



**Community Visioning Charrette
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CIP 60 reads: “Community Visioning Charrette to establish a master plan for Kiwanis Park, the Everett Arena, and City owned agricultural land between Terrill Park and Loudon Road (collectively referred to herein as the Merrimack River Recreation and Open Space Corridor). The goal of the process is to develop a comprehensive vision and strategy for these assets.

Stakeholders include, but are not limited to, the public, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (RPAC), Arena Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, City Council, Concord Crew, Friends of the Skate Park, Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, as well as staff representatives from applicable City Departments. From this process, a definitive Master Plan shall be developed and implemented for these properties.”

City Team and Design Firm

City Departments

Parks and Recreation

General Services

Community Development - Planning

VHB

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Community Visioning Charrette

Agenda

1. Review Scope
2. Review different sections of project
3. Break Out Groups
4. Groups report back
5. Questions and next steps



Everett Arena and Kiwanis Riverfront Park

- 14 Acres – including Arena Operations
- 1,400 feet along Merrimack River
- Located within 1 mile walking from downtown and Heights neighborhoods
- Arena Operations, Skate Board Park, Concord Crew



Everett Arena

Winter operations

Indoor ice skating

Events (late March – mid September)

Bridal Shows

Craft Festivals

Cat Shows

Kiwanis Club Spring Fair

Gun Show

Antique Show

Train Show

Gem and Mineral Show

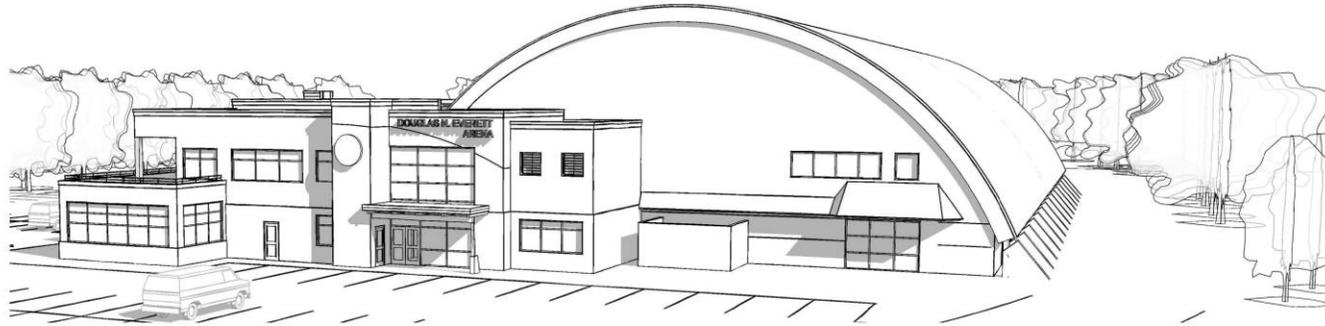
Expansion Plans

Current plans show addition north side, meeting space, restaurant and new entrance



Everett Arena Expansion Concept

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1 View from Southwest

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2 View from Northwest

Conceptual Exterior Views

DATE: 05/23/19 SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

Everett Arena Addition

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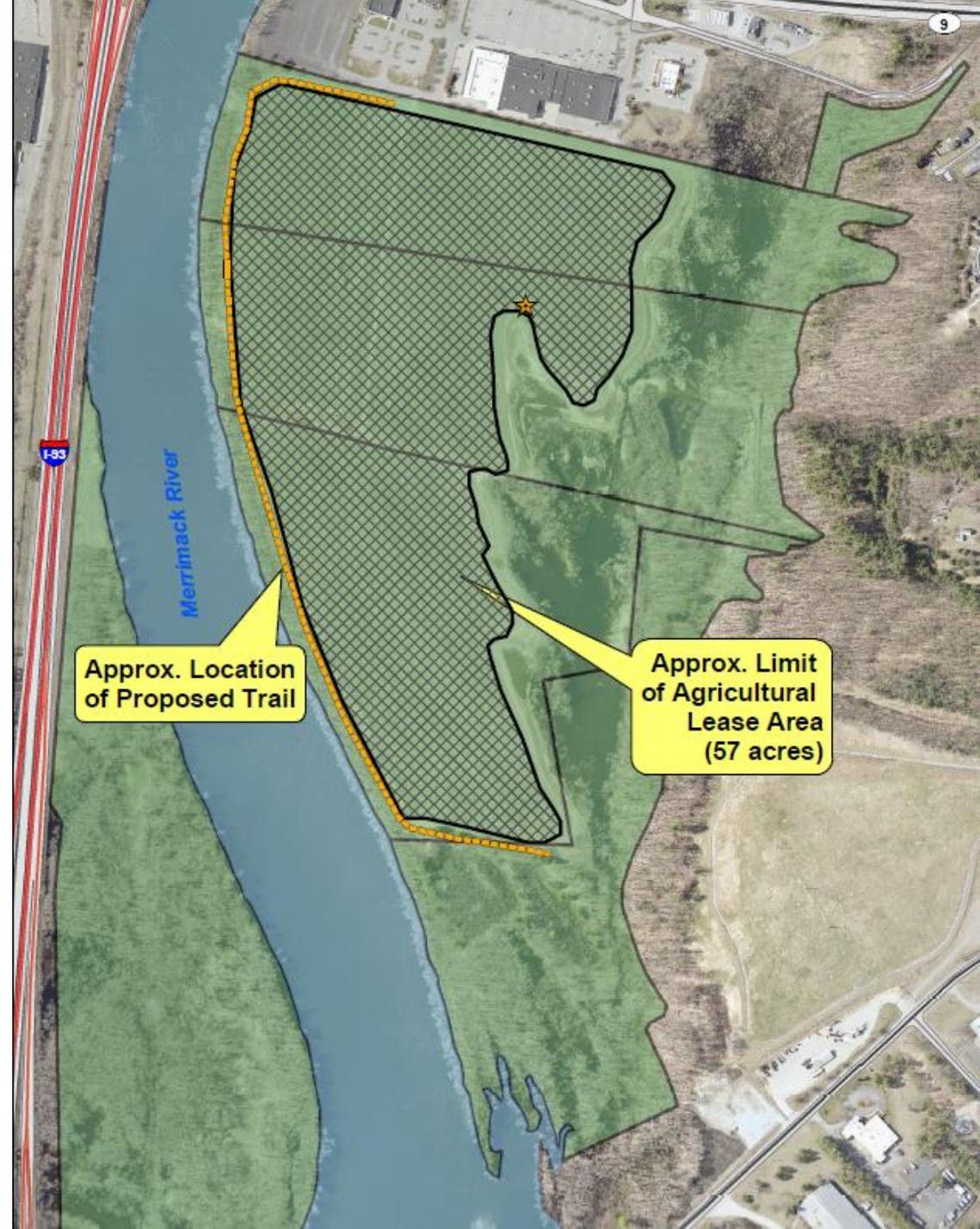
Kiwanis Riverfront Park

- Benches & walking trail along river
- Our only boat ramp (city owned)
- Our only boat dock (city owned)
- Home of Concord Crew
- Concord's only skate board park
- Annual outdoor events:
 - Summer concerts
 - Beer Festival
 - Skate Board Park
 - Concord Crew Regattas



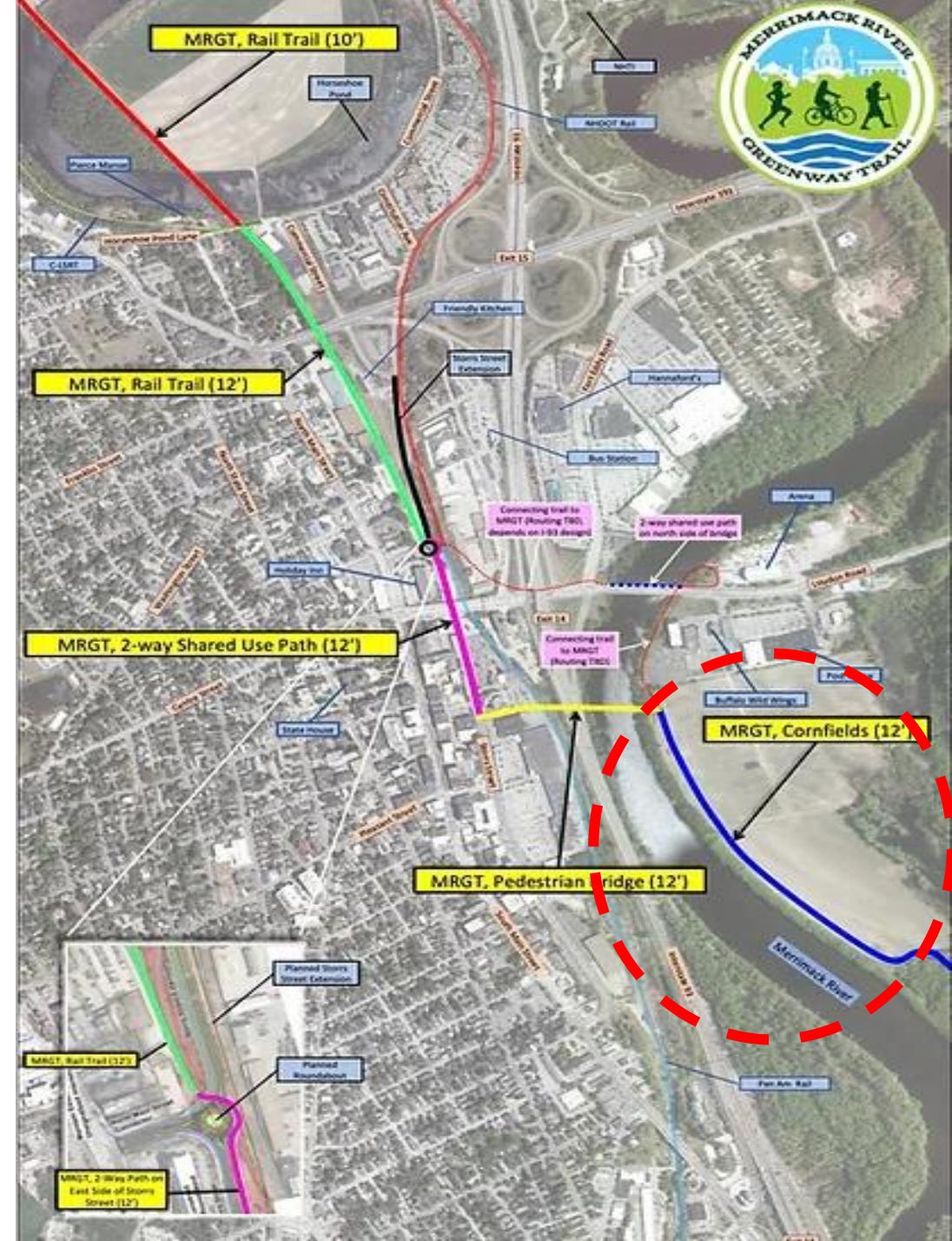
Conservation Land

- City started acquiring land in 2007
- 114 acres managed as open space with approximately 57 acres leased for agricultural use.
- New lease with Sunfox Farm – will plant sunflowers, with plans for other perennials and potentially some events highlighting agriculture.
- Over 150 bird species have been observed.
- Next section of Merrimack River Greenway Trail planned along the River.



Merrimack River Greenway Trail

- Planning started in 1990.
- Paved multi use path, 12.7 miles from Pembroke city line to Boscawen town line
- First section built at Terrill Park per Park Master Plan. Combination City Funds, donations and LWCF grant. *Opened 2020*
- Second section of trail under design and permitting (blue line). Construction will be a combination of donations and another LWCF Grant that was awarded 2021.
- City/State is in process of acquiring 5.68 miles of abandoned railroad from Pierce Manse to Boscawen Town line.



Terrill Park Master Plan

- 21 acre park, less than 1 mile from downtown, ½ mile from housing on Manchester Street (provides this neighborhood with first public park within walking distance).
- Provides park to underserved area of community and community wide opportunities.
- Greenway Trail
- New multi purpose field with lights
- New Playground
- New Dog Park
- Bathrooms/Concessions
- Parking for events
- Shows second righthand turn lane onto Manchester Street.
- *Fully designed and permitted*



Terrill Park Illustrative Plan
Concord, NH
December, 2017



Terrill Park Master Plan

Phase 1 completed in 2021

- First Section of Greenway Trail
- Moved Dog Park
- New Parking lot near dog park

Partnership with City of Concord, FMRGT, private donors, Concord Rotary Club, Concord's SPCA and a LWCF grant

Phase 2 and 3 of Park currently listed in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.



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Abutting Commercial Properties



What's possible...



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Break Out Groups

- Each group has a person to take notes on white boards
- Each group selects team leader (to report back to larger group)
- Each group has map of Kiwanis Park and Merrimack River Recreation and Open Space Corridor
- Once in a generation opportunity: Dream Big and allow everyone to voice ideas. “All ideas are good ideas at tonight's meeting”

Questions & Next Steps

