

Planning Area. Other specific objectives that are specific to the Village concerning parks and trails include the following:

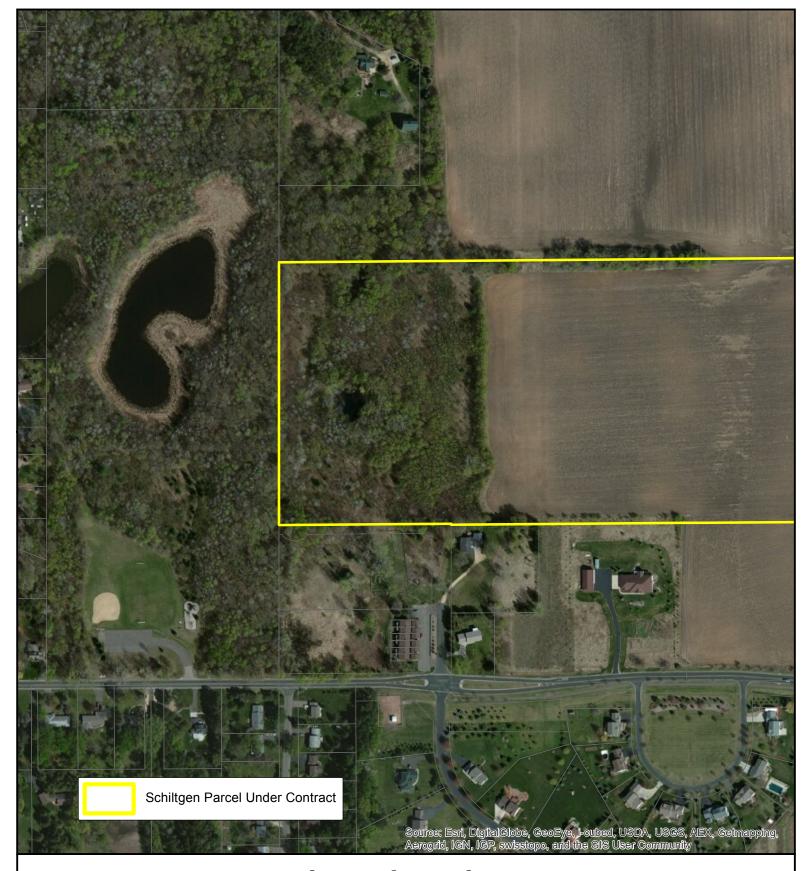
- Construction of a new trail connection between the northeastern portion of the Lake Elmo Regional Park Reserve and the Village. This proposed trail connection would primarily follow existing road right-of-way and serve as a new off-road entrance into the Park Reserve.
- Utilizing 36<sup>th</sup> Street as a key pedestrian connection between the existing commercial areas along Lake Elmo Avenue and future development in the Village Center, or mixed-use area.
- Development of a grade separated trail either over or under State Highway 5 (Stillwater Boulevard) in order to promote a safe pedestrian crossing between the northern and southern portions of the Village Planning Area.
- Construction of a multi-use trail along Lake Elmo Avenue that is separated from vehicular traffic and that will serve as the primary trail connection to the I-94 corridor. Due to constraints associated with the available right-of-way and other limitation associated with its location next to Lake Elmo, this trail should be given special consideration as part of any future improvements to Lake Elmo Avenue.
- Expansion of Reid Park into adjacent prime natural areas and other property to the east of Reid Park that is not well-suited for residential development. Future trails will be encouraged to connect Reid Park with the surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- Development of a larger community recreational facility to the east of the Village Center adjacent to the railroad right-of-way.
- The establishment of trail connections between the new and existing neighborhoods located within the Village Planning Area. Sidewalks will be required for all new developments; however, the City will consider trails as a substitute for sidewalks in instances where they provide connections to other neighborhoods or other public features within the planning area.
- The City may consider the relocation of the existing ball fields located downtown to a new community recreation facility in the Village.

## **Transportation**

The existing and planned transportation corridors that circumvent the Village Planning Area will play a critical role in shaping the character of the Village. State Highway 5 and County Highway 17 serve as the primary routes into and out of the Village and will continue to see increasing levels of traffic in the future. These routes also represent important connections for the local businesses, many of which rely on these major transportation routes for visibility and access. The Village Land Use Plan balances the need for access to local businesses with the overall objective of managing and calming the expected increases in traffic levels throughout the planning area. The general transportation goals for the planning area include the following:

## State HWY-5 (Stillwater Boulevard)

State Highway 5 is the primary east-west travel route through the Village. Because of existing high speed limits and traffic volumes, it is often a barrier (or at least a significant inconvenience) to pedestrian and vehicular movement. Its current design includes ditches, culverts and wide setbacks for buildings along the right of way.

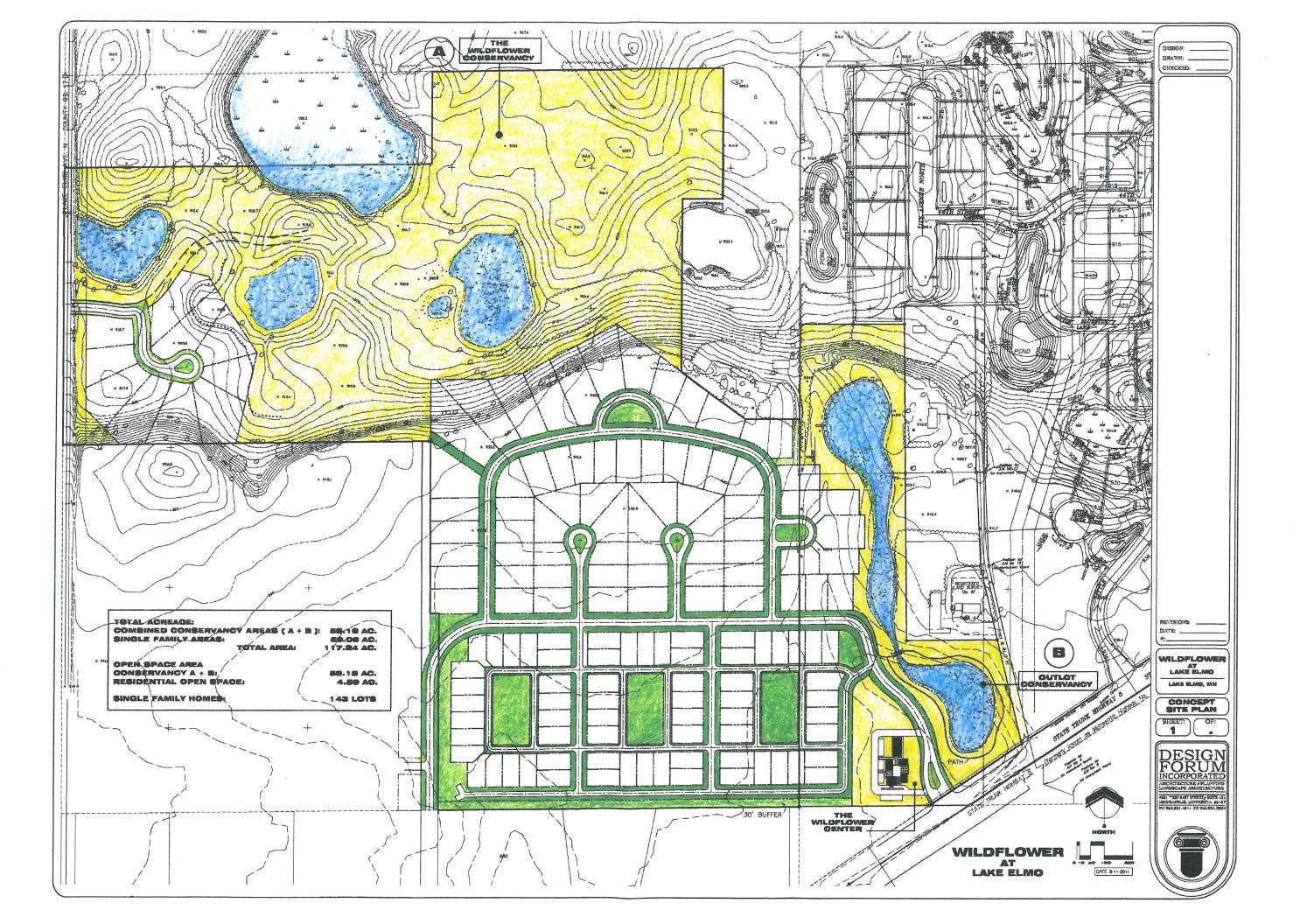


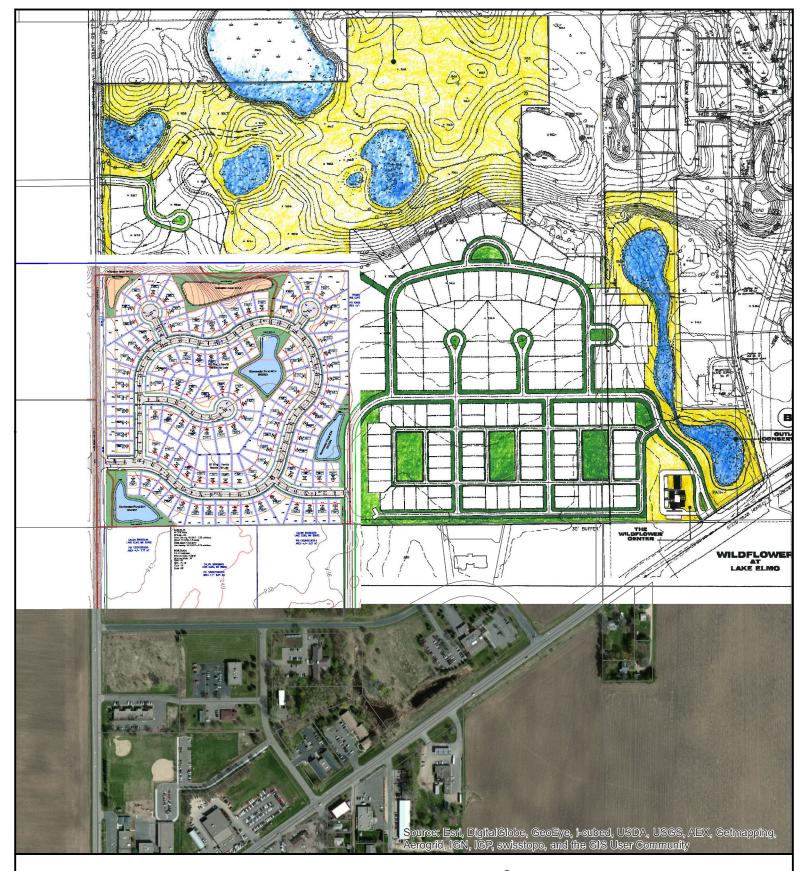
## Potential Reid Park Expansion



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## Gonyea - Engstrom Park Discussion



0 250 500 1,000 Feet

1"=500'

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