

## Highlights of Proposed Changes to the DRAFT West Area Plan

City staff is making edits to the current DRAFT Plan, balancing public feedback received with City plans and policies. Staff notes several changes that will be included in a marked-up DRAFT that have generated significant interest. Highlights are:

- Sauk Creek Greenway Shared-Use Path: remove north-south shared-use path from greenway in favor of increased improvements to north-south bike routes on High Point and Westfield that will be safe for all ages and ability riders. Retain a planned east-west shared-use path connecting Brule Circle to Walnut Grove Park with detailed design to occur during the Sauk Creek Greenway project. This change maintains a strong bicycle network while also maintaining the natural environment of the greenway.
- Changes to the future land use map were made that reflect what the public stated a strong value for, balanced with the need to support future growth. Changes include:
  - On the site of the Hill Farms Pool: revert the future land use designation to Low Residential from Medium Residential.
  - Along Dearholt Drive: revert the future land use designation to Low Residential from Low-Medium Residential.
  - At the northwest corner of Regent Street/Whitney Way: change land fronting Merrill Crest Drive from Neighborhood Mixed-Use to Low-Medium Residential to step down building heights on the western portion of the block.
- Proactive rezoning proposals were removed in two locations based on public feedback. These include in the area of the Highlands and at the northwest corner of Regent Street/Whitney Way. Rather than being addressed proactively in this planning process, rezoning requests would be addressed if and when they are proposed. Proactive rezoning has only been incorporated into planning processes in the last few years, and the City is continuing to evaluate how much detail to include in area plans, which covers significantly larger areas than previous plans.
- Berwyn-Laub-Segoe intersection: remove Laub spur to Segoe from Berwyn instead of removing the Berwyn connection to Segoe from Laub. Neighbors felt this edit would provide a safer configuration.

A more detailed markup of edits to Public Review DRAFT West Area Plan maps and actions, including additional edits beyond those summarized above, will be released by May 10, 2024.