

Ward 2 Meeting

April 25, 2023



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Meet Your Aldermen



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***What topics do
you want to hear
about tonight?***

Finances

Capital Investment Highlights From FY23



Deerpath Watermain Replacement

Completed May 2022

May



Townline Park Splash Pad



Completed June 2022

June

Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing

Completed August 2022

August



Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project



Completed October 2022

October

2022

May

August

August

October



Waveland Park Parking Lot Expansion

Completed May 2022



Woodland Pedestrian Bridge



Completed August 2022

Asphalt Patching and Resurfacing

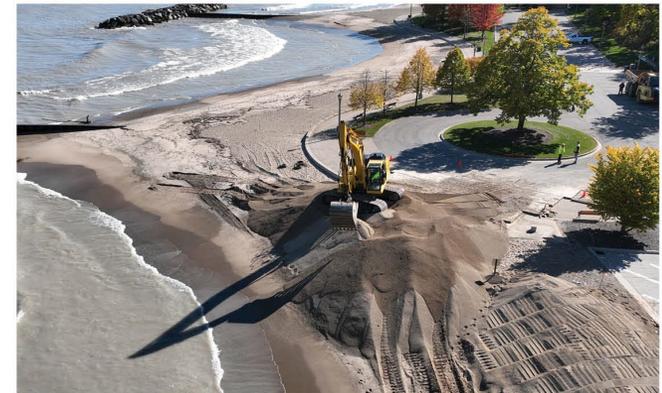
Completed August 2022

Concrete Street Repairs

Completed August 2022

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining

Completed August 2022



Forest Park Beach Sand Replenishment

Completed October 2022



City Finances Overview

- Balanced Budget for FY2023 and Proposed FY2024
- Aaa Bond Rating
- Healthy Financial Reserves
- Proactive Strategy to Address Pension Costs
- Record level of capital asset investments – \$32 million in upcoming fiscal year
- Lowest tax rate in Lake County

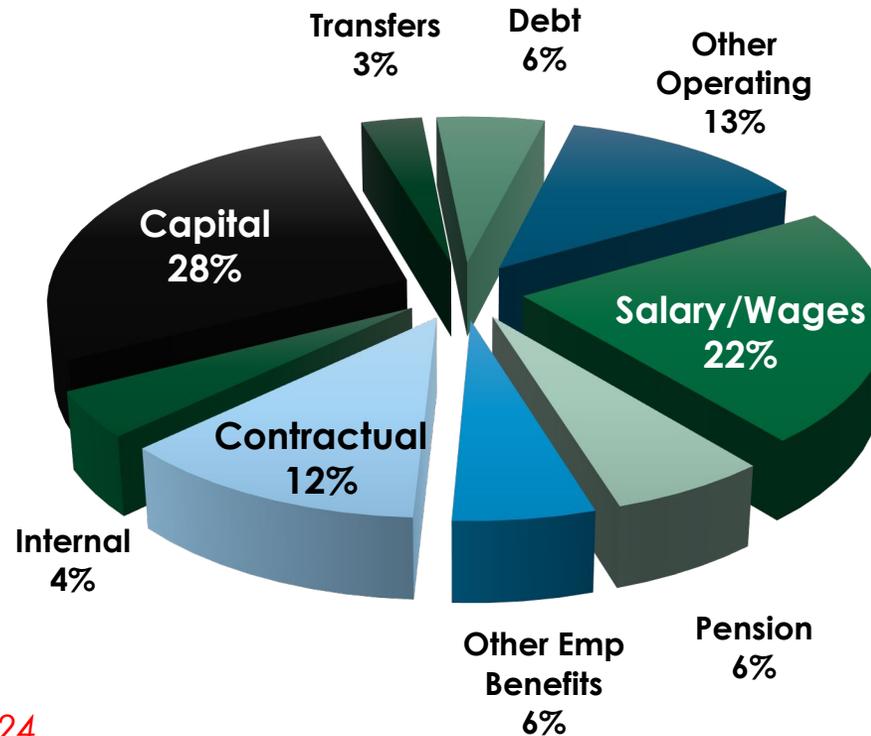
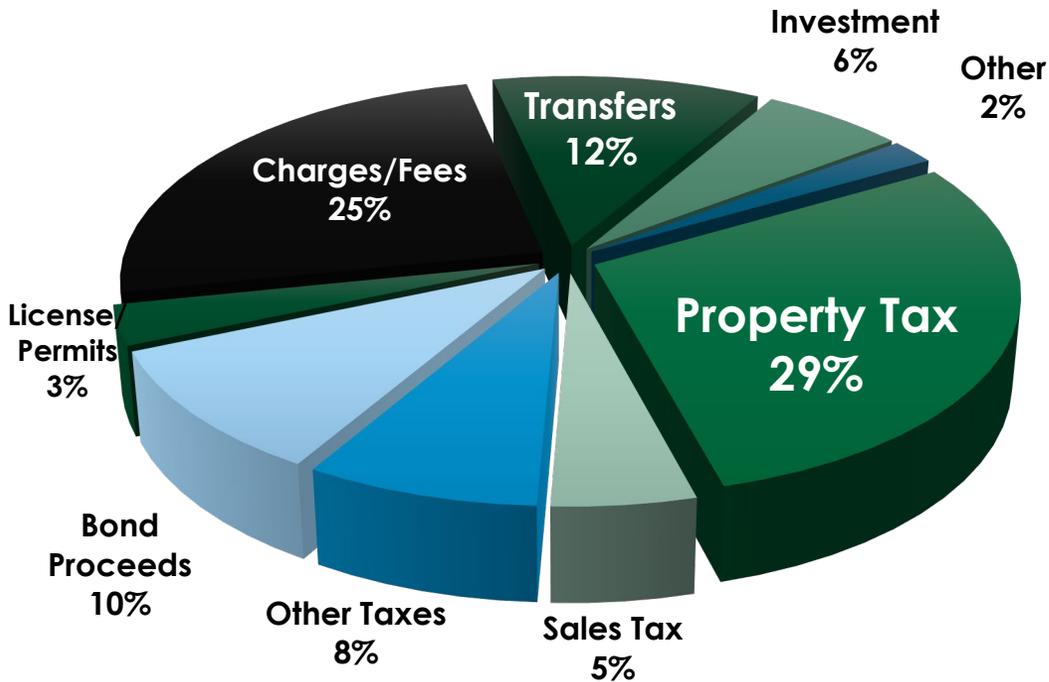
FY24 BUDGET

City Wide Budget – all Funds

Personnel costs account for
34.1%
 of City-wide Expenses

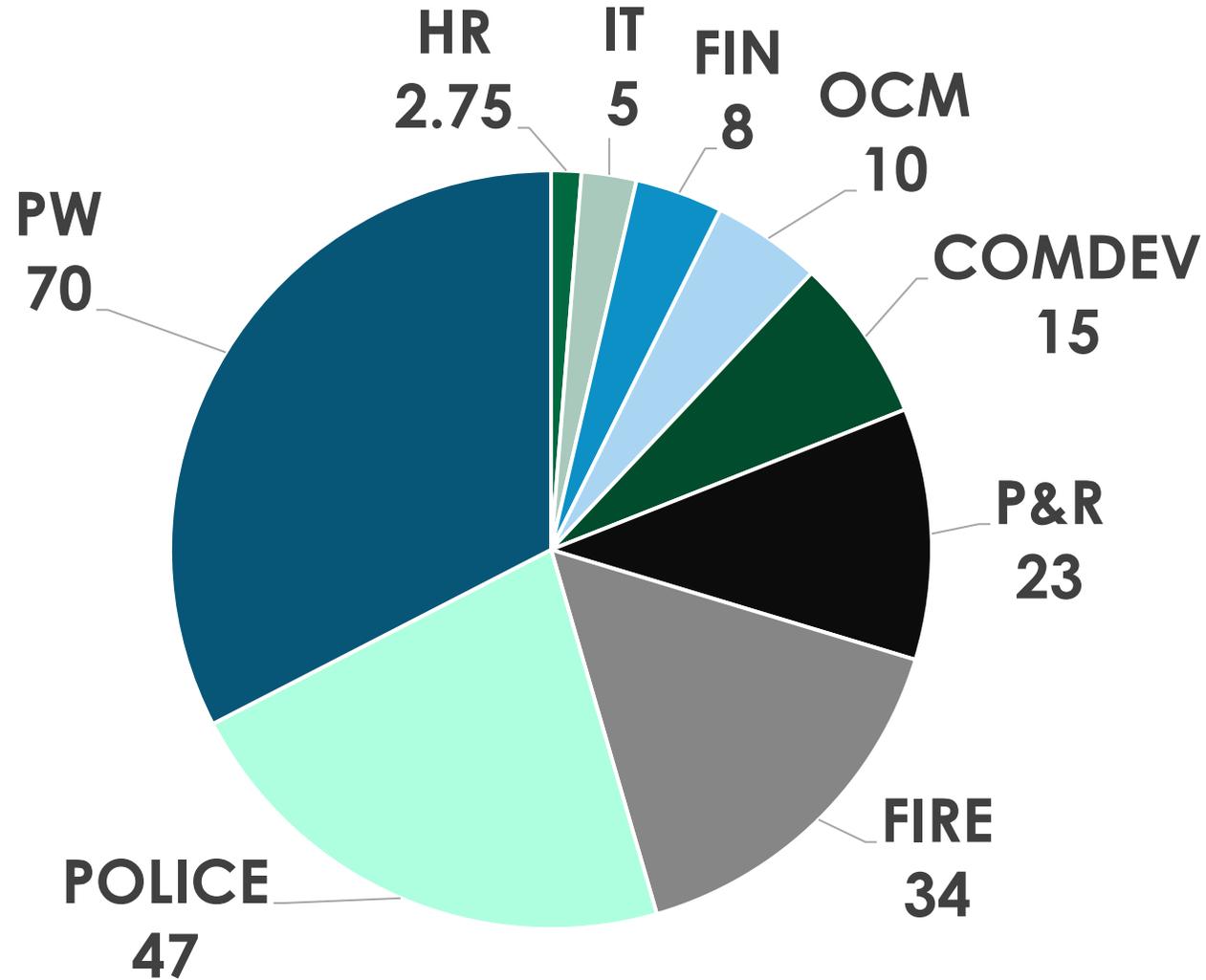
REVENUE \$118,758,566

EXPENSE \$121,505,724



NOTE: Revenues exclude \$4m in FY23 revenue allocated to FY24 capital expense.

Full Time Equivalent Employees by Departments



PROPOSED FY2024-2028 CIP

(Amounts in Millions)

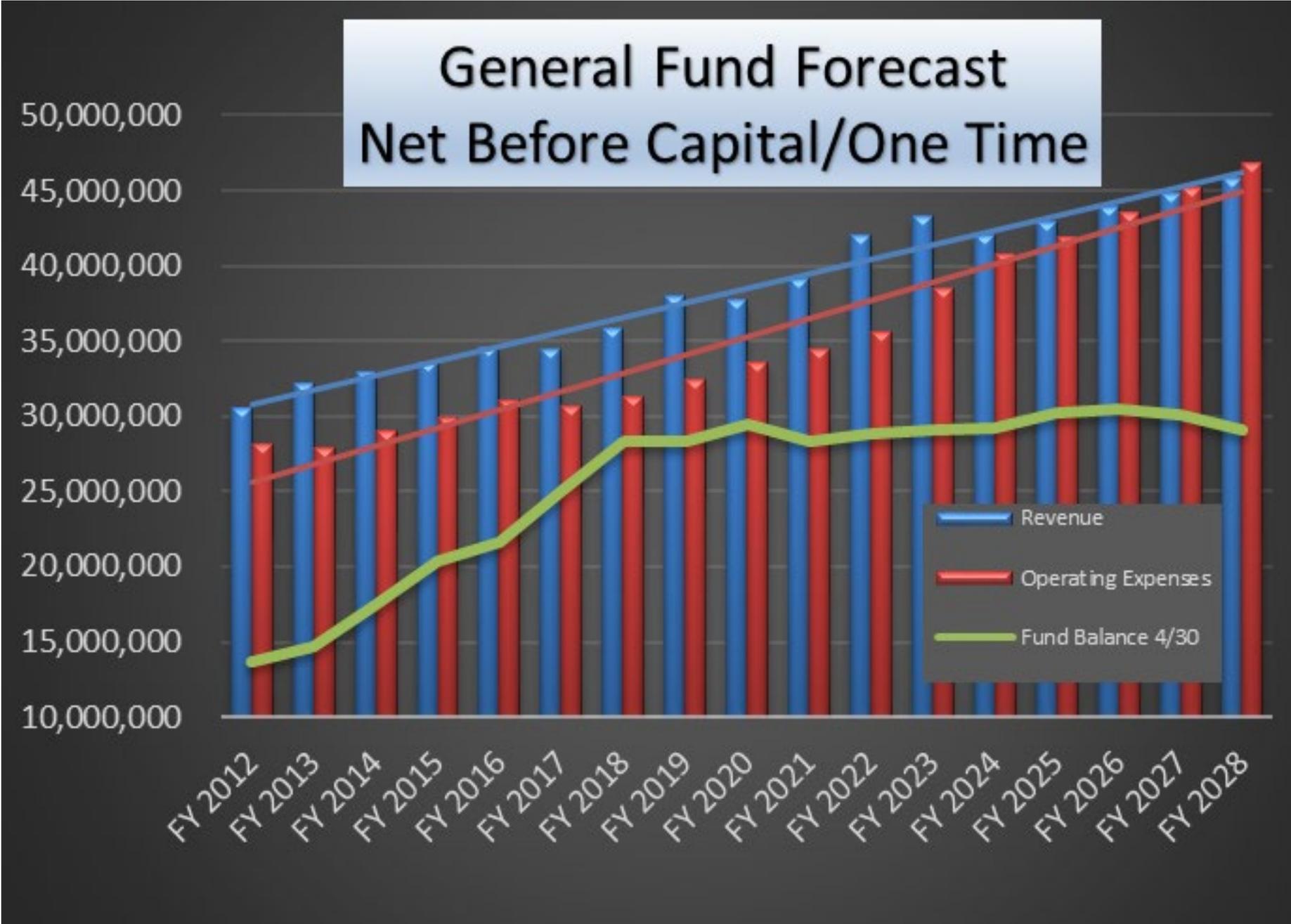
**TOTAL
FIVE YEAR CIP
\$74.23 MILLION**

**Total Grant
Funding:
\$11.068M
(15.09%)**

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Capital Fund – City	\$ 23.581	6.353	5.315	3.440	3.970
Capital Fund – Grant	2.738	3.255	3.130		
Cemetery Fund		.100			
E-911 Fund	.114				
Golf Course Fund	.100	.155	.440	.055	.045
Motor Fuel Tax – City	3.000	.615		1.500	
Motor Fuel Tax - Grant		1.945			
Park & Public Land Fund	1.041	.110	.570		
Parks & Rec/Special Rec	.113	.070	.170	.070	.070
Water/Sanitary Sewer	2.179	2.615	2.590	2.190	2.590
TOTAL	\$ 32.867*	\$ 15.218	\$ 12.215	\$ 7.255	\$6.675
UNFUNDED PROJECTS	\$ 4.166	\$ 13.495	\$ 9.705	\$ 10.252	\$ 7.770

* Plus \$3.5m budgeted FY23 to be rolled over for Forest Park Bluff Stabilization

City Fund Balance

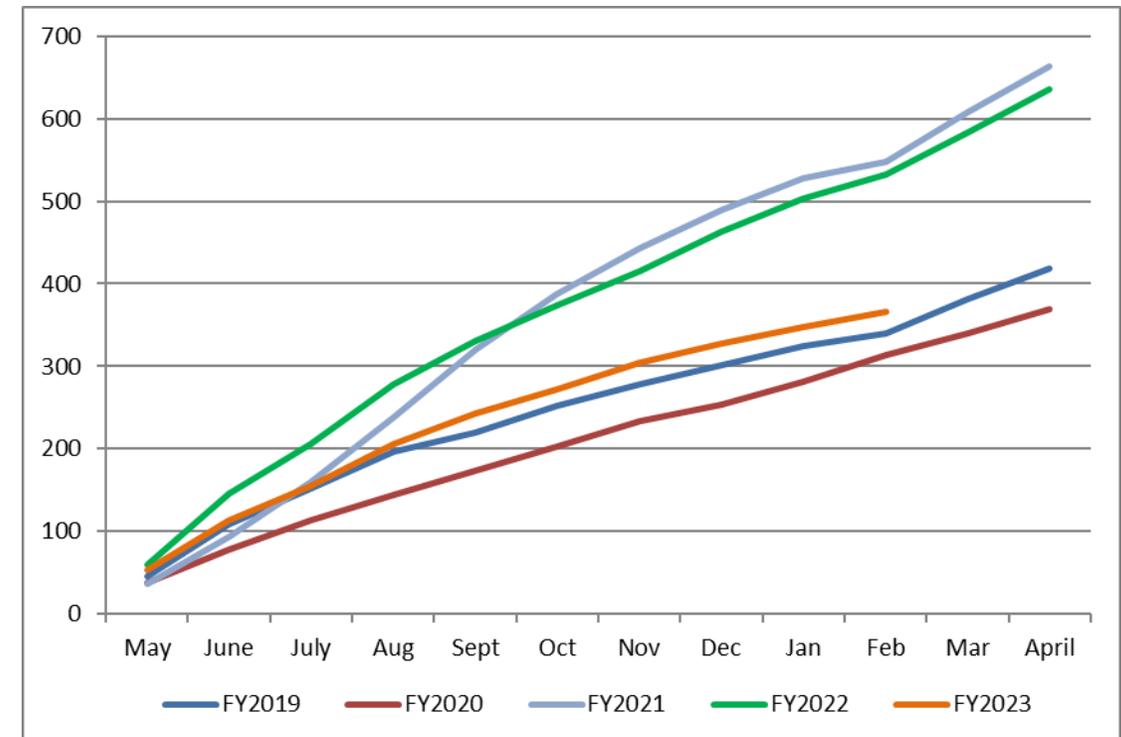


Real Estate

Lake Forest Real Estate Market



Residential Transfers Fiscal Year 2023 YTD Compared to Previous Four Fiscal Years

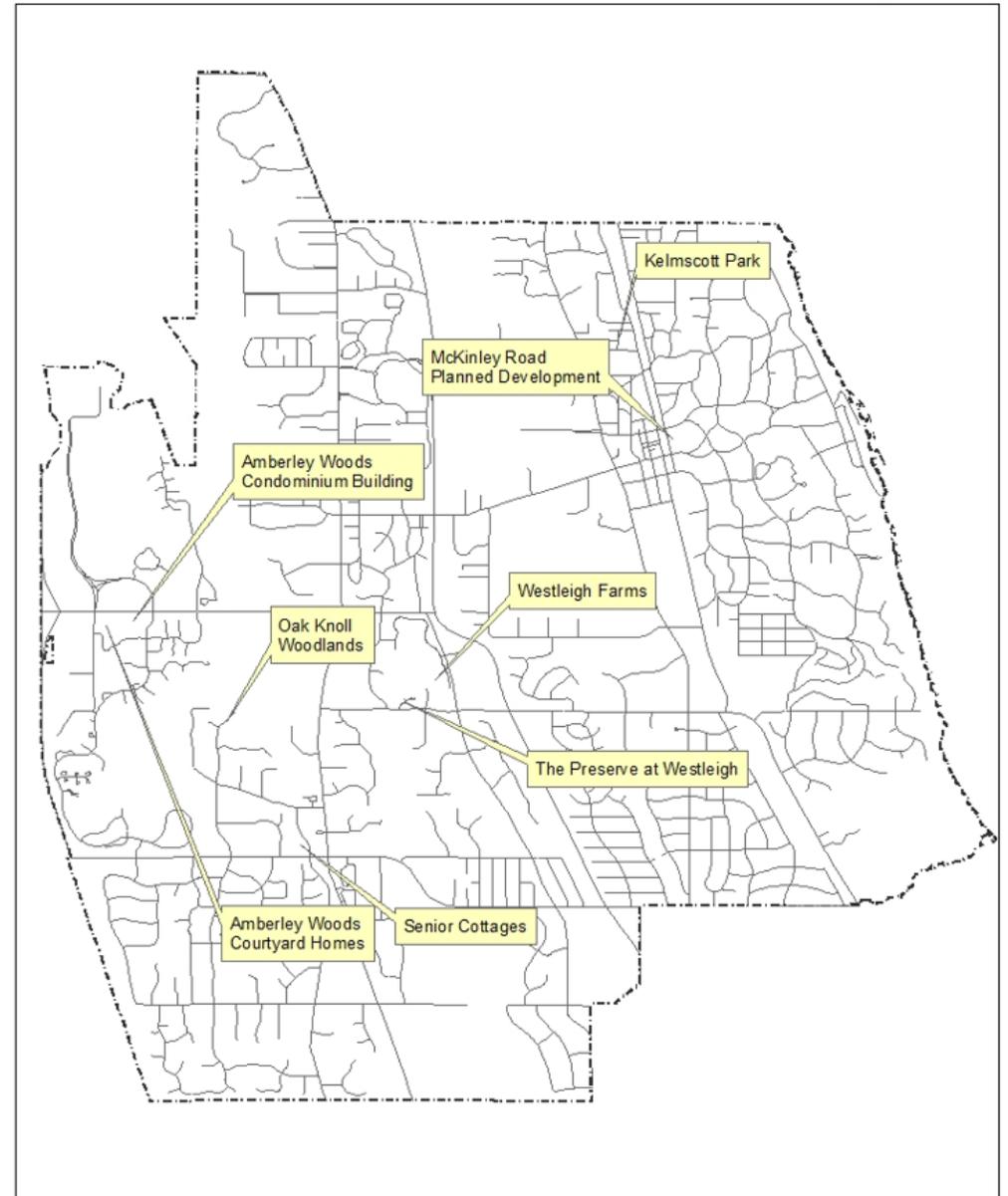


**Over 1,400 new households
in most recent 30 months!**

New Residential Development

- 30 New Single-Family Homes in 2022
- Amberley Woods Condominium
- New Subdivisions (see Map)
- 12 Senior Cottages

	2020	2021	2022	2023 to date
Single Family and Duplex Homes	31	34	34	5
Multi-Family Units	6	0	54	0



Development Activity



Eat Local!

- Authentico
- Bake Homemade Pizza
- Chief's Pub
- Deer Path Inn
- Donati's Pizza/Jefe's Tacos
- **Duffers Pub***
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Egg Harbor
- Einstein's Bagels
- Everett Farms
- **Fannie May Chocolate***
- Ferentino's
- Foodstuffs
- Francesca's Intimo
- Gerhards
- **Hometown Coffee & Juice***
- Jimmy John's
- Kuro Bistro
- Lake Forest Food and Wine
- **Le Colonial***
- Left Bank
- LF Juice Company
- Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
- **Oaken Bar + Bistro***
- **Peanut Gallery***
- Rosati's Pizza
- **Sophia Steak***
- Starbucks
- Sushi Kushi
- Sweet's
- The Gallery
- The Lantern

***Recent Additions**

Capital Improvements

FY24 Capital Improvement Projects



- Deerpath Community Park Improvements - \$16,000,000
- Forest Park Bluff Slope Stabilization - \$4,950,000
- **Ahwahnee Rd Storm Sewer Upgrade - \$3,850,000**
- Sir William Lane Watermain Repairs - \$950,000
- **McCormick Dr, Rockefeller Rd, Loch Ln Ravine Construction - \$800,000**
- Townline Park Splash Pad Improvements - \$60,000
- McLennon-Reed Bridge Repairs - \$1,500,000
- Beach Crane Replacements - \$425,000
- Elawa Parking Lot Resurfacing and Expansion - \$375,000
- Water Plant Projects, including Membrane Module Replacement (\$340,000) and Pump VFD Upgrade (\$247,000)
- Deerpath Sidewalk Connectivity (Route 41-Westmoreland) - \$50,000
- Annual Programs
 - Concrete Streets Repairs - \$50,000
 - Street Resurfacing - \$1,500,000
 - Sewer Lining (Sanitary & Storm) - \$100,000
 - Sanitary Manhole Lining and I&I Repairs - \$100,000
 - Water Valve Repairs - \$100,000
- And other smaller projects

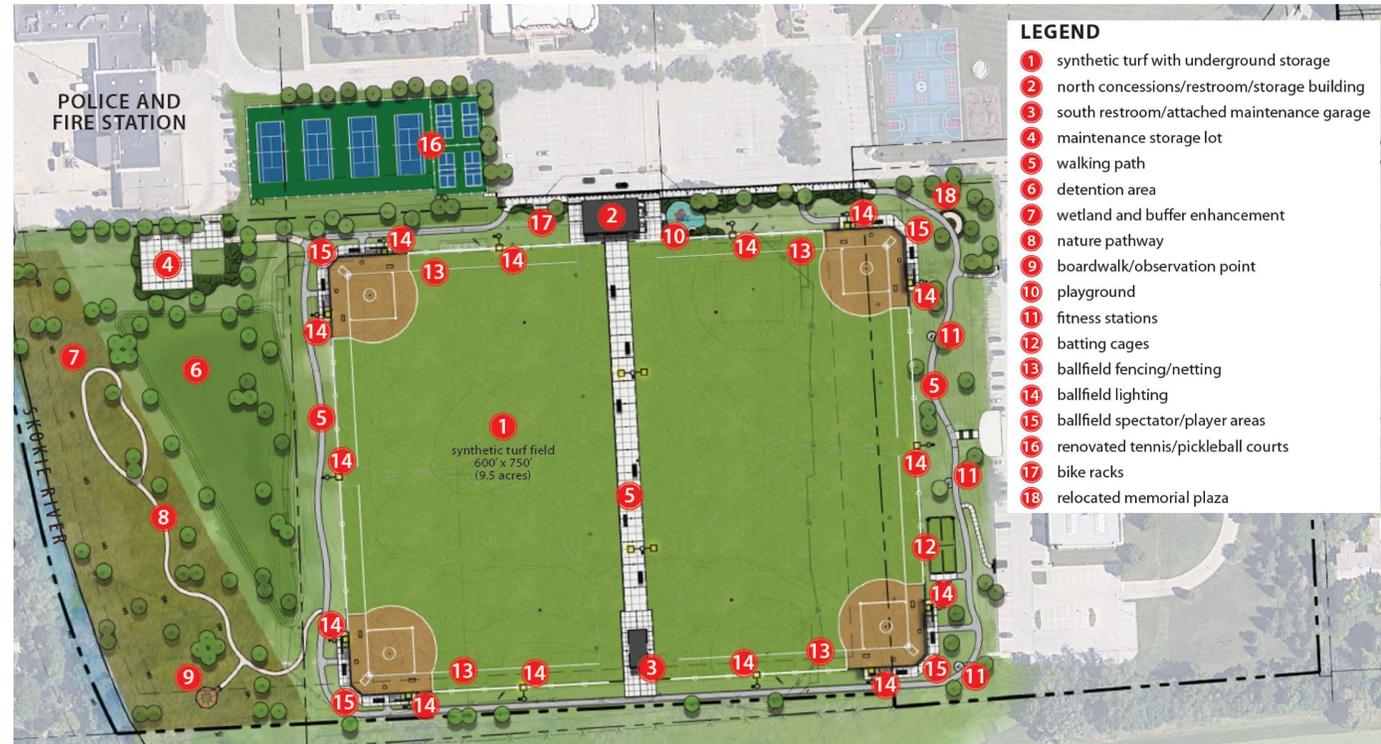
Totaling Over \$32M+



Deerpath Community Park Improvement Project



- Installation of synthetic turf **athletic fields** and additional **community park amenities**, including:
 - Two restroom buildings,
 - Renovated tennis/pickleball courts
 - Playground & Fitness stations, and
 - Natural area enhancements
- Construction: April through mid-October



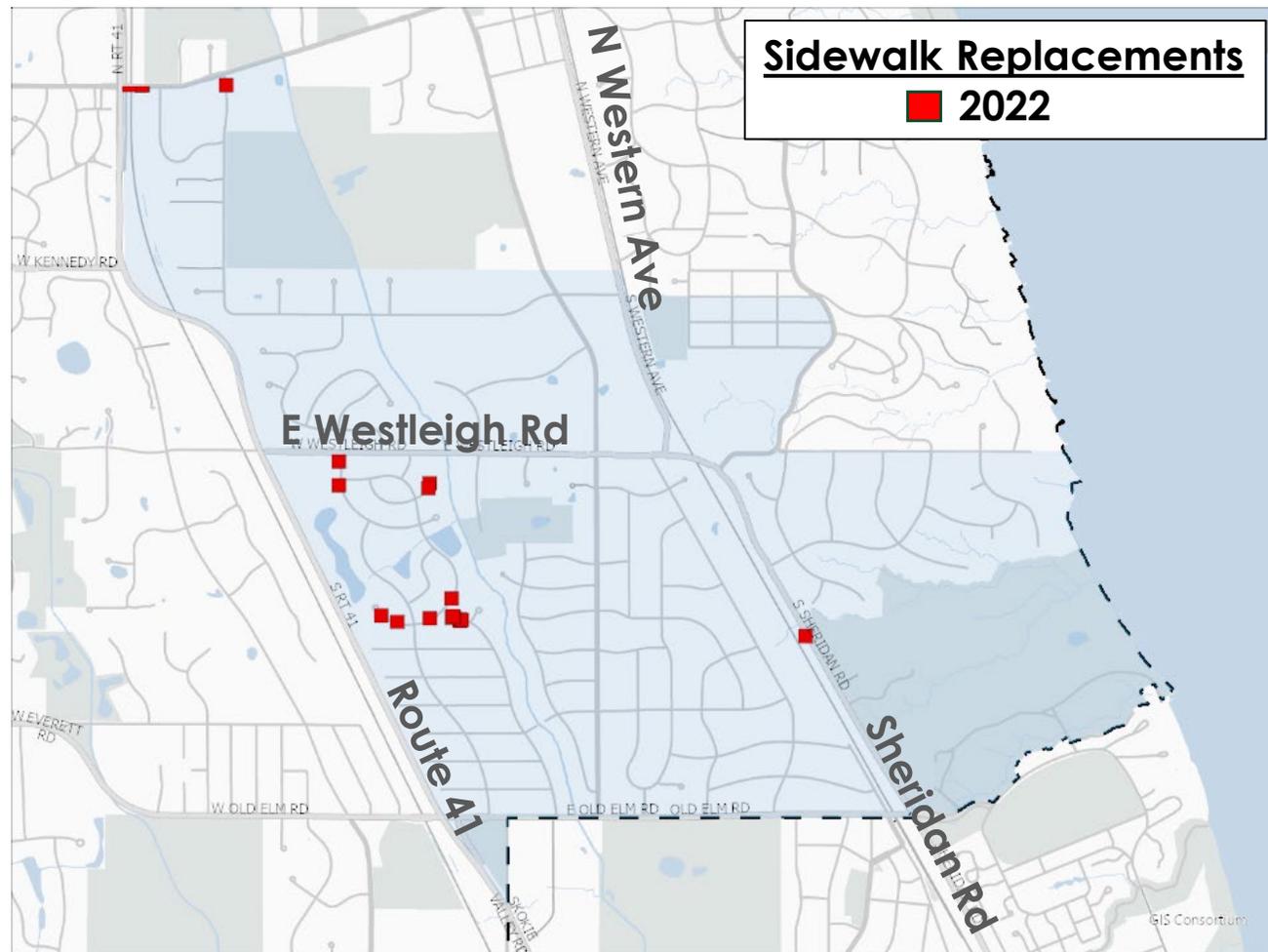
Scan QR code to view project webpage



Ward 2 Projects

Sidewalk Replacement

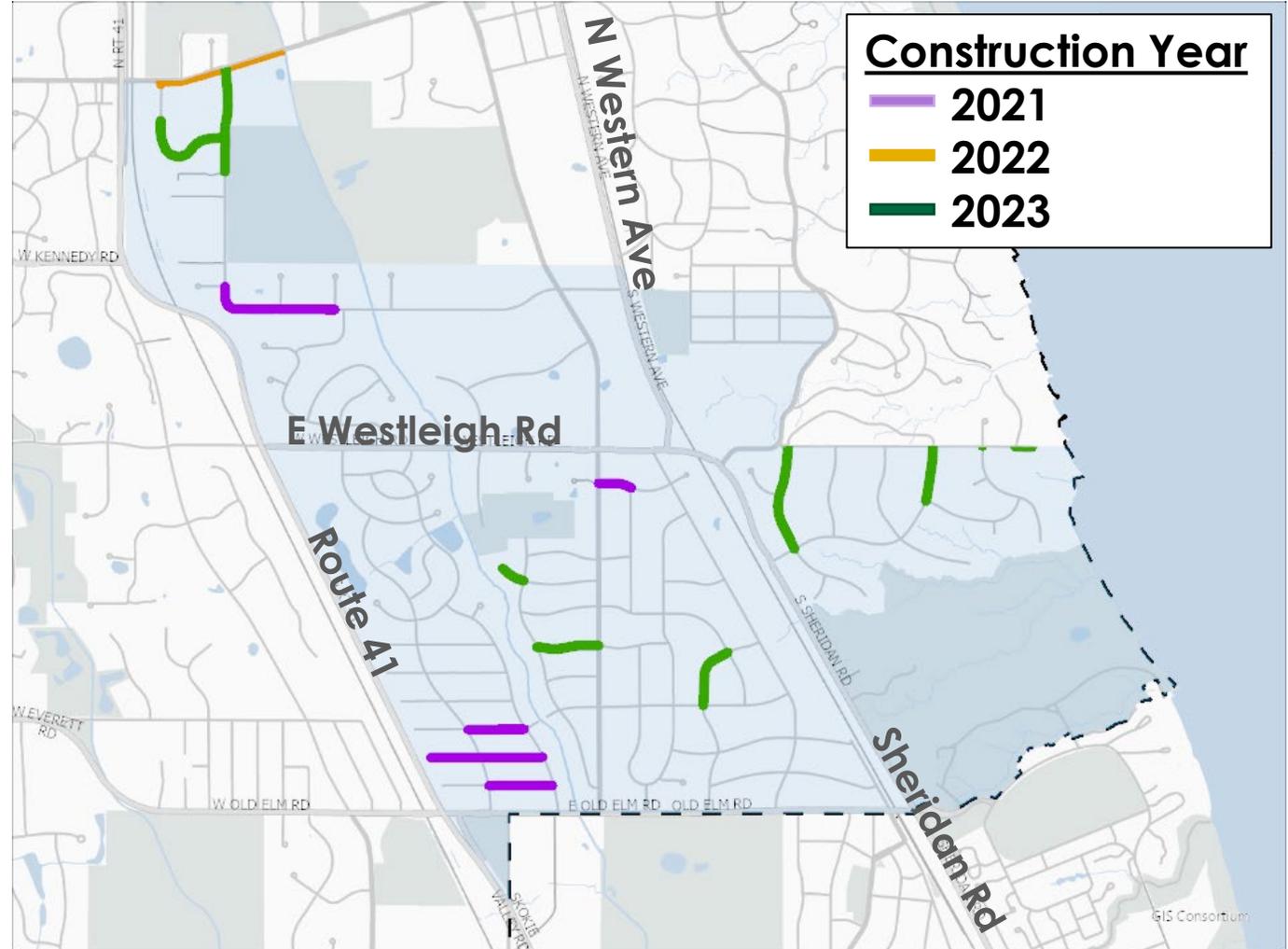
- City-wide evaluation performed every 5 years
- Overall sidewalk panels are evaluated by categorical ratings
- **Goal:** Replace all hazardous sidewalk conditions
- Staff uses evaluation to prioritize sidewalk panel replacements annually



Street Resurfacing

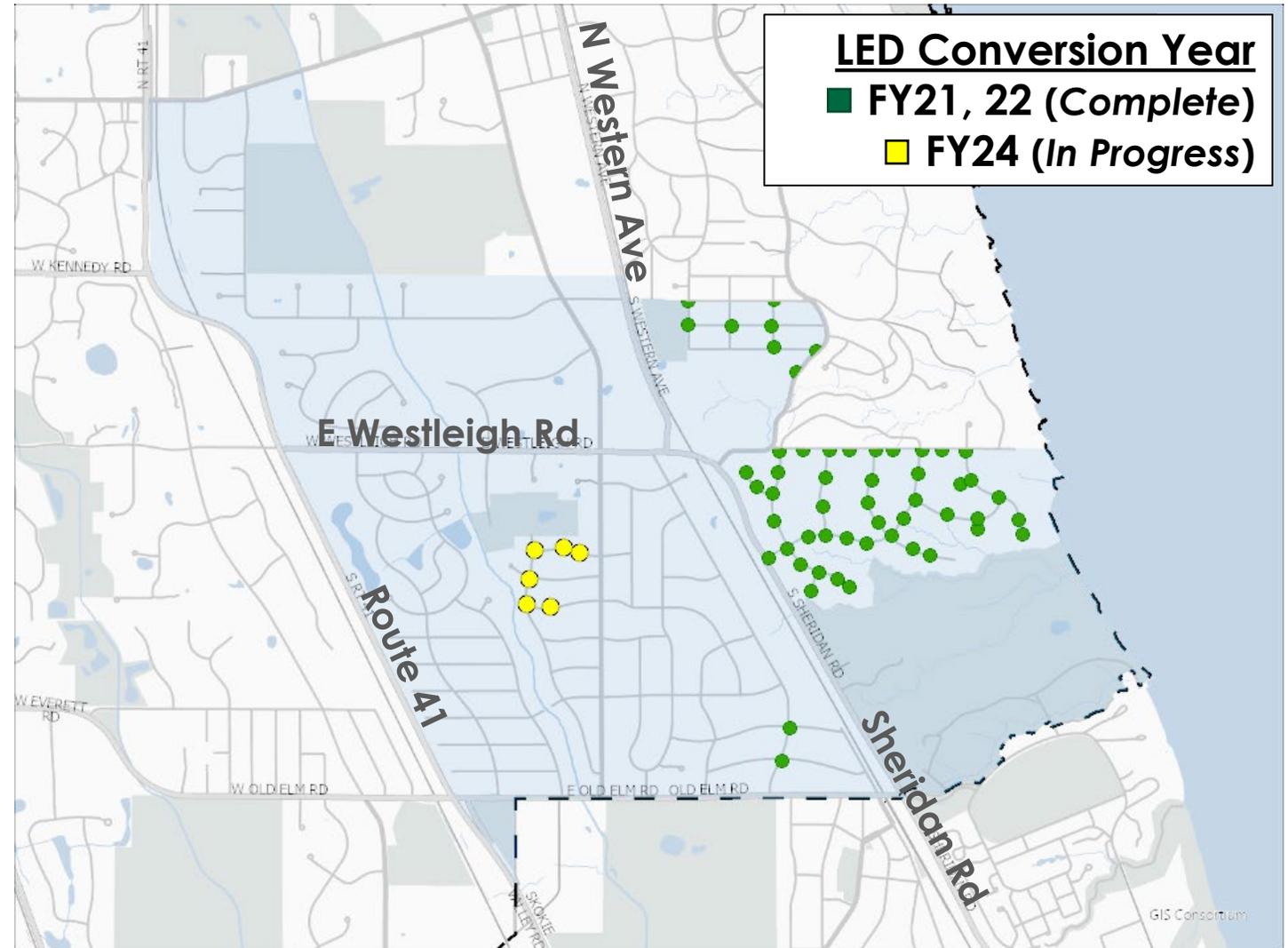
FY24 Construction:

- Grandview Ln
- Glenwood Rd
- Greenwood Ave
- McCormick Dr
- Rockefeller Rd



Gaslight to LED Conversion Program

- Began **summer 2018**
- **50+ gaslights** have been converted in Ward 2 to date
- Once completed, City anticipates **saving \$50,000/year** in natural gas costs and **saving \$27,000/year** on maintenance costs



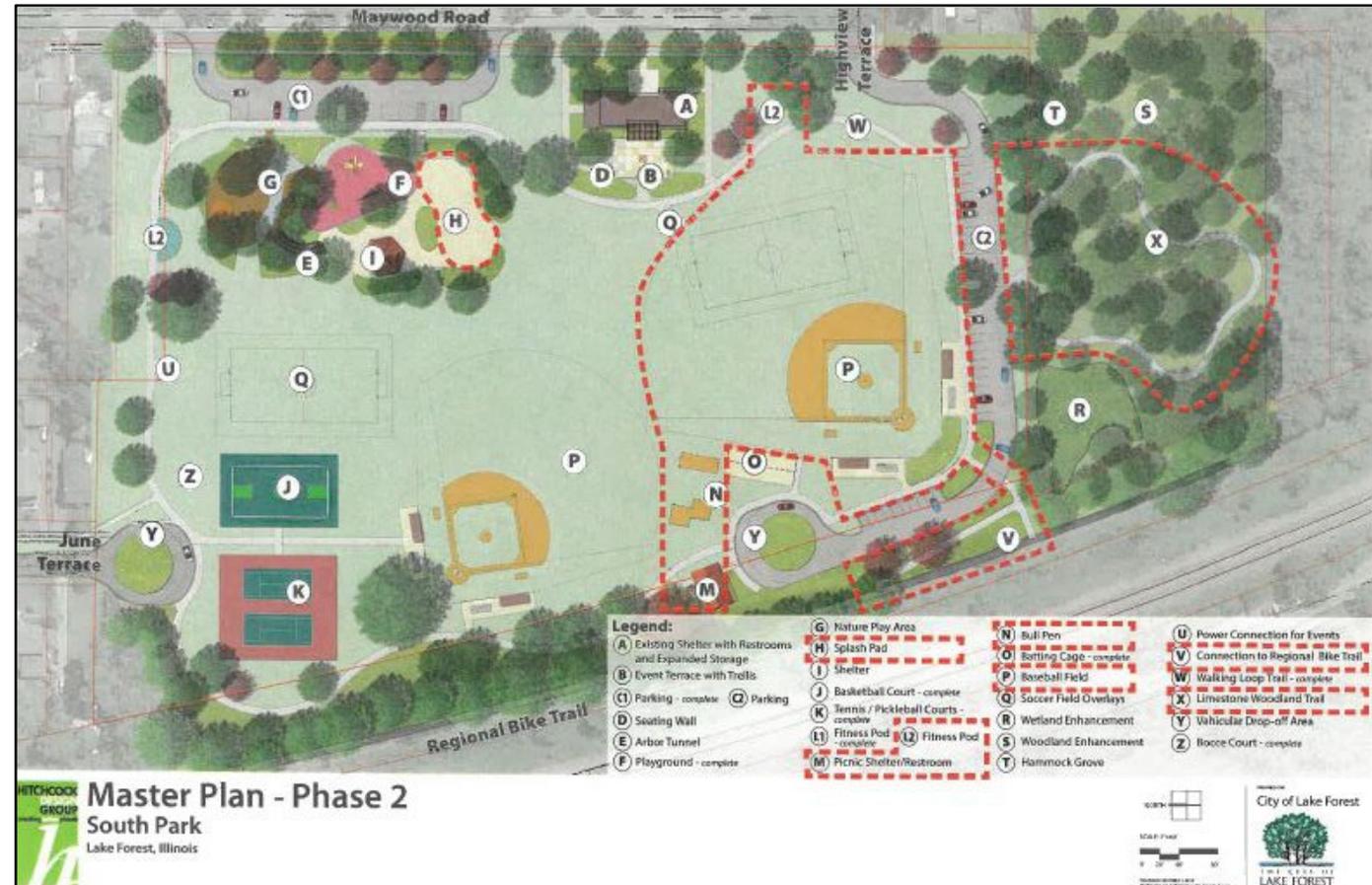
Rockefeller Rd, McCormick Dr, Loch Ln Ravine Construction

- Project will address failed or failing City storm sewer infrastructure within these three ravine areas
- Features sustainability components such as native plant material
- Project to begin June – October, with a 2-month construction duration



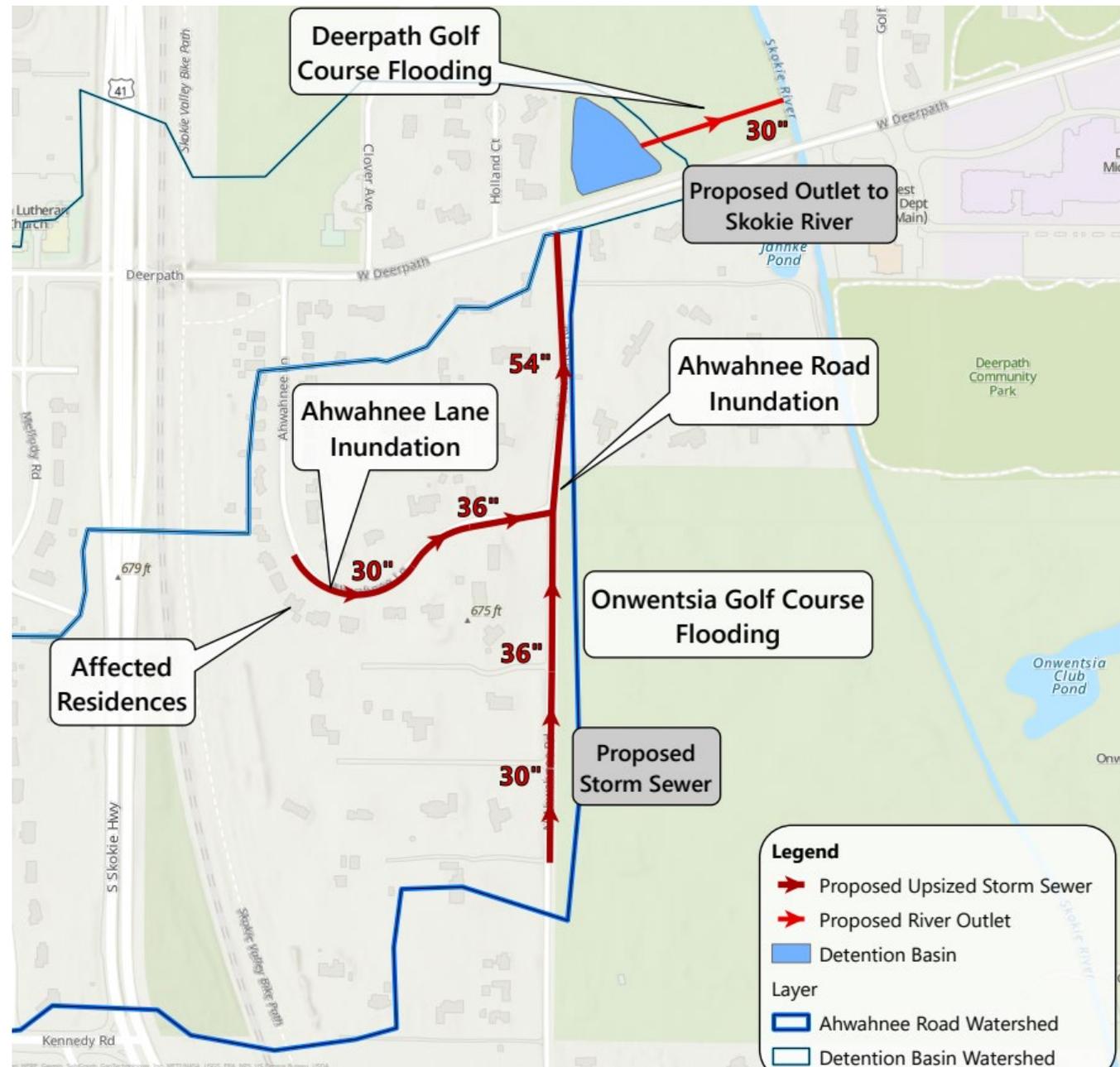
South Park Improvements

- Phase 1 of improvements completed in 2020
- Phase 2 includes several more amenities and park improvements
- Invasive species clearing completed this winter with more restoration ahead



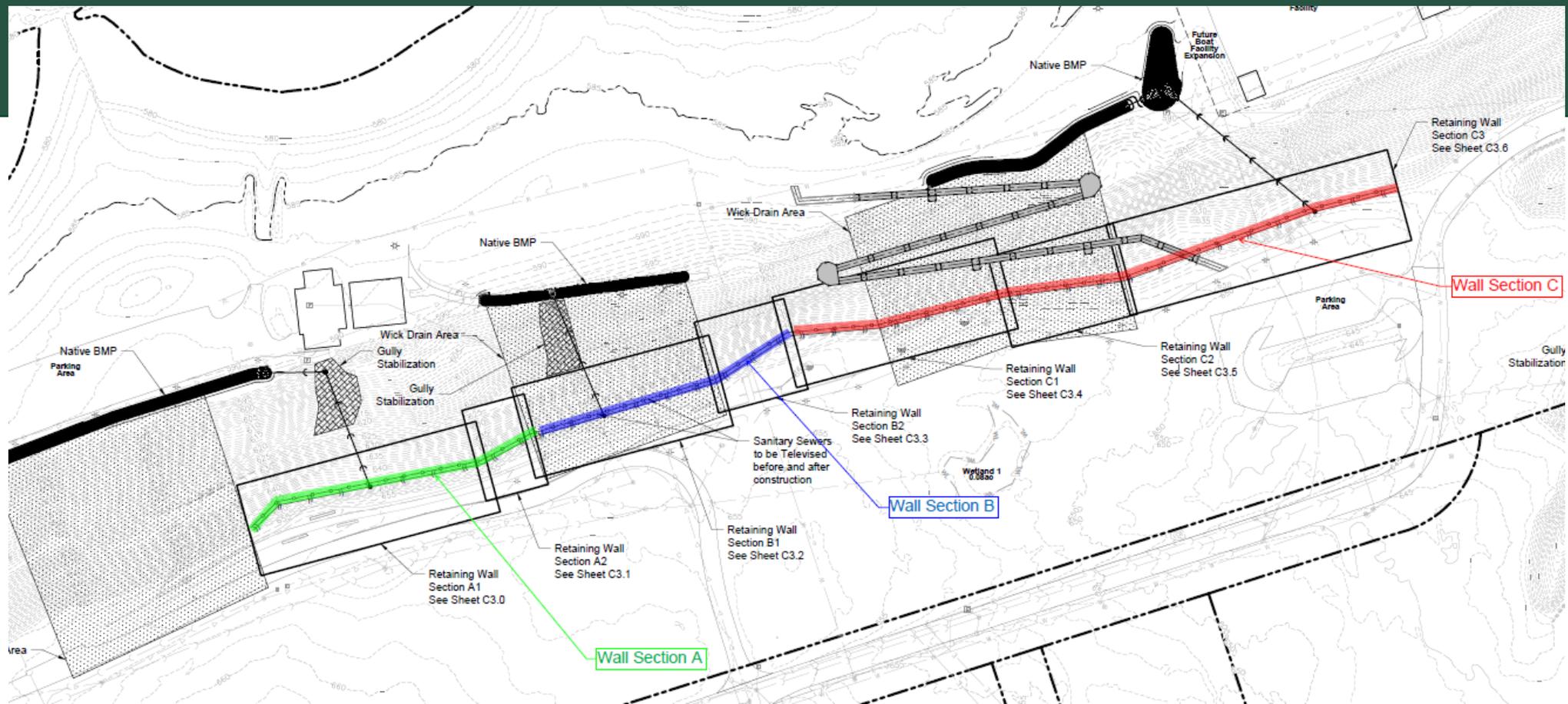
Ahwahnee Rd Storm Sewer Upgrade

- Priority project in both the 2013 and 2019 Storm Water Masterplan
- Several street floods in recent years (affects emergency response)
- Storm sewer replacement and upsizing (and resurfacing)
- Design will increase capacity from 2-year event to 10-year storm event
- Submitted for Lake County SMC grant October 2022
- Tentative construction Winter-Spring 2024



City-Wide Construction Projects

Forest Park Bluff Stabilization



- Stabilization of remaining bluff areas via the installation of retaining walls, wick drains and native drainage areas
- Project construction will occur after the beach closes (Labor Day) and will be completed prior to the beach reopening (Memorial Day)

Environmental Sustainability

- Efforts directed through Aldermen-led Committee
- Provides input into capital projects and operating budget initiatives
- Identified community priorities and four focus areas
- National ICMA Award for the Rethink Recycling Campaign



Greenhouse Gas Emissions
(Climate & Resiliency)



Waste Management /
Reduction



Stormwater Management



Health & Wellness

Environmental Sustainability Projects



GHG Emissions

- Installation of EV Charging Stations
- Conversion of City Fleet to Hybrid/EV
- Community Solar Program
- Idle Free Community Resolution & Campaign



Waste Management

- Rethink Recycling with “Bart the Cart”
- Curbside third-party composting service



Stormwater Management (Capital Enhancements)

- Bioswales & Catch Basins
- Natural Plantings & Other Green Landscaping
- Permeable Pavers & Green Infrastructure
- Ravine Restoration and Education



Health & Wellness

- Community Garden

Upcoming Planning/Projects

The Central Business District

Updating the Vision



Community Engagement to Date

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Adhoc Working Group
- Walking Tour
- Community-Wide Postcard Mailing
- Community Workshop
 - 130+ Attendees
- Project Website
- Comment Map
 - 2,500 Views
- Online Poll
 - 564 Responses



What we heard.....

- Build on Strengths and Traditions
- Preserve & Protect Character
- Encourage Variety of Uses
- Recognize Opportunities
- Establish Design Parameters
- Do Not Over Build
- Invest in Infrastructure
- Add to the Uniqueness – Buildings & Outdoor Spaces

Next Steps

The Plan Commission opened the Public Hearing on April 20. Commission consideration continues through May. DRAFT Available at LookingForwardLakeForest.org

Community Wide Survey

Open to all Lake Forest Residents

Questions range from service satisfaction to budget priorities

Precursor to the Strategic Plan, feedback guides vision and strategy

Survey opening in early Summer!



Strategic Plan Update

New plan will span from
FY24-FY28

Community engagement
sessions beginning this
Fall

Revisit community values,
goals, and objectives
that shape quality of life



Upcoming Events

- **Earth Month Activities:** Throughout April
- **Family Drive-In Movie featuring “Super Pets”:** May 12
- **Citizens Police and Fire Academy**
- **Annual Fred Jackson Golf Classic:** June 2
- **Meet the Fleet:** June 16
- **Summer Outdoor Concert Series with Concerts in the Square and in the Park:** June - August
- **Lake Forest Festival & Fireworks:** July 4
- **Lake Forest Day 5K:** Aug. 2
- **Lake Forest Music Festival:** Aug. 19

Lake Forest 101

- A Four Session Series on Local Government
- Deeper insight into Lake Forest and City Operations
- Sessions available at **no cost, registration required**, held at Dickinson Hall



Session Description		Date	Time / Day	Registration
1	Lake Forest Government 101	May 9	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	
2	Finance	May 16		
3	Communications / Community Partners	May 23		
4	Bus Tour - Development Activity* *Limited Capacity	May 30		

City Construction Projects



Find City Construction Project Updates on the interactive map at: cityoflakeforest.com/ConstructionProjects

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