

City Plan Commission
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Two blocks from the LaCrosse City Hall lies a thousand acre natural wonderland with river otters, nesting eagles, rare Black Terns, Sandhill Cranes, the endangered Blanding Turtle, dragonflies, monarch butterflies, northern pike, bass and beaver, birds and ducks of many species.

What other city in Wisconsin can boast such a resource for its citizens? It serves commuters, fishermen, naturalists, educators, scientists, children, walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers and people seeking renewal from the burdens of life in this time.

This affirming community life supporting area has, over time, been carved into areas that artificially block the flow of water from one area into the other. The hydrology of the LaCrosse River Marsh has been tweaked and squeezed into areas which are easily overwhelmed by flood events and blockages. The CIP Budget item #551 Marsh Hydrological Study will help restore this area towards a resilient renewable normal that will enhance this resource for all time, for all people.

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