

Plan Commission Meeting

Downtown Riverfront Plan



MEETING ITINERARY:

Presentation:

- Review Project Progress
- Brief Review of Public Survey Results
- Review Master Plan Elements and Programming

Time Available for Feedback and Discussion

PROJECT SCHEDULE

June 2022

Project Kick-Off
Site Observations

July 2022

Public Information Meeting #1
Site Analysis

October 2022

Stakeholder Interviews

November - December 2022

Public Information Meeting #2
Concept Development

January - March 2023

Concept Review + Revision

April 2023

Strategies + Implementation Meeting
Draft Master Plan + Report
Public Information Meeting #3

June 2023

Final Master Plan + Report

TODAY

August 2023

Presentation to Plan Commission

September 2023

Presentation to City Council

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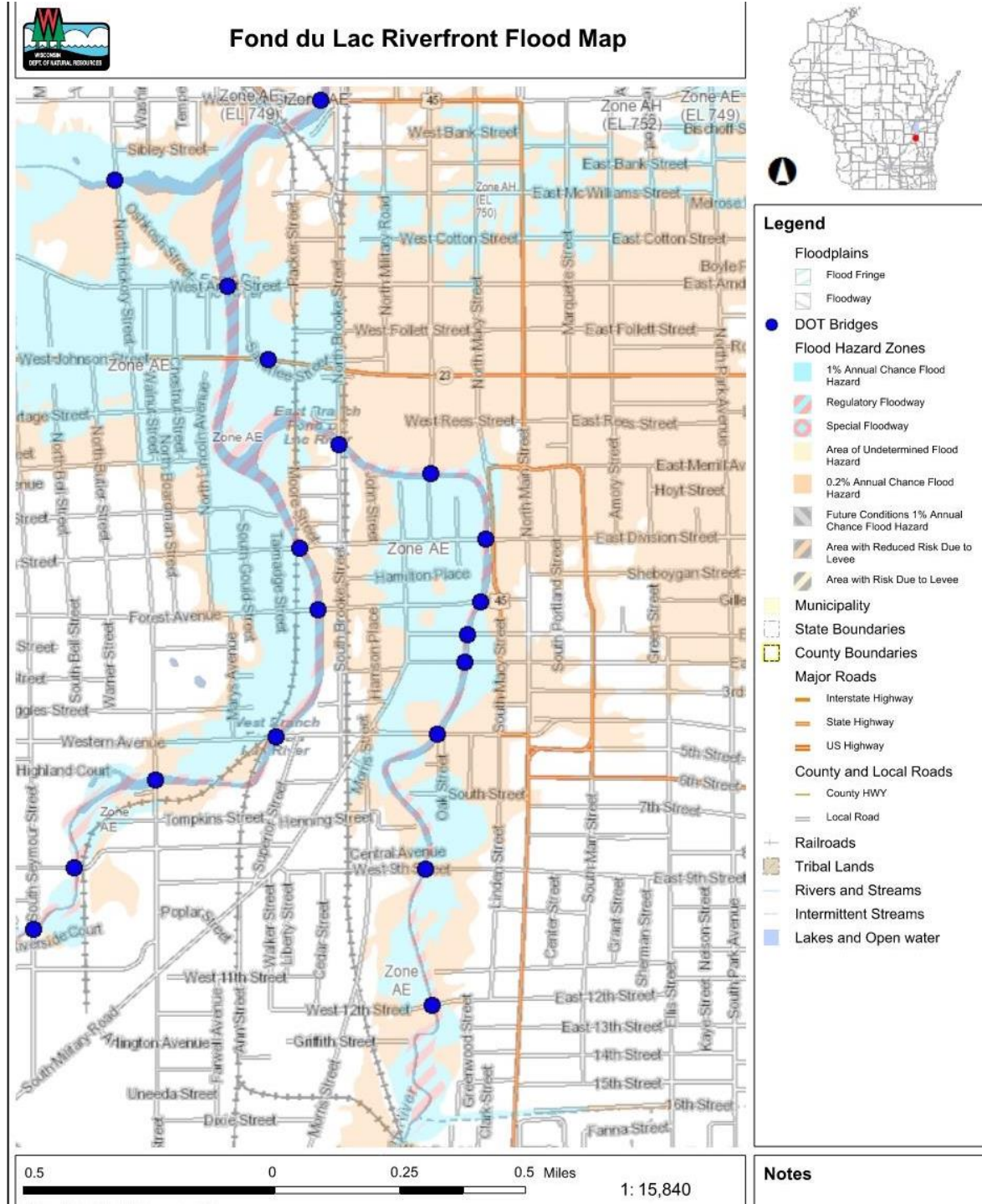
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RIVERFRONT FLOOD MAP

Within the floodway

Flooding is a concern

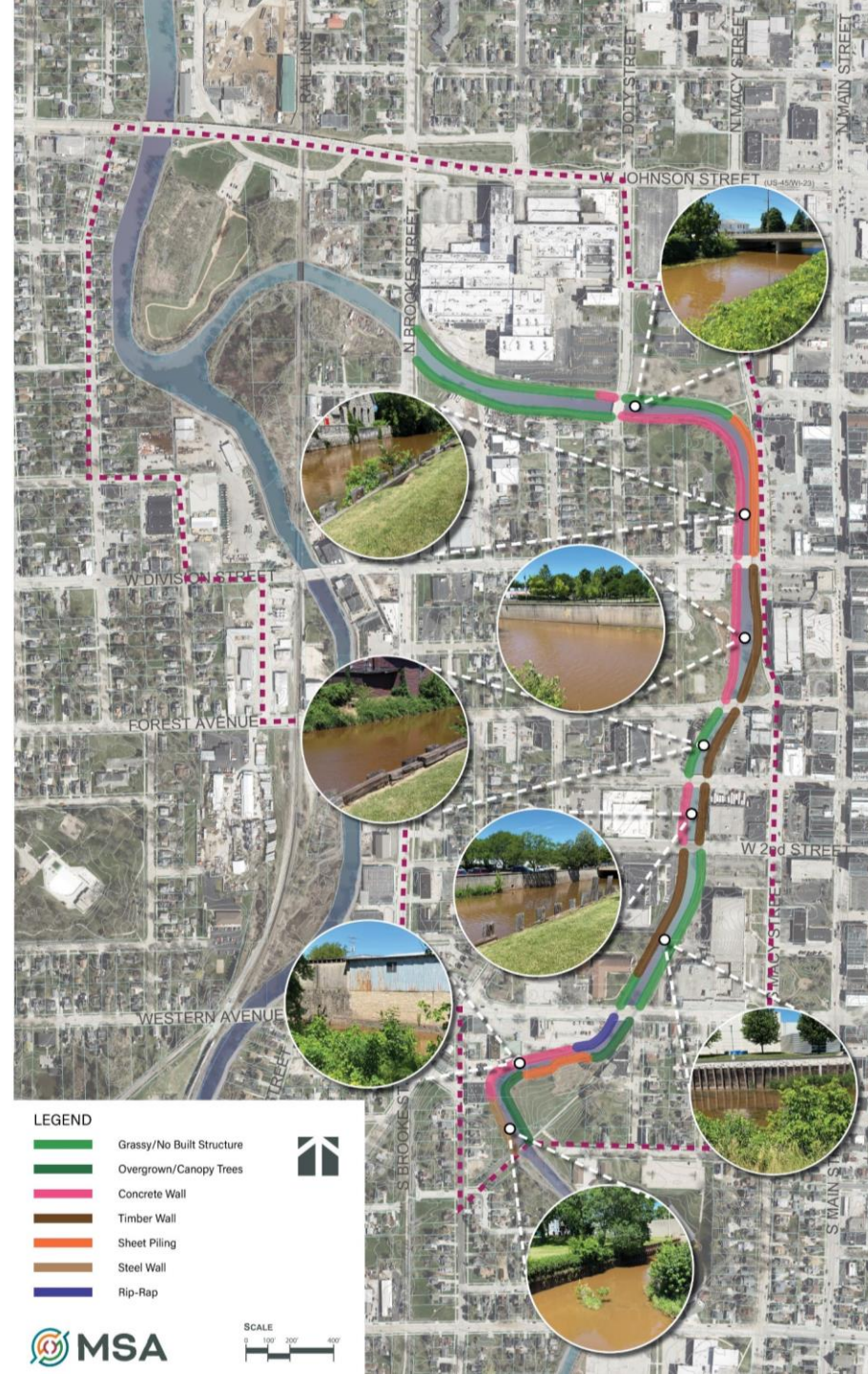
- Addressing as much as possible within the corridor



SHORELINE TREATMENTS MAP

Many inconsistent existing shoreline conditions

Goal: aesthetic and safety improvements



STAKEHOLDER AND INITIAL PUBLIC INPUT – DESIGN CHARRETTE

Throughout the corridor:

- **Art** (Sculptures, Murals)
- **Picnic Areas**
- Lighting
- Fishing/Watercraft **Access**
- **Aesthetic Improvements** to Shoreline

Hamilton Park:

- **Bathrooms, Shelter**

Quic Frez:

- Keep a more **naturalized** space
- Kayak/Canoe **Launch**

Other

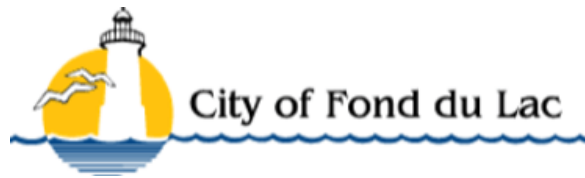
- Some larger event/plaza **gathering space**
- Repave trail
- Improve Crosswalks/Pedestrian **Safety**





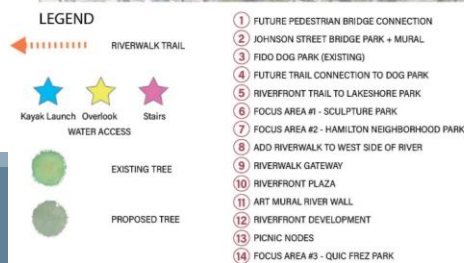
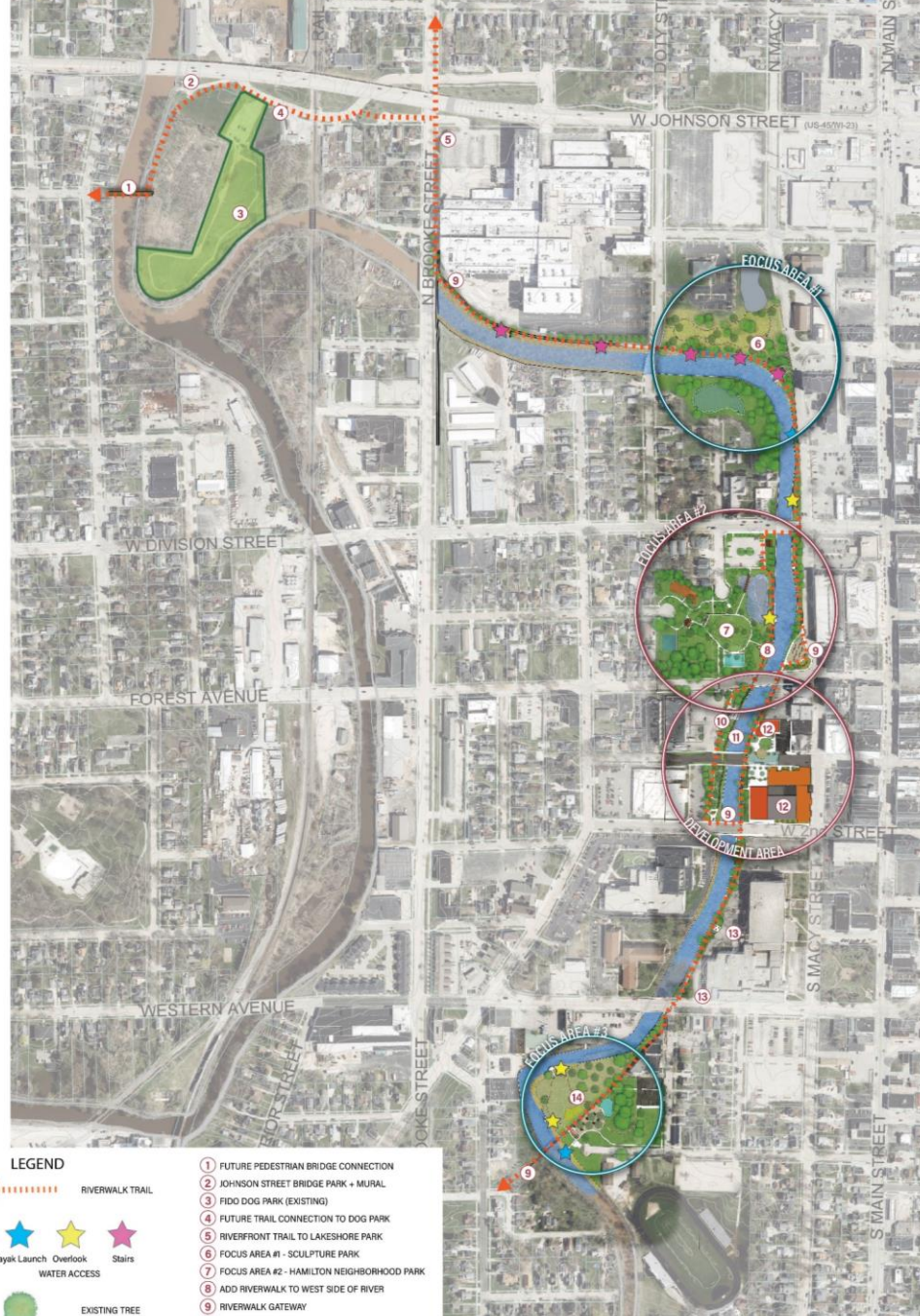
Comments on overall concept plans:

- address **water clarity** before investing in any improvements
- want to see **cafes, restaurants, brewery** along corridor
- wayfinding, **lighting, security** cameras
- more/smaller **fishing nodes**
- **native plantings** for pollinators
- outdoor **entertainment**
- **accessible** access for people of all ages and abilities
- **historical** elements/signage
- splash pad
- chess tables
- disc golf
- mixed-use housing and businesses



Discuss Plan Programming and Amenities

Master Plan



LEGEND



RIVERWALK TRAIL



Kayak Launch



Overlook



Stairs

WATER ACCESS



EXISTING TREE



PROPOSED TREE

- 1 FUTURE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTION
- 2 JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE PARK + MURAL
- 3 FIDO DOG PARK (EXISTING)
- 4 FUTURE TRAIL CONNECTION TO DOG PARK
- 5 RIVERFRONT TRAIL TO LAKESHORE PARK
- 6 FOCUS AREA #1 - SCULPTURE PARK
- 7 FOCUS AREA #2 - HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- 8 ADD RIVERWALK TO WEST SIDE OF RIVER
- 9 RIVERWALK GATEWAY
- 10 RIVERFRONT PLAZA
- 11 ART MURAL RIVER WALL
- 12 RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
- 13 PICNIC NODES
- 14 FOCUS AREA #3 - QUIC FREZ PARK

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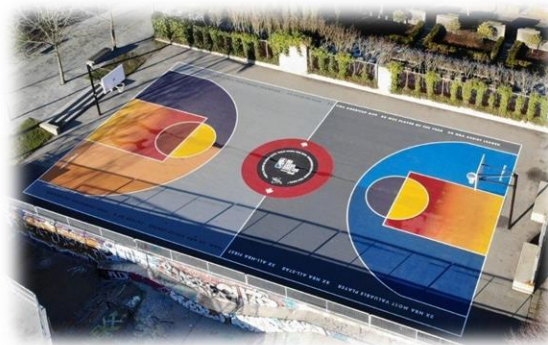
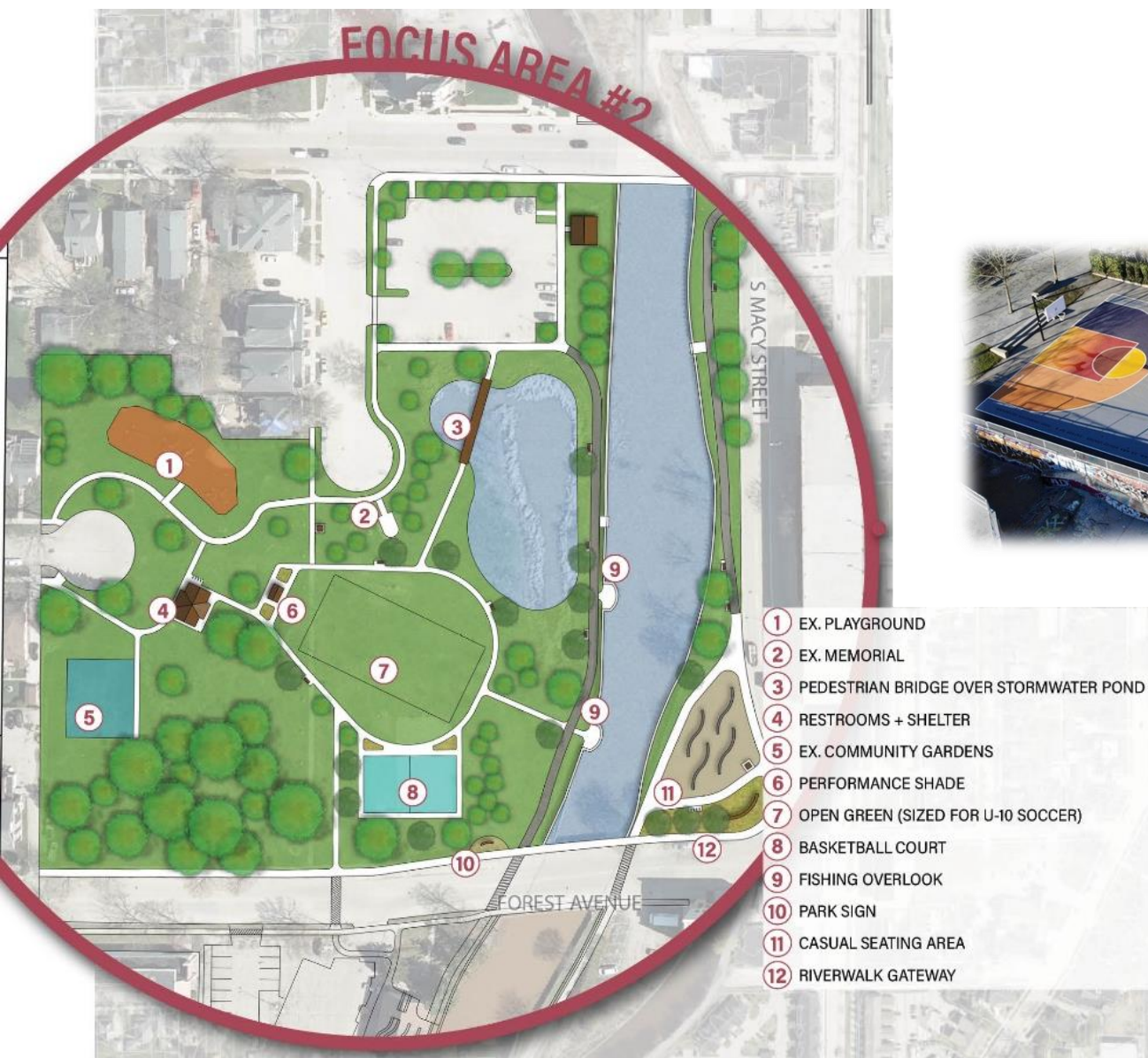
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Master Plan

focus area #1





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focus area #2

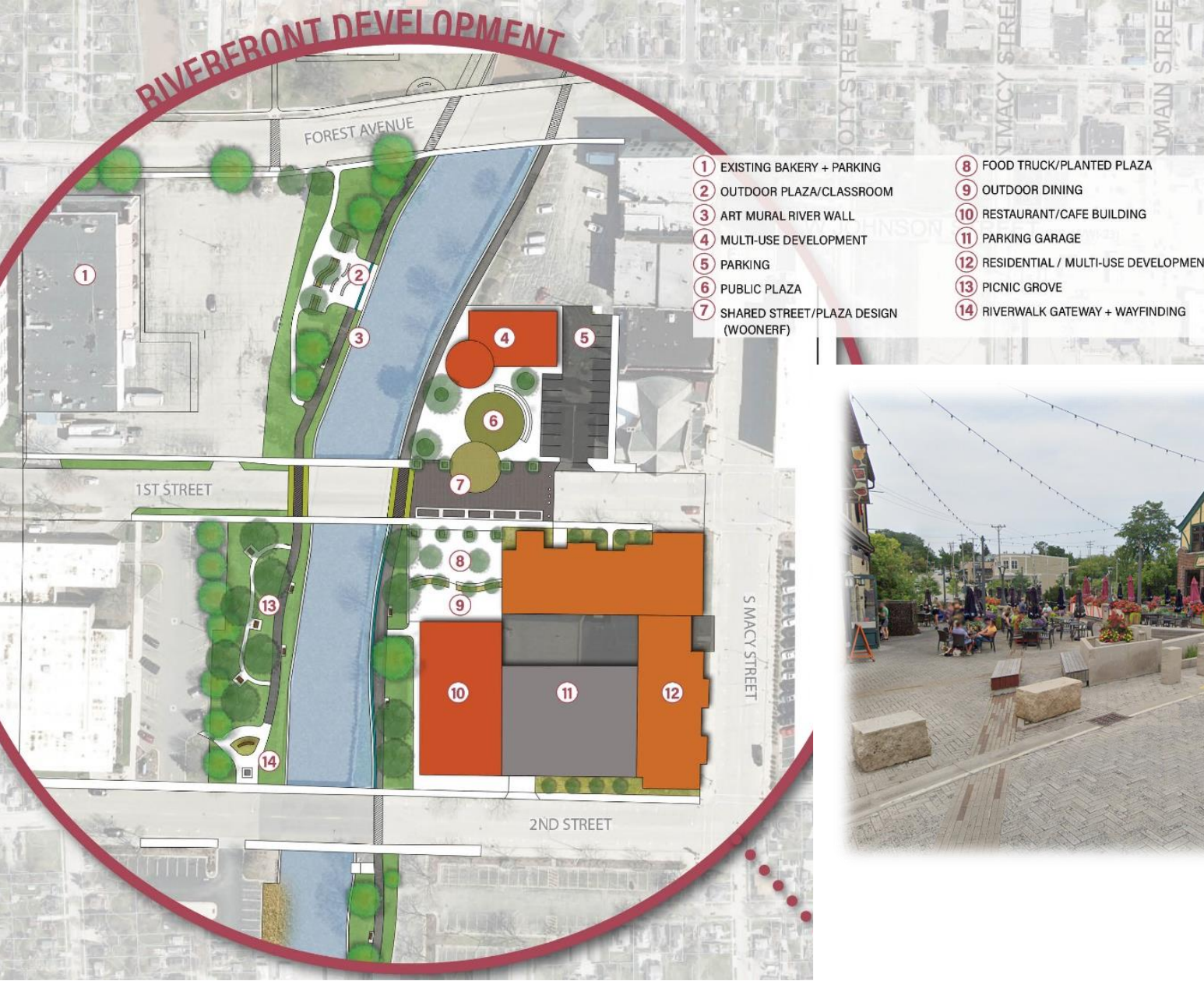


- 1 RIVERWALK GATEWAY FEATURE
- 2 FISHING OVERLOOK
- 3 SENSORY WALK - PRAIRIE WALKING PATH
- 4 NATURAL PLAYGROUND
- 5 RESTROOMS + SHELTER
- 6 KAYAK LAUNCH
- 7 PICNIC AREA WITH GRILLS
- 8 STORMWATER AREA
- 9 BUTTERFLY GARDEN
- 10 PARKING

Master Plan

focus area #3





Master Plan

development area



IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Maintenance Items

- Provide adequate **trash and recycling** receptacles at water access points and public space
- Start clearing and grubbing of **overgrown shorelines** – beware of structural concerns and erosion control
- Prepare **Maintenance Plan**
- Treat **invasive plants** along the shoreline and introduce **native vegetation**

Action Items

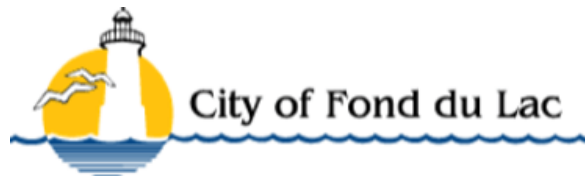
- Partake in **watershed analysis** to consider water capacity/storage upriver from project area
- Initiate conversations with the DNR for **feasibility of development of closed sites**

Safety Items

- Identify **safety concerns** in conversation with emergency services.
- Identify locations for seawall ladders and access for **emergency services** equipment
- Distinguish **crosswalks** for pedestrian safety and invest in Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons.
- Initiate formal **structural analysis and review** of existing river walls and embankments to determine replace/repair plan

Aesthetic Items

- Introduce **Lighting**: for safety and aesthetics
- **Signage**: Wayfinding, Water Trail, Educational
- **Seating**: Benches and seating areas
- Integrate Public **Art**



Discussion – Comments - Questions

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