



AGENDA OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019, 5:30 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 604 - THE HARRY MAIER ROOM**

A. Roll Call.

B. Approval of the Agenda.

C. Approval of Minutes.

D. Regular Business.

- I. Discussion with possible action on the creation of a pollinator corridor working group.

E. Informational.

- I. Update from members on goals and activities.

F. Adjournment.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.greenbaywi.gov
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Sustainability Commission meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.



Report to the
Sustainability Commission
of the City of Green Bay

MEETING DATE

June 12, 2019

PREPARED BY

Celestine Jeffreys, Chief of Staff

AGENDA ITEM # D.I.

Discussion with possible action on the creation of a pollinator corridor working group.

BACKGROUND

Background on the corridor:

In 2011, Nancy Nabak and Ned Dorff, both of Green Bay, along with UWGB staff and students, began a project to create a chain of habitat islands for pollinating birds and insect species, with a focus on bees and butterflies. The threefold goal was to use Wisconsin native plants to improve pollinator numbers, to filter storm water and slow runoff, and to improve pollination of urban food gardens. Over the years, with the support of local landscapers, UWGB staff and students, and dozens of volunteers, many gardens have been put in around the Green Bay area. Recently, there was interest expressed from NWTC and UWGB staff to create a partnership for filling in the corridor's empty spots. This led to a group of interested residents to convene and discuss ways of working with public and private landowners, as well as local gardening and environmental groups to turn unused lawn area into pollinator habitat. These residents would like to see a working group created as a central point of information for interested parties in the Green Bay area. This working group would report to the Green Bay Sustainability Commission.

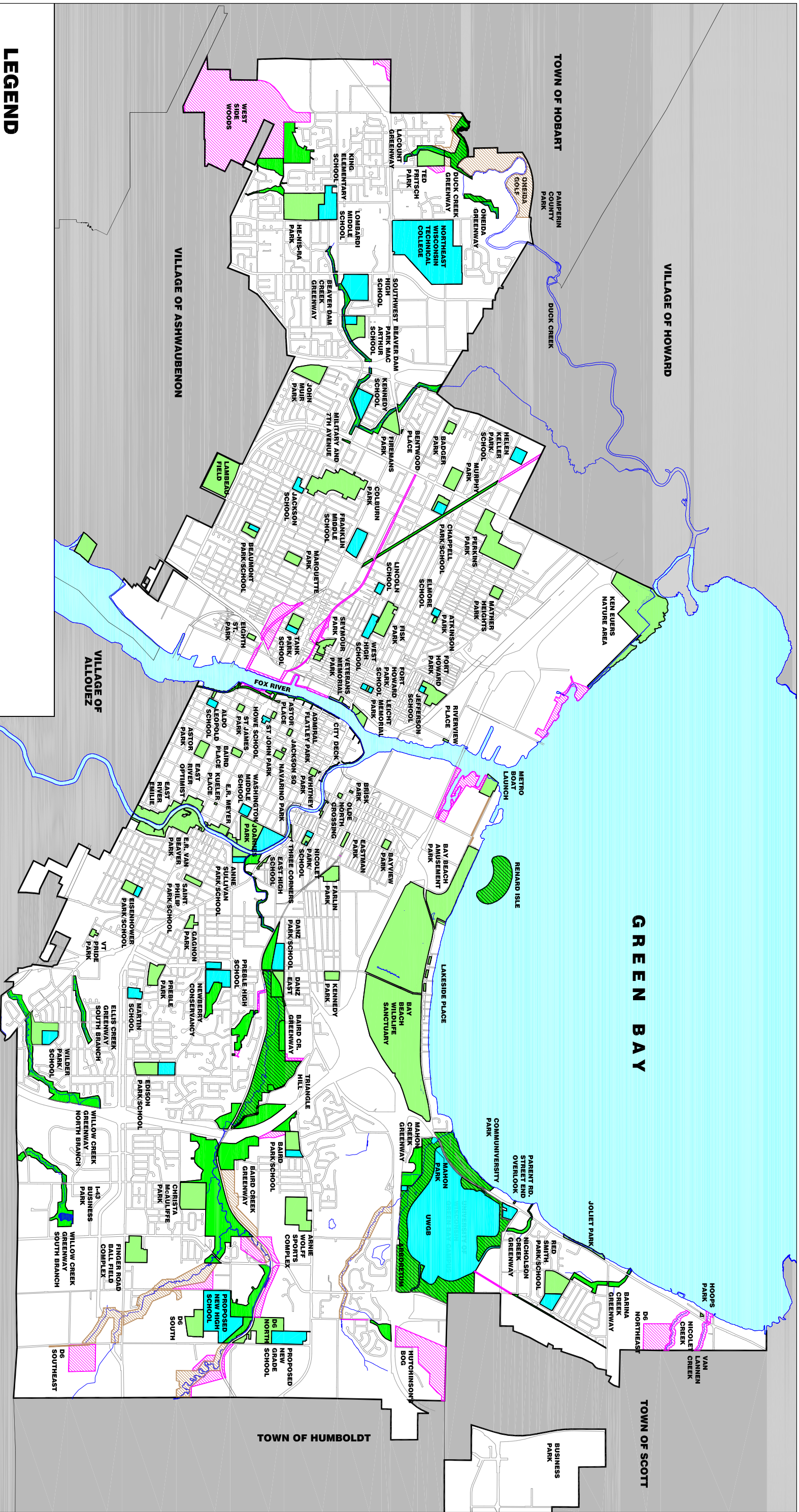
RECOMMENDATION

To create a pollinator corridor working group that will create a plan, in conjunction with Parks Department staff, and locate funds for the purchase and maintenance of plants.

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

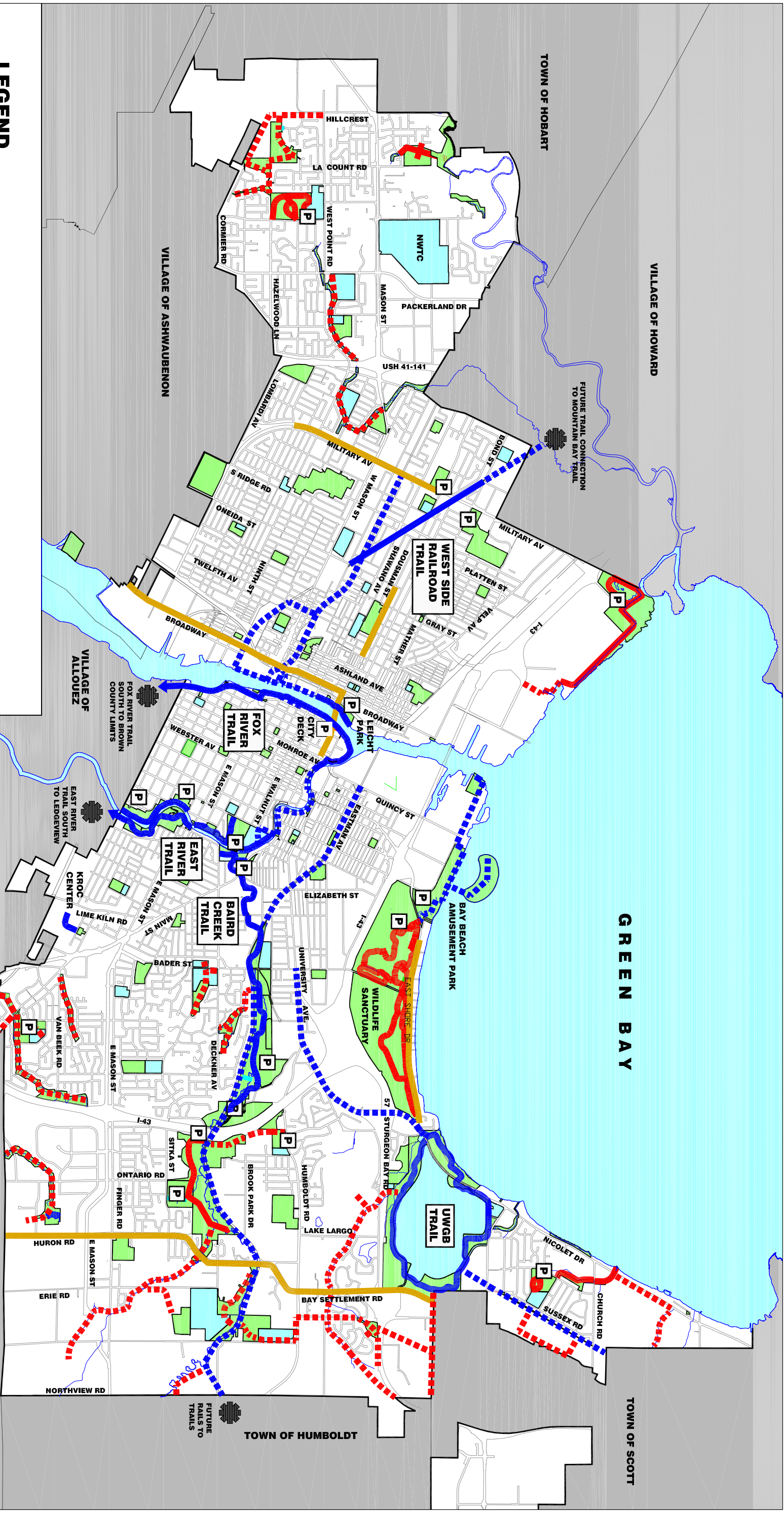
1. 2019-06-12 Poll Corr CORP-Map2
2. 2019-06-12 Poll Corr CORP-Map3
3. 2019-06-12 Poll Corr CORP-Map4
4. 2019-06-12 Pollinator Work Group



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING SCHOOL (PARK/SCHOOL)
 - EXISTING PARK
 - EXISTING GREENWAY
 - EXISTING GREENWAY COUNTY, STATE OR TRIBAL OWNED

- DESIGNATED PARK / GREENWAY ON OFFICIAL CITY MAP
- PROPOSED PARK / GREENWAY

TOWN OF BELLEVUE



GREEN BAY PARKS, RECREATION,
AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

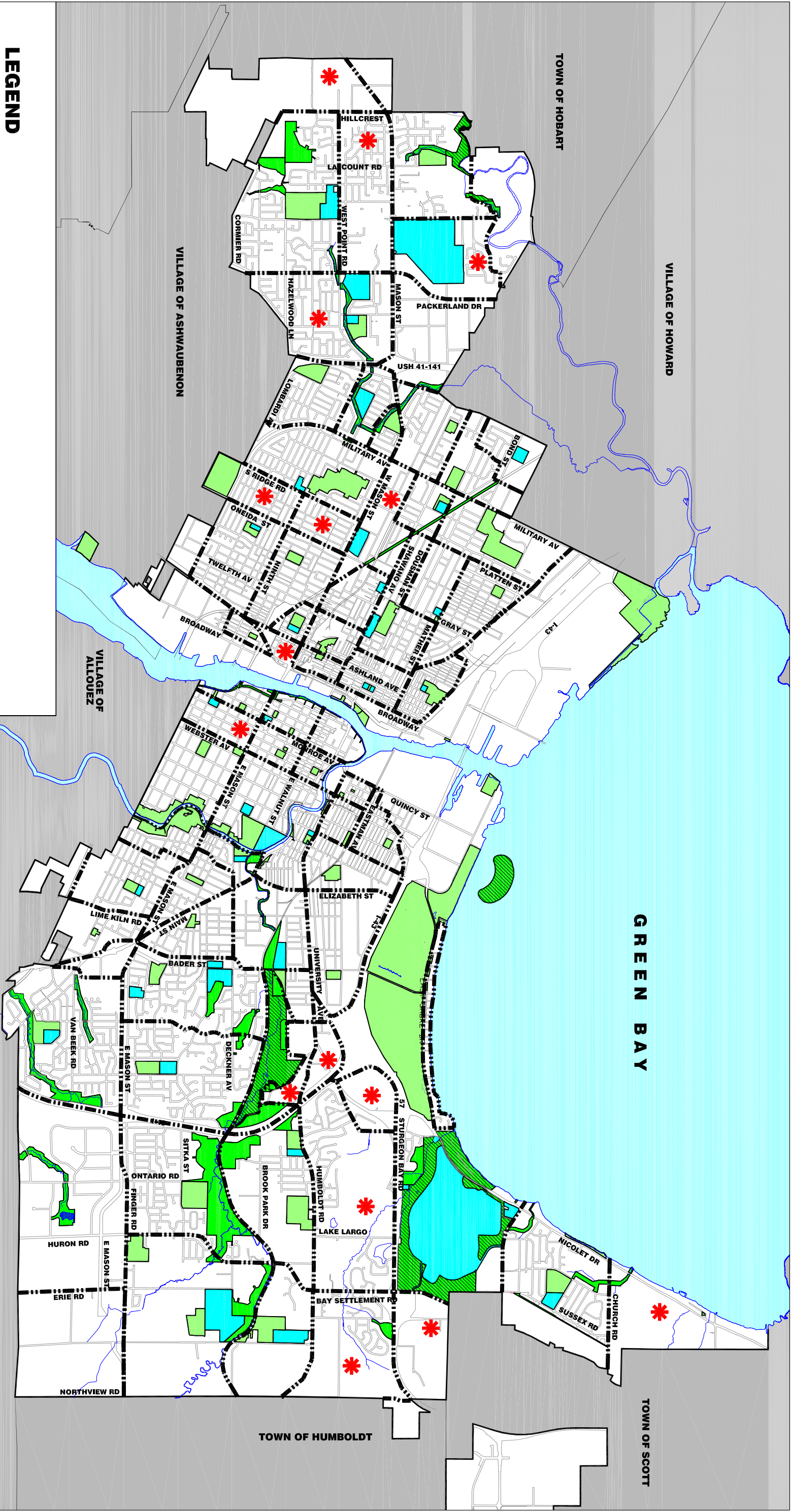
MAP 3
EXISTING & PROPOSED TRAILS / BIKE LANES



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COUNTY, STATE OR TRIBAL OWNED

- UNSERVED AREA
- PARK SERVICE AREA



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MAP 4
PARK SERVICE AREAS



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City of Green Bay Native Plant Species Work Plan
Attachment for 2019-06-12 Sustainability Commission Meeting

As ecological restoration is a stated focus area of The City of Green Bay Sustainability Commission, the Green Bay City Council will task the commission to take the following actions:

1. Recognize the importance of native Wisconsin prairie, woodland, wetland, and aquatic plant species:
 - a. As crucial habitat elements for local and migrating native wildlife
 - b. As important in the production of clean air
 - c. As beneficial in the reduction of runoff and flooding
 - d. As useful to human health and recreation in a variety of ways
2. Establish a Green Bay Pollinator Corridor working group comprised of commission members and local volunteers to
 - a. Work with city staff to identify locations where native plant species could provide stopover or nesting habitat for native pollinating species
 - b. Map existing plantings of native prairie, woodland, and wetland species
 - c. Research how other communities have improved pollinator habitat within urban and adjoining areas
 - d. Collaborate with local groups and municipal governments on joint projects within the greater Green Bay area
 - e. Provide a database of beneficial native plants to the city and public
 - f. Engage with government agencies, volunteer organizations, businesses, and other interested parties in removing exotic, invasive plant species (e.g., phragmites, buckthorn) and in replacing them with plant species native to Wisconsin
 - g. Promote the use of plant species native to Wisconsin where and when it is deemed feasible. Reasons may be, but are not limited to:
 - i. Where native plants can be used to replace exotic, invasive plant species
 - ii. Where native plants will reduce the need for mowing
 - iii. Where native plants will reduce the need for cosmetic pesticide application
 - iv. Where native plants will not interfere with other preferred uses
 - v. Where native plants will serve the need for pollinator or other wildlife habitat
 - vi. Where native plants will reduce runoff, flooding, and/or pooling of water
 - vii. Where native plants will create areas to promote pollinator activity along areas of urban agriculture
 - viii. Where native plants will accentuate natural and cultural history of the area
 - ix. Where native plants will serve as a less costly alternative to maintain than turf/lawn grass
 - h. Identify funding sources for the purchase and maintenance of plants.
3. Recognize citizen efforts to encourage and expand the use of native Wisconsin plant species