

# Yahara River Park

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# Meeting Format

- Presentation
  - Project History
  - Current Design
  - Next Steps
- Booths for Questions & Answers
  - Comment & Questions Box





# Project History




# Preliminary Project Research

- November 2016 – Citizen Idea
- November 2016 – December 2018 – Whitewater Park Research

“Our river park is our downtown anchor and was the key piece in our revival helping make Salida the economic hub for our region and is our city’s social center.”

- P.T. Wood, Mayor of Salida, CO & Business Owner



# Project Benefits – Spurs Economic Development

“A lot of towns have a river running through them,” he says. “In the Midwest, there are dams near towns, which used to power industry, that are rotting away. We can give them an experience they didn’t have before. Just by doing a little bit of manipulation of that river, they can become the Breckenridge of kayaking. These mining and ski towns are starting to leverage this resource.”

- Scott Shipley

“The largest share of responses, 37.1%, was from ages 25-44. Ayres project manager Jacob Blue said this age group prefers “experiences” over tangible purchases.”

- Stoughton Courier Hub on the Downtown RDA Ad Hoc Committee Survey Results

# Project Benefits – Environmental

Wollen Mills Dam – West Bend, WI





## Project Benefits – Social



Boise, ID



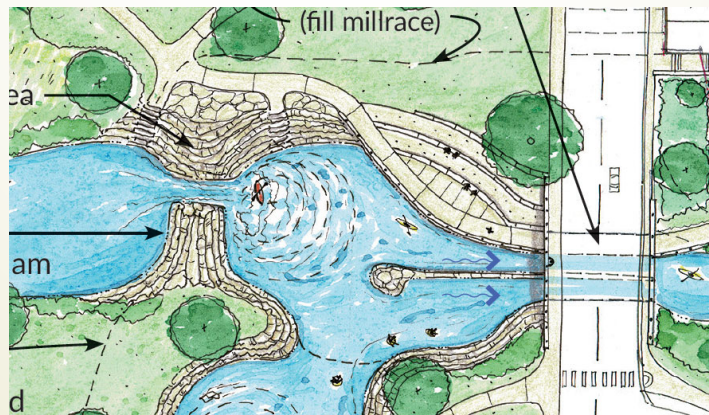
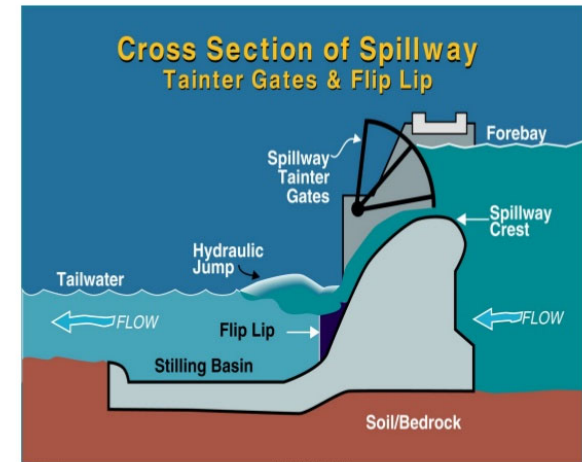
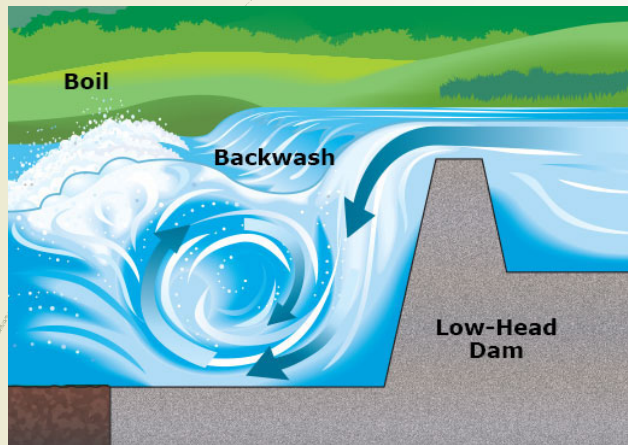
Reno Whitewater Festival



## Project Benefits – Health



# Project Benefits – Safety



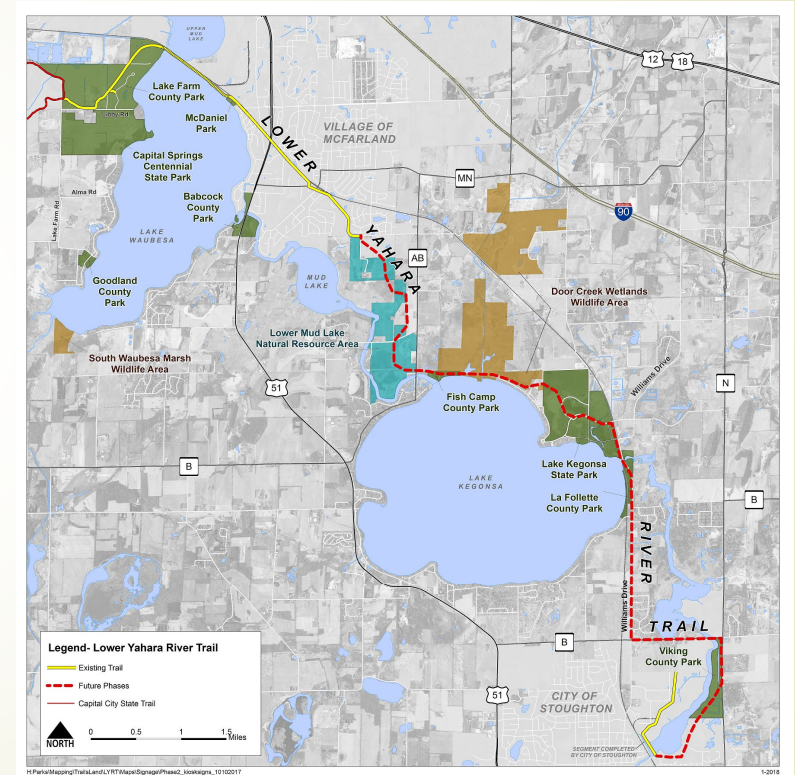


# Project Benefits - Recreation



Fishing – Habitat Improvement & Access

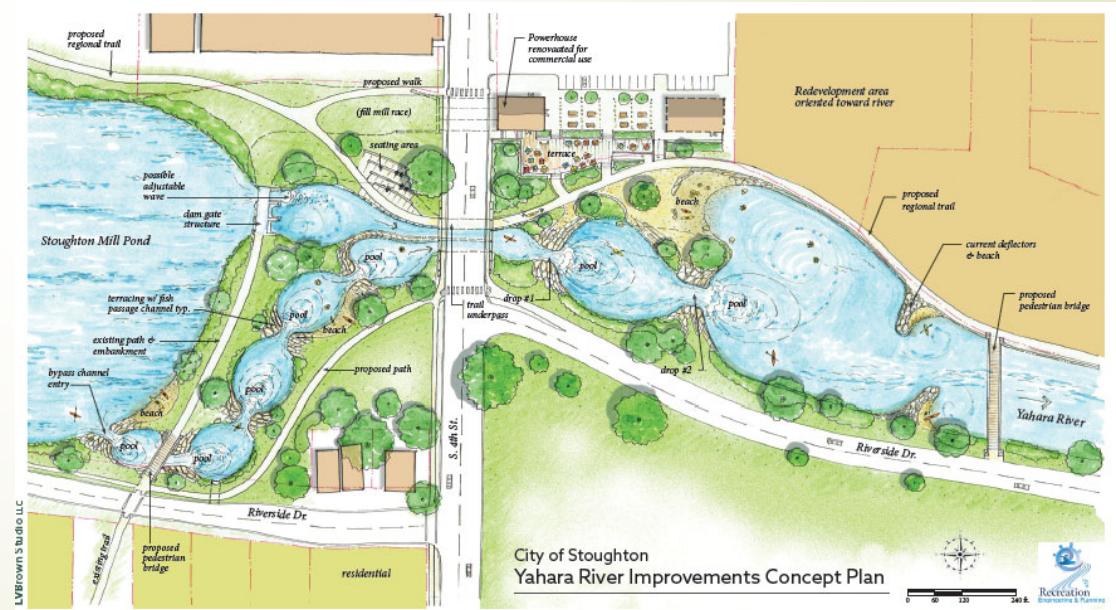
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Regional Trails – Water and Pedestrian

# Concept Plan

- January 2018 – WDNR Meeting
- February 2018 – Concept Plan Development
- May 2018 – Concept Plan Presentation





# Project Steering Committee

- June 2018 - Steering Committee Approval
- Summer 2018 - Steering Committee Member Recruitment
- August 2018 - First Meeting
- September 2018 to June 2019 – Experts
- July 2019 – Dam Out Design Recommendation



# Economic Impact Analysis

Spending Category:	Baseline: <sup>1</sup>		Kayaker Spending <sup>2</sup>	Annual Visitor Expenditures: <sup>3</sup>		
	Daily Spending	Percentage		30-minute	60-minute	120-minute
Accommodations	\$7.47	8.73%	\$5.97	\$175,955	\$488,451	\$2,589,599
Restaurants and Bars	\$14.38	16.80%	\$11.49	\$338,719	\$940,284	\$4,985,065
Gasoline and Auto	\$26.98	31.52%	\$21.56	\$635,510	\$1,764,177	\$9,353,063
Groceries and Liquor	\$13.33	15.57%	\$10.65	\$313,986	\$871,626	\$4,621,065
Entertainment	\$2.74	3.20%	\$2.19	\$64,540	\$179,164	\$949,866
Miscellaneous Retail	\$2.53	2.96%	\$2.02	\$59,594	\$165,432	\$877,066
Admissions/fees/licenses	\$4.02	4.70%	\$3.21	\$94,690	\$262,861	\$1,393,599
Equipment rent & repair	\$4.63	5.41%	\$3.70	\$109,059	\$302,748	\$1,605,066
Equipment Purchase	\$9.52	11.12%	\$7.61	\$224,242	\$622,497	\$3,300,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85.60</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$68.40</b>	<b>\$2,016,295</b>	<b>\$5,597,240</b>	<b>\$29,674,656</b>
<b>Kayaking market</b>				<b>29,478</b>	<b>81,831</b>	<b>433,840</b>

Visitor Expenditures

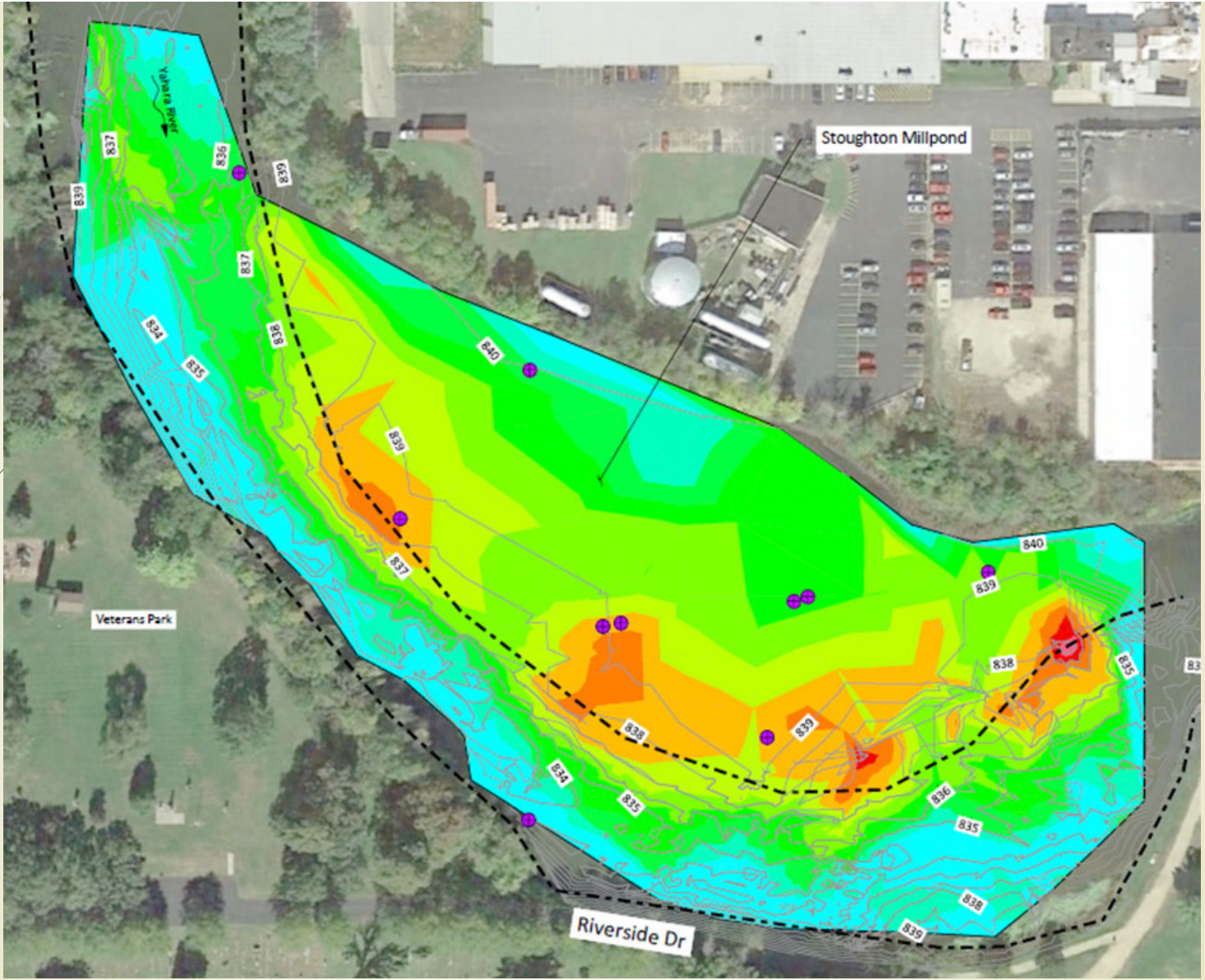


Drive Times

# Sediment Sampling & Results



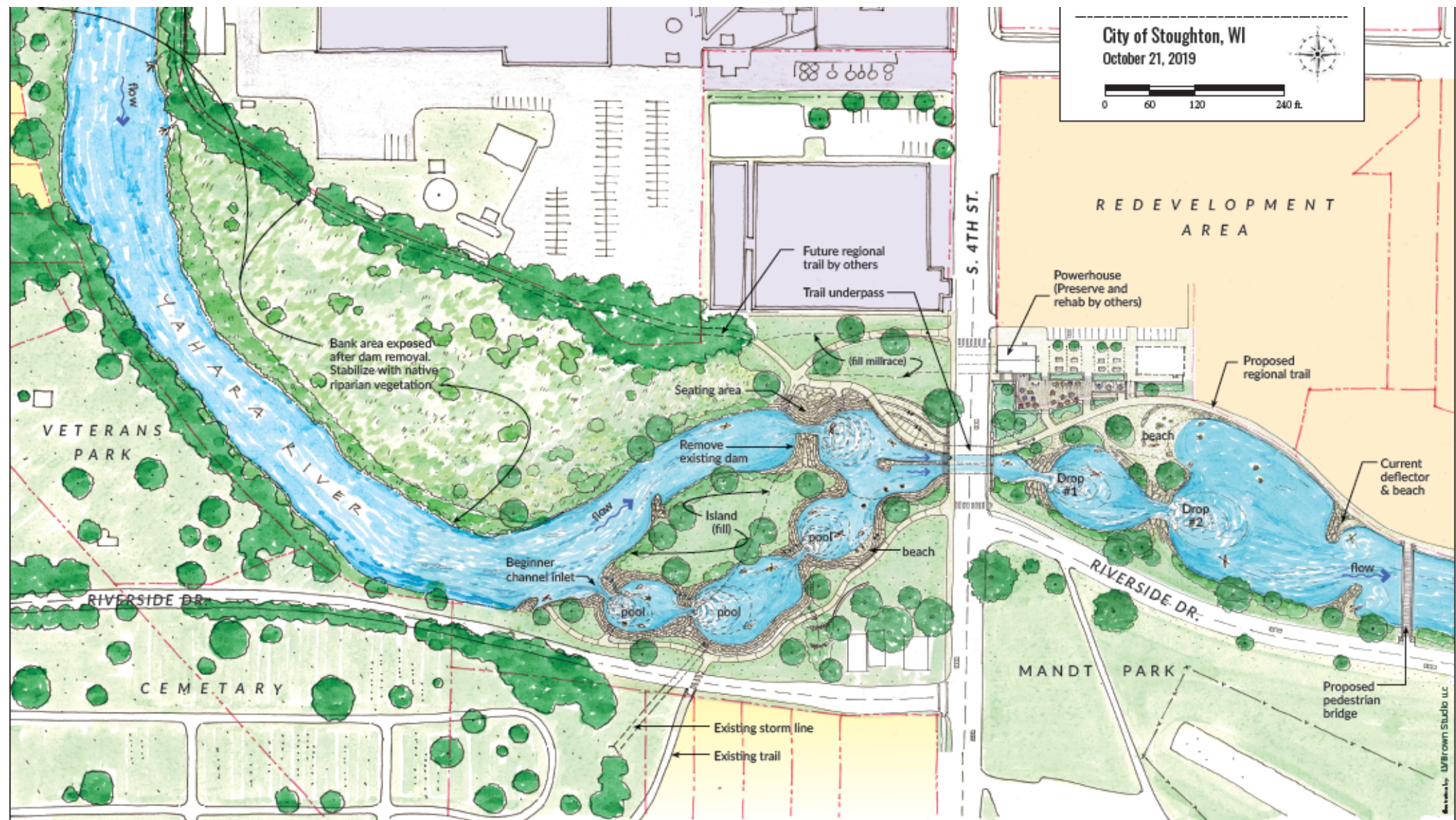








# Preliminary Design



City of Stoughton, WI  
 October 21, 2019



REDEVELOPMENT  
 AREA

Powerhouse  
 (Preserve and  
 rehab by others)

Proposed  
 regional trail

Current  
 deflector  
 & beach

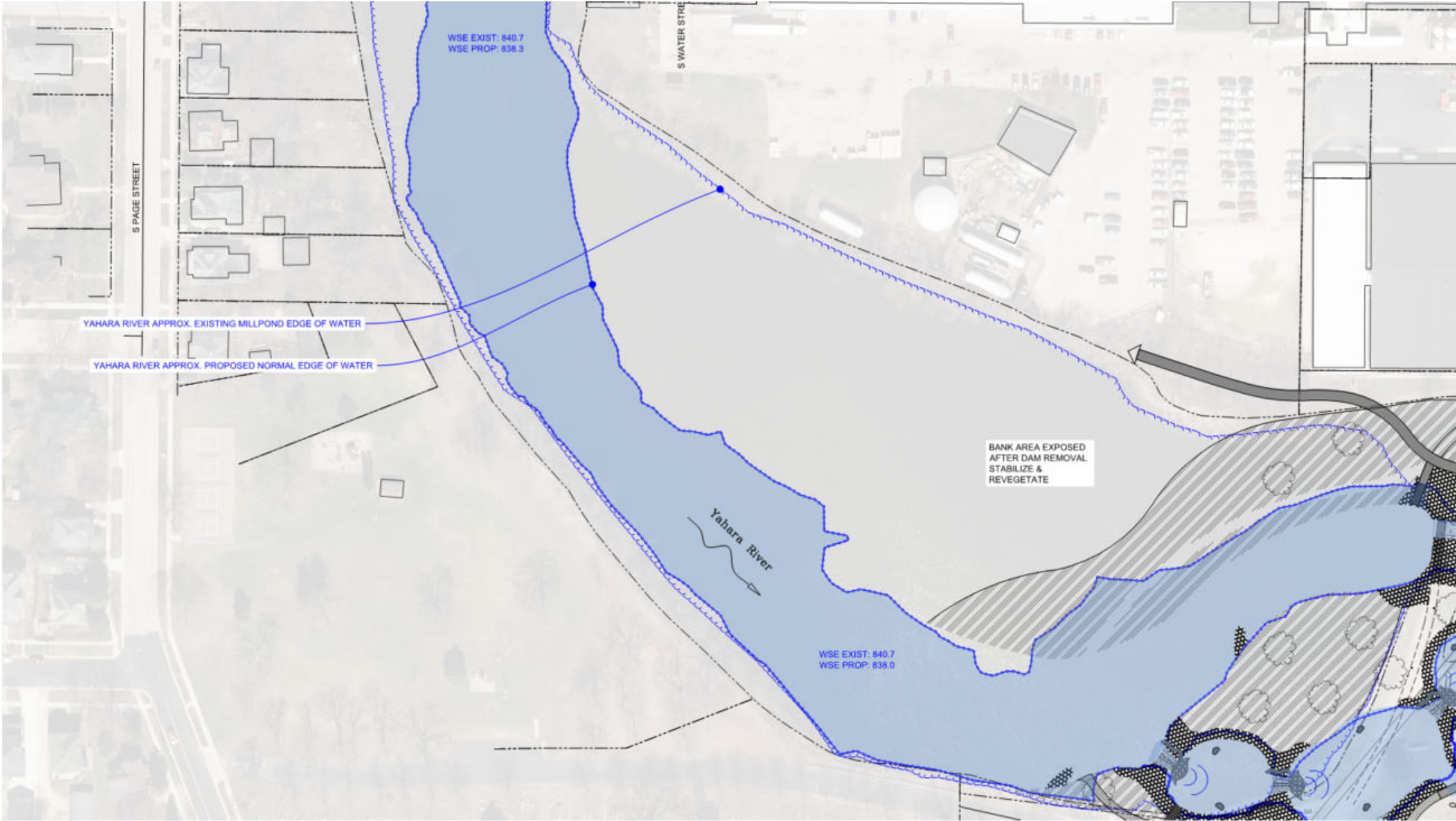
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MANDT PARK

Proposed  
 pedestrian  
 bridge

Brown Studio LLC





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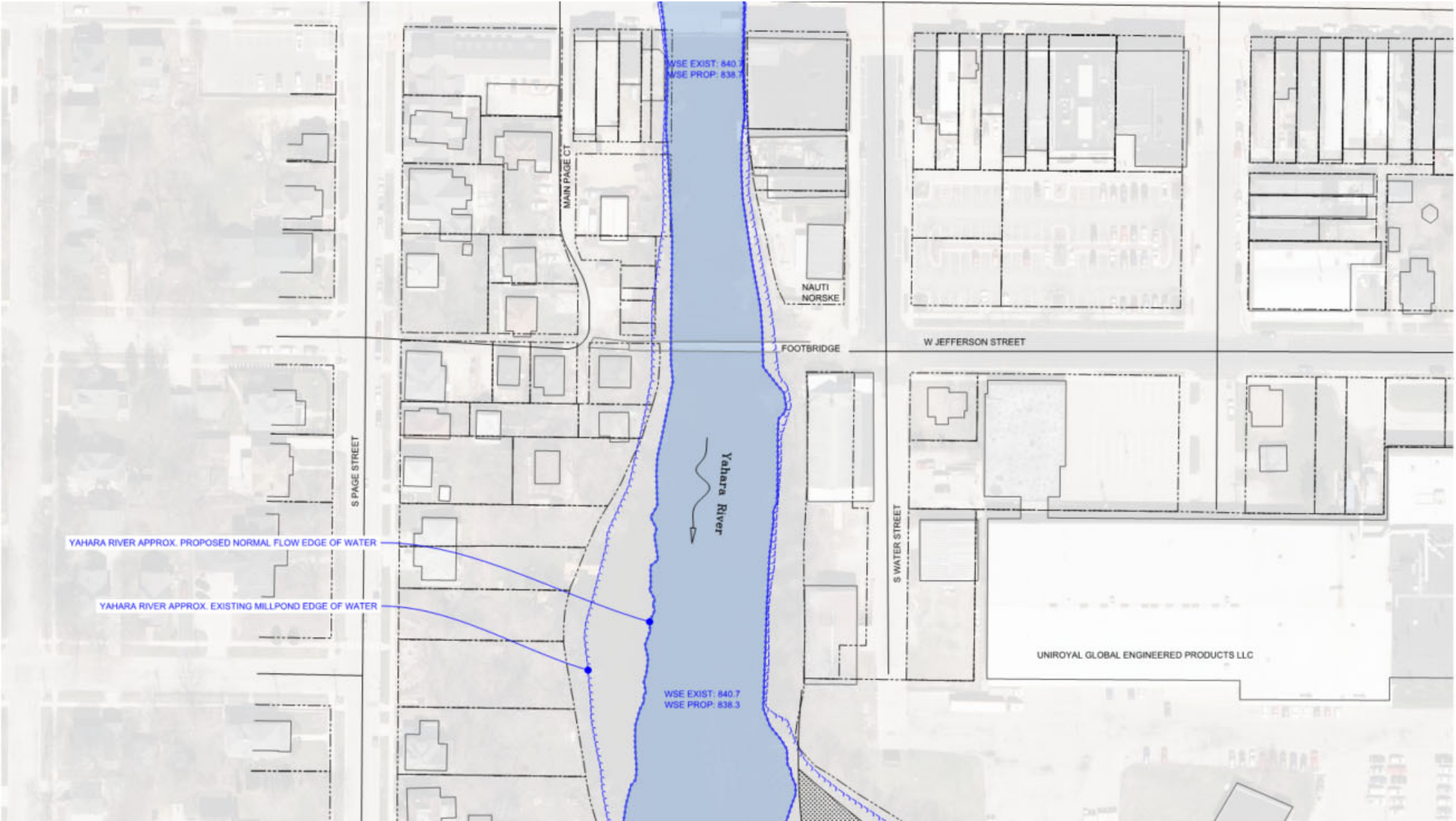
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BANK AREA EXPOSED  
AFTER DAM REMOVAL  
STABILIZE &  
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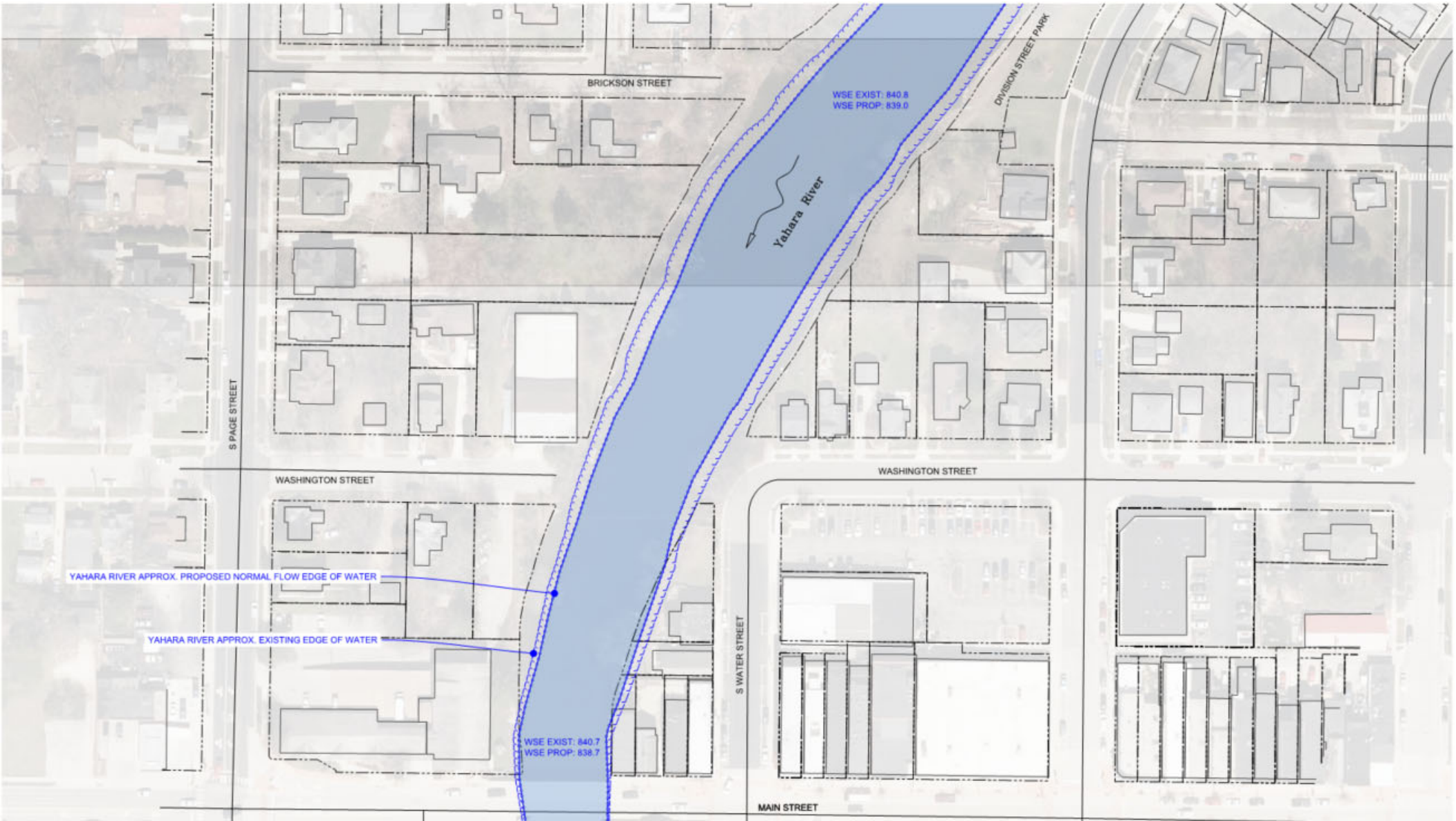
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S PAGE STREET



BRICKSON STREET

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DIVISION STREET PARK

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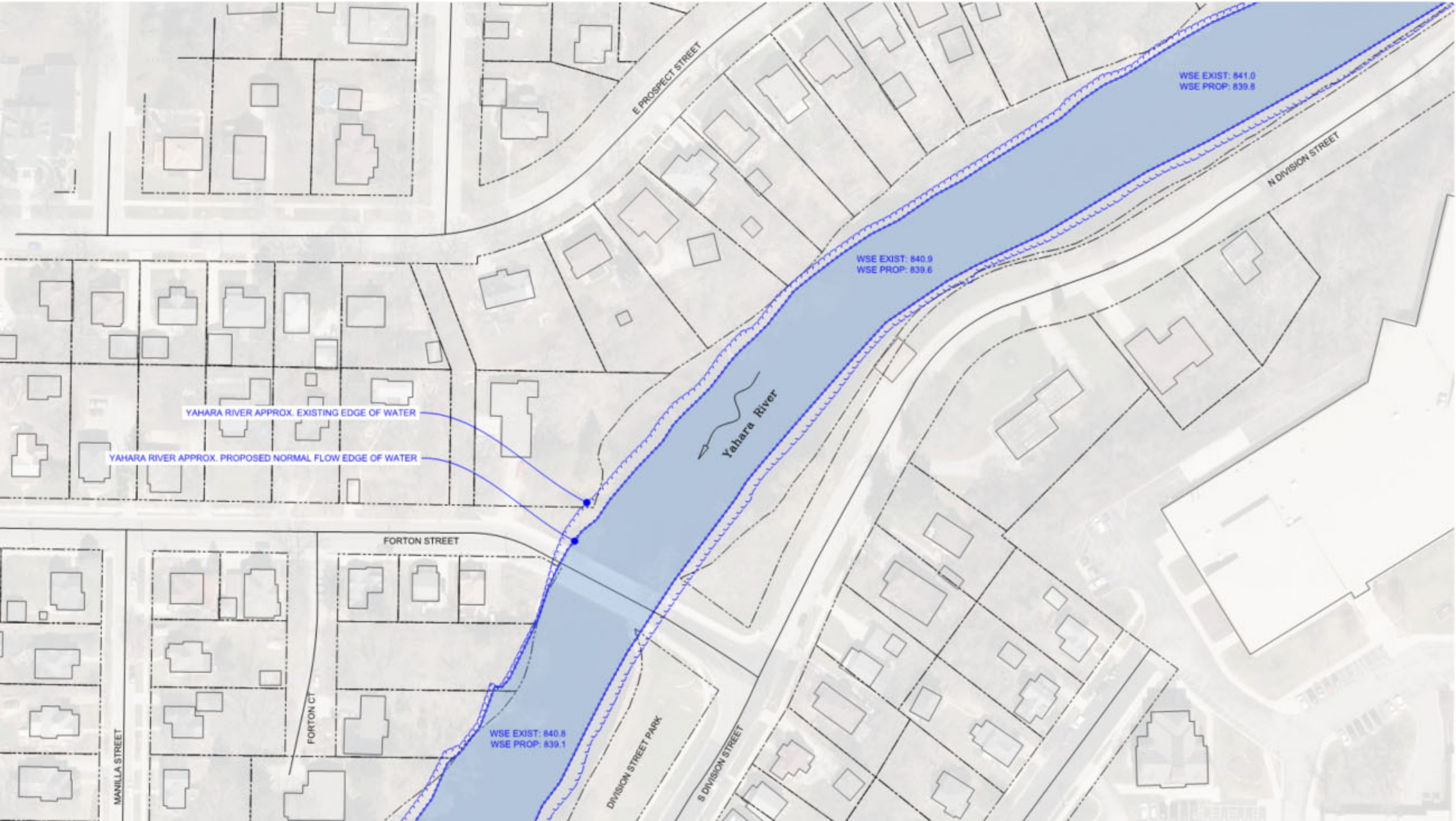
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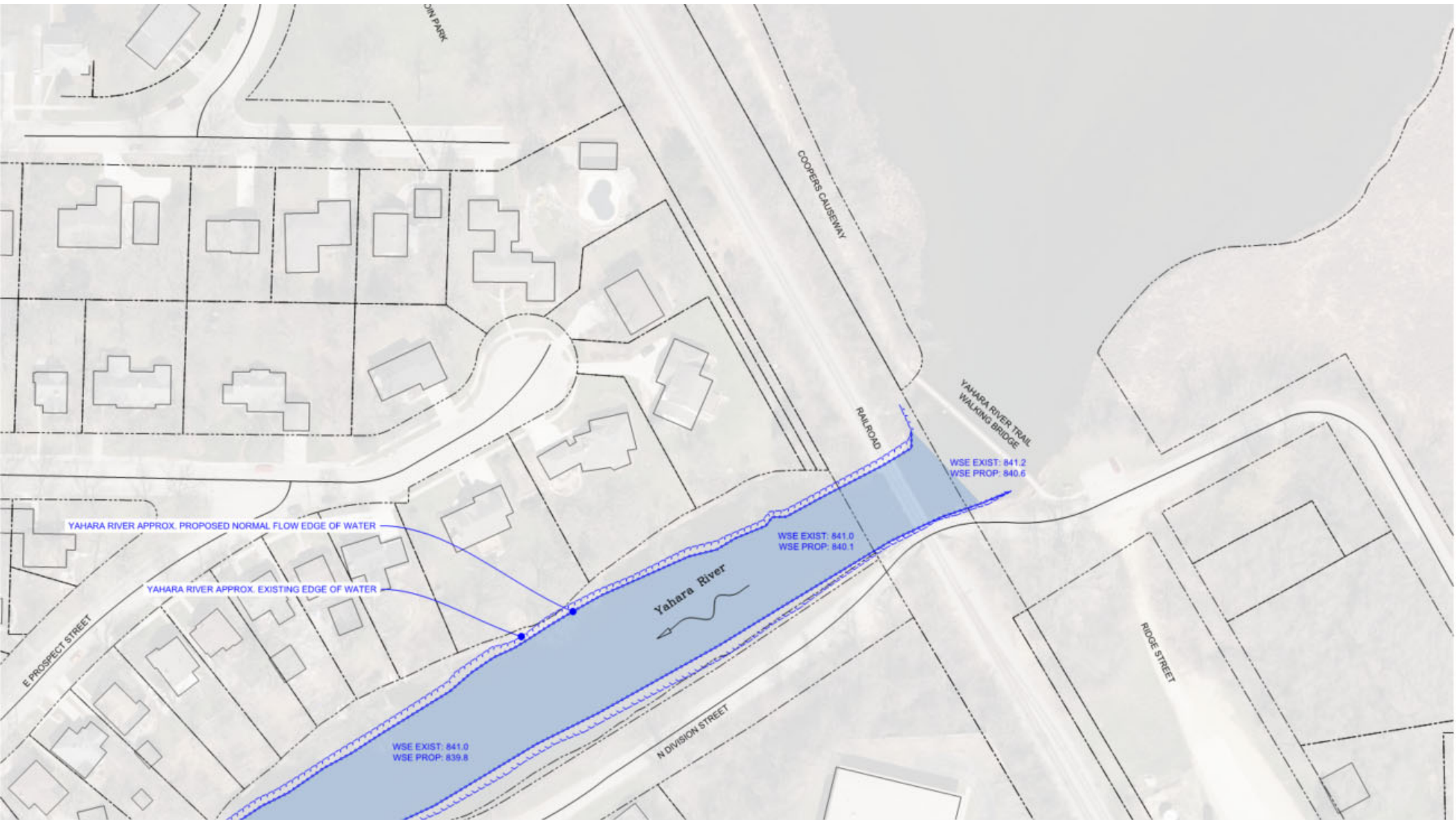
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# Next Steps



# Phasing & Timeline

## Phase I – 2021

- 4<sup>th</sup> St to 8<sup>th</sup> St Trail, Mandt Park/RDA Pedestrian Bridge

## Phase II – 2022

- In-water Improvements, Park Trails, Remediation, and Restoration

## Phase III – 2023

- 4<sup>th</sup> St to Water St Trail

## Phase IV – 2024

- Rental Facility



# Next Steps

1. Financial presentation to City Council
2. Title searches for exposed areas
3. Restoration and remediation plans
4. Final design and permitting
5. Trail design and engineering for RDA property
6. Fundraising
7. Rental operation planning





## Questions – Booths

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