

PARKS COMMISSION DATE: 3/21/16 AGENDA ITEM: CASE # 2015-41

ITEM: Savona 4th Addition Residential Subdivision Parkland

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

REVIEWED BY: Emily Barker

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission reviewed the Savona 4th Addition Final Plat on February 22nd and at that meeting, the Planning Commission wanted Staff to discuss the Savona 4th Addition Parkland.

Savona 4th Addition is the fourth and final phase of the planned 310 unit residential development to be located on 112.6 acres west of Keats Avenue and within Stage 1 of the City's I-94 Corridor Planning Area. The Savona 4th Addition plat will include 78 single-family lots and 5 outlots over 36.14 acres of land, all of which will be accessed via an extension of the 5th Street Parkway off of Keats Avenue and previous Savona phases.

Within Savona 4th Addition, there will be 8.89 acres of parkland dedicated to the City, Outlots A, D and a portion of Outlot C with the trail running through it. Within Savona 4th there are 280 lineal feet of public trail, excluding the trail in the 5th Street right-of-way. This park area will be in addition to the park area dedicated in prior phases (see attached Park Area plan).

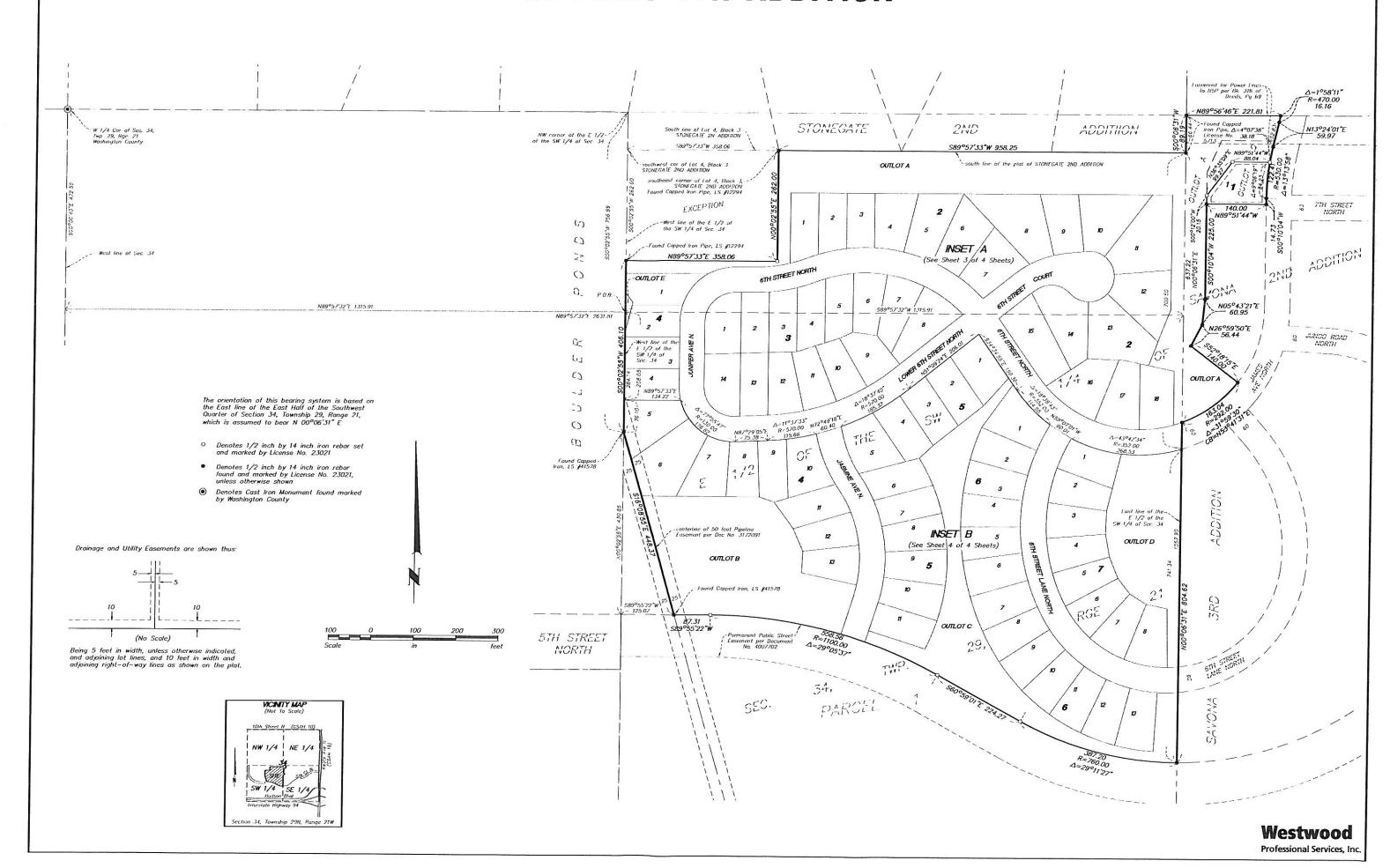
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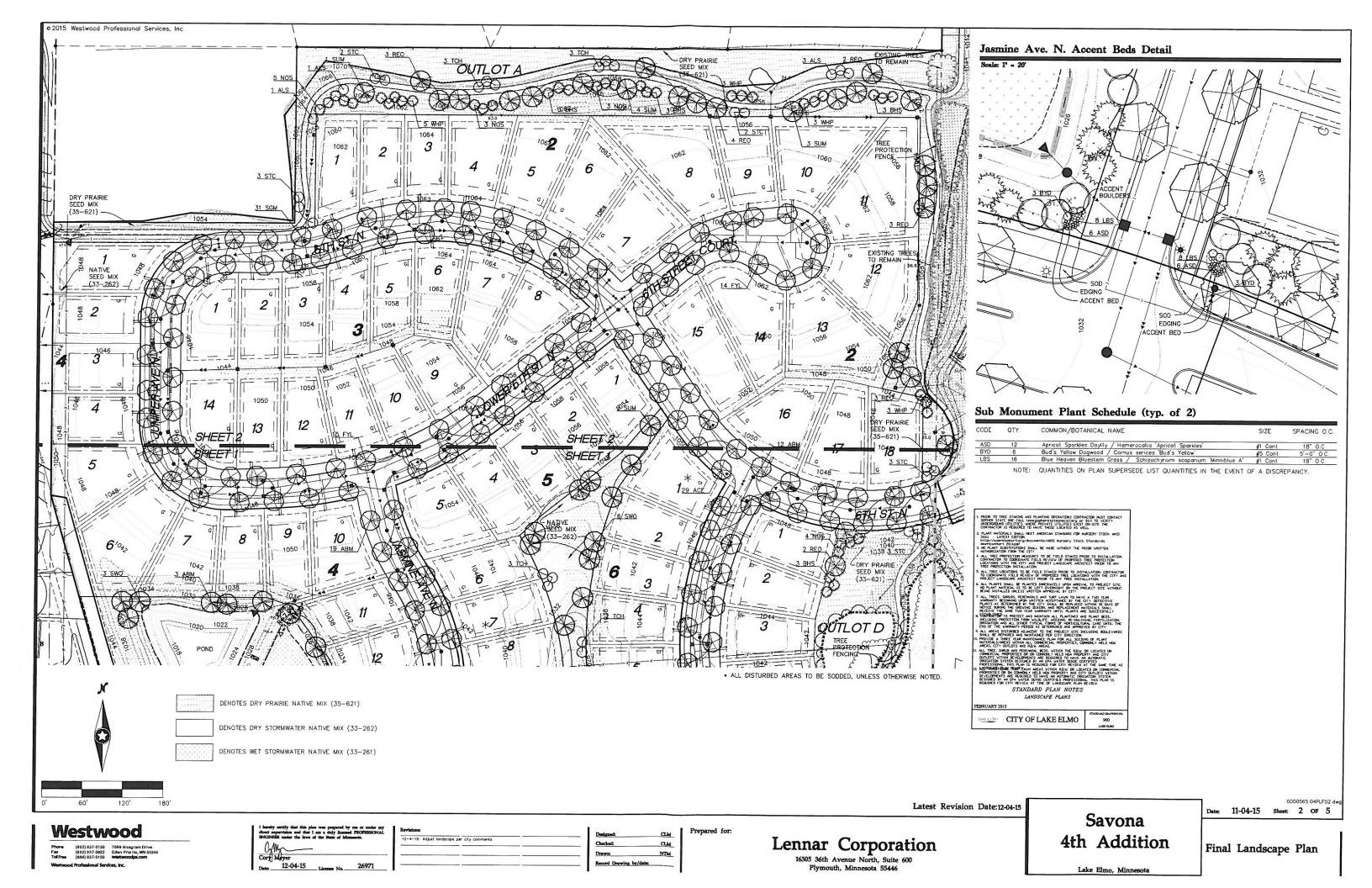
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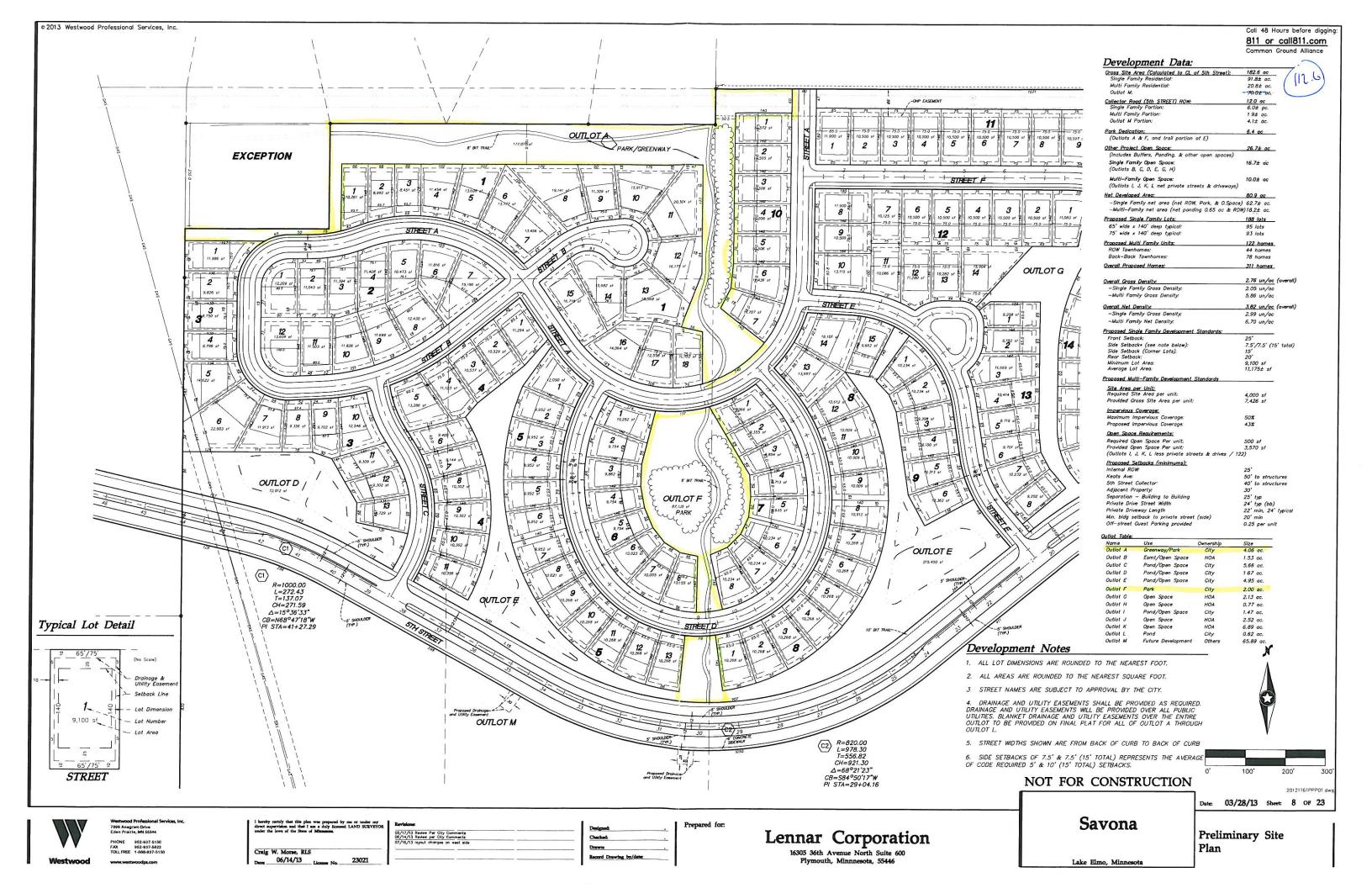
ATTACHMENTS:

- Savona 4th Addition Plat & Plan
- Savona Park Area Plan
- Staff Summary Park Commission review of Savona, dated 7/23/13
- Neighborhood Park Standards
- Neighborhood Park Search Areas

SAVONA 4TH ADDITION







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arban service areas, there are several things happening in and around the Savona subdivision that will have an impact on the project, including the larger assessment project that will bring water and sewer services into this area, the ongoing work to plan for a significant minor collector road to meet the transportation needs of this area, and the plans from adjacent property owners to develop their properties. Given the location of the subdivision in an area that will be seeing significant changes in the near future, Staff recognizes that this initial plat will have a number of issues that will need to be resolved in the future.

The City has received a detailed list of comments from the City Engineer and the Washington County concerning the proposed subdivision, in addition to general comments from the Valley Branch Watershed District, Building Official, and the Fire Chief, all of which are attached for consideration by the Commission.

In addition to the general comments that have been provided in the preceding sections of this report, Staff would like the Planning Commission to consider the issues and comments related to the following discussion areas as well:

- Comprehensive Plan. The proposed subdivision is consistent with the Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan for this area and with the densities that were approved as part of this plan. The net densities for the development fall within the ranges allowed for the urban low density and urban medium density land use categories. Furthermore, the overall number of REC units planned matches the overall numbers that were used for projecting the unit counts in this area. Other aspects of the Comprehensive Plan relate to the Savona subdivision as follows:
 - O Transportation. The City's transportation plan calls for the construction of a minor collector road that will connect the eastern and western portions of the I-94 Corridor. Staff views this road as a critical piece of the transportation infrastructure that is needed to serve the densities that have been planned for this area. Lennar has incorporated the right-of-way at the width necessary to construct the minor collector as part of its preliminary plat.
 - Darks. The City's park plan identifies proposed locations for neighborhood parks based on the anticipated population that should be served by each park. In addition to the existing Stonegate Park, the plan calls for at least two additional parks in the vicinity of the Savona Plat, one in the middle of the proposed development area and one off the applicant's site closer to Goose Lake. As noted earlier by Staff, the Park Commission did review the Savona sketch plan and generally agreed with concept of having a smaller "pocket/neighborhood" park serve the subdivision along with a series of trails providing connections to the Stonegate Park and other local and regional parks and trails.
 - Water. Water will eventually be provided to this area via a future extension of the system along Inwood Avenue. The Savona subdivision will be able to be served under the City's current agreement with the City of Oakdale until the Inwood extension is completed.
 - Sanitary Sewer. Lennar will be required to connect to the sewer main being constructed as part of the Section 34 area wide assessment project. In this case, all of the property owners that are planned to be served by sanitary sewer have petitioned

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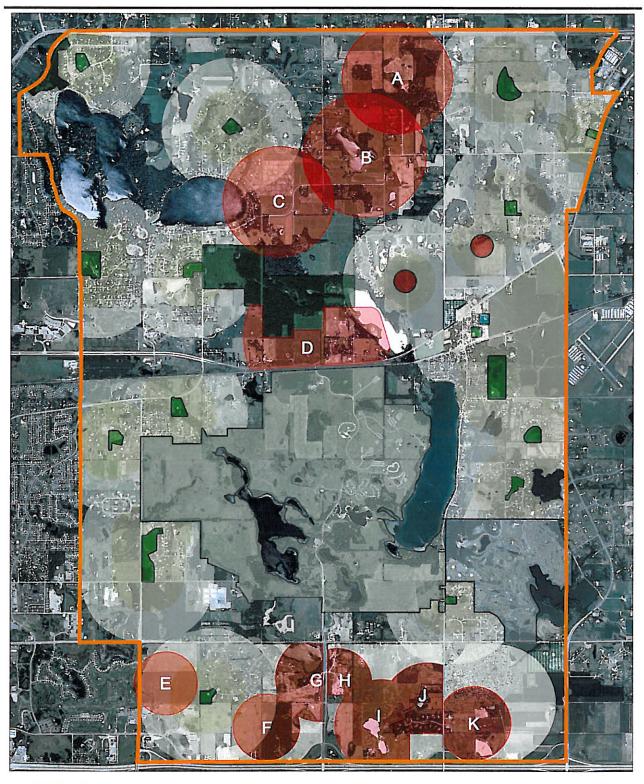




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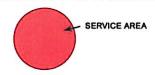








MAP 9. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SEARCH AREAS





	Neighborhood Park
Purpose	 Recreational and social focus of a neighborhood and the basic unit of the park system.
	 Facilities will serve younger children, youth, and adults.
	 Within walking distance, where practical.
Service Area and Location	Preferred service area is a quarter-mile to half-mile distance.
	 A service area of a quarter-mile is preferred for neighborhoods with more urban residential densities.
Size	o Minimum size is 3 acres.
	o Preferred size is 5 to 10 acres.
	 Parks may be larger if combined with natural resource areas.
	 Guidelines for area needed for each athletic facility type are:
	 3 to 4 acres per multi-purpose playing field 10,000 square feet per multi-use court
Level-of-Service	o 11 acres per 1,000 persons.
	Portable toilet, park identification sign(s)
Key Facilities	Passive parkland: picnic/sitting areas
	o Active parkland: playground, multi-purpose playing field (unlit), multi-purpose



- Passive parkland: gardens, natural resource areas, water features, paths, trail connections.
- o Active parkland: ice skating rink, sledding hill.

court (unlit)



Ridge Park