

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**TO:** Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Aaron Hertzberg, Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services

**SUBJECT:** Informational Report Related to the Milwaukee County Grounds Northeast Quadrant

**REQUEST**

There is no request at this time; this report is for informational purposes only.

**BACKGROUND**

File 17-681 – An informational report regarding the rezoning at the Milwaukee County Grounds

File 17-453 – An adopted resolution opposing the disposition, compromise, or sale of any County Grounds Park land acreage, and supporting and encouraging the rezoning of remaining Sanctuary Woods parcels to the equivalent designation as parkland

Milwaukee County owns a parcel of land (Taxkey 372-99-9917) in the northeast quadrant of the County Grounds, an area north of Watertown Plank Road and east of Interstate 41 (see Exhibit A). As outlined in File 17-681, Milwaukee County submitted a request to subdivide and rezone the referenced parcel to the City of Wauwatosa. Wauwatosa, considered the request, but did not approve the plan.

**REPORT**


The City of Wauwatosa adopted the Life Science District Master Plan for the area in the fall of 2018. The plan guides land use and infrastructure planning for the County Grounds and other nearby areas of the City. Milwaukee County staff is currently working to subdivide the parcel in accordance with the Life Science District Master Plan. At the time of writing, parcel boundaries are not yet finalized, but staff is committed to respecting the boundaries set forth in the Life Science District Master Plan (see Exhibit B). This includes creating a parcel and requesting park or parklike zoning to match areas slated for Conservation District in the Life Science District Master Plan. It's staff's understanding this would align with prior the resolution approved as File 17-453.

Delays in requests to rezone areas intend for conservation are attributed to complexities related to subdividing the parcel identified in Exhibit A. The property must be subdivided prior to rezoning to align with the Life Science District Master Plan. Considerations of road access and proximity of development to a water tower near the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, must be addressed before parcels are define. Staff hopes to resolve the issue soon and submit the required applications to the City of Wauwatosa.

Wauwatosa's Life Science District Master Plan 2018-2038 is available via the following link: <https://www.wauwatosa.net/home/showdocument?id=520>.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Exhibit A

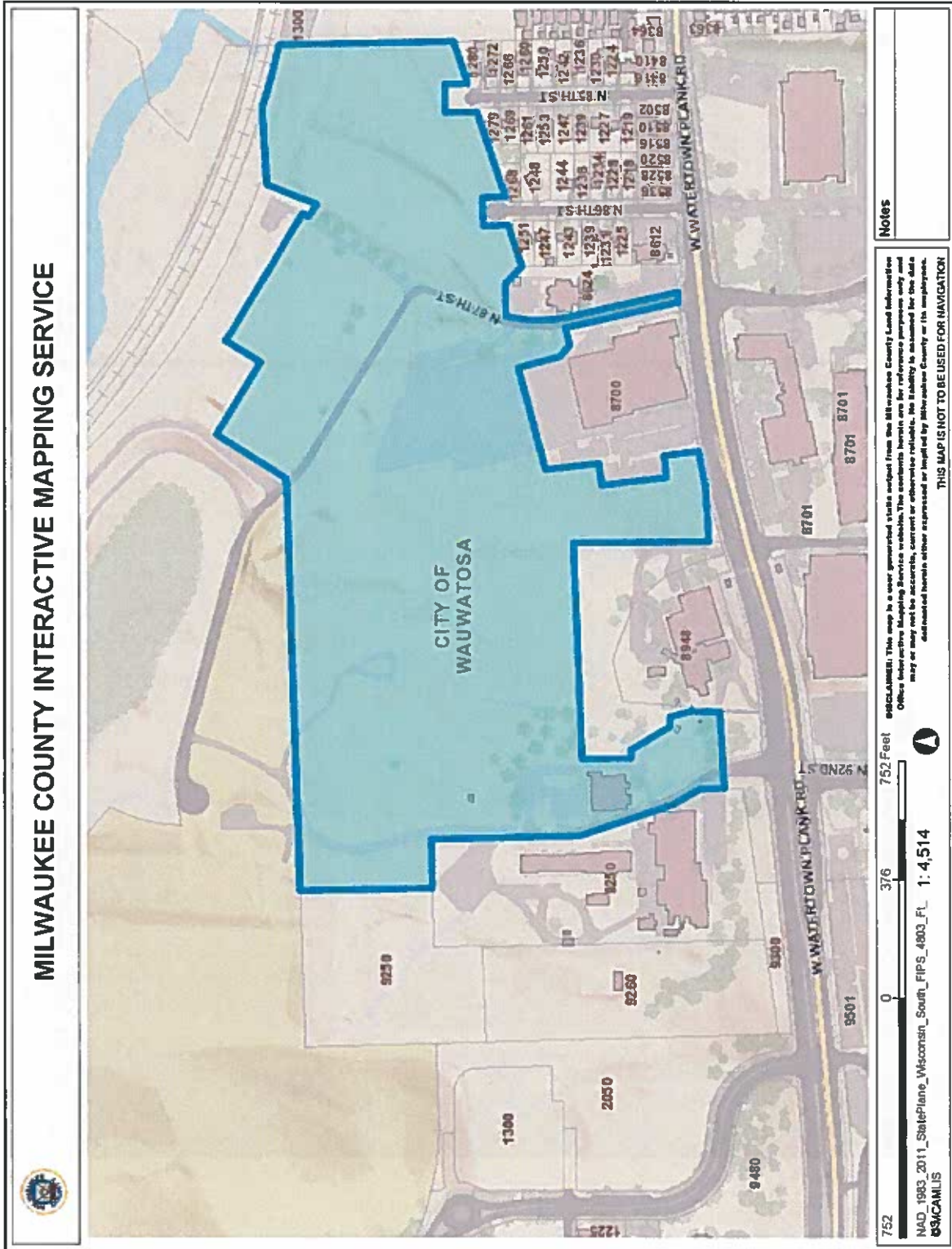


Exhibit B

LIFE SCIENCES DISTRICT FRAMEWORK PLAN - Land Use and Road Network

