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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 5, 2019

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on February 5, 2019.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Friday, February 22, 2019**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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February 4, 2019

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the City of Beloit for development of the Powerhouse Riverwalk Trail Connection. The proposed grant award of \$824,216.00 is 32% of the estimated total project cost.

In partnership with Beloit College and Wisconsin DOT, the City of Beloit will construct an 850-foot trail segment of the City Riverwalk along the Rock River adjacent to the historic powerhouse which Beloit College is renovating into a new student center. The Powerhouse segment will fill a gap in the existing Riverwalk, connecting the northern loop, the Wood Family Fishing Bridge, and the southern trail that extends to downtown Beloit.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Preston D. Cole
Secretary

DATE: February 4, 2019

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT
GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF БЕЛОIT**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$824,216 to the City of Beloit for the development of the Powerhouse Riverwalk Trail Connection. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Beloit

Project Name: Powerhouse Riverwalk Trail Connection

Grant Sub-programs: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks; Urban Rivers

County: Rock

Location: East bank of the Rock River from the Rock River Dam north to Portland Avenue (Hwy 81).

Project Description: In 1989, the City of Beloit began an initiative to transform its Rock River frontage into an outdoor recreation asset for the community. As a significant component of this initiative, the City's Riverwalk is a vibrant part of the community frequented by runners, walkers, and bikers year-round.

The Powerhouse Trail Connection will complete one of the most challenging gaps in public access along the riverfront. The City of Beloit will construct 850 feet of trail, including ~350 feet on piers in the Rock River adjacent to the historic powerhouse, which Beloit College is renovating to serve as a new student center. The Powerhouse Trail Connector will fill a gap in the existing Riverwalk, connecting the northern loop, Wood Family Fishing Bridge, and southern trail that extends to downtown Beloit.

The project is being implemented via a public-private partnership among the City, Alliant Energy/WPL, Eagle Creek Renewable Resources, and Beloit College. The City has acquired all necessary state and federal permits and approvals for the project.

Project Goals: The Beloit Powerhouse Riverwalk project supports goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local/regional plans:

- City of Beloit Parks, Outdoor, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2018-2023
- State Line Alternative Transportation Bike/Pedestrian Plan (SLAT) 2017
- Beloit's City Center Vision 2005

- Rock River Water Trail 2010

Public Uses: The Powerhouse Riverwalk will be accessible to the public from dawn to midnight. The City will clear snow in winter months, and Beloit College’s adjacent Powerhouse building will be open to the public with restrooms and drinking water for trail users. Public parking is available on college property and nearby City streets.

Ownership & Management: The City holds perpetual easements for the at-grade trail footprint and will own the segment built over the river. The City will operate and maintain the Powerhouse Connector as part of the City Riverwalk.

Timetable: Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2019; anticipated completion in fall 2019.

Project Partners:

- City of Beloit: Capital Improvement budgeted funds; continued operations and maintenance.
- Beloit College: Private funds
- Federal Highways Administration: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Stewardship Grant assistance for engineering and construction.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Beloit	\$ 237,493
Beloit College Cash Donation	\$ 500,000
Proposed DNR Stewardship Grant	\$ 824,216
TAP Grant	\$ 1,009,158
Project Total	\$ 2,570,867

The City has secured their required matching funds.

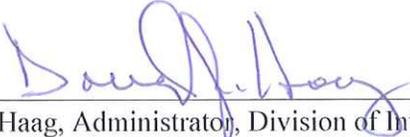
RECOMMENDED:



 Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

1/31/19

 Date



 Douglas Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

2-1-19

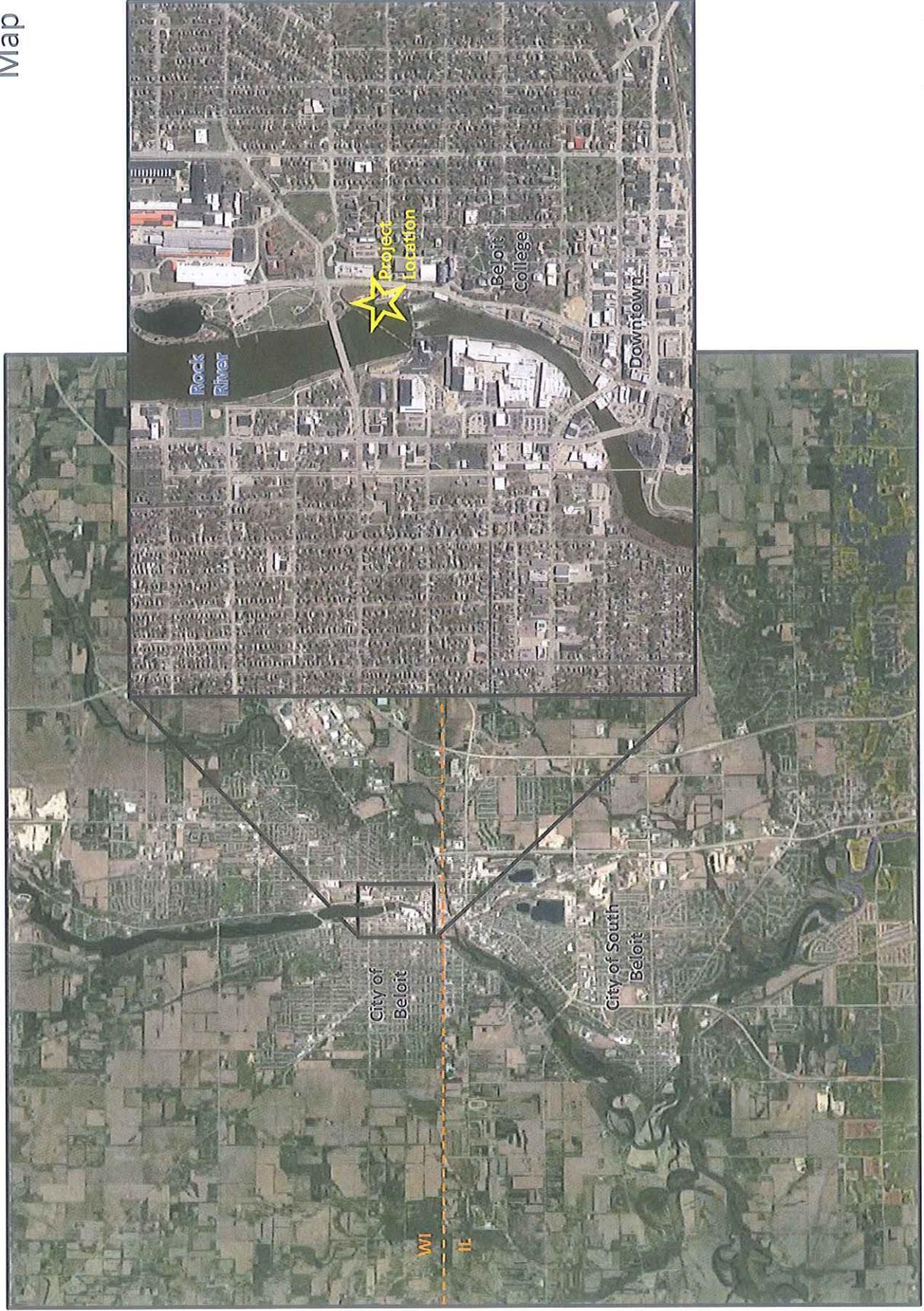
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Attachments: Project Maps



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award
Powerhouse Riverwalk Connector: City of Beloit, Rock County

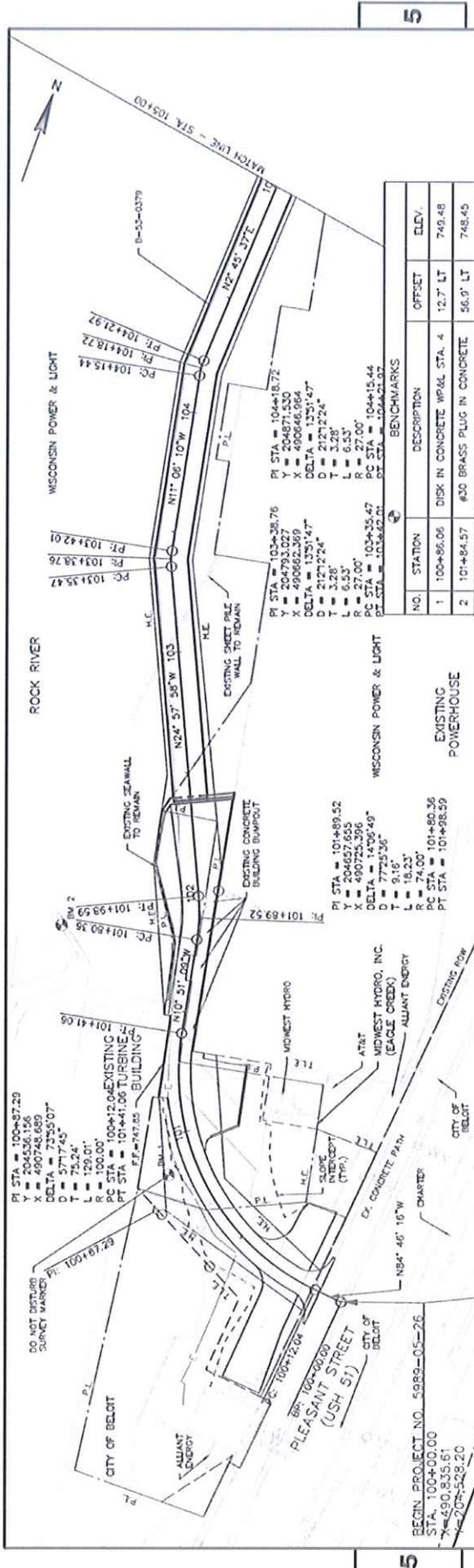
Attachment A Project Location Map





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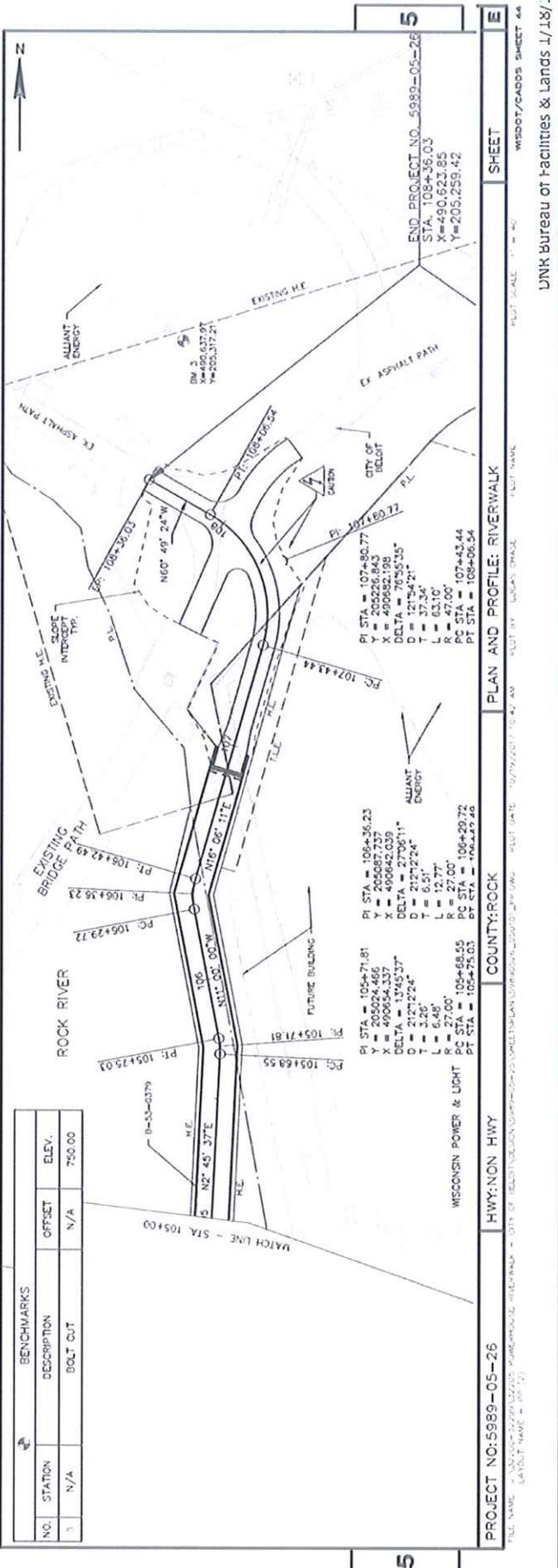
Attachment B
Site Plan



NO.	STATION	DESCRIPTION	OFFSET	ELEV.
1	100+86.06	DISK IN CONCRETE W/AL STA. 4	12.7' LT	749.48
2	101+84.57	#30 BRASS PLUG IN CONCRETE	56.9' LT	748.45

NO.	STATION	DESCRIPTION	OFFSET	ELEV.
1	101+89.52	EXISTING CONCRETE BOLLING BUMP		
2	101+89.52	EXISTING SEA WALL TO REMAIN		

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2	101+89.52	EXISTING SEA WALL TO REMAIN		



NO.	STATION	DESCRIPTION	OFFSET	ELEV.
1	N/A	BOLT CUT	N/A	750.00

NO.	STATION	DESCRIPTION	OFFSET	ELEV.
1	105+71.81	EXISTING BRIDGE		
2	106+35.23	EXISTING BRIDGE		

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1	105+71.81	EXISTING BRIDGE		
2	106+35.23	EXISTING BRIDGE		

PROJECT NO: 5989-05-26
 COUNTY: ROCK
 PLAN AND PROFILE: RIVERWALK
 HWY: NON HWY
 SHEET
 UNK Bureau of Facilities & Lands 1/18/19



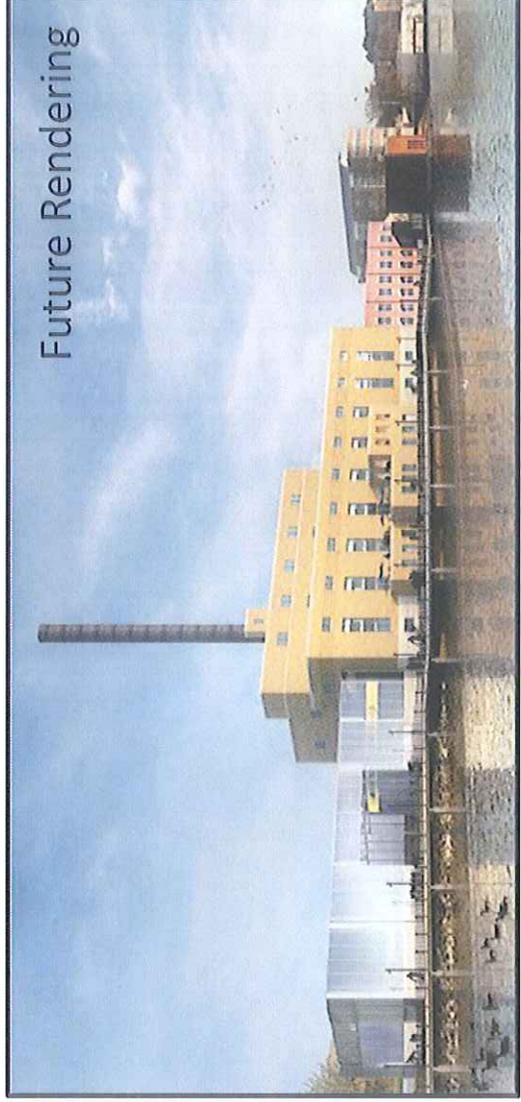
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Attachment C Project Rendering

Current Conditions: Powerhouse

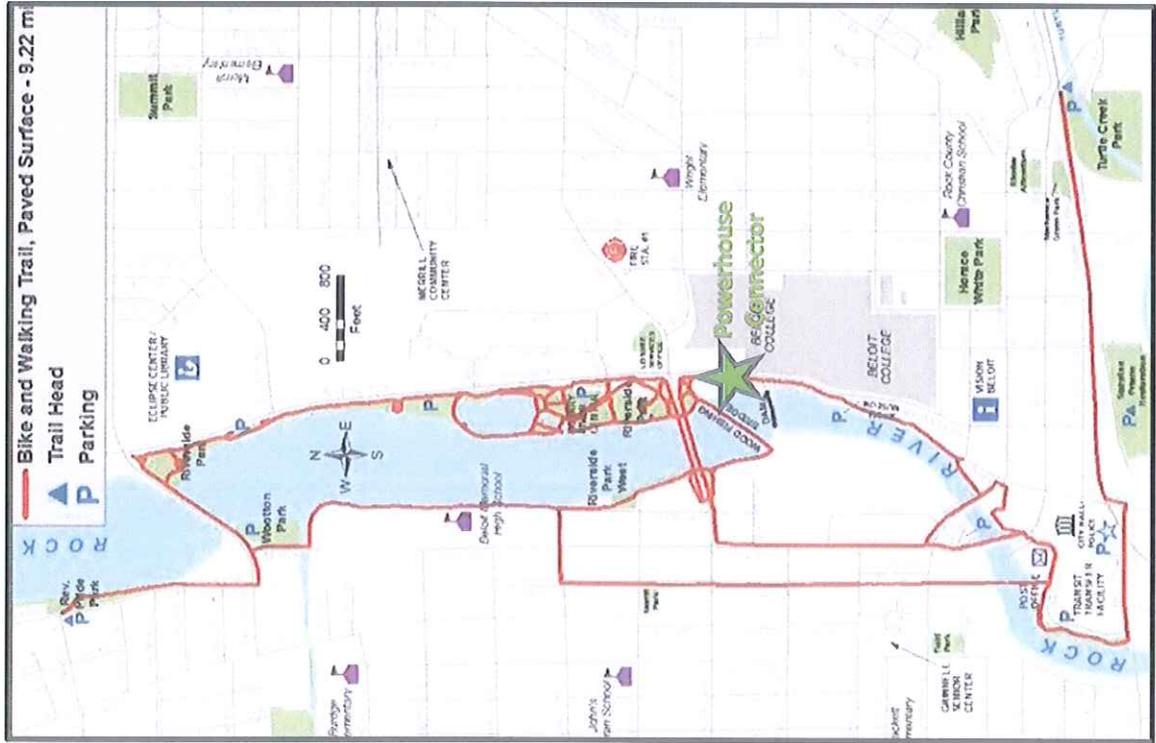


Future Rendering





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Attachment D
 Park and Trail
 Connections

