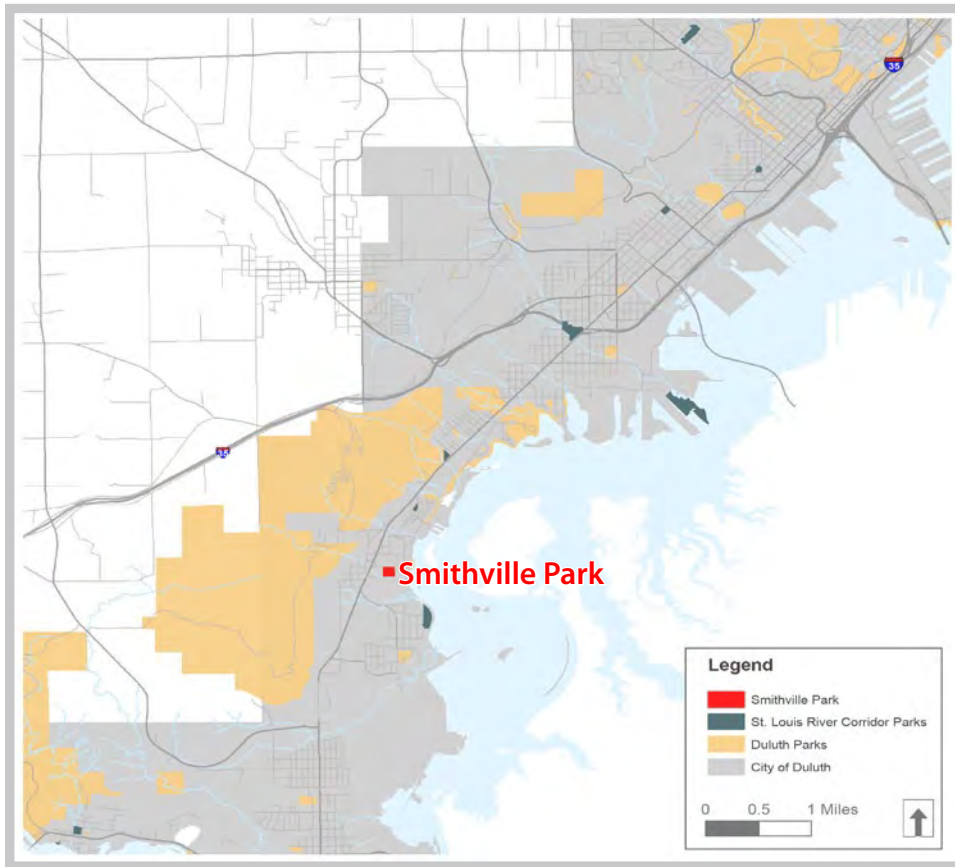




SMITHVILLE PARK

Summary and Overview

Smithville Park is a relatively unknown, unused, and undeveloped seven-acre park in the Smithville neighborhood just east of Grand Avenue.



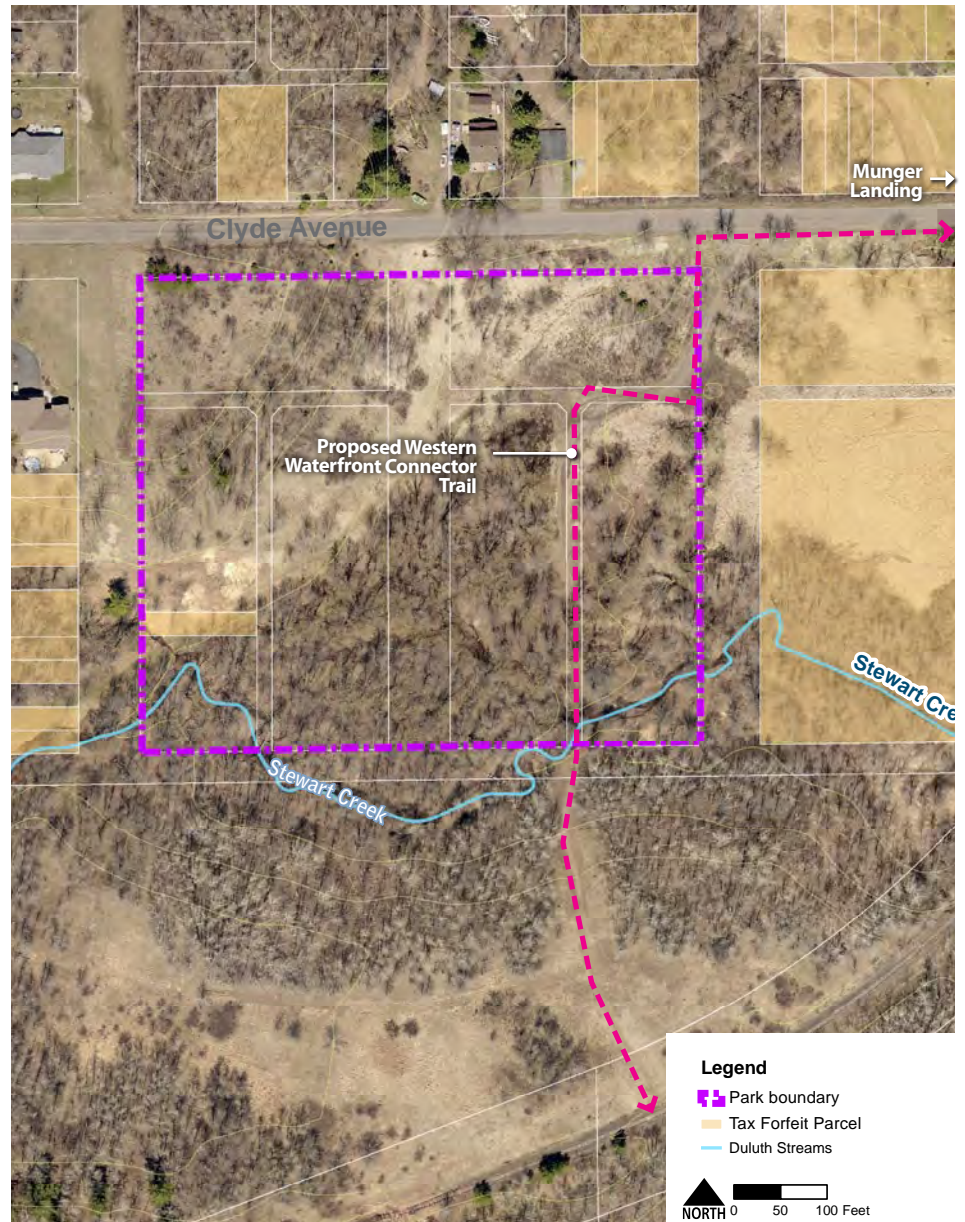
SMITHVILLE PARK LOCATION MAP

STRENGTHS/ OPPORTUNITIES:

- » Park provides natural corridor with potential for trail connections to Blackmer Park and future residential development along Grand Ave
- » Preserved natural space
- » The park could serve as a trailhead for the future Western Waterfront Trail

ISSUES:

- » Lack of awareness that park exists
- » Soft surface trail exists, but Stewart Creek is not crossable



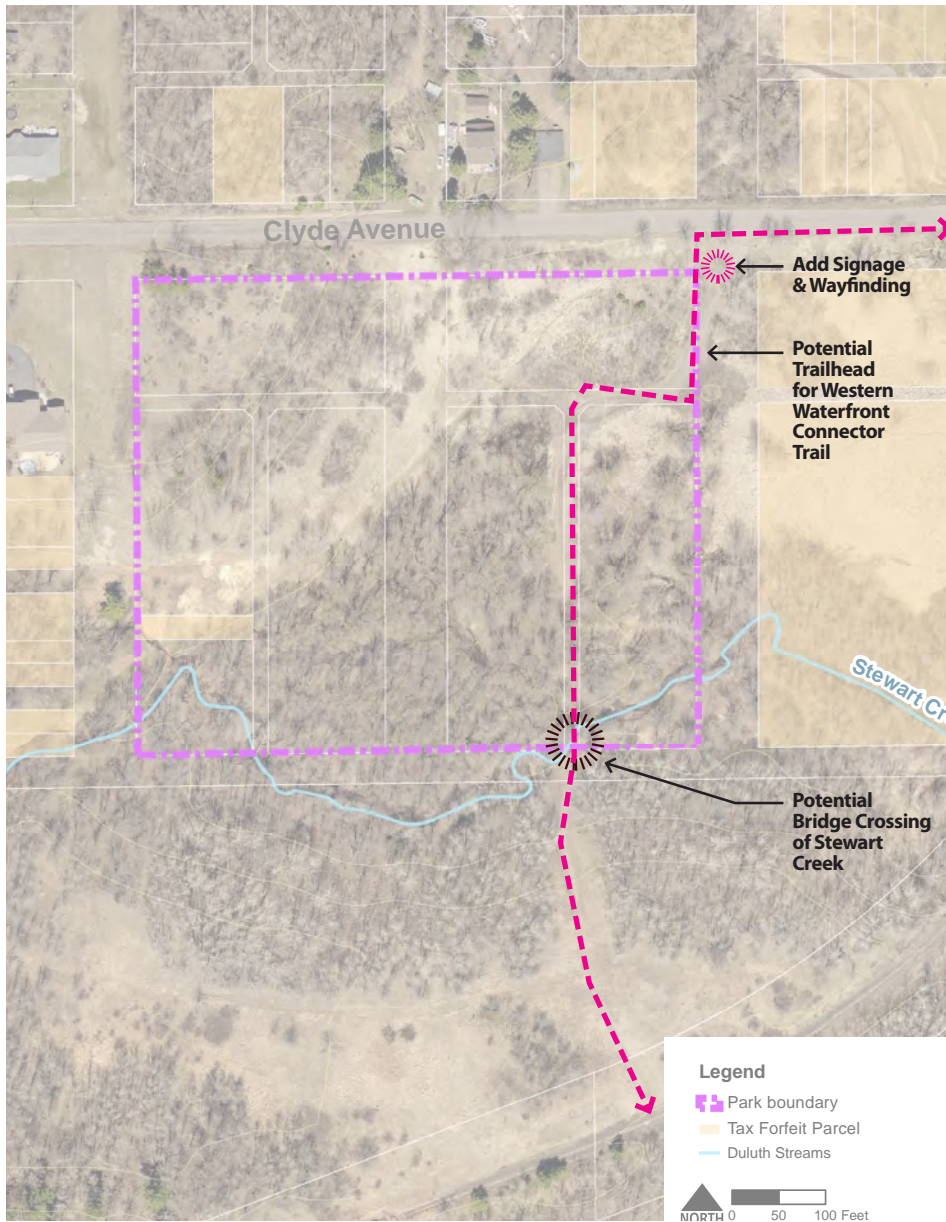
SMITHVILLE PARK SITE INVENTORY

Existing Conditions

Today Smithville Park is covered by woods and wetlands. An informal, soft surface trail traverses the park from Clyde Ave at the northeast corner of the park to the southeast corner where Stewart Creek forms a natural barrier along the trail.

Needs Assessment/Input Summary

At the stakeholder and community meetings, a desire was expressed for every park in the corridor to have basic amenities, including a bench, a picnic table, and a grill. Smithville Park may have the need for a bench when the trail is developed in the near future, but picnic facilities will likely not be provided at Smithville until the park becomes more used. Wayfinding and directional signage to each park, within each park, and to nearby trails are also desired as a way to



SMITHVILLE PARK SITE ANALYSIS



Stewart Creek runs through Smithville Park

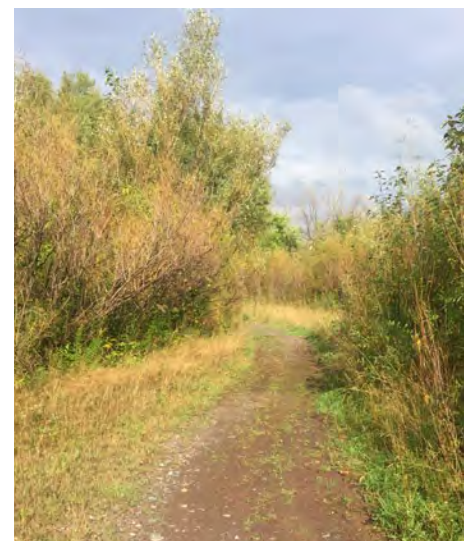


Invasive species in the park include Tansy and Spotted Knapweed

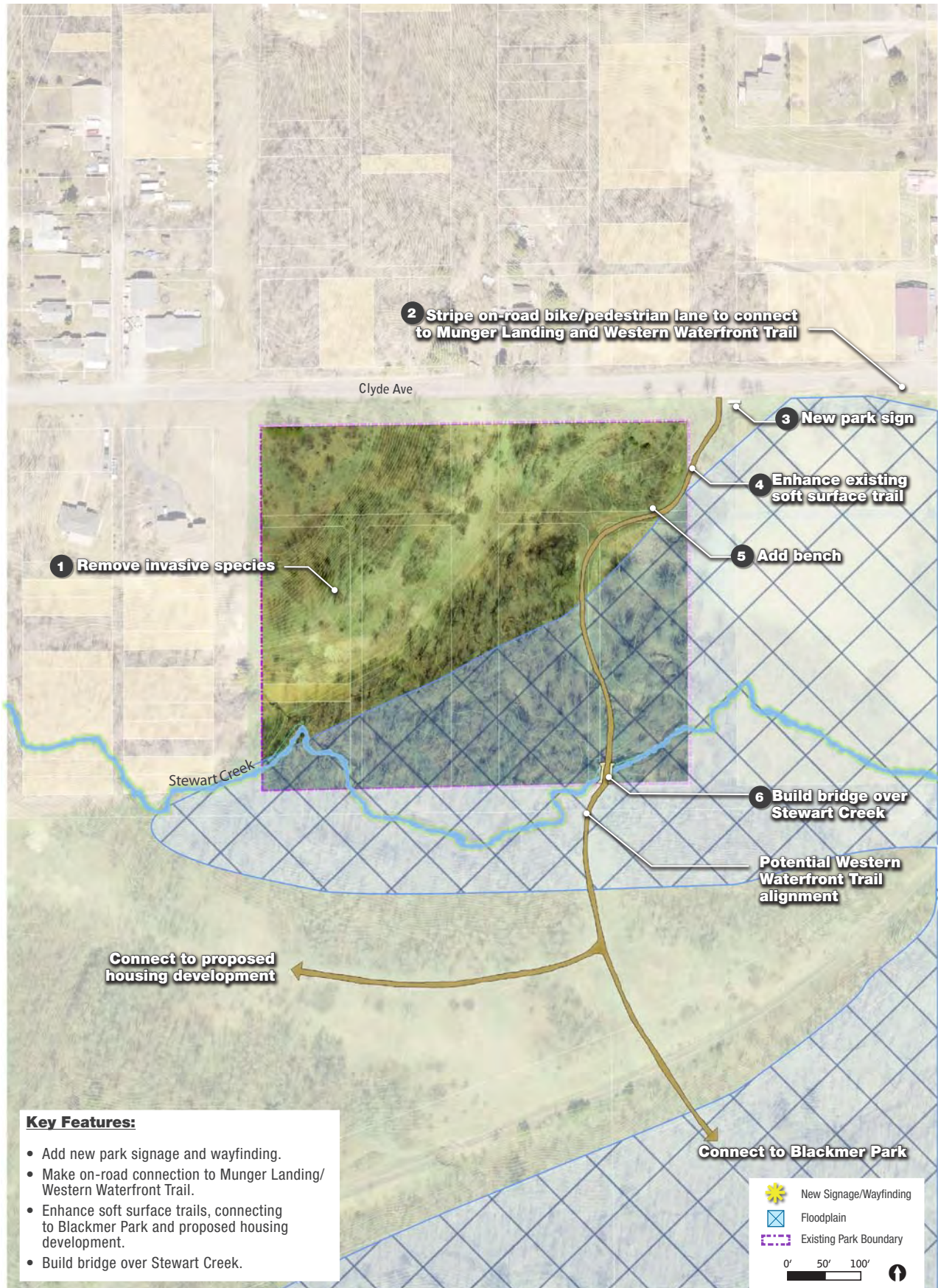
promote the parks. Wayfinding signage would likely be provided when the trail is developed through the park.

Stakeholder and community meeting attendees expressed an interest in picnic facilities and basic park amenities at Munger Landing, which is east of Smithville Park. In coordination with future park improvements, consideration should be given to existing and desired amenities at Munger Landing and Smithville Park together.

Area residents would like the quiet nature of Smithville Park to be maintained as it is today. Natural resources maintenance is desired. There is no desire to develop the park as an active recreational area.



The existing soft surface trail provides a nice walking path



Key Features:

- Add new park signage and wayfinding.
- Make on-road connection to Munger Landing/ Western Waterfront Trail.
- Enhance soft surface trails, connecting to Blackmer Park and proposed housing development.
- Build bridge over Stewart Creek.

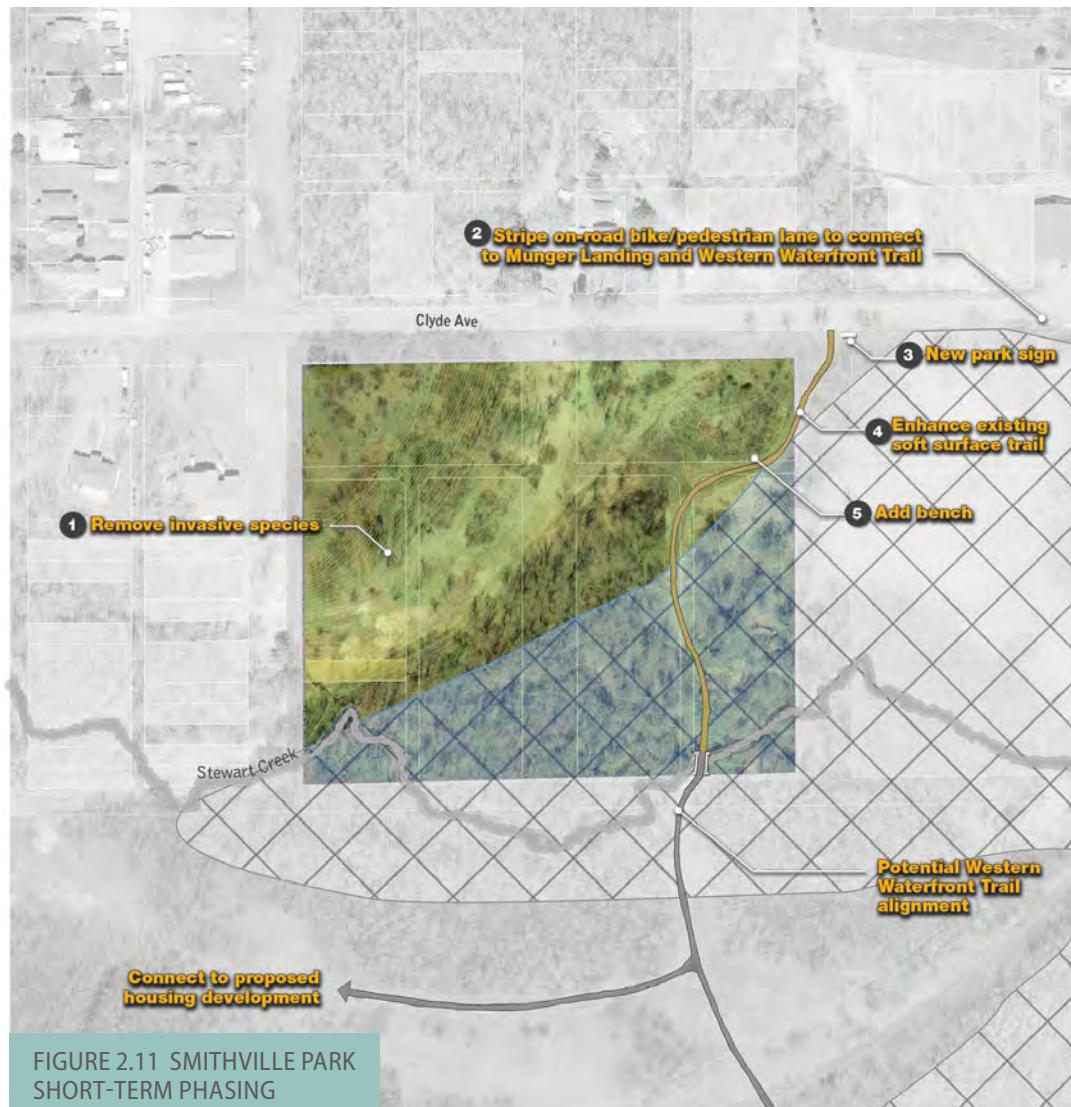
FIGURE 2.10 SMITHVILLE PARK MINI-MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

Concept Plan & Recommendations

The concept plan for Smithville Park identifies the planned alignment for the Western Waterfront Trail along with necessary minor improvements, such as a bridge over Stewart Creek, signage, and a bench. Natural resource management of invasive species and wetland enhancement are potential improvements in the park.

Phasing & Cost Estimates

PHASE 1: SHORT-TERM



ACTION			COST
#	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	
1	Vegetation	Remove Invasive Species	\$21,000
2	Circulation	Stripe On-Street Bike Path	\$2,175
3	Circulation	Install New Park Sign	\$5,000
4	Circulation	Improve Existing Soft Surface Trail	\$2,600
5	Furnishings	Install New Bench	\$1,200
Total Short-Term Improvement Costs			\$31,975

PHASE 2: LONG-TERM



FIGURE 2.12 SMITHVILLE PARK LONG-TERM PHASING

ACTION			COST
#	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	
6	Circulation	Build New 6' Bike/Pedestrian Bridge	\$30,000
Total Long-Term Improvement Costs			\$30,000
Total Short-Term Improvement Costs			\$31,975
Total Improvement Costs			\$61,975