

**CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020**  
**VILLAGE HALL 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Citizens Considerations**
  - . **Brent Peterson – Washington County Historical Society Funding Request**
  - . **Marla Update**
  - . **Planning Commission**
  - . **May Meeting Update**
5. **Council Committee Reports –**
  - a) **Public Safety- Miller/Anderson**
    - . **Covid-19 Signage/ Policy Approval**
    - . **Sex Offender Ordinance Update**
  - b) **Roads –Pardun/ Roden**
    - . **Engineering Report**
  - c) **Personnel/Building Inspector – Pardun**
  - d) **Parks & Recreation- Miller/Anderson**
    - . **Additional Utility Box Locations**
    - . **Proposed Task Force for River Wake**
    - . **Shrub/Tree Placement for Migrating Bird Project**
    - . **Master Plan for Mill Stream and School Park Improvements**
    - . **Millsite Update**
    - . **Urban Forest Update**
  - e) **Cemetery – Mills**
    - . **New Addition Discussion**
  - f) **Water Systems –Mills/Pardun**
  - g) **City Properties – Mills/Pardun**
  - h) **Holidays/Events – Roden/Anderson**
    - . **July 4<sup>th</sup> / Founder’s Day**
6. **EDA**
7. **Citizen Committee Reports**
  - a) **Green Step Cities – Roden**
    - . **Working on Workshop Scheduling**
  - b) **Communication Infrastructure – Anderson**
    - . **Cell Tower Survey**
    - . **Website Update**
8. **Consent Calendar**
  - a) **Minutes of 5/14/20**
  - b) **Treasurer’s Report 6/20**
  - c) **List of Bills to be paid for 6/11/20**
  - d) **Planning Commission Minutes**
  - e) **Zoning Administrator’s Report**
  - f) **Public Works Maintenance Report**
9. **Old/New Business**
  - . **Long/Short Term Goals**
  - . **Motion to Not Waive Torte Liability**
  - . **Good Neighbor Award Recommendation**
  - . **Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report**
10. **Adjournment**

**CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX**  
Long and Short Term Goals/Projects  
June 2020

**Public Safety**

Recruitment and retention

**Roads**

Washington County CIP Hwy 4 –

**Recreation**

Gateway Trail

Urban Forestry Program (Tree City USA)

**Finance/Budget**

**Hall/Restoration**

Village Hall Improvements (Lights, Bathrooms, etc)

**Cemetery**

CIP -New land expansion

**Village Center**

Signage for businesses and services

Public Bathrooms

**Stormwater/ Water Resources / Watershed**

Third Street

**Wastewater and Water Systems**

I & I mitigation

Drain field expansion/ long term planning

Capital Improvement Plan

**Communication Infrastructure**

Telecom/ISP

**Comprehensive Plan**

Possible Amendments

## **COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for the City of Marine on St Croix**

The City of Marine on St. Croix is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our workers and residents. To ensure we have as safe and healthy workplace, we have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Managers and workers are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplaces and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our workers, management and residents. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our workers and workplaces.

Management and workers are responsible for implementing and complying with all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. The City of Marine on St Croix Staff have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this policy.

Our workers are our most important assets. We are serious about safety and health and keeping our workers working in the City of Marine on St. Croix. Worker involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have involved our workers in this process by discussing any/all questions and concerns they may have and working directly with our Public Safety Department and Washington County.

Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines, federal OSHA standards related to COVID-19 and Executive Order 20-48, and addresses:

- hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- engineering and administrative controls for social distancing;
- cleaning, disinfecting, decontamination and ventilation;
- prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- communications and training that will be provided to all City Staff;
- management and supervision necessary to ensure effective implementation of the plan.
- protection and controls for pick-up, drop-off and delivery; and
- communications and instructions for customers and residents.

### **Screening and policies for employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19**

Workers have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

The following policies and procedures are being implemented to assess workers' health status prior to entering the workplace and for workers to report when they are sick or experiencing symptoms.

- All staff workers will report any symptoms to the Council Personnel Committee via email or telephone.
- If any Staff member is feeling ill, or has a family member that is either ill or has been diagnosed with Covid-19, they will self-quarantine at home for the required 14 day period or longer if necessary.

The City of Marine on St. Croix has implemented leave policies that promote workers staying at home when they are sick, when household members are sick, or when required by a health care provider to isolate or quarantine themselves or a member of their household. The City Council has permitted sick leave outside of normal PTO policies for these circumstances.

### **Handwashing**

Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented at our workplaces at all times. Workers are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their shift, prior to any mealtimes and after using the toilet. All customers and visitors to the workplace will be required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the facility. Hand-sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of greater than 60% alcohol) are at entrances and locations in the workplace so they can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled. All Staff and visitors will have access to wash their hands via the kitchen and bathroom areas. Hand Sanitizer is also provided in both City Clerk offices.

### **Respiratory etiquette:**

Cover your cough or sneeze Workers, customers and visitors are being instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in provided trash receptacles and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward.

All employees are instructed to wear masks or cloth face coverings while engaging the public in any public building and all visitors and residents are encouraged to wear face masks or a cloth face covering while inside any public building.

Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on signs and supported by making tissues and trash receptacles available to all workers, customers and visitors.

### **Social distancing**

- Social distancing of six feet will be implemented and maintained between workers, customers and visitors in the workplace through the following engineering and administrative controls:
- flexible work hours, staggered shifts and additional shifts to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at one time if needed;
- provide signage, markings and instructions for employees, visitors and customers about social distancing;
- The City has placed signs at the entrance of each office requesting visitors remain at the entrance in order to maintain a 6ft distance;
- The City has requested through its website, postings and newsletter that residents use mail service or the City drop box in lieu of face to face visits;
- Request calling or emailing questions in lieu of face to face visits;
- The City has moved meetings to a larger venue in order to promote social distancing, along with offering an electronic option to participate;
- No personal protective equipment, phones, pens, computer equipment, desks, cubicles, workstations, offices or other personal work tools and equipment will be shared and, if used by more than one person, will be cleaned and disinfected between users;

## **Cleaning and disinfection**

Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment and areas in the work environment, including restrooms, break rooms and meeting rooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas, such as phones, keyboards, door handles, elevator panels, railings, copy machines, etc. This is done using Lysol Disinfecting wipes and also a disinfecting solution provided by the Fire Chief, along with the availability of hand sanitizer in each office.

## **Communications and training**

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was communicated to all workers and City Council via email and necessary training was provided. Additional communication and/or training will be ongoing if needed in by the Public Safety Department, Washington County and MN Health Department. Instructions will be communicated to customers and visitors about: how to properly conduct City business to ensure social distancing between the customers and workers; required hygiene practices; and recommendations that customers and visitors use face masks when doing any/all City business. Customers and visitors will also be advised not to enter the workplace if they are experiencing symptoms or have contracted COVID-19. These requests are implemented through the City website, newsletter and posted signs. Management and workers are to work through this new program together and update the training as necessary. This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been certified by the City of Marine on St Croix City Council and was posted at the workplace on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will be updated as necessary.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 by the Marine on St Croix City Council.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Glen Mills, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk



# The City of Marine on St. Croix

## Engineering Updates 6/11/2020



### **Engineering** *italics = old information*

- **Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) – Village Center Revitalization Project**
  - Project Management Team Meeting #12 is scheduled for TBD – COVID 19.
  - *Project information has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for consultation on historic/archaeologic review SHPO response was received on November 14<sup>th</sup>. They are requiring an archaeological survey of the project area (this requirement was expected and has been completed), and an architectural/history assessment and analysis of effects for the proposed project (this requirement was not expected and requires the services of an architectural historian). The first phase of the assessment/analysis includes an assessment/identification of the contributing elements and character-defining features of the historic district and the second phase includes assessing the current integrity of the historic district and an assessment of effects the proposed project may have.*
    - *The first phase has been completed and was submitted along with the archaeological survey and draft construction plans to MnDOT Cultural Resources Unit (CRU) on March 4<sup>th</sup>, who must review it due to the LRIP grant. MnDOT CRU began their review on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and have offered to take the lead on the submittal to SHPO. We have been coordinating with MnDOT CRU (including making requested revisions to the various reports we submitted), the Corps, and MPCA over the past month to define agency roles and responsibilities related to the SHPO submittal. We received a delegation letter from MPCA on May 8<sup>th</sup>.*
    - *Minor site grading is necessary on the Marine Mills site to maintain ADA accessibility of the trail. This grading will require an additional archaeological survey because the property is a known archaeological site. The survey was completed on May 13<sup>th</sup> and no significant archaeological resources were found. A report of the survey was submitted to MnDOT CRU on May 27<sup>th</sup> for review. The recent protests have delayed MnDOT CRU review, but MnDOT CRU is reviewing the survey report and all other project documentation and they will put together their final findings letter, including effects analysis, and submit to SHPO possibly by June 5<sup>th</sup>.*
    - *We plan to meet on site, or hold a conference call, with SHPO, MnDOT CRU, and the Architectural Historian the week of June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the submittal and effects findings and answer any questions SHPO may have.*
    - *At this point the architectural historian and MnDOT CRU believe the project will have “no adverse effect”. If SHPO agrees, we could have concurrence by early-mid July. If they don’t, a memorandum of agreement and mitigation steps (potentially a 6-month process) may be required.*
  - *Coordination with Private Utility companies affected by the project is continuing. Xcel Electric relocated power poles the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>.*
  - Design plan was submitted for State Aid review on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Comments are expected by June 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - DNR permit application for Judd St arch culvert work and stormwater BMP outlets was submitted on March 3<sup>rd</sup> application fee was received by DNR on March 25<sup>th</sup>, DNR permit approval was granted on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The permit has restrictions for no work in Mill Stream from September 1 to April 1 for fish spawning and migration. We have contacted DNR Fisheries Area Manager to see if we can get an exception to complete the Judd Arch Culvert work in September/October/November during stream low flow periods.

- *Wetland delineation for the Parker St BMP was completed by the Watershed the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>, proposed grading needed to be revised to minimize wetland impacts and was completed early this week. The Corps permit application for wetland impacts and arch culvert rehab was submitted on May 12<sup>th</sup>. (60-90 day review timeframe). Impacts are minimal and shouldn't require any mitigation. The Corps is already informed of the project and will be able to turn around their findings relatively quickly once the Historic Review information is sent to them and SHPO.*
- *Project timeline, construction restrictions, specifications, and phasing will be discussed at the next PMT Meeting over on a conference call.*
- **Washington County's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**
  - *Our first TAC meeting was held on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*
  - *Second TAC Meeting was held on Monday, December 16, 2019. To recap, the meeting included a project update and review of the existing conditions report. The project consultant also presented preliminary ideas on how the future county bicycle and pedestrian network may be laid out. Moving forward, we plan to hold two more TAC meetings (February and April 2020). We have also decided to schedule our next round of pop-up events for March/April and open houses in May/June. In the meantime, we will continue to provide project updates online and online engagement activities. We plan to launch an online survey after the holidays.*
  - *TAC Meeting #3 was held virtually on March 25, 2020. The planning consultant used this time to present draft materials, which included a revised Future Network map and a methodology for prioritizing future projects.*
  - *Current online survey link has been shared with City Councils and Communities and is posted on the City's website. The purpose of this survey is to gain even further insight into specific preferences and barriers that residents face. This information will assist in fine-tuning a network plan and future recommendations, as well as help to prioritize future opportunities.*
  - *Project Manager, Emily Jorgensen, 651-430-4338*
    - [emily.jorgensen@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:emily.jorgensen@co.washington.mn.us)
    - <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/bikepedplan>
- **MnDOT Maintenance Project – TH 95**
  - *Contractor started work end of May 2020 and they are generally working north to south. Operations are weather dependent, every operation is very moisture/sun and humidity dependent. Email content from MnDOT:*
    - *The first couple of nights will be removing pavement markings (arrows, crosswalks, 24" chevrons and such) probably 8 or 9 PM until like 6AM. It makes some noise but not long in an area (takes like 4 – 8 passes to remove arrows and crosswalks). Chip seal has to be done during the day according to the Specification. They will be using a pilot car operation. They will have flaggers holding people at all cross streets and let them go as the pilot car goes by. Our proposal allows for a 10 minute delay, last year they kept it between 6 – 7 minutes per round with pilot car. They will keep moving the traffic control along with the Chip seal operation. Usually within an hour this will be able to be driven on, there will be 45MPH black/orange cautionary speed limit signs because of the loose rock. They will sweep this off later in the day and into the night. Temporary striping will be placed on the area that was chip sealed that day, generally the centerline (solid and dotted) and lane lines (for turn lanes). I am guessing this could take 5 - 6 days for this operation. Fog seal absolutely has to be done during the day. They will have the same traffic control*

set up with pilot car (they will more than likely use up the whole 10 minute allowable wait times) and flaggers. The issue with the fog seal is that it could be cured enough to drive on in as little as a couple of hours, but it also could take up to 6 hours for it to cure out before it will not spray up on the vehicles. It takes less time to apply but cure is so dependent on temp, sunshine and humidity that there is no way to estimate the cure time. They will once again stripe center line and lane lines each night. 10 – 14 days later they will come in and start grinding centerline and lane lines, and they will paint whatever they grind that night.

## Lynette Peterson

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**From:** Peter Foster <peterjfostermpls@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:08 PM  
**To:** Lynette Peterson  
**Subject:** Forest Committee Update

The Urban Forest Committee did not meet last month.  
The trees planted last year are budding.  
The trees in the gravel bed are also doing well.  
The Gator Bags for the new trees have arrived.

Topics to be addressed at our next meeting:

Installation of the gator bags

EAB ribboning of ash trees.

Revisit Urban Forest Plan, determine feasibility, needs and priorities of identified tasks, and define committee roles and responsibilities.

# Proposal to Create Wake Taskforce

A conceptual proposal was presented at the May City Council meeting.

Conceptual agreement was reached, and Council requested that a more specific proposal be presented at their June meeting.

## The taskforce model makes sense

- ✓ The focus of a taskforce is clearly defined by a specific Scope of Work (SOW).
- ✓ It serves at the pleasure of Council, with active guidance by Council members Anderson and Miller.
- ✓ This taskforce would provide updates to Council during the 2020 boating season.
- ✓ This taskforce will have a finite term, it disbands when it concludes its assigned SOW.
- ✓ the City Council may choose to re-establish the taskforce in some for the 2021 boating season.

# Concerns of the community related to activated on the River

- Community members are expressing concerns related to boat traffic on the River.
- The original thought was for the taskforce to focus on wake-related issues including impact on the resource, property, and recreational uses.
- Other concerns have been raised including:
  - High speed boat traffic and unsafe operations and impact on other river users.
  - Noise levels generated power boats with “mud motors” and airboats.
  - Overfishing.
  - Unauthorized uses, e.g. camping in other than NPS designated camp sites.
- The SOW would reflect the community’s interests and concerns.

# Task 1: Develop clear problem statements

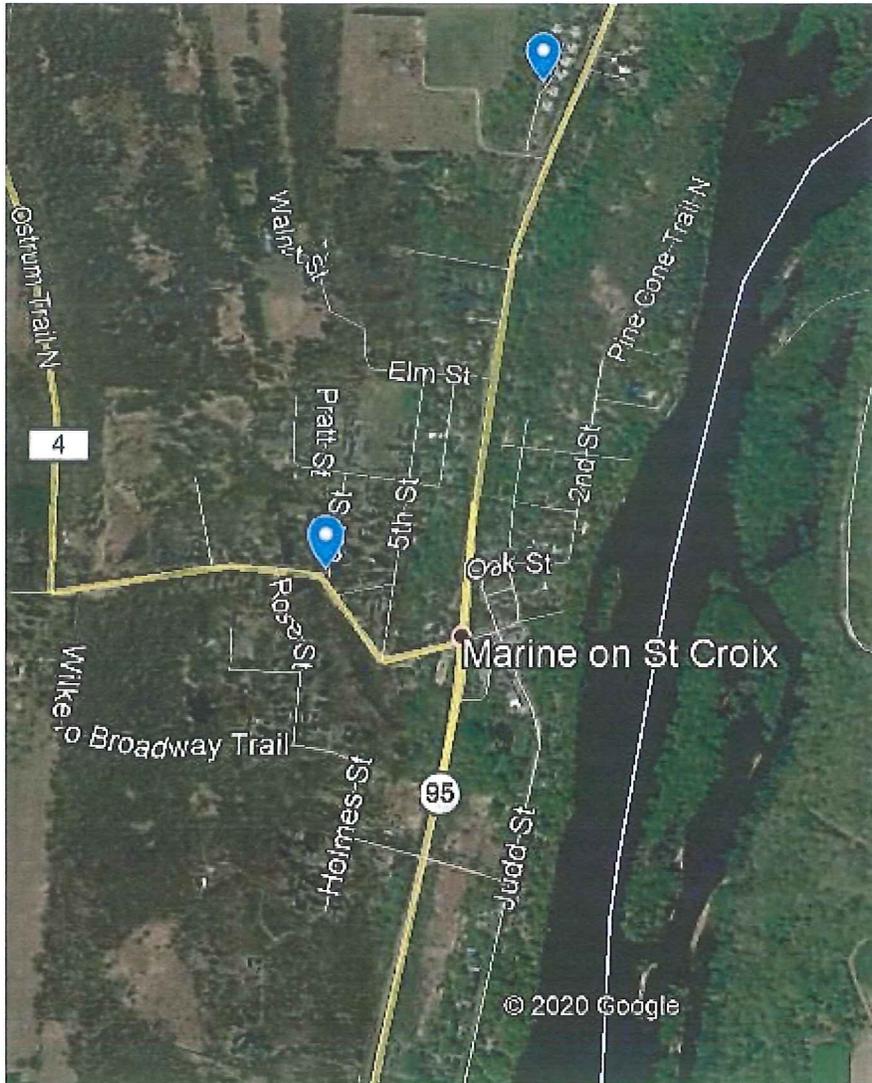
- Define and characterize issues of concern in enough detail that they can be clearly stated and understood. This includes:
  - Taking a deeper dive into the issues of concern to the community.
  - Develop a statement that describes each issue of concern in both qualitative and quantitative terms; basically what, when, and where the issue of concern occurs.
- Conduct root cause analysis – break each issue down, with the focus on how and why each issue occurs.

## Task 2: Engage with Stakeholders

- Identify stakeholders with standing on matters related to the issues of concern. These would include:
  - Regulatory authorities (e.g. LSCR Cooperative Management Commission and LSCR Partnership Committee)
  - Local county and town governments
  - Enforcement Authorities – NPS DNR, County Sherriff
  - Recreational users with various interests
  - Adjacent property owners
- It will be important that the Taskforce, representing MoSC, speaks with one voice.

## Task 3: Develop mitigation strategies for addressing the root causes of issues

- Mitigation options would be framed as recommendations to Council
- It is likely that there are two genera of root causes:
  - Lack of public awareness, which could be addresses in a variety of ways.
    - Improved signs at launches, signs elsewhere
    - Media outreach
    - Handouts, etc.
    - Informational outreach (e.g. docents, citizen river ambassadors)
  - Lack of enforcement, which could be addresses in a variety of ways
    - Work with enforcers on proactive strategies
    - Develop a means of providing enforcers with observational information (e.g. boat descriptions, registration numbers, where, when)
    - Reporting incidents “real time”.
- **Important note: No new regulations should be necessary. Exiting regulations may address most concerns.**









## Lynette Peterson

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**From:** Olivia Nienaber <oliviagnienaber@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** peterjfostermpls@gmail.com; Lynette Peterson; Millsglen.mills@senate.mn; gtmdem@midco.net  
**Subject:** Early Migrating Bird Project

Hi Mr. Foster, Mr. Mills, and Ms. Peterson,

I am working on getting the order together for my Improving the Environment for Early-Migrating Birds project. I have attached the list of plants that I'm recommending for this project. At the site for Marine on St. Croix, there should be two trees and three bushes. I received a grant from Tropical Wings to enhance the different sites for the project. So, we could add some native grasses and wildflowers that would provide additional sources of food and nesting materials, and provide places for escape, cover, and roosting spots. Please let me know if you would like to do this as well. Otherwise, we could add some more bushes to further diversify the site at no cost to Marine on St. Croix. I also need to know where the site will be in Marine on St. Croix.

Please send me a list of the trees and bushes that the City wants for its planting site by June 27<sup>th</sup> so I can place my order at Abrahamson's Nursery. I am going to ask them to hold these items until late-August and/or early-September for planting. Minnesota

4-H has cancelled all in-person events and meetings until June 30<sup>th</sup>. So, I am aiming for planting everything by mid-September so that the plants can get established, watered, and settled before the ground freezes.

The date I have selected for planting the Marine on St. Croix site is August 23<sup>rd</sup> - after planting the one at Christ Lutheran Church. Please let me know if this date works with you. I also need to know where the trees and shrubs will be planted. Has a site been selected yet?

If you have any questions, please contact me by email or phone at 651-433-4358.

Thanks!

## NATIVE PLANTS FOR EARLY-MIGRATING BIRDS

### Suggestions:

- Aim for diversity of plants to protect against drastic changes caused by plant disease and insect pests. It also attracts a higher diversity of wildlife for the public to see and enjoy.
- Provide the four basic needs of wildlife through all four seasons of the year if year-long wildlife activity on the property is desired. One example is:
  - o **Eastern Red Cedar** – Winter cover and Summer nesting sites; plus fruit from Summer through Spring (July through March)
  - o **American Elderberry** – Summer fruits
  - o **Red-Osier Dogwood** and **Showy Mountain Ash** – Fall fruits
  - o **Red Splendor Crabapple** and **American Highbush Cranberry** – Fruits in Winter and Spring

### TREES WITH WINTER-PERSISTENT FRUIT

- **Red Splendor Crab apple (Malus “red splendor”)** – Needs full sun. Grows 18’ high x 18’ wide. Promotes tree-dwelling insect habitation. The Spring blossoms attract small insects that warblers like. There are 31 wildlife species that use the tree for food or shelter including: American robins, cardinals, finches, gray catbirds, grosbeaks, hummingbirds, jays, orioles, tanagers, thrushes, vireos, warblers, and waxwings.
- **Eastern Red Cedar (Juniperus virginiana)** – Does well in full sun. Fruit is on the tree from July through March. Pyramidal or columnar tree from 20’ high x 10’-20’ wide. Attracts: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Finches, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. Promotes tree-dwelling insect habitation. This tree also provides year-round shelter from rain, snow, ice, and wind; and good protection against predators. It is a nectar and host plant for butterflies, has showy flowers, provides nesting, and is a roosting plant.
- **Showy Mountain Ash (Sorbus Decora)** – Needs full sun and a moist, well-drained site. Grows 30’-65’. Fruit is on the tree from August through Spring. It is a winter food source for grosbeaks, cedar waxwing, Eastern bluebird, gray catbird, orioles, brown thrashers, and American robin. It provides nectar for butterflies and is a host plant for butterflies; has showy flowers and Fall color; is a nesting-, shelter-, and roosting plant. This tree is not related to an ash (the Showy Mountain Ash is a member of the rose family).

### SHRUBS WITH WINTER-PERSISTENT FRUIT

- **American Highbush Cranberry (Viburnum trilobum)** – Needs full sun or part shade. Grows 12’ high x 12’ wide. There is fruit on the plant from September through February, so it is a Winter food source. It provides nectar for butterflies, has showy flowers, has Fall color, and is a shelter plant. 34 wildlife species use this plant.

## EARLY-FLOWERING TREES FOR NECTAR (APRIL OR EARLY-MAY) AND FRUIT

- **Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier Laevis*)** – Needs sun to part-shade. The fruit is on the plant from June-July. Grows 30' high x 18'-24' wide. Promotes tree-dwelling insect habitation. Attracts 58 wildlife species including: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Eastern Bluebirds, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. It is a nectar and host plant for butterflies. It has showy flowers and Fall color.
- **American Wild Plum (*Prunus Americana*)** – Needs full sun. Fruit is on the tree from August-September. Attracts 16 wildlife species including: Cardinals, Chickadees, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. It is a nectar and host plant for butterflies, has showy flowers, and Fall color.
- **Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)** – Needs full sun to partial shade. Grows to about 60' high x 15' wide. Fruit is on the tree from August-September. Attracts 81 wildlife species including: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Eastern Bluebirds, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. Note: This tree also hosts tent caterpillar nests, and tent caterpillars are an important food source for many birds. The “silk” of the nests also provides nesting material to gnatcatches and likely other birds.

## EARLY-FLOWERING TREES FOR NECTAR (APRIL OR EARLY-MAY)

- **Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)** – Needs full sun to partial shade. Grows to about 45' high x 40'-60' wide. It promotes tree-dwelling insect habitation. Attracts: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Finches, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. It provides nectar for butterflies. Has beautiful Fall color.

## EARLY-FLOWERING SHRUBS FOR NECTAR (APRIL OR EARLY-MAY) + SUMMER AND FALL FRUIT FOR BIRDS

- **Dogwood** – This plant will grow into thickets, offering excellent cover and ground foraging, besides the berries. Brown thrashers, catbirds, bluebirds, and thrushes all like its fruits. Bell's vireo and summer tanager nest in dogwoods.
  - **Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)** – Needs full sun or partial shade. Fruit from August-September, making it a good Fall food source. Grows to 9' high x 9' wide. Attracts 42 wildlife species including: American Robins, Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Eastern Bluebirds, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, Wrens, and Yellow-Rumped Warblers. Provides nectar for butterflies, has showy flowers, has Fall color, and is a nesting- and shelter plant.
  - **Round-leaved (*Cornus rugosa*)** – Needs partial shade. Grows 9' high. Attracts Eastern Bluebirds and Yellow-Rumped Warblers.

- **Dogwood, continued**
  - **Red-osier/Red-twigged (Cornus sericea)** – Needs full sun to partial shade. Grows 8’ high x 10’ wide. Good Fall food source, with fruit in September. Attracts 47 wildlife species including: Eastern Bluebirds, Thrushes, Yellow-Rumped Warblers, and Waxwings. Prune every 2-3 years because the reddest color is on the younger twigs. Provides nectar for butterflies, has showy flowers, has Fall color, and is a nesting- and shelter plant.
  - **Silky dogwood (Cornus amomum)** – Needs wet areas to thrive and full sun. Grows to 8’-10’. Fruit in September. Attracts Eastern Bluebirds, Finches, Orioles, Wrens, and Yellow-Rumped Warblers.
- **Elder/Elderberry** – At least 120 species of birds feed on elderberries including American robins, catbirds, Eastern bluebird, doves, finches, flickers, grosbeaks, jays, mockingbirds, nuthatches, thrashers, towhees, warblers, waxwings, white-crowned sparrows.
  - o **American Elder (Sambucus canadensis)** – Needs full sun. Grows 12’ high x 9’ wide. Summer and early-Fall fruit source, with fruit on the shrub during August-September. Promotes tree-dwelling insect habitation. 79 wildlife species use the plant. Provides nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds, is a host plant for butterflies, has showy flowers, has Fall color, and is a nesting- and shelter plant.
  - o **Red-berried elder (Sambucus racemosa).** Grows 12’ high x 12’ wide. Attracts 79 wildlife species including: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Grosbeaks, Hummingbirds, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens.
- **Glossy Black Chokeberry (Aronia melanocarpa)** – Needs full to partial sun. Grows 10’ high x 6’ wide. Provides cover. Winter food source that attracts: Crows, Jays, Mockingbirds, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, and Woodpeckers.
- **Hawthorns (Crataegus sp.)** – Needs full sun. Can grow to 20’-30’ high x 14’-30’ wide. Promote tree-dwelling insect habitation. The thorny branches provide nesting sites for smaller birds (e.g., hummingbirds, cardinals, buntings, and wood thrushes). Provides nectar and is a host plant for butterflies, has showy flowers, has Fall color, and is a nesting- and shelter plant. Attracts 29 species of birds that eat the fruit including: American robin, blue jay, cedar waxwing, evening grosbeak, flicker, northern mockingbird, purple finch, and rose-breasted grosbeak.
- **Winterberry (Ilex verticillata)** – Needs full sun to partial shade. Grows to 9’ high x 9’ wide. Fall food source, with fruit on the shrub during August-September. Fruit can persist well into winter. Attracts 48 wildlife species including: American Robins, Cardinals,, Chickadees, Crows, Eastern Bluebirds, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens. Provides nectar and is a host plant for butterflies, has showy flowers, and is a nesting-, roosting-, and shelter plant.

## NATIVE GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS TO ATTRACT INSECTS

Native grasses and wildflowers are important for food, nesting, bedding, roosting, and/or escape or cover for many wildlife species (birds and mammals). Planting some of these native grasses and wildflowers is recommended if desirable ones are not present.

Having native grasses and wildflowers is especially important to attract insects for Eastern Bluebirds.

### Perennial Grasses

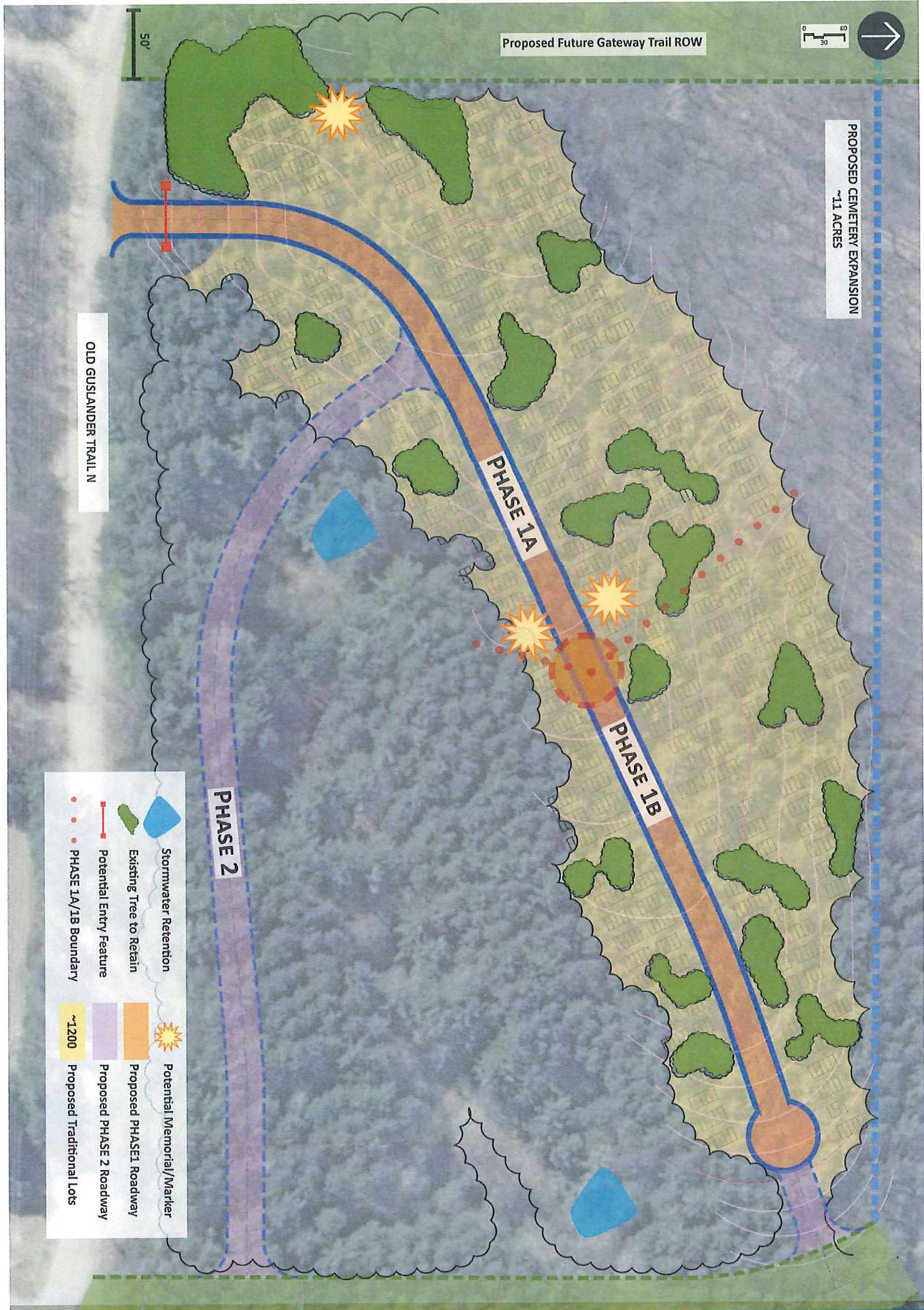
- **Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardi*)** – Used mainly for cover, resilient to drought, 8', needs full sun.
- **Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)** – Used mainly for cover, resilient to drought, 6', needs full sun and well-drained soil.
- **Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)** – Used mainly for cover, resilient to drought, 3', needs full sun.
- **Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)** – Used mainly for cover, resilient to drought, 2', needs full sun and well-drained soil.
- **Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)** – Used mainly for cover, 5', needs full sun.

### Native Wildflowers - Perennials

- **Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)** – 2'-3'. Liked by finches, chickadees, northern cardinal, sparrows, nuthatches, towhees, and titmice. Nectar and habitat for butterflies.
- **Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)** – Liked by: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Finches, Grosbeaks, Hummingbirds, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens.
- **Cat-Tail Gayfeather (*Liatris pycnostachya*)** – Liked by: Hummingbirds, Mockingbirds, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Vireos, Waxwings, and Wood Warblers.
- **Coreopsis, Tickseed/Tall (*Coreopsis tripteris*)** – Needs full sun. Grows 2'-8' tall x 2'-8' wide, and grows in clumps. Attracts a variety of animals. Birds like to hide in this plant and eat the seeds. It also attracts bees and butterflies when in bloom.
- **Showy Tick Trefoil (*Desmodium canadense*)** – Needs full sun to partial shade. Grows 2'-4' and has pinkish-purple flowers in July through September. A wide variety of birds eat the seeds. Use this plant in a naturalized area in the landscape due to its semi-aggressive nature. This native plant has a deep taproot that is drought tolerant once established.

### Native Wildflowers - Annuals

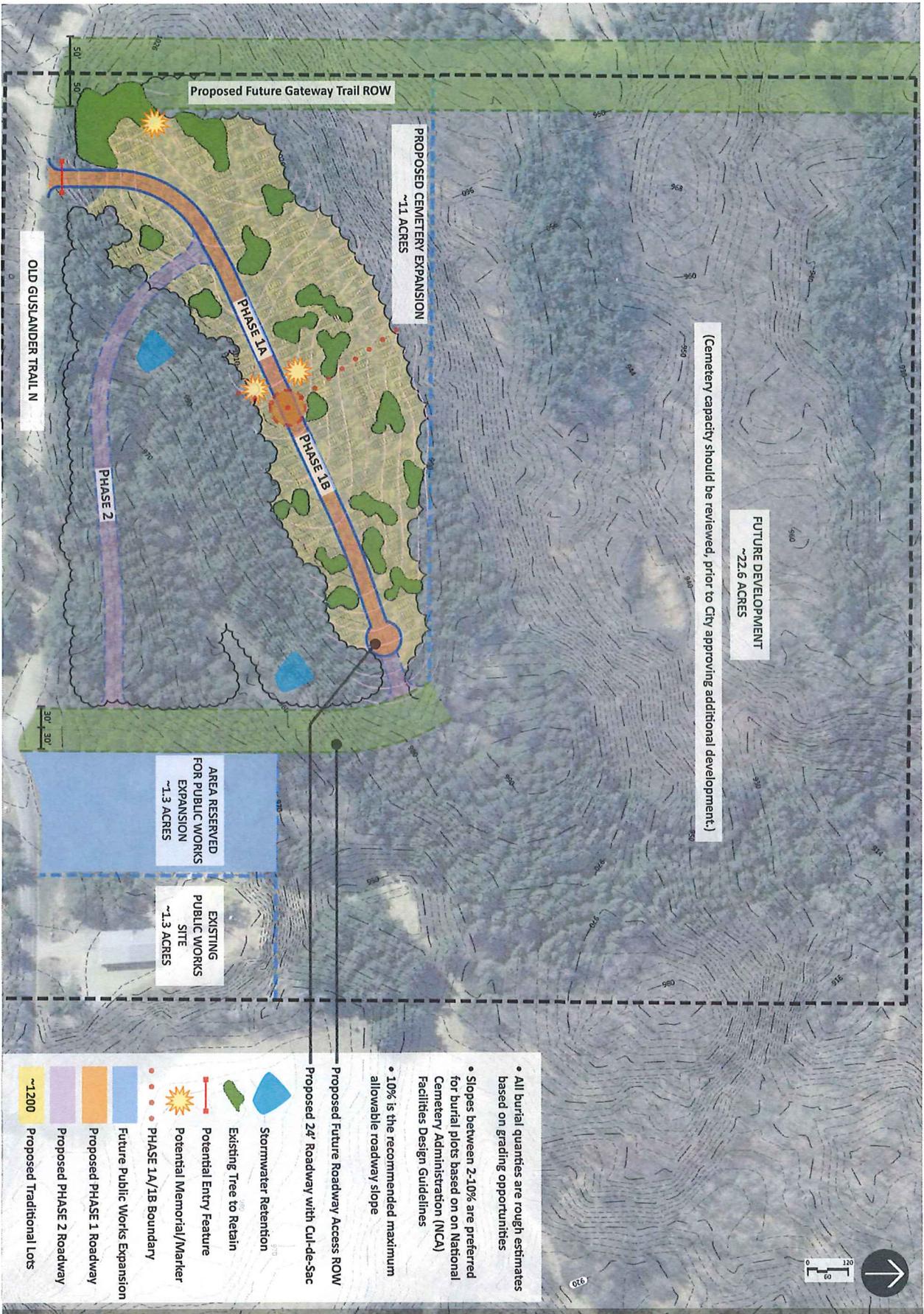
- **Common Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)** – Seeds are liked by: Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Finches, Grosbeaks, Jays, Mockingbirds, Nuthatches, Orioles, Sparrows, Thrashers, Thrushes, Vireos, Waxwings, Wood Warblers, Woodpeckers, and Wrens



# OAKLAND CEMETERY EXPANSION

## Marine on St. Croix, MN





**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**  
~22.6 ACRES

(Cemetery capacity should be reviewed, prior to City approving additional development.)

**PROPOSED CEMETERY EXPANSION**  
~11 ACRES

Proposed Future Gateway Trail ROW

OLD GUSLANDER TRAIL N

**AREA RESERVED FOR PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION**  
~1.3 ACRES

**EXISTING PUBLIC WORKS SITE**  
~1.3 ACRES

- All burial quantities are rough estimates based on grading opportunities
  - Slopes between 2-10% are preferred for burial plots based on National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Facilities Design Guidelines
  - 10% is the recommended maximum allowable roadway slope
- Proposed Future Roadway Access ROW  
Proposed 24' Roadway with Cul-de-Sac
- Stormwater Retention
  - Existing Tree to Retain
  - Potential Entry Feature
  - Potential Memorial/Marker
  - PHASE 1A/1B Boundary
  - Future Public Works Expansion
  - Proposed PHASE 1 Roadway
  - Proposed PHASE 2 Roadway
  - ~1200 Proposed Traditional Lots

## Marine on St Croix Cell Phone Tower Resident Survey

### BACKGROUND

A proposed cell tower would provide for improved cellular, or mobile, phone service both for the use of voice communications and data. Cell towers provide coverage to large areas (cities, towns, etc.) and provide a certain speed of data (4G, LTE, etc.). Mobile carriers (AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile/Sprint) offer cellular service.

Broadband or Wi-Fi service is different in that it is provided by Internet Service Providers (Midco, Frontier, etc.) and are location-based and cover a small area (home, business, library, etc.). Mobile carriers offer devices that allow cellular phones to run off WiFi (i.e. "Hot Spots"), which is why many residents have "cell service" in their homes but not outside their Wi-Fi service area.

1. Did you read the FAQ handout before completing this survey? *If not, please do!*

2. Are you a current resident of Marine on St Croix? *Circle your response.*

YES                      NO

3. Do you have a cellular phone? *Circle your response.*

YES                      NO

Do you have a Landline? *Circle your response.*

YES                      NO

4. How many occupants of your home have a cellular phone? *Circle your response.*

1                      2-3                      4-5                      6+

How many occupants do you have in your home? *Circle your response.*

1                      2-3                      4-5                      6+

5. If yes, what carrier(s) do you use? *Select all that apply.*

AT&T                      T-MOBILE                      SPRINT                      VERIZON                      OTHER (space  
for listing)                      I DON'T KNOW





be forced to subscribe to that carrier in order to have improved cellular phone service? *Circle your response.*

I SUPPORT A MONOPOLY      I DO NOT SUPPORT A MONOPOLY      NO OPINION

18. If you are not in favor of having ALL THREE cell phone carriers to provide service in Marine on St Croix, Why?

*Space for hand-written response*

19. Additional tenants on the cell phone tower include Midco (to provide improved wireless internet service) and Washington County Emergency Communications Center (to improve proprietary public safety systems). This would necessitate an additional 20-40 feet of space on the tower for their respective infrastructure. Would you support adding an additional 20-40 feet to the tower height to accommodate this infrastructure, not to exceed a total tower height of 180 feet? *Circle your response.*

YES                                  NO                                  I'M NOT SURE                          NO PREFERENCE

20. How much do you agree with this statement: *Circle your response.*

“A cellular phone tower should be built in the City of Marine on St Croix.”

STRONGLY DISAGREE                  DISAGREE                  NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE                  AGREE  
STRONGLY AGREE

21. How much do you agree with this statement: *Circle your response.*

“If improving cell phone service in Marine on St Croix requires a minimum cell phone tower height of 100 feet then I do not support any cell phone tower in Marine.”

STRONGLY DISAGREE                  DISAGREE                  NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE                  AGREE  
STRONGLY AGREE

22. If it is feasible, should the City pursue a “stealth” tower that looks like a pine tree? *Circle your response.*

YES                                  NO                                  I'M NOT SURE                          NO PREFERENCE

23. If it is not feasible, should the City still pursue a tower even if it cannot be “stealth”? *Circle your response.*

YES

NO

I'M NOT SURE

NO PREFERENCE

Please note that prior to any decision being made, the Planning Commission will have to suggest changes to the City Zoning Ordinance regarding Ch. 408 (Wireless Communications), a Public Hearing conducted, and a vote would need to be taken by the City Council prior to entering into any agreement to build a cell phone tower in Marine on St Croix.

Please utilize this space to provide any feedback you may have regarding your support of a cell tower, or your concerns with a cell tower.

*Space for hand-written response*

## CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX

## TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING	573,865.59	<u>DEPOSITS</u>
FIRE & RESCUE-DEDICATED	277,323.00	
FIRE & RESCUE-VEHICLE REPLCMNT	209,102.75	
FIRE & RESCUE- EQUIPMENT	51,880.83	CEM - Burial
FIRE & RESCUE- VILLAGE WATER	16,571.56	G&R - Garbage
FIRE & RESCUE-800MHZ RADIOS	10,476.57	G&R - Compost
		G&R - County Tax
GEN-CITY OFFICE/RECORDS	4,206.50	G&R - Commercial Tax
GEN - LAND ACQUISITION	40,110.81	G&R - Residential tax
GEN-STORMWATER	77,420.94	G&R - Recycling
.		GEN - Bldg Fees
WASTEWATER-RESERVE	238285.78	GEN - Cable
JM WATER - RESERVE	17,052.45	GEN - School Rent
JM-WELLHEAD PRTCTN	5,195.65	GEN - Interest
		RDS - Transit Tax
ROADS-EQUIPMENT	31,137.33	GEN -Levy
ROADS-ALLEYS/STREETS	320,430.78	WTR - Billing
ROADS-PICKUP RPLCMNT	15,218.25	GEN - Permits
		WWT - Sewer
HLL- VILLAGE HALL	23,396.39	WWT - LC
		WWT - Interest
PARKS & REC-RED BRIDGE	29,804.23	CEM - Interest
PARKS & REC- VC SIGNAGE	15,662.53	WTR - Interest
PARKS & REC-BLDG MAINTENANCE	17,237.58	HLL - Interest
PARKS & REC-BIKE TRAIL	0.00	P&R -Interest
		PS - Interest
CEM-PERPETUAL CARE	90,000.00	RDS - Interest
CEM-PERPETUAL CARE-SAVINGS	76,573.20	GEN - Animal
CEM-IMPROVEMENTS	12,385.63	PS - Permits
		GEN - Fines
P&R - COMMUNITY EVENTS	21,306.73	
CITATION CABLE-SECURITY	2,500.00	Total
		39685.63
BALANCE 5/31/20	<u>2,177,145.08</u>	Report by Lynette Peterson, Clerk/Treasurer



	Actual Budget 2019 thru 10/31/19	Budget 2020	Actual 2020 thru 5/31/20	From 2019 to 2020	FUND NAME
1					
2					
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4					
5	Actual	Budget	Actual	From 2019	6.2650%
6	Budget	2020	2020	to 2020	LEVY INCREASE ^^^^^^^^^
7	thru 10/31/19	2020	thru 5/31/20		
8					
26				0.00%	
27				0.00%	GENERAL EXPENSES
28	1,200.00	1,200.00	706.43	0.00%	ANIMAL CONTROL
29	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,200.00	0.00%	ASSESSOR
30	7,300.00	11,500.00	14,163.00	57.53%	AUDITOR
31	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00%	ZONING ADMINISTRATION
32	2,000.00	2,000.00		0.00%	MUNICIPAL CLERK'S INSTITUTE & CONFERENCE
33	2,600.00	2,600.00	609.00	0.00%	DUES
34	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,147.20	150.00%	ELECTIONS-LEASE
35	3,000.00	3,000.00	206.00	0.00%	ENG SERVICES
36	17,000.00	17,500.00		2.94%	INSURANCE
37	15,000.00	17,000.00	26.93	13.33%	WORKER'S COMP
38	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,097.85	0.00%	LEGAL SERVICES
39	500.00	2,000.00	102.91	300.00%	MEETING EXPENSE/APPRECIATION DINNER
40	250.00	300.00	20.00	20.00%	PBLSHNG & ADVRTSNG
41	337,541.09	347,667.23	130,275.92	3.00%	EMPLOYEE WAGES/BENEFITS /INSURANCE
42	15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00%	BUILDING INSPECTOR
43	600.00	600.00	433.11	0.00%	BUILDING FEES-STATE SURCHARGE FEES
44	5,000.00	8,000.00	2,008.78	60.00%	GEN-SERVICES
45	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,065.41	0.00%	SERVICES-COPIER,ETC.
46	3,000.00	0.00		-100.00%	PLANNING - COMP. PLAN
47	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,996.81	0.00%	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
48	4,200.00	5,000.00	2,572.87	19.05%	TELEPHONE/BROADBAND
49	2,400.00	2,400.00	428.49	0.00%	OFFICE-EQUIP
50	100.00	100.00		0.00%	MISCELLANEOUS
51	1,500.00	4,500.00	1,847.00	200.00%	WEB SITE - ( 3 YEAR UPGRADE)
52	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00%	MILLSTREAM ASSOCIATION
53					MARINE SCHOOL
54	443,591.09	467,267.23	172,907.71	5.34%	EXPENSES TOTAL







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5	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual			
6	Budget	2019	2020	2020			LEVY INCREASE ^^^^^^^^^^^
7	2019	thru 10/31/19	2020	thru 5/31/20			
8							
121							CEMETERY INCOME
122							
123	2,000.00	3,225.00	2,000.00	3,250.00	0.00%	0.00%	BURIALS
124	350.00	458.08	375.00	30.16	7.14%	7.14%	INTEREST INCOME
125	2,000.00	1,450.00	2,000.00	50.00	0.00%	0.00%	CEM LOT PURCHASE
126	2,000.00	1,450.00	2,000.00	50.00	0.00%	0.00%	PERPETUAL CARE PURCHASE
127							MISC.
128							
129	6,350.00	6,583.08	6,375.00	3,380.16	0.39%	0.39%	INCOME TOTAL
130							
131							CEMETERY EXPENSES
132	150.00	144.68	150.00	57.99	0.00%	0.00%	ELECTRICITY (HAND PUMP)
133	350.00	538.33	350.00	50.97	0.00%	0.00%	FUEL VEHICLES
134	200.00		200.00		0.00%	0.00%	REPAIR-NOT VEHICLES
135	100.00		100.00		0.00%	0.00%	REPAIRS-VEHICLES
136	2,500.00		2,500.00		0.00%	0.00%	TREE MAINTENANCE
137	500.00	681.04	500.00	122.55	0.00%	0.00%	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
138	150.00	75.00	150.00		0.00%	0.00%	TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
139	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,000.00	2,650.00	0.00%	0.00%	GRAVE OPENING
140	500.00	398.29	500.00	38.86	0.00%	0.00%	POTTIES
141							MISCELLANEOUS (LOT BUY BACK)
142	7,450.00	4,637.34	7,450.00	2,920.37	0.00%	0.00%	EXPENSE TOTAL
143							



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1						
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4						
5						6.2650%
6						LEVY INCREASE ^^^^^^^^^^^
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171						
172						ROADS INCOME
173	2,700.00	1,770.67	2,700.00	610.36	0.00%	INTEREST
174		519.07			0.00%	TRANSIT TAX
175				130.00	0.00%	MISCELLANEOUS
176	2,700.00	2,289.74	2,700.00	740.36	0.00%	ROADS INCOME TOTAL
177						
178						ROADS EXPENSES
179	11,500.00	10,395.44	13,000.00	5,124.93	13.04%	ELECTRICITY-STREETLIGHTS
180	4,000.00	4,580.08	4,500.00	2,308.27	12.50%	FUEL VEHICLES
181	3,500.00	3,272.89	3,500.00	4,723.94	0.00%	REPAIRS-VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT
182	200.00	344.36	200.00		0.00%	SERVICES-LEGAL
183	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,200.00	0.00%	SERVICES-TREE MAINTENANCE
184	3,500.00	2,641.47	3,500.00	1,185.03	0.00%	TELEPHONE/BROADBAND
185	1,500.00	714.25	1,200.00	516.22	-20.00%	UNIFORM SUPPLIER
186	6,000.00	2,011.95	6,000.00	1,574.65	0.00%	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES-SIGNS INCLUDED
187	4,000.00	9,893.85	5,000.00	185.27	25.00%	ROAD REPAIR MATERIAL
188	1,500.00	606.26	1,500.00		0.00%	TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
189	750.00	140.00	200.00	100.25	-73.33%	MISC.EXPENSE-LICENSE
190	4,000.00	1,687.50	4,000.00	1,365.00	0.00%	SWEEPING
191	5,000.00	6,079.05	5,000.00	2,473.25	0.00%	SALT AND SAND
192	5,000.00	2,698.58	5,000.00	926.26	0.00%	SERVICES - ENGINEERING
193	2,000.00	883.66	2,000.00	158.75	0.00%	REPAIRS-BLDG-MAINT./ALARM
194	2,500.00		2,500.00		0.00%	EXTRA SHERIFF PATROL
195	57,450.00	45,949.34	59,600.00	21,841.82	3.74%	ROADS EXPENSE TOTAL
196						
197						MARINE SCHOOL INCOME
198				2,889.22		RENTAL FEES
199				207.29		MISC/REIMBURSEMENT
200				3,096.51		MARINE SCHOOL INCOME TOTAL
201						
202						MARINE SCHOOL EXPENSES
203						HVAC SYSTEM
204				12,590.99	0.00%	ELECTRICITY
205						MOWING
206						BUILDING REPAIRS
207				318.48	0.00%	MATERIALS/SUPPLIES

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5	Actual	Actual	Actual	6.2650%			
6	Budget	2019	Budget	LEVY INCREASE ^^^^^^^^^^^	From 2019		
7	2019	thru 10/31/19	2020		to 2020	FUND NAME	
8							
208			10,886.76	SERVICES			
209			196.65	ALARM			
210				EQUIPMENT REPAIR			
211			792.70	PHONE/INTERNET			
212			517.50	LEGAL			
213			25,303.08	MARINE SCHOOL EXPENSES TOTAL			
214							











CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Anderson, Roden (7:07pm), Miller, Pardun and Mills present.

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Jason Crotty, Peter Foster, Leslie McKenzie, Dorothy Deetz, Gregg Brooksbank, Anne Reich, Brigid/Erik Sandager, Larry Martin, Todd Coursolle, Emily Blake, Jim Maher,

Approval of Agenda – Anderson requested to add the Stay Safe Order under Public Safety. Miller moved and Anderson seconded to accept the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

*Miller aye,*

*Pardun aye,*

*Anderson aye,*

*Roden aye,*

*Mayor Mills aye*

Citizen Considerations – Todd Coursolle, resident at 480 Maple St, is requesting the vacation of a portion of Linden Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 95. Anderson noted that a street vacation typically must be in the interest of the public and not just the resident requesting the vacation. Miller also noted that it has been the policy of the City since the 90's to not vacate any City streets. Mr. Coursolle stated that portion of Linden Street is not used and they would like to be able to clear out buckthorn and debris. Anderson stated the Coursolle's have done a great job beautifying that property and if public works has additional time, he would ask they help with the disposal of that debris. Pardun does not believe that debris would be from the City. The Council consensus was that public works could take a look.

*Pardun moved and Miller seconded to deny the street vacation request for 480 Maple Street. Motion passed unanimously as presented by roll call:*

*Miller aye,*

*Pardun aye,*

*Anderson aye,*

*Roden aye,*

*Mayor Mills aye.*

Street Vacation request – Erik and Brigid Sandager – The Sandagers submitted a request to vacate a portion of Cherry Street back in 2003 so they could build a driveway on the City street. The Council suggested the Sandagers go ahead and build the driveway as they were not in favor of a vacation. Miller suggested an encroachment agreement for the existing garage and driveway in lieu of vacating. Anderson and Mayor Mills both pointed out that the portion of Cherry St of the west side of Highway 95 is the only piece that is not vacated. Pardun noted that typically if a street is vacated, each abutting property owner would get 33 ft of that street. He is concerned that doing so would potentially cause a setback issue with the driveway. Because of this, the Council thought

an encroachment agreement would be the best way to proceed.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to deny the street vacation request with the stipulation that the City agree to enter into an encroachment agreement for the garage and driveway. Motion passed unanimously as presented by roll call:*

*Miller aye*

*Anderson aye*

*Roden aye*

*Pardun aye*

*Mills aye*

Marla – The summer camps have been cancelled due to the Covid-19. There are also no adult programs scheduled in the near future. River Radio is on its 8<sup>th</sup> week and is going very well. Roden thanked Gayle Knutson and Jim Maher for putting on such a remarkable radio program.

Planning Commission – Assistant Clerk Dammann updated the Council on the April meeting. The Mill Stream Cottages PUD proposal has been pulled due to a change of realtors for the property, which increased the overall cost and therefore the project is no longer feasible. The group would like to keep the idea on the table however. The STR committee met and revised the draft ordinance, which is under discussion by the entire Commission. The Commission will be scheduling bi-weekly workshops to review the zoning ordinance. The members working on the cell tower issue has met and submitted comments for the Council. They are suggesting the ordinance should be revised but is looking for Council direction prior to moving forward. Roden believes the ordinance should have been revised prior to the Comprehensive Plan work was done and suggested the Council request the Commission look at revising the ordinance prior to moving forward. The communication infrastructure committee is working on putting together answers for the questions that were in the commission's report. Pardun and Roden believe the ordinance needs to be revised prior to any additional work being done by the infrastructure committee. The Council requested the Planning Commission move forward with revising the current cell tower ordinance.

Public Safety – Chief Malmgren submitted a written report. The Art Fair has been cancelled due to the low vendor sign up and also due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19. Department training has been suspended through the end of May.

Stay Safe Order – Anderson noted that the City will place the information for the Gov. Stay Safe order on the City website. A request was made by residents for the City to pass a resolution encouraging and supporting all visitors and residents within Marine wear a mask and social distance. Anderson does not believe that is something the City needs to do, and that residents should just continue to follow the Stay Safe order recommendations, which the City will place on the website for reference.

Code Red JPA – Washington County has submitted a joint powers agreement request which would extend the current code red agreement.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement as presented by Washington County. Motion passed unanimously as presented by roll call:*

*Miller aye,  
Pardun aye,  
Anderson aye,  
Roden aye,  
Mayor Mills aye*

Sexual Offender Moratorium – Anderson presented the moratorium as a proactive act due to a convicted sex offender recently moving into Stillwater. Many local governments have passed ordinances banning convicted sex offenders from moving into their cities and towns, which was found to be unlawful. This moratorium would give the City time to create an ordinance that helps to regulate where a level three sex offender could reside.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to approve Resolution 051420-02, Ordinance Number 2020-155, and interim ordinance protecting the planning process and the health, safety and welfare of City residents, and establishing a temporary moratorium on specified activities relating to the sexual offender residence location restriction. Motion passed unanimously per the following roll call:*

*Anderson      Aye  
Roden          Aye  
Pardun        Aye  
Miller         Aye  
Mills          Aye*

Roads – Ryan Goodman reviewed his Engineering report. The first phase in the SHPO assessment has been completed and phase two involves assessing the integrity of the historic district and effects the downtown project may have. Design plans/specs hope to be submitted in June to MnDOT. The State aid submittal is ahead of schedule by 30 days, which is good news.

Sweeper Purchase – An opportunity has been presented to public works to purchase a 2001 street sweeper in the amount of \$25,000. This amount is already secured in the Roads equipment fund. The City currently budgets \$4,000 per year for sweeping. Roden questioned the cost benefit to own a sweeper. Pardun noted that the sweeper could be used after significant weather events as needed rather than relying on a contractor who can only do the work when it fits into their schedule.

*Pardun moved and Roden seconded to approve the purchase of a 2001 Elgin Pelican street sweeper in the amount of \$25,000. Motion passed unanimously per roll call:*

*Anderson aye*

*Pardun aye*  
*Roden Aye*  
*Miller Aye*  
*Mills Aye*

Personnel - No Report

Parks & Rec – Miller has been working with John Goodfellow on the idea of a new task force to address wake issues on the St. Croix River. The City sent a letter to the Lower St Croix River Management Commission addressing this issue last year, however no response was received. Mr. Goodfellow would like to create a short term task force to focus on defining the situation, identifying root causes and proposing solutions. He would like the task force to run through the fall and then pick up again next summer. Miller has talked to the Washington County Sheriffs Department and they have seen an increase in river traffic. Miller would like the City to have a unified voice on this subject rather than Mr. Goodfellow working as one voice. Roden questioned the steps the task force would take to reach their goal. Mr. Goodfellow believes defining the situation needs to happen first, and then work to raise awareness by installing signs, etc. Pardun questioned if he and other citizens have reached out to the St Croix River Association to see if they could work with them directly. Mr. Goodfellow has reached out to the them and they are reluctant to do anything without the partnership of the National Park Service. Anderson supports this effort and likes the idea of this task force. Pardun requested a sunset clause if this taskforce is created. Goodfellow would like to have it complete for the year by Thanksgiving and then pick up again in the spring. Anderson would like to give it until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Miller and Anderson will work with Goodfellow on the details and come back in June to formalize the task force, along with committee members.

Millsite –Anne Reich updated the Council on the Millsite. There has been an 80% increase in visitation in the last 4 months. There will be basic maintenance done throughout the summer by the volunteers on an individual basis. MN Landscapes will be doing some invasive species management, and Mike Tibbetts will be replacing two benches at the overlook. There will also be a plaque at the overlook honoring Jack Warren and Charles Arnason, who were instrumental in preserving that property. Ms. Reich is requesting the Mill Site committee to host their next meeting via zoom, and also requesting approval of the new members. Those members are Peter Foster, Tom Omdahl, Curt Moe, Larry Whitaker, Dave Stephens, Anne Reich, and Jim Schoeller.

*Miller moved and Anderson seconded to approve the new members of the Mill Site committee. Motion passed unanimously as follows:*

*Miller aye*  
*Roden aye*  
*Mills aye*  
*Pardun aye*  
*Anderson aye*

Urban Forest – Peter Foster reported that the trees are in the gravel bed and looking great. The tree survey and taping will happen in June.

Cemetery – No Report.

Water Systems- Pardun reported on the new sewer connections being installed at 16090 St Croix Trail and 16060 St Croix Trail North, one of which is a City owned on site and the other is a private system that is failing. These added connection installations were discussed at the sewer workshop.

City Properties – No Report.

Holidays/Events – Roden questioned the status of Memorial Day. Anderson questioned how the City can hold a public event without going against the Governors Stay Safe order. He suggested the possibility of live streaming the event for the public to watch. Roden noted that Jim Maher has also offered to read the names of the vets on River Radio if a service is not possible. There was a question of whether a live stream was an option or if it could be recorded and then the video be posted on line. Miller questioned if River Radio could have an online show on Memorial Day in lieu of an in person event. Jim Maher thought that would definitely be a possibility.

Founders Day Event – Anderson reported that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks have been postponed and he would like to hold them during the Founder's Day event in August. The group is exploring different options but believes it is late enough in the year that this gathering could happen. This event would be for Marine residents and not advertised to the public. Anderson would also like to potentially use this as a fundraiser for the Fire Department also. Roden is concerned that if the word gets out about the fireworks, then it could potentially get out of hand and suggested the fireworks get taken off of the table this year. Mayor Mills and Miller were in agreement. Roden suggested maybe holding the fireworks on New Years Eve instead. Anderson will look into.

Pardun noted that he and Miller received an email from Pastor Joel suggesting some sort of recognition for the 2020 Marine high school graduates. The idea would be to have the seniors stand in front of Marine Elementary and then have the residents drive by to recognize them. This would take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> between 6pm – 7pm. Roden suggested having a central location to collect graduation cards, such as Christ Lutheran Church. The Council consensus was to move forward.

EDA – No Report

Citizen Committee Reports

Green Step Cities – Leslie McKenzie reported on the Green Step Cities. The committee would like to schedule a workshop with the Council to review the Step 4 requirements. She is hoping to have this workshop in June. Three of the four signs have been received and the fourth should be sent soon. Clerk Peterson will send out a workshop request next week.

Communications Infrastructure – Feedback was received from Verizon which will be forwarded to the PC. The website upgrade is moving forward.

Consent Calendar – Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 4/9/20, Treasurer’s Report of 4/20, List of Bills for 5/14/20, Zoning Administrators Report None, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes.

Roll call vote.

Anderson - Aye

Pardun - Aye

Miller - Aye

Roden - Aye

Mills - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business – The Washington County Cooperative Weed Management Area agreement was presented last month. This agreement is a partnership with the County and requires no fiscal obligation by the City. Anderson believes this is a good opportunity for the City to receive potential grant money in the future.

Anderson moved and Roden seconded to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for a Cooperative Weed Management Agreement as presented. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

Roden Aye

Mills Aye

Pardu Aye

Miller Aye

Anderson Aye

Request by Dunrovin – Clerk Peterson received a request by Dunrovin Retreat Center to be added to the City garbage contract. Their contract with Advanced Disposal is up for renewal, and their costs are going up substantially. The Council was concerned that the City would be setting a precedent of letting businesses, especially one that is officially in May Township, piggyback on City services for their own financial gain. Anderson reminded the Council that the General Store’s request to connect to the City’s well was denied for that same reason.

Anderson moved and Miller seconded to deny the request by Dunrovin Retreat Center to be added to the City garbage contract. Motion passed unanimously as follows:

Anderson aye

Miller aye

Roden aye

Mills aye

Pardun aye

Miller requested the Council approve having a flag made with the City logo to have in the Village hall, and also to begin using the new logo on all City stationary and vehicles. The Council was fine with that idea.

Long and Short Term Goals – No Change

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report

Adjournment - *Anderson moved and Roden seconded to adjourn at 8:59pm.*

*Roll call vote.*

*Anderson - Aye*

*Pardun - Aye*

*Miller - Aye*

*Roden - Aye*

*Mills - Aye*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk

## Lynette Peterson

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**From:** BRUGGEMAN, VALERIE A <vb2793@att.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 3:50 PM  
**To:** Glen Mills; Lon Pardun; Bill Miller; Charlie Anderson; Gwen Roden  
**Cc:** Lynette Peterson  
**Subject:** Proposed First Responders Site  
**Attachments:** Letter to Marine on St. Croix Planning Commission -- June 2020.docx

Dear Mayor Mills and Council members,

On behalf of Paul Weirtz, President, AT&T Minnesota, I would like to submit the attached letter in support of a proposed cell tower for consideration at the Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting. It is our understanding the city has been working with Vinco representatives to determine a location.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 630-209-4149.

Sincerely,  
Valerie

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8 June 2020

City Council  
City of Marine on St. Croix  
121 Judd St  
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

Subject: Time for No Wake on 95

Dear Messrs. Mills, Anderson, Pardun, Miller, Ms. Roden:

I would like to propose that the speed limit on Hwy 95 through Marine on Saint Croix be reduced.

Perhaps it is time to adjust land-based speed limits through town to re-create something akin to a no-wake zone on the river: preserving quiet and fresh air for residents, enhancing safety, protecting wildlife and promoting scenic enjoyment for those passing through. Perhaps it would even encourage travelers to stop and refresh at this wayside on the Saint Croix.

Proposed change:

Reduce the current speed limit on Hwy 95 within the Marine on St. Croix city limits in two parts.

--First, reduce the posted speed to 45 mph from at 55mph at the Marine on St. Croix signs. On the south near the Kiwanis camp crosswalk, and on the north just past the state park intersection.

--Second, reduce to 40 mph the stretch approaching the business district intersection at Broadway St. currently posted at 45 mph.

Rationale:

Safety: Although Marine is not a large community, the population and business area are fairly concentrated along the 95 corridor. There are few points of ingress and egress for the residents of Lower Marine—Judd, Maple, Berkey streets onto 95, and for the upper Marine residents—Elm to 95, and Rose, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Broadway then 95. (It is likely the emergency team and traffic engineers are well aware of this situation in much more technical detail.) The approximate three-mile stretch on 95 also includes two county road intersections (7 and 4), dozens of individual driveways, including the intersections to the Marine Stugas and Buttercup Trail, each which serve multiple residences. Development of the property for sale on the west side of 95 south of William O'Brien will put more pressure on ingress and egress on this busy thoroughfare.

Benefit: Slowing traffic flow would reduce the inherent tension and potential for crashes at those points, particularly during peak summer use.

Appeal for business district:

The current configuration allows high speeds approaching the main business area in Marine. This does not encourage traffic to slow and safely access the business district. Even though there are turn lanes from both directions, traffic continuing through town regularly speeds up to pass turning vehicles (or pedestrians attempting to cross, in spite of the flashing signal). The current signage at the south end of town is confusing at best, with a flashing 45mph sign within visual range of the 55mph sign.

Benefit: Signally a speed change concurrently with the city limit signage is more intuitive and may even be psychologically more welcoming.

Noise: Current signage indicating a speed change from 55 mph to 45 mph is abrupt. From the south, the change signs are within about 1000 feet from one another. From north to south, the change is made on a fairly decent downward grade, requiring vehicles (at least those that adhere to the speed limit, it must be said) to brake and—in the case of large delivery trucks, construction equipment and motorcycles—significant downshifting. Concurrently, leaving the posted 45 mph zone encourages acceleration and shifting up the hill south to north.

Benefit: Eliminating the need for these mechanical changes can substantially reduce the noise pollution that is currently beyond a reasonable expectation in this fairly dense residential area.

Potential Issues:

Lost time: The difference between traveling the three miles at 45mph versus 55mph is 45 seconds. Using more conservative speeds—40 vs 60—the time lost is 75 seconds. (The gains are significant. Try driving between the two Marine signs at 45, or even 40, mph. The views are pretty stunning.)

Jurisdiction: Hwy 95 is a Minnesota state highway and therefore I assume such a change would be the purview of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, not the City of Marine on St. Croix. However, I believe a strong case could be made to the authorities that safety alone could make this a worthwhile change. Certainly, precedents exist on 95 through Stillwater, 61 through Forest Lake, Hugo and others.

Been here before: As a new resident, I don't have the institutional knowledge of any past attempts to solve the speed and noise issues. But whatever has gone before, it is not working now and I believe a new approach to calming traffic through town—much like the concern for speeders on the river—is due.

Thank you for considering this proposal. I would be glad to participate as a citizen volunteer in whatever process is deemed appropriate, including a resident survey, research into a noise ordinance, or other.

Respectfully submitted,

Valoree Dowell  
17600 Saint Croix Trail N  
Marine on Saint Croix, MN 55047

## June 2020 List of Bills

6/11/2020

Payable To	Total Check	Code	Breakdown Amount	
Lynette Peterson	\$4,556.27	GEN		June Salary
Suzanne Dammann	\$1,015.69	GEN		06/01/2020 - 06/15/2020
Suzanne Dammann	\$1,015.69	GEN		06/16/2020 - 06/30/2020
Tom Boesel	\$2,447.75	GEN		06/01/2020 - 06/15/2020
Tom Boesel	\$2,252.61	GEN		06/16/2020 - 06/30/2020
Jason Crotty	\$2,449.20	GEN		06/01/2020 - 06/15/2020
Jason Crotty	\$2,048.38	GEN		06/16/2020 - 06/30/2020
Richard Johnson	\$258.58	G&R		June Salary - Compost Site
Tyler Peterson	\$258.58	G&R		June Salary - Compost Site
Edward Jones	\$100.00	GEN		Employee IRA Contribution
Security State Bank	\$5,601.43	GEN		Fed Withholdings June
Minnesota Revenue	\$952.95	GEN		MN Withholding June
PERA	\$2,038.47	GEN		06/01/2020 - 06/15/2020
PERA	\$1,054.56	GEN		06/16/2020 - 06/30/2020
Action Rental	\$170.00	P&R	\$85.00	Tree Maintenance
		SCHOOL	\$85.00	Tree Maintenance
Advance Auto (Carquest)	\$34.20	RDS		Vehicle Repair
Advanced Disposal	\$9,371.37	G&R		May Services
All Hands on Deck	\$575.00	PS	\$360.00	Cleaning
		HLL	\$215.00	Cleaning
Bolton & Menk, Inc	\$2,986.00	WWT	\$280.00	Services
		GEN	\$270.00	Engineering
		RDS	\$2,436.00	Capital Improvement
Capital One	\$1,233.86	HLL	\$52.93	Materials/Supplies
		PS	\$250.00	Street Dance (mailing)
		GEN	\$430.24	Materials/Supplies
		GEN	\$192.81	Office Equipment
		GEN	\$48.88	Services
		G&R	\$25.00	Services
		WWT	\$25.00	Services
		WAT	\$25.00	Services
		RDS	\$7.49	Services
		PS	\$24.19	Fuel
		PS	\$33.34	Equipment Repair
		RDS	\$118.98	Uniforms
Commercial Asphalt Company	\$66.42	RDS		Repair Material
Companion Animal Control	\$75.00	GEN		Animal
Department of Transportation	\$156.00	GEN		Materials/Supplies
Fastenal	\$360.85	WWT		Materials/Supplies
Federated Co-ops	\$445.08	RDS	\$87.37	Fuel
		WWT	\$144.68	Fuel
		CEM	\$88.63	Fuel
		P&R	\$88.63	Fuel
		SCHOOL	\$35.78	Fuel
Peter Foster	\$303.64	P&R		Urban Forest (reimburs.)
Frontier	\$794.91	GEN	\$303.04	Telephone

		WWT	\$90.22	Telephone
		RDS	\$105.84	Telephone
		PS	\$98.86	Telephone
		SCHOOL	\$196.95	Telephone
Gopher State One Call	\$36.45	GEN		Services
Grainger	\$362.42	PS		Materials/Supplies
Guardian Pest Solutions	\$76.06	HLL	\$35.35	Services
		RDS	\$40.71	Services
Haaven Stump Removal	\$100.00	SCHOOL		Tree Removal
Jim Schoeller	\$51.40	P&R		Mill Site
Johnson Turner	\$1,198.75	GEN		Legal
Lincoln National Life Insurance	\$202.90	GEN		Employee Insurance
Lowe's	\$246.99	RDS	\$227.05	Tools
		CEM	\$19.94	Materials/Supplies
Marine General Store	\$26.93	GEN	\$10.95	Materials/Supplies
		RDS	\$15.98	Materials/Supplies
Midcontinent	\$290.00	GEN	\$190.00	Internet
		RDS	\$100.00	Internet
Minnesota Association of Small Cities	\$439.95	GEN		Dues
MCFOA	\$90.00	GEN		Dues/Subscriptions
Minnesota UI Fund	\$144.28	GEN		Workers Comp
NCPERS	\$64.00	GEN		Employee Insurance
North 40 Resources	\$124.10	RDS		Repair Material
Northern Salt Incorporated	\$2,703.00	RDS		Repair Material
On Site Sanitation	\$272.00	G&R	\$68.00	Porta Potties
		P&R	\$136.00	Porta Potties
		CEM	\$68.00	Porta Potties
Pace Analytical	\$140.00	WWT		Water Tests
Pitney Bowes	\$29.99	GEN		Services
Premium Waters Inc	\$58.73	HLL	\$23.74	Materials/Supplies
		RDS	\$34.99	Materials/Supplies
Rehbein's Black Dirt	\$98.00	CEM		Materials/Supplies
SaveATree	\$640.00	P&R		Mill Site (elm treatment)
Sentry Systems Inc	\$281.50	HLL	\$103.80	Alarm
		RDS	\$177.70	Alarm
T-Mobile	\$54.31	RDS		Cell Phones
Mike Tibbetts	\$750.00	P&R		Mill Site (benches)
Tree Works	\$150.00	P&R		Mill Site (tree removal)
U.S. Bank	\$125.00	GEN		Copier
Vital Systems	\$51.55	GEN		Services
Winnick Supply	\$113.28	WWT		Materials/Supplies
Xcel Energy	\$3,057.14	HLL	\$253.33	Electricity and Gas
		PS	\$155.31	"
		P&R	\$72.00	"
		RDS	\$219.18	"
		WWT	\$524.35	"
		WAT	\$272.43	"
		CEM	\$12.02	"
		GEN	\$1,548.52	School
Xcel Energy	\$648.65	RDS		Street Lights
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,249.87</b>			