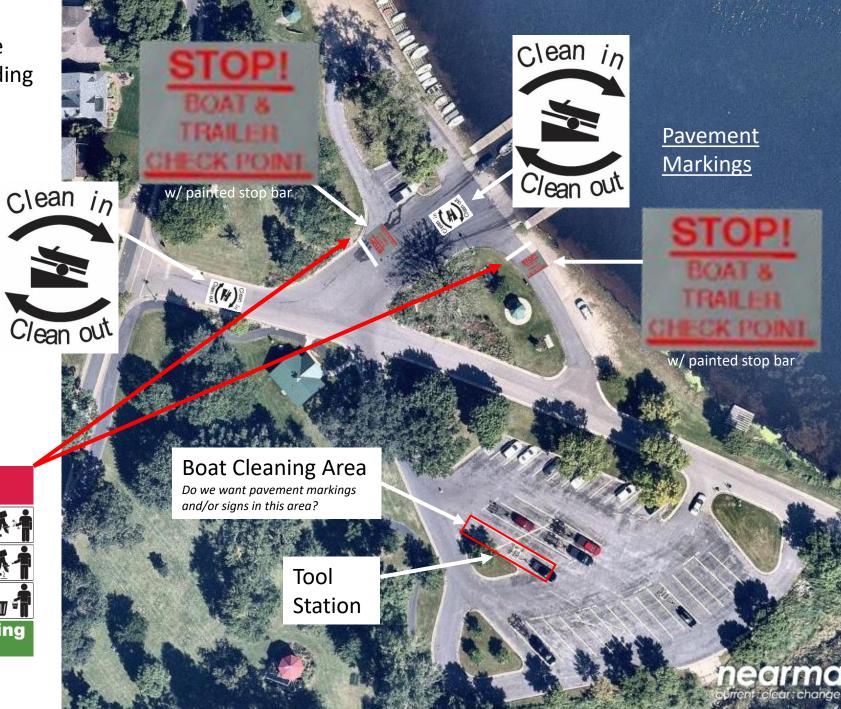
Proposed Aquatic Invasive Species Signage and Tool Station – Matoska Park Boat Landing

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Signs (next to painted stop bar)









City of White Bear Lake COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

ТО:	The Parks Commission
FROM:	Samantha Crosby, Planning & Zoning Coordinator Anne Kane, Community Development Director
DATE:	April 10, 2019 for the April 18, 2019 Parks Commission Meeting
SUBJECT:	Park Dedication – Shafer Richardson Apartment Project

The City Council recently approved a concept plan for a 189 unit apartment building located at the northwest corner of Linden Avenue and County Road E. The project is currently being called the White Bear Lake Apartments – see attached concept site plan.

Since the City is mostly built out, developers typically provide a monetary contribution to meet the park dedication requirements. The current mix of units in the building results in a \$151,200 dedication. However, the subject site is in an area where there is a slight gap in public park coverage – see attached parks and open spaces map. Because of this gap, staff and the developer have discussed the possibility of a land dedication instead of cash (or some combination thereof). At the rate of 10% of the parcel size (after County Road E ROW dedication) the project could dedicate almost half an acre of parkland.

It works well that the subject site has the same owners as the Stadium Bar and Grill because the Bruce Vento Regional Trail extension is planned to run along the west side of the Stadium's triangular parking lot located on the west side of Hoffman Road. The northern portion of the triangular lot could be dedicated to serve as a trail head. The planned trail alignment does encroach very slightly into this area and, at a minimum, the County will need a small easement. See attached Bruce Vento Planned Trail Alignment graphic.

City staff have been in contact with the County's Parks and Recreation Department. The details of ownership, design, construction and long term maintenance still need to be negotiated, but they have indicated support of a trail head at this location. They have even provided a preliminary sketch as a starting point for discussion purposes – see "Concept A – No Impact" graphic. The concept includes a map kiosk, a bench, and trash & recycling containers on a concrete pad, with some landscaping. It also includes a monument style freestanding identification sign near the curb cut to Hoffman Road.

City staff has also discussed a bike repair station, a picnic table rather than bench, possibly a water source, and some type of cover (a small pavilion?). The idea of play structures came up, but space is somewhat limited. The County mentioned that they have been moving away from

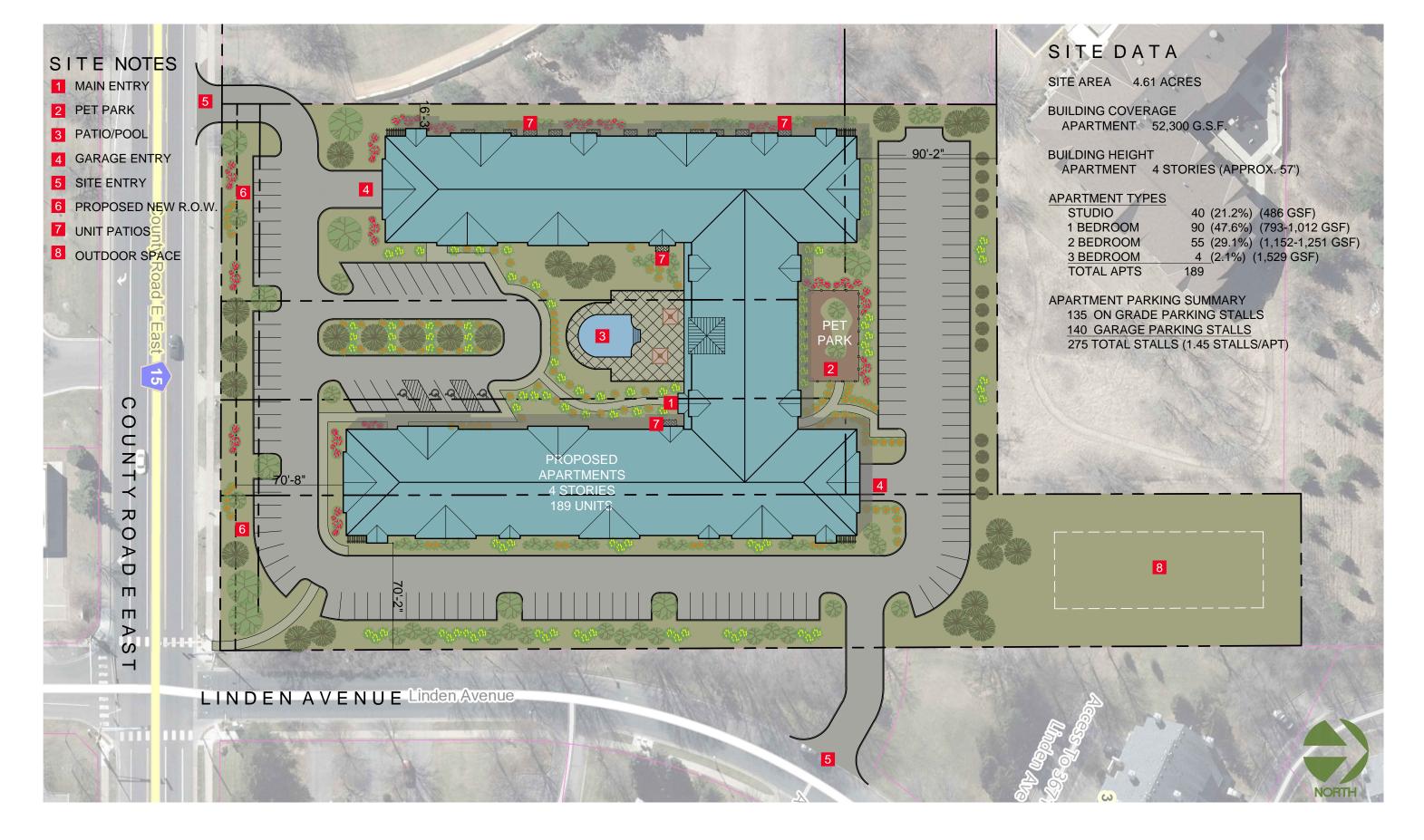
structured play elements (which generate repetitive experiences) to more "imaginative" or "natural" play elements. Some examples from Battle Creek Regional park are attached. Staff's vision is that any play element could also serve a dual purpose for the trail users. Two examples include boulders that kids could walk on and between that also serve as additional seating, and a hang bar that kids could swing on and adults could use to stretch. See attached examples of desired trail head amenities.

Finally, County staff suggested restrooms. City staff has concerns regarding the additional maintenance associated with bathroom facilities, such as supplies, vandalism and winterizing. City staff's preference was to work with the developer to provide public restrooms with the future redevelopment of the south side of this parcel. Since public restrooms are available at the Marina Triangle less than 2 miles to the north, unless the County is willing to maintain the facility, City staff would rather forgo the restrooms.

The County is in the process of updating their Master Plan and has offered to incorporate our feedback into future concept designs. Using their staff and consultants to design the trail head is one way we hope the County will partner with us on this joint project. Please take a look at the attached documents and let us know if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Attachments:

- 1. Concept Site Plan
- 2. Survey of Apartment site and Stadium Bar & Grill
- 3. Draft 2019 Parks and Open Spaces Map south half
- 4. Bruce Vento Regional Trail Planned Trail Alignment
- 5. "Concept A No Impact" trail head sketch
- 6. Battle Creek Regional Park Playground Concept (example)
- 7. Examples of desired trail head amenities



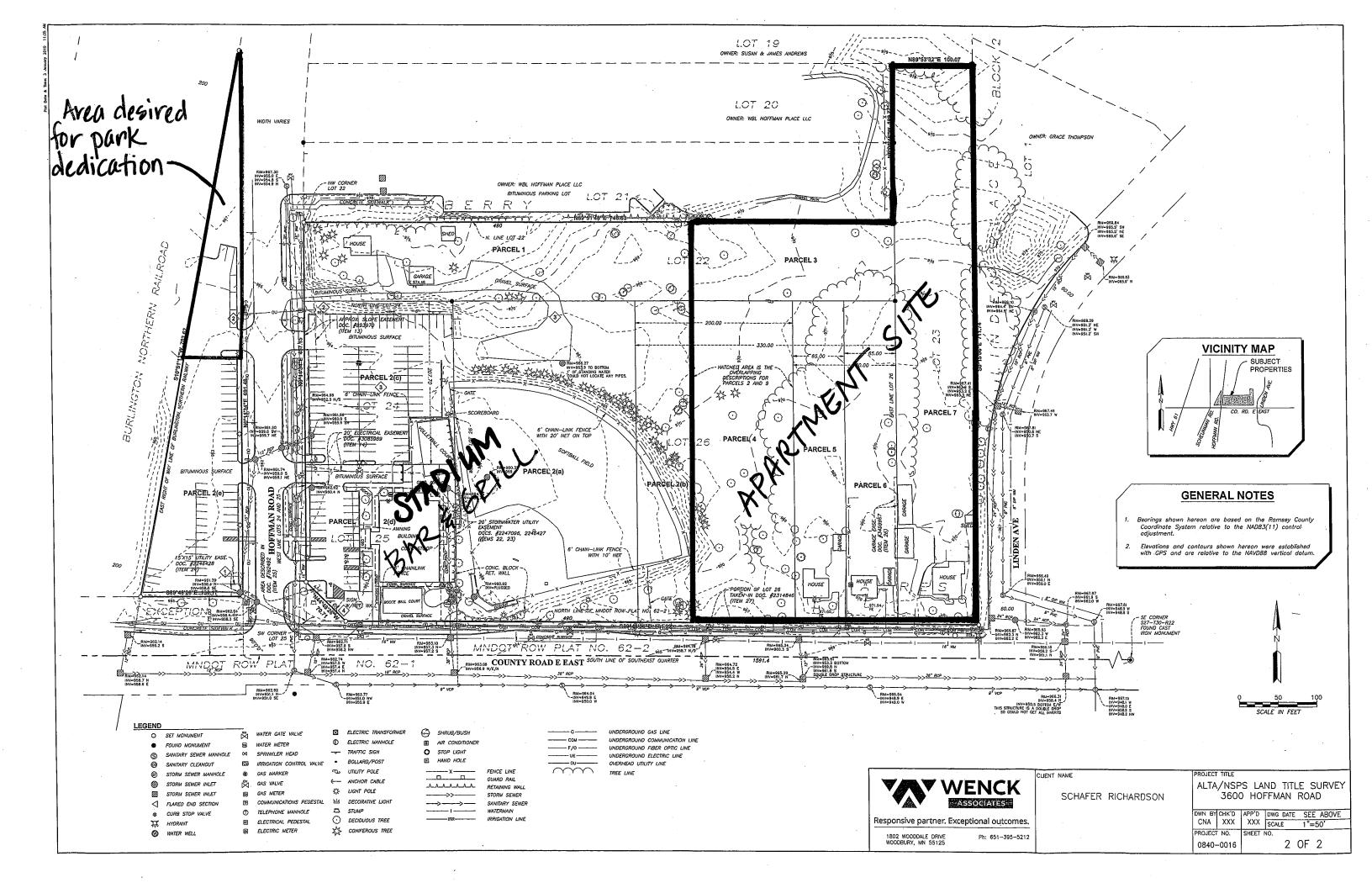


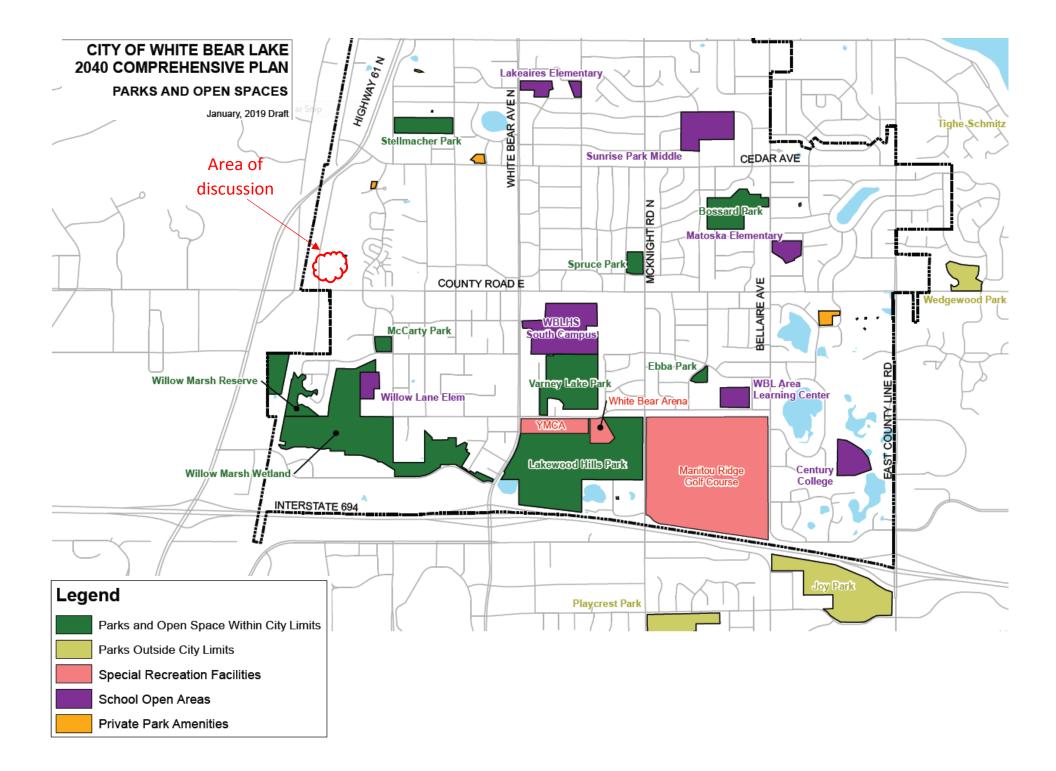
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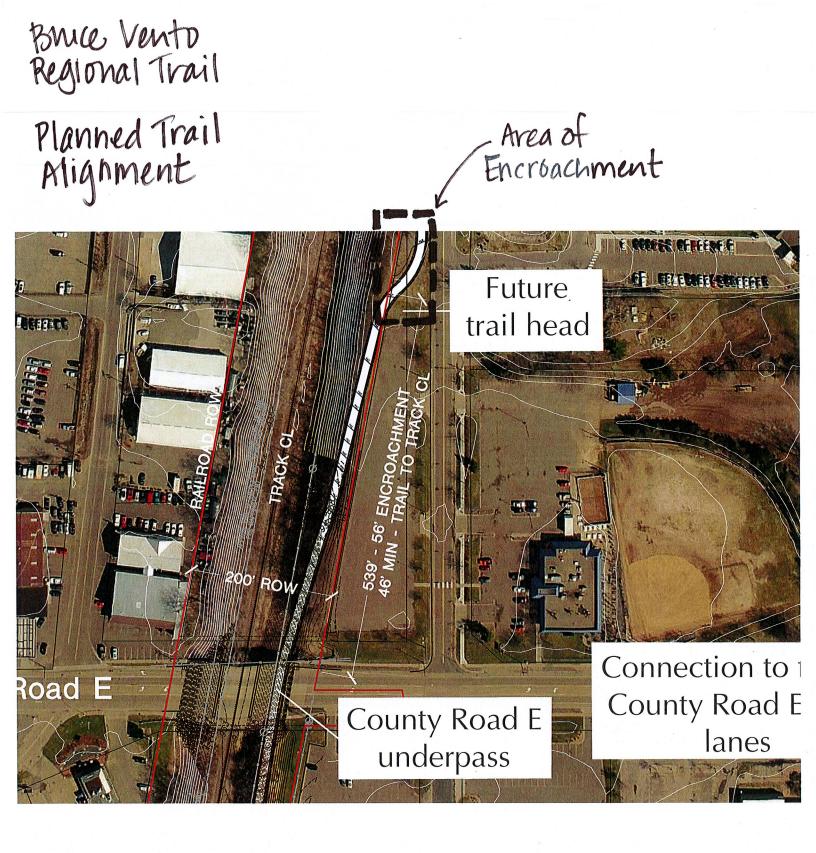
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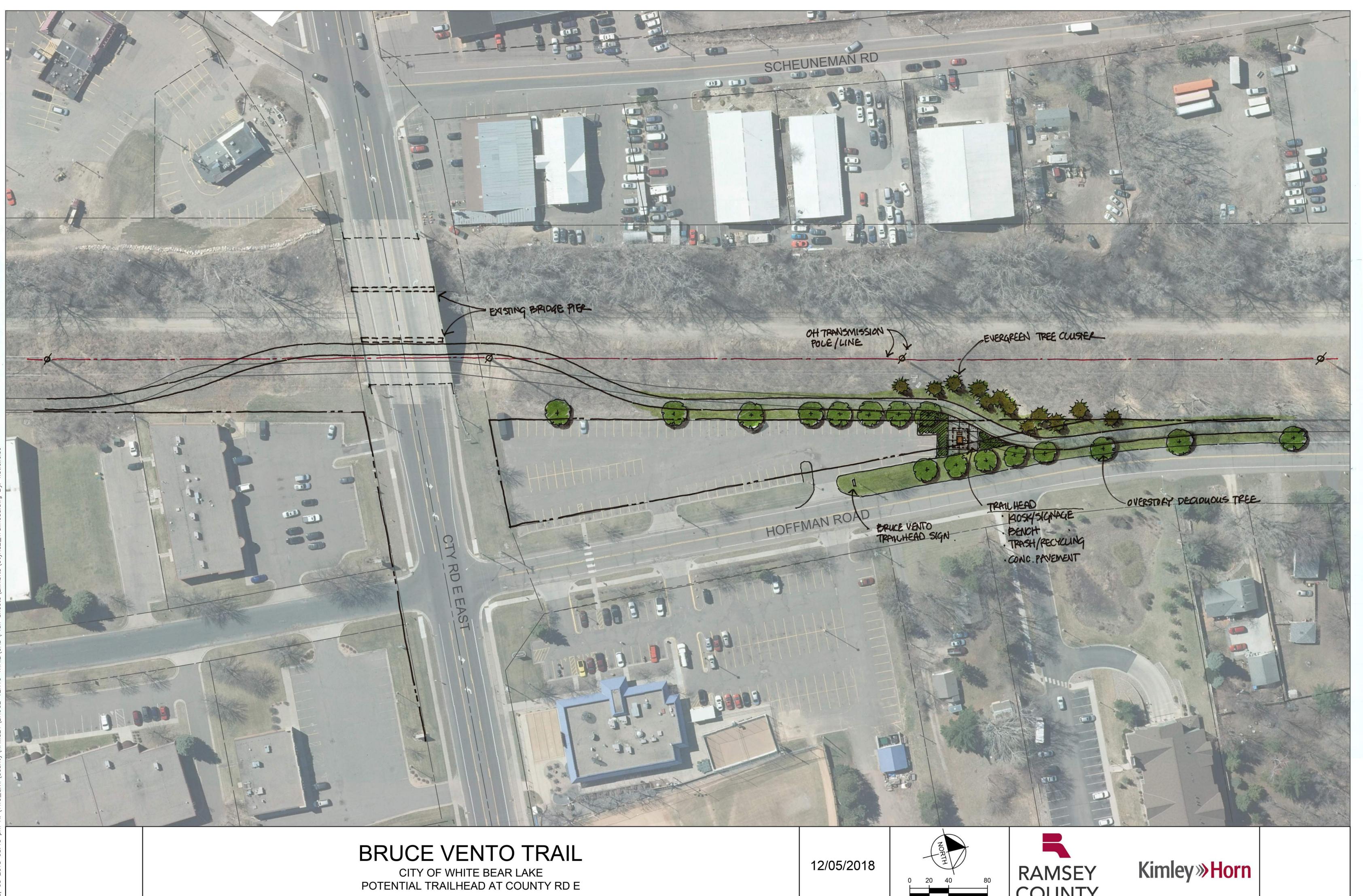
CONCEPT SITE PLAN

December 17, 2018















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BATTLE CREEK REGIONAL PARK - Playground Redevelopment Playground Concept

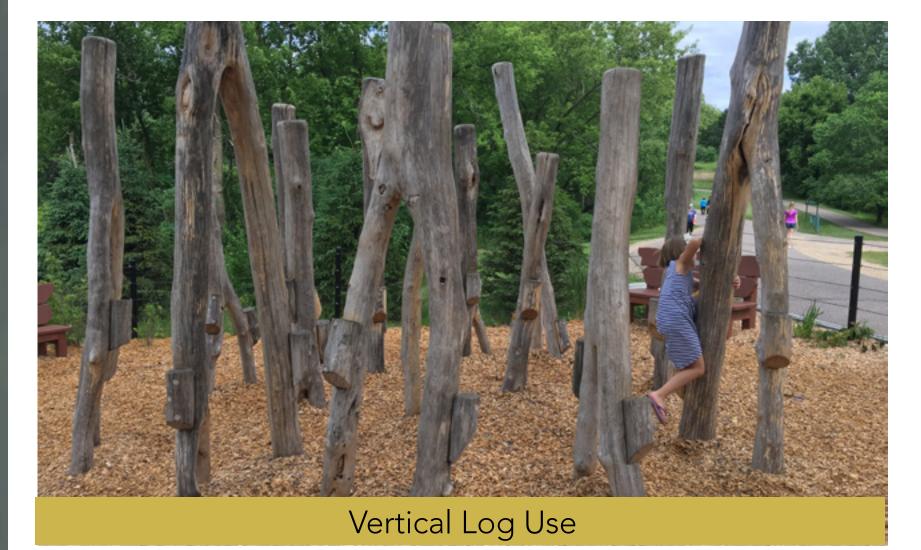


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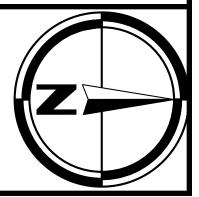




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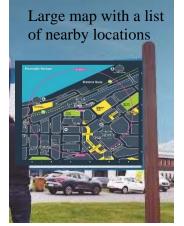
Natural Elements for walls & seating



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EXAMPLES OF DESIRED **TRAIL HEAD AMENITIES**

















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