



**MADISON
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Midtown Commons Park
Master Plan
Public Input Meeting #2

October 22, 2025
Presented by Mike Sturm

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- Izzy Wilde, Park Planner

Meeting Agenda

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- Background Information
- Project Timeline
- Site Information and Context

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- Presentation of revised Draft Master Plan
- Precedent Images

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- Public Input

Madison Parks System

- The development and operations of the Madison Parks System is guided by the Parks and Open Space Plan
 - The 2025-2030 Park and Open Space Plan is expected to be adopted by the Common Council in October of 2025.
- Madison Parks ranked 19th out of the 100 largest cities in the US in the 2024 Trust for Public Land ParkScore
 - Ranked highly in Amenities and Access
 - Ranked 72nd in Investment per capita



Madison Parks System

By the Numbers

296 Parks covering 5,885 Acres

190 Playgrounds

147 Basketball Courts

91 Tennis or Pickleball Courts

29 Volleyball Courts

177 Multi-purpose Fields

19 Softball Fields

1,079 Benches

Park Master Plan

What is it?

- Dynamic long-term planning document that provides a framework for future development and improvements.
- Establish the general location recommendations for desired amenities and resource protection.
- The identified improvements are often implemented in phases, with each phase requiring further design development and public engagement before construction.

Questions answered by a Master Plan: What is going to happen and the general locations for the future park improvements

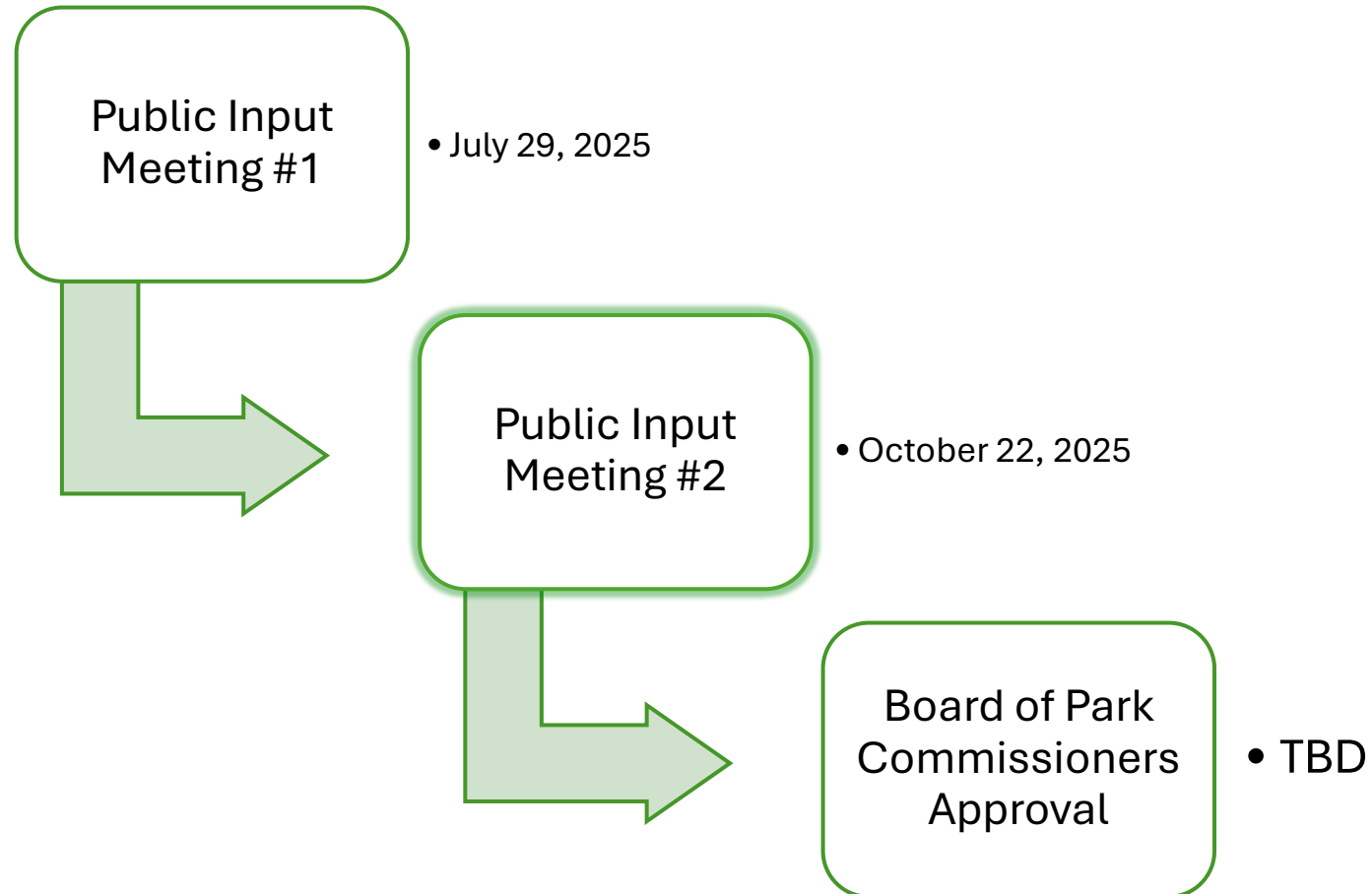
Park Master Plan

A Park Master Plan does NOT:

- Designate exact locations
- Specify specific materials or finishes
- Include a planting plan or tree management plan
- Contain construction drawings (which include information like dimensions, colors, products, quality requirements, etc.)

Questions NOT answered by a Park Master Plan: When are the improvements going to be built, and how much will it cost?

Project Timeline



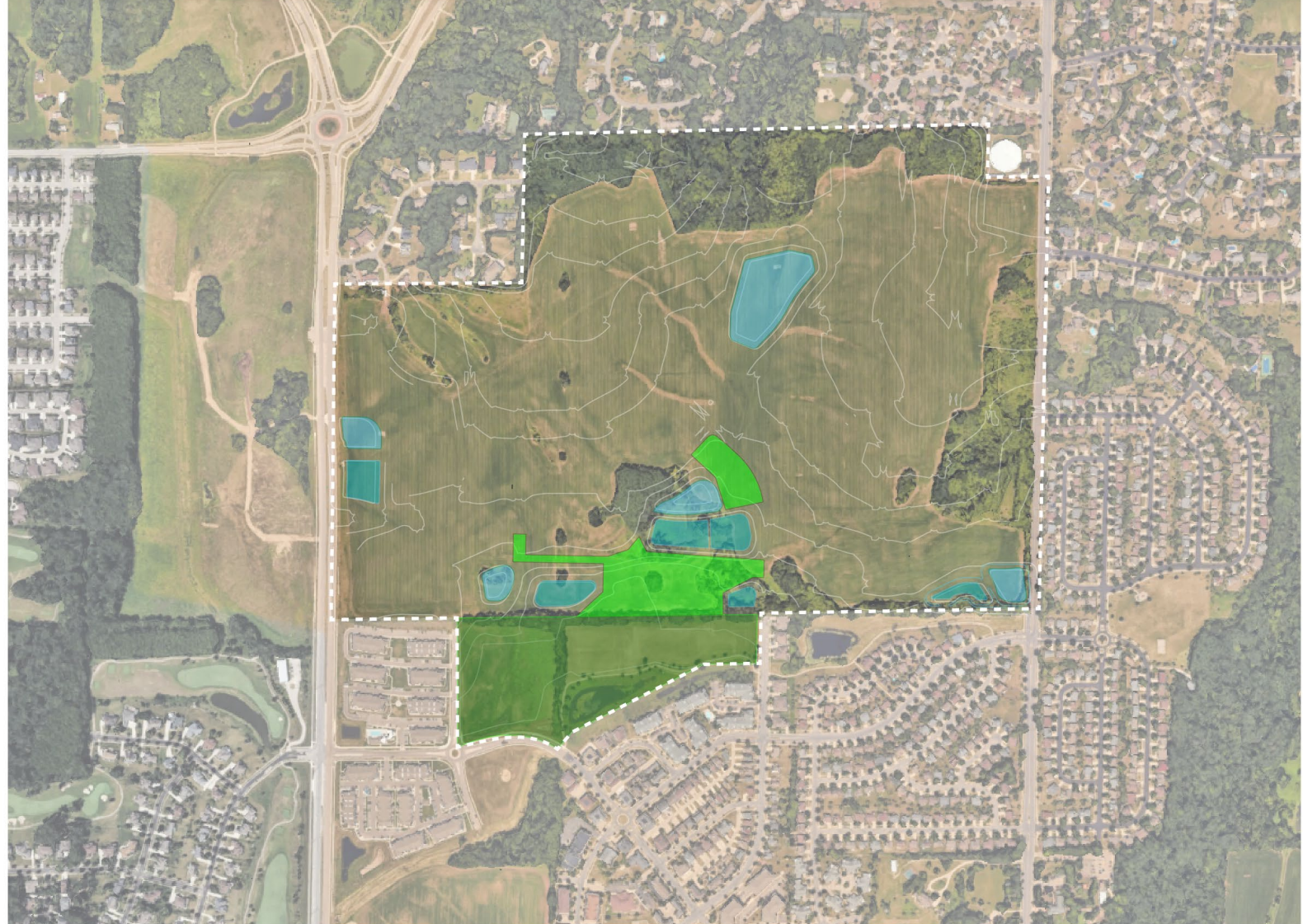


- Current park is over 26 acres
- Adding an additional 8.2 acres of parkland through new development of agricultural land



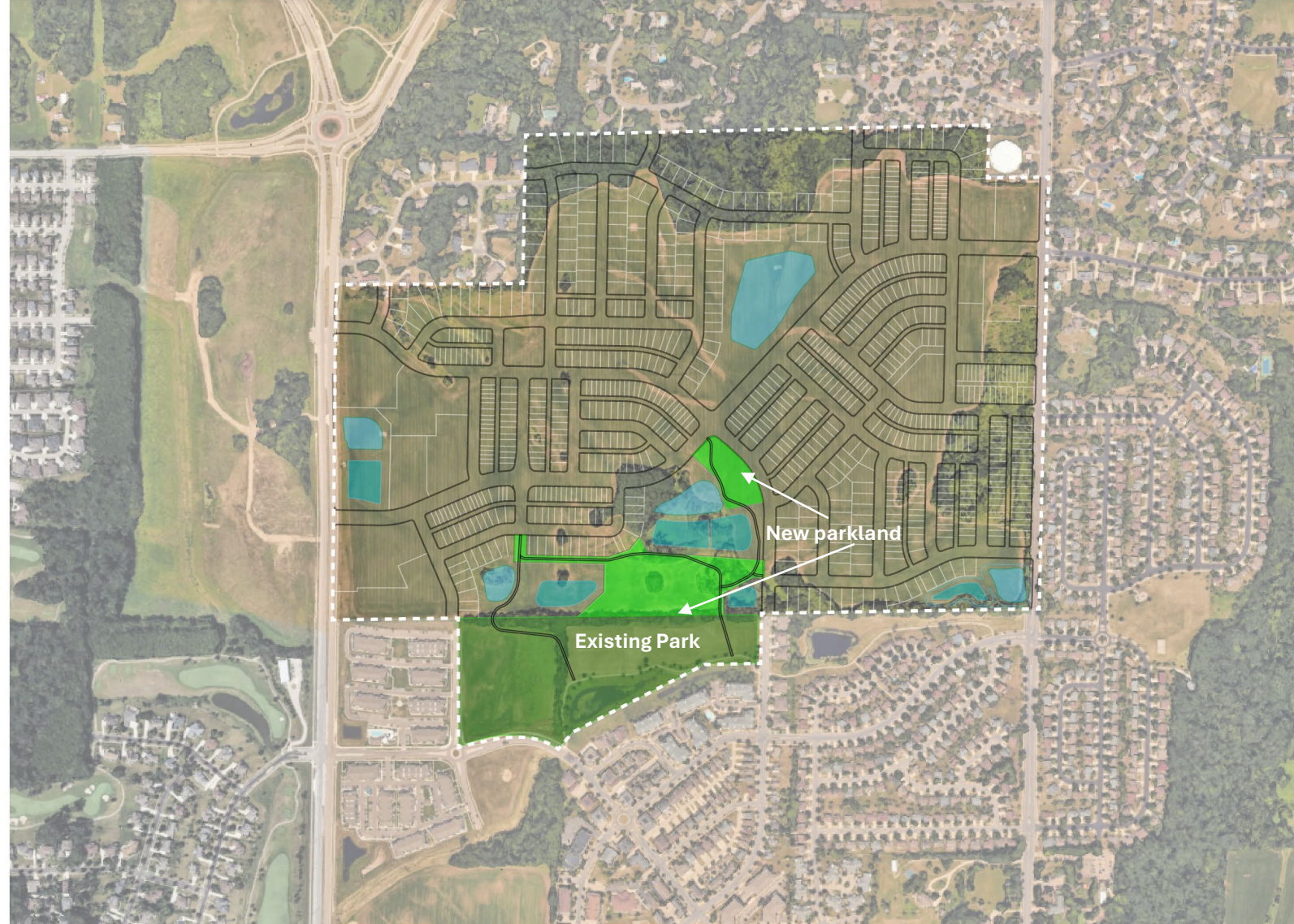


- The new development is aptly named “Hill Valley” for the significant Parkland will need to accommodate these changing conditions





- The Hill Valley development will introduce over 1,500 new housing units

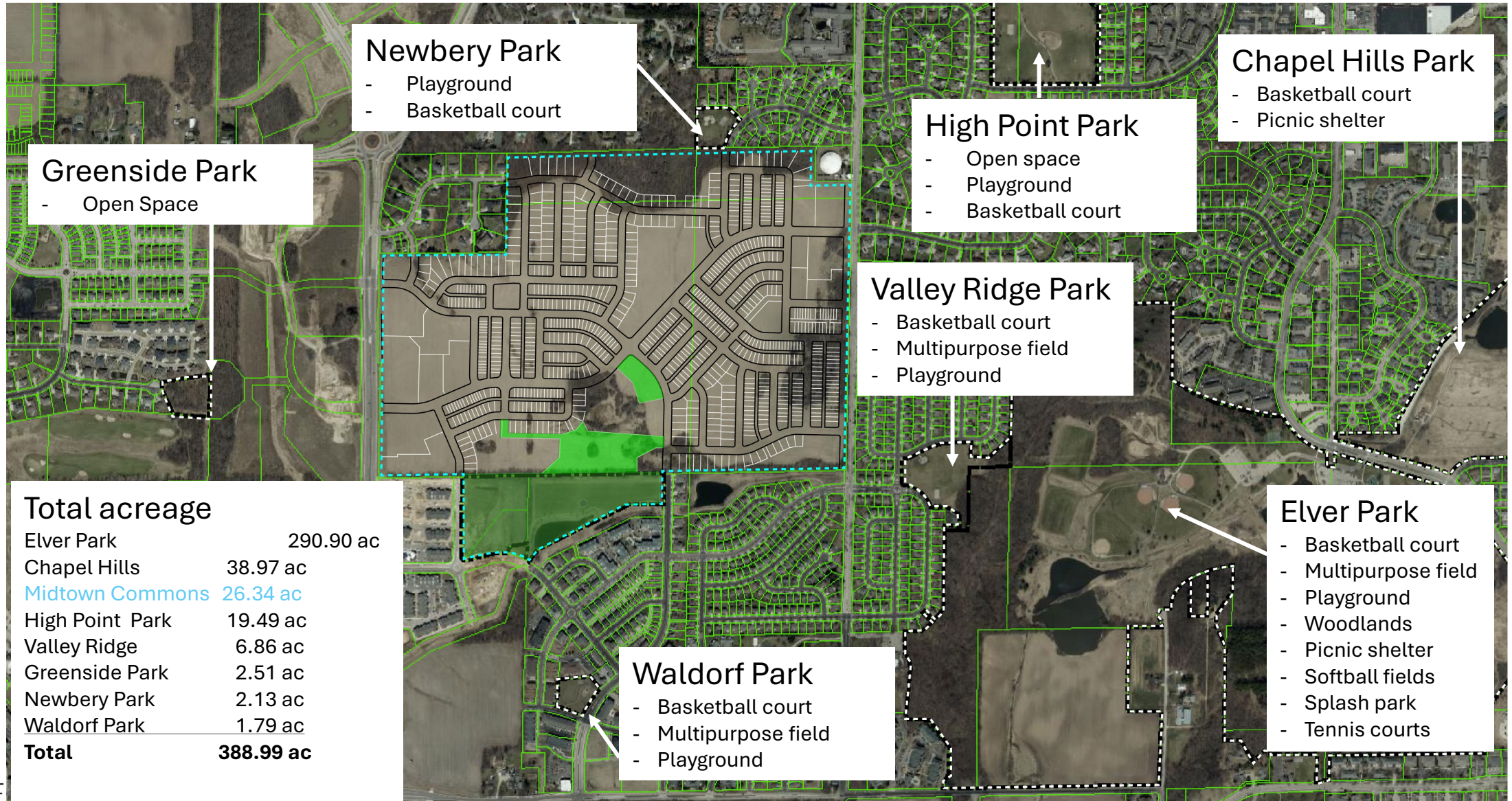




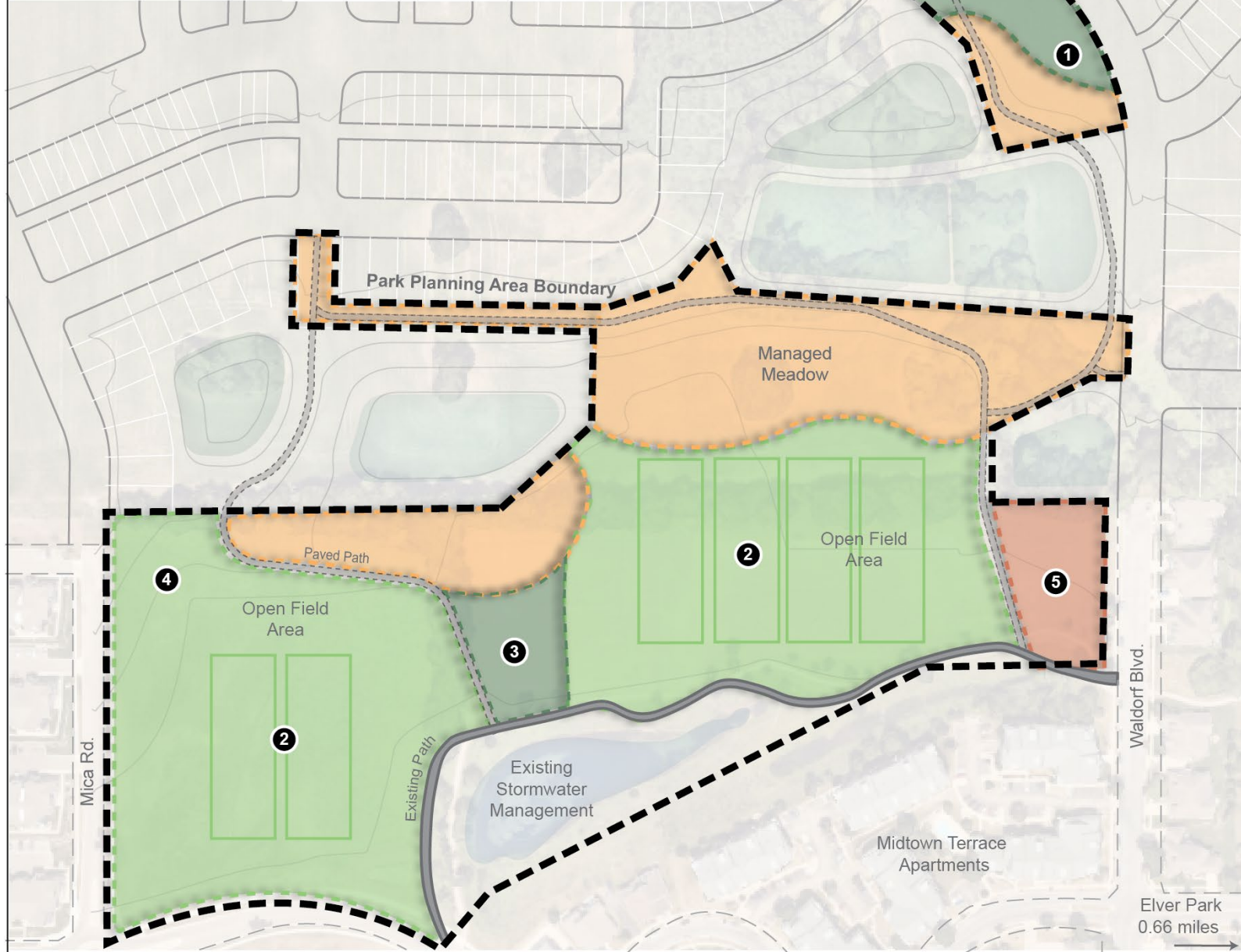
- The existing parkland abuts City of Madison Engineering Greenways



Surrounding Area Parks:



Previous Park Concepts...



- 1 Sun Shelter and Traditional Playground
- 2 Athletic Fields
- 3 Warm-up and Rec Space
- 4 Sledding Hill
- 5 Potential Community Garden

 Managed Meadow

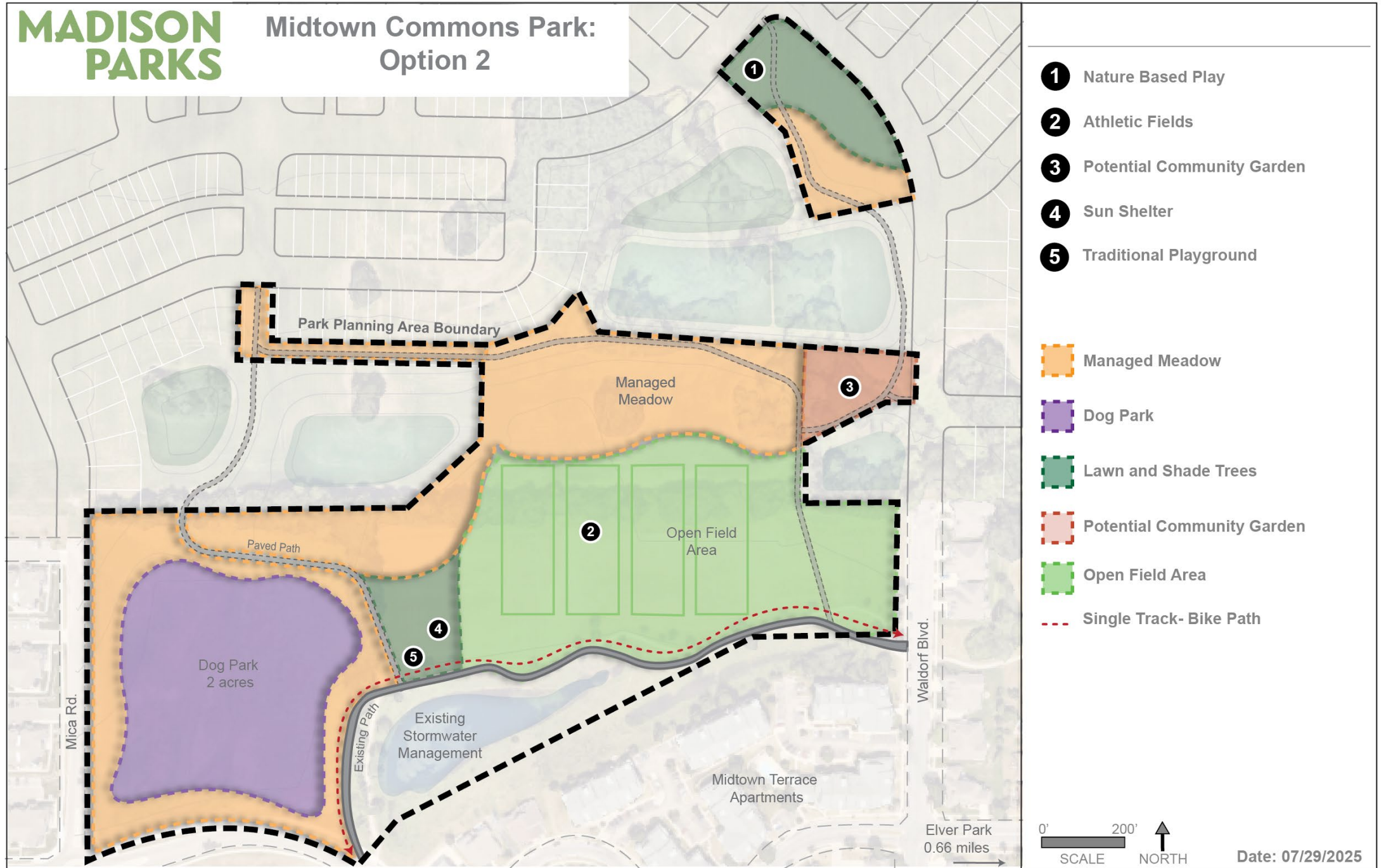
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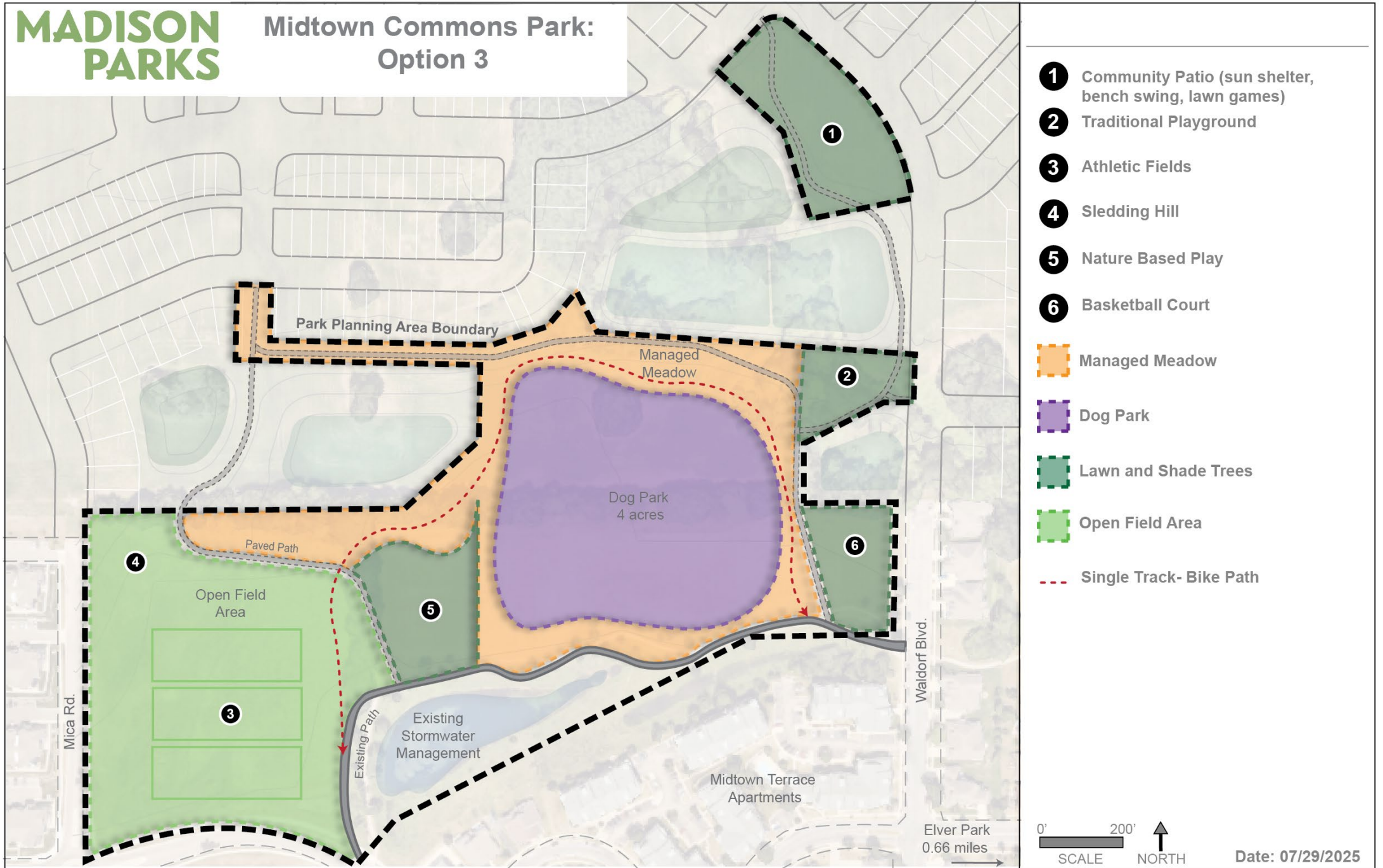
 Potential Community Garden

 Open Field Area

0' 200' 
SCALE NORTH

Date: 07/29/2025





High Priority:

- Athletic fields (43)
- Community gardens (31)
- Conservation and managed meadow (23)
- Dog park (21)
- Sledding hill (19)
- Community patio (18)

Priority:

- Playground near athletic fields (12)
- Single track (12)
- Nature play (12)
- Tree protection (11)

Lower Priority:

- Walking paths (5)
- Parking (4)
- Basketball (2)
- 4 acre dog park (1)

Revised Park Concept...



- 1 Nature Based Play and Community Patio
- 2 Sledding Hill
- 3 Athletic Fields
- 4 Sun Shelter and Traditional Playground
- 5 Potential Community Garden with Fruiting Trees

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Managed Meadow:

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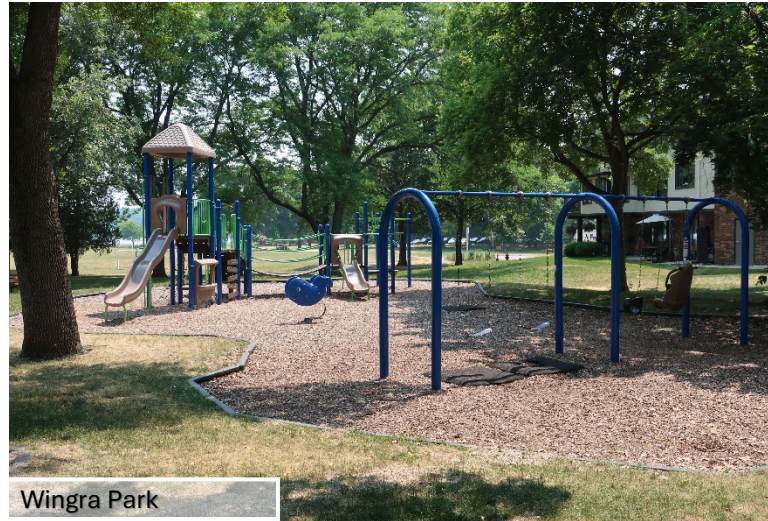






Sycamore Park

Walnut Grove Park






Growing Community. Together.



Nature Play:



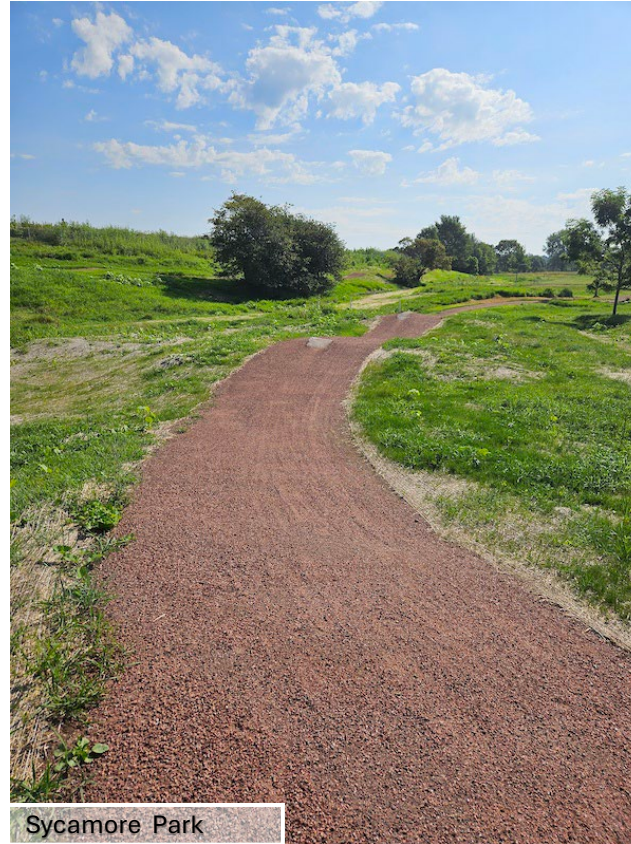
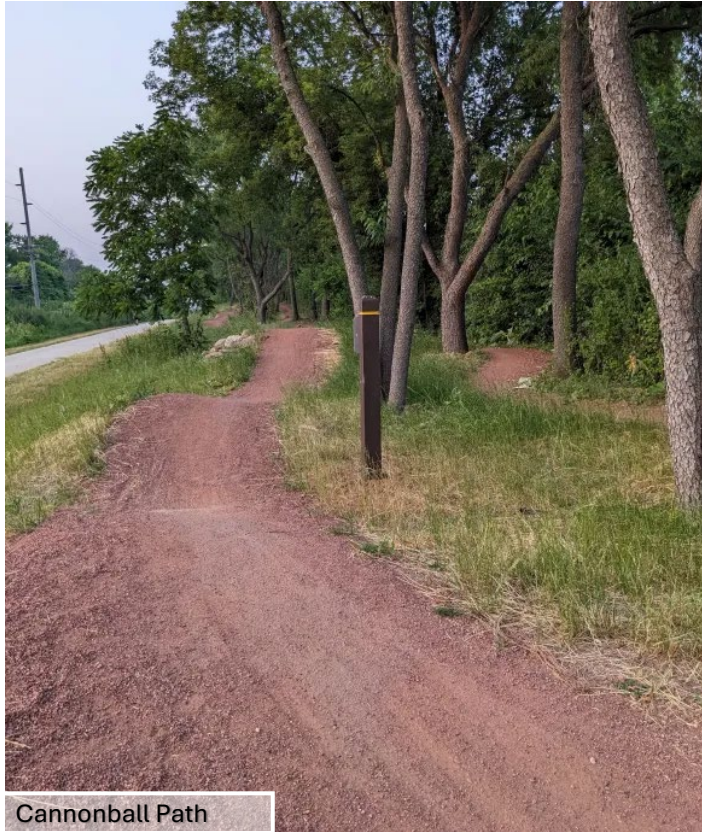
Olbrich Park



Brittingham Park



Single Track:



Community Patio:

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Site Elevations:



RED - Future elevations
for stormwater
management and flood
mitigation ponds

Purple - Existing
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Public Input

- Please type your question or comment in the chat.



Next Steps

- Please take the survey! Open until **November 7, 2025**
 - [Survey link](#)
- Project Contact
 - Mike Sturm– msturm@cityofmadison.com
608-267-4921
- Visit the [project website](#) for updates

Thank you!