

EAST RIVER WATER TRAIL & HABITAT CORRIDOR PROJECT 2022

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TOWN OF LEDGEVIEW PARKS DEPARTMENT

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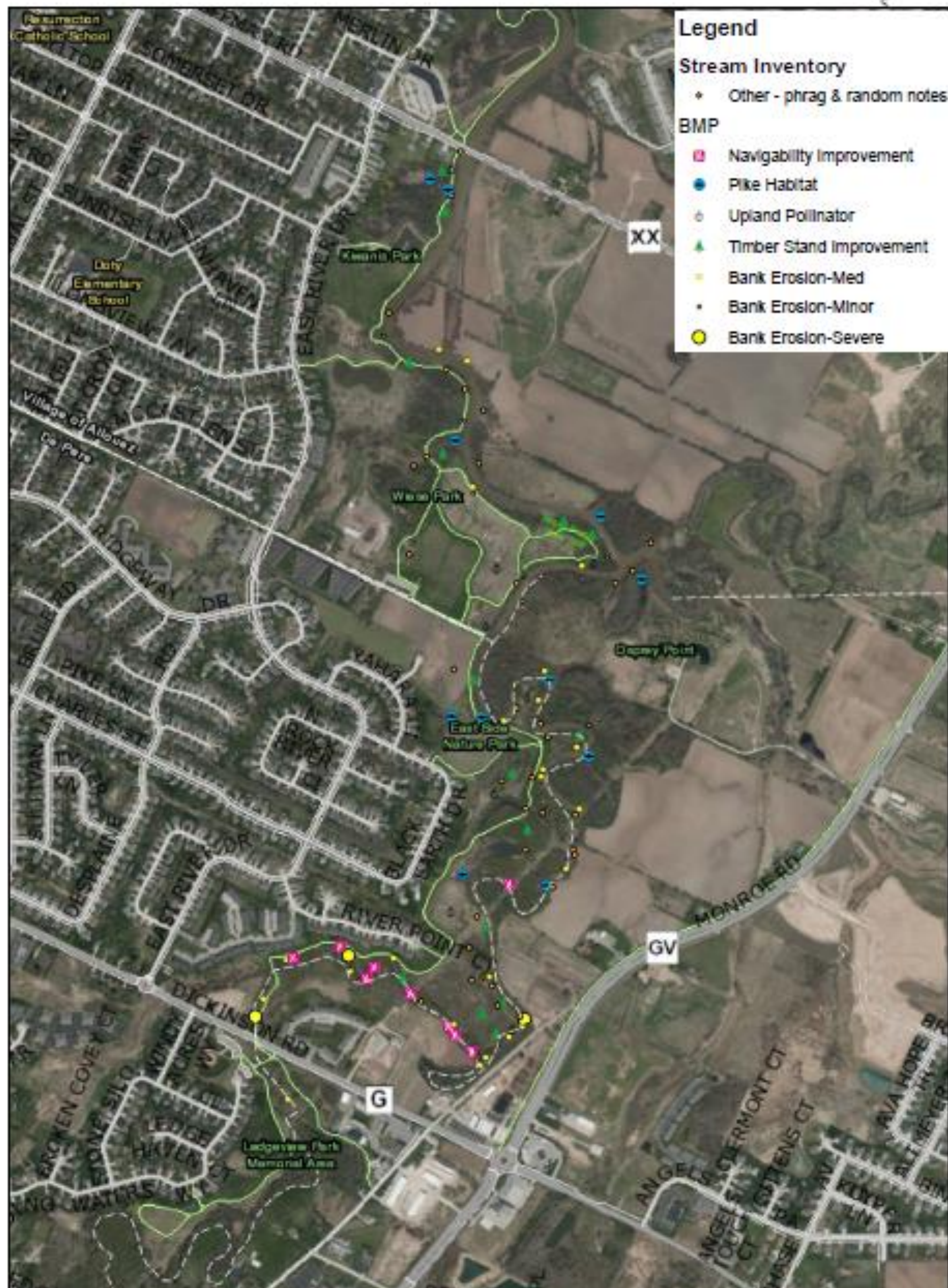


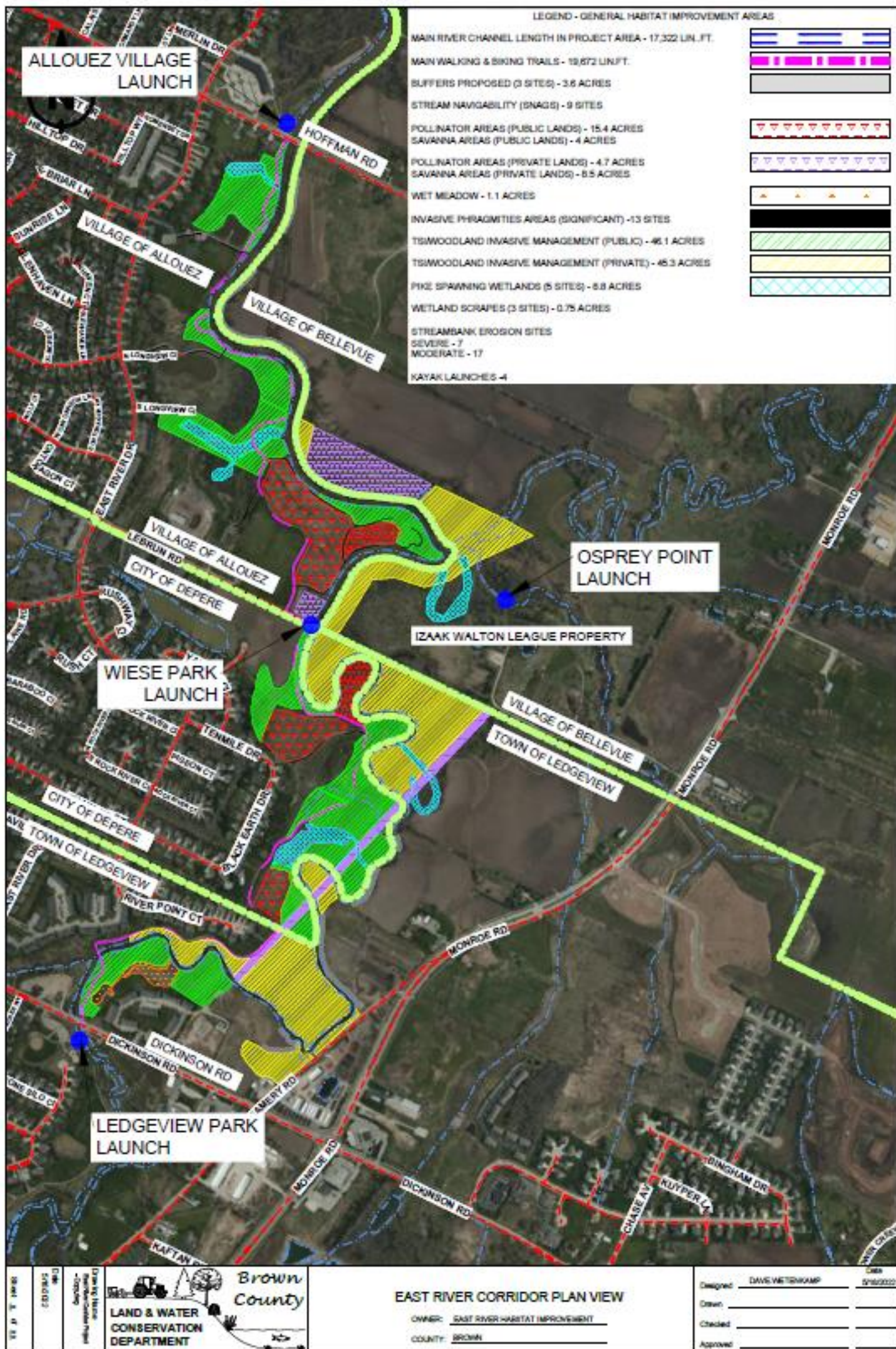
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SEVERE BANK EROSION

LEDGEVIEW PARK – SPRING 2022



TYPICAL STREAMBANK REPAIR



INVASIVES REMOVAL/TREATMENT

BUCKTHORN SPRING 2022



PHRAGMITES SPRING 2022



FALLOW FIELD/POLLINATOR PRAIRIE

BEFORE



AFTER



EAST RIVER CORRIDOR COST ESTIMATE

(NEEDS MORE INPUT)

| ITEM | UNIT | QUANTITY | ESTIMATED COST |
|--|-------|----------|----------------|
| BUFFERS | ACRES | 3.6 | \$ 21,600.00 |
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| STREAM IMPEDIMENT REMOVAL | SITES | 9.0 | \$ 2,250.00 |
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| WET MEADOW | ACRES | 1.1 | \$ 1,375.00 |
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| INVASIVES TREATMENT | ACRES | 50.0 | \$ 15,000.00 |
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| TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (PUBLIC PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 46.1 | \$ 69,150.00 |
| TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (PRIVATE PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 45.3 | \$ 67,950.00 |
| PIKE SPAWNING WETLANDS | SITES | 5.0 | \$ 125,000.00 |
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| WETLAND SCRAPES | SITES | 3.0 | \$ 15,000.00 |
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| KAYAK LAUNCHES | SITES | 4.0 | \$ 140,000.00 |
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| POLLINATOR PRAIRIE (PUBLIC PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 15.4 | \$ 21,175.00 |
| POLLINATOR PRAIRIE (PRIVATE PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 4.7 | \$ 6,450.00 |
| SAVANNA PRAIRE (PUBLIC PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 4.0 | \$ 26,500.00 |
| SAVANNA PRAIRE (PRIVATE PROPERTIES) | ACRES | 8.5 | \$ 48,560.00 |
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| STREAMBANK SHAPING/SEEDING (MEDIUM SEVERITY SITES ~ 300 LIN.FT./EACH) | SITES | 17 | \$ 122,400.00 |
| STREAMBANK SHAPING/SEEDING (HIGH SEVERITY SITES ~300 LIN.FT./EACH) | SITES | 6 | \$ 154,800.00 |
| RIP RAP BANK REPAIR | SITES | 1 | \$ 75,000.00 |
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| ALL PROJECTS - ESTIMATE | | TOTAL | \$ 912,210.00 |
| PHASE #1 - ESTIMATE | | TOTAL | \$ 509,450.00 |



EAST RIVER WATER TRAIL

WATER QUALITY. RECREATION.
COMMUNITY. WELL-BEING.

SUMMARY

THE VISION: *A clear stream where trout swim and people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds enjoy the waterways through paddling. Where friends meet, families create memories, and our natural environment thrives.*

This vision can be a reality on the East River. This remote, natural landscape is at the heart of our urban environment making it a unique, valuable asset in Brown County. However, currently, many consider the East River an eye-sore due to its brown color or a source of damage when it floods. Few regard the river as a beautiful natural resource or consider it for recreational use.

THE REQUEST: Brown County has an opportunity to direct a portion of the ARPA Funds (\$500,000) to catalyze efforts to improve water quality of the East River while also adding recreation opportunities through the addition of accessible kayak launches to create a water trail adjacent to the land trail. Our ARPA Funds request includes:

- In-stream fallen tree and wood management to improve on-water recreation
- Stream bank erosion control to improve water clarity
- Wildlife and fish habitat improvements to benefit species and provide viewing opportunities to the public

Phase two of this project will expand the current network of accessible recreational kayak launches (not part of funding request).

ARPA funds will act as the spark that brings this natural resource and community asset back to life.

WHAT IS A WATER TRAIL?

A water trail is the equivalent of a hiking trail on the water.

- Water trails feature well-developed access and launch points that are open to the public.
- The East River Water Trail will run adjacent to the existing paved trail.
- The water trail would be open to non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks and canoes.
- Have developed information and trail data that is publicly available and up to date (e.g., maps, guides, signage, and/or a website); and
- Be actively supported, managed and/or maintained by at least one organization or community that can serve as the source of the water trail information.

BENEFITS TO BROWN COUNTY

→ ECONOMIC

Trails, including water trails, increase tax revenues in the communities in which they are located. These benefits represent a huge economic return on the money invested into the projects. The East River Water Trail is also an opportunity to spur new business ventures in kayak and canoe rentals. Official water trail designation also opens up additional grant and funding opportunities.

→ ENVIRONMENTAL

Water trails make nature accessible and encourage environmental awareness. A key pillar of this project is habitat restoration and environmental resiliency so this community asset is here now and into the future.

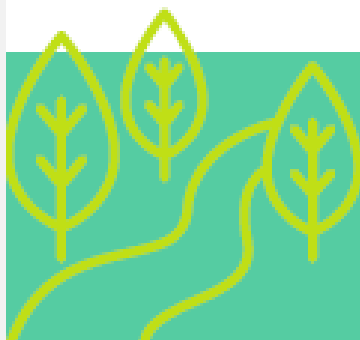
→ RECREATION

The phased project includes identifying new kayak launch sites that will include accessible launches so people of all ages and abilities will be able to utilize these assets. The water trail is an opportunity for people to be active while connecting with others and our natural surroundings.

→ COMMUNITY BUILDING AND IMPROVING WELL-BEING

The East River Water Trail connects recreation and nature together to promote our region to current residents and attract new families to live, work or recreate in Brown County. It symbolizes our investment in the people, places, and future of our region. The water trail's two pillars of habitat restoration and inclusive recreation are building blocks to strengthening our community and overall well-being.

SUPPORTIVE PARTNERS



Village of Allouez
Bellevue Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Forestry
DePere Park, Recreation & Forestry Dept.
Brown County Land & Water Conservation
Ledgewood Parks Department

Wello
The Nature Conservancy
Brown County Resident Champions
Brown County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League
Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

WE HAVE PADDLED ON THE
EAST RIVER SINCE 1990



WHO WANTS TO PADDLE IN
“CHOCOLATE MILK”?



WE DID SOME HOMEWORK

Lower East River Nonpoint Source Watershed Implementation Plan



2018

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Nonpoint Source Implementation Plan for the Upper East River Watershed



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Departments

March 2016

REACHED OUT TO **BROWN COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION**



WE GOT ENGAGED
LEARNED ABOUT **FARMING**
PRACTICES



WE ADOPTED THE MANDERLY WAY PARK CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH IN BELLEVUE.



WATER ACCESS FOR EVERYONE



WILD LIFE



RECREATION ALL YEAR LONG



CLEARING A PATH WITH **IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE**



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO FIX THIS!

