



Park Board Trail Committee Agenda
Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Community Center
111 South Geyer Rd.



I. CITIZEN COMMENTS *(3 minute time limit. The public comment portion of the meeting is an opportunity to listen to comments from citizens. It is not a question and answer session and the Park Board will not respond to comments or answer questions during the comment period. The Chairperson may refer any matter to staff or hold discussion during the "Other Matters" section of the meeting).*

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2022 MINUTES

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kirkwood Park trail maintenance-Trail Management Objectives
- b. Trails To Repair
- c. Proper Trail Placement
- d. Other Matters

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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Room 202 Kirkwood Community Center



In attendance: Alan Hopefl (chair), Matt Cook, Matt Helbig, Alvin Reid

Park Staff: Curt Carron, Kyle Henke

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dan Herring 1388 Lark Ave, He is opposed to bike trails in Kirkwood Park, wants bikes on paved paths only and not in woods. Bikers are too competitive and a safety concern.

John McKinley 433 N. Van Buren Asks Board to consider community input on biking and to consider all options.

Gwyn Wahlmann 1002 W. Adams Is against bike trails in Kirkwood Park based on the biologist's report.

II. APPROVAL of February 11, 2022 TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes approved unanimously

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Kirkwood Park Walking/Nature Trail Maintenance/Improvements
 - i. Update Regarding Trail Use Data Collection
 - ii. Trail Committee Interest Regarding Walking/Path Improvements
 - iii. Staff Process and Recommendations for Proceeding.

Carron gave an update on the game cameras currently in place on the site. There are 6 to 8 weeks of data recorded. There appear to be more volunteer trails that have been constructed along with ramps, and digging that has disturbed the soil. No one sees the offenders or reports them. It is probably done after hours and weekends. Rangers are again short staffed as 3 rangers have left recently. Pictures were shown of ramps and jumps that have been illegally put in. The problems with trail building have gotten worse. In addition to tearing up the ground this could be a safety issue. The game cameras could be moved to gather more data on trail use and to identify perpetrators.

Henke asks what the staff should do as far as direction to take. We could use way finding signage, amelioration of current trail erosion, signage regarding proper use of the area. Currently trails are heavily used by walkers.

Reid suggested the need for signage regarding no bicycles in the area. Signs should make it clear that bikes are not allowed. Helbig agrees with signs since right now no one knows that



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bikes are not allowed in the area. Also suggests that pedestrians should be encourage to stay on the trails.

Hopefl suggests that we need to designate which trails we want to keep and mark them with signage. Also said that most of the trails are not in bad shape compared to hiking trails at State Parks or MDC conservation areas.

More discussion ensued. There was agreement that signage be placed regarding bike use that could include City Ordinance number and phone number for police/rangers for people to report violators.

Currone asks which trails should be marked so that unneeded trails can be physically cut off.

Cook suggests that we should have an outside group come in as we need help. The committee would recommend that park staff approach outside organizations for expertise and advise, as needed.

Carron says that sometimes we need organized help, but this could be from organizations rather than firms like Intuition & Logic. We may have a need midrange for engineering and organizations that could help have been identified. We can then put out an RFQ if needed.

Summation: We need signs with minimal information in the west valley area explaining what is being done, what the rules are and how users can help by following directions and ordinances. Central points for signs could be at trail heads and we could supply educational information.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a) Explore Community Interest in Youth Off-Pavement Biking Opportunities.

Henke: There seems to be a need in the community for off-pavement biking based on comments from residents. Should staff gather data on needs?

Helbig: Are there any places in parks for off-street cycling (Greentree or other)?

Carron: We have unsolicited input so far on a single subject. We need to know who are the riders, how often would they use something, transportation to the site, etc.

Henke: Staff could do a resident/user survey for some guidance if the Park Board agrees it should take place. The committee agreed that park staff gather information on the level of community interest in off-road cycling.

A draft RFQ will be presented to the Trail Committee at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 PM

Trail Management Objectives for Kirkwood Parks Department

1. Maintain a safe and functional trail for users based on the designed use for each type of trail and location.
 - a. Develop a plan to make sure the trails are maintained on a regular basis by staff or volunteer efforts.
2. Existing trails will be maintained, and any new trails will be designed with flora and fauna in mind to have minimal impact on surrounding areas and habitats.
 - a. Eliminate unwanted trails using natural or manmade deterrents that signal users to avoid restoration areas.
3. Ensure proper signage is present throughout trail system.
 - a. Rules/regulations at trail head
 - b. Wayfinding on trails
 - i. Directional markers
 - ii. Mileage markers
 - c. Interpretive signage intended to protect fragile ecosystems

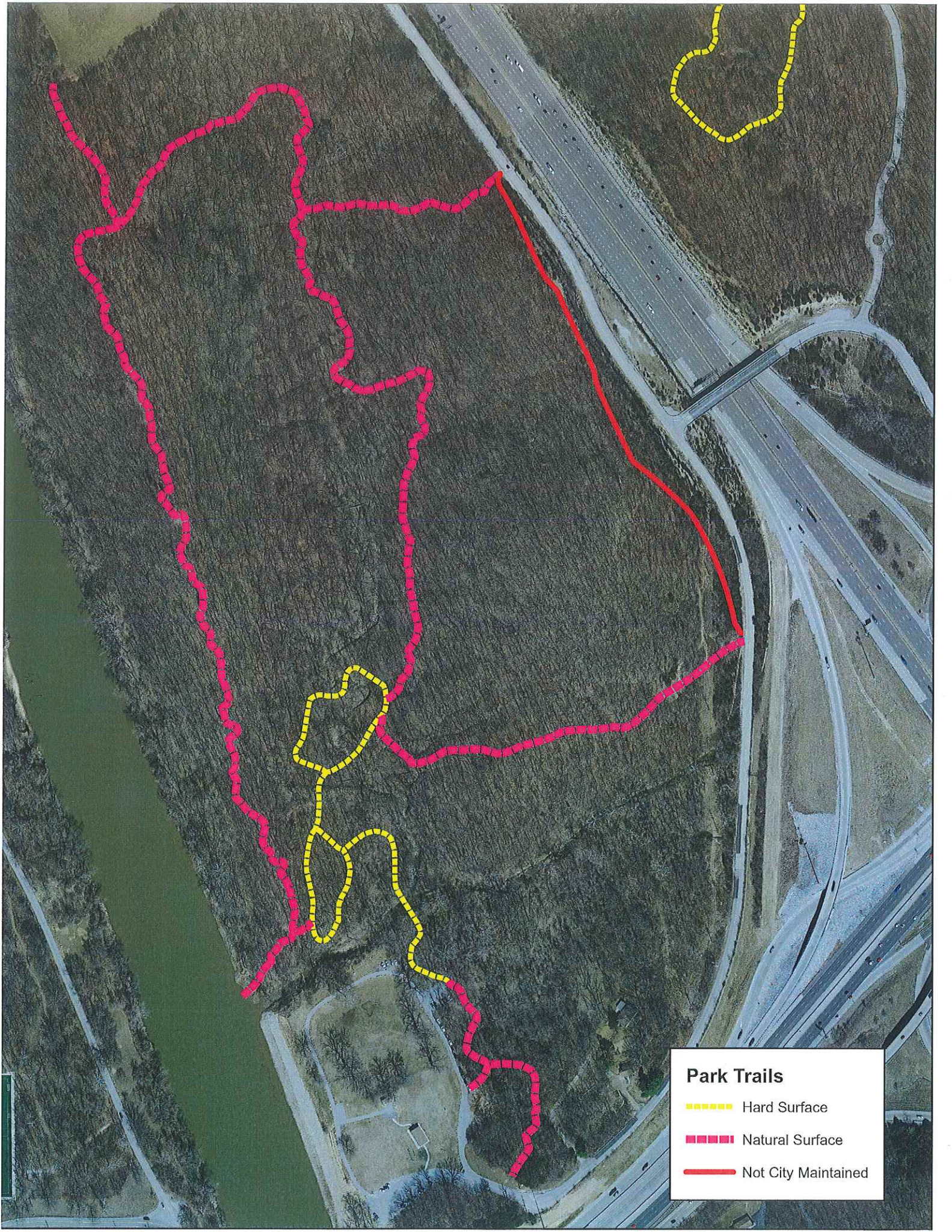
Maintenance schedule

Maintenance level	Routine Maintenance tasks	Frequency of maintenance
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect for Trash • Blow off debris 	Daily/Weekly
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mow ○ Trim branches off trail as needed • Inspect for hazards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Damaged tread ○ Washouts ○ Vandalism ○ Hazard trees 	Monthly
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix tread and add additional materials as needed • Inspect and replace signage as needed 	Yearly

Trail types and location in the Kirkwood Parks system

- **Hard Surface**
 - Kirkwood Park
 - Walker Lake path
 - Central paths
 - Emmenegger
 - Asphalt loop
 - Greentree
 - GRG trail

- Wetlands path
- Dee Koesting/Quarry Park
 - Asphalt path
- **Wood Chipped**
 - Kirkwood Park
 - East woods main trails
 - Rifle range/Monroe creek trail
 - Emmenegger
 - Lower and top of bluff trail
 - Main valley trail
 - Entrance wooded trail
 - Quinette Cemetery
 - Wood chip loop
- **Natural Surface**
 - Kirkwood Park
 - West woods
 - Girl Scout trail
 - Emmenegger
 - Valley trail spurs
 - Steep section of bluff trail
 - Greentree
 - Wetlands loop
 - Wooded loop
 - Dee Koesting/Quarry Park
 - Quarry loop trail

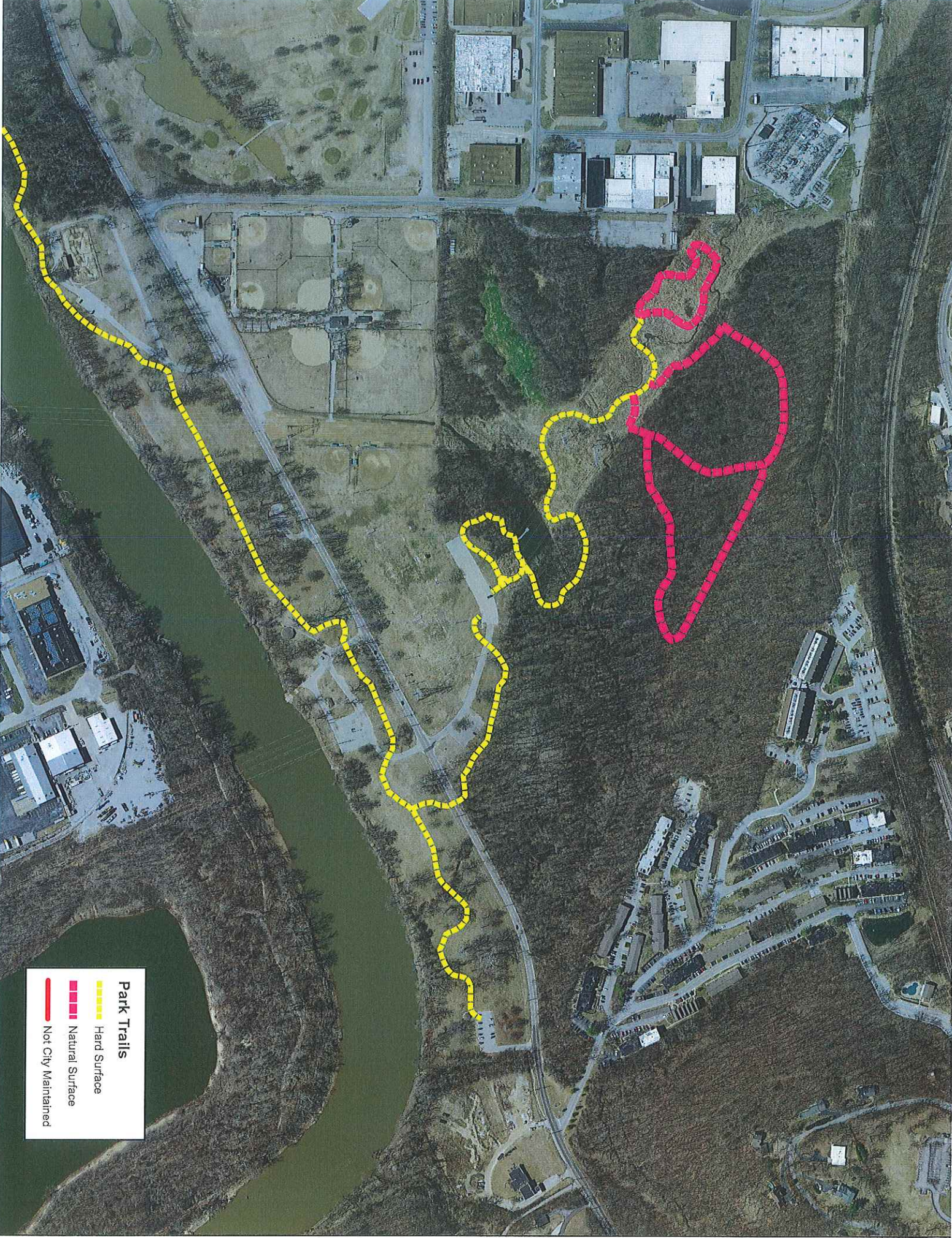


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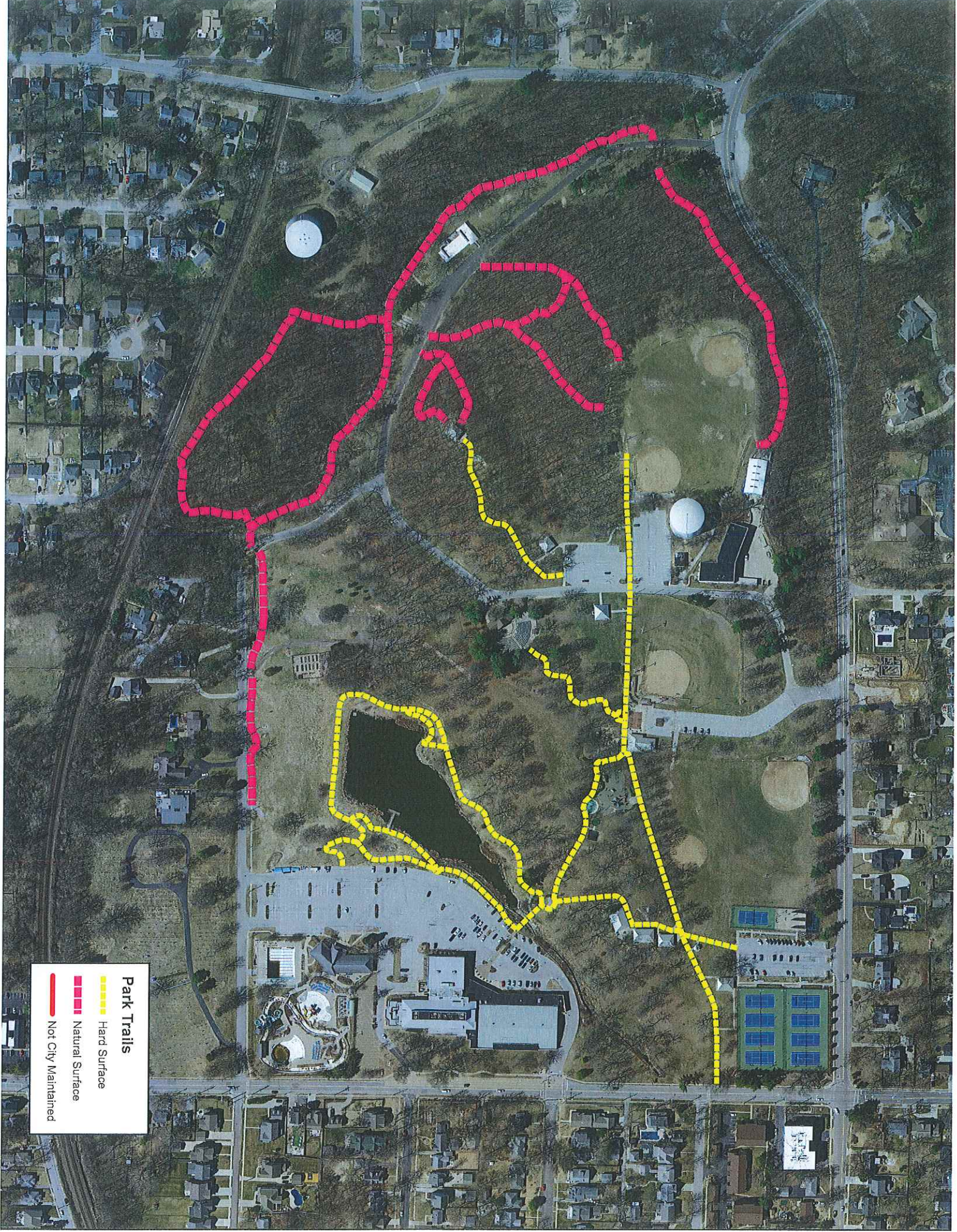
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