation and “High Flyer” status that will further enhance the County’s reputation for leadership in protecting its natural environment including bird habitats as well as recognize the interest of many of its citizens in bird conservation.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12/07/23

Natural Resources Committee

APPROVE AND FORWARD

RESULT: APPROVE AND FORWARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/3/2024 9:00 AM

MOVER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

SECONDER: T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

AYES: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Natural Resources Committee
AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE:	January 3, 2024
DEPARTMENT:	Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR:	Andrew Struck
PREPARER:	Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Declaration of the Second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day and Authorization for Ozaukee County to Apply to Retain its “Bird City Wisconsin” Recognition Status

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Ozaukee County first received “Bird City Wisconsin” status in 2010, the first County in Wisconsin, based on its effort to protect birds and their habitat. Ozaukee County then received “High Flyer” status in 2011, the first County in Wisconsin and just one of 32 communities to receive this prestigious recognition, which has been awarded to Ozaukee County each year from 2011 - 2023 and is now one of 96 “Bird City Wisconsin” communities in the State of Wisconsin including three communities in Ozaukee County. An inventory of Important Bird Areas in Ozaukee County was developed with specific recommendations for the preservation of these lands included as part of the *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County* (p. 100 and p. 105 Map 33). The County Board adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County* includes a comprehensive analysis and recommendations for the Open Space Preservation Element from the *Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin* for Ozaukee County, and the Outdoor Recreation Element; whereby, the plan recommends the protection of environmental corridors and natural areas and the provision of outdoor recreation opportunities and public access (Table 18, pg. 87). Preservation of these natural areas is more important than ever. In September 2019, a study published in the scientific journal *Science* found that there are almost 3 billion fewer birds in North America today than there were in 1970, working out to a loss of about one in four birds. Since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) (formerly known as International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in Ozaukee County and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the southern United States. Ozaukee County continued its annual celebration and recognition of WMBD on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Veterans Memorial Park in Port Washington with numerous partners including Lake Michigan Bird Observatory and hosted a guided bird hike along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail and provided public information about migratory bird conservation through an educational booth and distribution of the Ozaukee Trailside Birding Guide. Ozaukee County intends to continue the annual celebration with its partners on a Saturday or Sunday in May 2024 in order for Ozaukee County to maintain its “High Flyer” Bird City status (birdcitywisconsin.org/apply-renew).

ANALYSIS: Ozaukee County is proposing to submit a renewal application to retain its “Bird City Wisconsin” recognition and “High Flyer” status in 2024 and celebrate WMBD. Ozaukee

County will need to address all the criteria as established by the Bird City Wisconsin organization in the application including the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day and the adoption of a corresponding resolution; however, most of these criteria have already been or will be addressed under existing efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Balance Current Year: \$175 Application Fee (In-kind staff time and materials)

Next Year's Cost: NONE (In-kind staff time and materials)

FUNDING SOURCE:

County Levy X Non-County Levy X Indicate source: Parks Division Cost Center and Private Donations

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors a Resolution declaring the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day in Ozaukee County and authorize the submittal of a renewal application by the Planning and Parks Department for retaining "Bird City Wisconsin" recognition and "High Flyer" status through implementation of criteria as a "Bird City Wisconsin".