

Summary draft of our Greenway effort for Board review/discussion as required, sometime in the near future:

1. The major driving force behind our Greenway effort is Water Quality Improvement and Sustainability driven by a focus on both wetland restoration/protection, buffers and, floodplain attenuation through water storage. This direction is a natural progression of our previous focus on WQ restoration of our lakes.

2. CONSERVATION: While desirable, it is a secondary priority unless our Natural Resource Inventory project identifies selected conservation “gems” that the Board decides to protect.

3. RECREATION: Use of any of the acquired or restored land, while of potential value to the Community, is the leadership responsibility of our partners such as the City/county/township. Our responsibility is to keep these partners fully apprised of our priorities, plans and consummated land acquisitions.

Since the greenway effort is water driven, it makes sense that the Sunrise River and headwaters be an initial focus until additional data provides added priorities.

Mgr Loth had asked at our workshop “what actual WD work will be done?” The Ten-Year Management Plan provides the following action steps

1. Conduct a Flood Plain Vulnerability Study to identify high risk land parcels/resources. This will provide priority areas for wetland restorations as well as possible land acquisition. A grant request is pending so hopefully this work can proceed later this year.

2. Accelerate City/WD collaboration on implementation of a Volume Control Facility

3. Protect and restore priority wetlands and initiate more aggressive use of protective buffers per statute requirements.

4. Complete a Natural Resource Inventory for the WD . This will provide the data to set wetland and perhaps Conservation priorities. Results will be available Dec 2022.

5. All of the above activities will be driving the required parcel and land acquisition.

I hope the above summary is helpful in advancing any future discussions required to finalize our Vision and path forward.

Steve