

# Implementation and Finance Plan

The following matrix summarizes the essence of the plan. It contains the objectives, policies, and action items that will guide the future development of the Yahara River corridor over the next decade. It addresses the areas of concern as delineated in the executive summary.

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*Money which a city spends for parks and for adornment is by no means to be credited to the charity account. It is a wise investment."*

*Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association Report  
May 1904*

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**Budget and financing strategy.** As the implementation budget depends largely on governmental funding mechanisms, the budget must be flexible. Over the next five years, however, a sequence of items needs to be in the Capital Budget program to successfully implement the plan. The priority and timing of the bike/pedestrian path, in particular, has funding implications for several years. Based on the premise that this will remain a City-driven endeavor, the City will need to budget and seek funding from a variety of sources to ensure success in this phase.

1. The City of Madison designates funds for the Capital Budget to implement the major projects, studies, and programs identified in the plan.
2. The City forms partnerships with private organizations, landowners, and developers, as well as state and federal government, to assist in funding appropriate projects, programs, and studies.
3. The operating budgets of City departments should reflect the plan's recommendations to avoid future maintenance problems.

This partnership can more effectively use public and private sector funds.

**Time Frame.** Each action has a time frame, either immediate (1-3 years), short term (4-6 years), long term (6 years or more) or ongoing. Some actions may be shown as having a specified time frame and then becoming ongoing activities or programs. The time frames assigned in the chart are tentative and may require adjustment after action by the Common Council.

**Funding Resources:** After the plan is formally adopted by the City of Madison, the next essential step is to seek funding for the proposed project. Evaluating the corridor's phasing with the budgetary constraints of the City requires exploring other sources of funds. The goal is to create partnership with other agencies, governmental bodies, non-profit groups, and civic and neighborhood organizations to maintain an ongoing development of the Parkway.

Some of the possible funding sources to consider are:

- Funds from the Parks Division, Engineering, and Transportation Department budgets.
- City's Capital Improvement budget.
- ISTEA (Wisconsin DOT).
- STP Discretionary Program (Wisconsin DOT).
- Wisconsin Stewardship Program (DNR) has a variety of programs like: Urban River Ways Grant, Urban Green Space Program, Stream Bank Protection Program, and State Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks.
- Explore DNR-Land Recycling Outreach for funds and assistance.
- Metropolitan Planning Area under the Transportation Network Program.
- Dingle-Johnson (Federal).

- Various local community service groups and community-minded corporations.

By developing and implementing manageable projects, the goal is to create successes and momentum which will be indispensable in completing the sequencing of the Yahara River Parkway Master Plan.

**Action.** The actions are identified in the following categories:

*Studies.* Studies involve research, analysis, and other activities required as initial action before proceeding on a program or project. They may include negotiations, basic research, design plans, or other similar activities.

*Projects.* Projects will typically require capital program commitments with budget allocations for such components as planning, design, acquisition, and construction.

*Events and Programs.* Programs focus on such needs as signage, educational outreach, etc. Programs generally involve many different agencies and groups and may not initially entail capital spending.

**Participating Agencies.** Although an agency may be identified as lead implementing agency, most actions require cooperation between a number of organizations.

## Yahara Parkway & Environs Action and Implementation Matrix

Action Item	Action Type	Time Frame				Lead Agency(ies)
		Immediate	Short-Term	Long-Term	Ongoing	
1A. West Riverside Bike/Pedestrian and East Riverside Pedestrian Underpass.	P	✓				Design input: Engineering Traffic Engineering Planning
1B. West Riverside Bike/Pedestrian and East Riverside Pedestrian Underpass.	P	✓				Design input: Engineering Traffic Engineering Planning
1C. Improved At-Grade Crossing Measures	P	✓				Engineering Traffic Engineering
2A. Size, location, and type of path	P		✓			Parks Division Transportation Engineering Planning
2B. Historic lighting	P		✓			Traffic Engineering Planning
2C. Trachte property easement	S/P			✓		CED Unit Traffic Engineering Planning
2D. Bike route extensions	S/P		✓			Traffic Engineering Parks Division Planning
2E. Bridge lighting	P		✓			Traffic Engineering

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3A. Traffic study	S	✓				Traffic Engineering Engineering
3B. Create two-way Thornton Avenue	P*	✓				Traffic Engineering Engineering
3C. Thornton Avenue reconfiguration	P		✓			Traffic Engineering Engineering
4A. Burr Jones Area redevelopment plan	S	✓				Parks Division Ad Hoc Committee
4B. Site acquisition	P	✓				CED Unit MG&E
4C. Substation and transmission line relocation	P		✓			Parks Division MG&E Public Service Commission
4D. UW boat storage relocation	S		✓			UW Athletic Dept. Parks Division
4E. New facility design	S		✓			Parks Division Planning Engineering
4F. Railroad right-of-way reduction	P	✓				CED Unit Parks Division Railroad Company
4G. Landscaping improvements	P		✓		✓	Parks Division
4H. Foot trail enhancements	P		✓			Parks Division
4I. Foot trail landscaping	P		✓		✓	Parks Division

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4J. Site/facility plan request for proposal			✓			Parks Division
4K. Non-motorized boat launch access			✓			Parks Division
4L. Boat launch access point(s)			✓			Parks Division
4M. Traffic Engineering study	S			✓		CED Unit Planning Unit Traffic Engineering
4N. Railroad crossing agreement	S/P		✓	✓		CED Unit Planning Unit Traffic Engineering
5A. Parcel acquisition	P*	✓				CED Unit Parks Division
5B. Foot trail implementation	P			✓		Parks Division Engineering
6A. Undergrounding power lines	S/P	✓	✓			MG&E Parks Division Engineering PSC
6B. Landscape restoration and historic preservation	P		✓		✓	Parks Division WisDOT Madison Historic Trust Urban Open Space Foundation
6C. Provide for wildlife and fish enhancements	S/P		✓	✓	✓	Parks Division DNR MMSD

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6D. Public art	P/E				✓	Planning
6E. Park safety					✓	Parks Division
6E. Landscape management plan	P				✓	Parks Division Urban Open Space Foundation
6G. River bank management	P				✓	Parks Division DNR Urban Open Space Foundation
6H. The Americans with Disabilities Act	P				✓	
7A. Restore and enhance the landscape and wildlife habitat	S/P		✓	✓	✓	Parks Division Madison Historic Trust MMSD Other civic groups and educational institutions
7B. Tenney Park and Yahara Parkway	S/P			✓		Parks Division Madison Historic Trust MMSD Other civic groups and educational institutions

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8A. Parking surface alternatives	S/P		✓			Parks Division Engineering
8B. WPS parking lot alternatives	S/P	✓				Parks Division Engineering WPS
8C. Gravel parking lot	P		✓			Engineering Parks Division
8D. Thornton Avenue alternatives	P*	✓				Traffic Engineering Engineering Parks Division
8E. Bike/pedestrian bridge				✓		Parks Division Traffic Engineering
8F. Non-motorized boat rack storage			✓			Parks Division
8G. Wheelchair-accessible fishing area			✓			Parks Division
8H. Concept plan development - Yahara River Parkway/Isthmus bike path	S		✓			Parks Division Planning Unit
8I. Concept plan - Filene Park	S			✓		Parks Division Neighborhood Ad Hoc Group
8J. Concept plan - Marquette School educational area	S		✓			Parks Division Marquette/O'Keefe School
8K. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier	P		✓			Parks Division
8L. Tenney Locks navigational and open/close lights	P		✓			Parks Division Dane County Sheriff Public Works

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