

Amended as of March 19, 2019 at 2:30 pm



Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Cravath Lake Front Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Consent Agenda:

CA-A	Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of February 20, 2019
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Hearing of Citizen Comments:

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Staff Reports:

Director Report	Staffing Updates, Lakes Management, WDNR Planning Grant and more...
Program Staff Reports	Program and Event Updates

Considerations:

*C-1	Discussion meeting with 4th of July group and Recommendation for Park Smoking Ban
C-2	Discussion and Recommendation for Wayfinding Signage Project
C-3	Discussion and approval of Purple Martin Houses
C-4	Request for Future Agenda Items
C-5	Adjournment

***Postpone until April Park Board Meeting!**



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
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Cravath Lake Front Room
2nd Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Steve Ryan, Jaime Weigel and.
Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, and Matthew Sylvester-Knutson.

Staff: Eric Boetther, Deb Weberpal

Guest: Lisa Dawsey-Smith, Blake Scharine, Judy Wildermuth, Bev Stone and David Stone

Consent Agenda:

CA-A Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of January 23, 2019

Motion by McCormick to accept the consent agenda. Second by Kachel. Ayes: Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Steve Ryan. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, Jaime Weigel and Matthew Sylvester-Knutson.

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No comments

Parks & Recreation Director Report

Lakes – Sediment sample was cancelled last week and will happen next Thursday or Friday (3/28 or 3/1). Will help us understand the gains for the drawdown.

Freeze Fest was cold but sunny. There were 331 plungers and raised \$54,449.

Recreation Program Updates

Seniors in the Park:

Chili Cook-off was successful with 7 participants. We raised \$595 with \$300 donated to Special Olympics. AARP Free Tax Assistance has started. The Rockin' Respite is going well. Our work this

year is to promote the Purple Angel Program with businesses, churches and organizations. We have three people trained to educate staff.

A gentleman from LPI will be at the center next week working on finding ads for our newsletter. First year students are helping seniors with technology issues twice a month.

C - 1 Discussion meeting with 4th of July group and Recommendation for Park Smoking Ban

Lisa Dawsey Smith commented that the 4th of July event is a signature event for Whitewater. No smoking in the park signage, may turn people away from the event, which would affect the non-profits and the American Legion. People may attend other events where they can smoke. It could potentially affect their insurance. The Downtown group has extra cigarette butt receptacles that could be placed in the park. Concerned with people potentially being confrontational by asking someone to stop smoking during the event.

Blake Scharine asked about the background of the ordinance. Difficult to tell someone that can't do something that is legal. Feels the ordinance is unenforceable. Second hand smoke is an irritant more than a health hazard (CDC).

Boettcher replied to a question on other communities in the state doing this. In Oshkosh, it was left up to the Parks Department to decide. It is currently becoming a national trend to not allow smoking in parks. The idea is to be able to request someone to not smoke and would have the ordinance behind the request. It is the job of Parks and Recreation to promote community health.

Kidd asked if a non-smoking area could be created as an alternative.

Ideas to implement at 4th of July event: Have a non-smoking area east of the boat launch, have smoking in the beer tent only, have announcements asking people not to smoke during the fireworks as this is the time when people are packed in close proximity.

Can Polco have a question on smoking in the parks?

Other areas of concern for no smoking are the horseshoe pits at Starin and at events at any of the outdoor pavilion.

C – 2 Discussion and Review of Downtown Courtyard Park Plan

Dawsey Smith referred to the maps in the packet and the plan for their improvements to the Park area and the timeline. Downtown is adopting the park as part of the Adopt-A-Park Program. The area would include picnic tables, solar lighting, raised beds and possibly games painted on the cement.

Parker moved to accept the plan presented for park adoption by Downtown Whitewater. Second by Kidd. Ayes: Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Steve Ryan, and Jaime Weigel. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, and Matthew Sylvester-Knutson.

C - 3 Discussion and Recommendation for approval of Lakes Draw Down

Boettcher referred to the packet. The drawdown would beginning after July 8 and last through September. The City staff will focus on shoreline restoration and pier areas with the rest of the dredging with a company. David Stone was concerned with the structural integrity of the dam. Parker confirmed there would be no issue with the dam as the stone area by the trestle is where the water will be drained from. Both Dawsey-Smith and McCormick asked about the level of Whitewater Creek during the drawdown which Boettcher said would be an inch a day. Boettcher replied that the creek will be monitored for water level during the drawdown and the drawdown can be adjusted accordingly.

McCormick moved to go forward with the Lake Draw Down and Dredging plan. Second by Parker. Motion by McCormick to accept the consent agenda. Second by Kachel. Ayes: Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Steve Ryan, and Jaime Weigel. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, and Matthew Sylvester-Knutson.

C – 4 Request for Future Agenda Items

Wayfinding signs and Smoking ordinance

C – 5 Adjournment

Motion by Ryan to adjourn. Second by Parker. Ayes: Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Carol McCormick, Larry Kachel, Bruce Parker, Steve Ryan, and Jaime Weigel. Absent: Jen Kaina, Mike Kilar, and Matthew Sylvester-Knutson.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 20

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Weberpal

Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Board
From: Eric Boettcher, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: March 18, 2019
Re: March 20, 2019 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Staff Report

Parks and Recreation Directors Report:

Updates to include Lakes Management, Drawdown updates and more...

Programs and Events Updates:

Program Updates: Sports Programs, Events, Membership, Upcoming Events and more...

~~***C-1 Discussion and Recommendation of Park Smoking Ban (Direct by Council)-
*Postponed until April meeting**~~

C-2 Discussion and Recommendation on Wayfinding Signage project

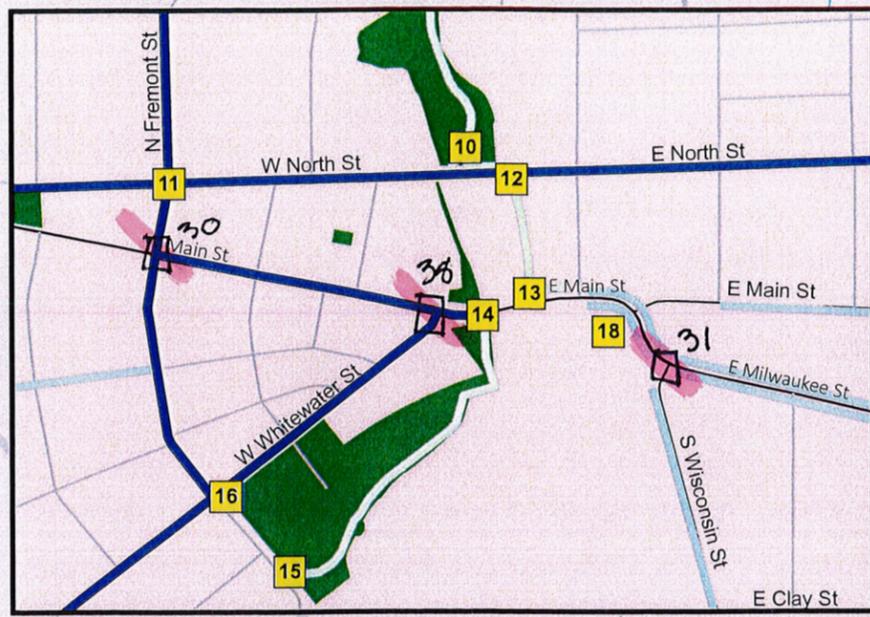
The wayfinding project was discussed at an earlier meeting and it was decided that we should pursue the plan but scale it back, do the project in house and complete it in stages. We will review and discuss the revised plan and how we will proceed with the project. I will look for a recommendation for approval to move forward with this project.

C-3 Discussion and Recommendation for approval for Purple Martin Houses

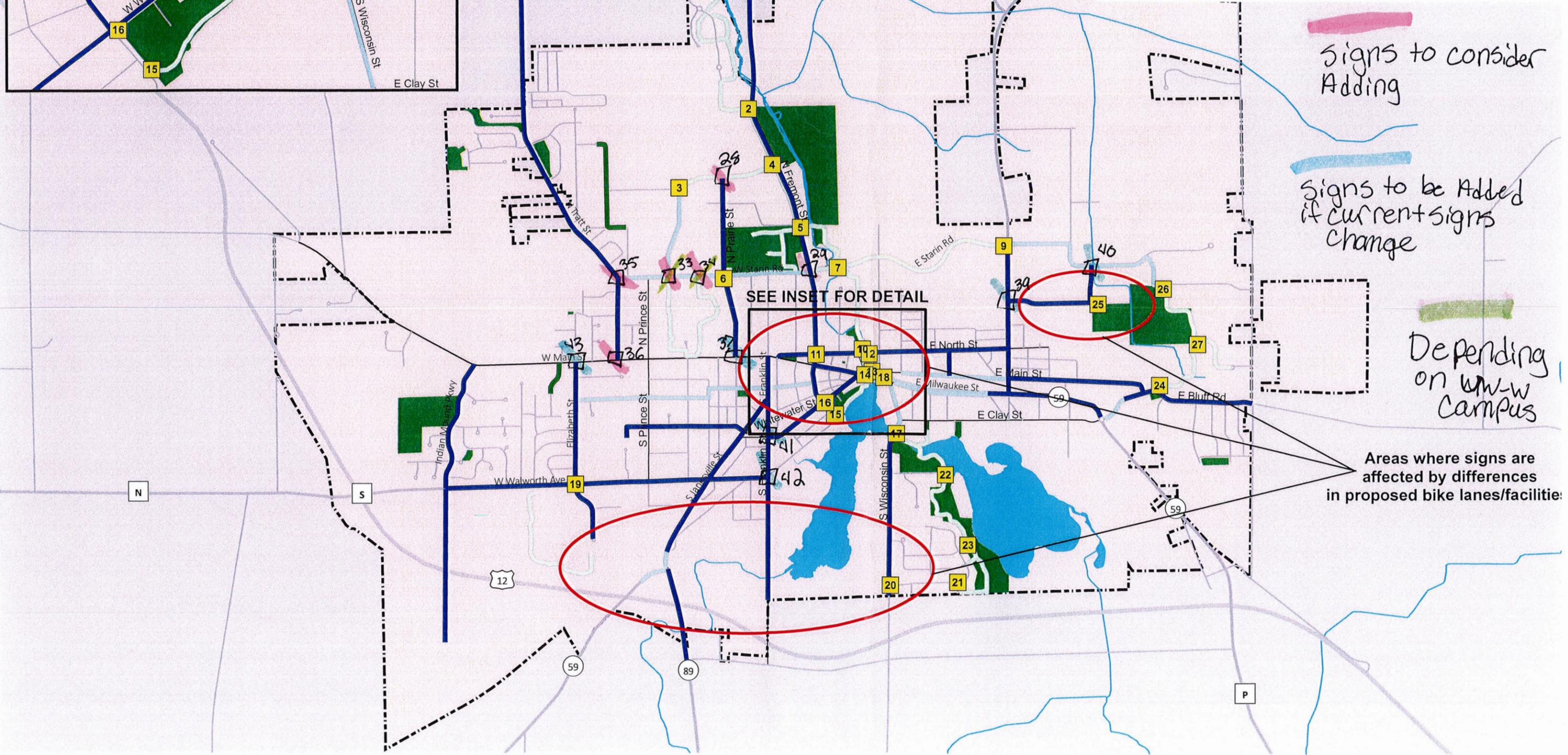
The Urban Forestry Commission has requested help with the purchase and installation of a Purple Martin House. With the installation of our new playground and Minnieska Park schedule for the end of April this would be a good time to have this project completed as part of the installation. We will discuss the attached request and I will look for a recommendation from the board on how to move forward.

C-4 Request for Future Agenda Items

Thanks!
Eric Boettcher
Parks and Recreation Director



- Trail Signs - Proposed
- Proposed Off-Street Facility (through 2020 CIP)
- Proposed Bike Lane (through 2020 CIP)
- Existing Off-Street Facility
- Existing Bike Lane
- City Parks



Signs to consider Adding

Signs to be Added if current signs change

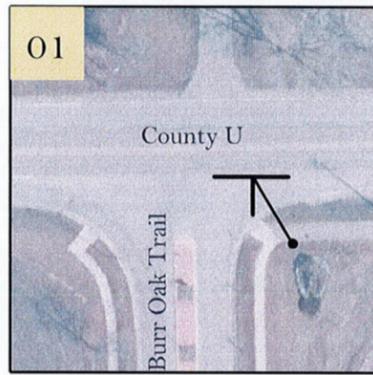
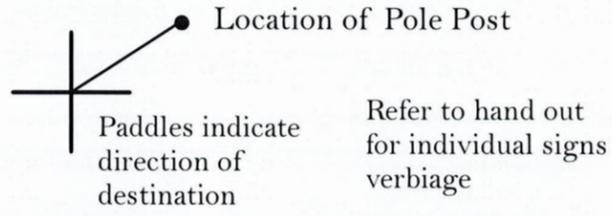
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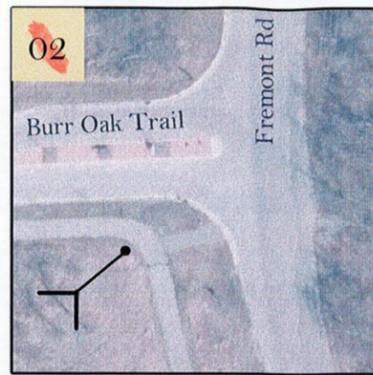
Areas where signs are affected by differences in proposed bike lanes/facilities

Proposed Trail Sign Positions

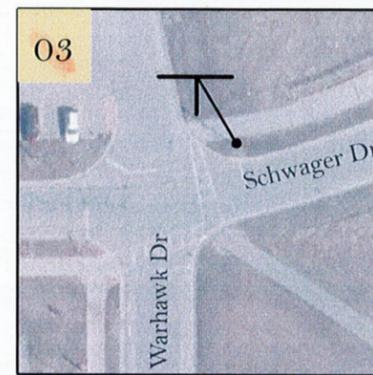
Whitewater, Wisconsin 2017



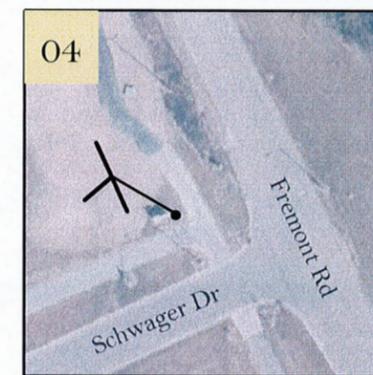
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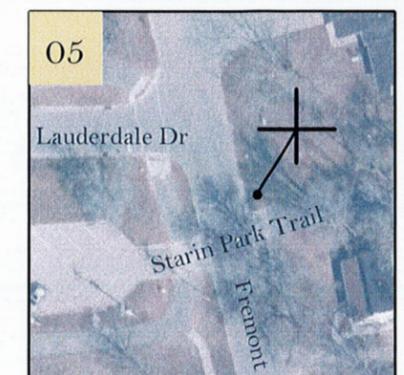
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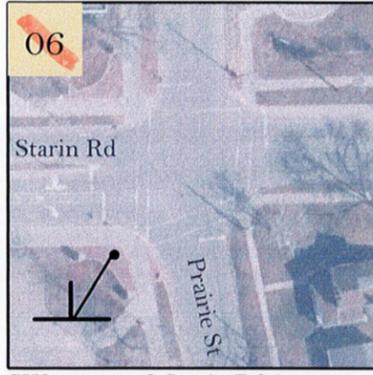
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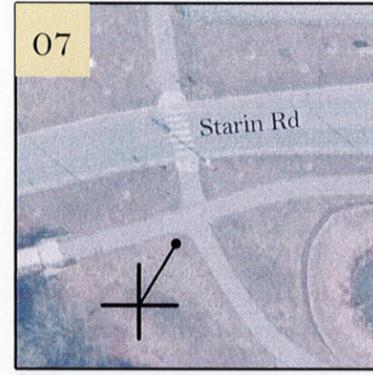
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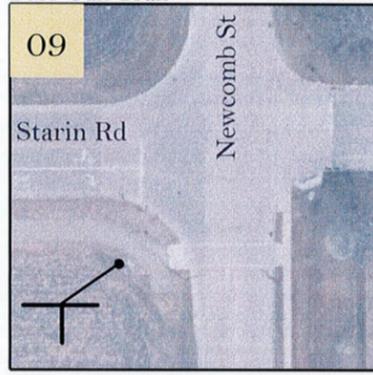
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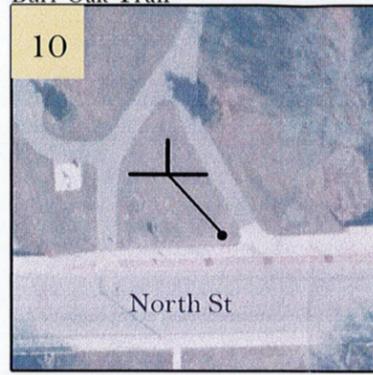
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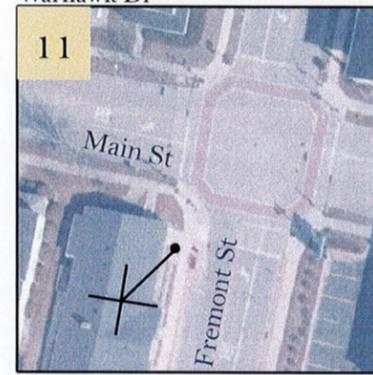
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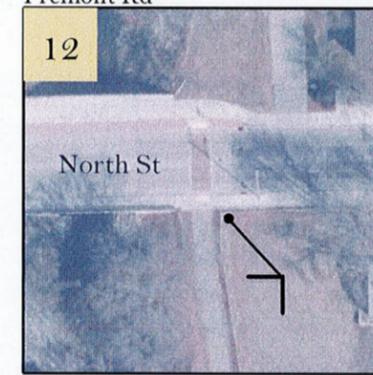
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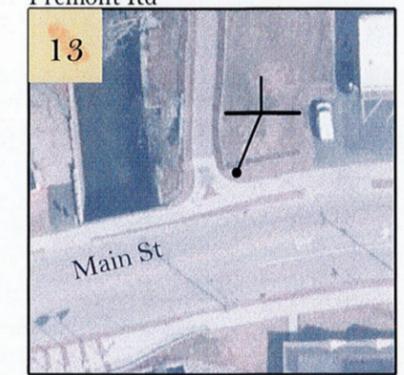
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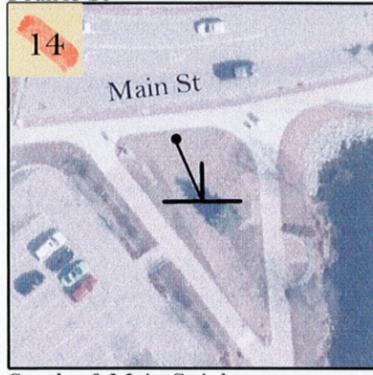
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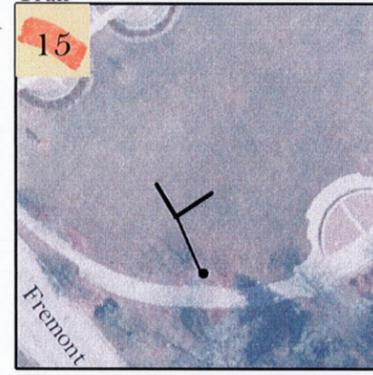
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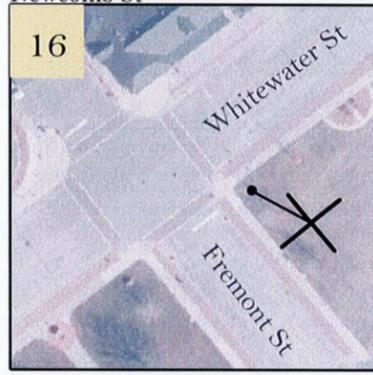
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14 South of Main St inbetween corners of triangle



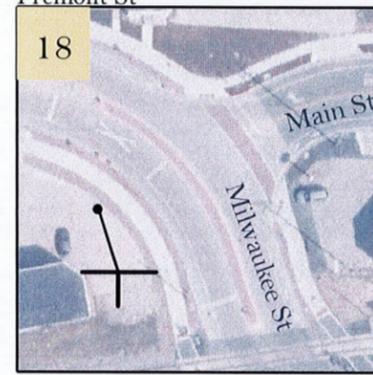
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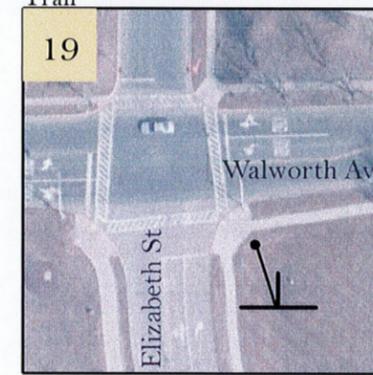
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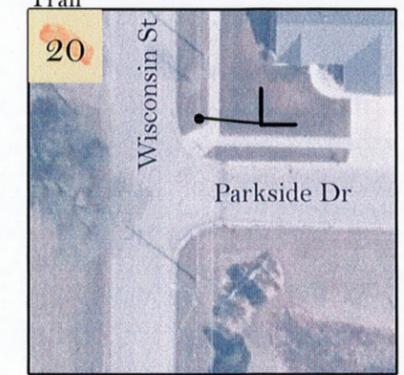
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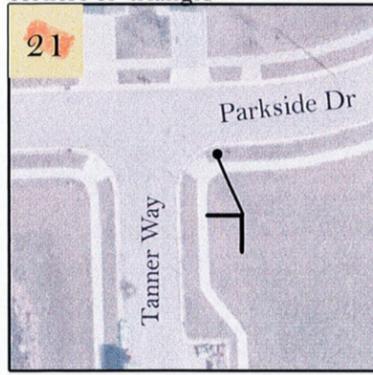
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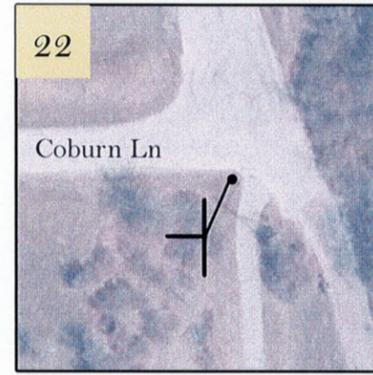
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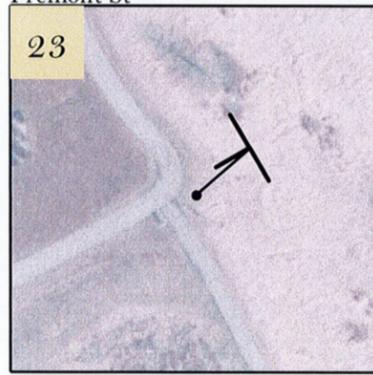
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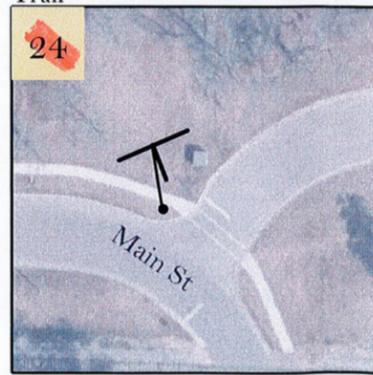
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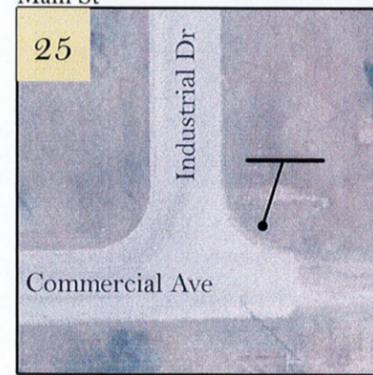
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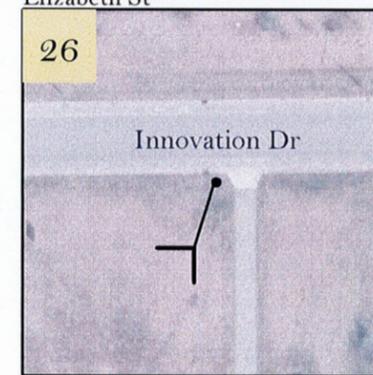
23 East side of Trails



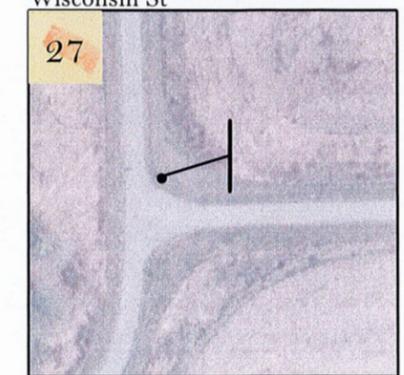
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25 NE corner of Commercial Ave & Industrial Dr



26 SW corner of Innovation Dr & Trail

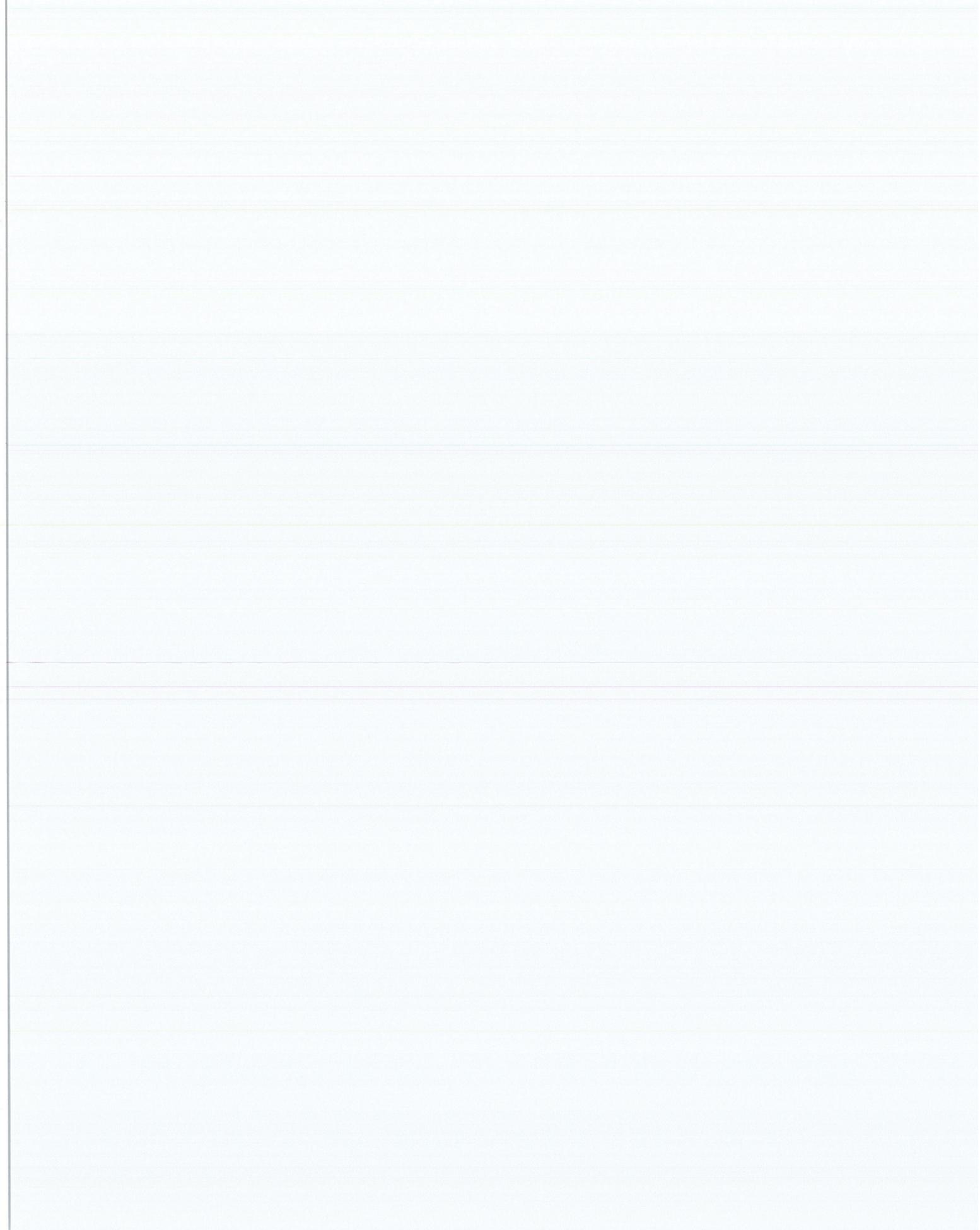


27 NE corner of Trails



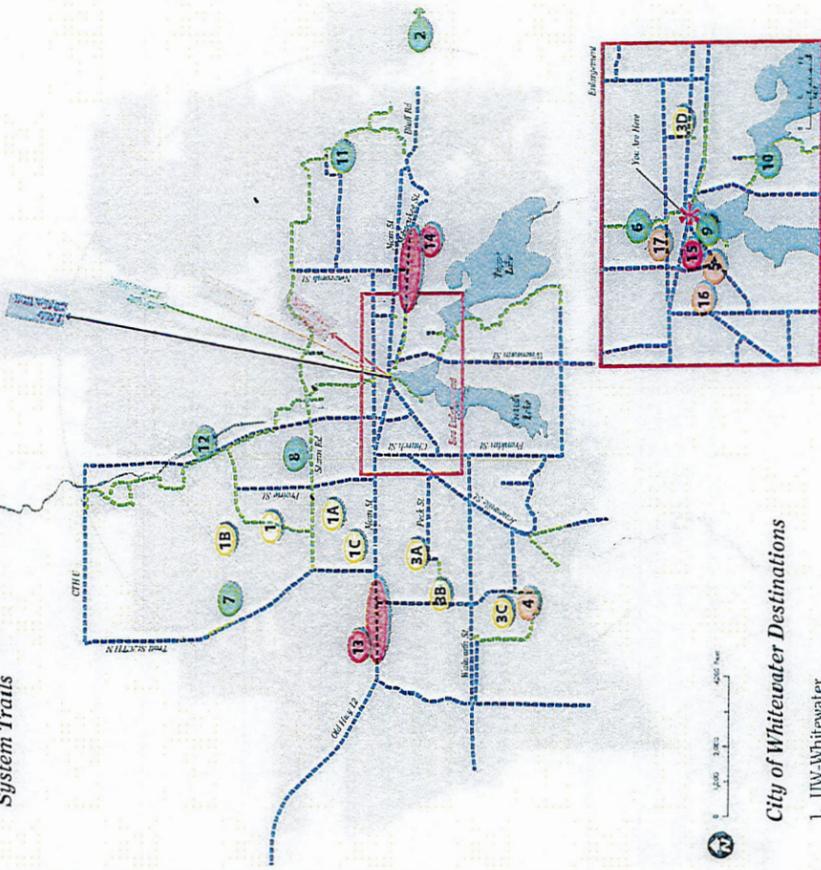


Front





Bicycle & Pedestrian System Trails



City of Whitewater Destinations

1. UW-Whitewater
- 1A - Connor University Center
- 1B - Perkins Stadium
- 1C - Irwin L. Young Auditorium
2. Kettle Moraine Trails
3. Schools
- 3A - Lincoln Elementary
- 3B - Middle School
- 3C - High School
- 3D - Washington Elementary
4. Aquatic Center
5. City Hall
6. Skate Park
7. Disc Golf Course
8. Starin Park
9. Cravath Lake Park
10. Trippe Lake Park
11. Moraine View Park
12. WW Creek Area
13. Westside Businesses
14. Eastside Businesses
15. Downtown
16. Library
17. Armory

AD Space? or community calendar for the year?
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Information about the map and when to contact if there are issues on the trails or with the system in general. This source could also be used to list funding sources that were received in development this project or major donors that merit recognition.



City of Whitewater Parks website: www.cityofwhitewater.com/parks

City of Whitewater Downtown (Triangle) website: www.cityofwhitewater.com/downtown

From Brickyard to Iron Foundry to Dog Park!

It might seem surprising looking at this area now, but a number of industrial uses stretched from downtown Whitewater north along the banks of Whitewater Creek. Much of this area gradually changed to residential use by the 1960s, except for the north end of Jefferson Street.

Brickyard Site

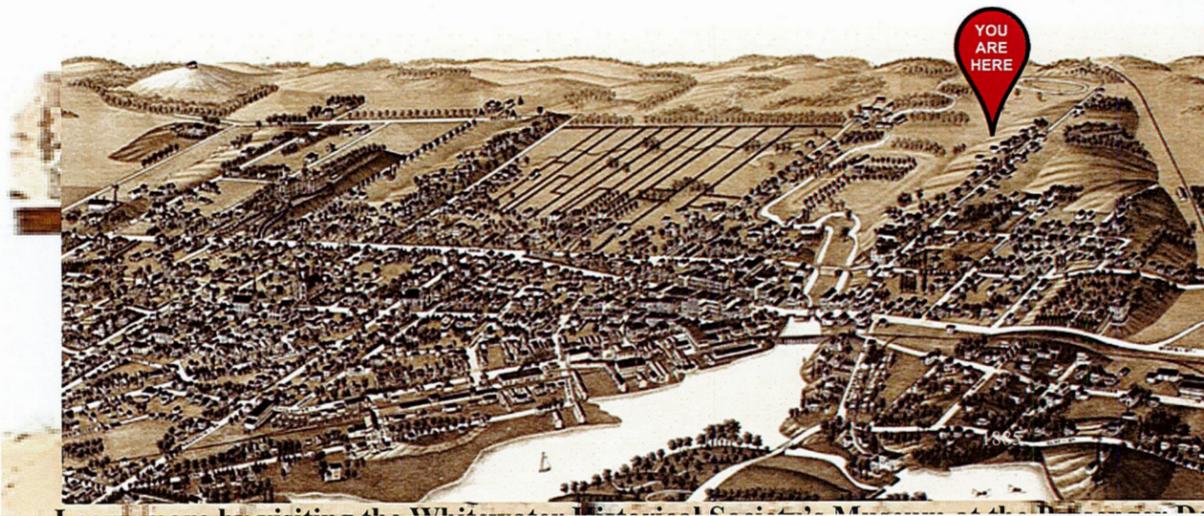
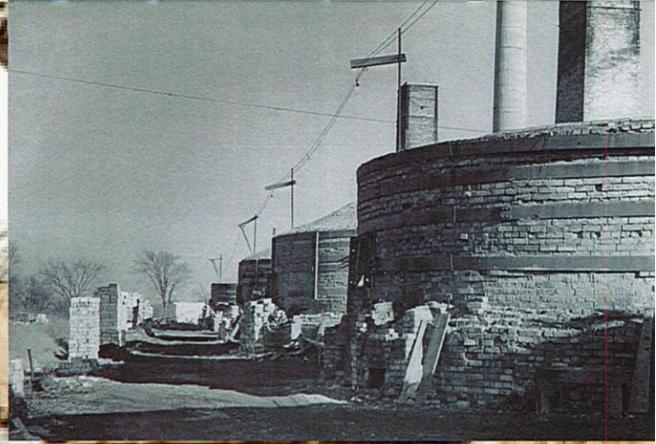
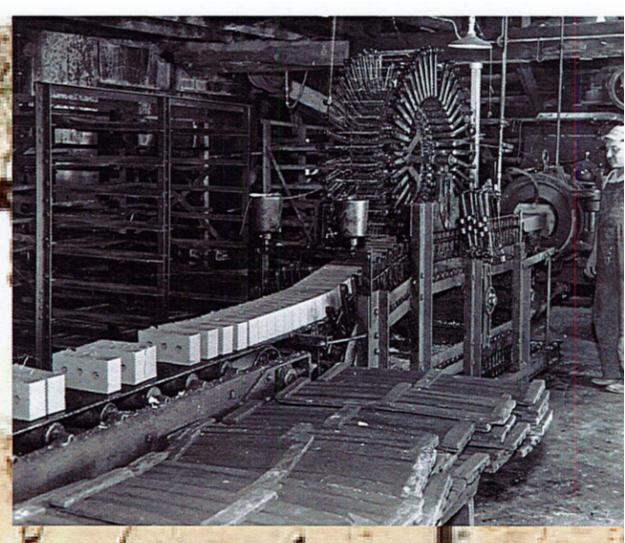
The Whitewater Brick and Tile Company operated its brickyard at the north end of Jefferson Street a few hundred feet south of the Jefferson County line, as early as the 1860s. Because Whitewater is home to high quality, cream colored clay, located along the banks of Whitewater Creek, this brickyard produced hundreds of thousands of cream-colored bricks for both residential and commercial buildings within Whitewater and the surrounding area. In addition, four pottery factories operated in Whitewater between 1841 and 1882, on North Fremont Street, near the train depot on James Street, adjacent to Whiton Street, and briefly near the south end of Jefferson Street.

Foundry Site

In 1939, the brickyard was converted to an iron foundry. Known first as the Whitewater Foundry, and later as the Alpha Cast Foundry, the operation expanded several times, including a final time in 1982. Shortly after, owner Alpha Cast filed for bankruptcy and the buildings were abandoned. In 1997, the City of Whitewater asked Walworth County to acquire the property through tax foreclosure and transfer it to City ownership. The following year the City began removal of the building and rehabilitated the land. This portion of the land became the much-loved Whitewater Dog Park that you see here today.

Dog Park

The City of Whitewater created this Dog Park as one of its 22 municipal parks in 2017.





Eric Boettcher

From: Nick Alt <nalt@Alltech.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 9:15 PM
To: Karen Coburn; Eric Boettcher
Subject: RE: Purple Martin Bird House Proposal

Eric,

We would like to see if the Park Board would be willing to contribute to the funding of a Purple Martin house for the City of Whitewater. The Purple Martin is the Urban Forestry Bird of the year for 2019. Attached is the chosen Purple Martin house and the associated cost.

T14PB – T-14 Poly Bundle w/Green Roof	\$999.95
(Includes 3” square pole 16’ long comes in two pieces, Assembled White house, Green Roof, Conley II Entrance (Starling resistant)	
Upgrade to Worm gear winch (Winch to move box up and down, easiest to move, needs drill to move “anti-tamper”)	\$20.00
PG14 Predator Guard	\$74.95
CG3 3” Cable Guide	\$23.95
T14CC Canvas Cover (Winter Protection)	\$74.95
14 each of PVCT Nest Trays \$3.49	\$48.86
Total	\$1,242.66

This does not include the Cement or someone to install this box which is estimated to be \$250

Please consider supporting this noble cause to bring back a Native bird that has in the past been enjoyed by so many. Your consideration and contribution is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Nick Alt of the Urban Forestry Commission

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