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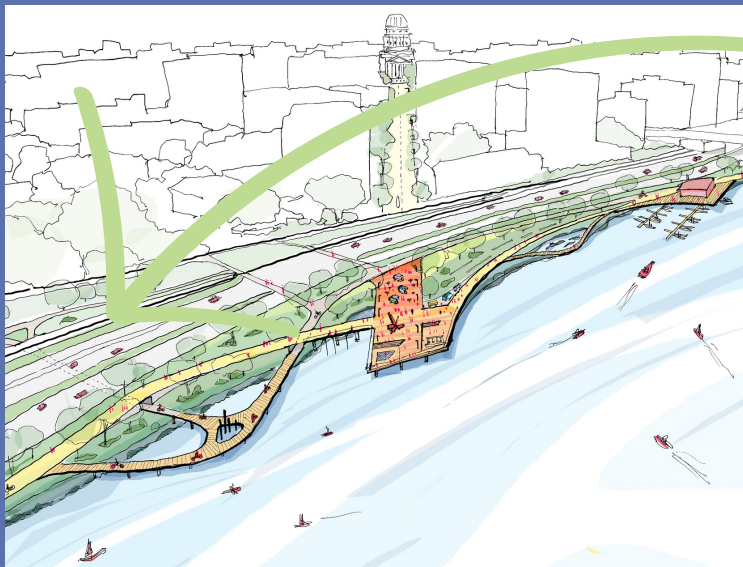
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Madison's PREMIER Waterfront Park



DESIGNS ARE DONE!

Public input and City Engineering have been added to the Sasaki plans. Major changes include: an underpass connecting Broom Street to the Shoreline, an enclosed swimming pier, & an unobstructed waterfront at Olin Park.



NOLEN UNDERPASS

IMAGINE walking down Broom Street and emerging onto a pier overlooking beautiful Lake Monona. You never have to cross John Nolen by foot or bike again! This enormous undertaking* requires the cooperation of the City, the Railroad, and the Federal Highway System. Approved by City Engineering, the design removes a major impediment to access for all.

*pun intended

TOP IMAGE IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF LAW PARK LEDGE

The BIG Picture

A Lake For Everyone



Say HELLO to a diversity of NEW opportunities to enjoy everything that Madison's lake life should be.

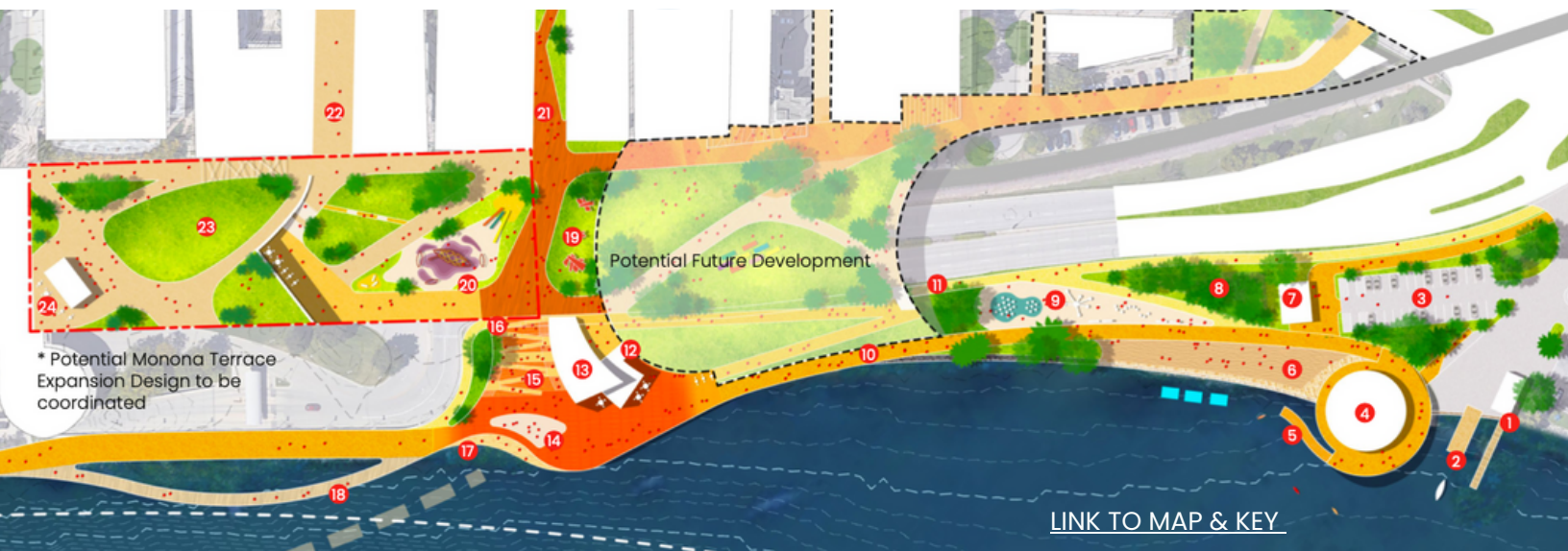
NEW access from downtown. NEW public spaces. NEW access to the water's edge, and the water too! Four distinct & NEW experiences designed to seamlessly merge into the future crown jewel of Madison's Parks.

Designed with the entire community & accessibility in mind, this purpose built 1.7 mile lakeside park is a welcome good-bye to the existing crowded multi-use path.



Law Park Ledge

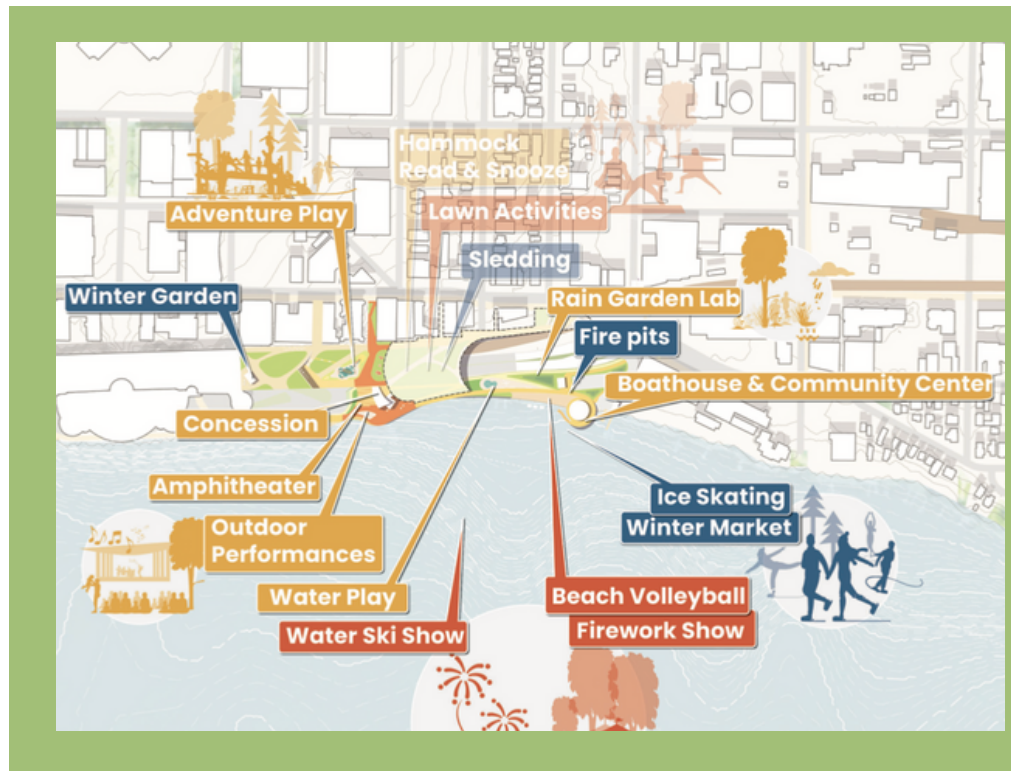
East of Monona Terrace Connecting E. Wilson & Willy Streets



CONNECTING DOWNTOWN MADISON TO THE WATERFRONT

The Law Park Ledge design takes advantage of the air rights above John Nolen Drive, creating a park on structure over the roadway and railway. This innovative concept significantly enhances connectivity and accessibility between East Wilson Street and the Lake Monona Waterfront, creating the opportunity for more open spaces for public use. The design aims to establish an inviting and vibrant waterfront, complete with diverse programs like a waterplay area, an amphitheater, an adventure playground, and a beach area to provide several unique engagement opportunities for the entire community.

The design aims to make the waterfront accessible for everyone. It includes several accessible entries along East Wilson Street to ensure safe crossing of John Nolen Drive. Drop-off areas and accessible parking spaces are conveniently located near the community center. Ramps and an elevator are provided for people to get down to the waterfront from the Capitol.



Lake Lounge

Connects Monona Terrace to the Community Causeway



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SWIM, SAIL, BIKE, WALK

Lake Lounge is the lakefront terminus of Madison's north-south urban axis, offering a breathtaking Capitol view from the lakefront and a canvas for exciting opportunities. With easier access to downtown Madison and the neighborhood through the underpass and pier, Lake Lounge Plaza becomes a welcoming spot to relax, swim, and enjoy some bites from food trucks, all with Lake Monona and the Capitol as a scenic backdrop. It is an ideal setting for arts, pop-up events, and serves as an educational hub for stormwater and ecology awareness.



EXAMPLE OF UNDERPASS TUNNEL



EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC SPACES

Community Causeway

A Park Along John Nolen Drive Connecting Olin to the Terrace

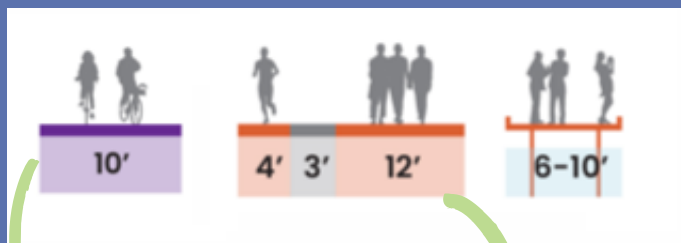


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A WHOLE NEW PATH

Community Causeway separates lanes by speed (with the exception of the bridges paths are separated), creating buffer areas for rest. Stacked stone terraces near bridge abutments enhance fishing access. The Capitol View Plaza provides a scenic pause with Capitol views.

**Goodbye crowded multi-purpose path too close to the highway.*



Room for all uses, with great spaces.



ENHANCED SPACES

A NEW vibrant greenway complete with amazing views, rest areas, increased fishing, and waterfront access.

Olin Overlook

Enhancing the Park for Nature Appreciation, Conservation, & Education



BETTER CONNECTED

Nestled in the community, Olin Overlook is a cherished hub of diverse outdoor activities for residents. With sprawling picnic meadows, a canopy walk, serene lakeside, cycling paths, sailing, and kayaking, it caters to various interests year-round. The canopy walk, following the park's natural contours, guides visitors to a stunning viewpoint. From here, the city and Lake Monona views blend urban and natural beauty. Olin Overlook is more than recreation; it's a center for youth education. The integration of the existing building with the new Nature Center offers indoor and outdoor learning spaces. The addition of a wet prairie enriches the park's educational potential.

Expanded underground parking, dedicated bike and running paths, and step-free accessibility make Olin Overlook convenient for all. The newly built boat dock provides ample mooring space and water access, enhancing the park's accessibility and functionality.



NEXT STEPS

Common Council Review is early 2024.

Implement a Strategic Plan.

Collaborate with stakeholders and community members to envision the best and highest use of our amazing new park spaces.

Fundraise for Phase 1 and beyond.

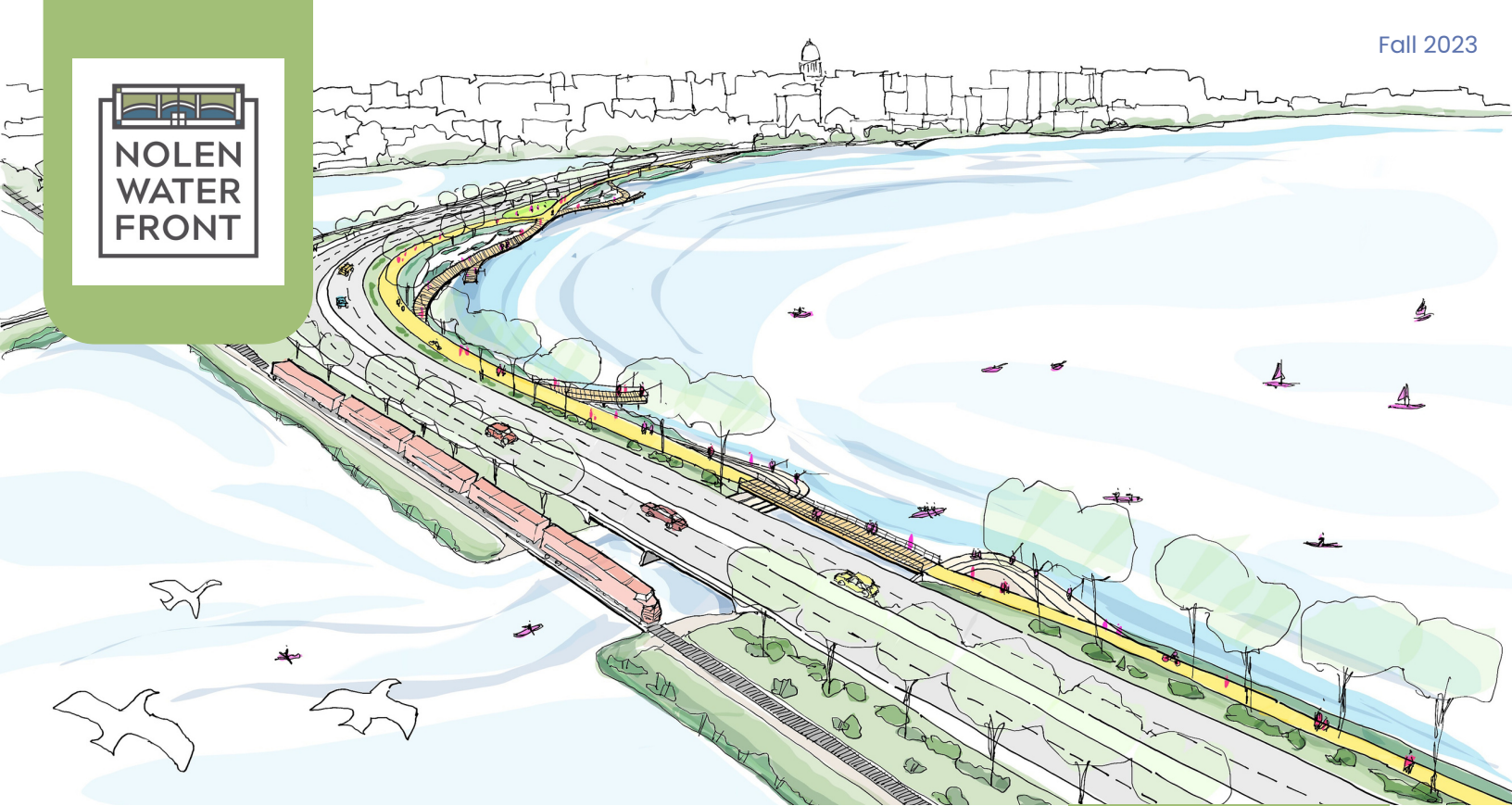
EXAMPLE ILLUSTRATION OF LAW PARK LEDGE

MEET THE BOARD

Have you met Allen Arntsen? Working tirelessly for over 5 years on this project, he currently chairs the City of Madison Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee AND is the Secretary of the Friends of Nolen Waterfront. A former Alder, his contributions to the City of Madison include revitalizing the Barrymore Theater and chairing the boards of Downtown Madison, Inc., Madison Development Corporation, and the Madison Public Library Foundation.



Allen Arntsen



STAY IN THE KNOW

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