

**VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
RECREATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Date / Time	Thursday May 14, 2020 (7:00 - 8:30 pm)	Place	Virtual
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Member	P	A	E	Member	P	A	E	P=Present A=Absent E=Excused
Tracy Bailey (<i>Chair</i>)				Erin Clune				
Andy Alexander				Andy Curtiss				
Gloria Beach MINUTE TAKER				Peter Wickman				
Santhia Brandt				David Boutwell - Parks Liaison				
Others in attendance:								

Time	Item	Notes
7pm	Call to Order	Q: What time works best to meet?
	Note compliance with open meeting law	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
7:05	Approve previous meeting minutes	Document: February 2020 Draft Minutes
7:15	Topic 1: Socially-distant Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kayak Share, Walking/Biking Routes, Etc. 	
7:25	Topic 2: Dog Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finalize Plan; Identify & Assign Next Steps 	
6:35	Topic 3: Inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picnic Tables, Bike Racks, Etc. 	
	Topic 4: Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer Programs ● LMD Bridge Project Update ● MMSD - Route Detours ● Questions for Covid/Board ● Walking path by Pool/Gardens 	
	Decision and Action Item Summary	
	Identify Items for Next Agenda	
7:30	Close	

Please Note:

- Written comments on the agenda can be sent to info@shorewood-hills.org before 8:00 am on May 14, 2020.
- To register to speak on an agenda item, send an email to info@shorewood-hills.org before 8:00 am on May 14, 2020 detailing which item is of interest. Your comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

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It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the Village of Shorewood Hills who are not members of the above committee, commission or board may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. However, no formal action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting, other than the Board, committee or commission identified in the caption of this notice.

Task List

Task	Timeline	Owner	Notes
Draft Proposal			
Finalize Proposal	May 2020		
Timeline			
Maps of options Pro/Cons			Post Farm Quarry Another?
Cost Estimates			
Partnerships			Community League Blackhawk Country Club Shorewood Hills Elementary School University Housing 700 UBD Shackleton Condos The Lodge Arbor Crossing City of Madison / Dane County Dog Parks (Fees?) Garden Club
Reviews			Board of Trustees Green Team Parks Committee Public Health and Safety Committee Public Public Works Committee
Pictures			
Fees			
Maintenance			
Petition			
Name			Heritage
Legalities			liability/risk

Overview

The Rec Committee put together this document in hopes of establishing a thriving, off-leash dog park in our community. This park will provide a place for well-behaved dogs to exercise and socialize in a safe and clean environment. The park will be well-maintained and spacious with clear hours, rules and regulations. The park will be understated and unadvertised.

Call to Action

Over the last 10 years there have been several significant changes worth noting in the Village.

Many young people/families have moved into the neighborhood and the population has grown from 1,572 to 2,202.

Dogs are popular and at any time you will see people out walking with their canine companions. Ownership of dogs is up and our neighbors in University Housing are now allowed to have dogs, as do most of the new apartments in the Village.

Much of the Village lacks complete streets so our furry friends and their walkers are in the street with no separation from vehicles.

Available green space for dogs is limited in and near the Village and has become increasingly so. The elementary school no longer tolerates dogs on its property; University Bay Fields, a favorite for running, has started ticketing; the Lodge residents find themselves unable to use the green space nearby after the golf course raised concerns during the offseason; and Arbor Crossing residents now face a six-foot (railroad-required) fence blocking previously used green space.

Objectives:

- Allow owners an option to interact with fellow dog-owners, establishing a greater sense of community within our Village.
- Support the Village Sustainability Plan by providing residents an option that doesn't require driving.
- Provide socialization opportunities for dogs and people to hone better relationships.
- Provide a safe environment for our canine friends to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.
- Increase services to match the increase in population.
- Address changing demographics.
- Acknowledge the desire and need for such a park.

Happy Dogs and Happy Residents

Being able to socialize with other dogs while off-leash allows dogs to interact and play in a safe environment. This sort of socialization helps dogs develop healthy relationships with other dogs as well as humans, encouraging them to learn how to behave at and away from the dog park. Allowing dogs to run freely helps them to expend their energy in a productive and controlled manner. Dogs who get regular exercise live healthier lifestyles and tend to be calmer in public.

A Sense of Community Between People

Creating a common place for dog owners to bring their pets initiates socialization between owners as well. Informal dog gatherings have provided a deep sense of community among users and by having a space that has been created specifically for owners and their dogs people are apt to make an effort to take care of the special place by keeping it clean and safe.

Requirements:

In designing a dog park, and to ensure a place to play and expend energy without endangering or aggravating people, property or wildlife, the minimal requirements to be functional include:

- **User Requirements**

- Must have current dog license.
- Must have current dog-park license.
- Must be up-to-date with their veterinarian.
- Must not have behavioral or aggression issues.

- **Entry Gates and Signage**

- Must post clear signage stating rules and regulations.
- Dogs must be on a leash until they are inside of the park.
- Gate must have a latch lock to ensure security.
- Gate must be double-entry for extra reliability when leashing/unleashing dogs.

- **Fencing**

- Must be 4 to 6 feet high.
- Must have a separate area for small dogs.
- Should be understated and of minimal design.

- **Clean up**

- Must provide eco-bags via a refillable dispenser.
- Must have covered trash cans.
- Must have an organized annual clean up.

- **Water, Benches and Shade**

- Should provide some sort of water access at the park. This can be accomplished as simply as using a 5 gallon water cooler and a large dog dish.
- Should have a bench and/or picnic table for owners to use.
- Should have shade covering achieved ideally through trees.

- **Maintenance**

- Must appoint a recreational volunteer to oversee the park each year.

- Must organize an annual volunteer clean-up to get the park ready for use.
- Must be mowed, mulched and maintained as needed.
- Must have regularly scheduled trash pickup.

Estimated Costs

The estimated overall cost to establish a dog park is roughly XXX broken down as follows:

Item	Required	Optional	Estimated Costs
Signage			
Welcome Sign	x		
Rules Sign	x		
Contact Info Sign	x		
Fencing			
Whole area	x		\$10 per sq. ft
Small dog area		x	
Double entry gate	x		
Equipment			
Waste Bag Dispensers	x		
Garbage Cans	x		
Water Cooler		x	
Picnic Table		x	
Maintenance			
Mowing			
Garbage removal			

Funding Options:

To build a dog park and provide the things mentioned above, you need to have the funds to do so. There are many different options for funding the construction and maintenance of a dog park in the Village. Village investment, donations, fundraisers, partnering investments and operational fees are all options.

For example, the City of Madison Dog Parks require a Dog Park Permit in order to be used, represented in the form of a dog tag. Fees are as follows: Annual Permit Tag - \$35, Senior or Disabled Permit Tag - \$17, Additional or Replacement Permit Tag - \$17, Daily Fee: \$5. (Daily Fees are taken as an “honorable donation” at the dog park itself, deposited in a locked box.

Rules & Regulations

Rules are to be strongly enforced at a dog park to protect both dogs and their owners. Rules should be established to enforce reasonable health and safety of the park. The following rules have been taken directly from the American Kennel Club (AKC) and The City of Madison “Dogs in Parks” website. In addition, owners can refer to the “Dog Owner Responsibilities” from Public Health Madison and Dane County.

- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
- Puppies and dogs must be properly licensed, inoculated, and healthy.
- Puppies using the park must be at least 4 months old.
- Dogs must be wearing current rabies, license, park permit and owner ID tags.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs in heat will not be allowed inside the park.
- Dogs that show or have a history of aggression will not be permitted.
- Dogs are not allowed to bark at, intimidate, attack or threaten another pet or person.
- Bite incidents (whether your dog bites a person or is bitten by or fights with another animal) will be reported to Public Health Animal Services.
- Dogs will not be unattended or allowed out of sight.
- Young children should be under constant supervision.
- Owners must carry a leash at all times.
- Dogs should be leashed before entering and prior to leaving the park.
- Violators will be subject to removal from the park and suspension of park privileges.
- Keep your dog leashed when off your property unless you are within the off-leash exercise areas in parks where dogs are allowed.

Maintenance:

We propose seeking a volunteer, similar to Land Rec or 4-Corners, to assist year-round in the cleanup efforts at each of our off-leash dog parks and to help coordinate an annual Spring Clean-Up. Volunteers will assist with spreading mulch, picking up litter, trimming around the fences and scooping up dog waste. Supplies will be provided and weather and park conditions permitting, the clean-up will be held from 9-11am on the first Saturday in April. Ongoing maintenance will be handled by Public Works and will include, as needed, mowing, mulching and garbage removal.

Locations:

After a comprehensive review of Village-owned properties, the following areas have been identified as possible locations for a dog park: Post Farm, the Quarry and McKenna Park. These spaces are under-utilized with a buffer from homes.

Pros and cons considered in evaluating locations included: proximity to homes, designations, ground cover, drainage, sun/deep shade, accessibility, size.

ATTACHMENTS

Sample Signage



Sample Fencing



Sample Provisions



McKenna Park



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Interstate Highway

US Highway

State Highway

County Highway

Local Road

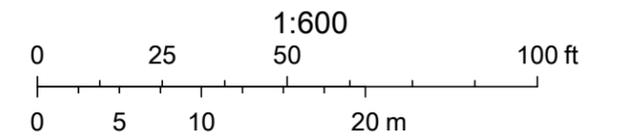
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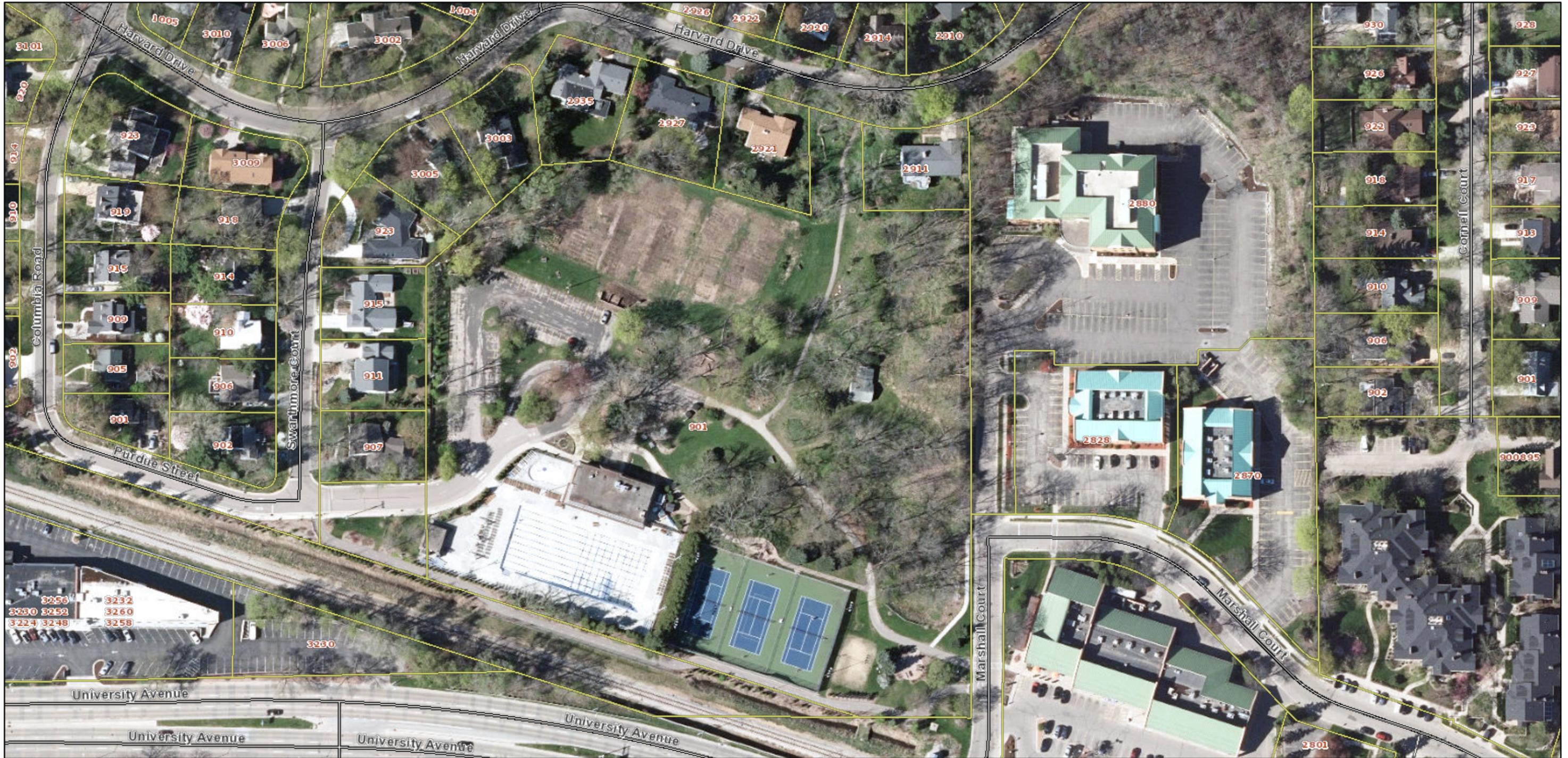
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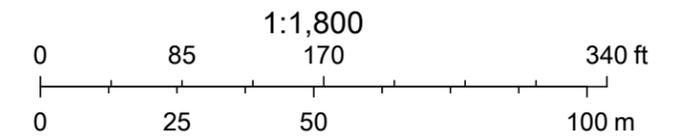
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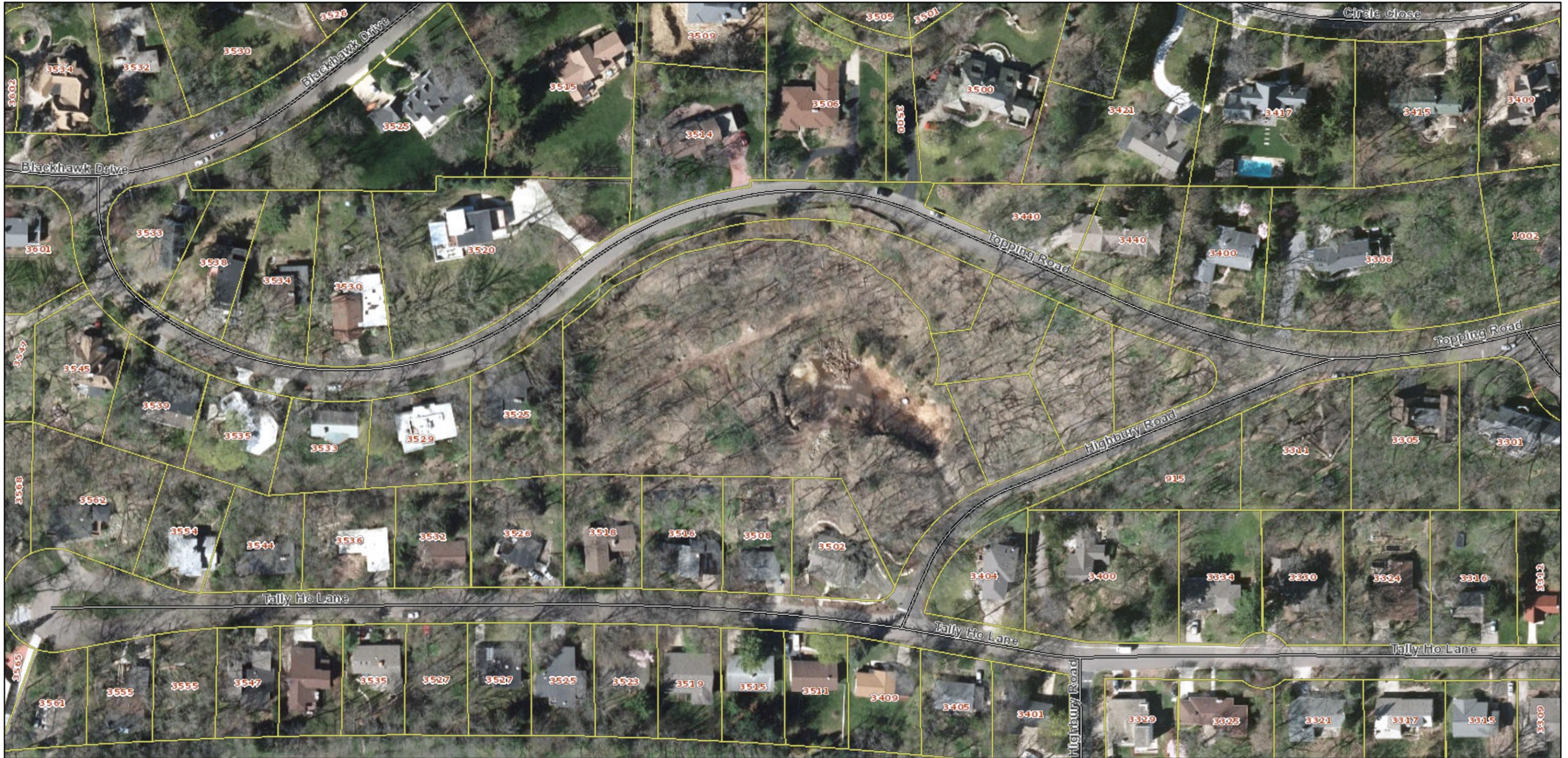
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Quarry Site



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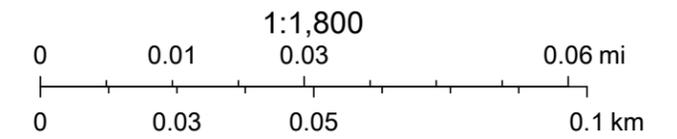
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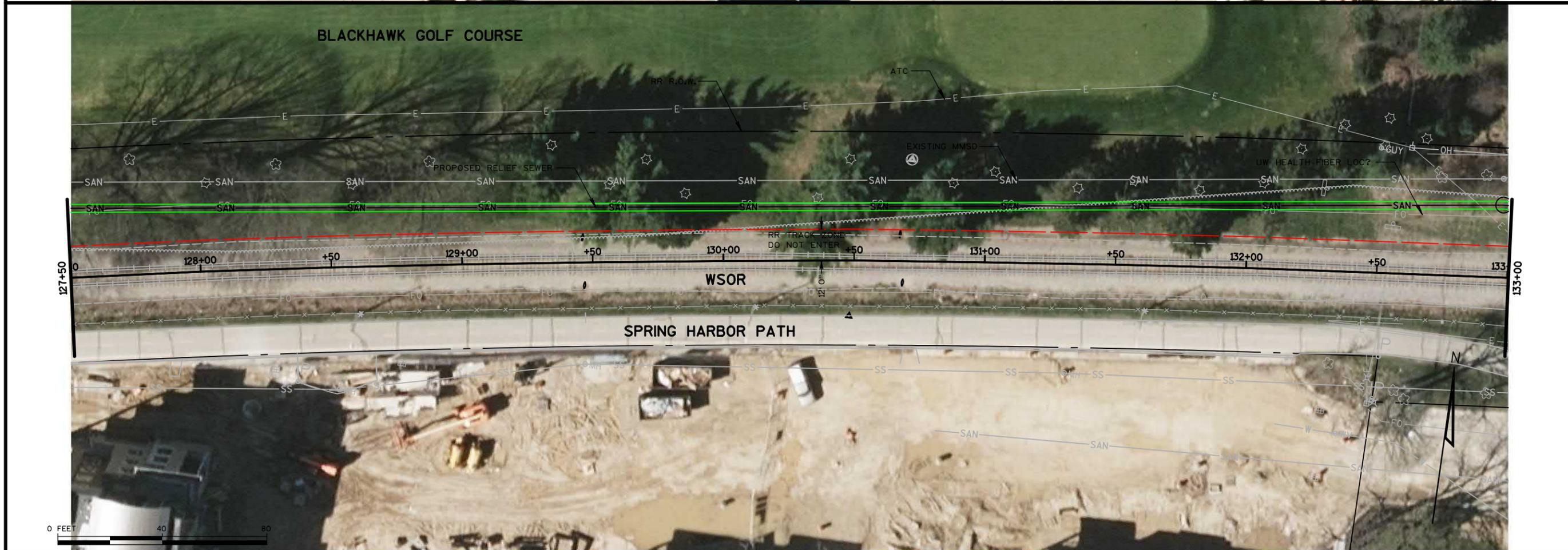
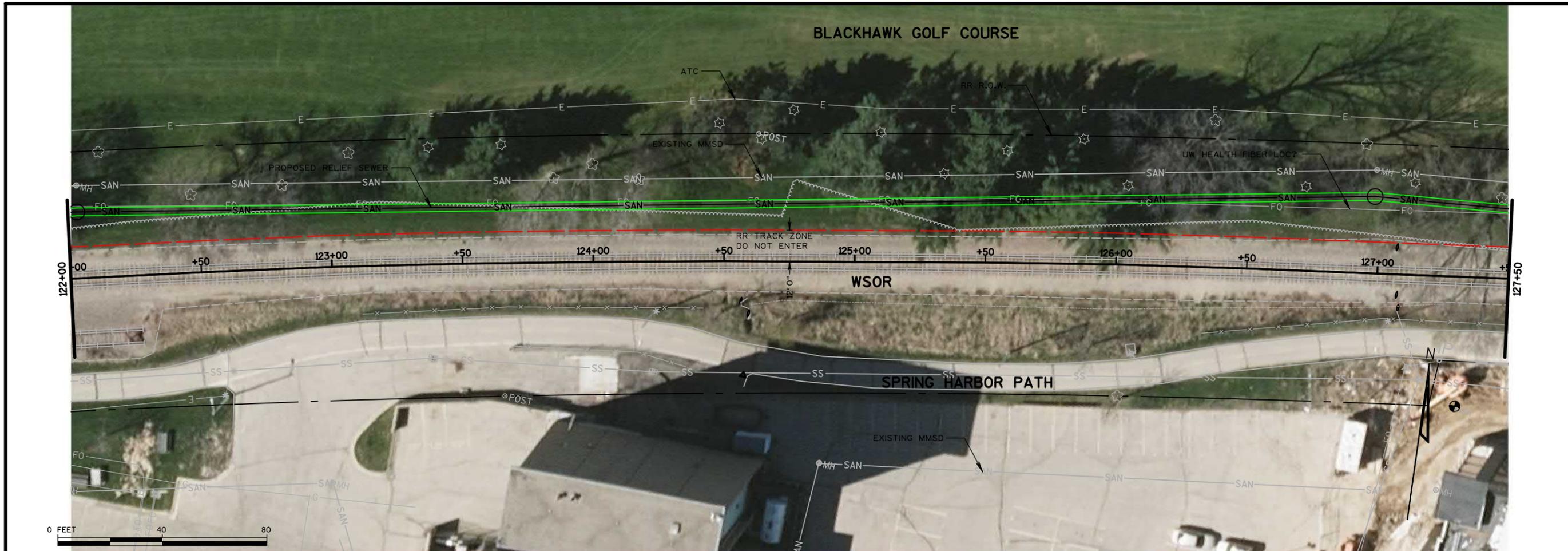
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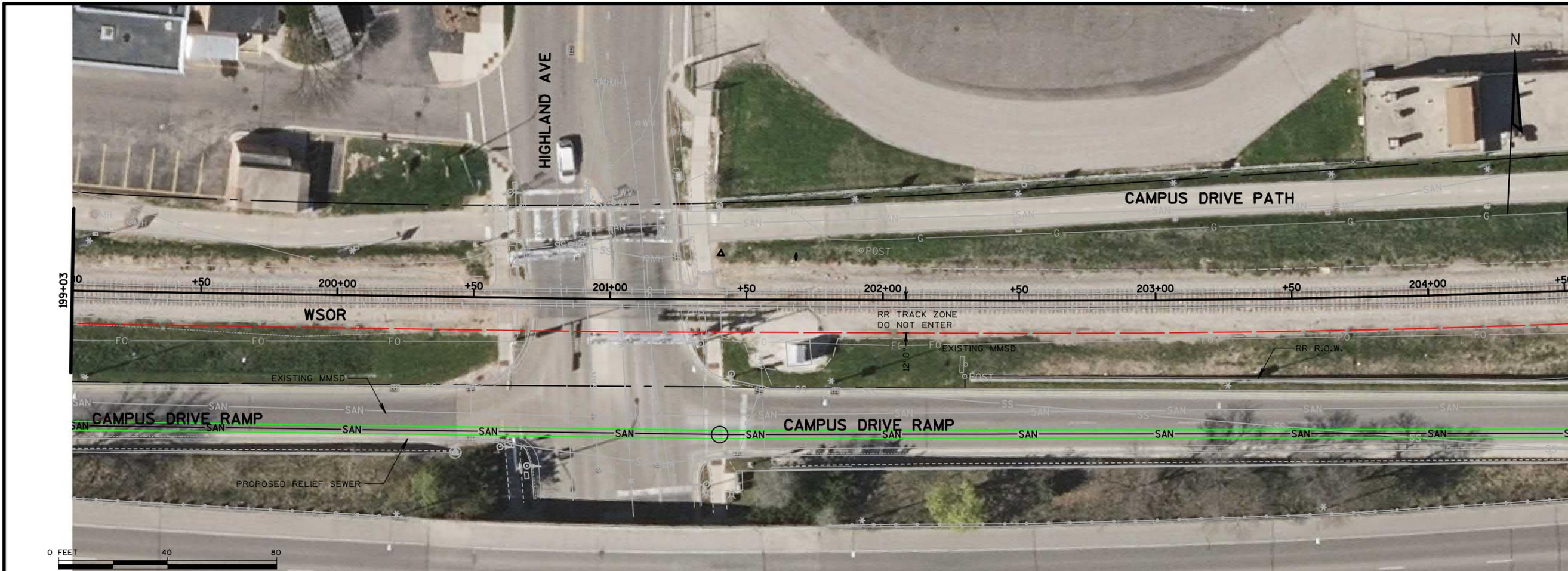
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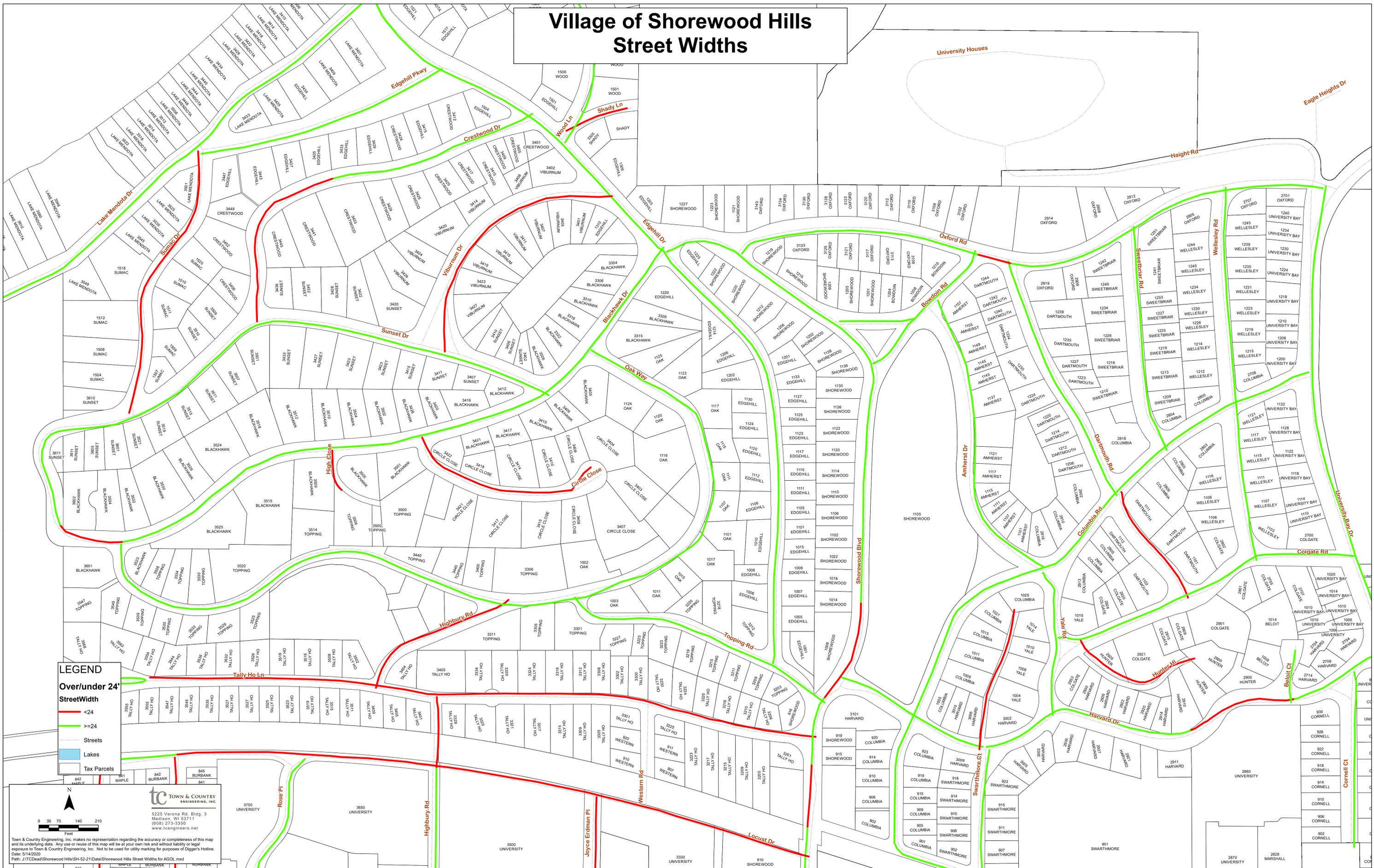
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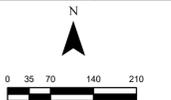
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Village of Shorewood Hills Street Widths



LEGEND

- Over/under 24' Street Width**
- <24
- >=24
- Streets
- Lakes
- Tax Parcels



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