

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2014 PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Handouts received at meeting

WEDNESDAY

3. Action Items

A. Air, Waste, Water, and Enforcement

3. Request adoption of Board Order DG-02-13, proposed rules for heat exchange drilling, to create a drilling license with requirements for heat exchange authorization and construction standards for heat exchange drilling. The proposed action implements 2011 Wisconsin Act 150 modifying Chapter 280, Wisconsin Statutes
 1. **Jeffrey Beiriger**, Menasha, representing Wisconsin Water Well Association and the Wisconsin Geothermal Association (**Handout**)
 2. **Terry Marshall**, Wisconsin Dells, representing Marshall Well Drilling

4. Request adoption of Board Order DG-03-13, proposed rules for inspections of water systems at time of property transfer, licensing of filling and sealing contractors, well inspectors and water well drilling rig operators, and citations for violations related to drilling and pump installing to protect public health and groundwater
 1. **Terry Marshall**, Wisconsin Dells, representing Wisconsin Water Well Association as President
 2. **Dennis Crow**, Lodi, representing self

B. Land Management, Recreation, Fisheries, and Wildlife

2. Request adoption of Board Order WM-21-13, proposed rules that prohibit firearm discharge across trails and require dog-proof traps on State Park properties, eliminate unique state park turkey hunting units because they are no longer needed, and clean up chs. NR 10 and 45 to reflect previous Board determinations (December 2012) under Wis. Act 168
 1. **George Meyer**, Madison, representing Wisconsin Wildlife Federation as Executive Director

4. Request approval of department recommendation to issue a Stewardship grant that will prohibit at least one nature-based outdoor activity (NBOA) on non-department land: City of Madison, Dane County
 1. **Kay Rutledge**, Madison, representing city of Madison Parks Division as Parks Planning and Development Manager (**Handout**)

5. Request approval of department recommendation to issue a Stewardship grant that will prohibit at least one nature-based outdoor activity (NBOA) on non-department land: City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County
 1. **Phillip Fieber**, City of Eau Claire, representing City of Eau Claire

6. Request approval of department recommendation to issue a Stewardship grant that will prohibit at least one nature-based outdoor activity (NBOA) on non-department land: City of Racine, Racine County
 1. **Matt Sadowski**, Racine, representing self (**Handout and Handouts**)
 2. **Jeff Maloney**, Racine, representing Vandewalle & Associates as Principal Designer
 3. **Cory Mason**, Racine, State Representative, 66th Assembly District
 4. **John Dickert**, Racine, representing City of Racine as Mayor
 5. **Gordy Kacala**, Racine, representing Racine County Economic Development Corp. as Executive Director
 6. **Matt Wagner**, Racine, representing Manager Community Affairs, SC Johnson

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4. Citizen Participation

1. **Judy Carlson**, Town of Millville (Prairie du Chien), representing self and Town Board
Topic: Payment in lieu of taxes for Millville Township (**Handout and Handouts**)

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February 25, 2014

To: Natural Resources Board

From: Jeffrey J. Beiriger on behalf of the Wisconsin Water Well Association

Re: Board Order DG-02-13 (Heat Exchange Drilling)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board,

My name is Jeffrey J Beiriger and I live in Menasha, Wisconsin. I own and operate a business called Association Management Services which provides government relations as well as executive management services for trade and professional association. Among my clients is the Wisconsin Water Well Association on whose behalf I am here to testify today.

It was probably four years ago that I was first involved in discussions regarding the licensing of heat exchange drill holes. A heat exchange drill hole is used in certain applications when a geothermal heating and cooling system is being installed. The drill hole is, in many respects, similar to a water well, except that no water is withdrawn from below. Rather, the drill hole is used as part of a system to extract heating and cooling from below ground.

At the time that we were having our initial discussions, the geothermal heating and cooling market in Wisconsin was young and growing. A difficult economy and reduced prices for natural gas have flattened the growth curve for these systems, but the cold weather of this year, along with significant increases in the cost of propane, have reinvigorated interest in geothermal heating and cooling systems.

The geothermal system offers many advantage over traditional heating and cooling as well as other renewable energy sources. With home heating and cooling accounting for more than half of the energy bills for commercial and residential properties, this "demand-side" technology, which reduces the amount of energy used, eliminates the burning of fossil fuels, and eliminates carbon monoxide risks, among other benefits. By comparison to other renewable energy options, geothermal systems create few if any issues related to aesthetics or property rights, and the growth of this market can help not only HCAV installers, well drillers, and excavators in our state, Wisconsin is also home to two manufacturers of geothermal heating and cooling equipment - Modine Manufacturing and Dane Manufacturing.

Still, a geothermal system using vertical drill holes, as opposed to systems using horizontal trenches, creates a certain risk to our groundwater. As with any circumstance where we are penetrating the ground to depths at or below the groundwater, these drill holes create an open conduit for contamination to pass from above and into the groundwater below.

2011 Senate Bill 156, which was signed into law as 2011 Act 150, created a system for regulating geothermal drillers in a way that reduces to the greatest extent possible, the risk that a heat exchange drill hole is designed and constructed in a way that poses undue risk to the groundwater below. 2011 Act 150 authorized the Department of Natural Resources to develop code related to the construction of heat exchange drill holes and to develop a system for licensure and continuing education. The

Department was also authorized to address the issue of approvals for systems which would employ heat exchange drill holes.

The Department staff reached out to the Wisconsin Water Well Association, the Wisconsin Geothermal Association, municipal water system operators, the State's technical college system, and others in an attempt to gain as much input as possible in the development of the proposed rules. We can attest to the open discussions and the "give and take" that took place. The rules before you are, in our view, the best effort of a public-private partnership between the regulator and the regulated and they have our support.

Do the rules reflect everything our Association asked for? They do not. But the rules before you capture the spirit and intent of the underlying legislation. A law was passed to make certain that the growing market for geothermal heating and cooling is not undermined by any issues related to heat exchange drill holes. We believe the rules before you will accomplish that.

Better still, the rules reflect a cooperation between the Department and our Association that we highly value. The strength of what we have done to this point may very well be the relationship between ourselves and the Department. If we can improve on what we have done - and we expect to discover ways that we can as we see these rules implemented - we are confident that working together again, we can address whatever challenges we may face.

At the Wisconsin Water Well Association, it is our mission to provide and to protect the State's groundwater. What you have before you speaks to the second part of our mission. *Some* of our members construct heat exchange drill holes, but *all* of them construct or service water wells. Without the second part of our mission - protecting - there can be no first - providing. For that reason, we supported this legislation and now, this rule.

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In Support Of DG-02-13

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Merrill Springs Park
Wisconsin Natural Resource Board Meeting

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Kay Rutledge, Parks Planning and Development Manager
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2/4/2014

Kay Rutledge, Parks Planning and Development Manager for the City of Madison Parks Division will be representing and supporting Agenda Item 3.B.4 approval request to issue a Stewardship grant that will prohibit at least one nature-based outdoor activity (NBOA) on non-DNR land. Merrill Springs Park is a park within an urban setting with close proximity to residences and public roads. Any allowances of hunting on this property would cause safety concerns. Expansion of Merrill Springs Park provides increased opportunities for nature and water-based recreation, preserves shoreline and enhances shoreline habitat, assists with water trail connectivity and is supported by multiple local and regional plans.

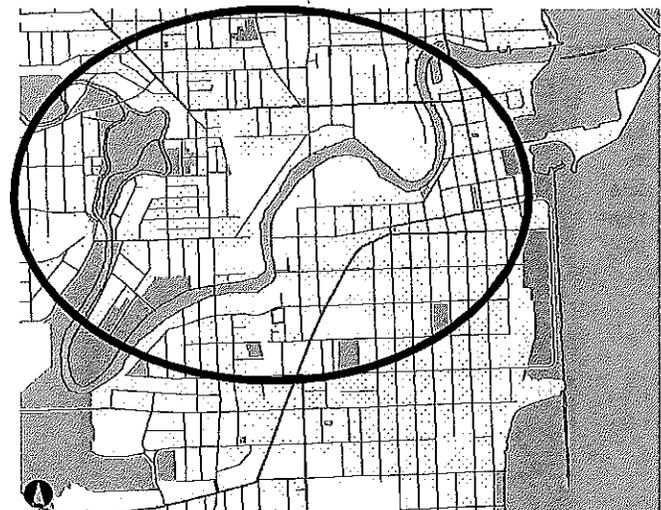
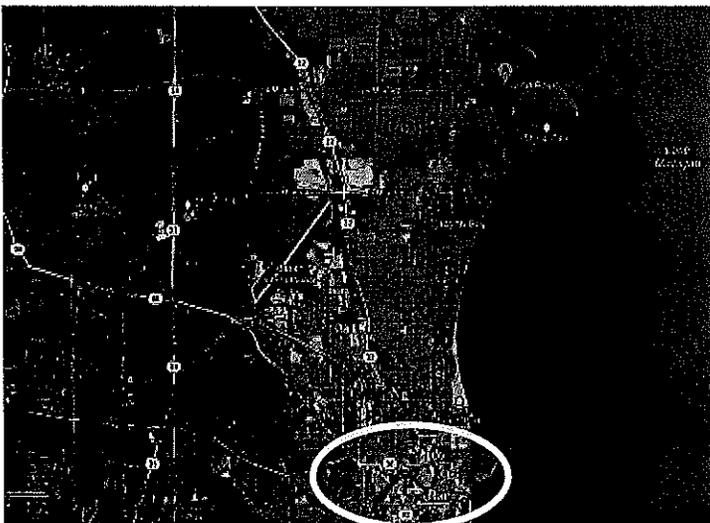


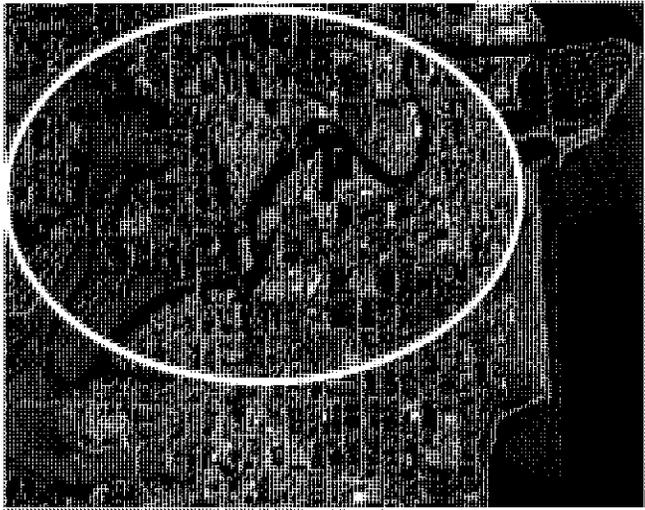
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**CITY OF RACINE
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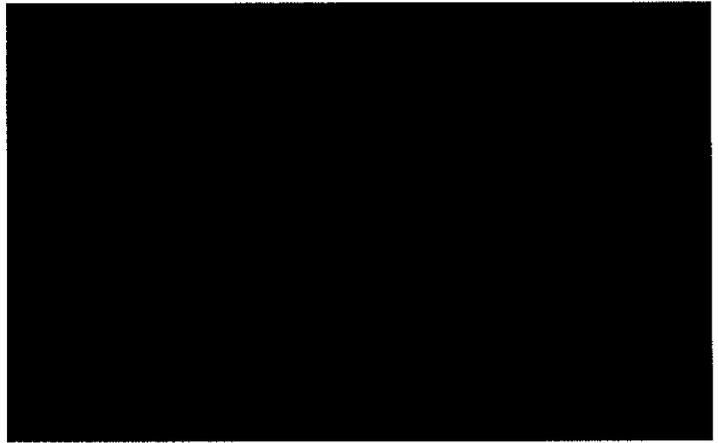
- Item 3.B.6, City of Racine-West Bluff Land Acquisition

**PROJECT AREA PROXIMITY
(Note: Project Area Generally in
Center of Oval)**





2005 Downtown Plan



2008

Back To The Root Plan

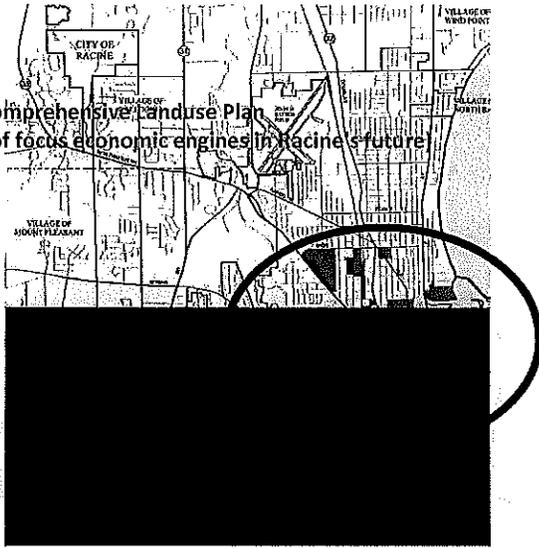


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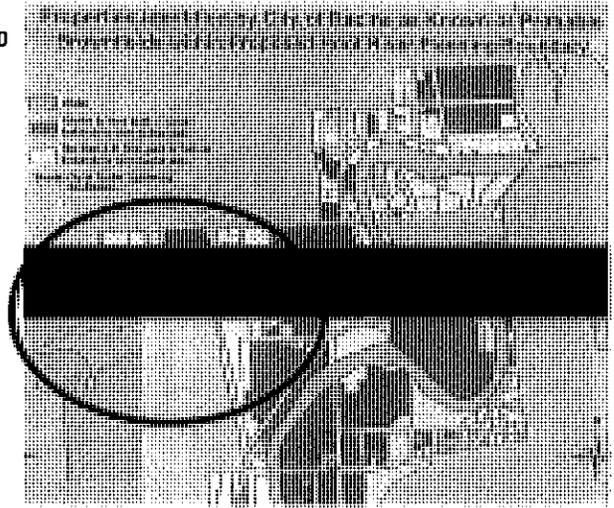


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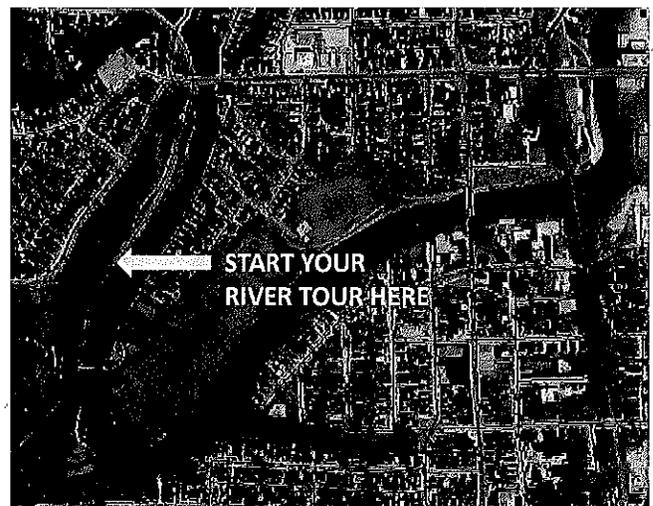
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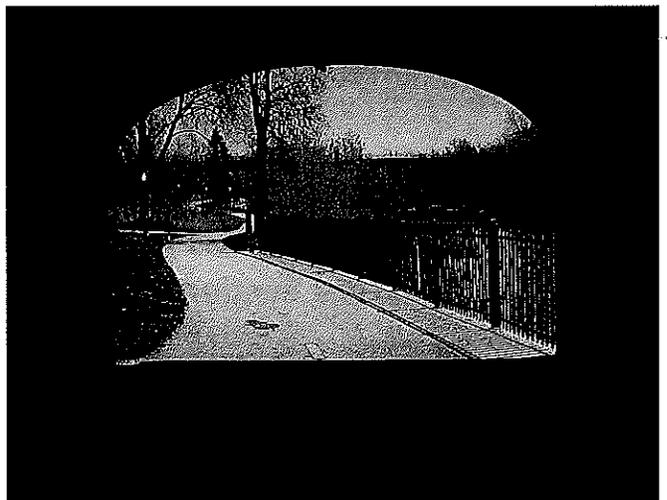


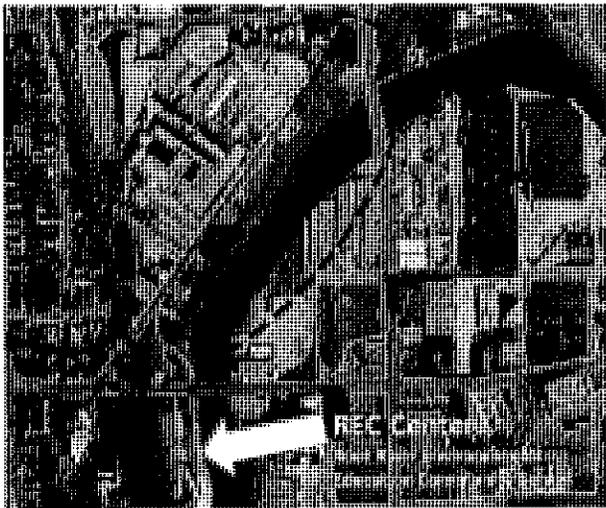
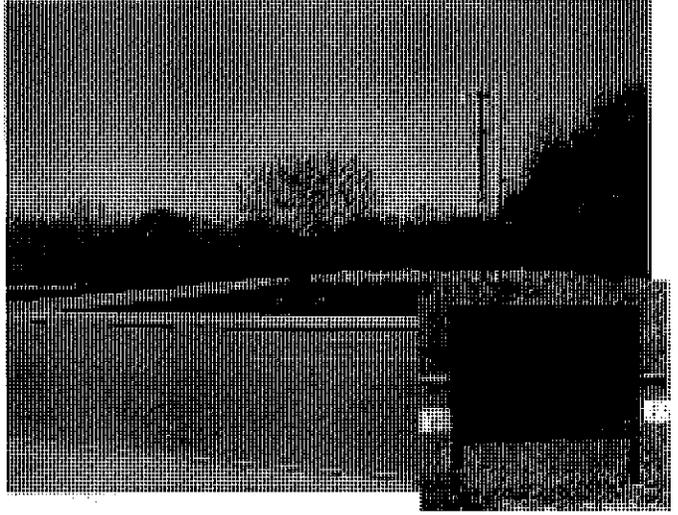
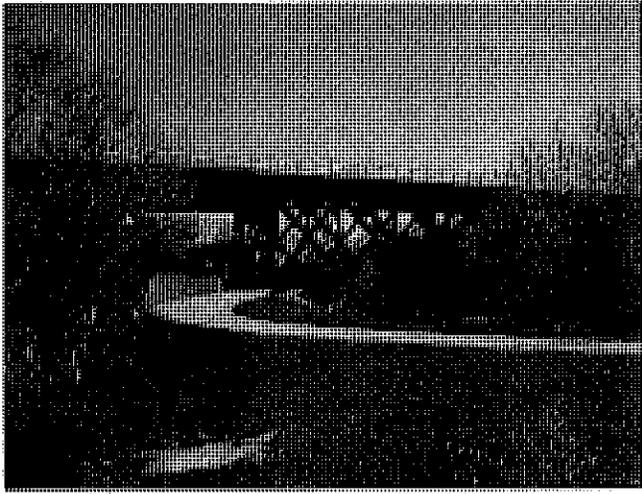
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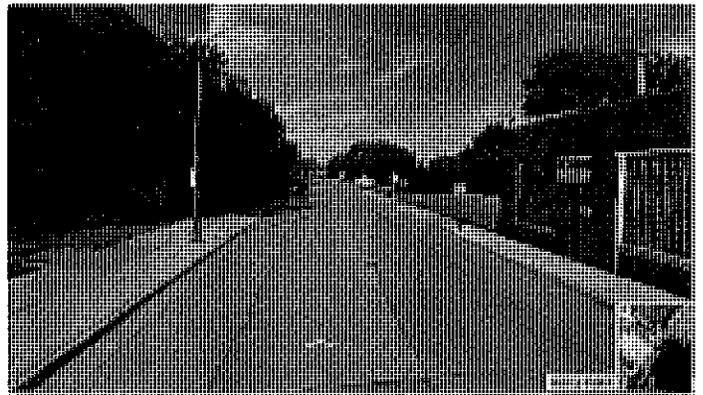
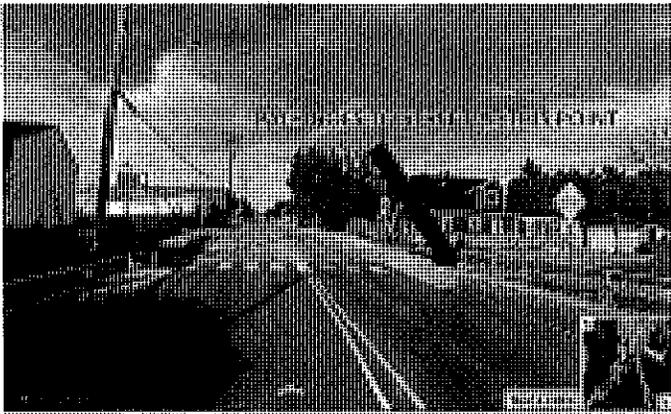
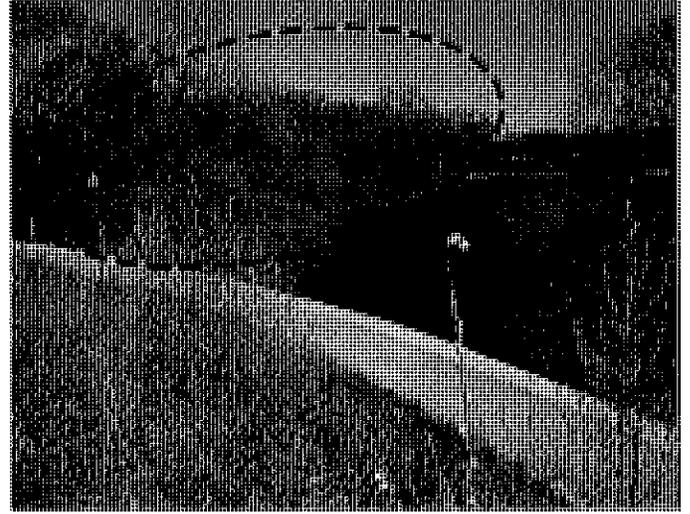


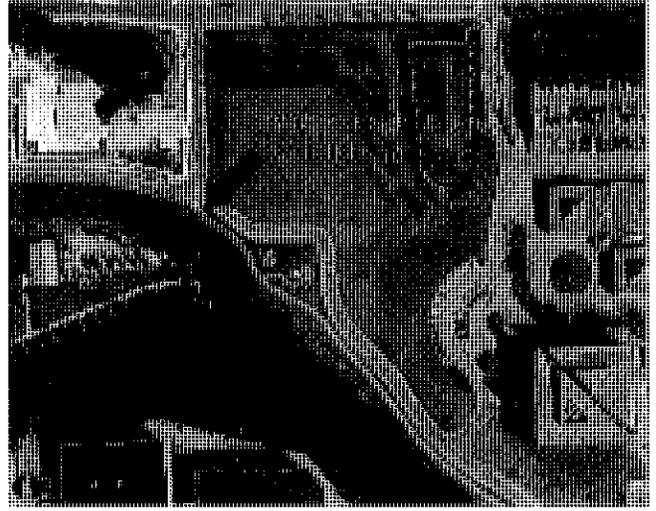
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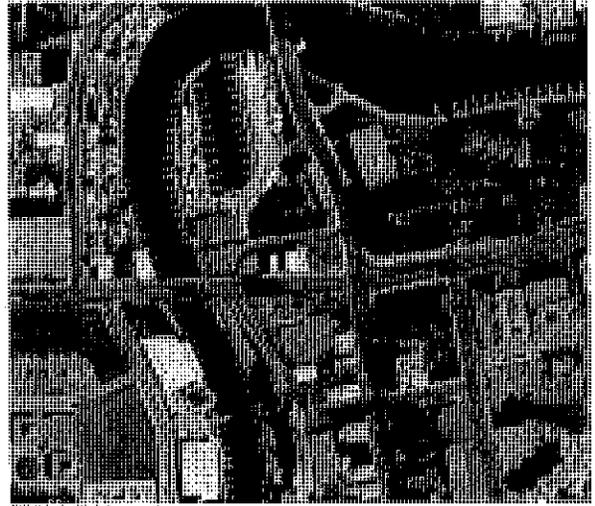
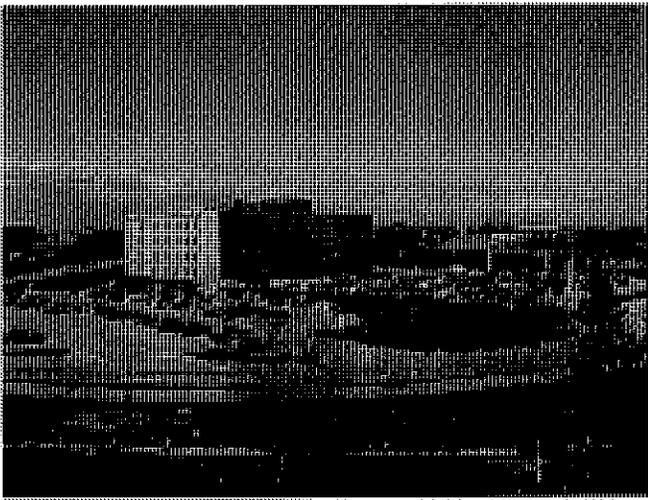


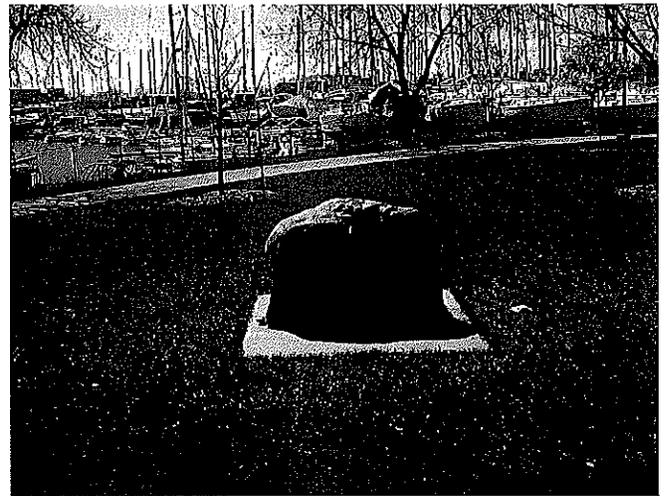
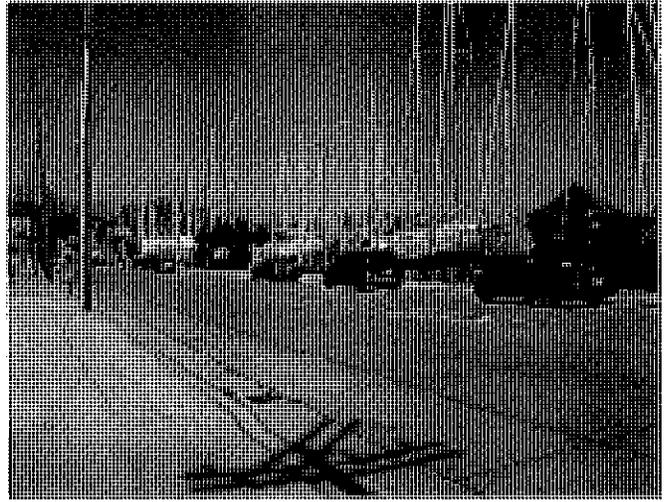
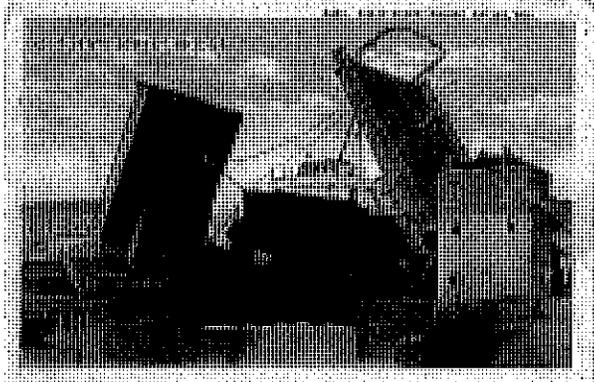


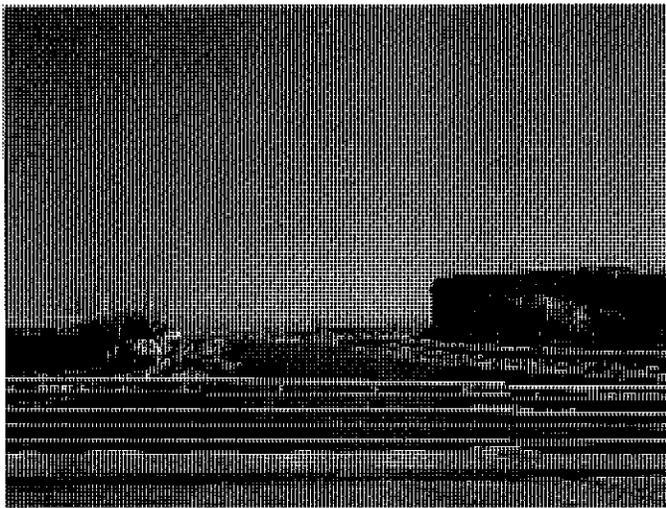
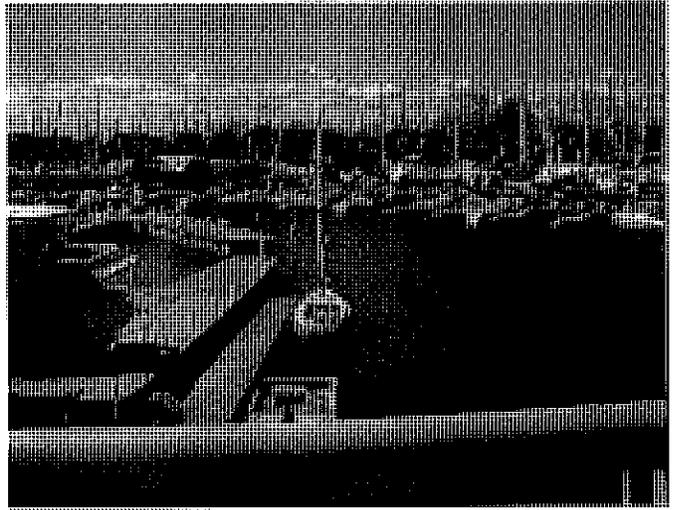
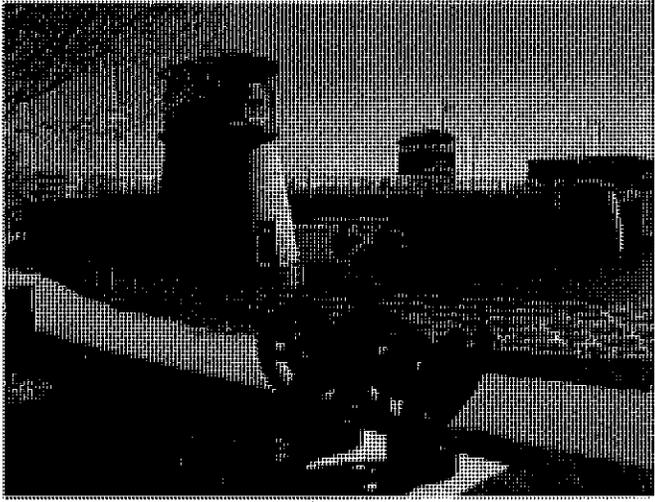






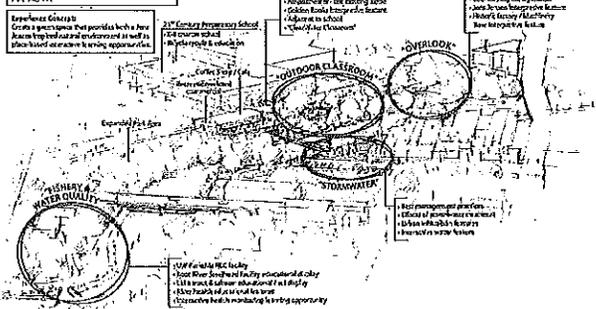






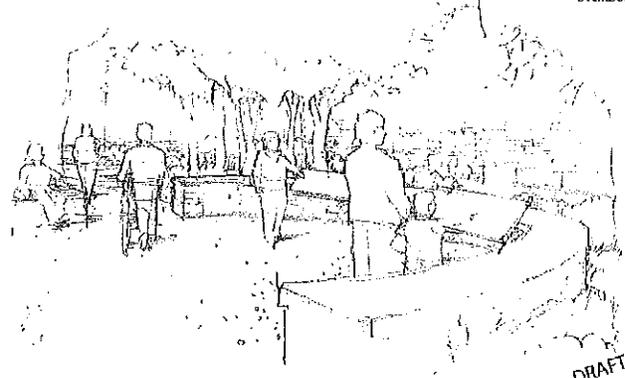
West Bluff Overlook Plan Details

Exhibit 1:
Root River West Bluff Overlook



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Exhibit 2:
Overlook



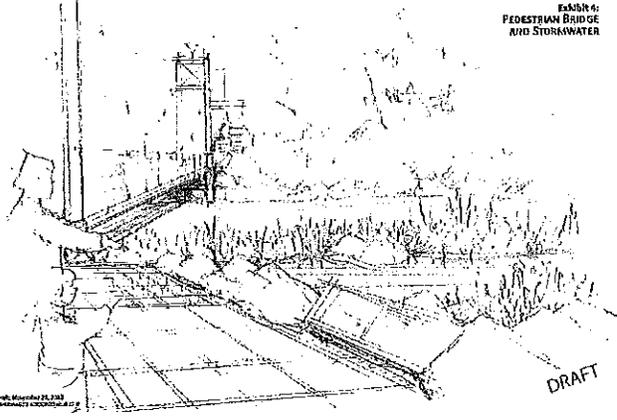
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Exhibit 3:
Outdoor Classroom



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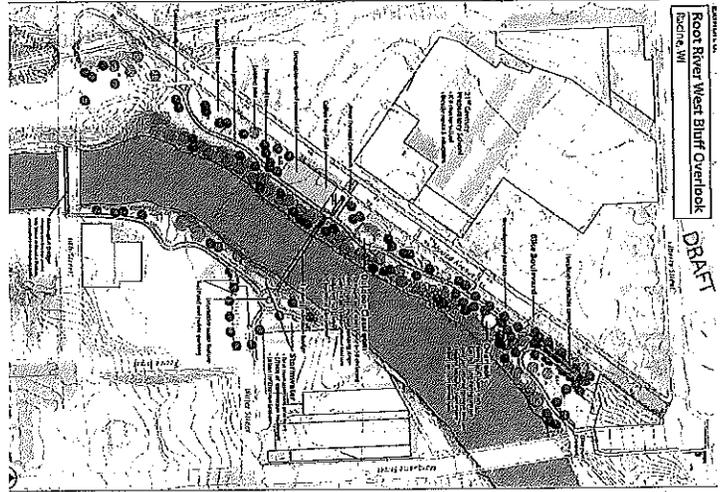
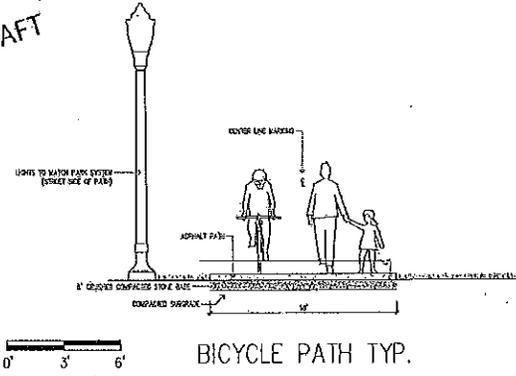
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Pedestrian Bridge and Stairwater



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Exhibit 5:
Path Design

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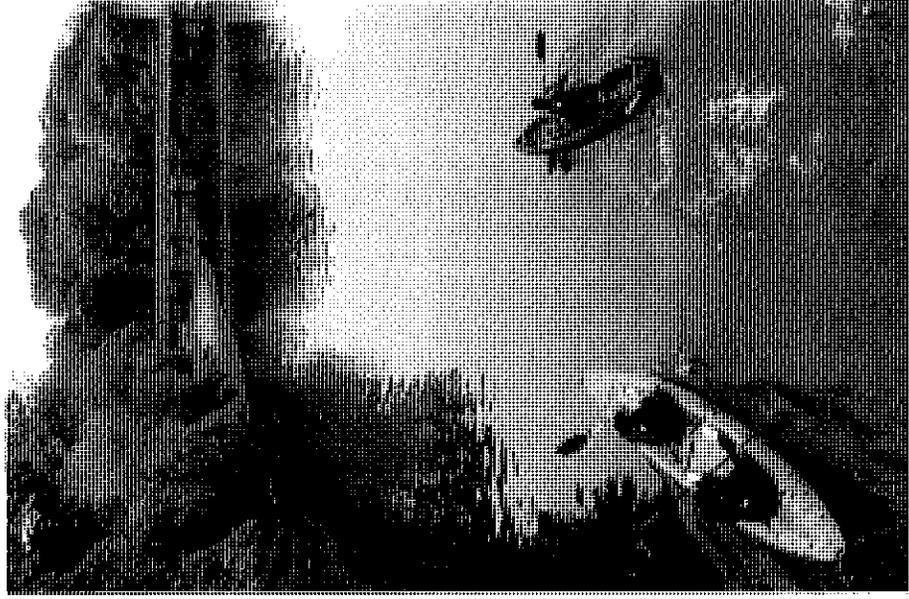


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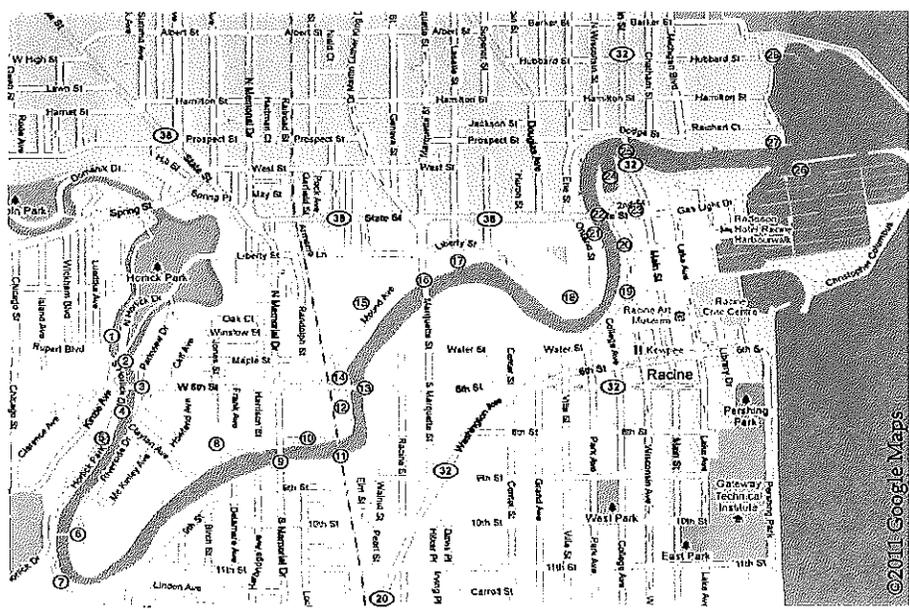
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Meet the Root



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Racine County, with County funds and grants, including Wisconsin Waterways Commission.

27. L) Coast Guard Station: East building original lighthouse built 1866; West building built 1904. Vacated by Coast Guard 1972. Owned by the W.H. Pugh Coal Company.

28. James F. Rooney public access boat launch/take-out. Named for a former State Representative and long-time employee at City of Racine's, Department of Public Works.

Prepared by the Root River Council, Root-Pike WIN, Southeast Gateway Group, Sierra Club, and the City of Racine's, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

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 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Meet the Root

As you travel downriver, find these sights along the way. Numbers refer to the map.

L) left R) right A) above

1. Island Park canoe launch (2010). Proposed by Root River Council (RRC) and funded by The City of Racine and the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. Naturalistic landscaping at Island Park was done by Jens Jensen. Tanneries had been located here, away from the city because of the smell.
2. A) Horlick Drive; a concrete arch bridge.
3. A) West Sixth Street; a single open-spandrel, barrel arch with terra cotta panels in the Art Deco /Moderne style. It was designed by Charles S. Whitney and built in 1928. Note gargoyles that allow for stormwater runoff. (*Jeffrey A. Hess, WIDOT Historic Bridge Project*).
4. R) Riverside Park. Peter B. Nelson, Mayor of Racine in 1903 remembers: "On the hill, facing the east, the earliest spring flowers bloomed." Riverside and Island (originally Horlick Park and Lewis field) were the first Racine parks, established by 1905, so "people had somewhere to walk on a Sunday besides Mound Cemetery."
5. R) Riverbank restoration and invasive removal by Weed Out! Racine and Kenosha/Racine Land Trust; invasive honeysuckle and buckthorn on hillside removed by the Mayor's Renew Racine Project 2009-2010.
6. A) Washington Park footbridge is part of the Root River Pathway, built in 2001-2004 by City of Racine Department of Public Works.

7. R) Large stormwater outfall. This is one of the assessment sites for water samples taken regularly by the City of Racine Department of Health. 2007 baseline assessment funding provided by Root-Pike WIN.

8. L) Cedar Bend Park (acquired 1912) and Clayton Park (acquired 1913). Clayton Park also has a canoe launch.

9. A) South Memorial Drive; a concrete arch bridge.

10. L) Barbee Park, acquired 2002, and named for longtime Racine Alderman Thomas Barbee. Funded by RP WIN, the prairie was planted in 2003 by RESCYU and Boy Scout Troop and Pack 181, Waymen AME Church. River Buffer maintenance by Weed Out! Racine and E3 summer stimulus program 2009.

11. A) C&NW railroad. It's a double-intersection Warren deck truss swing span built 1908 by American Bridge Co., and probably not operated since the Teddy Roosevelt presidency. (*bridgehunter.com*)

12. L) The Root River Environmental Education Community Center (REC) is a partnership between the UW-Parkside and City of Racine. You can rent a canoe, kayak or bicycle, and participate in a variety of environmental programs. Hillside restoration, rain gardens, and informational signage funded by RP WIN. Canoe launch site.

13. A) Sixth Street again.

14. L) (Look up) Dawning, a sculpture depicting a rising phoenix, was a collaboration among the REC, RRC, Racine County Workforce Development Center, and

Gateway Technical College. It is situated on the Rotary Outlook along the Root River Pathway. Dedicated Earth Day, 2010.

15. L&R) The former Western Publishing buildings.

16. A) Marquette Street.

17. L) Fifth Street Yacht Club.

18. L) CNH (J.I. Case) buildings.

19. R) Azarian Marina.

20. R) DPWigley Building built 1849 as Racine Feed Mill.

21. L) Harbor Lite Yacht Club.

22. U) The State Street bridge - a single span bascule bridge built in 1988. In boating season, opens on request. As Highway 38, it is largely maintained by the State of Wisconsin.

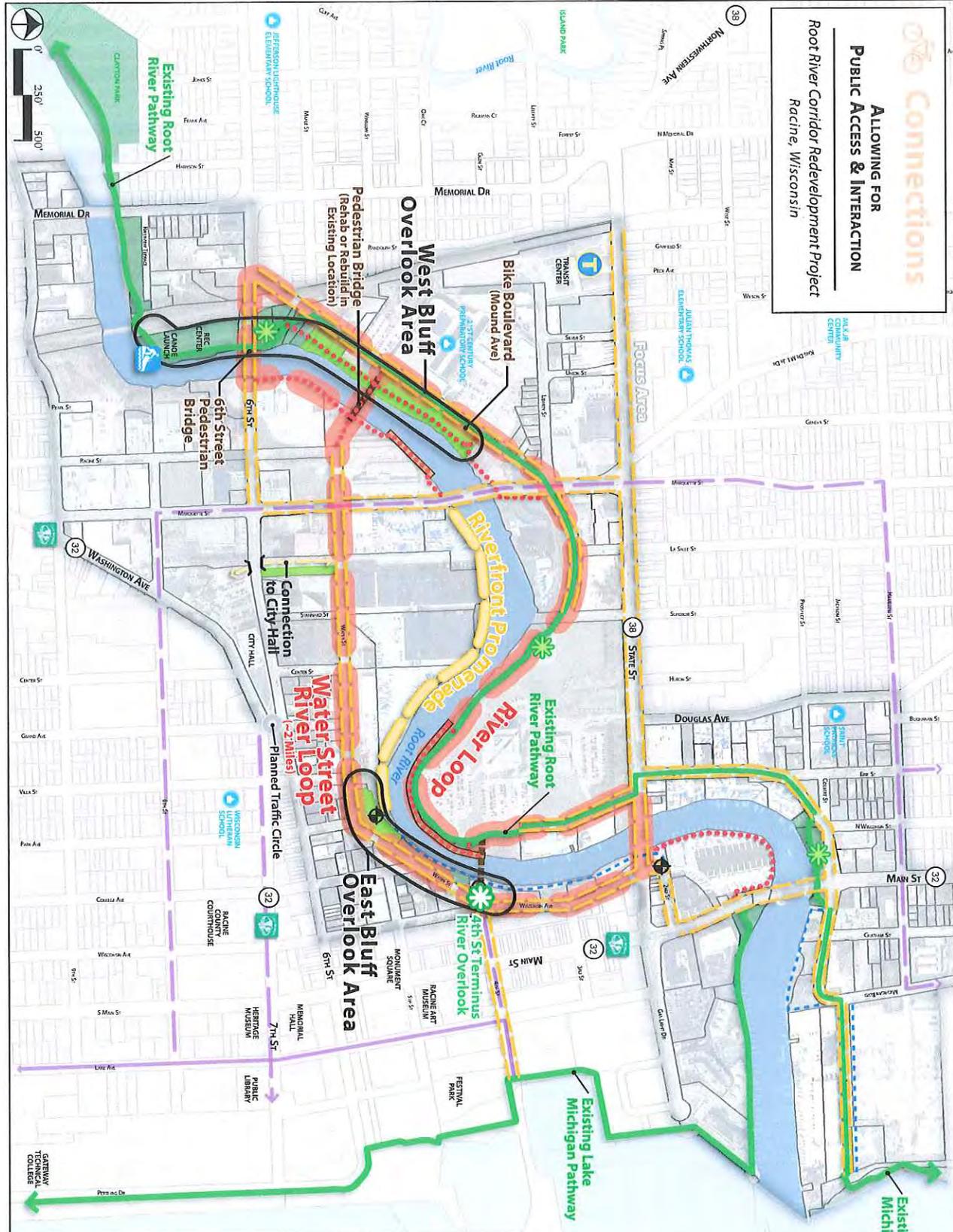
23. R) Shoop Building (Romanesque style) built in 1899.

24. R) Belle Harbor Marina (Racine County) used for winter boat storage, leased by Racine Harbor Marina.

25. A) The new Main Street Bridge, a double-leaf bascule design, was opened November 1996. In boating season, opens on a twenty-minute schedule as needed. As Highway 32, largely maintained by State of Wisconsin.

26. R) Reef Point Marina (1987), operated by Racine Harbor Marina, and Racine Harbor, owned and maintained by

Connections
ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC ACCESS & INTERACTION
Root River Corridor Redevelopment Project
 Racine, Wisconsin



LEGEND

- Existing Root River and Lake Michigan Pathway Routes
- Existing Trailhead/Feature (Paint on the Street)
- Proposed Painted Bike Lanes
- Future Path Connections
- Future Boardwalk
- Future Promenade Activity Space
- Proposed Right-of-Way Extension
- Long-term Future Path
- Long-term Potential Future Pedestrian Bridge Location
- Trail Elevation Transition Point
- Existing Bike Route or Bike Lane (Adopted Racine Comprehensive Plan)
- Planned Bike Route or Bike Lane (Adopted Racine Comprehensive Plan)
- Future Park along Root River
- Existing Park along Root River

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 CITY OF RACINE

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RootWorks—Revitalizing Racine’s Urban River Corridor

RootWORKS

Root River Corridor Redevelopment Plan

Lead by Machinery
 Row, Racine in 1910
 ranked third in U.S. in 1910

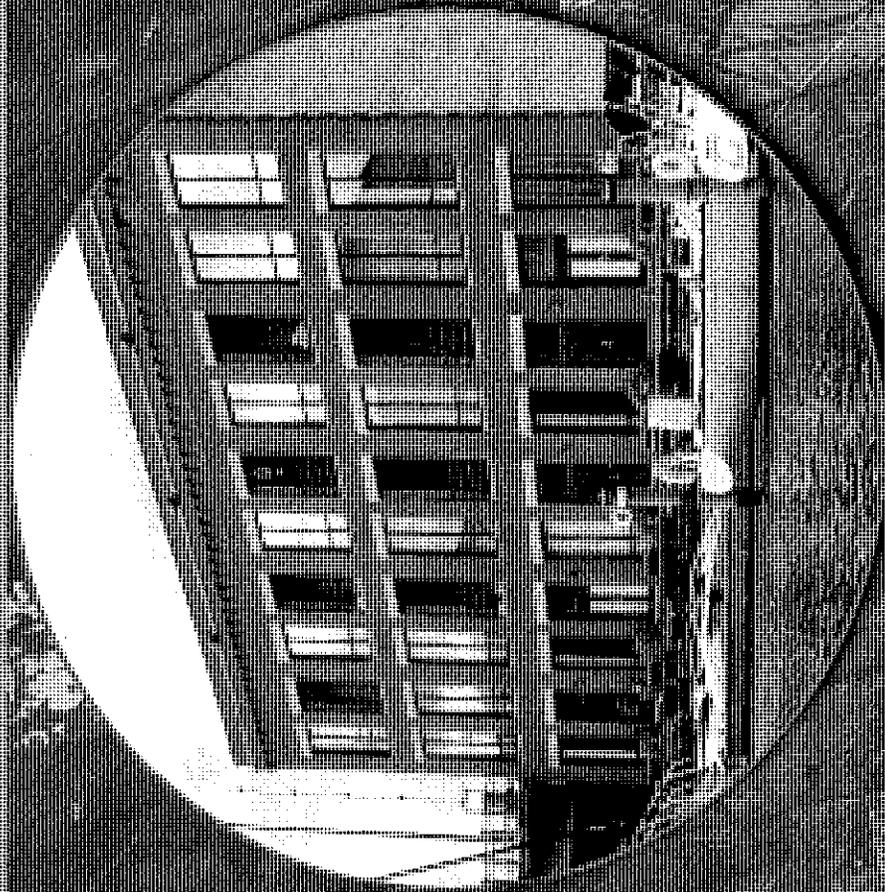
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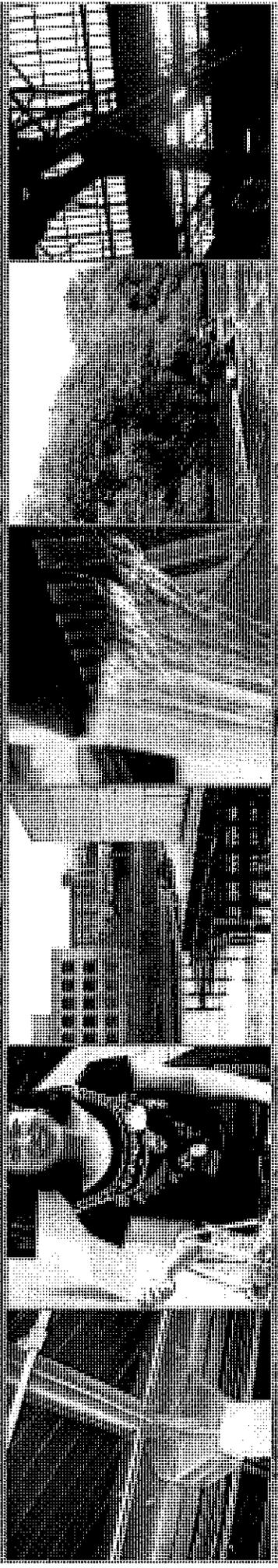
Today Racine has
 room to grow new
 manufacturing along
 the River

Production of ship machinery and
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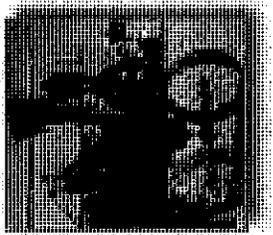
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TOOLBOX



The Roots of Ingenuity and Knowhow



On the site of Racine's original economic engine. RootWorks springs from the birthplace of such historic enterprises as J.I. Case's PlowWorks, Western Publishing, Mitchell Wagons, Fish Brothers, and The Massey Harris Co.

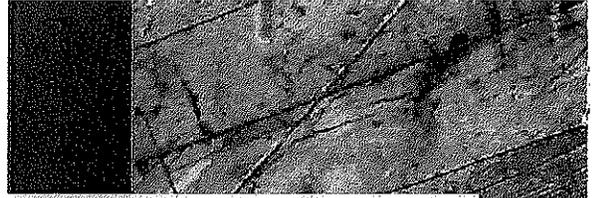
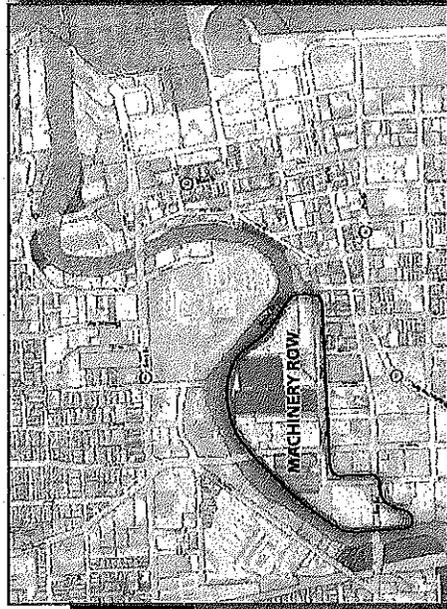
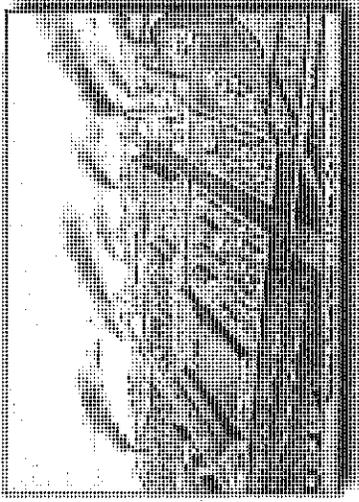
RootWorks is well positioned to drive the City's new economy – adding urban jobs, building quality housing, and growing the tax base. Racine's many design, machining and tooling assets, and high-tech and creative talent can reclaim their legacies, and have what they need to grow.

It's the power of the River. As a former industrial center, RootWorks' urban riverfront has all the right elements. Entrepreneurial businesses will find a well-established urban center with technology infrastructure, space to expand, a ready workforce, and convenient amenities. Top talent will be attracted to RootWorks' dynamic riverfront with ample access to culture, shopping, and abundant recreation.

Machinery Row: a bustling, eclectic live-work center.

The catalyst for RootWorks is *Machinery Row*, with warehouses and industrial buildings lining Water Street. Rich with character and history, these buildings will see reuse as urban lofts, live-work units, and creative spaces for growing new businesses. Just out the door, the River Loop connects workers to 1.75 miles of scenery, walkways, River access and parkway.

An entrepreneurial business magnet in the past, Racine's riverfront has high-profile space opening up once more. Several sites in the Corridor are poised for redevelopment, including large parcels of land for new businesses and corporate centers.

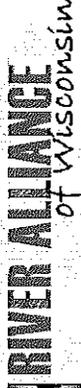
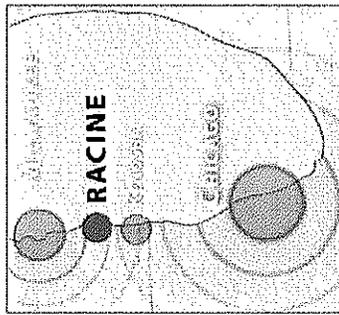
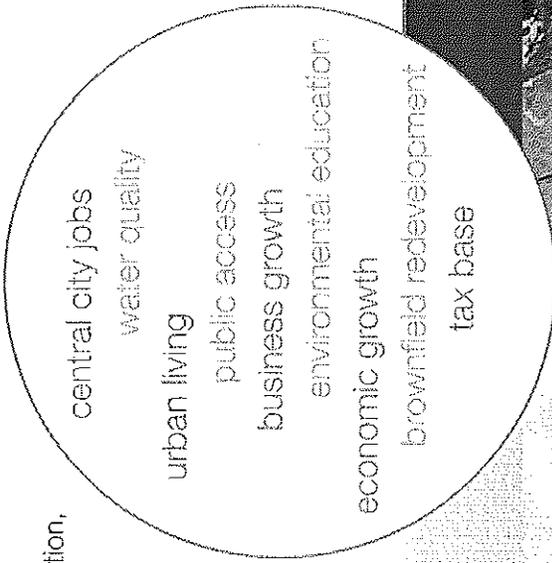
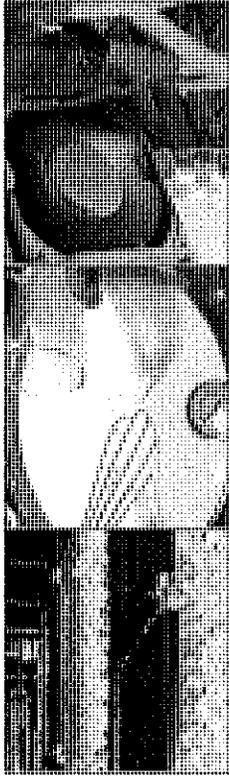


A Place New Businesses Can Take Root and Grow

RootWorks already has the seeds of emerging economic clusters in place, including LaunchBox, a place for facilitating new ideas and fostering new businesses. Other types of businesses within RootWorks include renewable energy technologies, water technologies, machining and agriculture technologies, medical applications, and agricultural production. Here Racine can also grow its own new businesses in the fields of product design, visual arts, communications, film and media production, and environment design.

The Chicago-Milwaukee Corridor is ready-made. Racine enjoys close proximity to all that Chicago and Milwaukee offer – which not only allows entrepreneurs to connect to the global marketplace, it also attracts and keeps top employees and world-class talent.

RootWorks is a key component in advancing Root River revitalization. Implementation of the RootWorks urban riverfront redevelopment initiative puts a new focus on the tremendous asset of the Root River. RootWorks promotes all the goals of the Root River Council: creating a sense of place, stimulating economic growth, allowing public access and interaction, and improving water quality.



I'm not here to stop this project but would like to let you know what is happening in Millville with hope there can be a resolution to this problem.

A typical town in Wisconsin is about 24,000 acres by comparison Millville is 13,212 acres just over half the size of most other towns.

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Of the 13,212 acres 4,856 acres belong to the people of Wisconsin, about 37% by area of our town.

Of the 4,856 acres, the majority 3,349 acres is in the re/aid program, the lowest compensated program, compensation for our town in this program is about 72 cents per acre. Compensation has been frozen at \$2,374 and will be the same for all foreseeable years. This program hurts our town the most.

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Town of Millville 2014 BUDGET

	Jan - Dec 14
Income	
(Grants/Local Governments)	
Matching Funds -10343710	4,000.00
Total (Grants/Local Governments)	4,000.00
(Intergovernmental Revenues)	
FEMA-10343533	29,333.55
Recycling Grant-10343545	550.00
SCIP/Shared Revenue-10343410	28,653.00
Transportation Aid-10343531	38,856.97
Total (Intergovernmental Revenues)	93,393.52
Income/Sanitation	
Garbage Bag Sales-10946435	200.00
Total Income/Sanitation	200.00
Misc Revenue	
Hall Rent-11348200	25.00
Interest-11348110	20.00
Total Misc Revenue	45.00
Total Income	97,638.52
Expense	
(Capital Outlay)	
Capital Highway Equip-13057324	4,629.25
Capital Highway Roads - 1305733	8,498.55
Total (Capital Outlay)	13,127.80
(General Government)	
General Building	
Town Hall-11851600	700.00
Total General Building	700.00
General Government- 11851400	
Computer Expense 11851400	300.00
Election Expenses-11851400	700.00
Gen. Administration-11851400	700.00
Salary Election-11851400	1,500.00
Salary/Clerk-11851400	6,000.00
Total General Government- 11851400	9,200.00
General Government Financial	
Assessor Expense-11851600	2,000.00
BOR Training-11851600	100.00
Financial Adm.-11851600	500.00
Plan Commission Expense	150.00
Salary/Treasurer-11851600	3,200.00
Total General Government Financial	5,950.00
General Government Legal	
Legal Fees-11851300	200.00
Total General Government Legal	200.00
General Government Legislative	
Association Dues-11851100	280.00
Board Expenses-11851100	150.00
Board Training-11851100	100.00
Salary/Board-11851100	7,000.00
Total General Government Legislative	7,510.00
Total (General Government)	23,560.00
(Highway Construction)	
County Matching Fund-12253315	2,000.00
Total (Highway Construction)	2,000.00

	Jan - Dec 14
(Insurance)	
Auto/Liability-11851932	3,000.00
Bonds-11851938	350.00
Unemployment Insurance-11851938	100.00
Worker's Comp-11851932	1,000.00
Total (Insurance)	4,450.00
(Public Safety)	
911 Expense-12052609	100.00
Fire Department-12052200	4,075.00
Rescue Squad-12052300	675.00
Total (Public Safety)	4,850.00
(Public Works)	
Bridge-12253311	100.00
Brushing Expense-12253311	100.00
Contracted Services - 12253311	200.00
Culverts-12253311	1,000.00
Diesel & Gas-12253311	6,000.00
Drug Testing-12253311	100.00
Dust Control-12253311	200.00
Equipment Rent	375.00
Garage Expense-12253311	1,000.00
Gravel-12253311	23,000.00
Public Works Advertising	150.00
Repair/Supply-12253311	9,000.00
Road Maintenance-12253311	470.00
Salary/Road-12253311	17,000.00
Signs-12253311	600.00
Travel Expenses 12253311	1,000.00
Winter Mix-12253311	3,000.00
Total (Public Works)	63,295.00
(Sanitation Expenses)	
Garbage Bag Expense-12253631	150.00
Garbage Expense-12253631	3,200.00
Recycling-12253636	318.00
Spring-Fall Cleanup-12253631	400.00
Total (Sanitation Expenses)	4,068.00
Misc Expenses	
Cemetery Maintenance-12454910	300.00
Horse Trail Maintenance-12655400	100.00
Misc Expense-11851980	200.00
Payroll Expenses	2,500.00
Total Misc Expenses	3,100.00
Reserves	
Contingency Reserve Acct	13,959.77
Total Reserves	13,959.77
Total Expense	132,410.57
Net Income	-34,772.06

ABOUT THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE

13212 acres
21 Square miles
17 ½ miles of roads (16 gravel)
Population 160
Homes and homesteads about 77
Millville is just over ½ the size of most other towns

PUBLIC LAND INFORMATION

Publicly owned land in Millville 4856 acres
Just over 7 square miles
36.75% is in publicly owned land
Acres in 88cent aid (land purchased before 1969) 173 acres
Acres in RE/aid (land purchased between 1969-1992) 3,348 acres (25.3%)
Acres in Ch 70.114 (land purchased 1992-2011) 1189 acres (9%)
Acres in present law 146 acres
Logging on public land 3 times in the last 5 years

Total PILT payment each year since 2001

2001--\$4454.34	2007--\$6123.25
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2003--\$8600.15	2009--\$6365.88
2004--\$6461.18	2010--\$6655.62
2005--\$6085.73	2011--\$6494.58
2006--\$6124.40	2012--\$5967.15
	2013--\$5756.86



Ms. Judy Carlson
13645 Barker Hollow Rd
Pr Du Chien WI 53821-9532

I'm not here to stop this project but would like to let you know what is happening in Millville with hope there can be a resolution to this problem.

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13212 Acres

21 square miles

17 ½ miles of roads

Population 156

Homes and homesteads about 77

Millville is 1/3 less in size than most towns

PUBLIC LAND INFORMATION

Public land total in Millville 4856 acres over 7 square miles

37% of Millville is in Public land

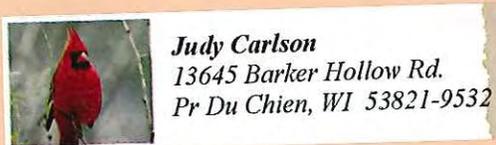
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Millville struggling as DNR purchases more property in township

By Correne Martin

The property tax base in Millville Township is shrinking, landowners' shares are rising, and there may not be much residents can do about it. That was the message clearly heard by the 20 people attending a listening session with Senator Dale Schultz in Millville's one-room town hall the morning of Aug. 27.

Recently, the Department of Natural Resources paid appraised value to purchase 146.5 acres from owner Jo Ann Shea, at 14246 Campbell Ridge Rd., Millville. The purchase brings the DNR's total land ownership in Millville to about 4,200 acres out of 13,000, and the department is seeking another 500 acres, which would put 36 percent of the township's land in the hands of the DNR.

The amount of land owned by the DNR is creating serious tax burden issues for the township, since the DNR is not subject to the same taxes as local landowners.

Schultz said a bill was introduced in the state legis-

lature that would raise the payback for townships like Millville; however, the bill did not succeed. An attempt to reintroduce legislation could happen this fall, yet there are no guarantees that anything will change.

According to minutes from a May 2013 DNR board meeting, the Shea parcel, which was a high-priority acquisition for the Lower Wisconsin Riverway project, is completely bound along the east and west by state ownership. It is primarily composed of upland woodlands located on a bluff above the riverway. The property includes a farmhouse and outbuildings, which are being leased to Shea through October, when they will be razed and sold for salvage.

According to the DNR, its state-owned land provides opportunities for public recreation, allows natural resources management, and enhances the natural resources along the riverway.

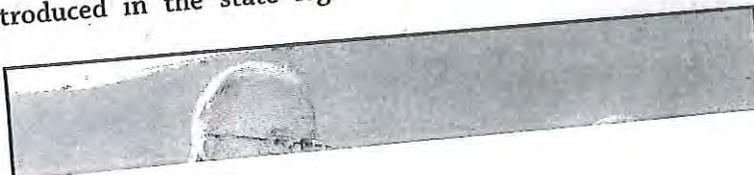
Despite the DNR's promises, Millville Town Board

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members and local landowners who voiced their opinions at last week's session believe they're being listened to.

"What are our alternatives when we don't have enough money to keep maintaining the township?" Millville Town Supervisor Judy Carlson asked Schultz. "It's a challenge running this small township (on a budget of \$105,000 to \$110,000). We've been lucky that we have good people who help us where they can. But we're just one piece of broken machinery away from a collapse we can't recover from."

"There's nothing we can do. We have no options," Supervisor Marielena Ward added.

Millville, which has a population of 186, is about two-thirds the size of a typical Wisconsin township. It is located in the River Ridge School District in Grant County.

In mid-April, the town board adopted a resolution against the DNR purchase of the Shea property.

"We had to get the DNR's attention," Carlson said, noting that the intent was not to criticize Shea for selling her property.

Shea, who attended last week's listening session, seemed to agree with the "unfair tax burden" in Millville and said she attempted to find other buyers before settling with the DNR on July 19.

According to Carlson, the DNR gained its 4,200 acres in Millville in three phases. The first was before 1963, when the DNR started paying 88 cents per acre for property taxes. That was a fair price back then, yet the DNR continues to pay the same amount on that land today.

The second phase was between 1969 and 1982, when the DNR bought the majority of its land in the township—over 3,600 acres. For the land acquired during those years, the DNR made the full payment of taxes and then that amount was reduced by 10 percent each year, until it reached 50 cents per acre. It currently pays 50 cents per acre for that land.

The third phase was from 1997 to 2012. For the land purchased during that time period, the DNR pays the same amount as Millville taxpayers do.

Senator Schultz gave his perspective on the town's unique situation. He said the legislature is "ultimately responsible for what happened here." He said suburban areas of Wisconsin have the biggest voice, especially since those areas have grown dramatically in recent years, and their legislative representatives are not going to vote to pay more in property taxes to help out the rural areas, like Millville.

"This area is already an importer of taxes and a lot of people in other areas of the state don't like that," Schultz explained. "There's not a lot of communities like yours. This is a big government issue and there's not much you can say about it, but people here are frustrated and I'm not going to give up on this. I'm going to do everything in my power to keep fighting for you."

Schultz added that local residents should continue making noise and consider forming a coalition to spread awareness around the state about the high percentage of DNR ownership and the dis-

parate tax rate.

"Focus on an educational effort to the people who are doing the talking in Madison," he suggested. "Talk to the parks, the recreational programs and businesses, and other marketing partners and find a way to get the people who come here for recreation to help you out."

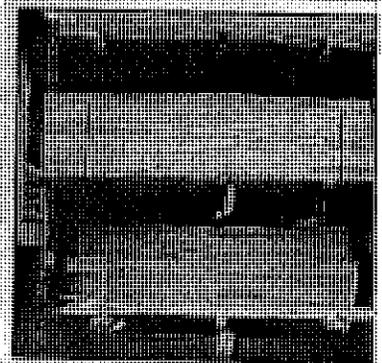
Residents leaving last week's listening session seemed sullen about what can be done to force change, lessen their tax burden and improve their township. One gentleman even stormed out of the session early, stating, "I can see nothing's going to change."

As for the Millville Town Board, their next step is to go to the DNR's spring meetings and continue to raise the issue.

"The reason I got on this board was because I saw the disparity and I wanted to drive into reducing taxes," Carlson said. "I love having the public land, but I do want to remain here and I want our township to continue to operate on its own."

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Town of Millville Account Detail Report 2012

Date	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit
(Intergovernmental Revenues)				
PIL T-10343660				
2/20/2012	State of Wisconsin			24,673.80
	Total PIL T-10343660		0.00	24,673.80
Town PIL T-10343620				
5/21/2012	State of Wisconsin	Deposit		2,401.33
	Total Town PIL T-10343620		0.00	2,401.33
	Total (Intergovernmental Revenues)		0.00	27,075.13
Taxes Paid to Others				
PIL T Settlement				
2/20/2012	State of Wisconsin - V		194.19	
2/20/2012	Grant County Treasurer		4,760.29	
2/20/2012	River Ridge Schools		13,717.83	
2/20/2012	Southwest Wisconsin Technical College		2,435.67	
	Total PIL T Settlement		21,107.98	0.00
	Total Taxes Paid to Others		21,107.98	0.00
	TOTAL		21,107.98	27,075.13

2011---\$6494.58 PILT to Millville.
For 1189 acres

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\$ 59,671.15

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March 21, 2000

Millville Town Board Members

A unpredictable and unavoidable situation came up on Monday, March 20 which prevented me from attending the Millville Town Meeting. I did not have any forewarning and therefore could not contact the board.

I compiled a few statistics for your review.

Total Acres in Millville	13,212
State Owned Acres	4,035
% of Town State Owned	30%

Assuming the 4,035 acres are valued at \$500 per acre the value of 2,017,500 is off the roll.

If the mill rate is 25 mills per thousand ($2,017,500 * .25$) the Town, County, Vo Tech and School District is losing \$50,425 per year.

The individual amounts for each governmental unit can be calculated by using last years tax bill.

The state claims to reimburse the local governmental units. I don't know how this is accomplished.?

I own land in Wauzeka Township and the DNR owns 20% of Wauzeka's acres, so I have a personal interest in this manner.

Any questions or comments give me a call.

Sorry about missing the meeting.

Donald J Mc Guire *Town Assessor*





State of Wisconsin / Department of Natural Resources

Scott Walker, Governor

Cathy L Stepp, Secretary

4/5/2013

Chapter 70.114 - Aids Payment Worksheet For Tax Year 2012 (Payment Year 2013) - Payment Due January 31, 2013

2009 of 6270

DETAIL FOR TOWN OF MILLVILLE, GRANT COUNTY

Acres Est. Adjust. Level of Adjusted Net Gen. Calc. Aid Taxing Jurisdiction

Purch. Price Assessment Local Value Tax Rate Pay Amount Type Code Description

GRANTOR: Ryan and Seth Kussmaul

CONTROL NO: 113121

FILE NO: NF 30030 *

DATE OF PURCHASE: 02/05/2010

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T06 R05-W S09 PT OF SENE

PARCEL NO: 036-00158-0000

3.97 \$15,517.35 1.02322316 \$15,877.71

0.00014930	\$2.37	STAT	999999	STATE OF WISCONSIN
0.00364840	\$57.93	CNTY	22	GRANT COUNTY
0.00297450	\$47.23	MUNI	22036	TOWN OF MILLVILLE
0.01019340	\$161.85	REG	224904	SCH D OF RIVER RIDGE
0.00187820	\$29.82	VTAE	000300	SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN VTAE DISTRICT

Parcel Total:

\$299.20

File Number Total:

\$299.20

FILE NO: WR 86 *

DATE OF PURCHASE: 04/15/1992

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T06 R05-W S04 GOV LOT 3

PARCEL NO: 36-92-000-00354

39.20 \$35,516.15 1.02322316 \$36,340.95

23.500

0.00014930	\$5.43	STAT	999999	STATE OF WISCONSIN
0.00364840	\$132.59	CNTY	22	GRANT COUNTY
0.00297450	\$108.10	MUNI	22036	TOWN OF MILLVILLE
0.01019340	\$370.44	REG	224904	SCH D OF RIVER RIDGE
0.00187820	\$68.25	VTAE	000300	SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN VTAE DISTRICT

Parcel Total:

\$684.81

File Number Total:

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PILT Purchase assessed Value

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR 2012
 TOWN OF MILLVILLE
 GRANT COUNTY

JUDY A CARLSON, LE
 AARON & ERIK CARLSON
 13645 BARKER HOLLOW RD
 PRAIRIE DU CHIEN WI 53821

CARLSON, LE, JUDY A

BILL NUMBER: 205511

IMPORTANT: Correspondence should refer to parcel number.
 See reverse side for important information.
 Be sure this description covers your property. This description is for property
 tax bill only and may not be a full legal description.

1331/158 1257/722 ACRES: 38.280
 SEC 09, T 06 N, R 05 W
 SEC. 09-T6N-R5W SW1/4 SW1/4 EXC NE COR IN
 36-167-10

Property Address:

Parcel #: 036-00167-0000

Alt. Parcel #:

Assessed Value Land 95,700	Ass'd. Value Improvements	Total Assessed Value 95,700	Ave. Assmt. Ratio 1.0232	Net Assessed Value Rate (Does NOT reflect credits) 0.018843826
Est. Fair Mkt. Land 93,500	Est. Fair Mkt. Improvements	Total Est. Fair Mkt. 93,500	<input type="checkbox"/> A Star in this box means Unpaid Prior Year Taxes.	School taxes reduced by school levy tax credit \$ 187.26

Taxing Jurisdiction	2011 Est. State Aids Allocated Tax Dist.	2012 Est. State Aids Allocated Tax Dist.	2011 Net Tax	2012 Net Tax	% Tax Change
STATE OF WISCONSIN			17.12	15.77	-7.9%
GRANT COUNTY	15,170	14,381	419.49	385.41	-8.1%
TOWN OF MILLVILLE	63,510	63,510	314.23	314.23	
SW TECHNICAL COLLEGE	4,546	4,395	214.63	198.41	-7.6%
RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DIST	215,053	196,563	1,028.58	889.54	-13.5%
Total	298,279	278,849	1,994.05	1,803.36	-9.6%
	First Dollar Credit Lottery & Gaming Credit Net Property Tax		1,994.05	1,803.36	-9.6%

Make Check Payable to: MILLVILLE TREASURER JANICE FISCHER 13814 MILLVILLE HLW RD MT HOPE WI 53816 608-988-4232	Full Payment Due On or Before January 31, 2013 \$1,803.36	Net Property Tax 1,803.36
	Or First Installment Due On or Before January 31, 2013 \$901.68	
And Second Installment Payment Payable To GRANT COUNTY TREASURER LOUISE KETTERER 111 S JEFFERSON ST, PO BOX 430 LANCASTER WI 53813-0430	And Second Installment Due On or Before July 31, 2013 \$901.68	

PLEASE RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH REMITTANCE	FOR TREASURERS USE ONLY	TOTAL DUE FOR FULL PAYMENT
	PAYMENT _____	Pay By January 31, 2013
	BALANCE _____	▶ \$ 1,803.36
	DATE _____	Warning: If not paid by due dates, installment option is lost and total tax is delinquent subject to interest and, if applicable, penalty. Failure to pay on time. See reverse.

End - Carlson