

Wildcat Creek Restoration

July, 2018

Located in: Kulwicki Park,
Milwaukee County

Client: City of Greenfield

Engineer: Ruckert & Mielke, Inc.

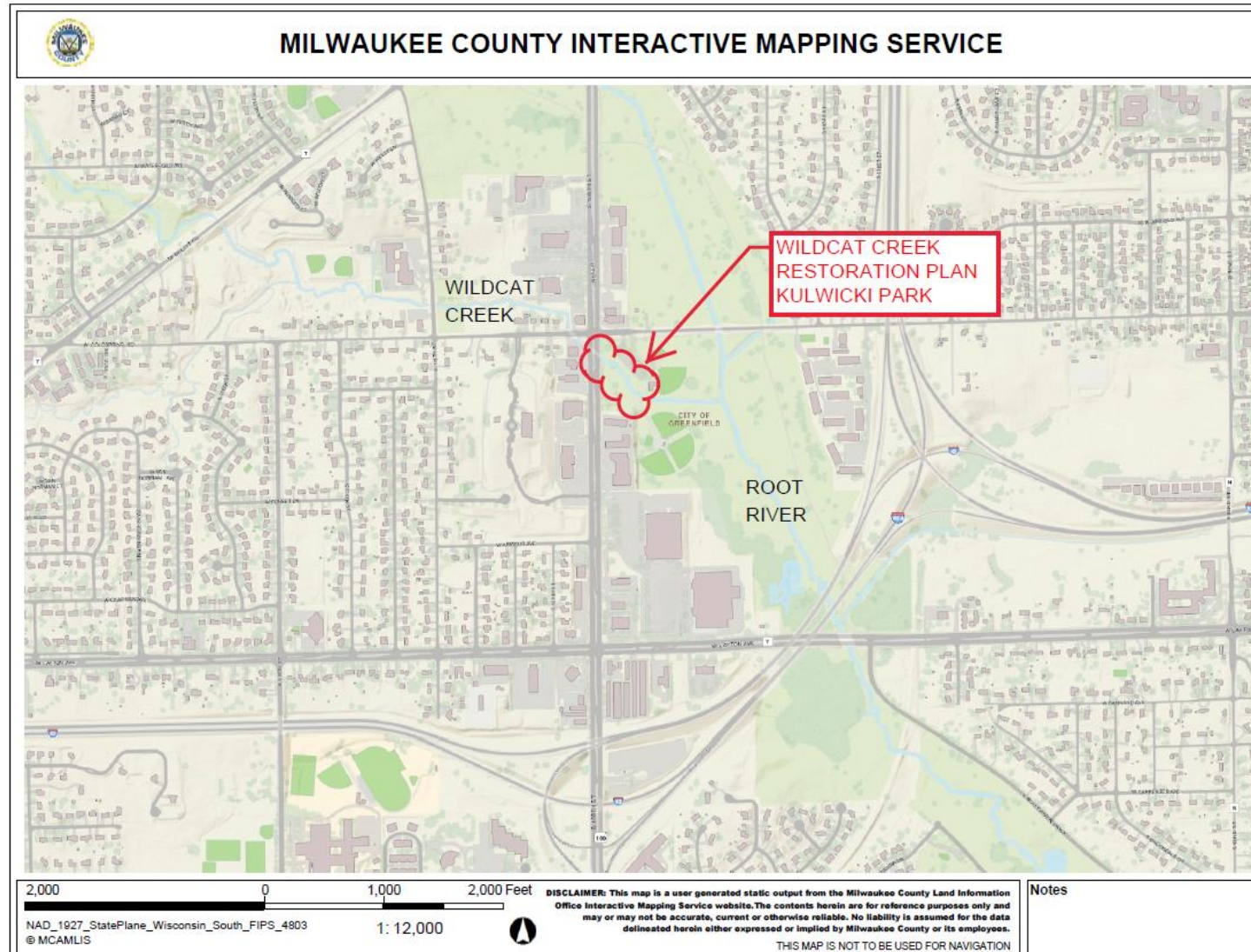
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- Project Description
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- Organizational Support
- Grant Funding



Project Location

- ❑ Wildcat Creek at Kulwicki Park
- ❑ City of Greenfield
- ❑ Less than 700 feet upstream of confluence with Root River
- ❑ Visible from Highway 100



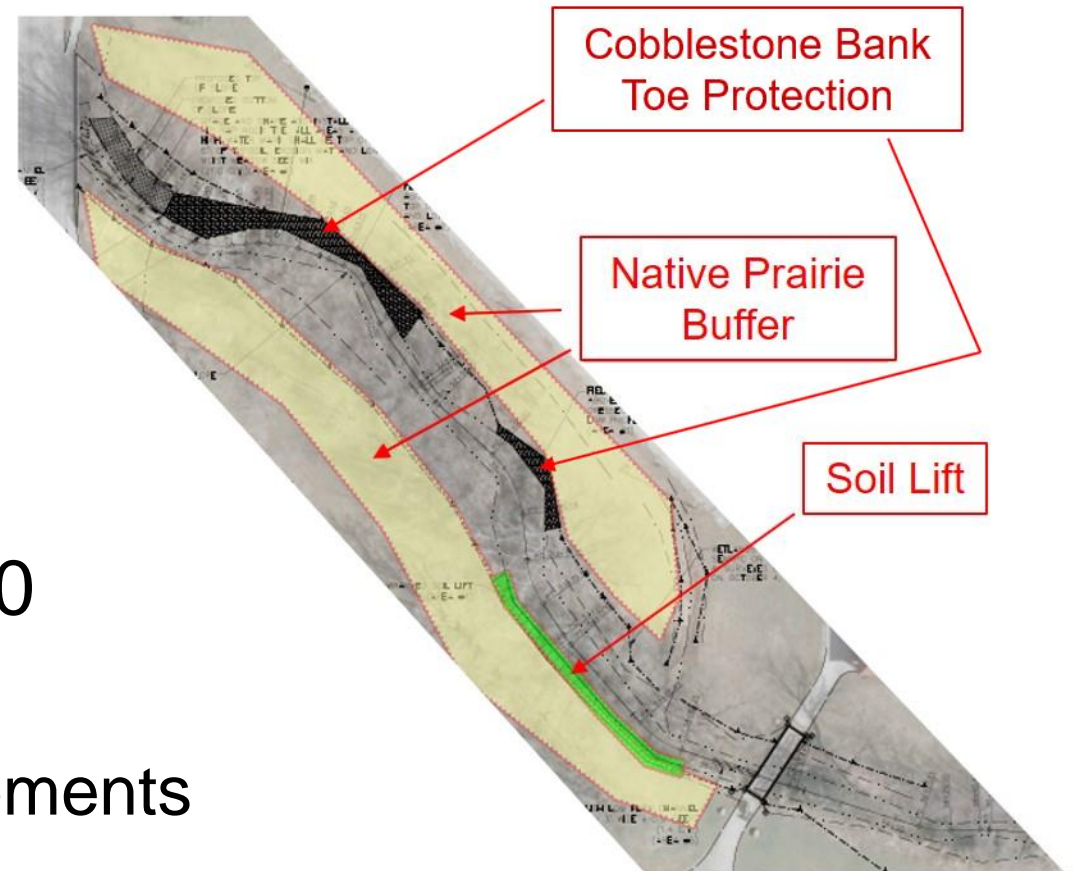
Wildcat Creek Background

- Wildcat Creek sub-watershed
 - ~ 1,200 acres
 - 2/3 New Berlin, Waukesha Co; 1/3 Greenfield, Milwaukee Co.
 - 90% residential land use
- Wildcat Creek
 - 2.45-mile stream in the Root River watershed
 - Managed for fishing and swimming
 - Considered a cool-warm transitional headwater stream
 - Root River is impaired due to TSS, chlorides, and phosphorus



Project Description

- 500 feet of Shoreline Stabilization
 - ▣ Geotextile wrapped soil lift
 - ▣ Cobblestone bank toe protection
 - ▣ Habitat Restoration
 - ▣ Invasive Species Removal
- Multi-phase project, started in 2010
 - ▣ Streambank & other instream work
 - ▣ Aquatic Organism Passage improvements





Eroded banks along the creek due to high water events.



Eroded bank in Wildcat Creek to be repaired with Geotextile wrapped soil lift and cobblestone bank toe protection (top right – installation, bottom – after native plant establishment).





Streambank Stabilization with tree stumps.



Timeline

- **2010:** Project identified in a storm water study
 - Wildcat Creek Floodplain and Alternative Analysis, September 2010, pgs. 19-24
- **2014:** Project included in the Root River Watershed Plan (pg. 517)
- **Late 2014/early 2015:** Meeting to discuss detailed permit requirements
 - Greenfield (Rick Sokol, Jeff Tamblyn, Jeff Katz, and Craig Skala)
 - WDNR (Nathon Zoch, Kathi Kramasz)
 - U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- **2015:** Plans and permit applications developed, but not submitted

Timeline

- **Late 2017:** Meeting to discuss the agreement between Milwaukee County and Greenfield
 - Greenfield (Jeff Katz, Brian Haas, and Michael Neitzke)
 - Milwaukee County Parks (Jill Organ, other staff)
- **Early 2018:** Meeting on-site to discuss project plans and additional habitat improvements into the design
 - Greenfield (Jeff Katz, Brian Haas)
 - Root-Pike WIN (David Giordano)
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Betsy Galbraith, Areena Bowman)
- **Late 2018:** Proposed Construction
- **~Late 2019:** MMSD and Sweet Water are developing a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)
 - Plan will provide implementation method for 9-key element plans

Local/State/National Plan Support

- **Root River Watershed Restoration Plan (July 2014)**
 - Prepared by SEWRPC for Root Pike WIN and Sweet Water
 - EPA & WDNR approved 9 Key Element Plan
 - Plan funded in part by MMSD, WI Coastal Management, Fund Lake Michigan, NOAA
 - Adopted by City of Greenfield, Milwaukee County & MMSD

- **Plan Recommends Wildcat Creek Restoration Project**
 - “Habitat and Water Quality” improvement project (#URR-17)
 - Need for “Streambank Stabilization”
 - Project area: Class 1, High-Value Habitat” (Page 170)

Grant Funding

- DNR River Management: City has been granted **\$50,000**
- Fund for Lake Michigan: City's pre-proposal was selected for the full proposal stage (amount requested is **\$65,000.**)



**Fund for
Lake Michigan**
Clearly making a deep impact.

Organizational Support

- Letters of support:
 - Milwaukee Riverkeeper
 - Sweet Water
 - Root-Pike WIN

- Root-Pike WIN will produce *educational signage*
 - Streambank Stabilization
 - Environmental/ecological benefits
 - Habitat improvements/Streambank Buffer



Milwaukee County

- Parks and County Board Approval
- Coordinate invasive species and tree survey with County Forester
- Long-term maintenance
- City/County agreement status

Questions?

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