

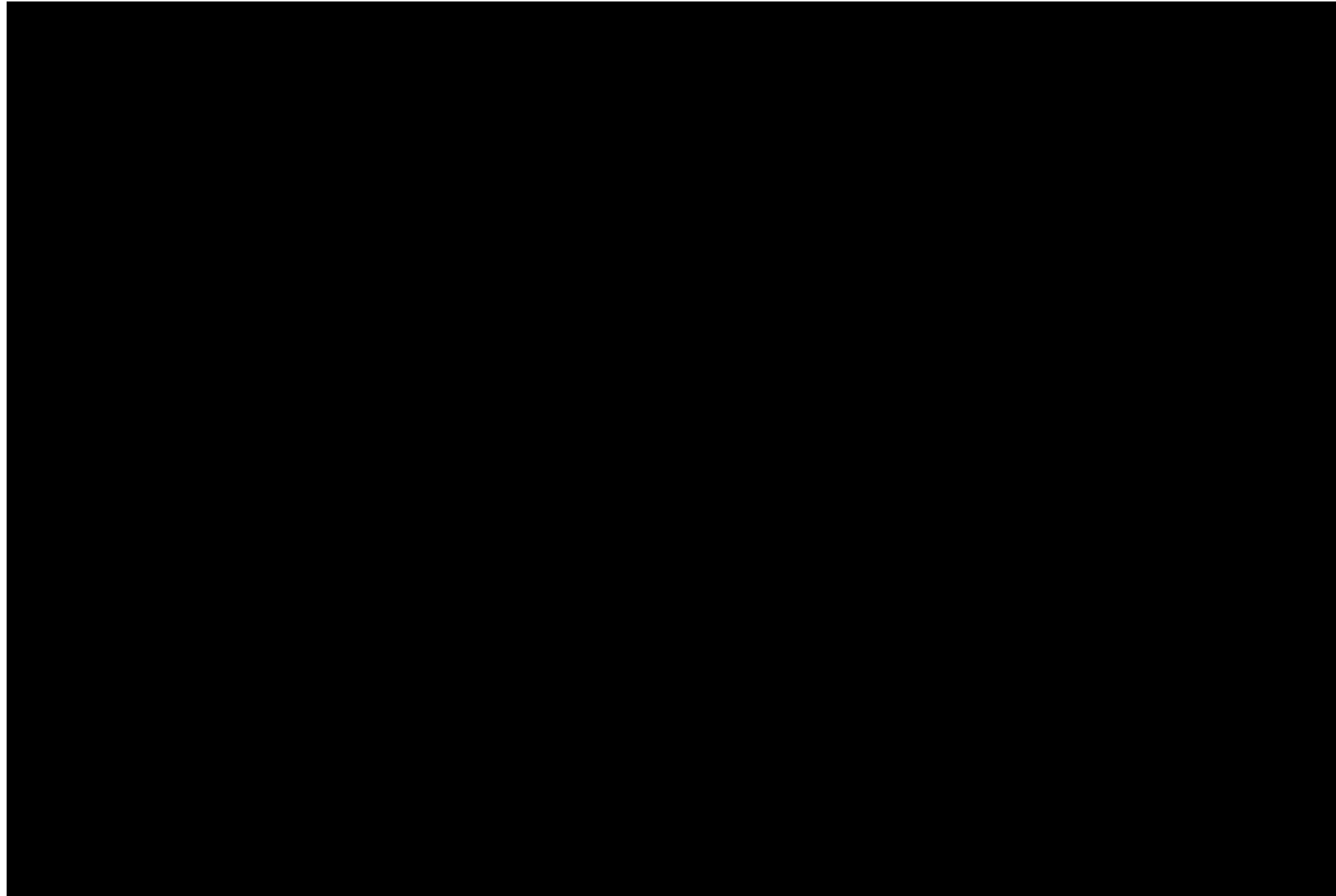


# City of Collinsville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Park Improvement Opportunities Presentation

June 2020

# Message from Mayor Miller



# Project Team & Tasks

## Planning Design Studio

- Project Management
- Park Planning/Master Planning
- Park/Trail Assessments
- Public Involvement

## Ballard\*King

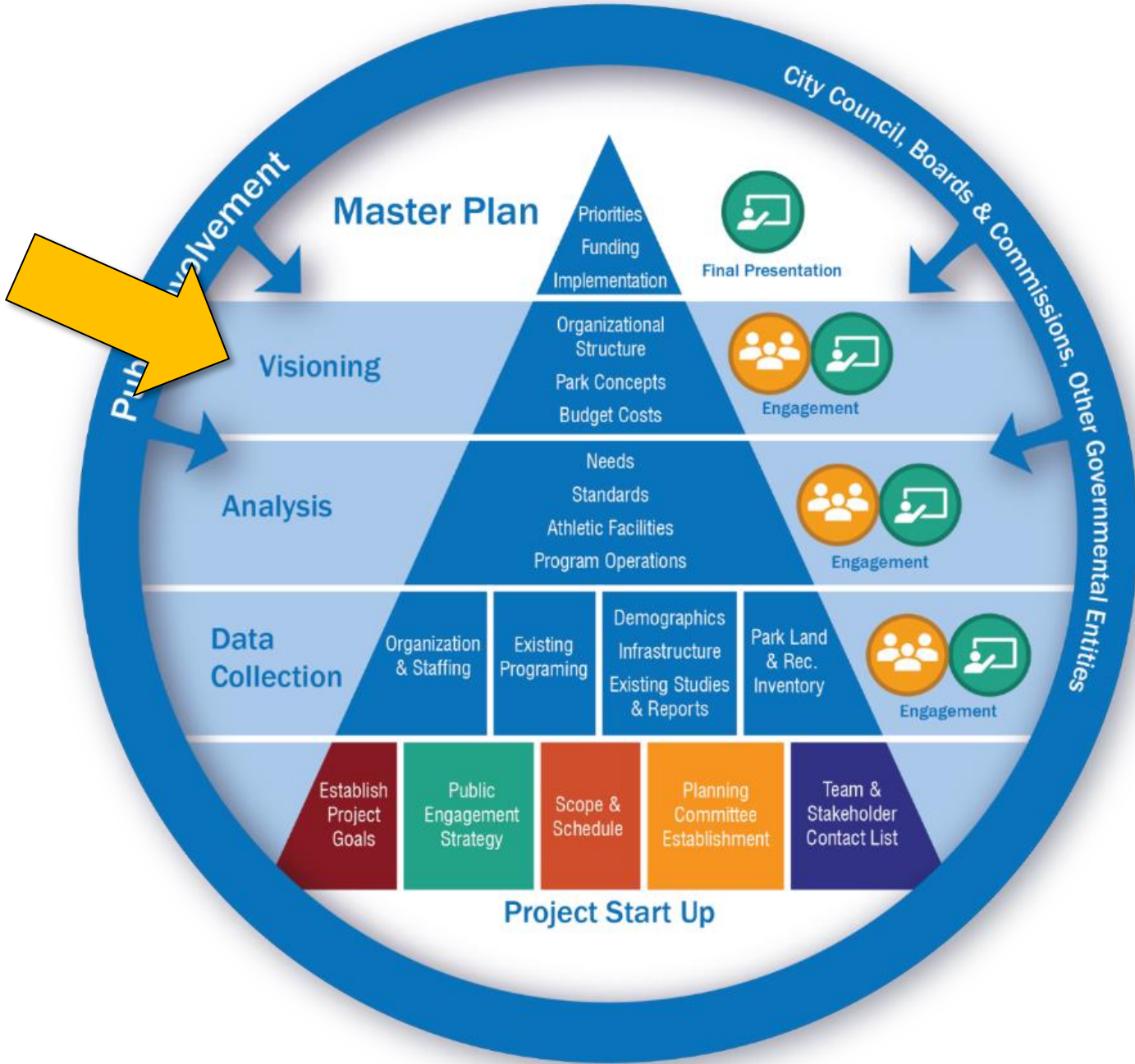
- Operations
- Recreation Planning
- Organizational Structure & Staffing

## Councilman-Hunsaker

- Aquatics Evaluation

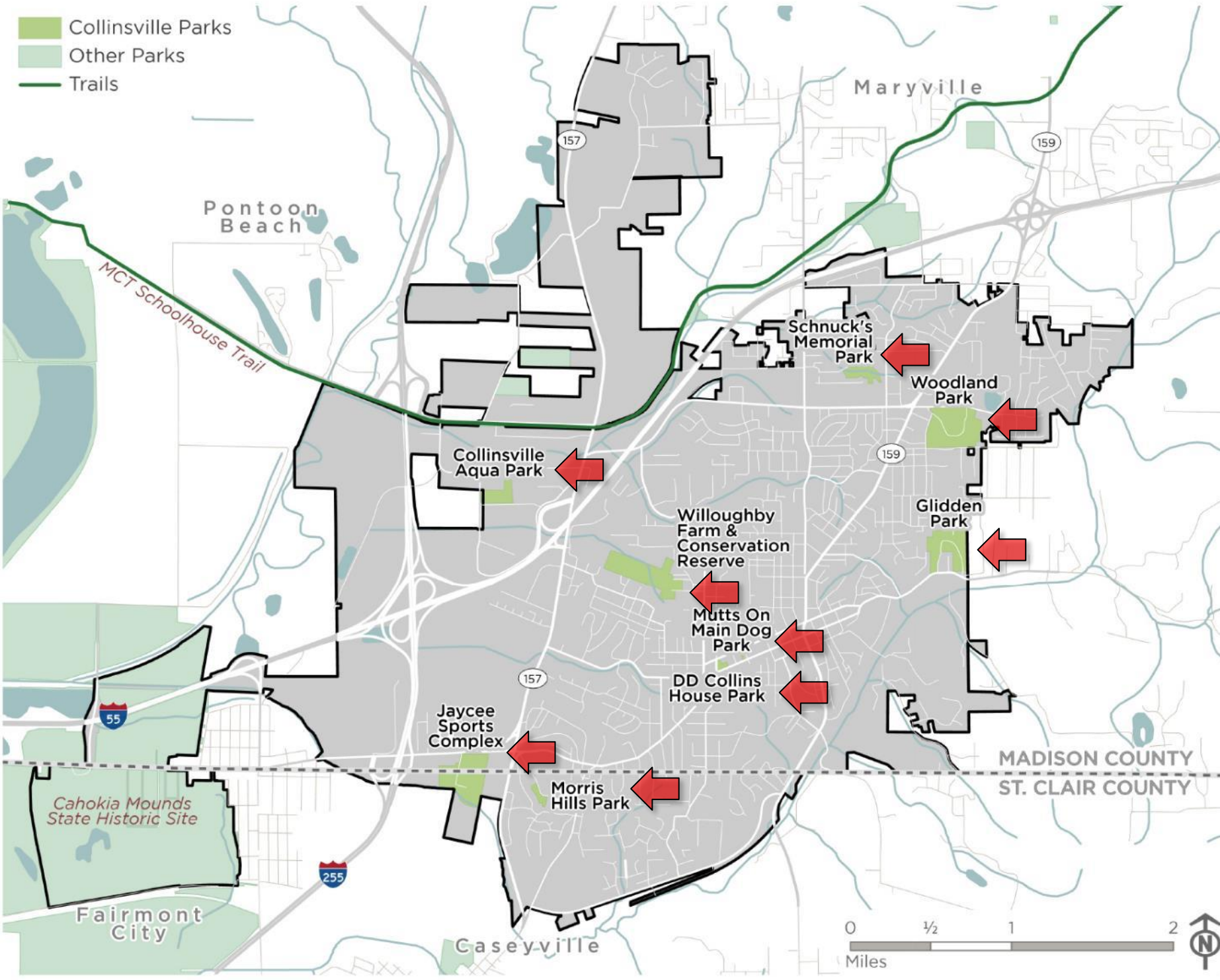
## Support Services

- AAIC – Activity Center Assessment
- ETC – Needs Assessment Survey

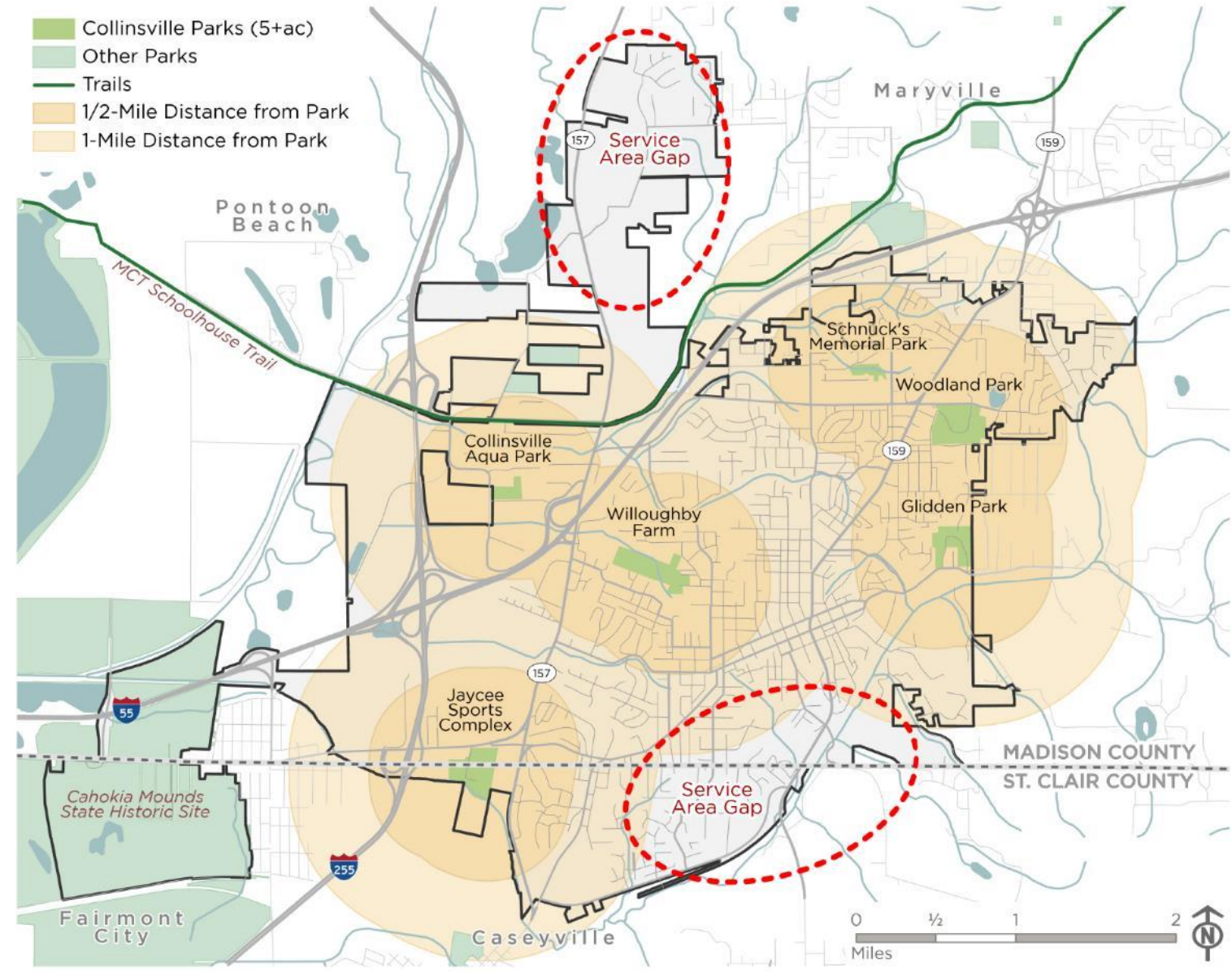
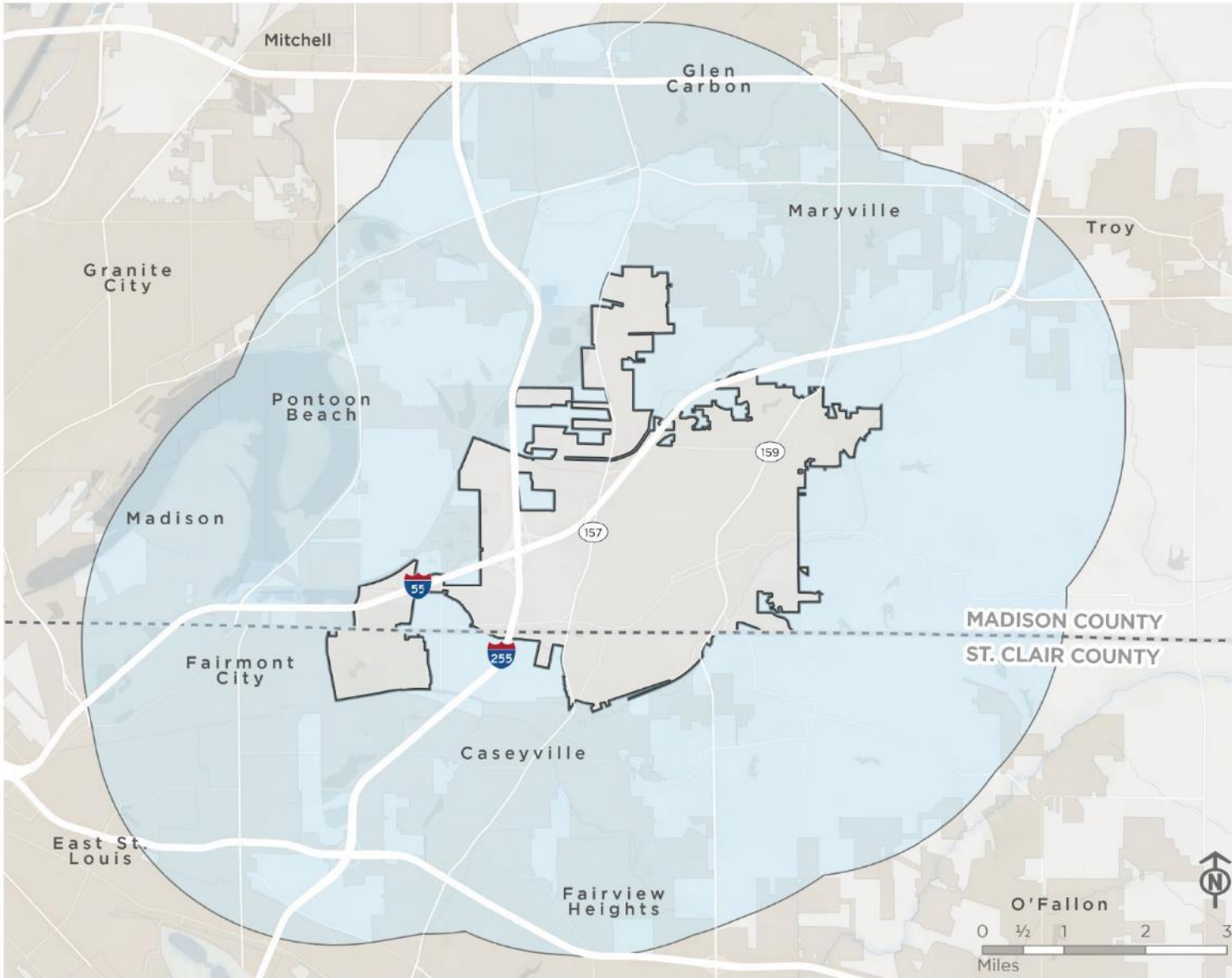


# Tasks Completed

- Existing Park Assessments
- Statistically Valid Needs Survey
- Aqua Park & Activity Center Assessments
- Park Operations & Programming Assessment
- Service Area Analysis
- Park Land & Facility Analysis
- Public Meeting & User Group Input



# Park Analysis – Need & Service Area



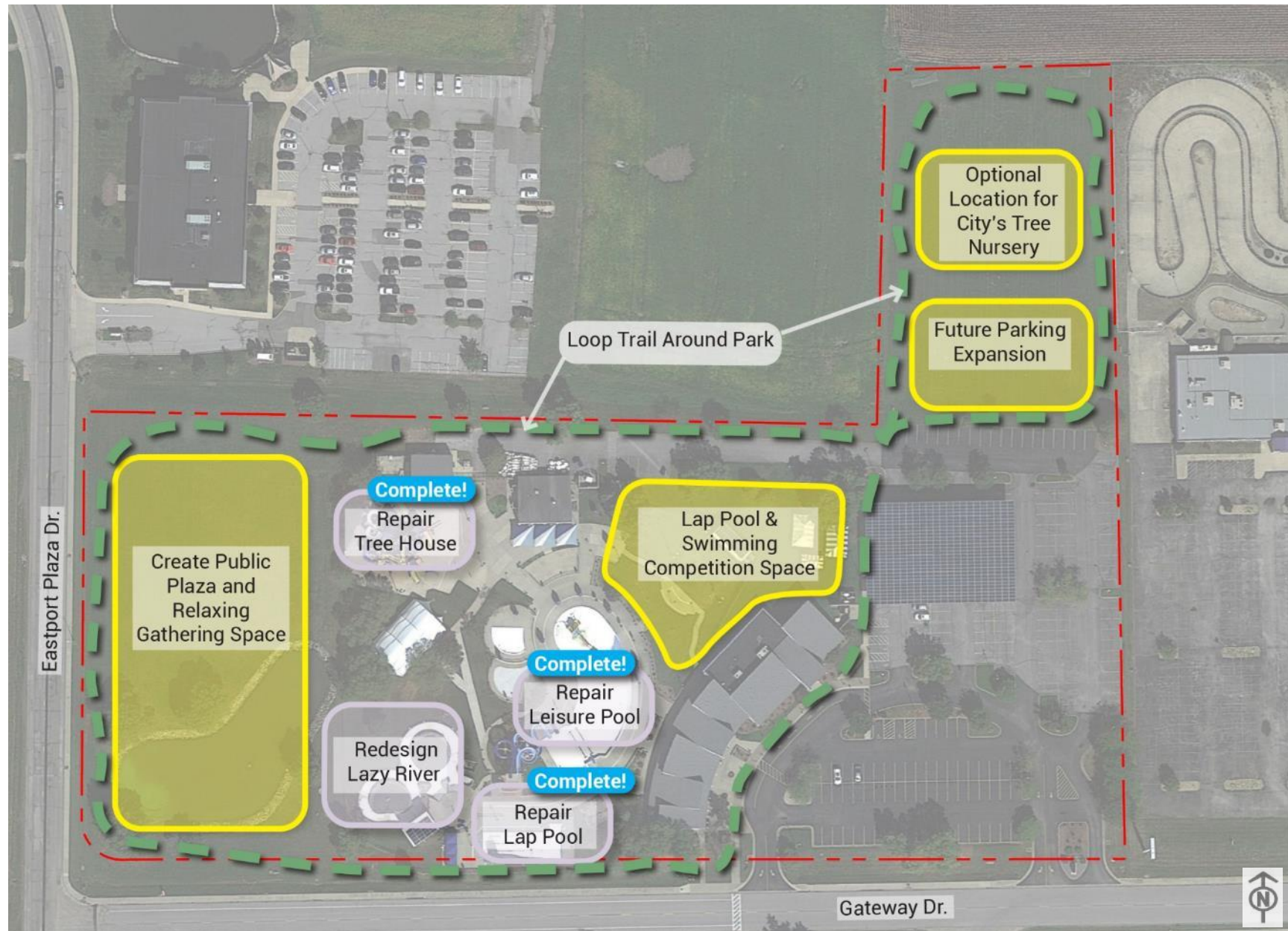
# Activity Center/Aqua Park (14 AC)



## Overview

- Activity Center/Aqua Park grounds include a 230 space parking area, a solar panel structure, an electronic sign at the park entrance, two flagpoles, a detention pond, and a landscaped plaza at the building entrance
- Facility is over 20 years old. Needs updating and improvements for ADA and current codes
- Aqua Park Audit complete Sept 2019 (Included Pool Conditions and Recommendations)
- **Renovations started January 2020**

# Activity Center/Aqua Park



## Current Projects

Make Repairs to Aqua Park Pools (Complete)

- Lap Pool, Leisure Pool, Tree House

## Suggested Improvements

Add 6 or 8 Lane Lap Pool for Competition

- Dedicated Pool and Competition Space That Can Be Separated From Or Opened Up To The Rest Of The Aqua Park Complex

Redesign and Rebuild the Lazy River

New Splash Pad

Interior Renovations of Activity Center and Concessions Building

Landscape around Activity Center

Add Walking Trail Around Park

Create a Public Plaza Space

# Activity Center Programming & Operations

## Activity Center Programming Recommendations

- Increase exposure for facility & programs through advertising
- Focus programs on City residents wants/needs
- Introduce a level of Enrichment Programming
- Increase in Rental opportunities

## Activity Center Operations Recommendations

- Begin allocating for annual capital improvement
- Implement preventative maintenance schedule
- Fluctuate hours w/ seasons
- Differentiate between Activity Center & Aqua Park maintenance



# Aqua Park Operations Assessment

## Preliminary Summary & Recommendations:

- Develop a strategic marketing plan
  - Targeted social media promotions
  - Print ads
  - Direct mailers
  - Special events on low attendance days **(Complete)**
- Rearrange entry procedures **(Complete)**
- Designated season pass entrance **(Complete)**
- Track attendance and usage by hour and adjust hours if needed
- Adjust daily admission rates and season pass rates to increase value of season pass **(Complete)**

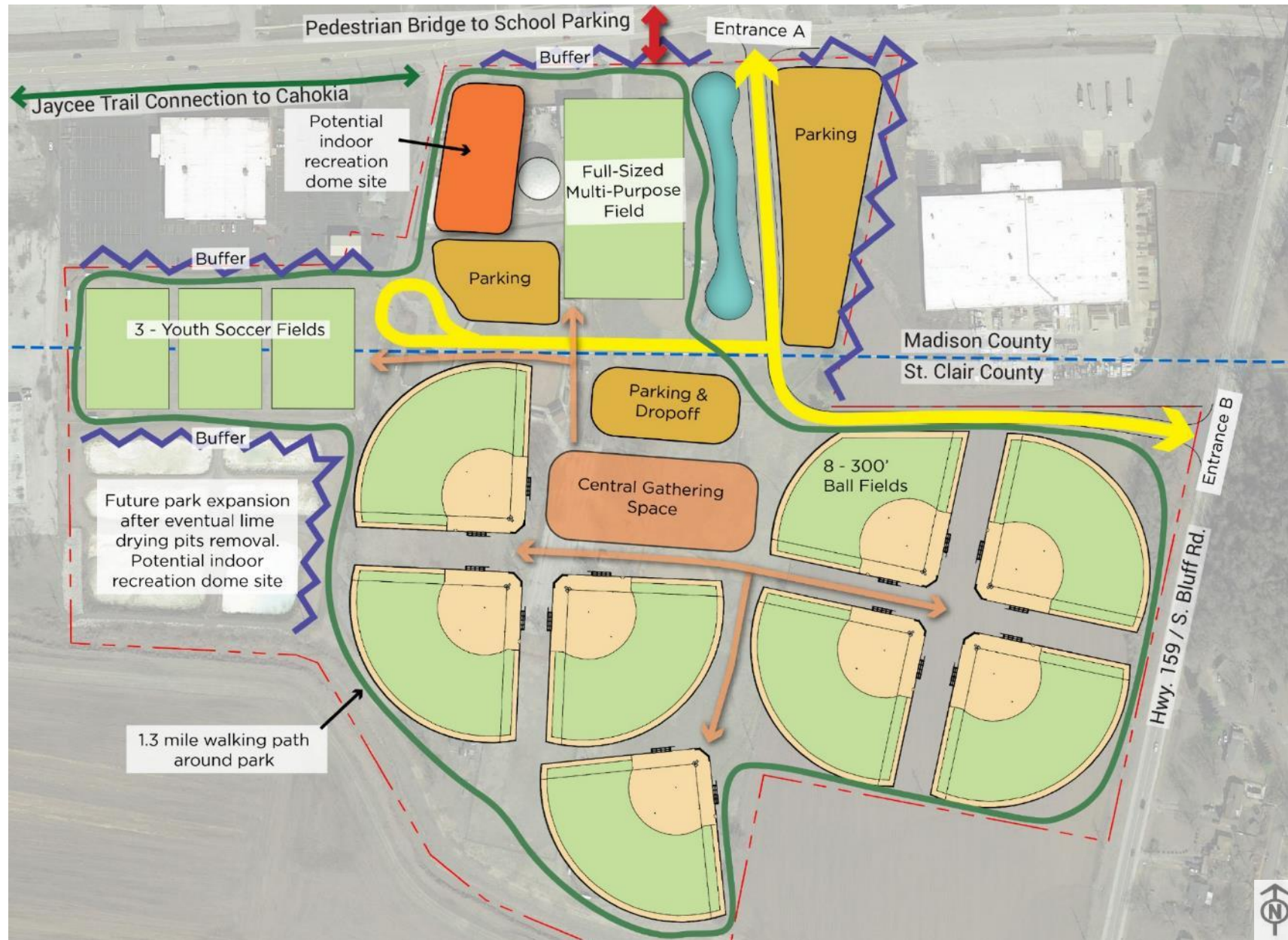
# Jaycee's Sports Park (56 AC)



## Overview

- 12 baseball fields (only two sized for high school play), one football field, one informal soccer field, baseball concession & football concession
- Well used park
- Field drainage problems, lack of walkways  
**(Improvements In Progress)**
- High priority for improvements per Needs Assessment Survey
- Adjacent property acquired adding 13.2 acres

# Jaycee's Sports Park



## Suggested Improvements

### Central Gathering Space

- Large Drop-off
- Concessions
- Restrooms
- Playground
- Batting Cages

### 8 - 300' Quality Ball Fields

- Serves wide variety of tournaments

### Ample Parking with overflow parking at Middle School via New Pedestrian Bridge

### 1 Full-Sized Multi-Purpose Field and 3 Youth Youth-Sized Multi-Purpose Fields Practice and Games

### Walking Trail Around Entire Park (1.3 Miles)

### Space for Indoor Recreation Dome

# Jaycee's Sports Park Programming & Operations

## Programming Recommendations

- Determine focus of local, regional, state
- Pursue partnerships
- Define level of programming from City (admin., facilitate, rental)
- Formalize use agreements and rate structures

## Operations Recommendations

- Need for additional (3) full-time staff (minimum): 2-maintenance, 1-program and facility admin at buildout
- Develop cost recovery goals
  - Rentals v. Programs v. Tournaments
- Begin allocating for annual capital improvement
- Implement preventative maintenance schedule

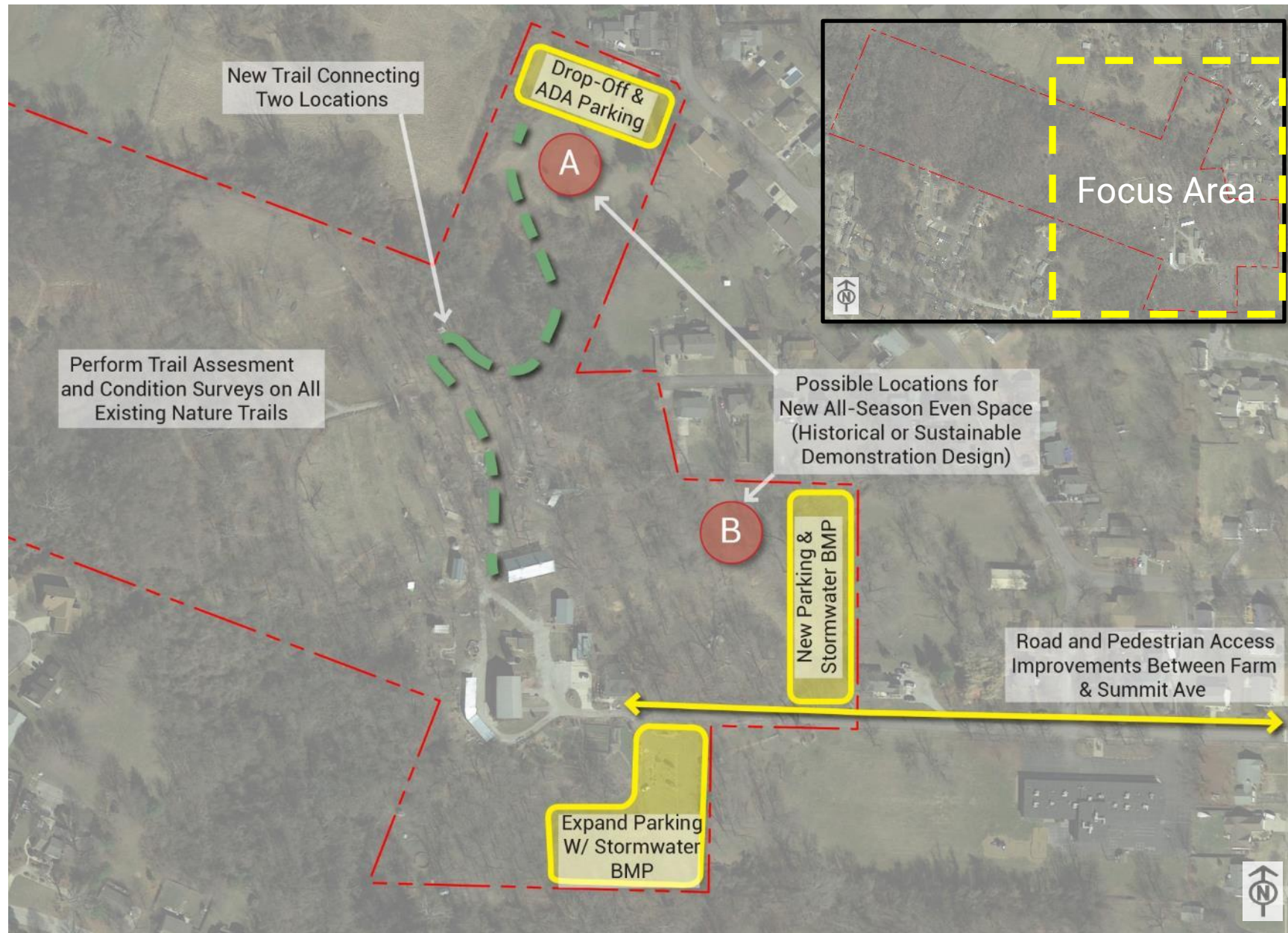
# Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve (40 AC)



## Overview

- Park with historic farmhouse, historic barns, vegetable garden, petting zoo, nature play area, picnic areas, food garden, mulch nature trails (3 miles), educational signage, archery range and gaga pit
- Landscape is well maintained; includes prairie area
- Popular destination for Collinsville residents
- Parking is limited
- Some stormwater erosion issues

# Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve



## Suggested Improvements

### Short Term

- Update the Park Master Plan
- Perform Trail Assessment and Condition Surveys (TRACS) on all trails

### Updated Park Master Plan Goals:

- Additional Parking (Most Limiting Resource)
- Add a Year-Round Event Structure (Historical Barn or Modern Sustainable Demonstration Building) and Administrative Space
- Outdoor classrooms
- Improved Animal Enclosures
- Infrastructure Support for Programming (more staff, vehicles, animals)
- Convert Farmhouse to 1930's Farm Museum
- Better Connections to Downtown Collinsville
- Stormwater BMPs (use for education)
- Elevate experience at the Farm

# Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve Programming & Operations

## Programming Recommendations

- Increase exposure for facility & programs through advertising and partnership enhancement
- Focus programs (all) on City residents and regional wants/needs
- Increase in Rental opportunities, through additional facilities

## Operations Recommendations

- Need for additional (1) full-time staff, w/ program/facility focus as programming expands
- Develop focused financial goals (cost recovery) for programs and services
- Begin allocating for annual capital improvement
- Implement preventative maintenance schedule

# Woodland Park (48 AC)

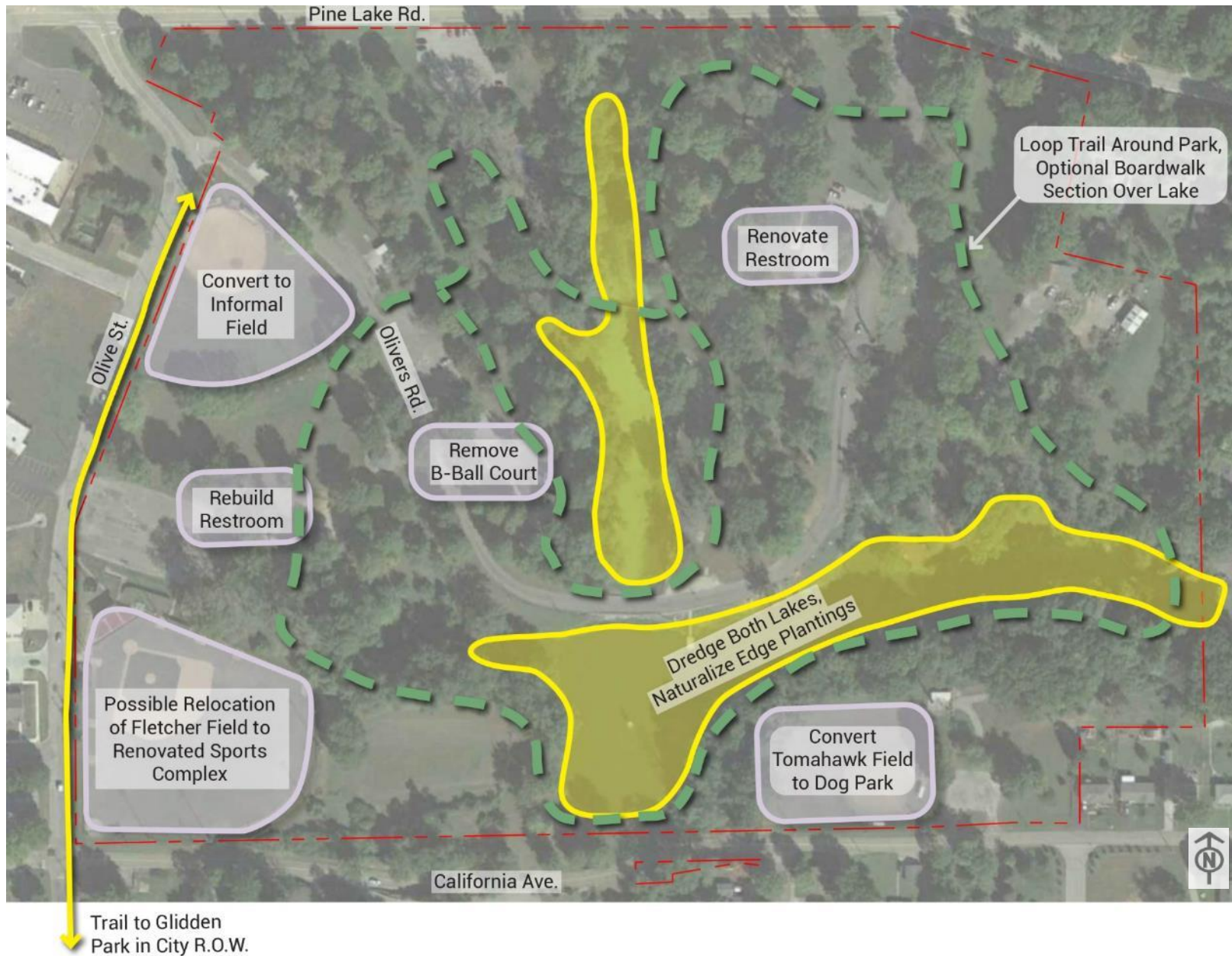


## Overview

- Large, wooded park with rolling hills
- Contains 4 playgrounds, 5 rentable pavilions, 3 baseball fields, 5.1-acre lake, 18-hole disc golf course
- Two playgrounds (Lions & Optimist) are new & disc golf baskets are new
- Funding in place to replace all pavilions
- Most visited park per needs assessment survey
- Lacks paths to connect park features
- Lakes in poor condition



# Woodland Park



## Current Improvements

Shelter Replacements (In Progress)

## Suggested Improvements

### Short Term

- Repair Fletcher Field's safety net, bleachers & entrance
- Provide warm-up access to field behind Fletcher
- Remove old wood bridge, Disk Golf pads, and concrete steps near former Women's Club rose garden

### Long Term

- Coordinate with school to relocate Fletcher field to renovated Jaycee Sports Complex
- Replace field with 2 Basketball and 2 multi-use courts
- Convert Jaycee field to informal field

**Dredge Both Lakes and add Plantings**

**Renovate or Replace Restrooms with Year-Round Facilities**

**Convert Tomahawk Field to Dog Park**

**Loop Trail Around Park**

# Schnuck's Memorial Park (10 AC)

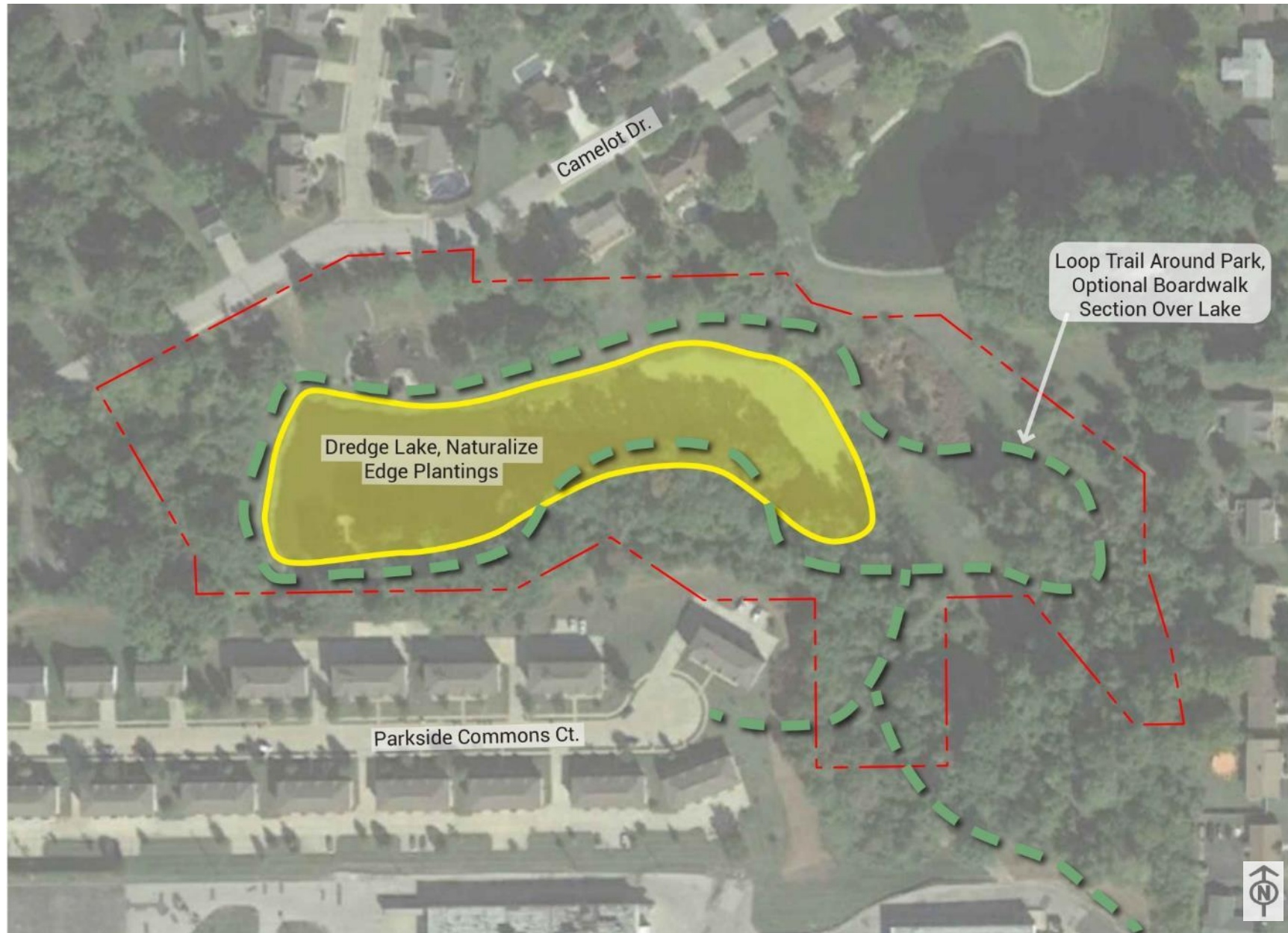


## Overview

- Neighborhood park with a new playground & safety surface, a 2.4-acre lake with a fishing dock and a small gazebo
- Lake in poor condition
- Fishing dock and gazebo deteriorated
- Moderate use per survey



# Schnuck's Memorial Park



## Suggested Improvements

### Short Term

- New park sign
- Repair retaining wall behind playground
- Check lake outlet pipe for erosion around pipe

### Loop Trail around Park

- Optional Boardwalk Section Over Lake On South Side. Make Connections with Surrounding Residents and Roads

### Dredge Lake and Naturalize Edge Plantings

### Add Drinking Fountain

### Plant Slopes with Natural Plantings to Reduce Maintenance

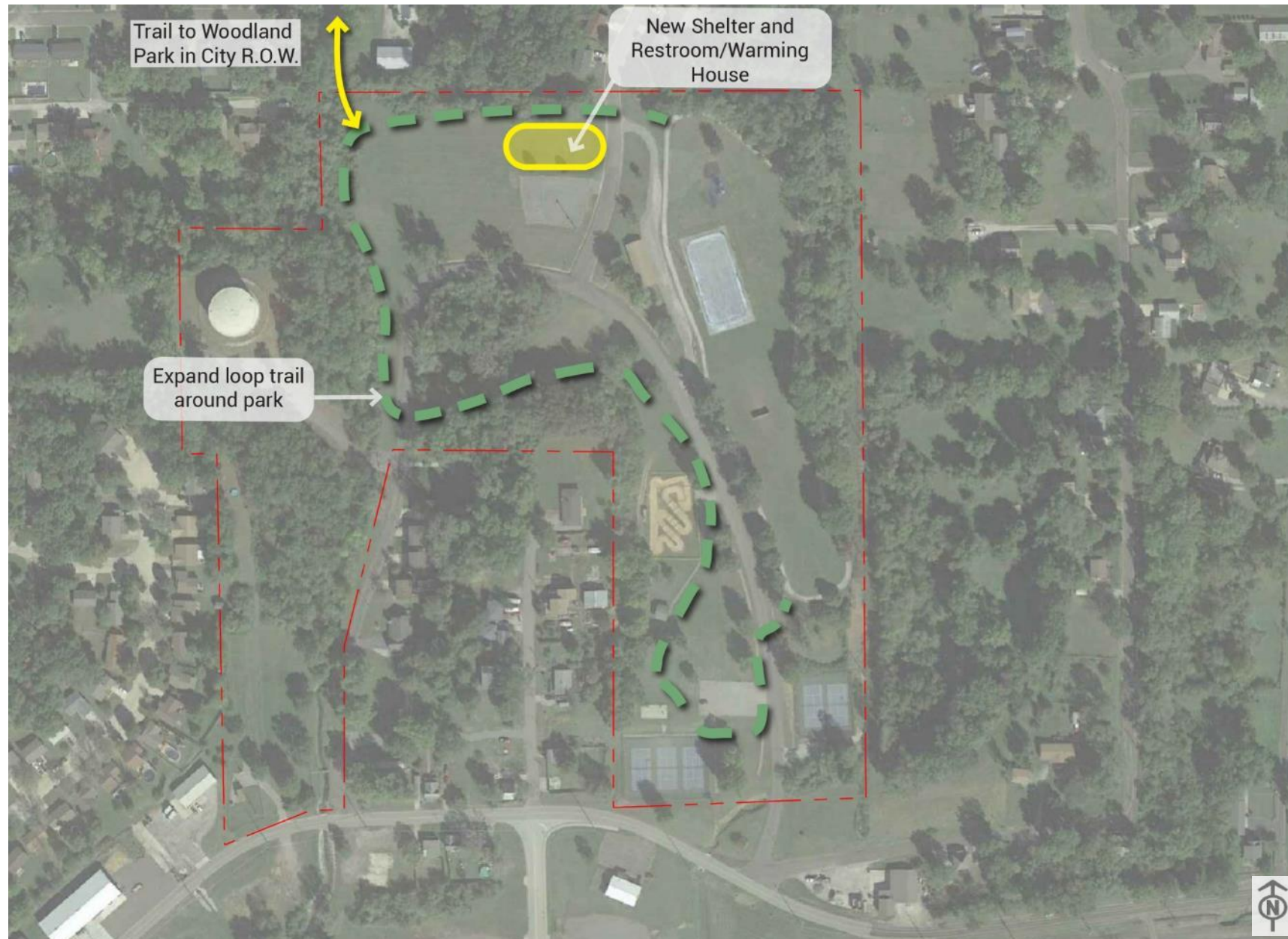
# Glidden Park (32 AC)



## Overview

- Small playground, restroom, large pavilion, 5 tennis courts, rink, remote control car track, Basketball
- Many park facilities are dated and in need of repair
- Lack of pedestrian walkways to connect facilities
- OSLAD Grant for improvements

# Glidden Park



## Current Improvements (In Progress)

- Replace Shelter, Hockey Rink, Restroom, Basketball Court, and Road Near Hockey Rink
- Add Drinking Fountains, Toro Court, Entrance Signs, Accessible Pathways
- Convert group of 3 Tennis Courts to Pickle Ball Courts

## Suggested Improvements

Expand Loop Trail Around Park

Build Connecting Trail to Woodland Park Using City R.O.W.

Resurface Parking Lots

New Shelter and Year-Round Restroom/Warming House Near Sledding Hill

New Winter Programming for Park (Ex. Ice Skating in Rink)

Erosion Control Improvements

# Morris Hills Park (3 AC)



## Overview

- Small neighborhood park with deteriorated swings, a small basketball court, a picnic table pad and lawn area
- Most of park is wooded and has steep slopes limiting access
- Seems to be rarely used

# Morris Hills Park



## Suggested Improvements

### Short Term

- Remove Old and Unsafe Play Components
- Remove Basketball Hoop and Pad

### Add Play Feature

- Climbing boulders or net structure
- Vandal Resistant

### Option A: Develop Tree Nursery

- Nurse Year-Old Saplings to 1"-2" Caliper Trees for City Use
- Include perimeter fence for security

### Option B: Short loop path & plant park with native plants

# D.D. Collins House (0.7 AC) & Adjacent Open Space (0.6 AC)

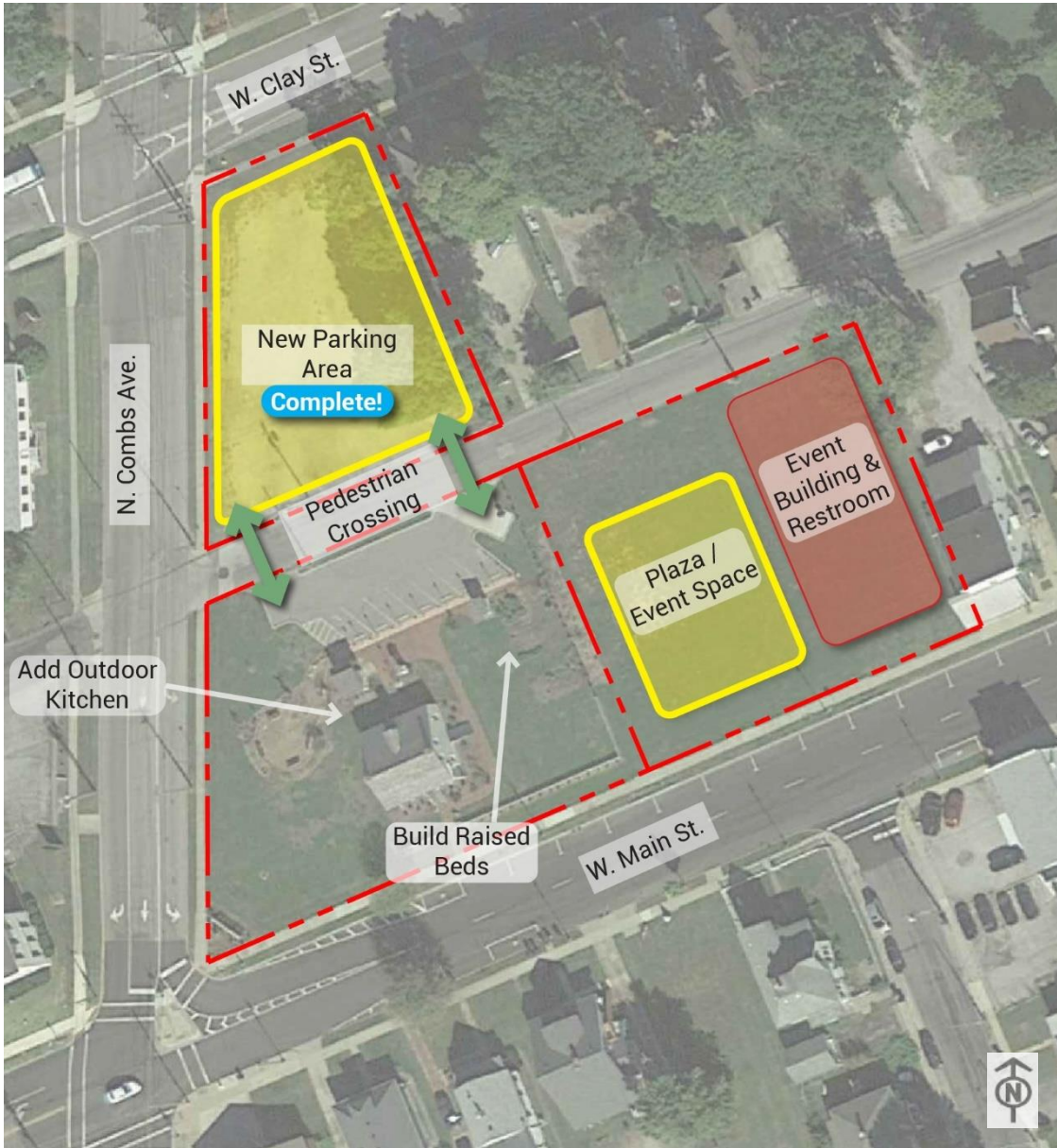


## Overview – DD Collins & Adjacent Open Space

- Historic house, brick plaza and vegetable garden in good condition
- Interpretive signage on Collinsville history
- Sidewalks, parking, lighting all in good condition
- Landscaping & garden are well maintained
- Lacking restroom and pavilion for events
- Currently limited utilization per the survey
- Adjacent open space is opportunity for community event space



# D.D. Collins House & Adjacent Open Space



## Suggested Improvements DD Collins

### Short Term

- Accessible Raised Planting Beds

### Add Historic-Themed Outdoor Kitchen

## Suggested Improvements Adjacent Open Space

### Create destination event space and permanent home for Farmer's Market

- Community Plaza/Event Space
- Community Event Building & Restroom

# Next Steps

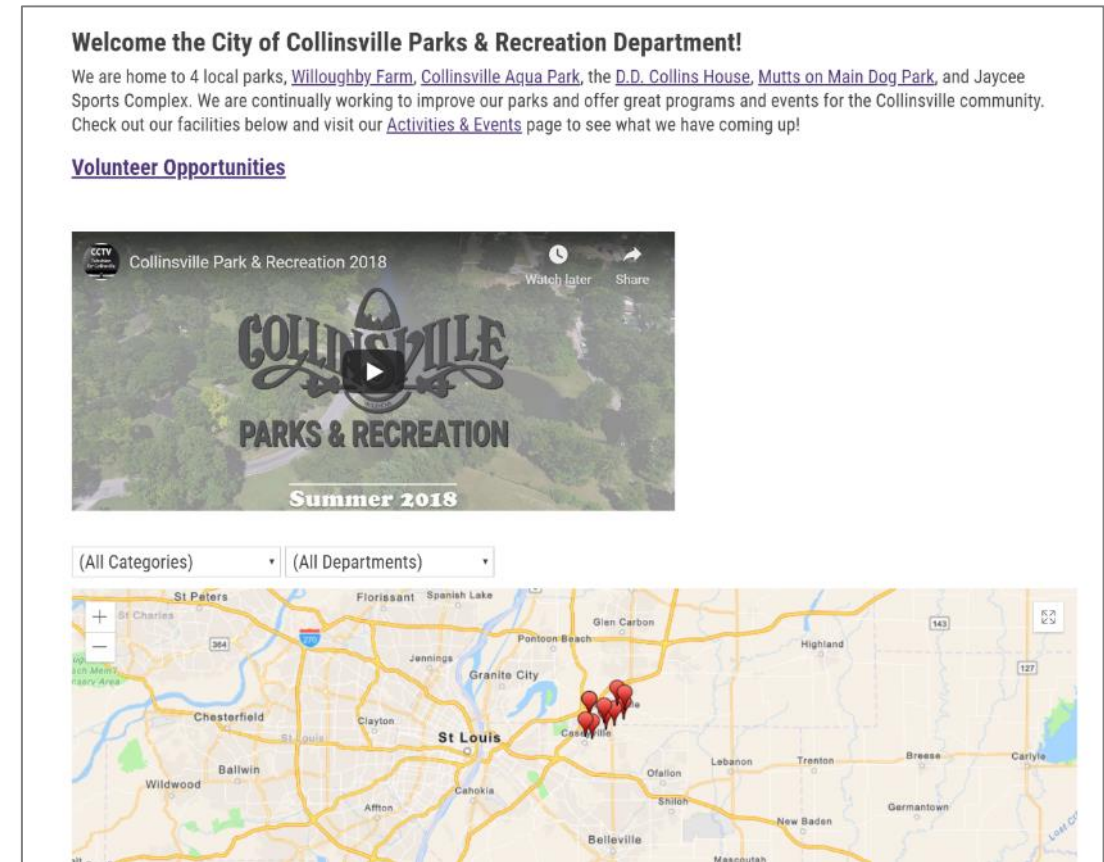
## Your Input Needed!

- Visit Collinsville Parks Website:

[www.collinsvilleil.org/departments/parks-recreation](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/departments/parks-recreation)

- Review Parks Master Plan Information

- Provide your priorities input via Survey Monkey



# THANK YOU!

