

SECTION III:

Implementation Plan

The implementation plan expands on the goals, objectives, and policies found in Section II by providing a responsible party, time frame and priority for each recommendation. For many of the action items, additional tasks are described which provide more direction and explanation. The information in the following matrix creates a clear guide to work towards the potential revitalization outlined throughout this document. Each of the items are ranked by priority and are color-coded. The priority indicated represents the average priority score of eleven surveyed committee members, with lower numbers indicating a higher priority. For easy identification, highest priority items are shaded green, medium priority in yellow, and lowest priority in blue.

Goal A: Restore and protect the Lake Winnebago shoreline and the corridor’s natural resources to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, public access, and attractiveness to the community.

Objective 1: Restore and protect the quality of the waterfront corridor’s wetlands.

Objective 2: Improve and protect the waterfront corridor’s diverse range of wildlife habitats.

Objective 3: Restore and improve the waterfront corridor in a sustainable and environmentally-conscious manner.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
A.1: Develop a plan for the removal of invasive species (e.g. reed canary grass, phragmites).	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac, in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)	Mid-Term	3.9
A.2: Develop a plan for the restoration of the project area’s wetlands.	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac, in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)	Mid-Term	
A.3: Enlist public involvement to restore and maintain the waterfront corridor. Increase public awareness and community buy-in.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Ongoing	1.7
A.4: Develop a plan for the remediation of environmental contamination within the project area and implement measures to prevent future releases.	Village Plan Commission	Mid-Term	



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Goal A: Continued

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
A.5: Work with the railroad and other industrial property owners to remediate and prevent contaminated runoff from private properties.	Village of North Fond du Lac, Private Property Owners	Ongoing	3.1
A.6: Establish a system of wetlands between the rail yard and Lakeshore Drive that will serve to retain and cleanse runoff from the rail yard before it enters Mosher Creek and Lake Winnebago.	Village of North Fond du Lac, Private Property Owners, in cooperation with WDNR	Long-Term	4

Goal B: Create an interconnected multi-modal transportation network that will tie the Waterfront Plan project area to the remainder of the Village and surrounding communities.

Objective 1: Improve multi-modal safety and access throughout the Waterfront Plan area.

Objective 2: Develop a system of trails connecting destinations throughout the waterfront corridor to the remainder of the Village and neighboring communities.

Objective 3: Provide improved access and parking opportunities for recreational activities (e.g. fishing, hiking, water-based activities) along the waterfront.

Objective 4: Utilize abandoned rail corridors and existing rights-of-way to provide increased access to the waterfront and new recreational opportunities.

Objective 5: Develop multi-modal connections between the Village's waterfront and the City of Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park.

Objective 6: Develop connections between the Village's waterfront trails and other municipal and County trails in the region.

Objective 7: Work to remove transportation barriers caused by the Canadian National railroad tracks.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
B.1: Develop a north/south bicycle and pedestrian trail through the natural corridor between the rail yard and Lakeshore Drive via one of the following routes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Existing platted right-of-way; ■ Planned utility corridor. 	Village of North Fond du Lac	Mid-term	3.1
B.2: Utilize proposed Lakeshore Drive overpass to provide a pedestrian and bicycle connection between the waterfront and proposed trails to the downtown and to the south along abandoned right-of-way toward the City of Fond du Lac.	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac, in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT)	Long-Term	1.7

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Goal B: Continued

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
<p>B.3: Develop, in cooperation with the City of Fond du Lac, a bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the southern waterfront area via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A lakefront trail through Supple's Marsh; ■ And/or along the vacant east/west railroad corridor. 	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac in Cooperation with WDNR	Mid-Term	2.6
B.4: Improve multi-modal trail access across rail lines to connect the downtown and waterfront areas as opportunities present themselves.	Village of North Fond du Lac in cooperation with Canadian National Railway	Long-Term	2.6
B.5: Develop a system of water trails for canoes and kayaks throughout the waterfront and wetland areas using way finding and interpretative signage.	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac	Mid-Term	4.2
B.6: Create snowmobile access between the waterfront and the region's network of snowmobile trails as opportunities present themselves.	Village of North Fond du Lac in cooperation with local snowmobile clubs	Mid-Term	4
B.7: Utilize Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) traffic models to assist in improving traffic flow throughout the waterfront corridor.	Village of North Fond du Lac in cooperation with SEWRPC	Long-Term	3.2
B.8: Redevelop the Lakeshore Drive crossing of the Canadian National rail tracks to improve access to the waterfront.	Village of North Fond du Lac, WisDOT	Near-Term	

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Goal C: Increase public awareness regarding the recreational and economic opportunities available along the waterfront corridor.

Objective 1: Provide opportunities for members of the public to participate in the restoration and improvement of the waterfront corridor.

Objective 2: Provide educational opportunities to increase public awareness regarding the waterfront corridor's natural features and habitats.

Objective 3: Develop opportunities for public education regarding the history and operation of the rail line and switching yard.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
C.1: Enlist and promote public participation when possible for clean-up, restoration and development activities along the waterfront corridor.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Ongoing	1.7
C.2: Develop interpretive signage along trails and at other locations throughout the project area.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Near-Term and Ongoing	2.9
C.3: Develop a bird watching and identification station from a boardwalk point.	Village of North Fond du Lac in cooperation with WDNR	Mid-Term	3.6

Goal D: Develop a system of accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages that is user-friendly and safe.

Objective 1: Improve public access to the waterfront and other recreational areas.

Objective 2: Utilize the area's natural features to provide opportunities for fishing, boating, hiking, bicycling and other recreational activities.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
D.1: Provide additional public access points to Lake Winnebago for fishing, public canoe and kayak launches, and other recreation pursuits.	Village of North Fond du Lac in cooperation with WDNR	Mid-Term	2.1
D.3: Develop a boardwalk through a portion of Supple's Marsh.	Village of North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac, in cooperation with WDNR	Long-Term	3.3

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Goal E: Promote the growth and vitality of planned commercial and industrial uses that are compatible with the Village's vision and goals for the waterfront corridor.

Objective 1: Plan for and promote land uses in along the waterfront corridor that will contribute toward establishing North Fond du Lac as a regional destination.

Objective 2: Utilize all available public and private tools for improvement and re-development of appropriate underutilized properties along the waterfront corridor.

Objective 3: Promote appropriate improvements to the waterfront corridor that will contribute toward growth of the Village's tax base.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
E.1: Continue to utilize Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to improve underutilized properties in the waterfront corridor.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Ongoing	2.2
E.2: Encourage private investment in cooperation with municipal efforts for restoration and improvements to the waterfront corridor.	Village of North Fond du Lac and Private Property Owners	Ongoing	1.6
E.3: Utilize state, federal and other outside funding sources to assist in the restoration and improvement of the waterfront corridor.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Ongoing	1.2
E.4: Work with private property owners to remediate contaminated parcels. Better utilize vacant properties that have had remediation.	Village of North Fond du Lac and Private Property Owners	Mid-Term	2.1

Goal F: Improve the visual appeal and aesthetic of the waterfront and ensure that all improvements work to achieve this goal.

Objective 1: Establish U.S. Highway 45 and Lakeshore Drive as attractive and recognizable gateways to the Village.

Objective 2: Improve the visual character of the corridor's wetlands and other natural areas.

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
F.1: Establish a welcome sign or other entrance feature at the northern Village boundary along Lakeshore Drive.	Village of North Fond du Lac	Near-Term	2
F.2: Remove invasive species within the corridor's wetlands and natural areas to improve the quality of natural areas within the project area.	Village of North Fond du Lac, WDNR	Mid-Term	
F.2: Ensure that projects are reviewed by the plan commission or other appropriate body to maintain a high level of building and site design in the corridor area.	Village Plan Commission	On-Going	

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Action Items	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Priority
Conduct regular coordination meetings with all stakeholders.	Village of North Fond du Lac, City of Fond du Lac, WDNR, others		
Submit regional applications for funding as opportunities become available.			

