

BIKE DETROIT

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RIDGE LINE HISTORY PRE-DETROIT



ORIGINAL PLAN PERFECTED AFTER FIRE OF 1805

LANDSCAPE FORMATION

- VIRGIN WATERSHED TOPOGRAPHY OVER 10,000 YEARS OLD.
- HEAD WATERS OF THE CONNER CREEK WATERSHED.
- 25 FT. RIDGES CREATED BY GLACIER ACTIONS CREATE LAKE MAUMEE

NATIVE AMERICAN USAGE

- CHIEF PONTIAC HUNTING CAMPSITE.
- DETROIT TO PONTIAC HISTORICAL RIDGE TRAIL.
- VILLAGE INDIANS LIVED IN PROXIMITY TO TRAILS.



MULLETT'S MAP OF THE GOVERNOR AND JUDGE'S PLAN
RESERVATION IN 1840

PALMER FAMILY HISTORY



JUDGE JAMES WETHERILL



SENATOR THOMAS PALMER

- FIRST EUROPEAN OWNER
- BUILT LOG CABIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SOUTH COURSE
- MADE HIS FORTUNES IN LOGGING UP NORTH
- LEFT HIS 80 ACRES TO HIS DAUGHTER MARY

- US SENATOR 1883-1889
- FOUNDER OF THE MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY
- CHAIRMAN HEAD OF THE FARMING COMMITTEE
- SPONSORED THE BILL CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- SPONSORED THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR ALL WOMEN
- DONATES LAND AND \$15,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DIA
- PALMER LEARNED TO RIDE HIS BIKE IN RETIREMENT AND TRAVELLED TO AND FRO

PALMER PARK

HISTORY and USAGE

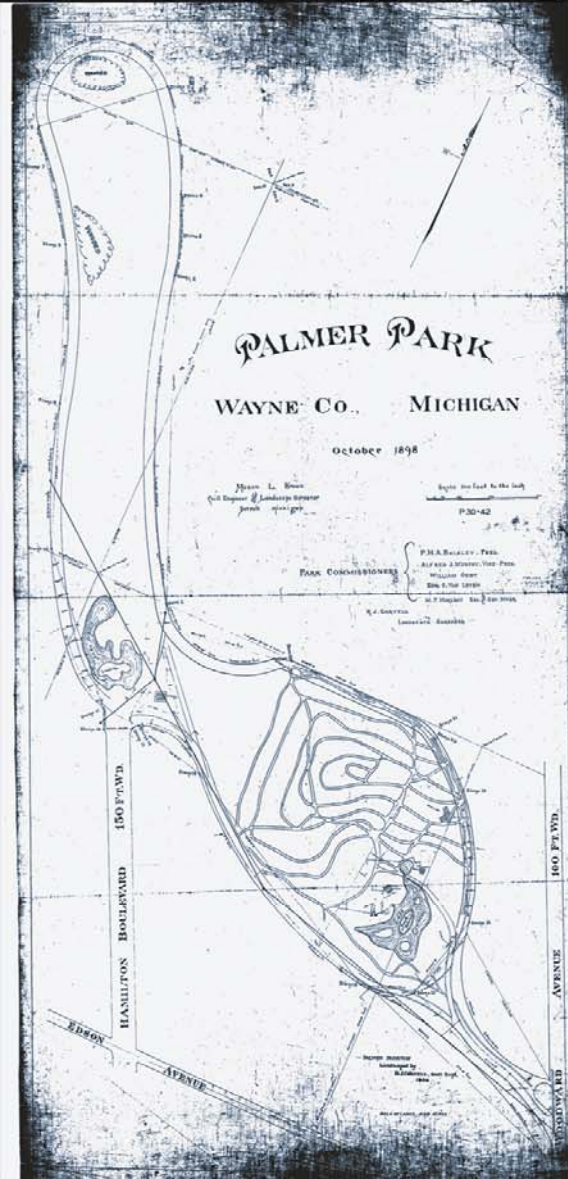
-1893 Gave 140 acres of property to Detroit for Palmer Park to be formed

-Log Cabin built at his wife's request

-Retired with favorite hobby of farming and horses

-Largest Virgin forest to exist within 30 miles of major US city

-Collectively has more native species than all of Europe combined

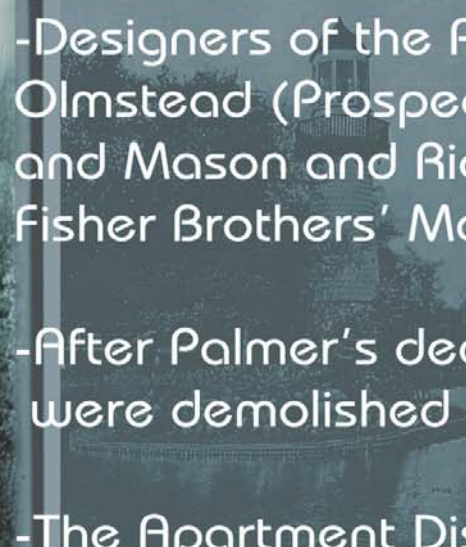


PALMER PARK

HISTORY and USAGE



-Designers of the Park include Fradrick Law Olmstead (Prospect Park and Central Park NYC) and Mason and Rice (Grand Hotel, Fisher Brothers' Mansions, and Masonic Temple)



-After Palmer's death his house and orchards were demolished

-The Apartment District was constructed with more architectural styles in it's time-than any other city in the world



-The trolley lines ended and originated in the park bringing 15,000 people per day during the golden years



PALMER PARK

YEARS in DECLINE

What we found...

- Opening of Northland Mall inventing urban sprawl
- Dirt from the Lodge Freeway fills in Lake Higinio
- Invasive species removed are 60+ years old; indicating neglect in the 1950's
- Long standing decline leads to area not considered safe
- 2002 Emerald Ash Borers disease brings down the trees

PALMER PARK



PARK IMPROVEMENTS

TRAIL OPENING



TREE CLEARING



FARMING



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History of Efforts

Passion for Detroit



2001 Exploration of the city by bike

2004 Organized 'Thursday Night'
Bike Rides

2006-2009-Reopened 12 miles of
trails in SFLD

2009 Start to investigate Palmer Park
BLVDS

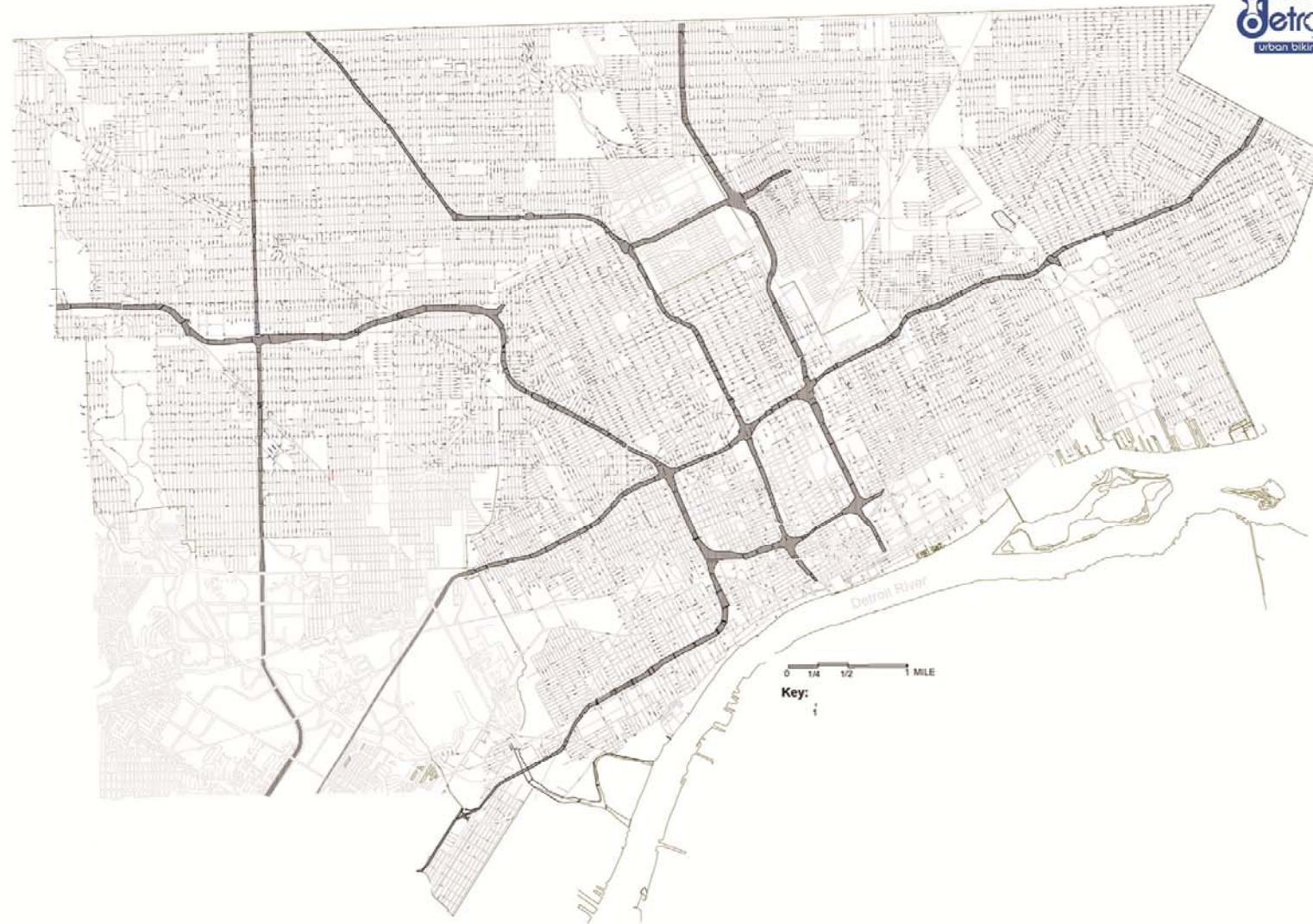
2009 Started clearing Detroit Parks
and Trails

2010 Completed PH1 Palmer Park
removing 'Milk Crate Village'

2010 Formally organised our
non-profit

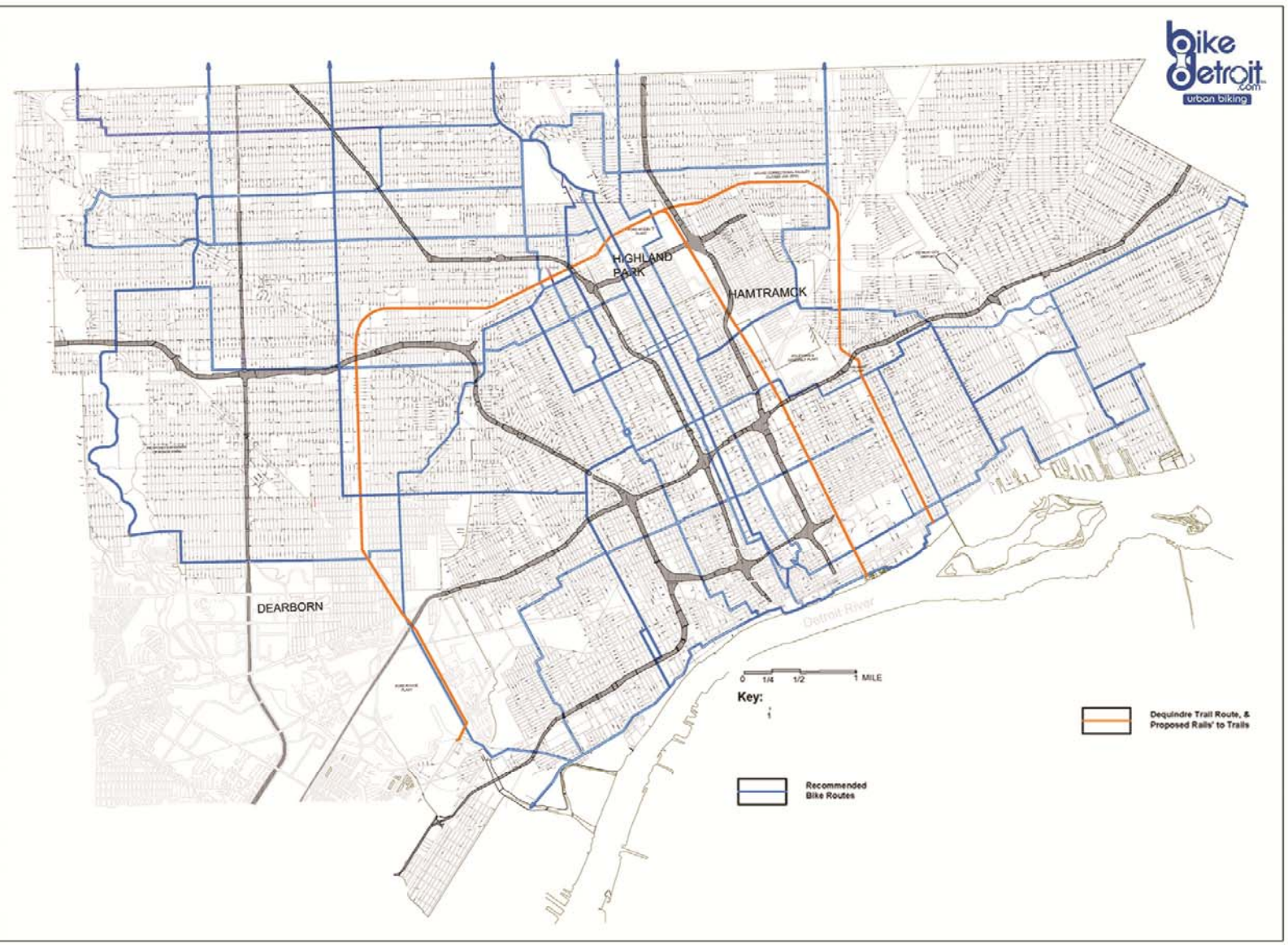
2011-Today PH 2 Palmer Park
improvement in-process with
displacement through site-lines

CITY OF DETROIT



PRIMARY BIKE ROUTE &

PROPOSED RAILS TO TRAILS



PARKS



PARKS & GREEN SPACES



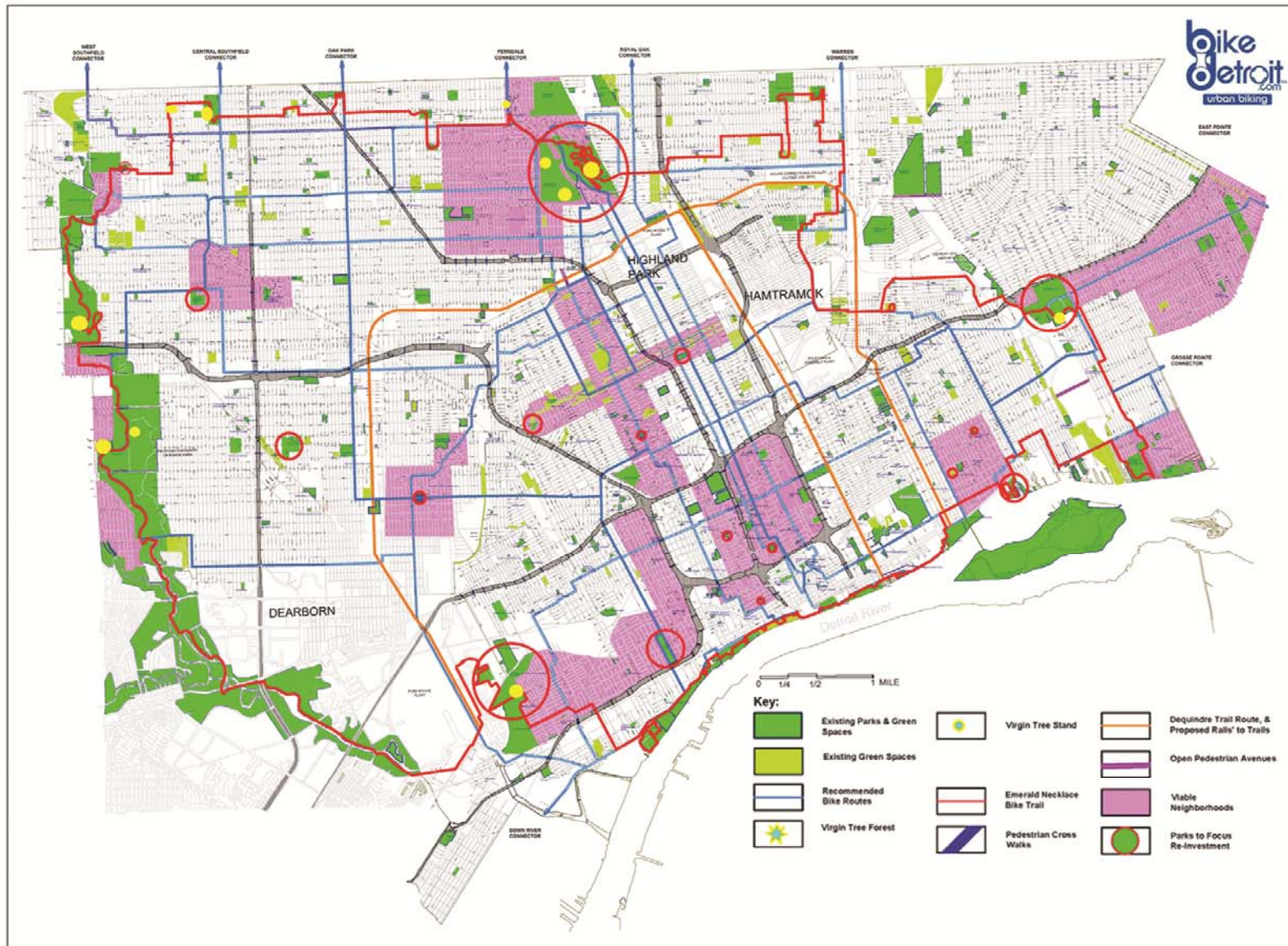
EMERALD NECKLACE BIKE ROUTE



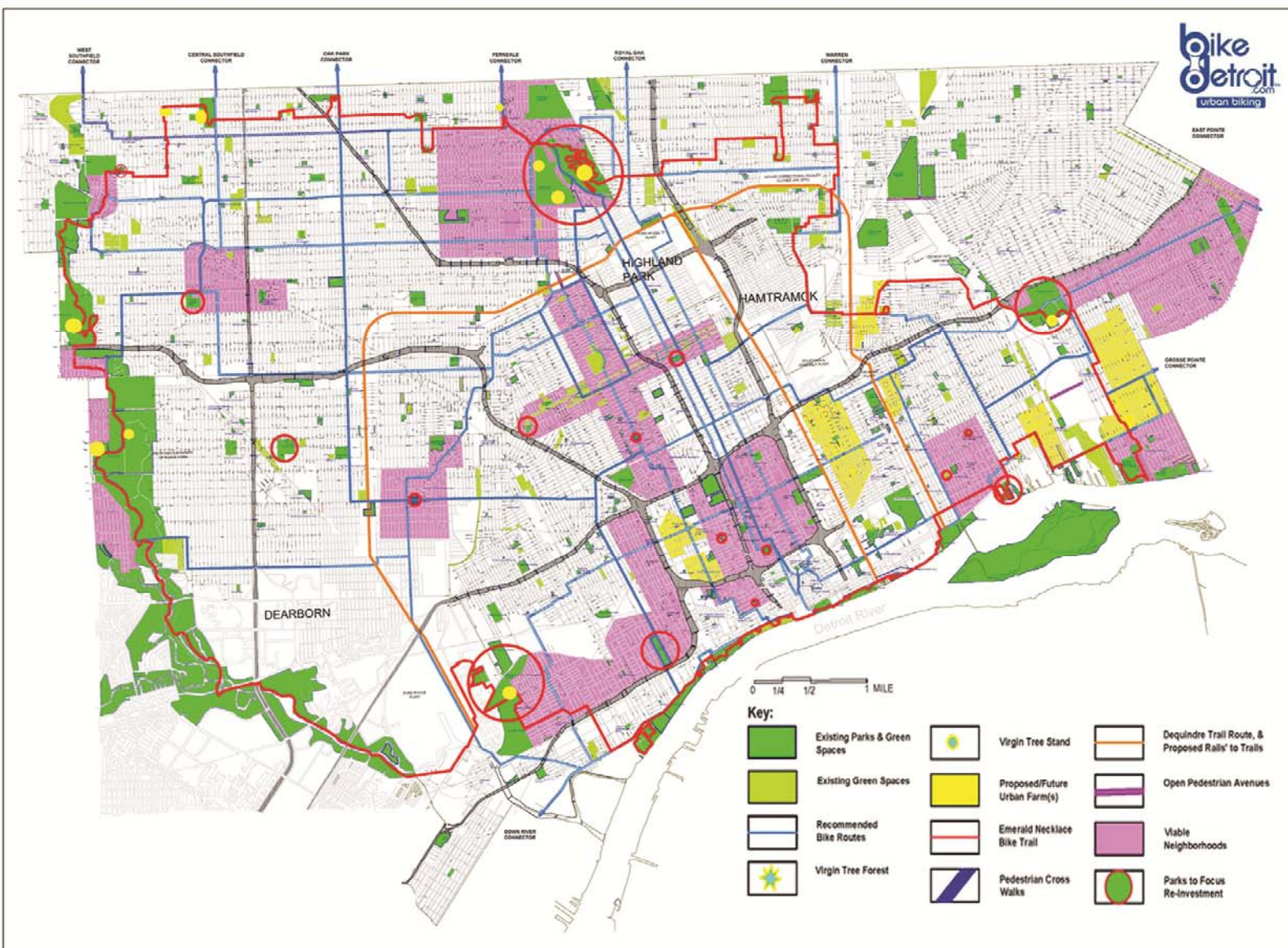
PARK FOCUS AREAS



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FOCUSES

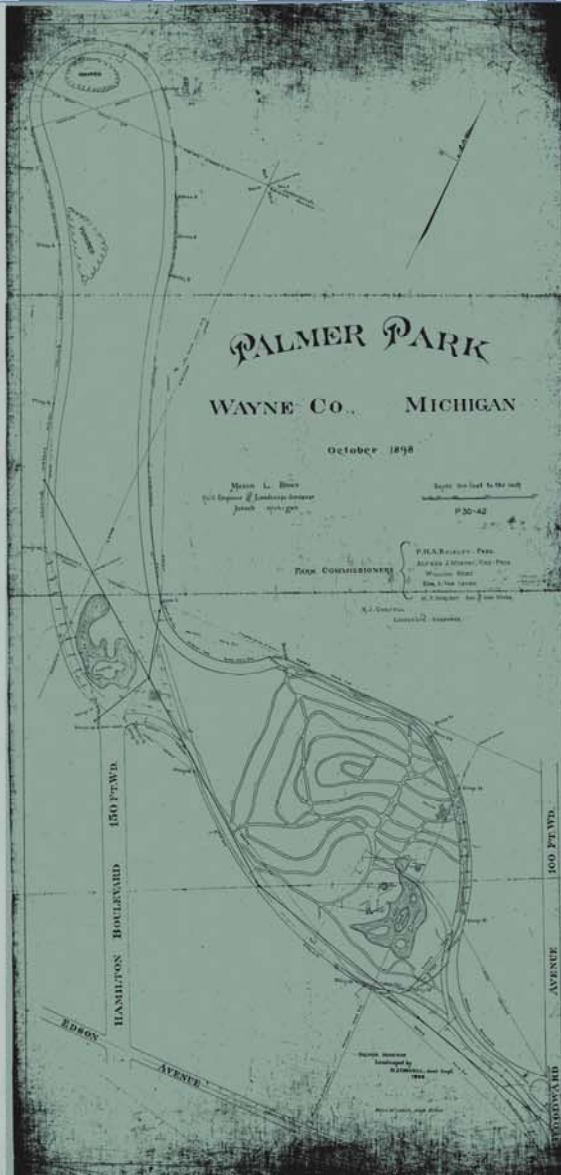
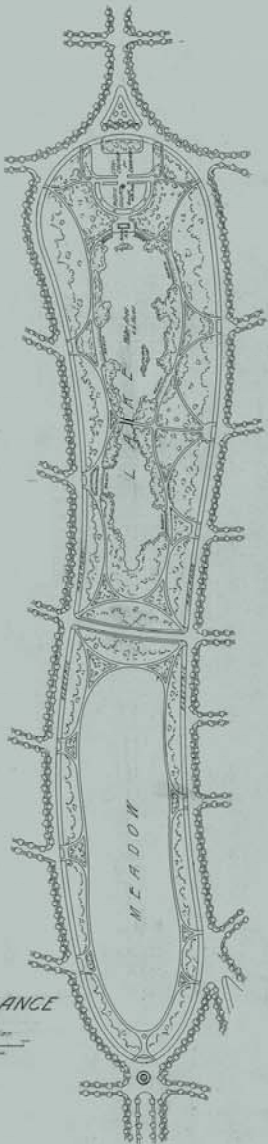


AREAS FOR URBAN FARMS



PALMER PARK

PAST



PRESENT



PALMER PARK



People for Palmer Park
Detroit, Michigan 48203

Master Redevelopment/Restoration Plan:
Self Sustainable Park Design as a Worthy Community Pursuit.

**Historical Courtyards
& Gardens**

4105 West Twelve Mile Road, Berkley MI, 48072
Phone 248-544-1218 Fax 248-544-1376
www.historiccourtyards.com

Date: January 20th 2011

Revised: January 20th 2011
Revised: March 2011
Revised: May 2011

Accurate to Scale: 1" = 160' ± 0"





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FUTURE VISION

Master Plan for the Emerald Necklace

- Creating a connected biking route that links parks, people, and places for communities to flourish
- Incorporate more 'mountain bike' texture in the riding route to take advantage of natural beauty

Master Plan for Palmer Park

- Restore the historical value of the park and make it accessible to horse back riding, biking, hiking, and people's connection to a virgin forest
- Focus on infrastructure issues with a long view

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PROJECT WARHORSE

NEXT STEPS

SCOPE:

BUILD A HORSE BARN AND CORRAL FOR THE DETROIT MOUNTED POLICE TO HAVE FREE RANGE SPACE AND CAPACITY TO DOUBLE THE FORCE

TIMING: 6 MONTHS

IMMEDIATE CLEAR AND REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES BEHIND EXISTING FACILITY. UTILIZE THE WOOD FOR BUILDING THE FENCING AND SUPPORTS FOR THE HORSE BARN.

COSTS:

- CLEAR/ HARVEST/ REMOVALS AND STUMP GRINDING
- GRADE REPAIR
- BARN CONSTRUCTION
- UTILITIES
- SEPTIC FIELD
- PLANT PASTURE
- BUILD CORRAL



PALMER PARK BIKE DETROIT

NEXT STEPS

PROJECT PROJECT PARJANA

SCOPE:

IMPLEMENT A WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT PERMANENTLY CORRECTS THE WATER GRADE AND ENTRAPMENT ISSUES THAT AREA AFFECTING THE NATIVE VIRGIN FOREST

TIMING:

STARTING IN JUNE 2014 CONTRACT WITH THE PARJANA GROUP TO IMPLEMENT THEIR SYSTEM

COSTS:

- SITE PREPERATION AND MANAGEMENT
- PROCESS DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION



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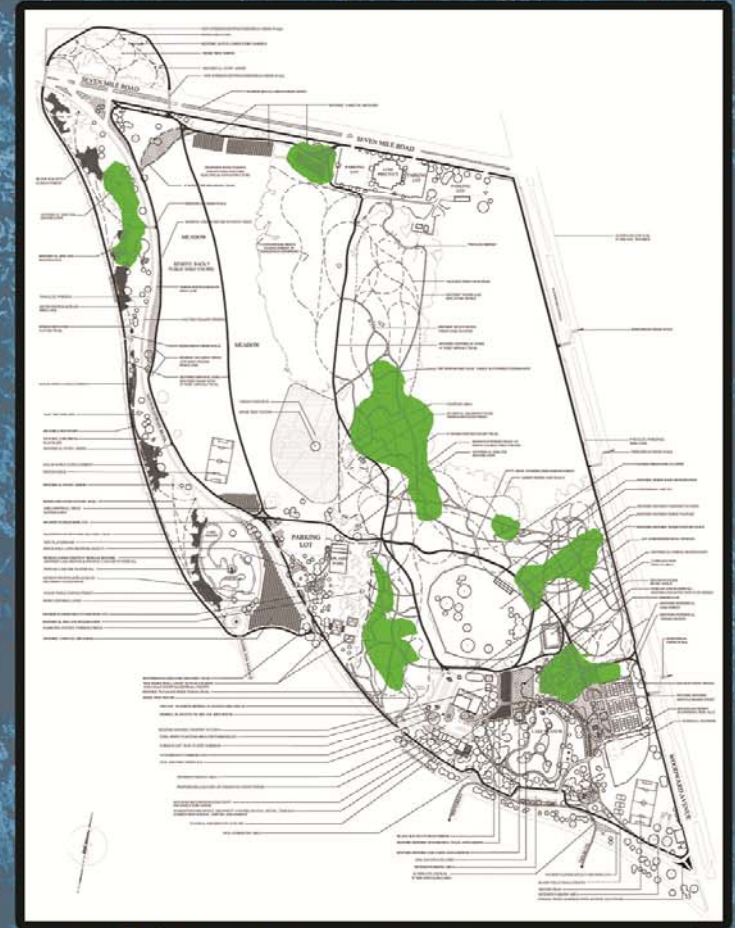
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PROJECT LOG CABIN FARM

NEXT STEPS

SCOPE:

BUILD A RESEARCH FARM FOR THE PUBLIC TO BENEFIT FROM HAVING ORGANIC PRODUCE WHILE REALIZING A SELF-SUSTAINABLE MODEL

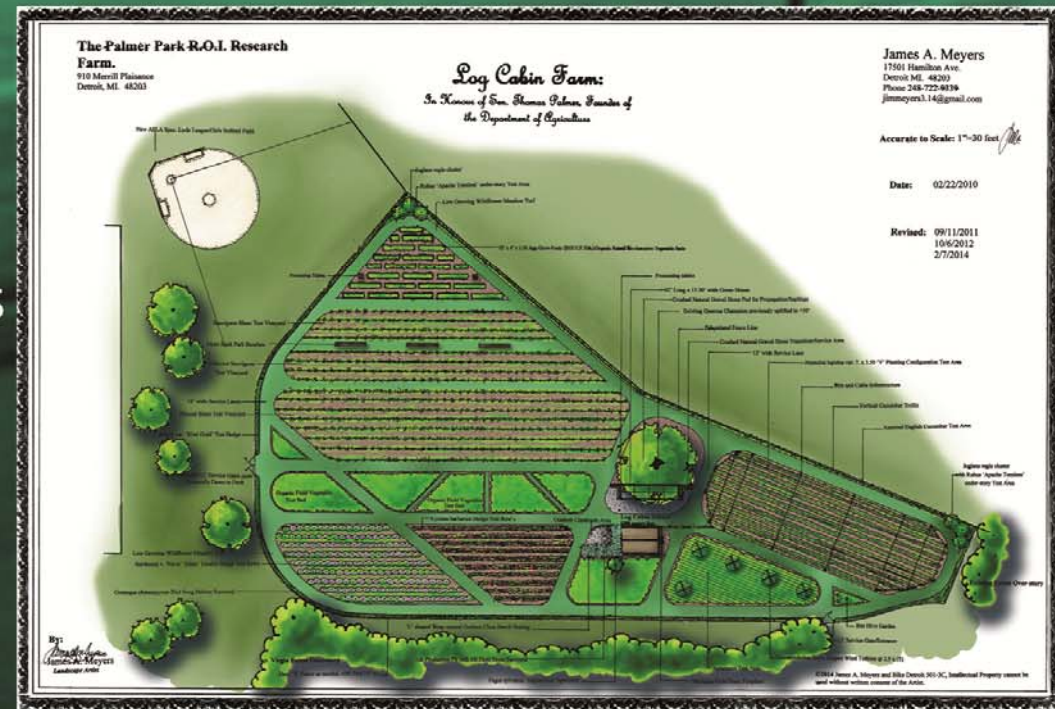
TIMING:

PLANTING STARTS APRIL 2014

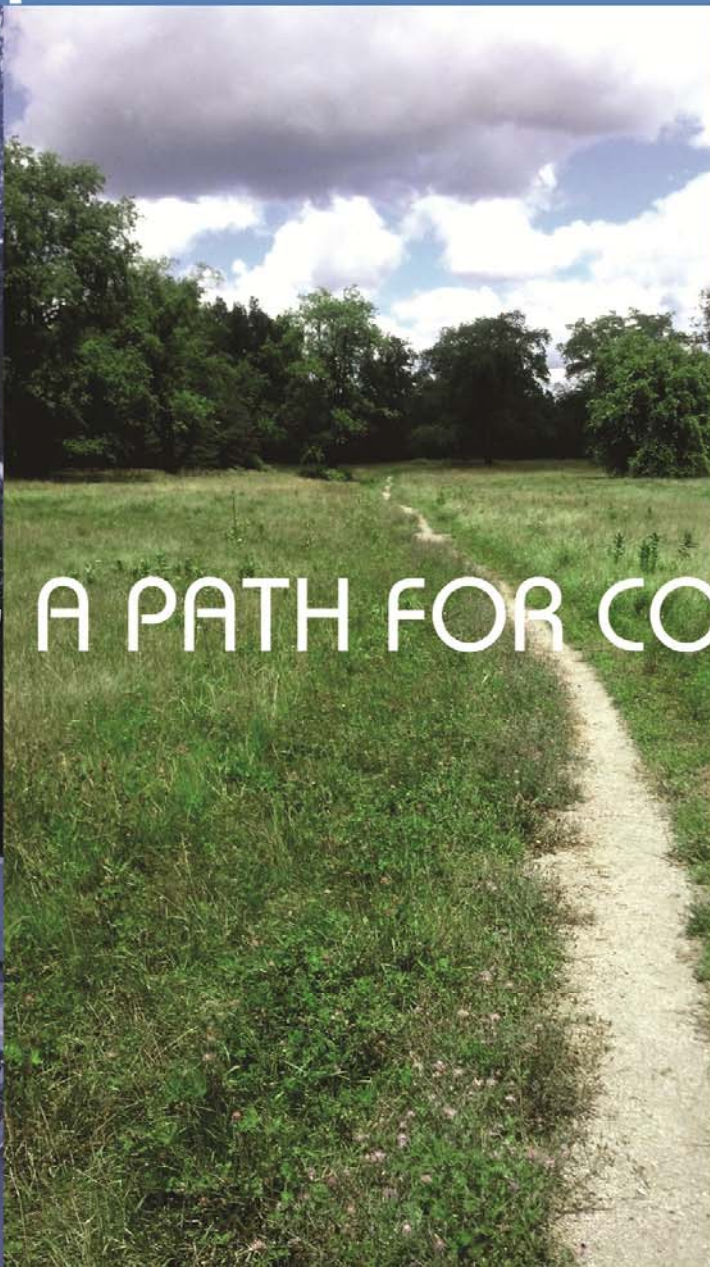
COSTS:

-ORCHARD C/O FRUIT TREES:

-FARM PLANT WITH VARIOUS CROPS



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CLEARING A PATH FOR COMMUNITY