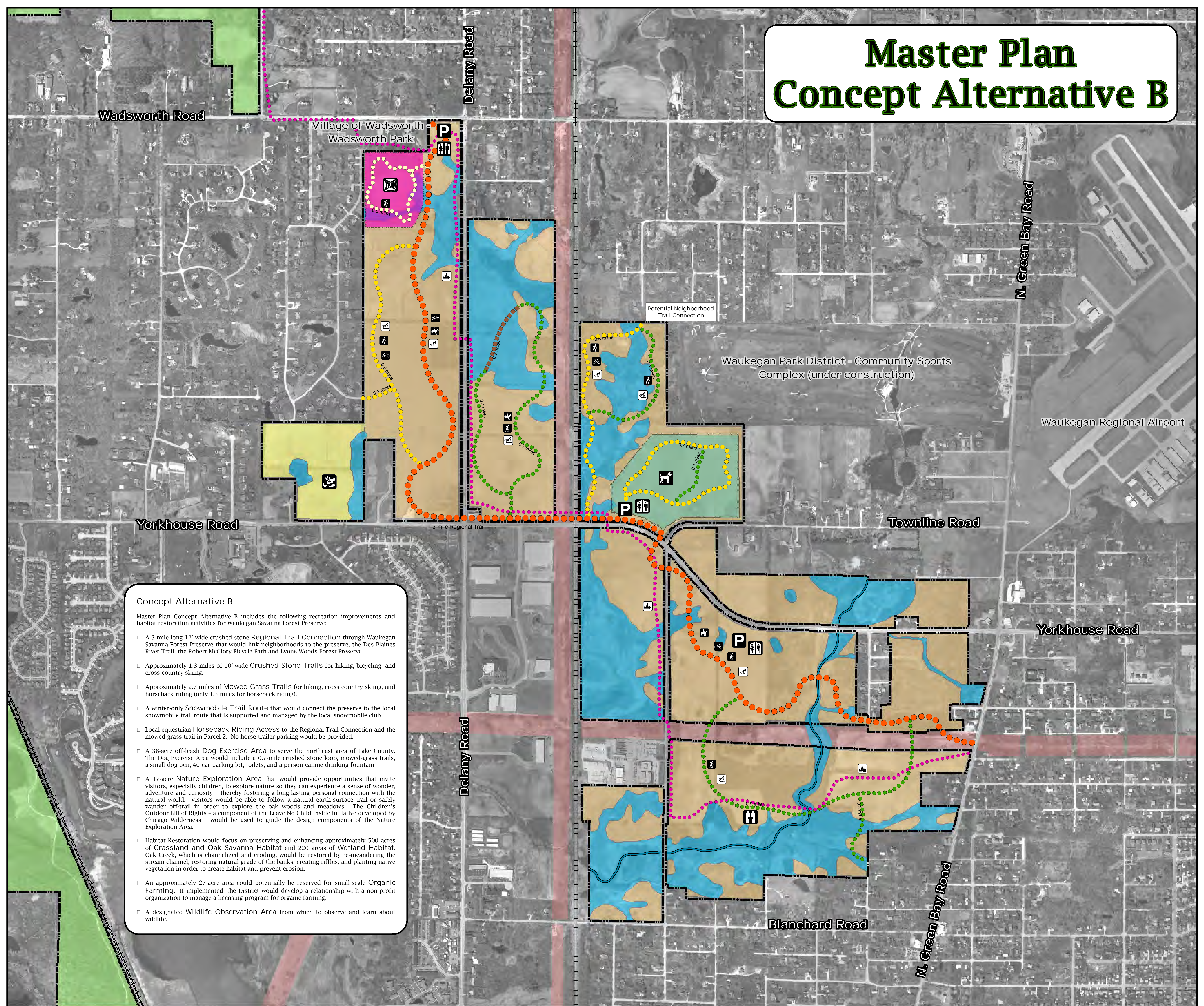


# Master Plan Concept Alternative B



**Concept Alternative B**

Master Plan Concept Alternative B includes the following recreation improvements and habitat restoration activities for Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve:

- A 3-mile long 12'-wide crushed stone Regional Trail Connection through Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve that would link neighborhoods to the preserve, the Des Plaines River Trail, the Robert McClory Bicycle Path and Lyons Woods Forest Preserve.
- Approximately 1.3 miles of 10'-wide Crushed Stone Trails for hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing.
- Approximately 2.7 miles of Mowed Grass Trails for hiking, cross country skiing, and horseback riding (only 1.3 miles for horseback riding).
- A winter-only Snowmobile Trail Route that would connect the preserve to the local snowmobile trail route that is supported and managed by the local snowmobile club.
- Local equestrian Horseback Riding Access to the Regional Trail Connection and the mowed grass trail in Parcel 2. No horse trailer parking would be provided.
- A 38-acre off-leash Dog Exercise Area to serve the northeast area of Lake County. The Dog Exercise Area would include a 0.7-mile crushed stone loop, mowed-grass trails, a small-dog pen, 40-car parking lot, toilets, and a person-canne drinking fountain.
- A 17-acre Nature Exploration Area that would provide opportunities that invite visitors, especially children, to explore nature so they can experience a sense of wonder, adventure and curiosity - thereby fostering a long-lasting personal connection with the natural world. Visitors would be able to follow a natural earth-surface trail or safely wander off-trail in order to explore the oak woods and meadows. The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights - a component of the Leave No Child Inside initiative developed by Chicago Wilderness - would be used to guide the design components of the Nature Exploration Area.
- Habitat Restoration would focus on preserving and enhancing approximately 500 acres of Grassland and Oak Savanna Habitat and 220 acres of Wetland Habitat. Oak Creek, which is channelized and eroding, would be restored by re-meandering the stream channel, restoring natural grade of the banks, creating riffles, and planting native vegetation in order to create habitat and prevent erosion.
- An approximately 27-acre area could potentially be reserved for small-scale Organic Farming. If implemented, the District would develop a relationship with a non-profit organization to manage a licensing program for organic farming.
- A designated Wildlife Observation Area from which to observe and learn about wildlife.

# Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve

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| Bicycling            | Nature Exploration Area   | Toilet      | 10' Wide Crushed Stone Trail        | Stream Corridor Restoration            |
| Hiking               | Dog Exercise Area         | Parking Lot | 6' Wide Mowed Grass Trail           | Wetland Restoration Area               |
| Horseback Riding     | Potential Organic Farming | Boardwalk   | 3' Wide Natural Earth-Surface Trail | Grassland and Savanna Restoration Area |
| Snowmobiling         | Wildlife Observation Area |             | Existing Snowmobile Route           | Forest Preserve Boundary               |
| Cross Country Skiing |                           |             | Dog Exercise Area                   | Railroad                               |
|                      |                           |             | Potential Organic Farming           | ComEd                                  |
|                      |                           |             | Nature Exploration Area             |  |

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