



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Susan Schmidt, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope
Location: Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: **Monday, March 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of February 26, 2024 Meeting
4. Presentation: Schofield, Wausau, Weston trail and bridge. Mark Thuot, City of Schofield
5. Update: River Edge Trail extensions
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Ride and Bike Month activities
7. Next Meeting Date: April 22
8. Adjourn

It is likely that members of, and a quorum of the Council and/or members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau will be in attendance at the abovementioned meeting to gather information. **No action will be taken by any such groups.**

Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the City Planning Office @ (715) 261-6760.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the City of Wausau will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities. If you need assistance or reasonable accommodations in participating in this meeting or event due to a disability as defined under the ADA, please call the ADA Coordinator at (715) 261- 6622 or ADAServices@ci.wausau.wi.us to discuss your accessibility needs. We ask your request be provided a minimum of 72 hours before the scheduled event or meeting. If a request is made less than 72 hours before the event the City of Wausau will make a good faith effort to accommodate your request.

This Notice was posted at City Hall and emailed to the Media on 03/20/2024

Any person wishing to offer public comment may e-mail **City Clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde at clerk@ci.wausau.wi.us** with "BPAC Public Comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

Other Distribution: Media, Alderpersons, Mayor, City Departments

MINUTES

February 26, 2024

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards

Others Present: Brad Lenz, Lance Mueller, Jon Smith, Lt. Jillian Kurtzhals, Dennis Helke

Location: City Hall, Maple Room

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gisselman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approve minutes of January 27, 2024 Meeting

Motion/second by Filtz/Wildman. Passed unanimously.

4. Presentation: Merrill to Wausau River Trail, Bill Bertram

Bill Bertram, a representative of IronBull and the Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, showed the committee the plans for the network of gravel road routes throughout Marathon, Lincoln, and Wood Counties. These would be signed and mapped routes. There is unused right of way from WPS that runs along the RR tracks between Wausau and Merrill. The River Bend group from Merrill has worked for a few years to develop this into a connection. The DNR is also interested in making it a state trail or route. The River Bend group, along with Lincoln County and Marathon County have engaged MSA to develop a plan for the route. That is expected to be complete in 2024. The surface would be a gravel similar to the Mountain Bay Trail. Helke asked if snowmobiles would be allowed. Bertram responded that the DNR and landowners have asked for non-motorized vehicles.

5. Discussion: River Edge Trail extensions updates – Alley crossing closure

Lynch updated the committee that the ARPA funding request was going before the Finance Committee the following night and if passed would go to Council in March for final approval. After approval a bid could be issued. The CISM committee at their February meeting approved the staff recommendation to seek public feedback on the closure of the RR alley crossing between 3rd and 4th Avenues south of Stewart Ave. Staff examined all the crossings in the city and came up with one viable option. This will be part of the petition to the OCR to open a new crossing for the River Edge

trail on the former County Materials site. Staff will be sending out a letter to property owners and if necessary knocking on doors. Gerhards asked about the timeline for the petition process but that is unknown. Wildman asked if turned down could the City wait and petition again? Lynch responded that again that is unknown since this is something the City never does. Diny suggested getting credit for the closing of the private crossing. Lynch noted that it would be in the narrative of the petition but may not count in the actual process. Diny also asked about giving up the alley. The alley is not being vacated and would remain useful. Just not able to cross the RR tracks. Filtz suggested even if the trail crossing is denied the trail should be built along the river up to that point so people can utilize the trail and the land.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Grand Ave & Thomas St intersection

Smith gave a presentation on the intersection of Grand Ave and Thomas St and the connection to the bridge. The current infrastructure for bikes presents a series of bad choices but it could be better. Smith used the streetmix website to visualize some possibilities. Committee was receptive to the ideas and noted their own issues in that area. Lynch shared that WisDOT had previously had plans to rebuild the intersection but that fell off due to COVID. There is likely to be a large infrastructure project through the intersection in either 2024 or 2025 would could be an opportunity to change some elements. Mueller noted that while restriping is cheaper than reconstruction there are further costs that are considered with design. Gerhards likes rethinking the design of the streets and thinks the River Dr intersection rebuild is maybe only useful if redoing the bridge. He felt the lanes on the bridge would be too narrow with bollards and not enough protection. Helke asked about hanging a path on the side of the bridge. Filtz noted there may be engineering challenges with that approach but a good idea to explore. Smith noted that the best place to cross the river was Thomas St but that really wasn't ideal.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Infrastructure Priority List

Lynch showed the committee several documents that were from 2018-20 which listed priority bike/ped infrastructure and pavement markings. These lists were started by a previous planner but not continued. Having updated lists would assist Engineering staff in fitting projects into the annual budget or when other funding opportunities come up. The committee felt this was a good tool to have and that they could work on updating them. Wildman, Filtz, Hope, and Gerhards indicated a willingness to work on updating these lists.

8. Next meeting date

The committee is scheduled to meet next on March 25, 2024

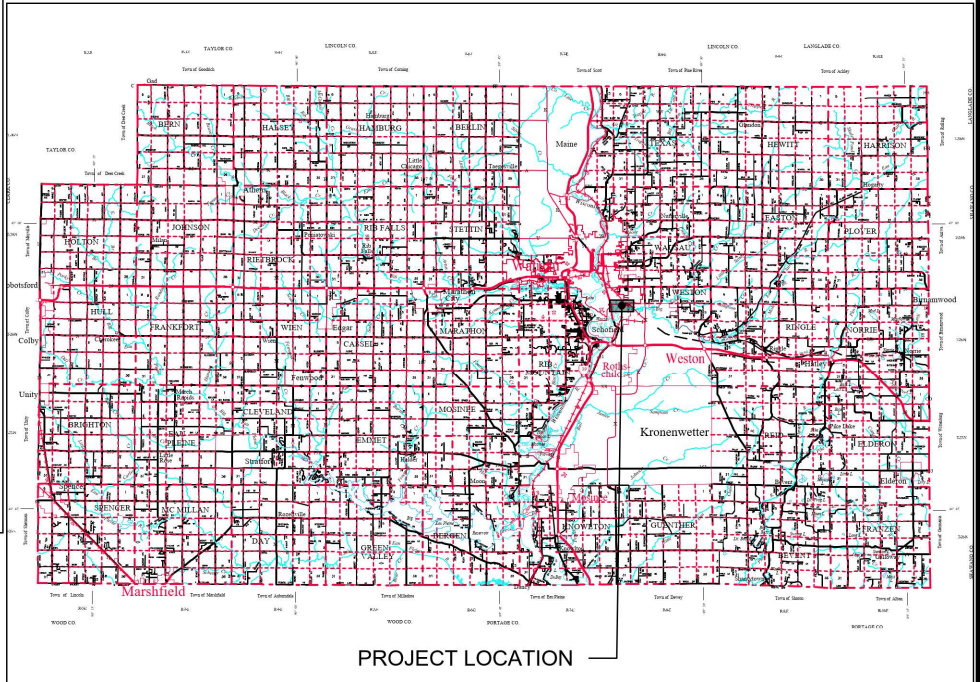
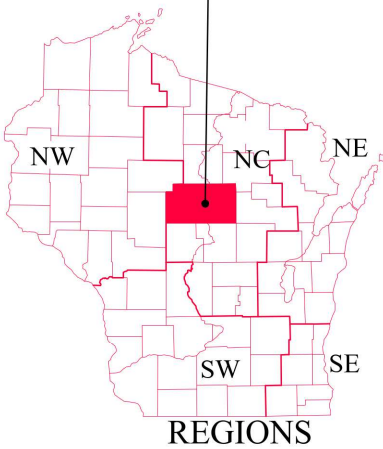
9. Adjourn

Motion/second by Schmidt/Filtz to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.

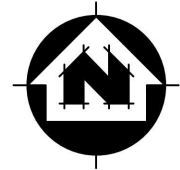
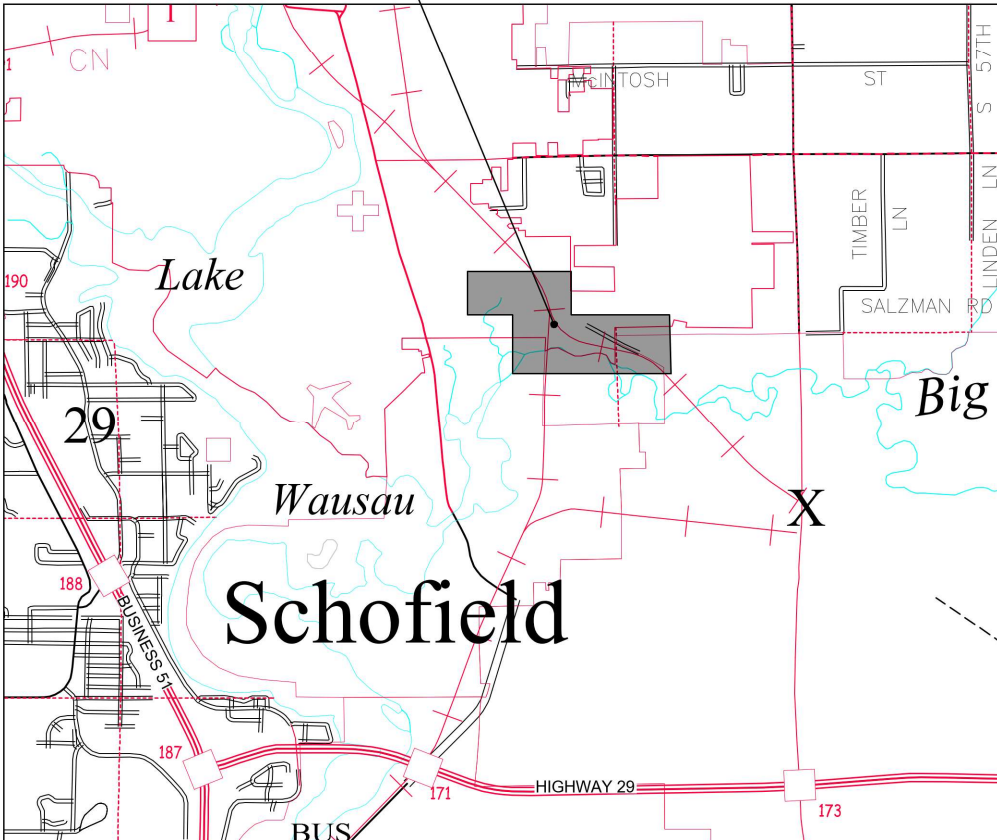
PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PROJECT # : 6999-14-04
CITY OF SCHOFIELD, EAU CLAIRE RIVER
MULTI-USE TRAIL AND BRIDGE
FEASIBILITY STUDY
EAU CLAIRE RIVER CROSSING
(GROSSMAN DRIVE TO KENT STREET AND
GROSSMAN DRIVE TO MEURET LANE)
NON HWY, MARATHON COUNTY

PROJECT LOCATION
(MARATHON COUNTY)



PROJECT LOCATION

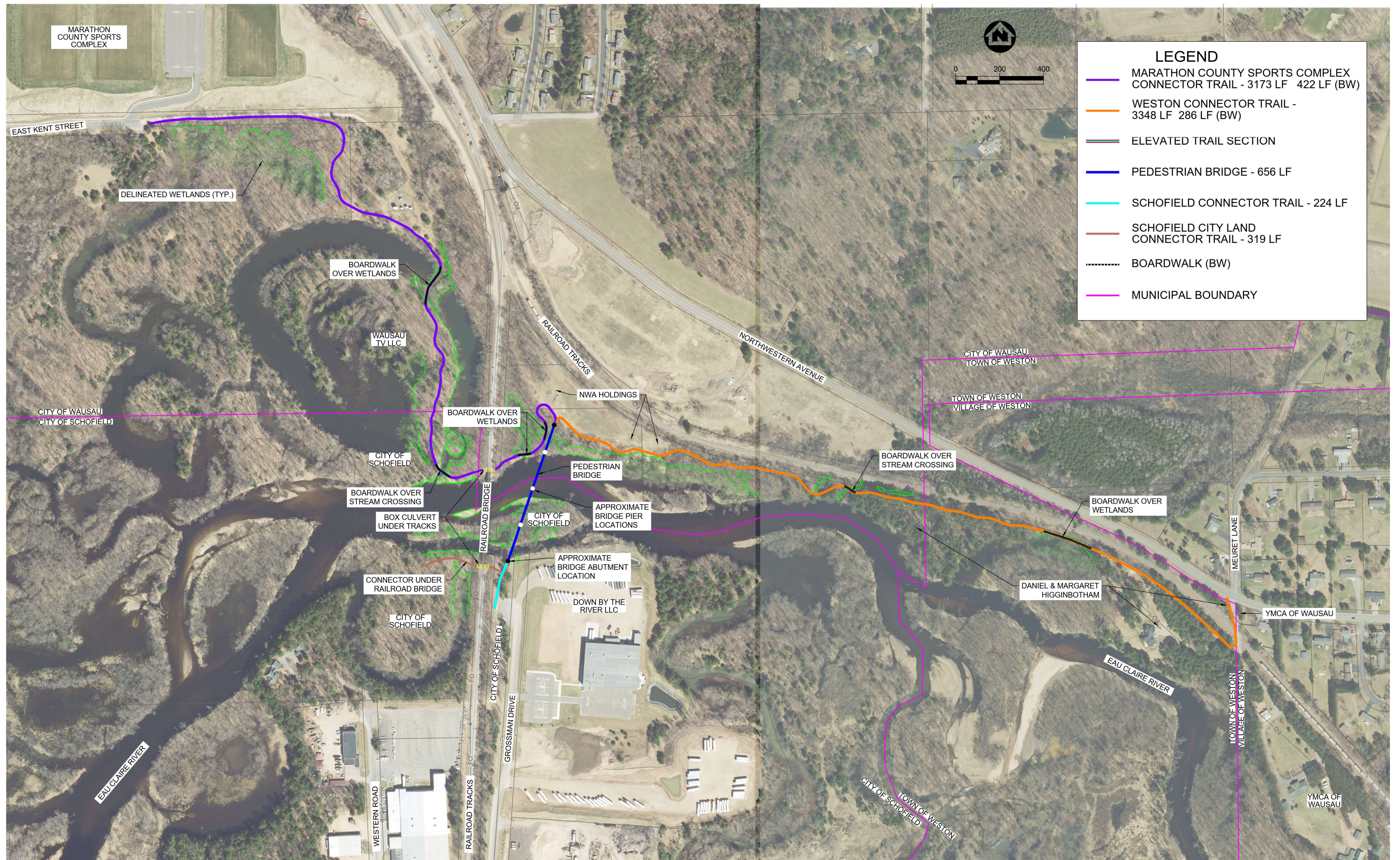


EAU CLAIRE RIVER MULTI-USE TRAIL
AND BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY
CITY OF SCHOFIELD, MARATHON COUNTY, WI

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PROJECT NO.
6999-14-04

SHEET
1



LEGEND

- MARATHON COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX CONNECTOR TRAIL - 3173 LF 422 LF (BW)
- WESTON CONNECTOR TRAIL - 3348 LF 286 LF (BW)
- ELEVATED TRAIL SECTION
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - 656 LF
- SCHOFIELD CONNECTOR TRAIL - 224 LF
- SCHOFIELD CITY LAND CONNECTOR TRAIL - 319 LF
- - - - BOARDWALK (BW)
- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

PROJECT DATE:	DRAWN BY:	NO.	DATE	REVISION	BY:
	JFK	-	-		
	DWB	-	-		
	DWB	-	-		

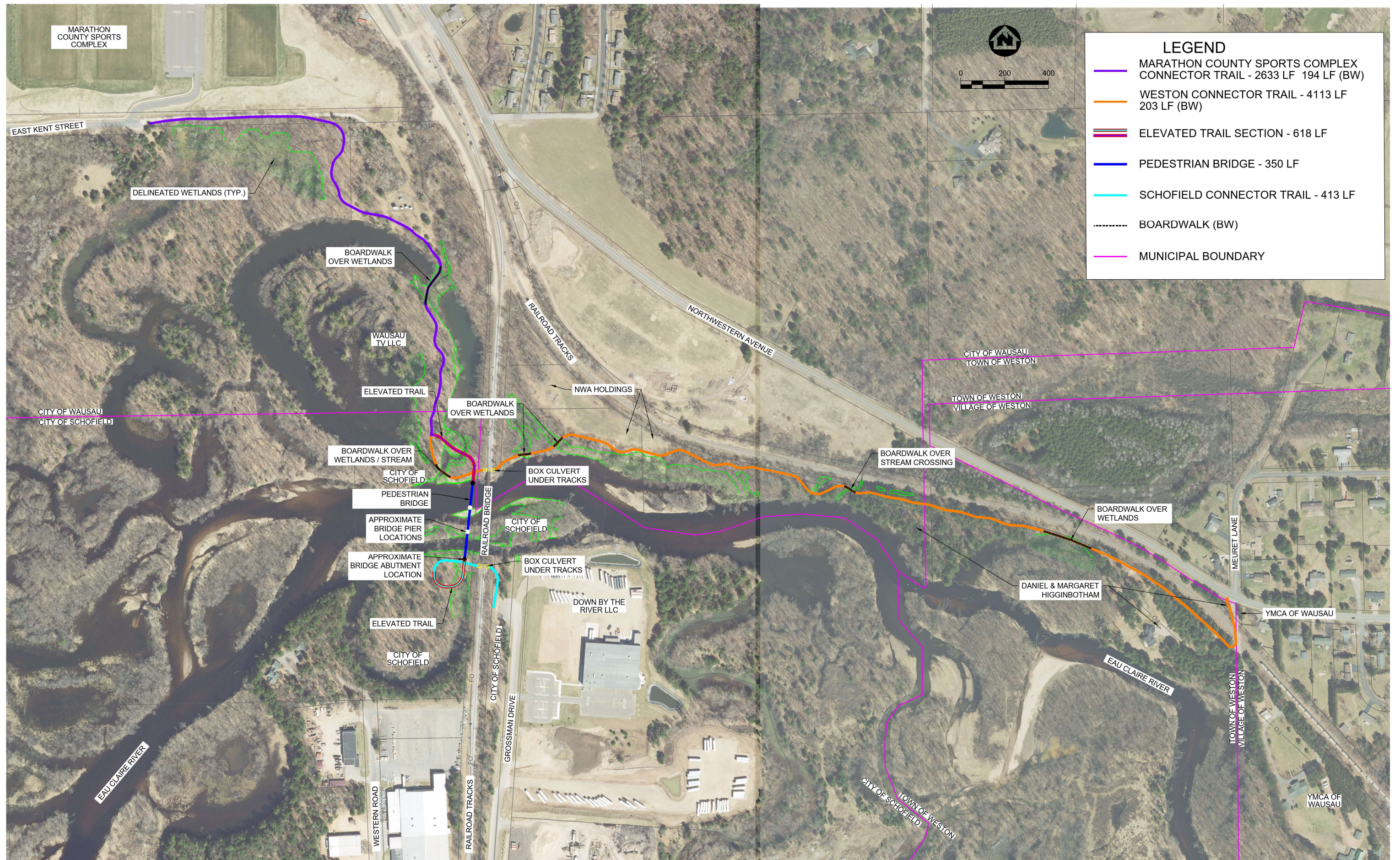
PLOT DATE: 12/14/2023 5:24 PM, G:\07\07693\07693010\CADD\C3D\BRIDGE EXHIBIT.dwg

ENGINEERING | ARCHITECTURE | SURVEYING
 FUNDING | PLANNING | ENVIRONMENTAL
 146 North Central Ave, Marshfield WI 54449
 (715) 384-2133 www.msa-ps.com
© MSA Professional Services, Inc.

EAU CLAIRE RIVER MULTI-USE TRAIL
AND BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

CITY OF SCHOFIELD, MARATHON COUNTY, WI

EAU CLAIRE RIVER TRAIL - ALTERNATE 1



LEGEND

- MARATHON COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX CONNECTOR TRAIL - 2633 LF 194 LF (BW)
- WESTON CONNECTOR TRAIL - 4113 LF 203 LF (BW)
- ELEVATED TRAIL SECTION - 618 LF
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - 350 LF
- SCHOFIELD CONNECTOR TRAIL - 413 LF
- - - - BOARDWALK (BW)
- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

PROJECT DATE:	NO.	DATE	REVISION	BY:
DRAWN BY: JFK	-	-	-	-
DESIGNED BY: DWB	-	-	-	-
CHECKED BY: DWB	-	-	-	-

PLOT DATE: 12/14/2023 5:19 PM, G:\07\07693\07693010\CADD\C3D\BRIDGE EXHIBIT.dwg



MSA
 ENGINEERING | ARCHITECTURE | SURVEYING
 FUNDING | PLANNING | ENVIRONMENTAL
 146 North Central Ave, Marshfield WI 54449
 (715) 384-2133 www.msa-ps.com
 © MSA Professional Services, Inc.

EAU CLAIRE RIVER MULTI-USE TRAIL AND BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY
 CITY OF SCHOFIELD, MARATHON COUNTY, WI

EAU CLAIRE RIVER TRAIL - ALTERNATE 2