



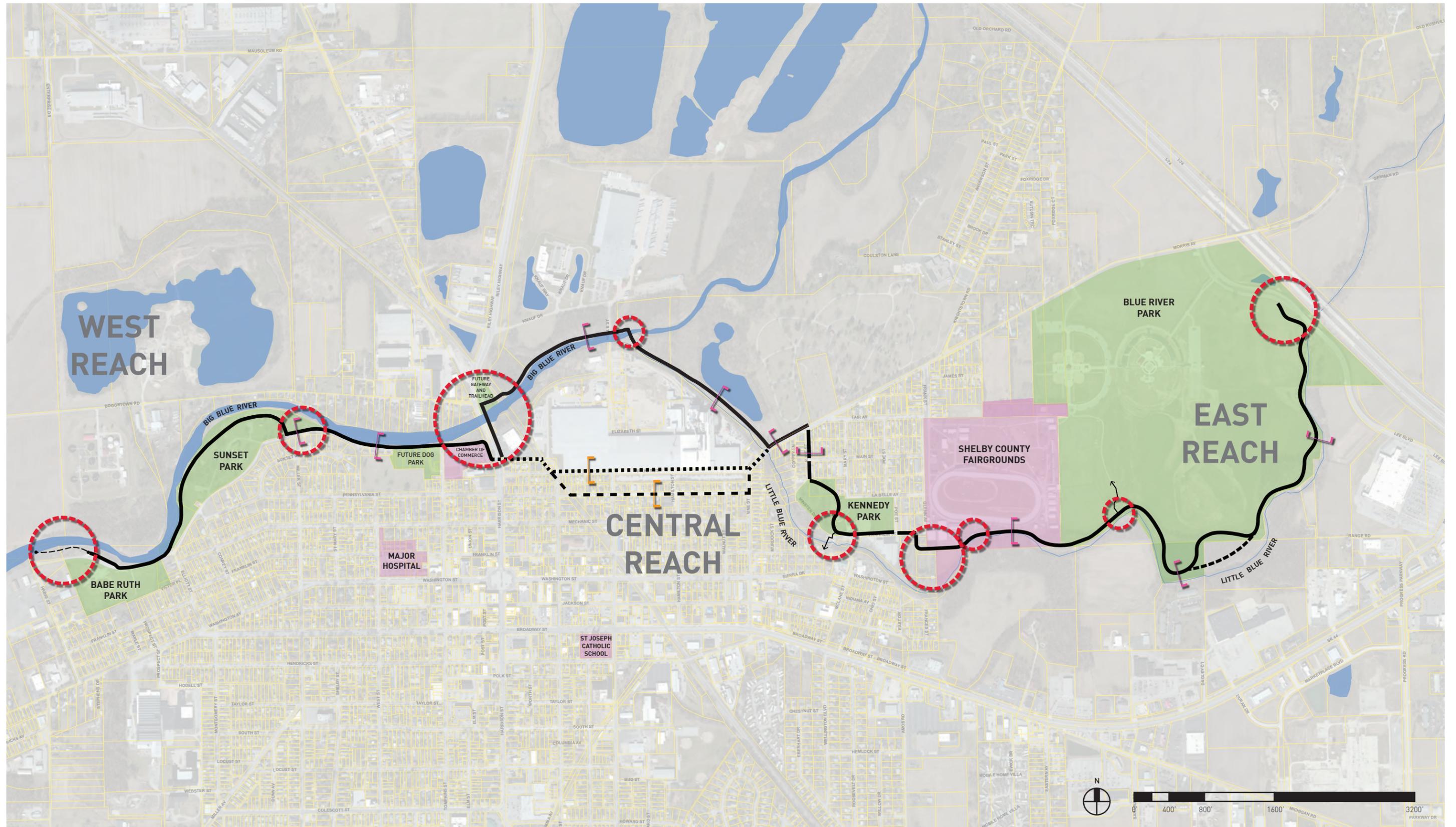
BLUE RIVER TRAIL MASTER PLAN
SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA



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TRAIL CORRIDOR PLAN



WEST REACH OPPORTUNITIES



Babe Ruth Park



Sunset Park Looking West



Sunset Park Public Access Sign



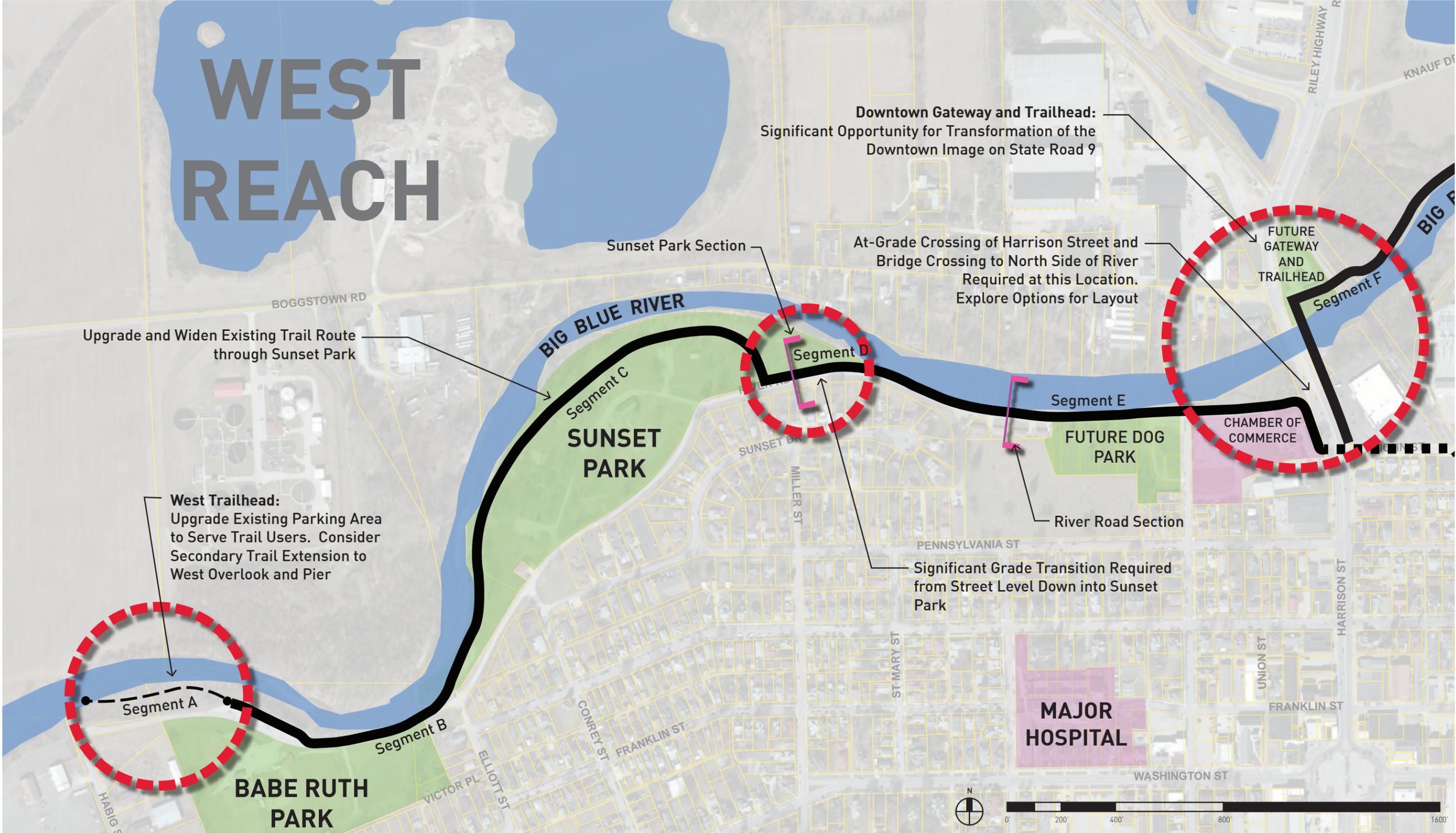
Sunset Park Boat Launch



Looking East from Proposed West Trailhead



Boys Fishing at Sunset Park



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GATEWAY TRAILHEAD CONCEPT PLAN



CENTRAL REACH OPPORTUNITIES



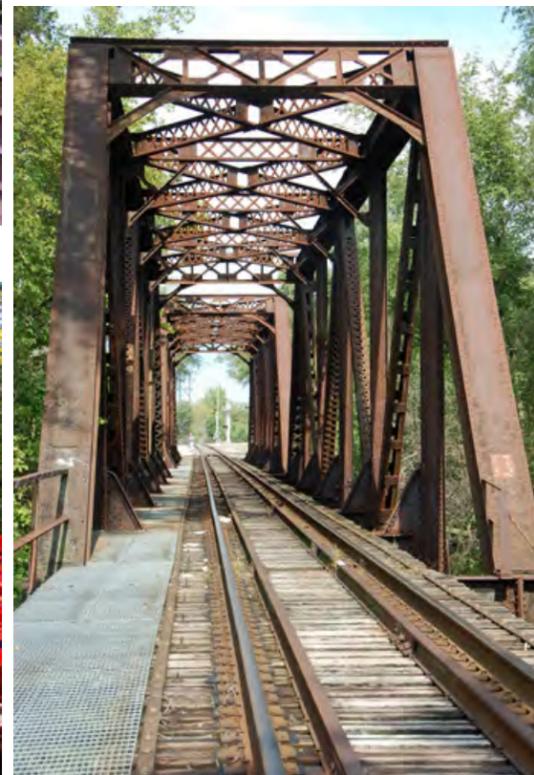
Kennedy Park Sign



Kennedy Park Bridge



State Road 9 Bridge Looking West



Railroad Trestle



Cemetery Gate

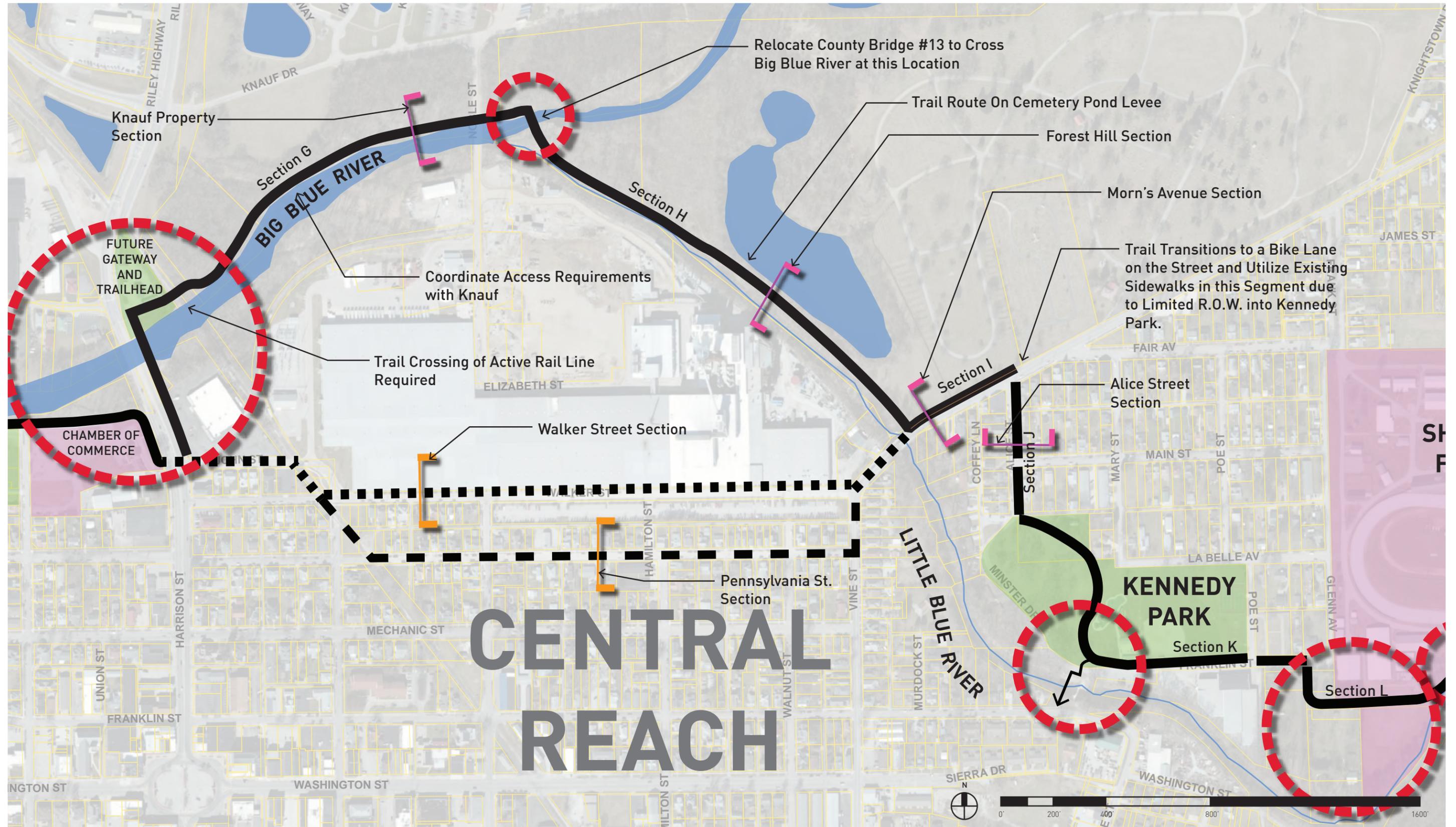


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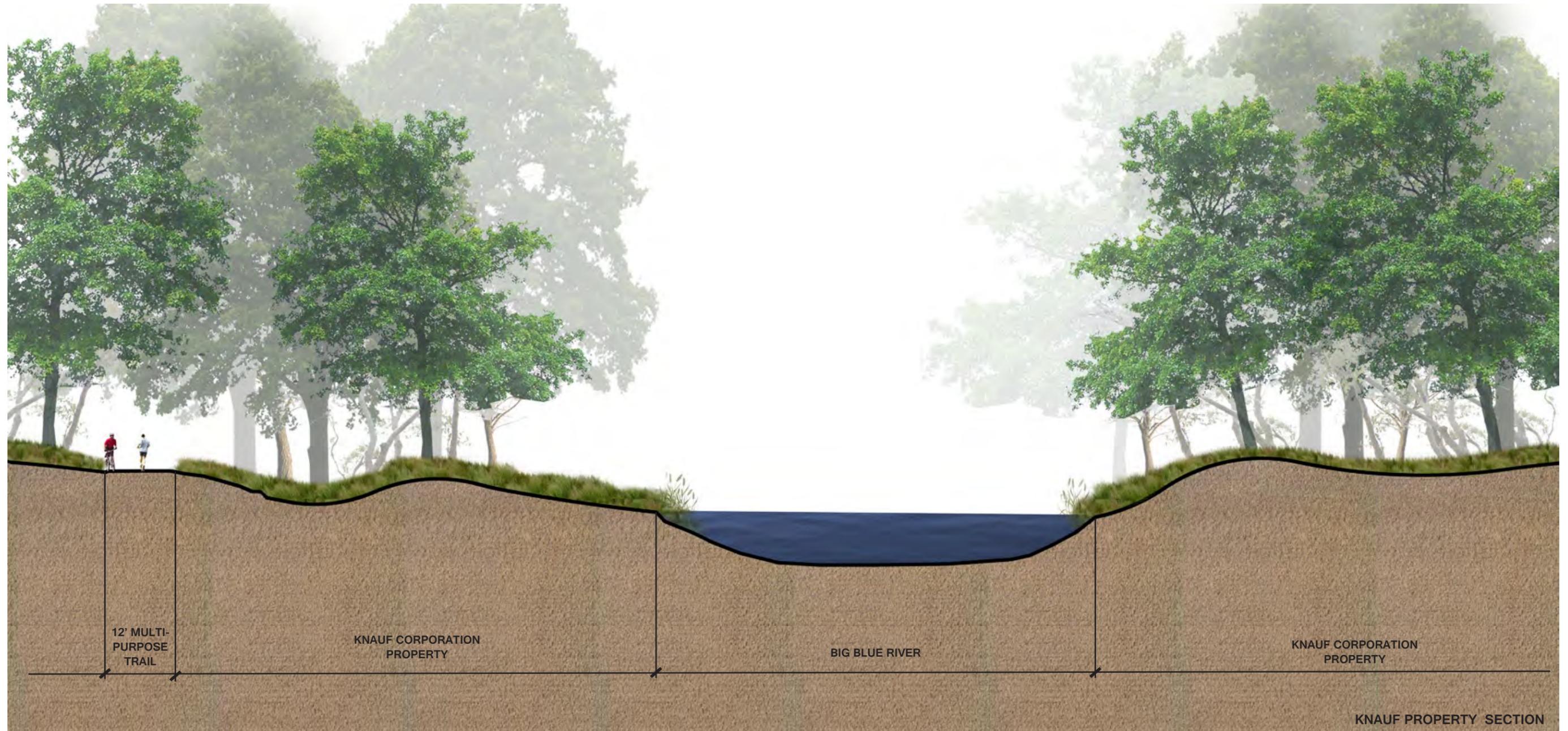


Duck in Kennedy Park

CENTRAL REACH CONCEPT PLAN



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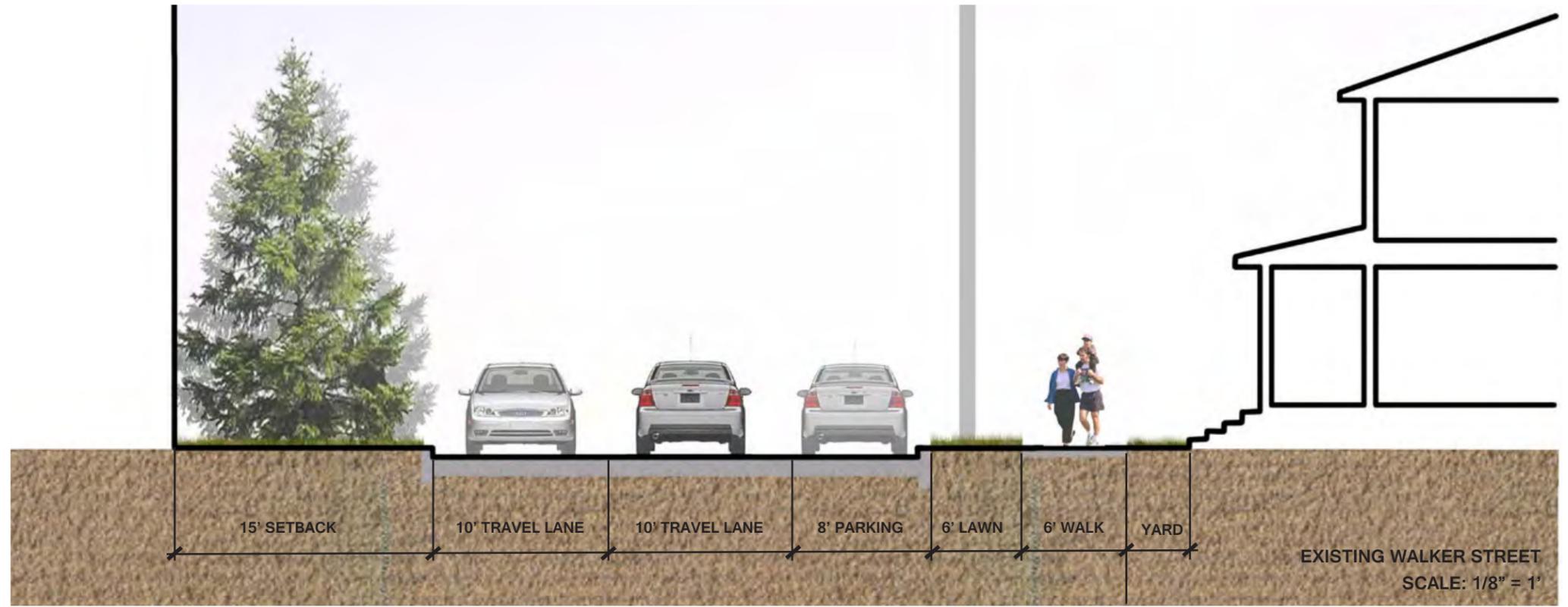
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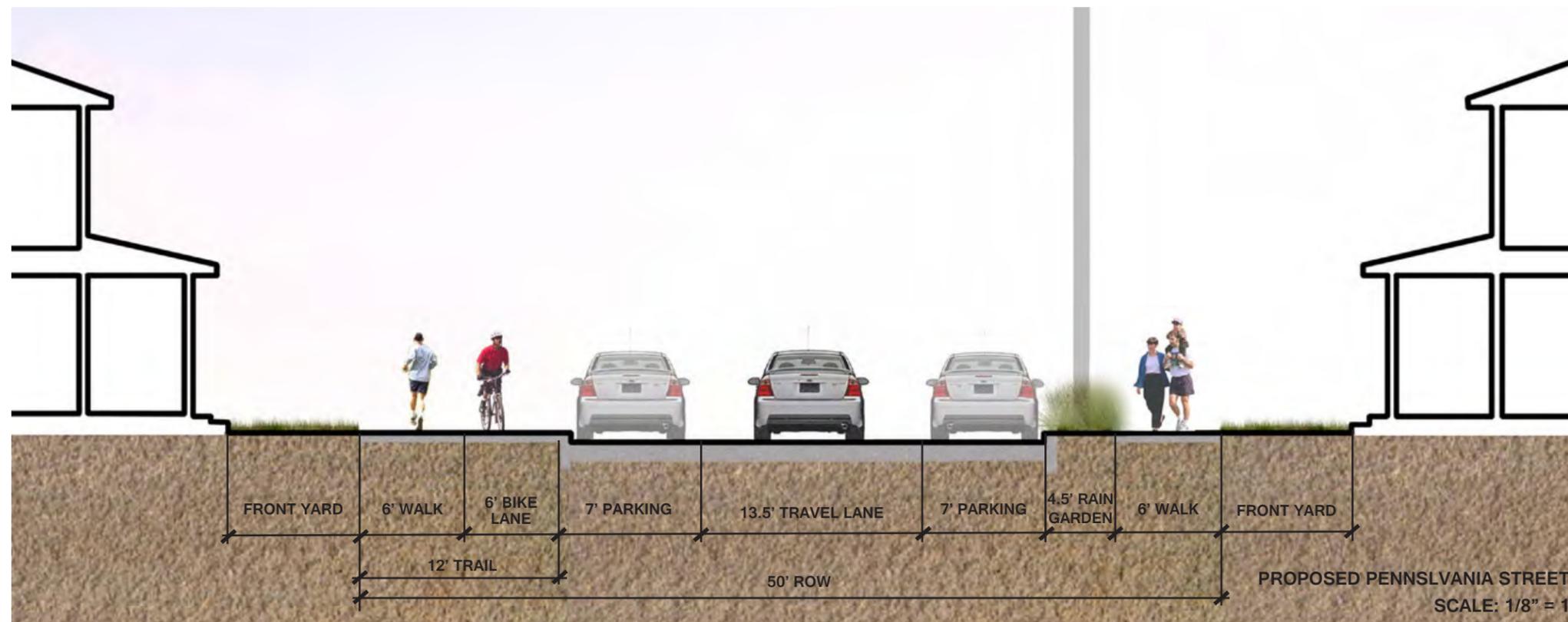
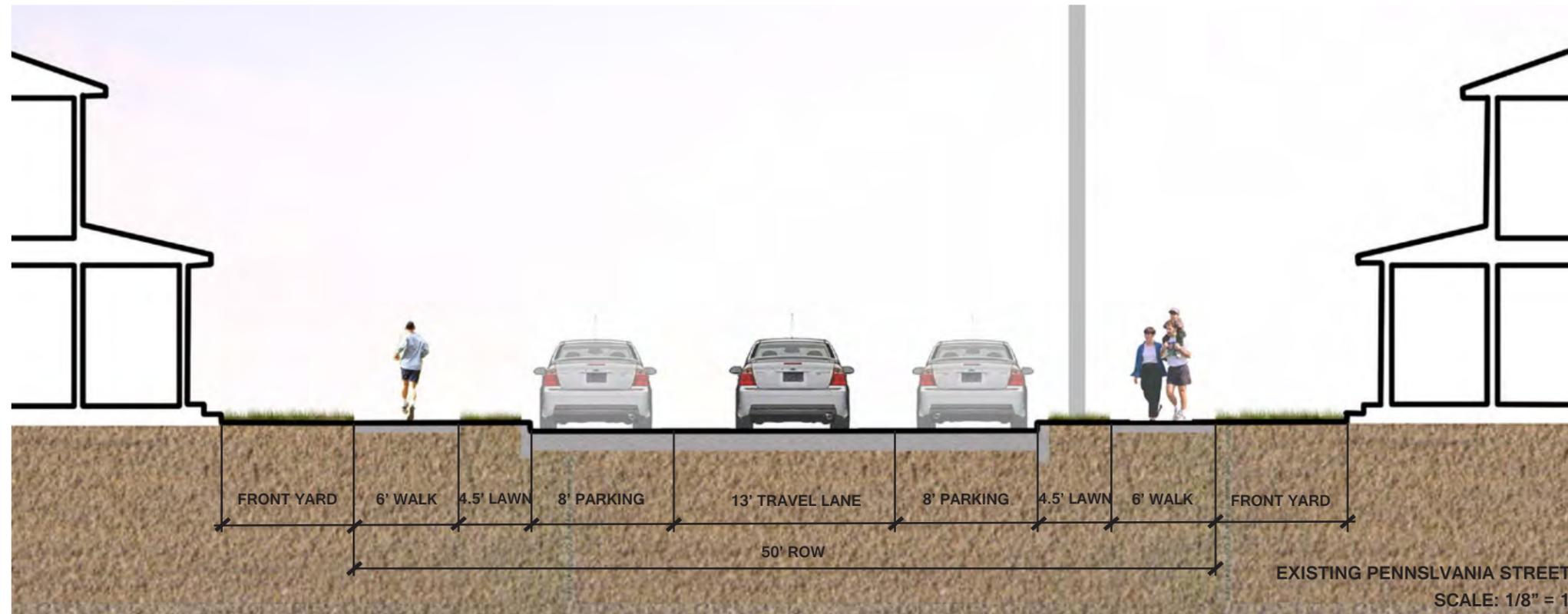
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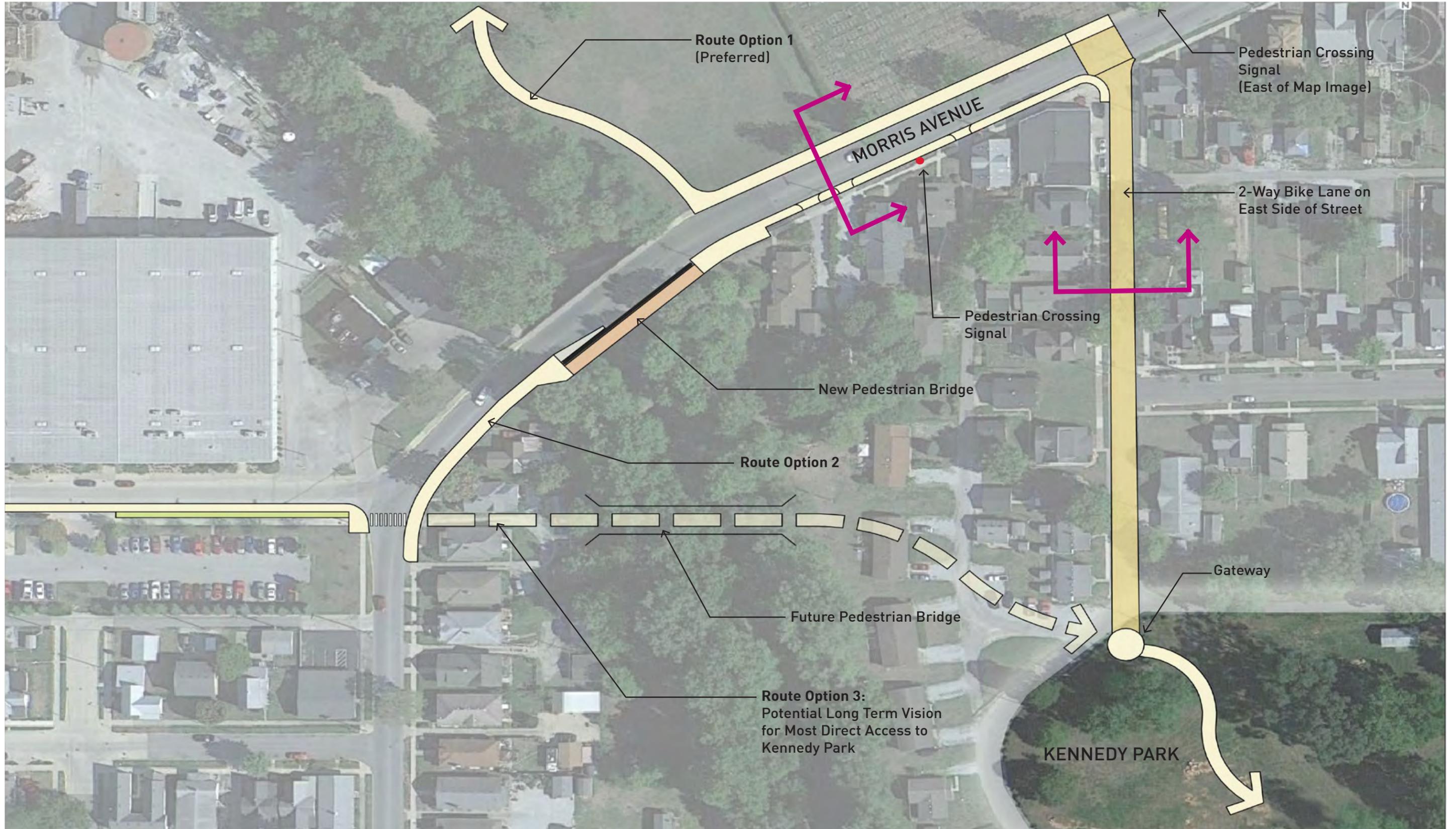
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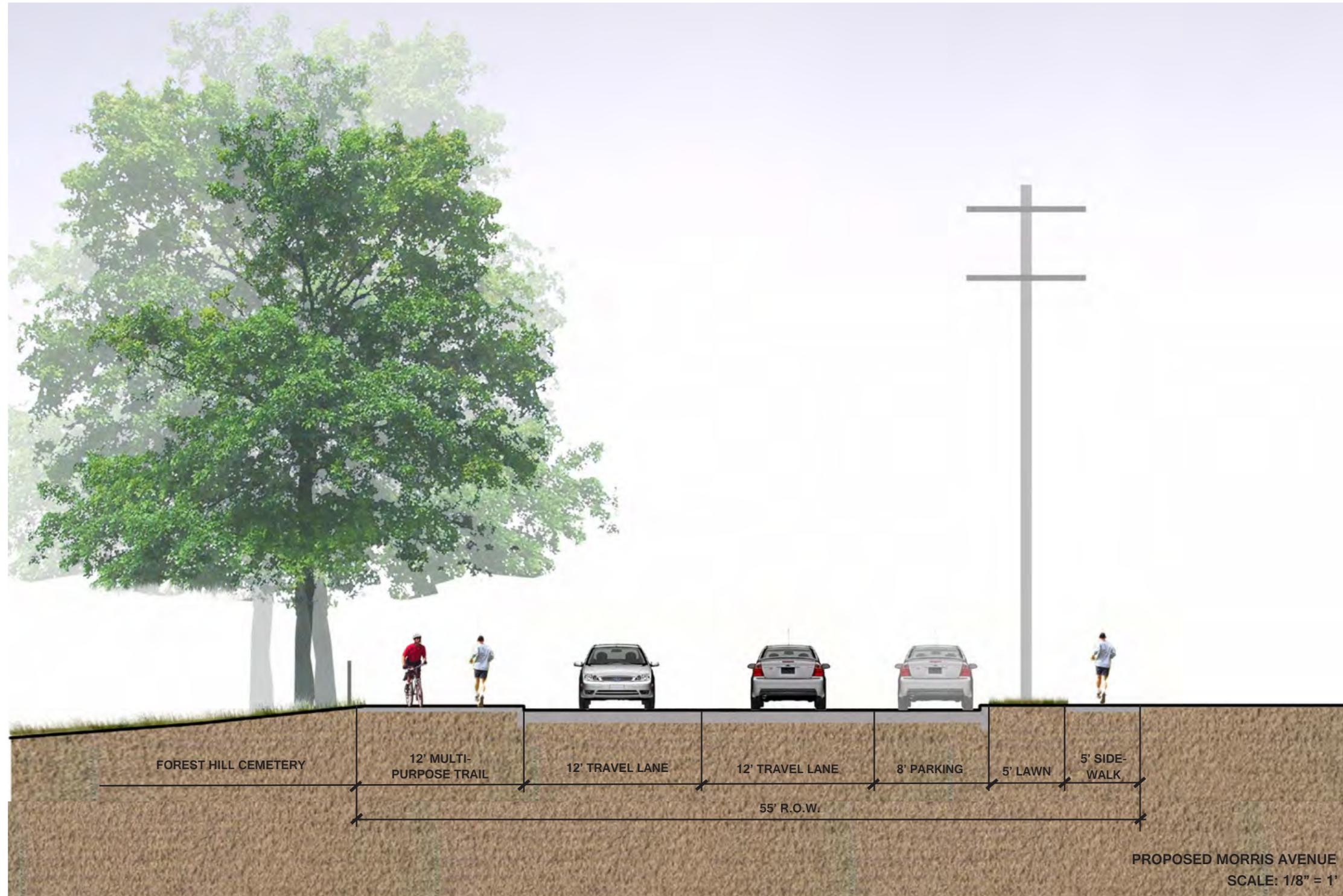
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ALTERNATIVE TRAIL ROUTES



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Blue River Park Prairie



Fairground Sign



Little Blue River from Progress Road



Blue River Park Sign

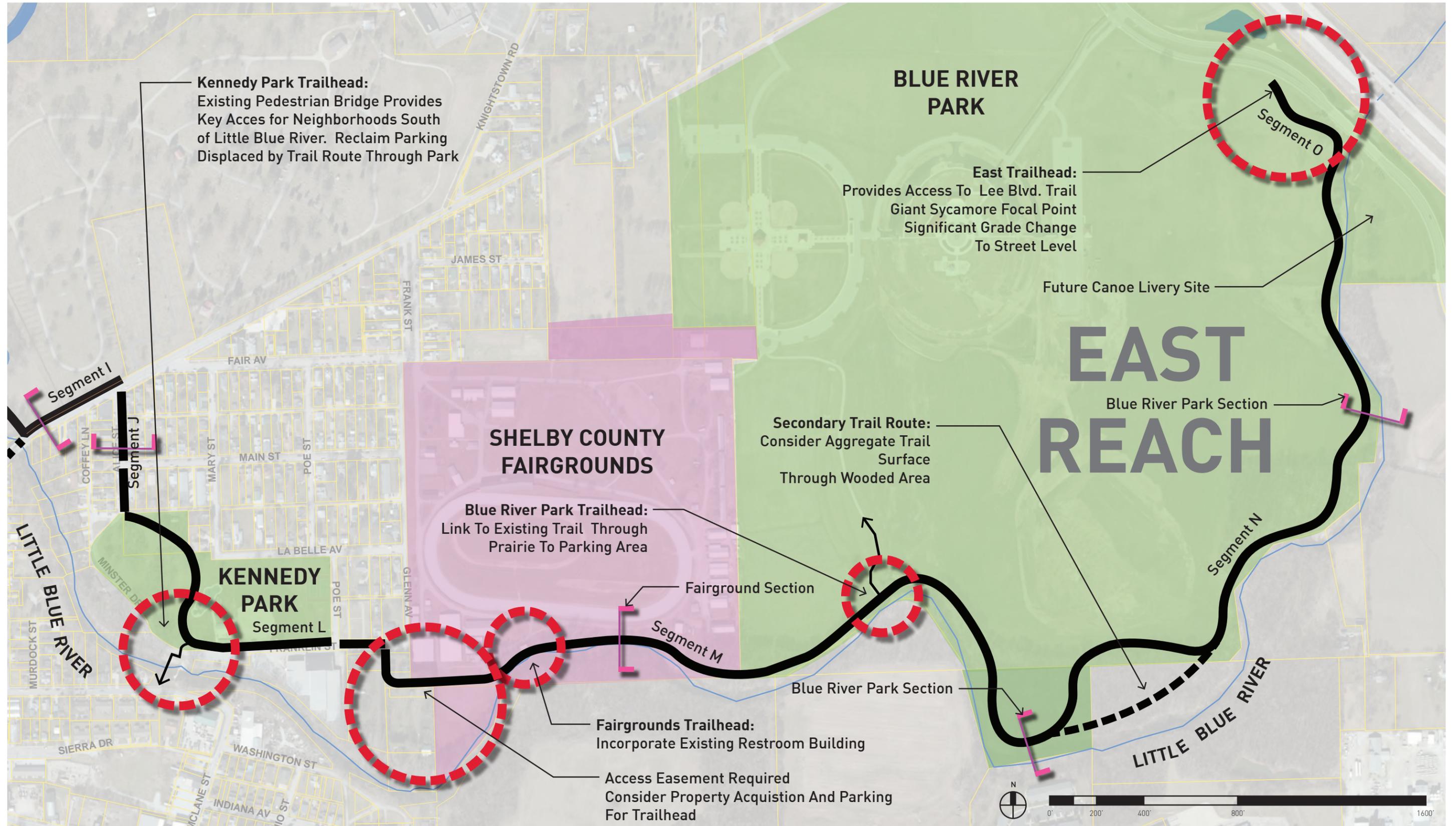


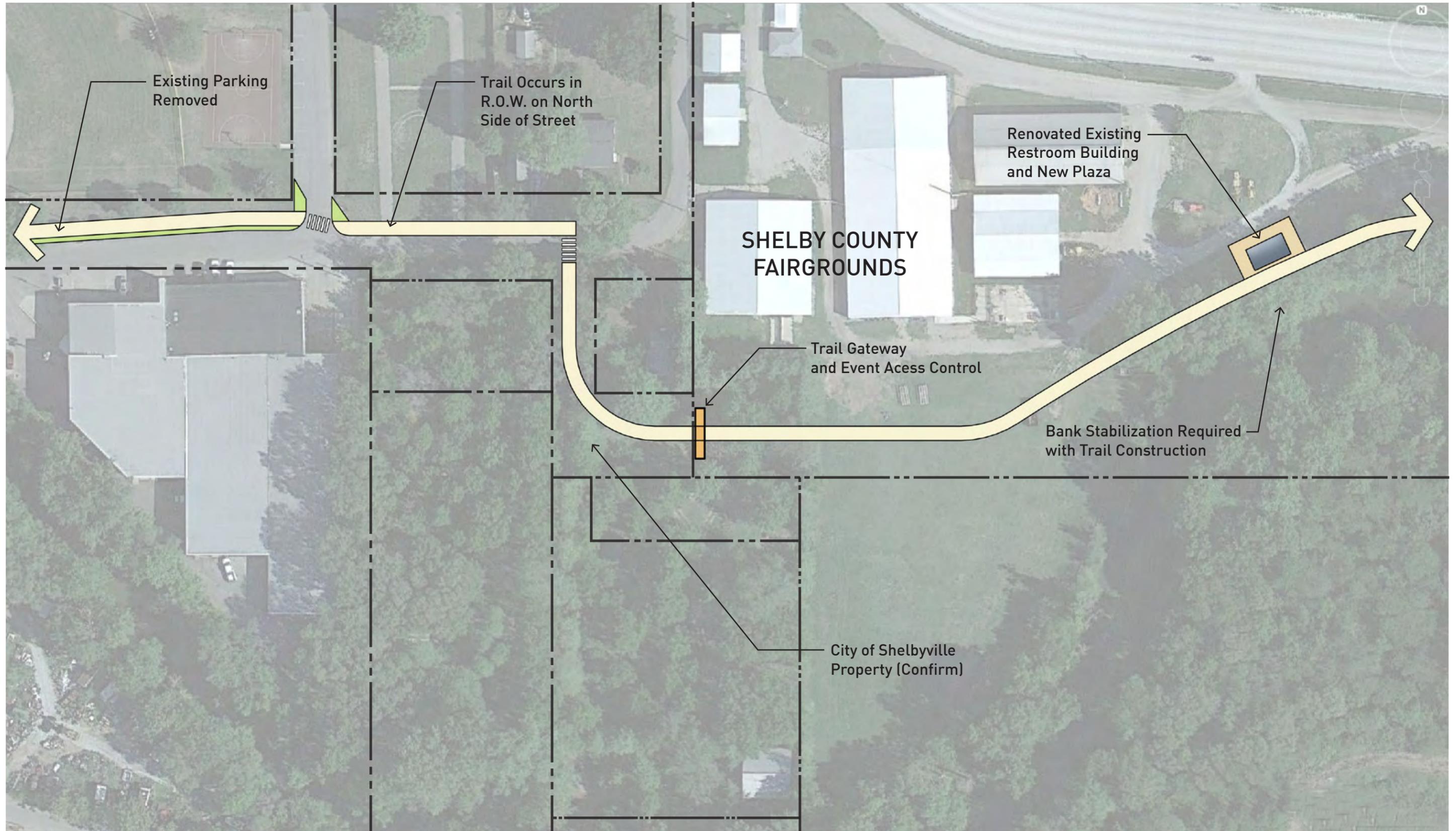
Progress Road Bridge



Blue River Park Softball Complex

EAST REACH CONCEPT PLAN





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BLUE RIVER PARK

12' MULTI-USE TRAIL

LITTLE BLUE RIVER

BLUE RIVER PARK SECTION

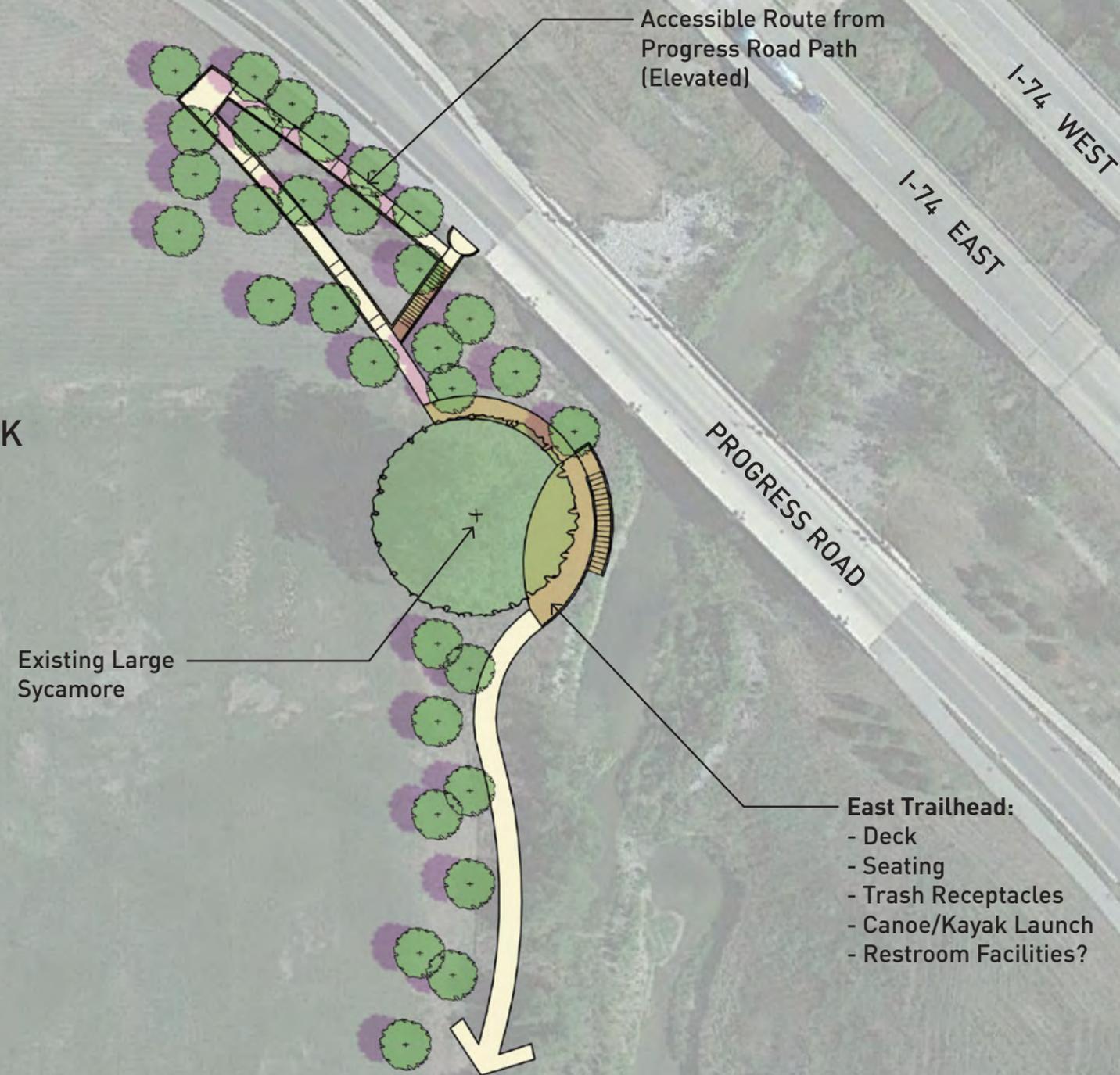
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Existing Conditions



BLUE RIVER PARK





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STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARY

Project: Blue River Trail Master Plan
 RATIO Project No.: 12075.000
 Date/Time: January 29, 2013
 Purpose: Project Stakeholder Meeting
 Held at: Shelbyville City Hall
 Participants: Mayor Tom DeBaun, City of Shelbyville
 Daniel Bird, Director, City of Shelbyville Plan Commission
 Michele Hansard, Deputy Director, City of Shelbyville Plan Commission
 Karen Martin, Director, Shelbyville Parks and Recreation
 Rob Springer, Director of Redevelopment, City of Shelbyville
 Julie Metz, Executive Director, Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
 Debra Tracy, Assistant to the Director, Shelby County Development Corporation
 Lydi Davidson, Coordinator, Shelby County Aspiration
 Sam Booth, Director, Shelby County Plan Commission
 Mike Freeman, Board Member, Shelby County Fairgrounds
 David Rush, Board Member, Shelby County Fairgrounds
 Denise Holland, Social Work Coordinator, Major Hospital
 Scott Gabbard, Educator, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
 John Jackson, RATIO
 Craig Glazier, RATIO

The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft Master Plan for the trail corridor.

1. The location of the future dog park was discussed. Mayor DeBaun indicated that the area shown was incorrect. RATIO will confirm and illustrate the correct location.
2. The group agreed that proposed trailhead areas should be illuminated. Lighting of the trail route between trailheads will be contingent on a balance between safety, trail use policy (dawn to dusk) and cost.
3. Mr. Bird said the City has discussed the potential for a Riverfront Development District. The trail will be an asset to the district and its proposed boundaries should be indicated in the plan.
4. Mayor DeBaun noted that the City is working with INDOT regarding the use of excess State Road 9 right-of-way near the Big Blue River bridge.
5. The group discussed the potential for a veteran's memorial to be included at the 'gateway' trailhead site. Ms. Martin noted that Blue River Park already has such a memorial, but most citizens don't know where it is.
6. Mayor DeBaun noted the community's historic connection to the 'Bears of Blue River' and the statue commemorating the legend on the square. He suggested that public art and interpretive signage should be an integral part of the trail experience.

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7. The group discussed the importance of identifying parks, hospitals, schools and other civic sites in the City within walking distance of the trail.
8. RATIO presented the proposed trail section along River Road, noting the need to construct the trail adjacent to the existing street. Since the existing street is not curbed, a wood timber guardrail would be required to protect trail users from passing traffic. The group agreed a guardrail would also be required along the steep slope down to the river on the opposite side of the trail.
9. Ms. Metz noted that traffic moves very quickly south of the State Road 9 bridge. This is an important consideration related to a proposed trail crossing without a traffic light south of the bridge.
10. The proposed CSX railroad crossing at John Street was discussed. While the conceptual route shown parallel to the street crosses the tracks at an acute/obtuse angle, AASHTO standards for multi-use trails will require the trail to bend to cross perpendicular to the rails.
11. Mayor DeBaun noted that fire trucks use Pennsylvania Street to access the Knauf plant on a regular basis. Planned improvements to the street should not reduce the travel lane width, resulting in a 10' trail on the north side of the street.
12. Ms. Martin suggested that areas of river bank erosion in Kennedy Park and Blue River Park be identified so that critical bank stabilization adjacent to the trail route can be included as part of planned improvements.
13. Ms. Martin noted that the park system master plan should be consulted for opportunities for connectivity with the river trail. She also noted that a canoe livery is planned near the proposed east trailhead with access from Progress Road.
14. Mr. Freeman noted a concern about the potential for race horses on the fairgrounds track to be spooked by trail users. RATIO will develop a section to illustrate the required fencing and planted buffer.
15. Mr. Rush noted that buried construction debris north of the river along the fairgrounds edge could create a challenge to excavation and compaction of the trail subgrade.
16. The group discussed security concerns during the Shelby County Fair and other events held at the fairgrounds. Gates should be provided at either end of the fairgrounds to allow for occasional closure to trail users.
17. Mr. Rush noted the need for fairgrounds staff to continue to draw water from the river to wet the track surface. A dry hydrant installed beneath the trail was discussed as the best solution.
18. Ms. Martin suggested the project should be submitted for a grant from the Blue River Community Foundation. RATIO will provide the trail master plan for use in this and other grant applications.

Any additions or corrections to this meeting summary should be submitted in writing to RATIO Architects, Inc. within ten (10) days of receipt. Otherwise, this meeting summary shall stand as correct.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Michele Hansard – for distribution to stakeholders.



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