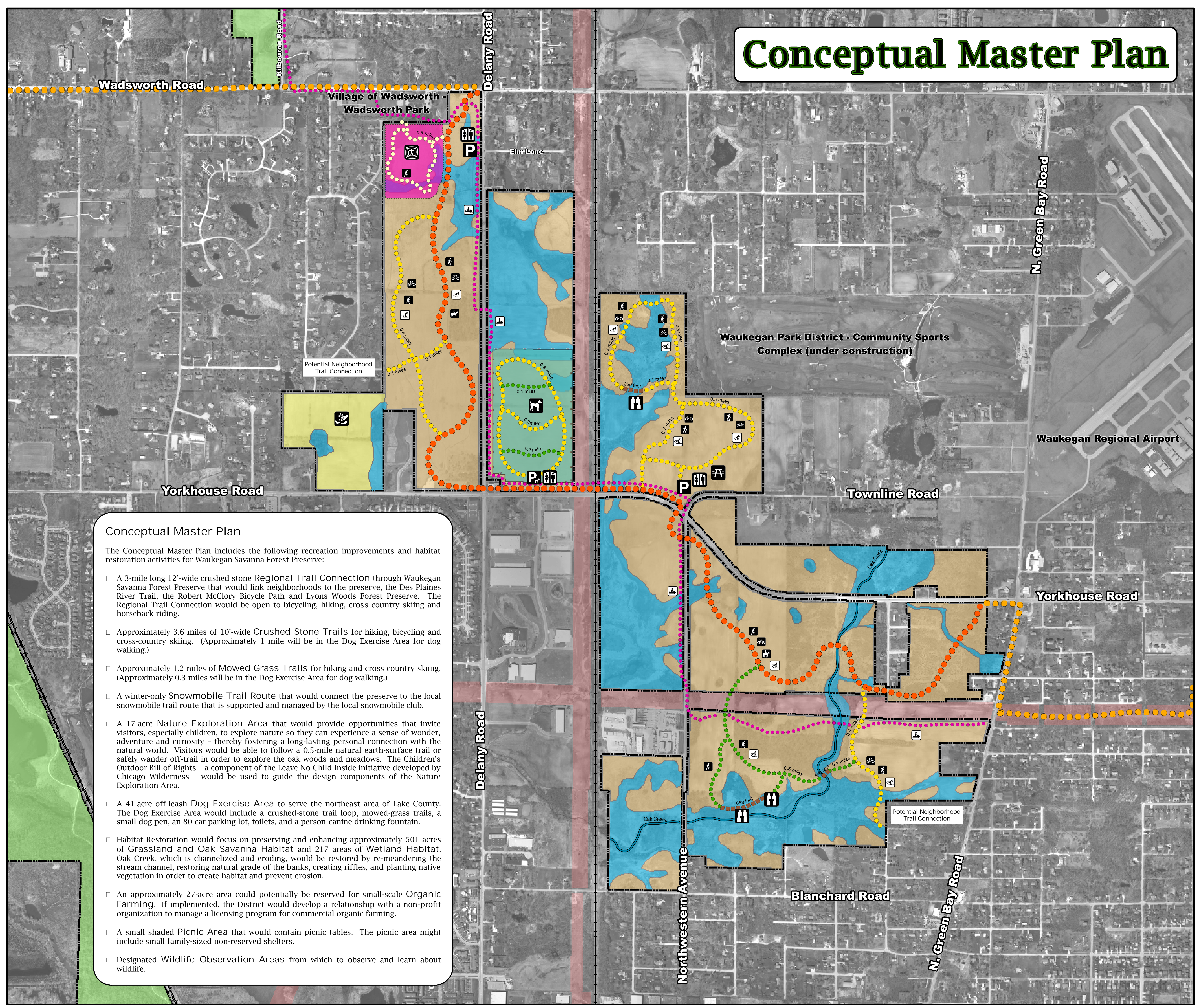


Conceptual Master Plan



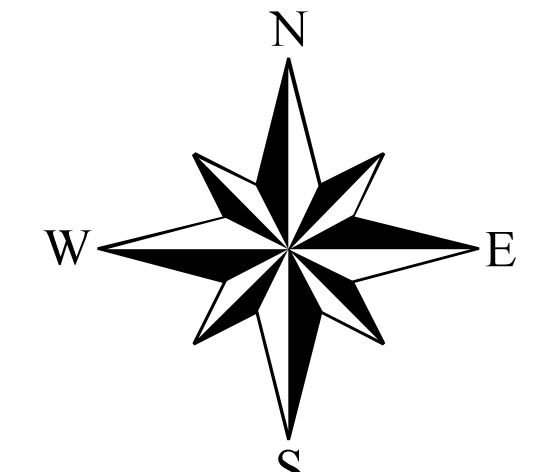
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The Conceptual Master Plan includes the following recreation improvements and habitat restoration activities for Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve:

- A 3-mile long 12'-wide crushed stone Regional Trail Connection through Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve that would link neighborhoods to the preserve, the Des Plaines River Trail, the Robert McClory Bicycle Path and Lyons Woods Forest Preserve. The Regional Trail Connection would be open to bicycling, hiking, cross country skiing and horseback riding.
- Approximately 3.6 miles of 10'-wide Crushed Stone Trails for hiking, bicycling and cross-country skiing. (Approximately 1 mile will be in the Dog Exercise Area for dog walking.)
- Approximately 1.2 miles of Mowed Grass Trails for hiking and cross country skiing. (Approximately 0.3 miles will be in the Dog Exercise Area for dog walking.)
- A winter-only Snowmobile Trail Route that would connect the preserve to the local snowmobile trail route that is supported and managed by the local snowmobile club.
- A 17-acre Nature Exploration Area that would provide opportunities that invite visitors, especially children, to explore nature so they can experience a sense of wonder, adventure and curiosity - thereby fostering a long-lasting personal connection with the natural world. Visitors would be able to follow a 0.5-mile natural earth-surface trail or safely wander off-trail in order to explore the oak woods and meadows. The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights - a component of the Leave No Child Inside initiative developed by Chicago Wilderness - would be used to guide the design components of the Nature Exploration Area.
- A 41-acre off-leash Dog Exercise Area to serve the northeast area of Lake County. The Dog Exercise Area would include a crushed-stone trail loop, mowed-grass trails, a small-dog pen, an 80-car parking lot, toilets, and a person-canine drinking fountain.
- Habitat Restoration would focus on preserving and enhancing approximately 501 acres of Grassland and Oak Savanna Habitat and 217 areas of Wetland Habitat. Oak Creek, which is channelized and eroding, would be restored by re-meandering the stream channel, restoring natural grade of the banks, creating riffles, and planting native vegetation in order to create habitat and prevent erosion.
- An approximately 27-acre area could potentially be reserved for small-scale Organic Farming. If implemented, the District would develop a relationship with a non-profit organization to manage a licensing program for commercial organic farming.
- A small shaded Picnic Area that would contain picnic tables. The picnic area might include small family-sized non-reserved shelters.
- Designated Wildlife Observation Areas from which to observe and learn about wildlife.

Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve

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| Hiking | Nature Exploration Area | Restroom | 10' Wide Crushed Stone Trail | Dog Exercise Area |
| Bicycling | Picnic Area | Parking Lot - Dog Exercise Area | 6' Wide Mowed Grass Trail | Nature Exploration Area |
| Horseback Riding | Dog Exercise Area | Parking Lot | 3' Wide Natural Earth-Surface Trail | Potential Organic Farming |
| Cross Country Skiing | Potential Organic Farming | Regional Trail - 12' Wide Crushed Stone | Boardwalk | Forest Preserve Boundary |
| Snowmobiling | Regional Trail - Partnership Implementation | Stream Corridor Restoration | Grassland and Savanna Restoration Area | Forest Preserve |
| Wildlife Observation Area | Existing Snowmobile Route | Wetland Restoration Area | Railroad | ComEd |



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