



# Spring Harbor Watershed Study Public Information Board of Parks Commissioners

City of Madison Engineering Division  
Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

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# Background



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## -City's Watershed Study Program

### August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 storm

– 10-12 in of rain in 8 hrs on City's west side



Flash flooding revealed widespread deficiencies in our stormwater system brought about by climate change



### The City's Watershed Study Program

- Tasked to identify existing problems, develop solutions, and prioritize improvements in the City's 22 watersheds (5-10 years of development)



### Future Project and Budgeting

- Will use these high-level solutions as a guide to understand what mitigation efforts will be needed if we are to alleviate flooding



Flooding Near West Towne Pond

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Note:

These solutions should be considered conceptual. They can be used as a guide to understand the level of effort necessary to fix flooding.

It is recognized that fixing flooding in fully urbanized areas is not easy and solutions may not be popular or achievable. This should be considered a plan for what it would take if we were to implement flood solutions.



Bordner Park flood debris



Basement collapse from 2018 flood

# Background

-Watershed Study Flood Mitigation Goals

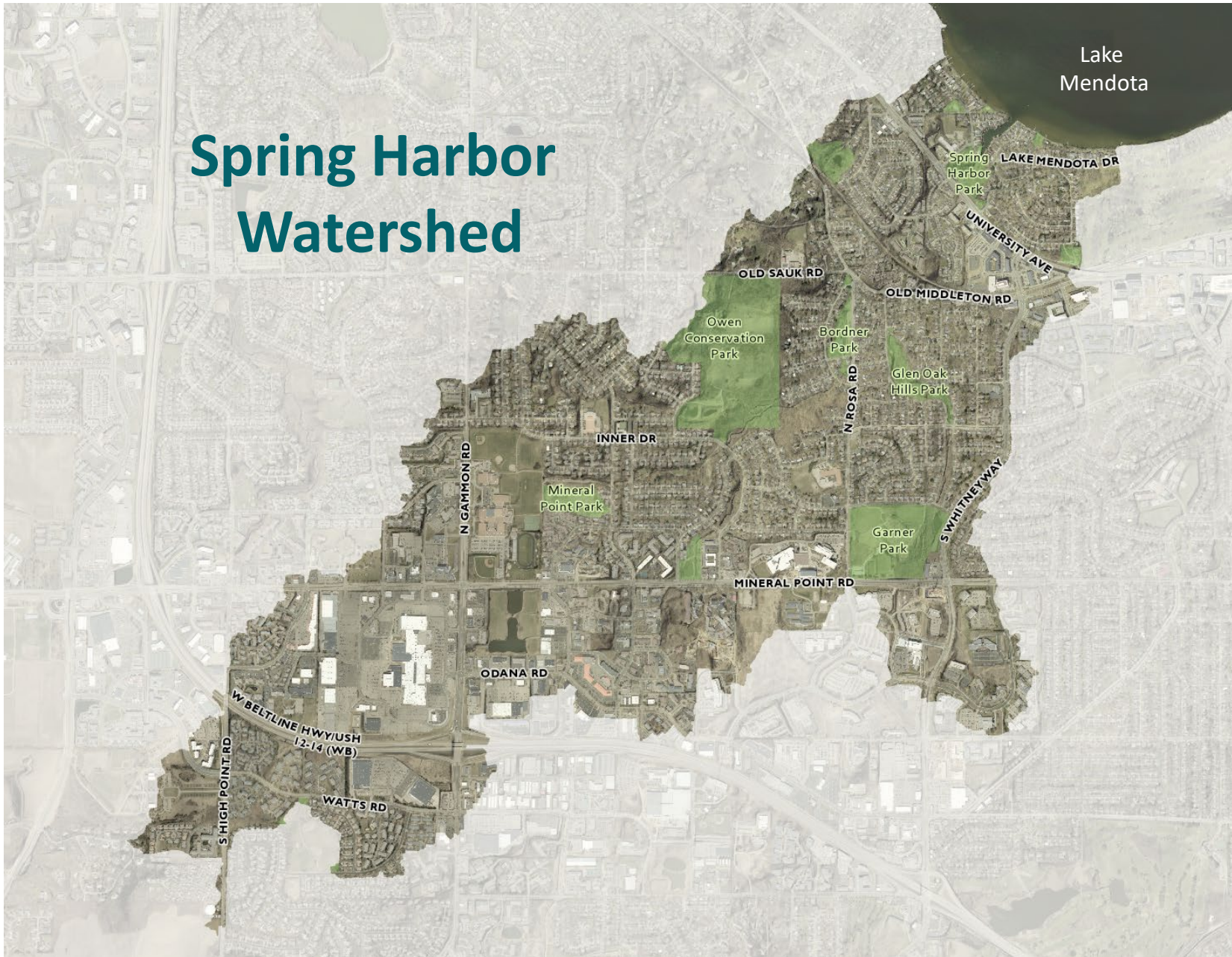
- Watershed Study **Flood Mitigation Targets:**

- 10% Chance Event - No surcharging of storm sewer onto roadway
- 4% Chance Event - Roads passable for emergency vehicles
- 1% Chance Event - No structure (home/building) flooding & no greenway crossing overflow

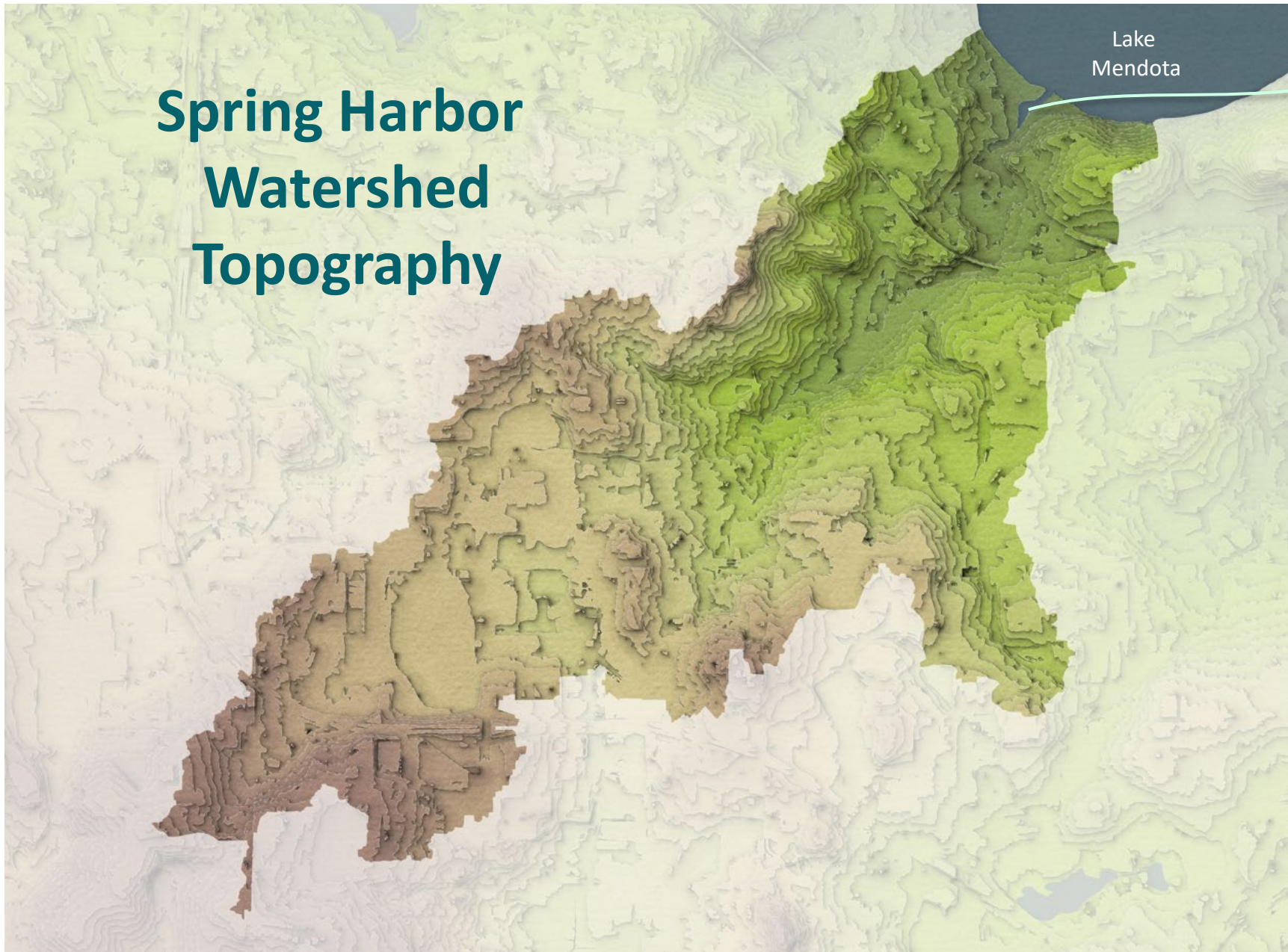


Greenway crossing overtopping at Quarterdeck Dr

# Spring Harbor Watershed



# Spring Harbor Watershed Topography



Lake  
Mendota

Primarily  
drains to  
Spring Harbor

# Background – 2 Rounds of Engagement

## -Previous Engagement

- Round 1 Study Engagement
  - PIM 1 - April 25, 2019
  - PIM 2 - February 24, 2020
  - PIM 3 - June 30, 2021
  - Meeting with Parks staff
  - 30 Day Public Comment Period
  - Focus Groups
    - Mineral Point Park to Owen Park (August 28, 2019)
    - Owen Park Concrete Cunnette (August 29, 2019)
    - Regent Street, Burnett Drive and Calumet Circle (August 29, 2019)
    - Marbella Condo Association (August 30, 2019)
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    - Bordner Park (September 19, 2019)
    - West Towne Pond (September 16, 2019)
    - Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association (October 3, 2019)
    - Focus Group / Zoom Breakout room for each solution proposed at the end of PIM 3

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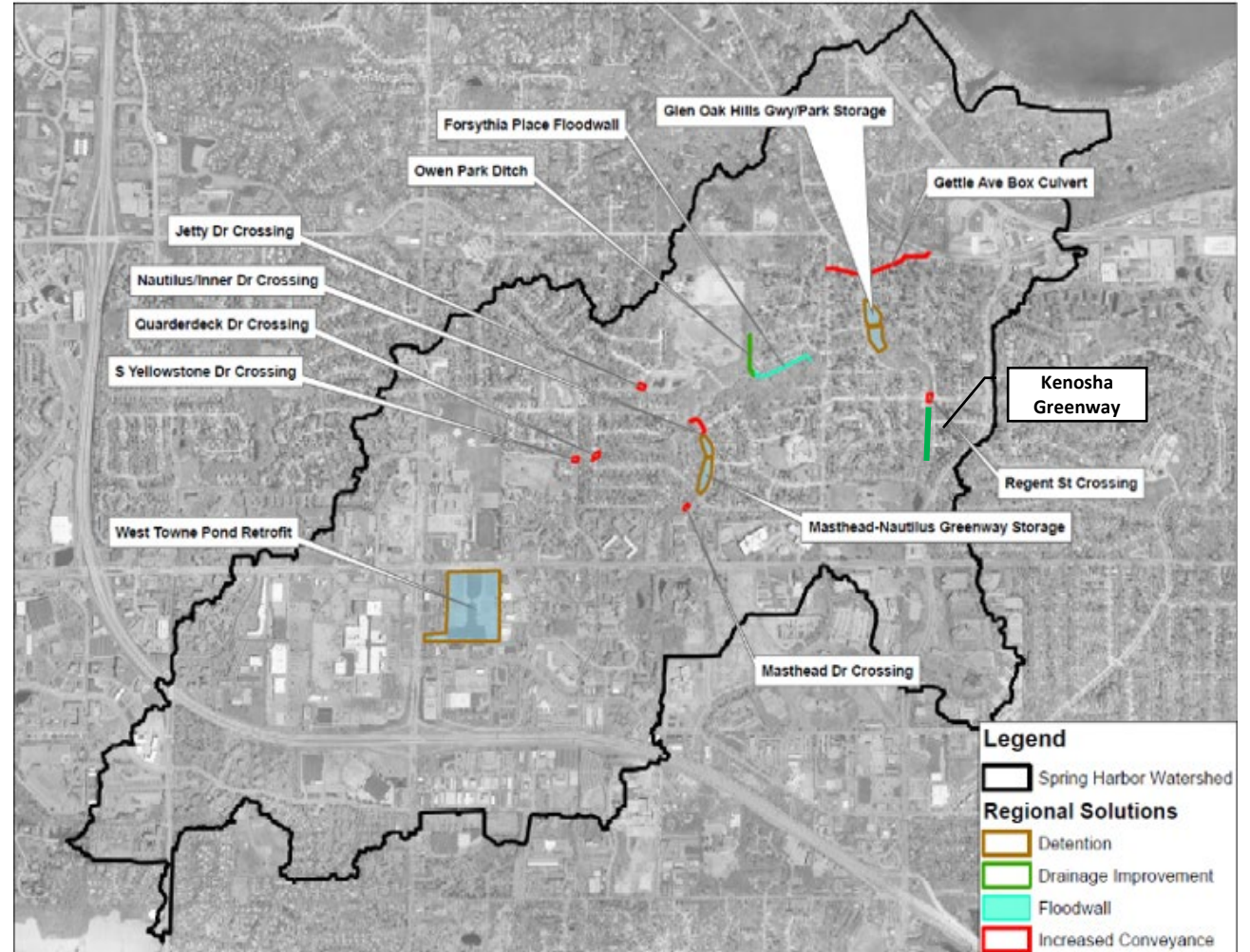




# Background

-Original Spring Harbor Watershed Study

- January 2019 – June 2022 by consultant
- Recommended series of solutions to reach flood targets
  - Received a lot of public comments with questions and concerns
  - **Largest concerns around the Kenosha Greenway and Forsythia Flood Wall solutions**
    - **Trees, habitat, aesthetics**



# Background

-Additional Modeling Needed

- **Public Feedback**

↳ **2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Watershed Modeling by the City**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Watershed Modeling Goals:**

- Determine viability of not implementing unpopular solutions
- Answer resident questions
- Develop a near-term plan for flood mitigation in the watershed

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### • Round 2 Study Engagement

- PWI\* – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Meeting with Parks staff
- Alders Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- PIM 4 – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

\*PWI is the city internal Public Works Improvement Team Meeting, a group comprised of department heads and mayor's staff.

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## -Additional Modeling Process

Ran 100's of models with different combinations of solutions

In the end the, we developed 2 sets of solutions:

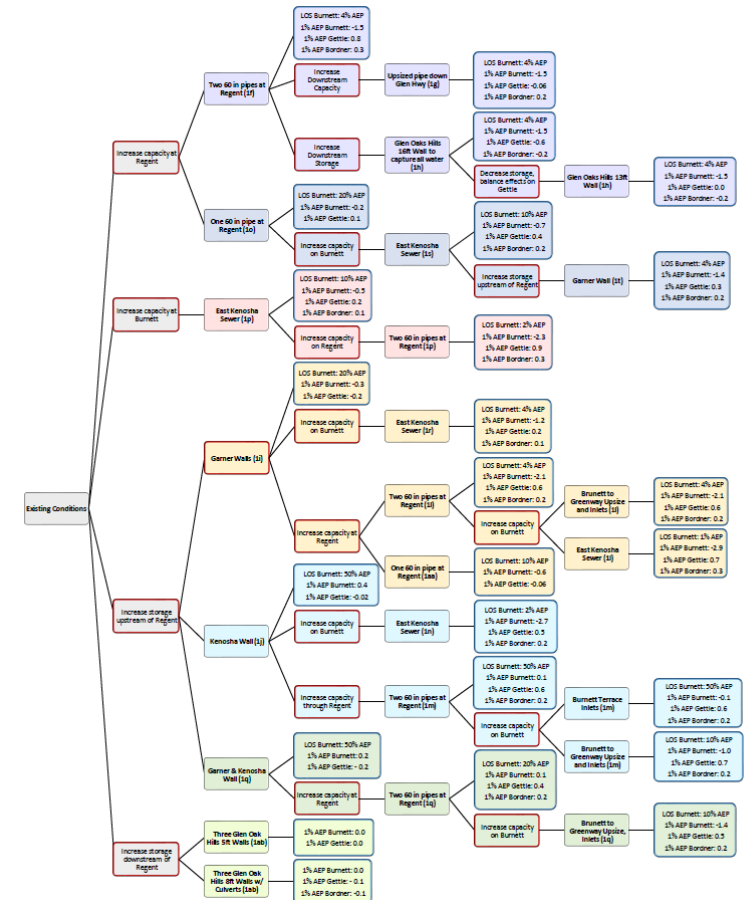
- “All Solutions”

- A set of future hypothetical solutions that meet the flood mitigation targets and will be used to show future engineers the sizes and types of solutions that are needed in the Spring Harbor Watershed to meet the City's Flood Mitigation Targets

- “Near-Term”

- A more concrete set of solutions for the near-term, that does not

For Example: Kenosha/Burnett Area - Solutions Combination Scenarios



# All Recommended Solutions (0-50 yrs)

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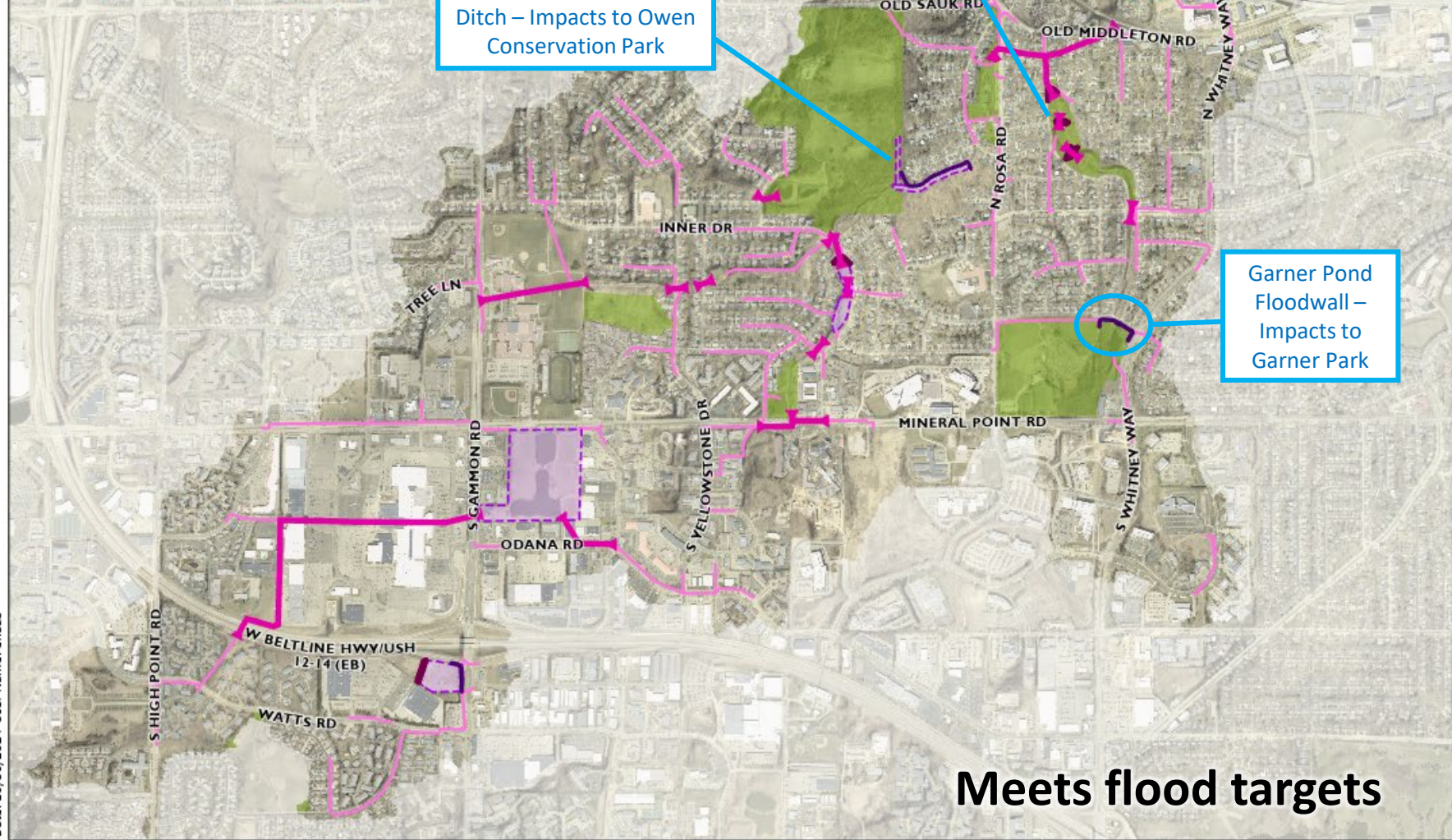
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### Proposed Solutions


-  Proposed Box
-  Proposed Pipes
-  Berm
-  Floodwall
-  Channel; Pond; Other

### Other Data

-  Parks



**Meets flood targets**

0 275550 1,100 Feet  




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# Near-Term Recommended Solutions (0-25 yrs)

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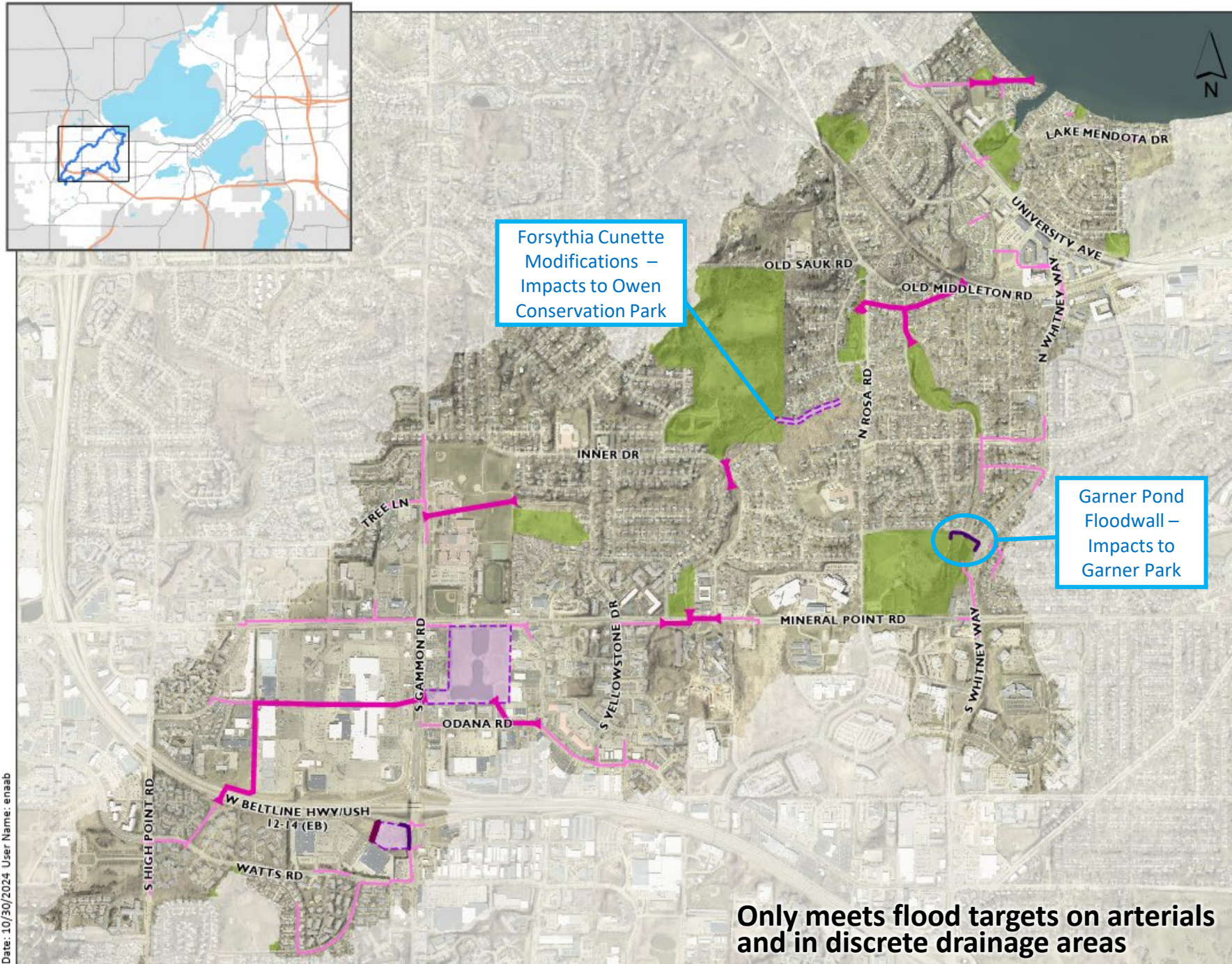
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Only meets flood targets on arterials  
and in discrete drainage areas

0 27550 1,100 Feet  
[Scale bar]



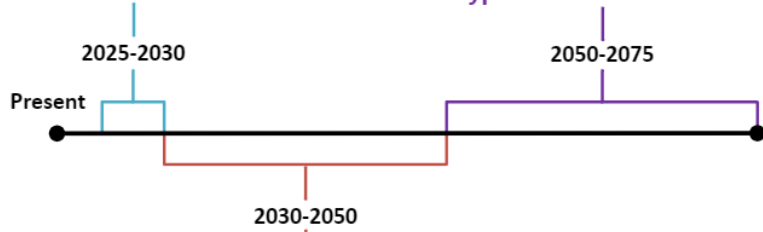
# Solutions Timeline

Lower Spring Harbor Box  
 Glen Oak Hills Park Greenway Berms  
 Masthead Greenway Ponds  
 Modified Forsythia Wall  
 Modified Owen Park Ditch  
 Local Sewer Upgrades Throughout Watershed  
 Greenway Crossings Upgrades Throughout Watershed

**Hypothetical Future Solutions\***

West Towne Pond Expansion  
 (Currently programmed in 2025-2026)

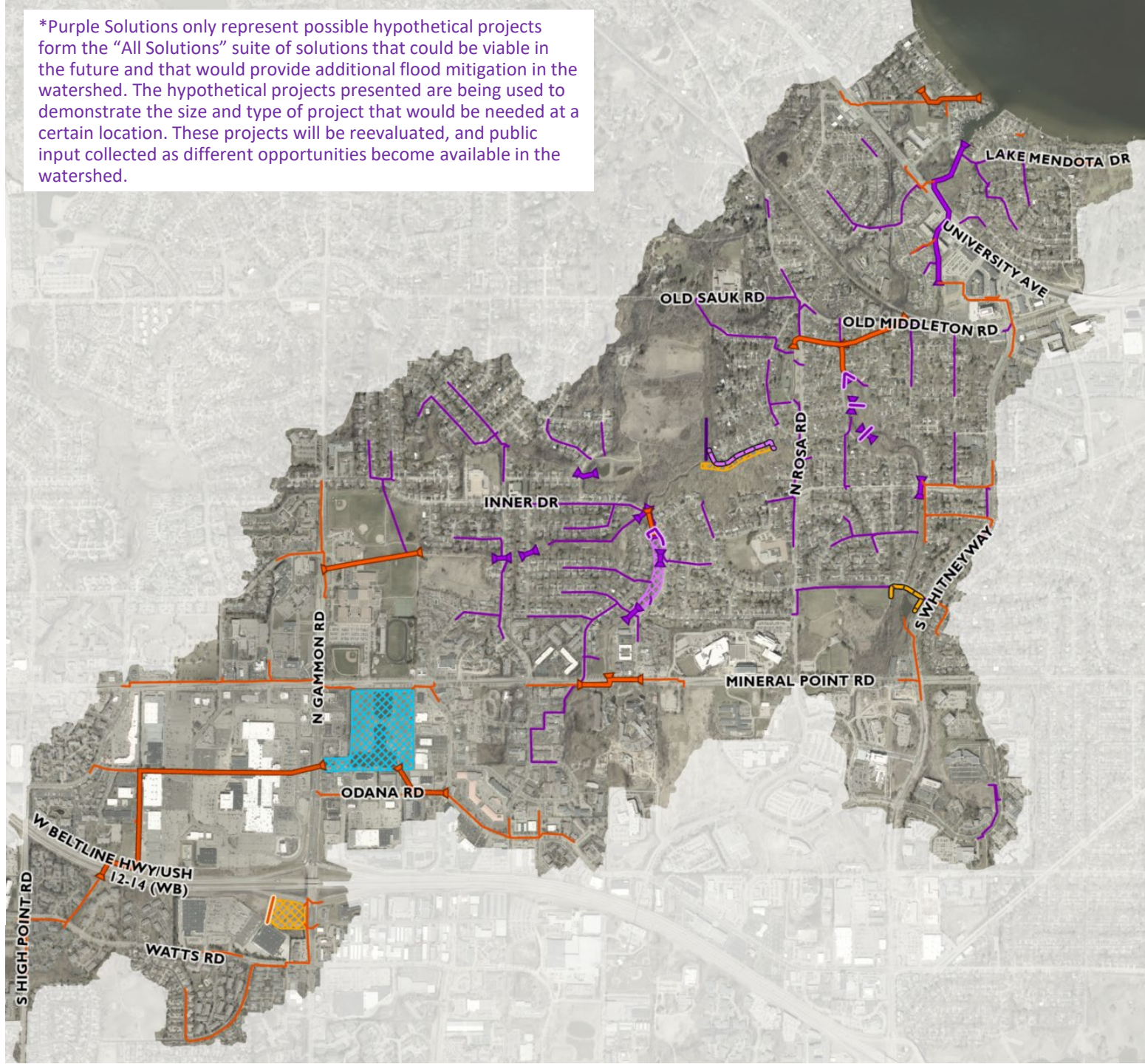
## Budgeted Projects



## Near-Term Solutions

Beltline Off-Ramp Pond  
 Gettle Avenue Box (Upper Spring Harbor Box)  
 Glen Hwy Box  
 Kenosha Relief Pipe  
 Garner Park Flood Wall  
 Forsythia Cunette Modifications  
 South Hill Culvert  
 Local Sewer Upgrade on Craig Ave  
 Local Sewer Upgrades on Arterials  
 Local Sewer Upgrades for West Towne Pond and  
 Direct Lake Mendota Drainage Areas

\*Purple Solutions only represent possible hypothetical projects from the "All Solutions" suite of solutions that could be viable in the future and that would provide additional flood mitigation in the watershed. The hypothetical projects presented are being used to demonstrate the size and type of project that would be needed at a certain location. These projects will be reevaluated, and public input collected as different opportunities become available in the watershed.



# Recommended Solutions Project Details





Stage Area Relationship	
Elevation (ft)	Area (sq ft)
1023.5	792668
1024	798967
1025	811614
1026	824326
1027	837102
1028	849943
1029	862845

**Removal of existing soccer fields**

**Proposed Pump House**  
 Pump On: 1025.5'  
 Pump Off: 1023.5'  
 Capacity: 10,000 gpm

**Proposed Pond**  
 Excavate entire floor of existing detention basin to elevation 1023.5

**ADDITIONAL NOTES THAT IMPACT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**  
 -Wellhead protection zone  
 -Depth to groundwater  
 -Relocated soccer fields  
 -Allow for forebays and access roads with final design, which may reduce pond footprint

**Remove existing berm and discharge control structure**

Updated Original Watershed Study Conceptual Solution

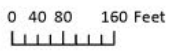
# Near-Term Solution - West Towne Retention Pond

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| <b>Recommended Solutions</b> | <b>Storm Sewer</b>           |
| New Box                      | Storm Pipe                   |
| Parallel Box                 | Inlet                        |
| Removal Box                  | Headwall                     |
| Special Box                  | Other                        |
| Upsize Box                   | Apron End                    |
| New Pipe                     | Access Structures            |
| Parallel Pipe                | Storm Lift Stations          |
| Removal Pipe                 | PVT Storm Structure -Approx. |
| Special Pipe                 | PVT Storm Pipe -Approx.      |
| Upsize Pipe                  | <b>Other Utilities</b>       |
| Channel                      | Water Value                  |
| Pond                         | Water Main                   |
| Berm                         | Water Service                |
| Floodwall                    | Water Hydrant                |
| Other                        | SAS                          |
| 1' Project Contour           | Sanitary Main                |
| Project Area of Interest     | Sanitary Lateral             |
| <b>Other Data</b>            | MMSD SAS                     |
| Ponds and Greenways          | MMSD Main                    |
| Parks                        |                              |
| Railroads                    |                              |

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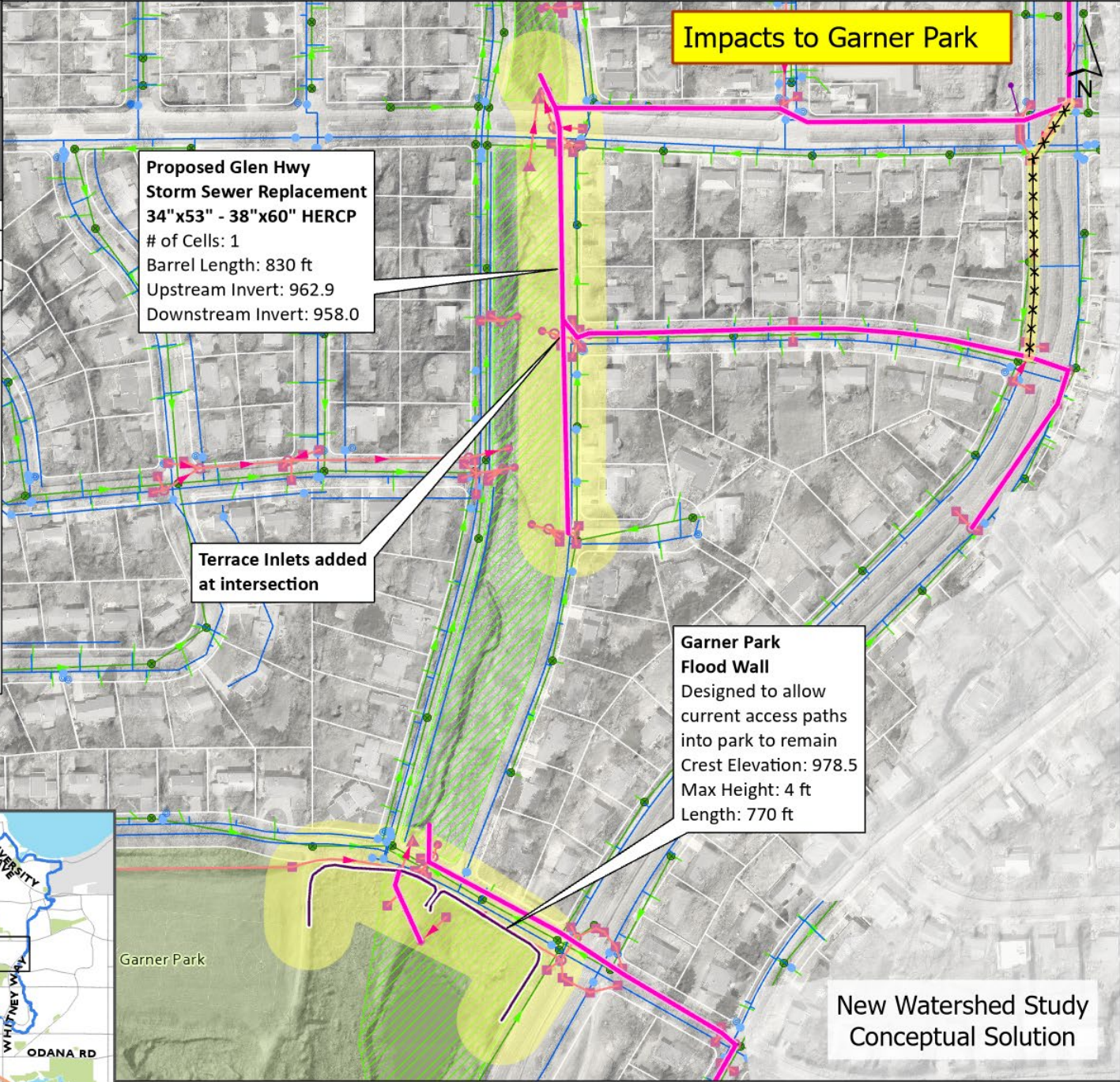


Additional time that stormwater will be held the Garner Pond Area during a certain percent chance storm

Annual Percent Chance Event	Additional Flooded Duration in Pond Area
1%	3.5 hours
10%	1.5 hours
50%	30 mins

ADDITIONAL NOTES THAT IMPACT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:  
 -Impacts to north-east corner of Garner Park and to Garner Pond  
 -Wellhead protection zone  
 -Coordination with the Water Utility and future Water Utility well site needed to construct project  
 -We do not anticipate impacts to trees from the additional time the area will experience flooding, see table above  
 NEW CONCEPTUAL SOLUTION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GRADING THE KENOSHA GREENWAY  
 -Addresses community desire to preserve the wooded Kenosha greenway that volunteers have been actively managing by removing invasives since 2020

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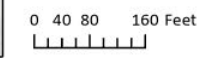
# Near-Term Solution - Garner Park Flood Wall & Kenosha Relief Pipe

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Special Box	Other
Upsize Box	Apron End
New Pipe	Access Structures
Parallel Pipe	Storm_Lift_Stations
Removal Pipe	PVT Storm Structure -Approx.
Special Pipe	PVT Storm Pipe -Approx.
Upsize Pipe	<b>Other Utilities</b>
Channel	Water Valve
Pond	Water Main
Berm	Water Service
Floodwall	Water Hydrant
Other	SAS
1' Project Contour	Sanitary Main
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Park Paths	

New Watershed Study  
 Conceptual Solution



**ADDITIONAL NOTES THAT IMPACT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**  
 -Impacts to south-east corner of Owen Conservation Park  
 -Major road reconstruction projects in the area will be needed to allow for the rerouting of the sanitary sewer currently underneath the existing concrete cunette.

**Impacts to south-east corner of Owen Conservation Park**

Existing storm sewer box gates will need to be reconstructed to match cunette modifications

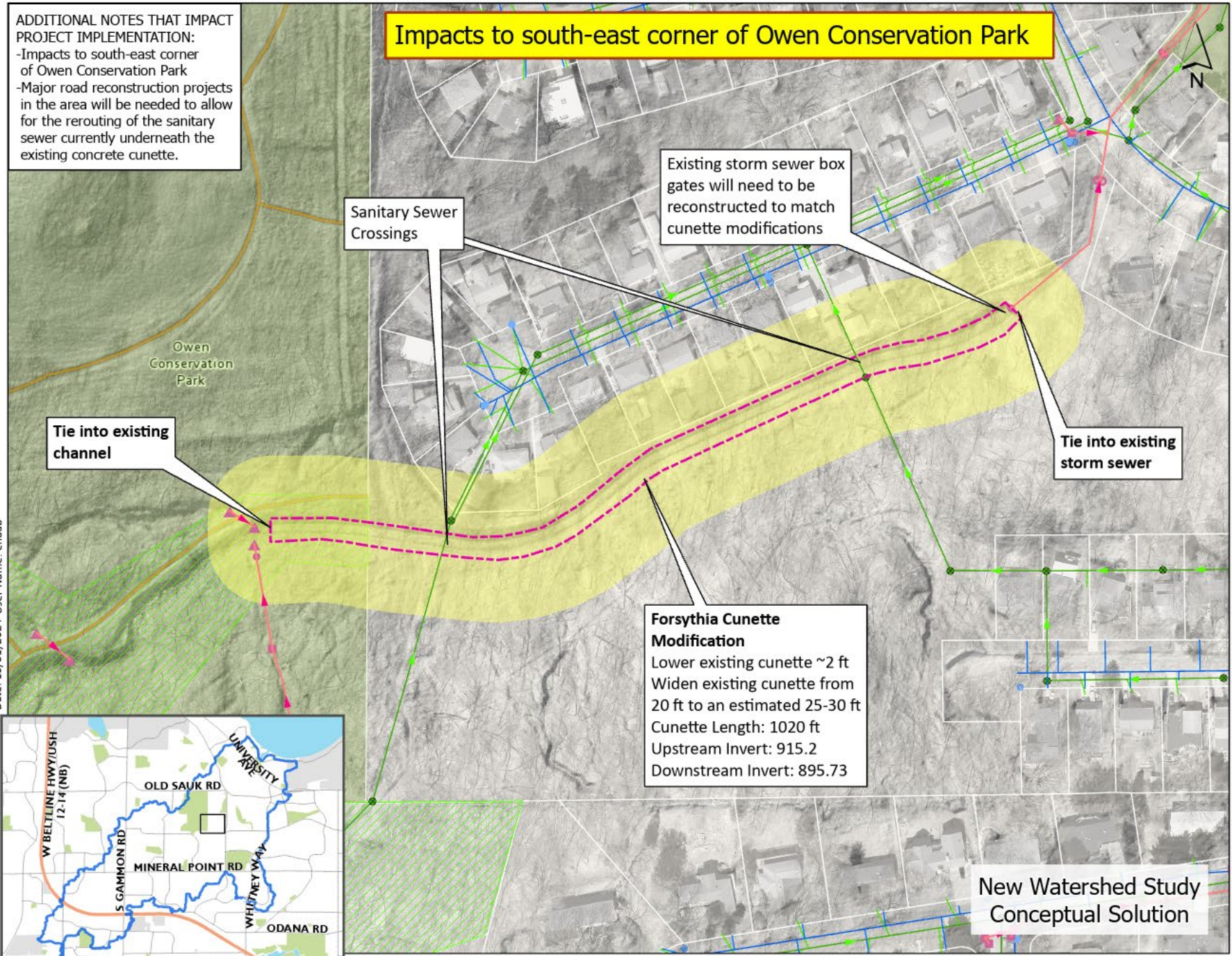
Sanitary Sewer Crossings

Tie into existing channel

Tie into existing storm sewer

**Forsythia Cunette Modification**  
 Lower existing cunette ~2 ft  
 Widen existing cunette from 20 ft to an estimated 25-30 ft  
 Cunette Length: 1020 ft  
 Upstream Invert: 915.2  
 Downstream Invert: 895.73

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**Near-Term Solution - Forsythia Cunette Modifications**

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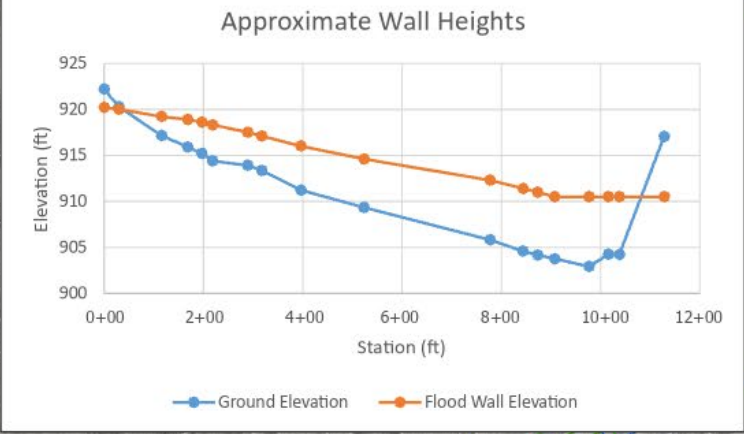
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| Park Paths                   |                              |

New Watershed Study  
 Conceptual Solution



**ADDITIONAL NOTES THAT IMPACT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**  
 -Access / removable floodwall section needed near gate / connection with existing box  
 -Sanitary depth relative to footing depth / design  
 -Floodwall height / overturning stability  
 -Impacts to north-east corner of southeast corner of Owen Park  
 -Coordination needed on impacts to existing walking paths within Owen Conservation Park and on Crestwood Neighborhood land  
 -Design to consider drainage on north side of wall, which may include piping downsouts through wall with backflow preventers or a drainage pipe to Bordner Park via Bordner Drive  
 -Construction of Modified Forsythia Cunette required for solution to meet flood mitigation targets



# Future Hypothetical Solution - Forsythia Wall & Owen Park Ditch

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**Proposed Owen Park Ditch**

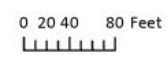
**Existing trail access considerations**

**Proposed Forsythia Flood Wall**  
 Updated wall height than floodwall proposed in original watershed study  
 Max Height: 10 ft  
 Length: 1,130 ft

**Near-Term Proposed Solution Forsythia Cunette Modification**

**Impacts to south-east corner of Owen Conservation Park**

Updated Original Watershed Study Conceptual Solution



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**ADDITIONAL NOTES THAT IMPACT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:**  
 -Impacts to Glen Oak Hills Park

**Impacts to Glen Oak Hills Park**

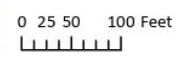


**Future Hypothetical Solution - Glen Oak Hills Berms**

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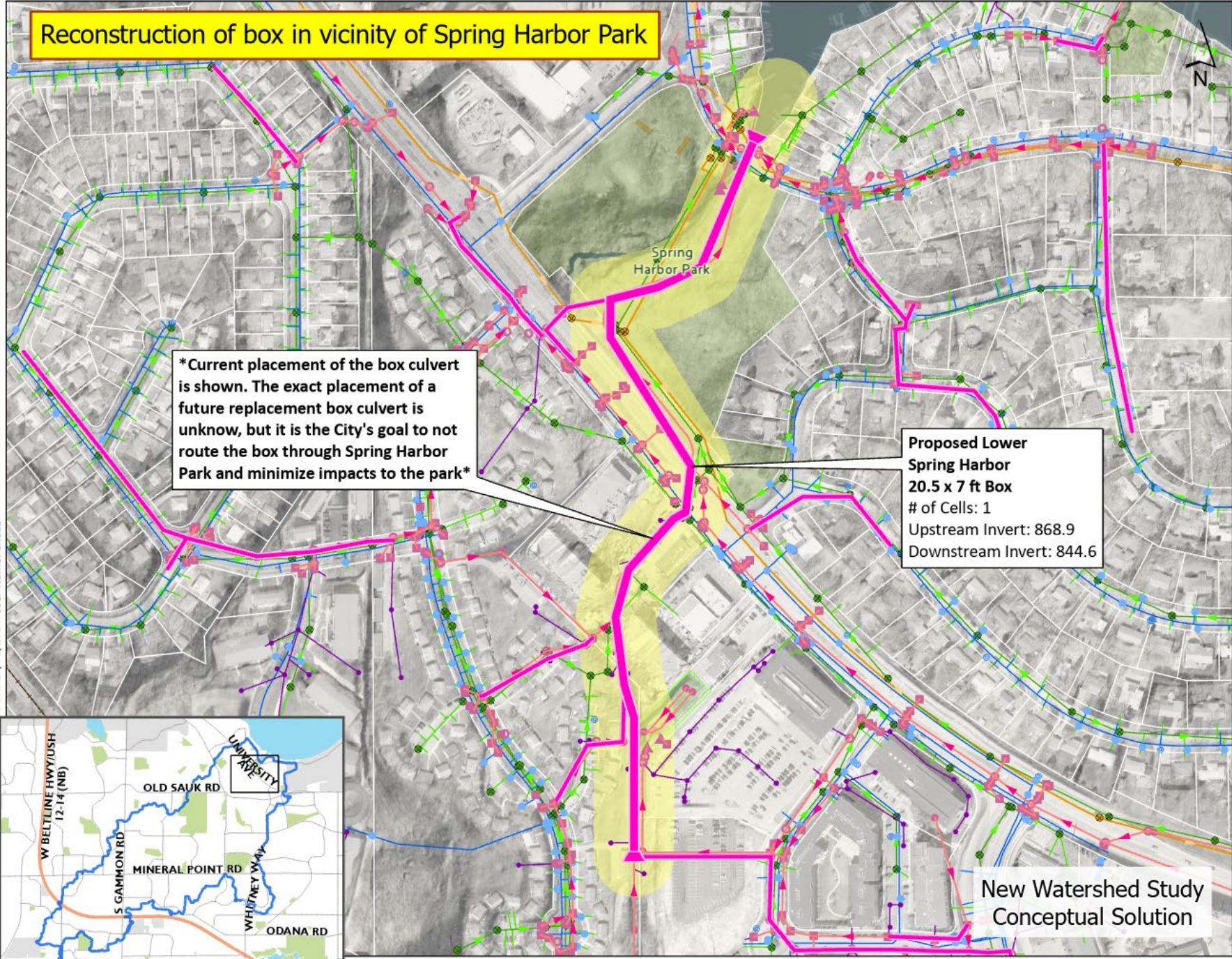
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**Reconstruction of box in vicinity of Spring Harbor Park**



\*Current placement of the box culvert is shown. The exact placement of a future replacement box culvert is unknown, but it is the City's goal to not route the box through Spring Harbor Park and minimize impacts to the park\*

**Proposed Lower Spring Harbor**  
**20.5 x 7 ft Box**  
 # of Cells: 1  
 Upstream Invert: 868.9  
 Downstream Invert: 844.6

**New Watershed Study**  
**Conceptual Solution**

**Future Hypothetical Solution - Upsized Lower Spring Harbor Box**  
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# Questions

