



City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, Forestry, Facilities & Grounds

City of LaCrosse
Parks, Recreation & Forestry

City Council Goals and Priorities

1. Improve housing with preference toward mixed use development and redevelopment
2. Improve public safety
3. Improve code and enforcement
4. Improve streets and infrastructure
5. Develop/Improve regional relationships
6. Develop budget planning to include performance measures and cost savings
7. Attract employers, both manufacturing and professional
8. Improve community engagement
9. Improve employee relationships
10. Finish administrative reorganization
11. Improve internal and external communications
12. Improve public online access

Overview

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4. Community Engagement
 - Outdoor Recreation
 - Recreation Programs
 - Special Recreation
 - Neighborhood and Senior Centers
5. Community Partners
 - Third Party Lease Agreements
 - Neighborhood Associations
6. Strategic Plan
7. Questions

Department Overview



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Project Updates



2018-2019 PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Trane All Abilities Park

1500 Chase Street

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Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

Construction Contractor: Olympics Builders (Shelter)

Partnership: UW-La Crosse, Gundersen Health System, Damon Farber Landscape Architects, School District of La Crosse, La Crosse Area Autism Foundation, Metre, Mayo Clinic Health System

Capital Improvement Project: 2018 #54; 2019 #10 (\$1,000,000)

Start Date: October 2018

Completion Date: June 2019

Trane All Abilities Park Project Overview

Trane Park was named in honor of Reuben Trane and Family, and was developed with a \$35,000 gift from the Trane Company in 1954. The All Abilities Trane Park Project will transform the existing park into a common space where children and adults can play together, regardless of their cognitive, sensory, or physical needs.

For an individual with a physical challenge, finding a park or playground that can be at least partially accommodating has become easier in recent years. However, for an individual with cognitive, sensory or other physical challenges, there remains no park in the state of Wisconsin designed to meet their specific needs. This population is not insignificant - an estimated 12,190 people over the age of 5 have a disability in La Crosse County. That is 12% of the population. Children and adults with special needs benefit from an enclosed play environment where they can safely explore and play with others of varied abilities. The All Abilities Trane Park Project will be designed to be fun and accessible; a community within a community that can bring together individuals of all ages – from toddlers to seniors – and all abilities to experience the simple, everyday joy of outside play. Born out of a need in the community, the Park will provide an environment for those with cognitive, sensory, or physical challenges that encourages growth and socialization through play. It will not only benefit La Crosse County, but create a valued destination for the entire region.

With the All Abilities Trane Park Project, we are sending a clear message to current residents and anyone considering a move to the area – we provide an environment for those with special needs that cannot be found in any other Midwest community. In fact, with this park project, La Crosse can provide its residents with the kind of park that only exists in a handful of communities throughout the nation.



TRANE PARK

SITE PLAN

W/SWINGING ZONE AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

02.27.2019



river ARCHITECTS DF/ DAMON FARBER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Veteran's Memorial Pool

1901 Campbell Road

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Architectural & Engineering: Ayres Associates

Construction Contractor: Wapasha Construction Company

Partnership: Veteran's Memorial Pool Committee

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #27

Additional Funding Source: Veteran's Memorial Pool Committee

Start Date: November 2018

Completion Date: Summer 2019

Veteran's Memorial Pool Project Overview

In 1938, the original Municipal Pool was built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. This pool was closed in early 2016 after significant repairs were required in order to reopen for the 2016 season. The pool remained closed until a new plan was developed for reconstruction. The goal of the Grandview Emerson Neighborhood Association is to fundraise \$500,000 for this project. Several original pieces of the facility are being salvaged to use as memorials to honor the Veterans and community members who made this project possible. Items such as the diving boards, slide, ADA ramp, lap lanes, and the dedication area will be great new features for this pool.

Veteran's Memorial Pool Features To Be Completed:

- Diving Board
- Slide
- ADA Ramp
- Geysers
- Lap Lanes
- Veterans' Dedication Area



Veterans Memorial Pool Progress



CIP Update

CIP Parks & Recreation

- Pettibone Road and Utility Connection
- Green Island Ice Arena
- Trane Park
- Copeland Press Box
- Carroll Final
- Myrick Park – Kids Coulee
- Trails/Blufflands
- Fence Replacement
- Burns Park
- Badger-Hickey

CIP Buildings & Grounds

- City Hall Elevators
- City Hall Boilers

Maintenance Overview

High Priority

- Urgency Level
 - 1-3 Years
 - Requires attention now or in the near future
- Impact Issues
 - Keeping the Public Safe, Preventing Financial Loss, Ability to Provide Services, and Maintaining Reputation
- Examples:
 - Oktoberfest Pavilion, Kids Coulee, Black River Beach Restroom Doors

Medium Priority

- Urgency Level
 - 3-5 Years
 - Does not require immediate attention and can wait a few years
- Impact Issues
 - Financial Planning, Preventing Financial Loss, Continuation of Services, and Maintaining Reputation
- Examples:
 - Copeland Enclosed, Myrick Entry Sign, and Erickson Shade

Low Priority

- Urgency Level
 - 5-10 Years
 - Addressing long term projects
- Impact Issues
 - Financial Planning, Continuation of Services, and Maintaining Reputation
- Examples:
 - Houska Playground, Merry Meadows Shelter, and Roellig Flag Pole

Forestry Update

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

EAB Trees Removed

- 6,500 Total Trees
- 4,500 Trees on Boulevards

Replacement Trees

- 3,500 Trees Replaced
- 750 Trees Remaining

Neighborhood Plantings

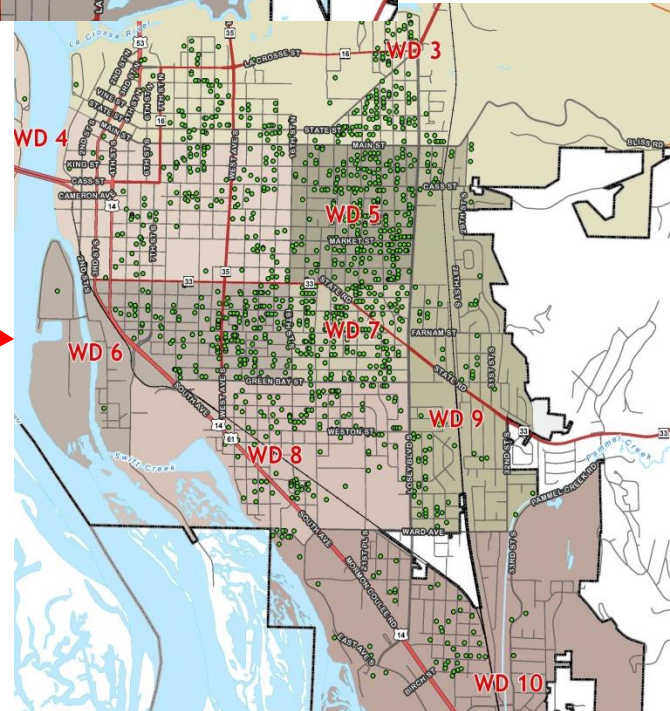
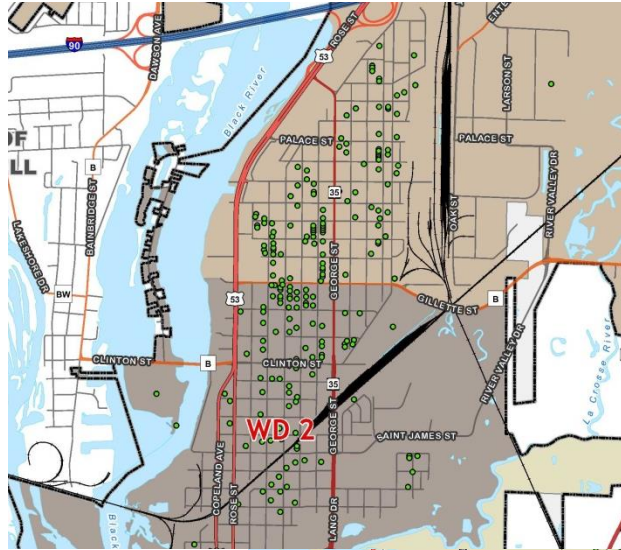
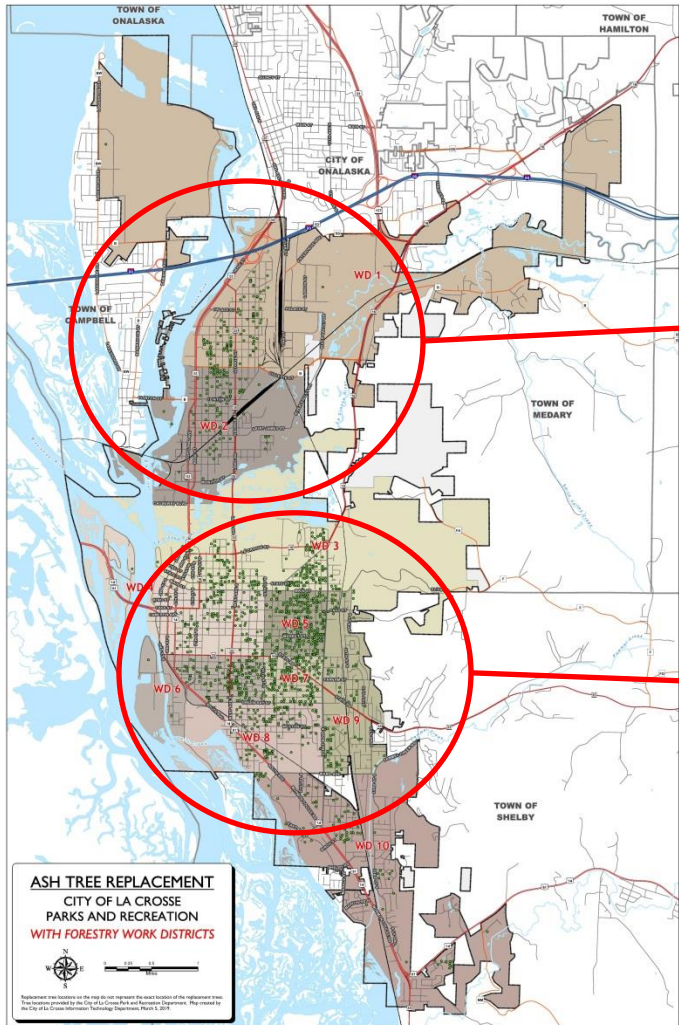
- 527 Planted in 2018

Operational Tree Budget

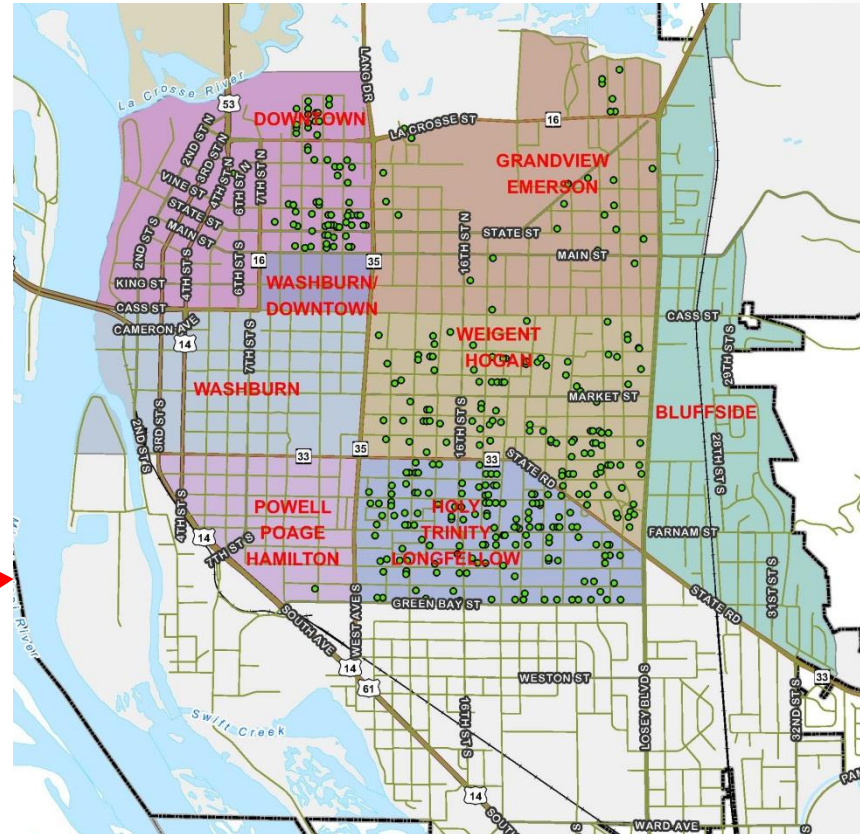
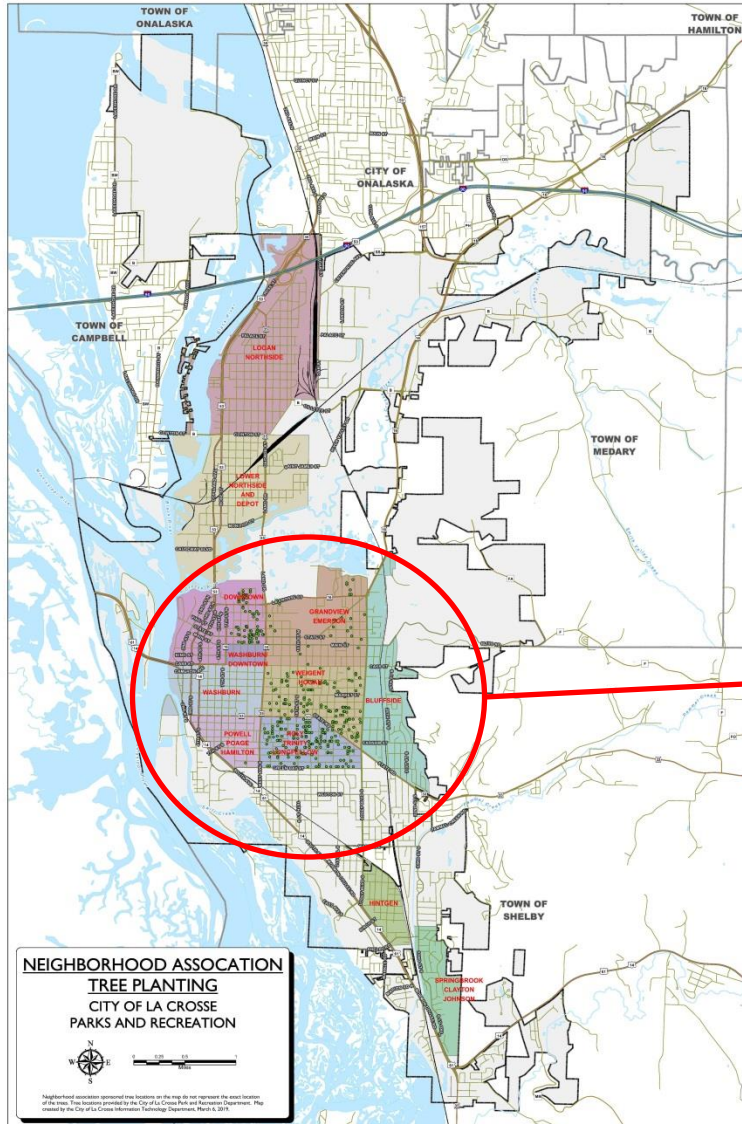
- 117 Trees in 2019 Budget



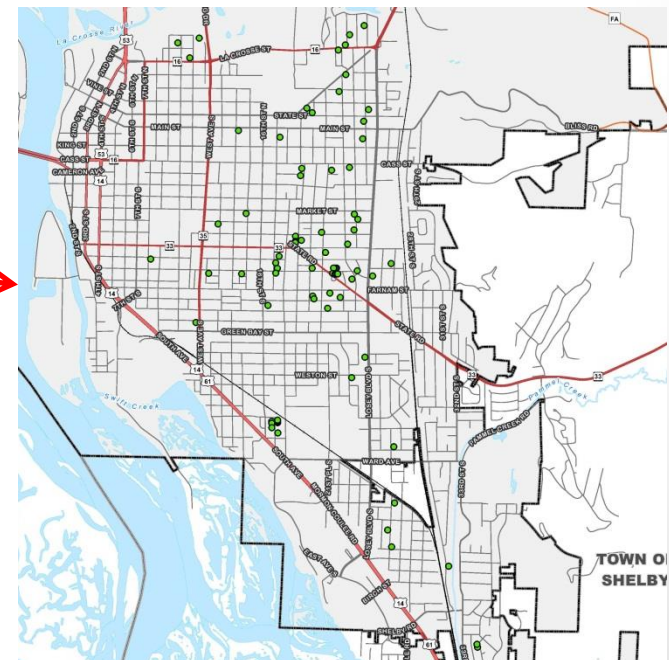
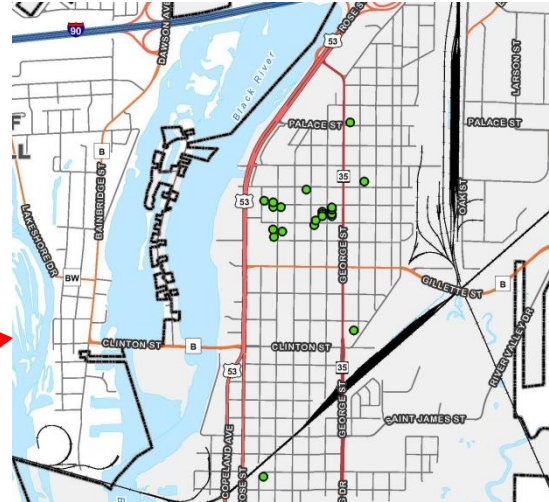
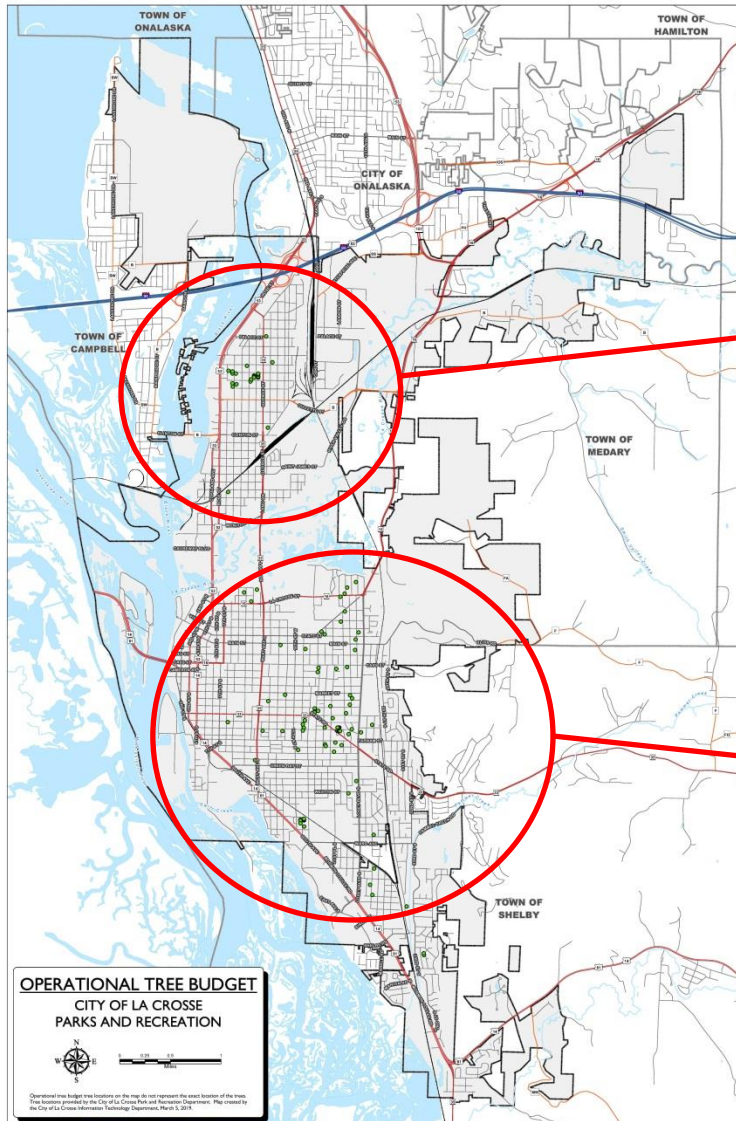
Emerald Ash Borer Replacements



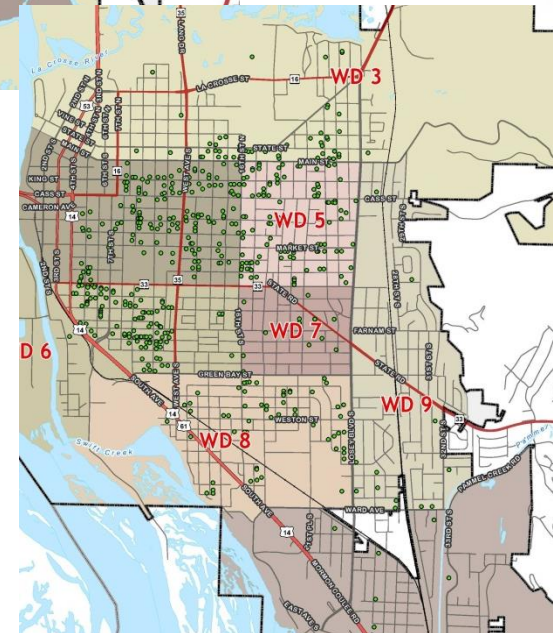
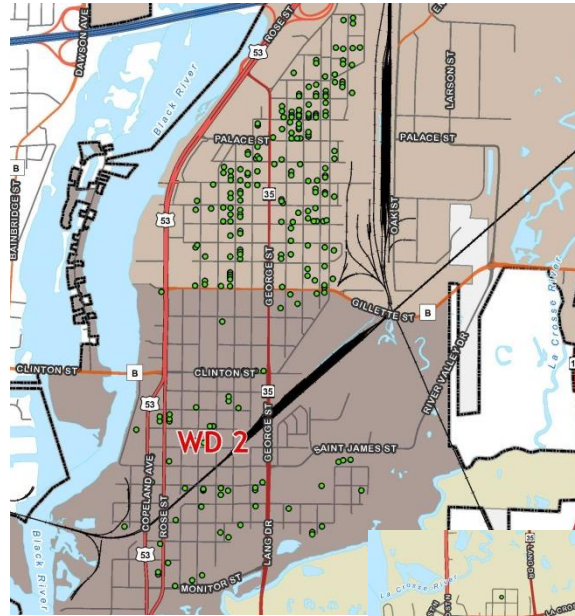
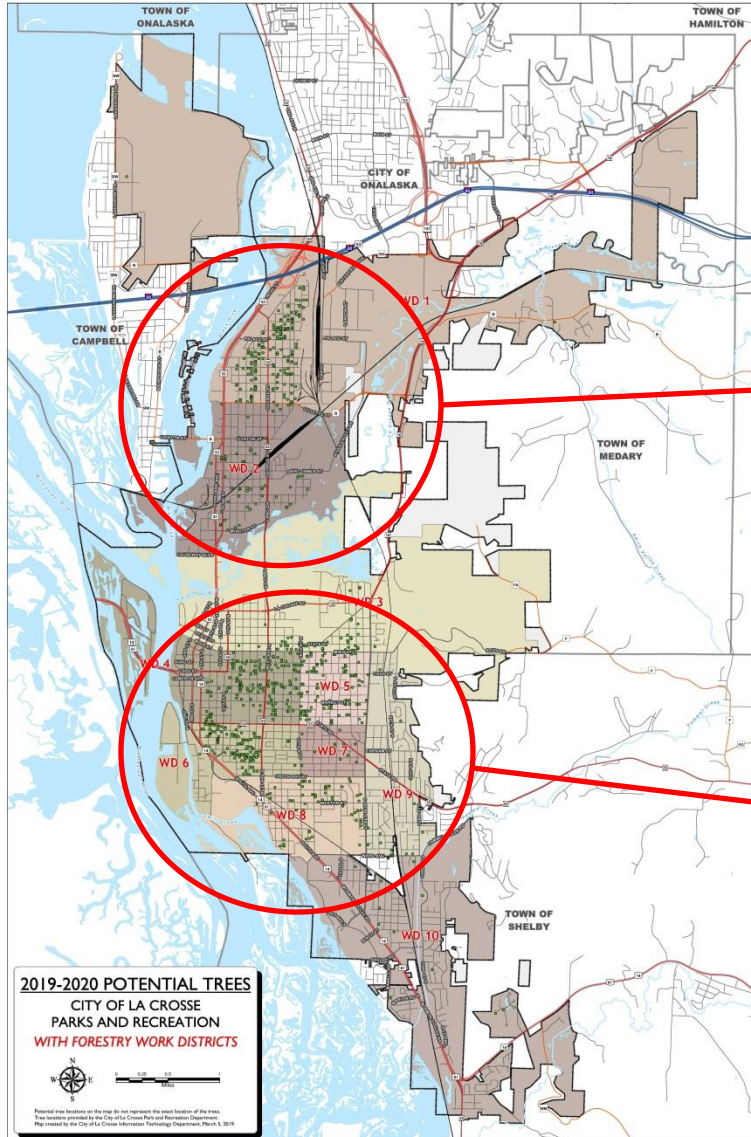
Neighborhood Plantings



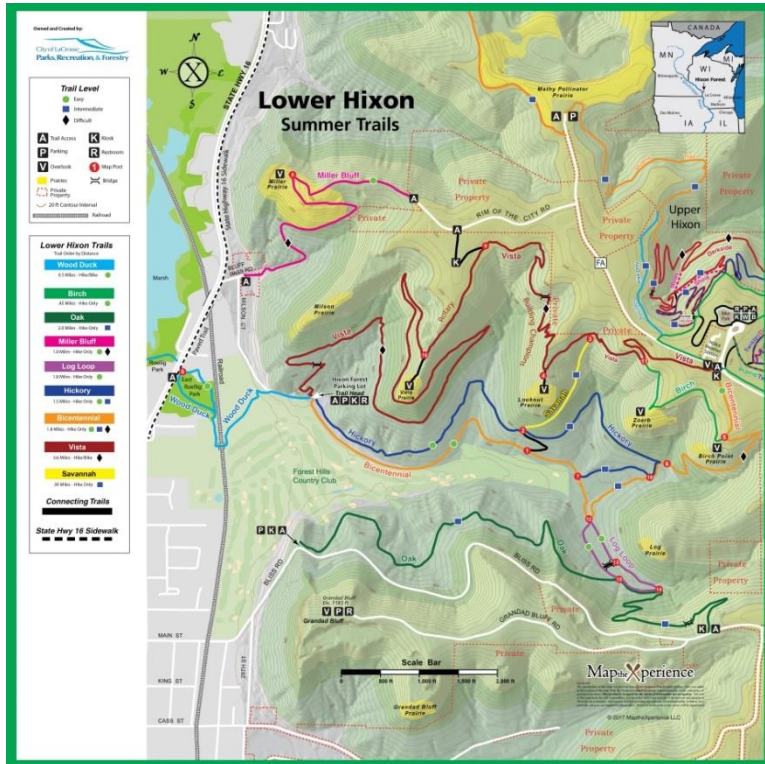
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2019-2020 Potential Locations



Outdoor Recreation



- ✓ 46 miles of trail
- ✓ 2,000 acres of natural area

2018 Contributions

- \$95,000.00 in grants, donation, and partnerships
- \$60,000.00 in in-kind services

Natural Resources Management Plan

- Environmental Leadership Forum in April
- Park Board in May
- Council in June



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Presented By: Gary Thurk

Forest Hills

Picture by: Keith Stoll



Recreation Programming

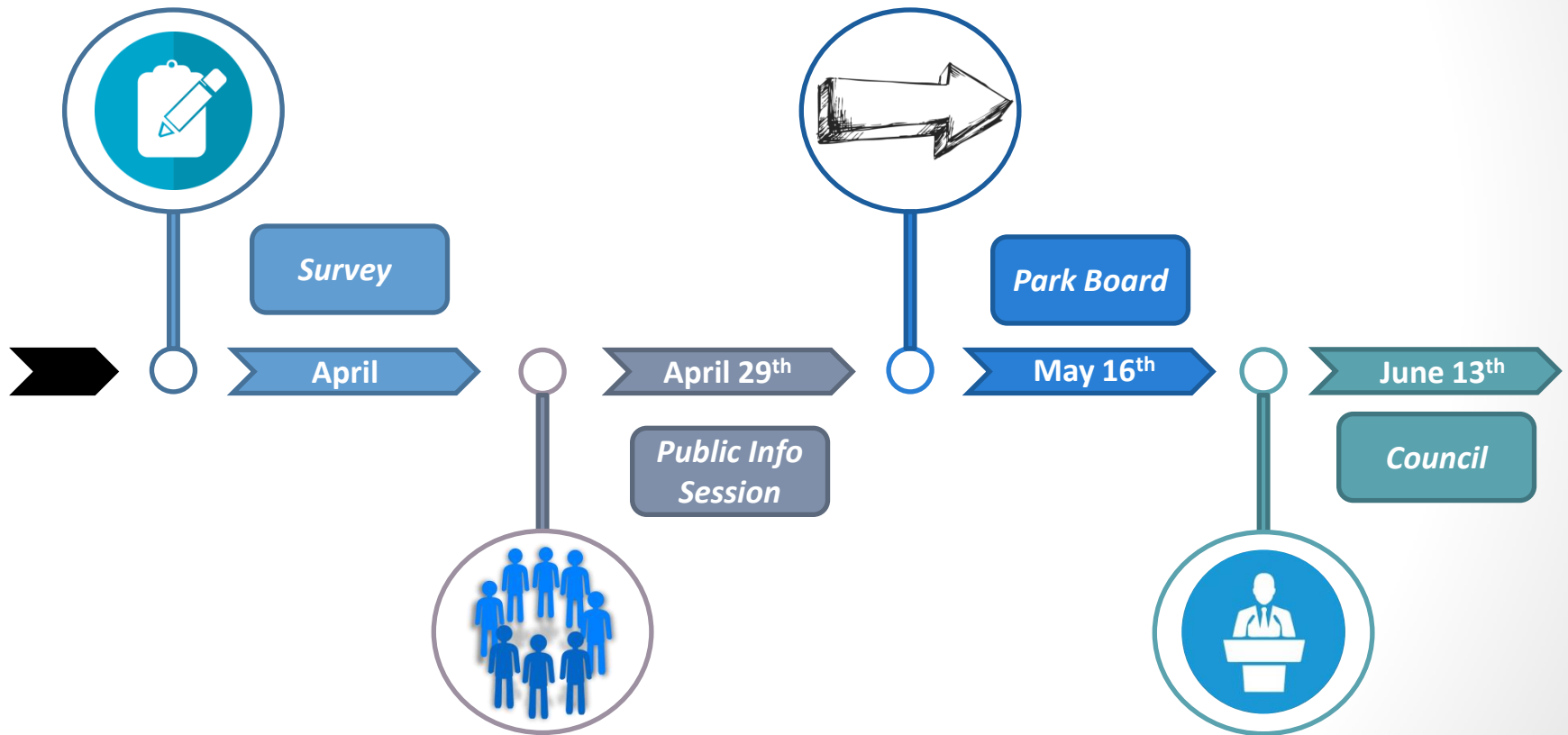


[January - April 2019 Activity Guide](#)

Community Partners

- 4000 Foundation
- Field for Kids
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Harry J. Olson Senior Center
- Kemper – Forest Hills
- La Crosse Loggers
- La Crosse Queen
- La Crosse Hockey Management
- La Crosse Community Foundation
- La Crosse County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Pettibone Boat Club
- Pettibone Park Resort
- Pump House
- Rotary Lights
- South Side Senior Center
- US Cellular
- UW – La Crosse
- WisCorps
- La Crosse Area Autism Foundation

Strategic Plan Timeline



Questions?