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February 22, 2021

TO: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

FROM: David Farmer, CPA, MPA Director of Budget & Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Nahant Marsh CAT Grant matching request

The Board of Directors of the Nahant Marsh Center is planning on seeking a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant of \$100,000 to complete their goal of \$500,000 to fund a larger \$3.7 million campaign to acquire land and expand wetlands, extend and connect the trail system to the Mississippi River Trail, develop new recreational and educational amenities and attract more visitors to the location. The Nahant Board is requesting a match of \$100,000 from the County because a county match is required for the grant. Attached is the presentation for the request. Brian Ritter and Nahant Board Representatives will be at COW to discuss the project with you.

If the Board wishes to approve the CAT grant request it would be funded in the same capital budget project for trails and CAT grants. The FY 2022 Capital plan has budgeted \$30,000 in FY 2021, \$30,000 in 2022 and \$40,000 in 2023. The county normally budgets \$50,000 per year for CAT Funding.



THE CAMPAIGN TO

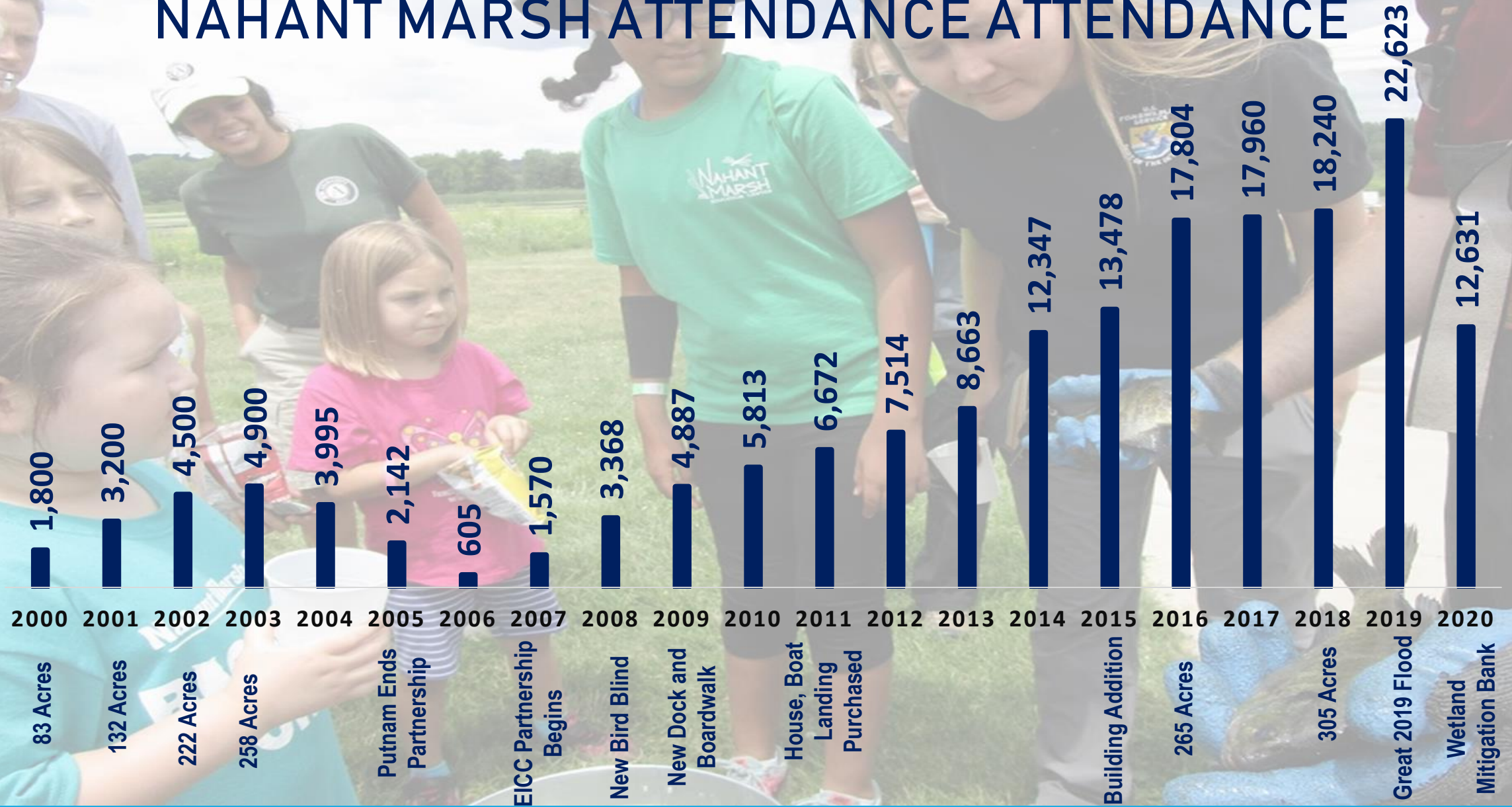
Connect, Protect and Grow Nahant Marsh



Mission: The mission of Nahant Marsh Education Center is to protect, enhance, and restore the Marsh through education, research, and conservation.

Vision: Our vision is to foster wonder, appreciation, and stewardship of the natural world.

NAHANT MARSH ATTENDANCE



Nahant Marsh Partners



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Nahant Campaign Goals

Education	\$1.1 Million
Conservation and Research	\$1.96 Million
Recreation	<u>\$640,000</u>
Total Campaign Goal	<u>\$3.7 Million</u>
Gifts received to date:	<u>\$2.2 Million</u>
Remaining Goal	\$1.7 Million

Nahant Marsh Master Planning: July 2020-October 2022

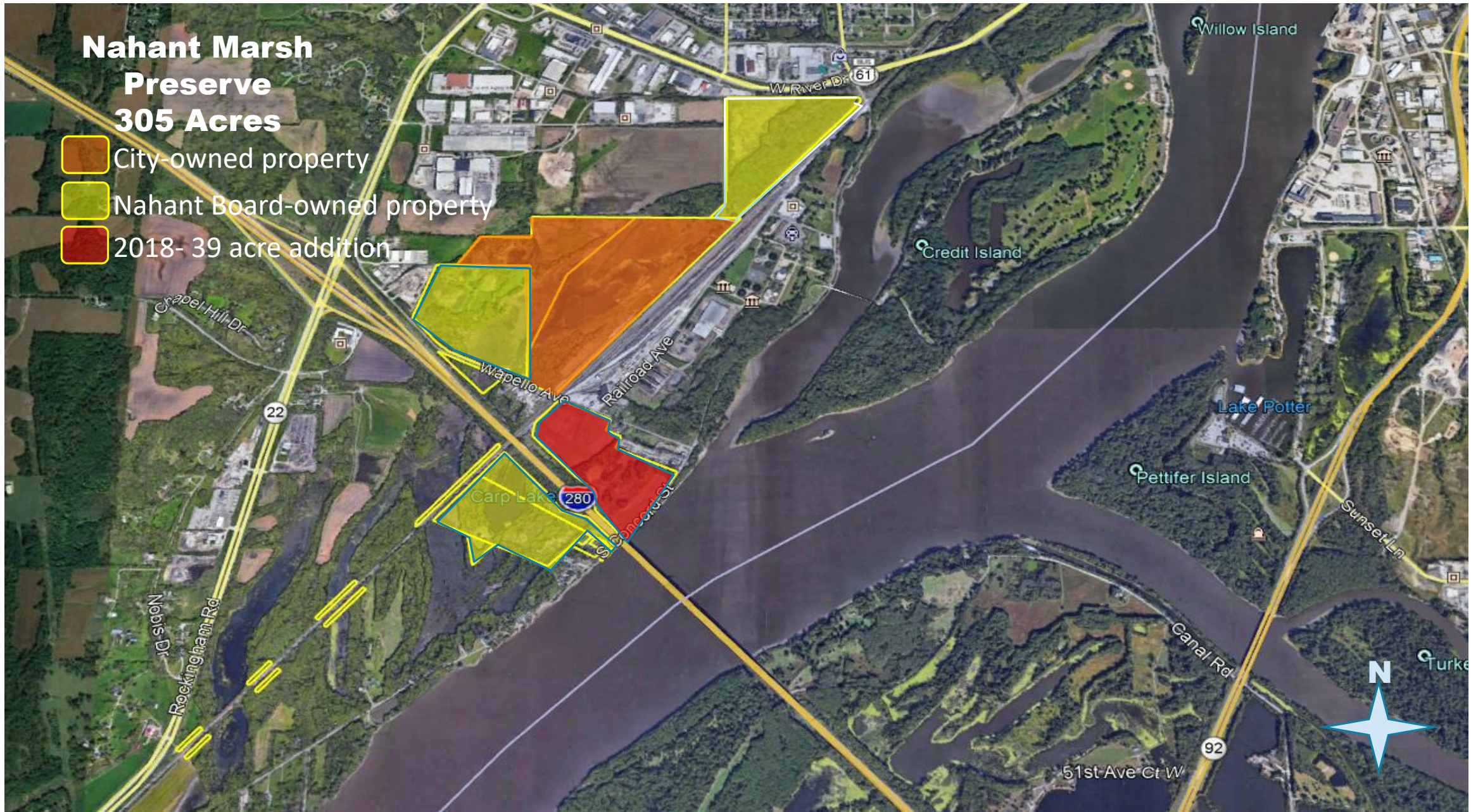


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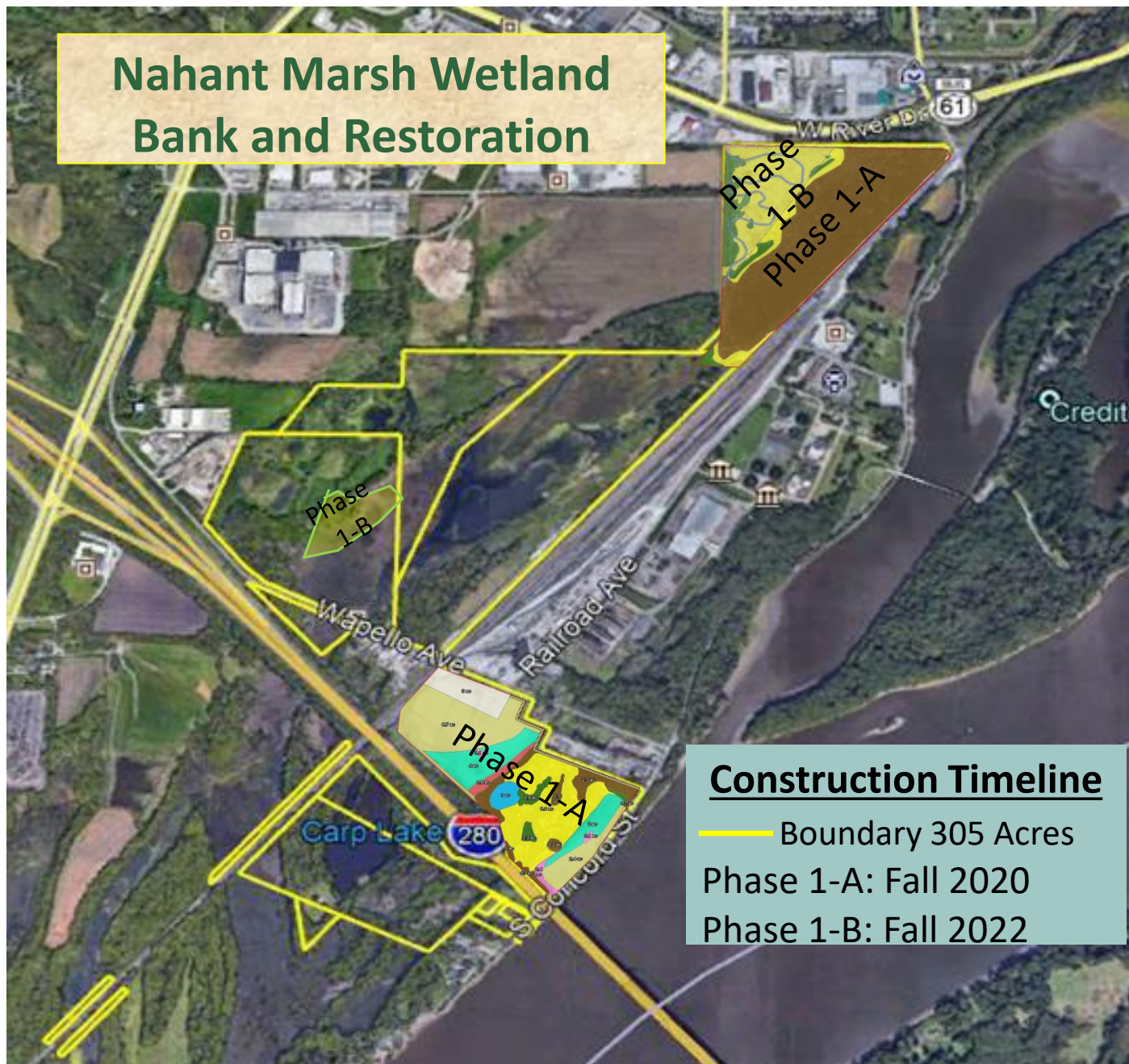


Nahant Marsh Preserve 305 Acres

- City-owned property
- Nahant Board-owned property
- 2018- 39 acre addition



Nahant Marsh Wetland Bank and Restoration





Community Attraction Grant

Grant application in process for 2021 application window/2022 funding

Budget:

- \$250,000- Trail Expansion, Parking Area, Viewing Platform, Interpretative Signage
- \$700,000- Operations Building with College Classroom/Lab

Funding Support Requested:

- City of Davenport- \$200,000
- Scott County- \$100,000
- Iowa CAT Grant- \$750,000

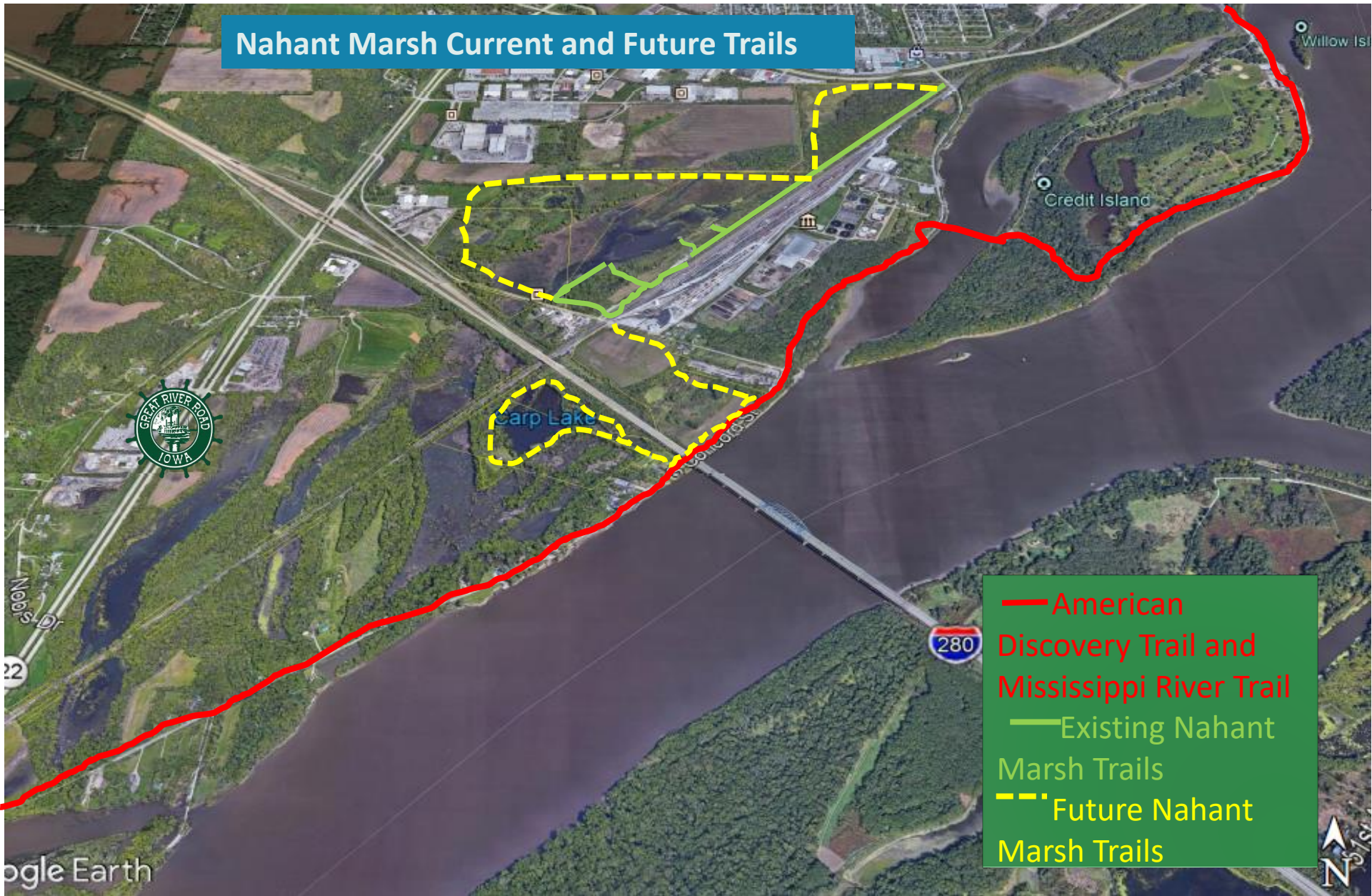
Wetland Restoration and Trail Project- 39 Acres

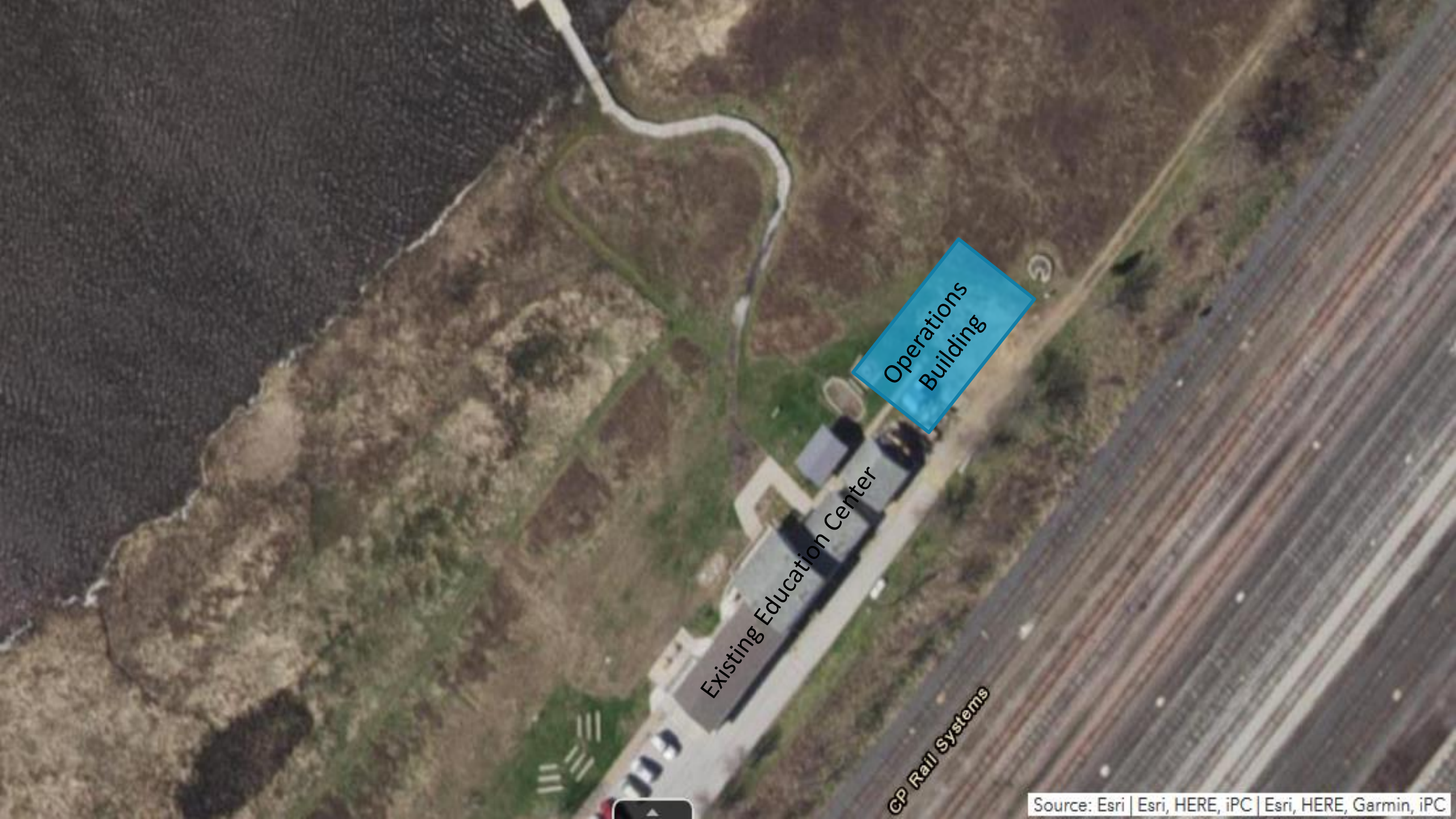


Future Trails and Parking Area



Nahant Marsh Current and Future Trails



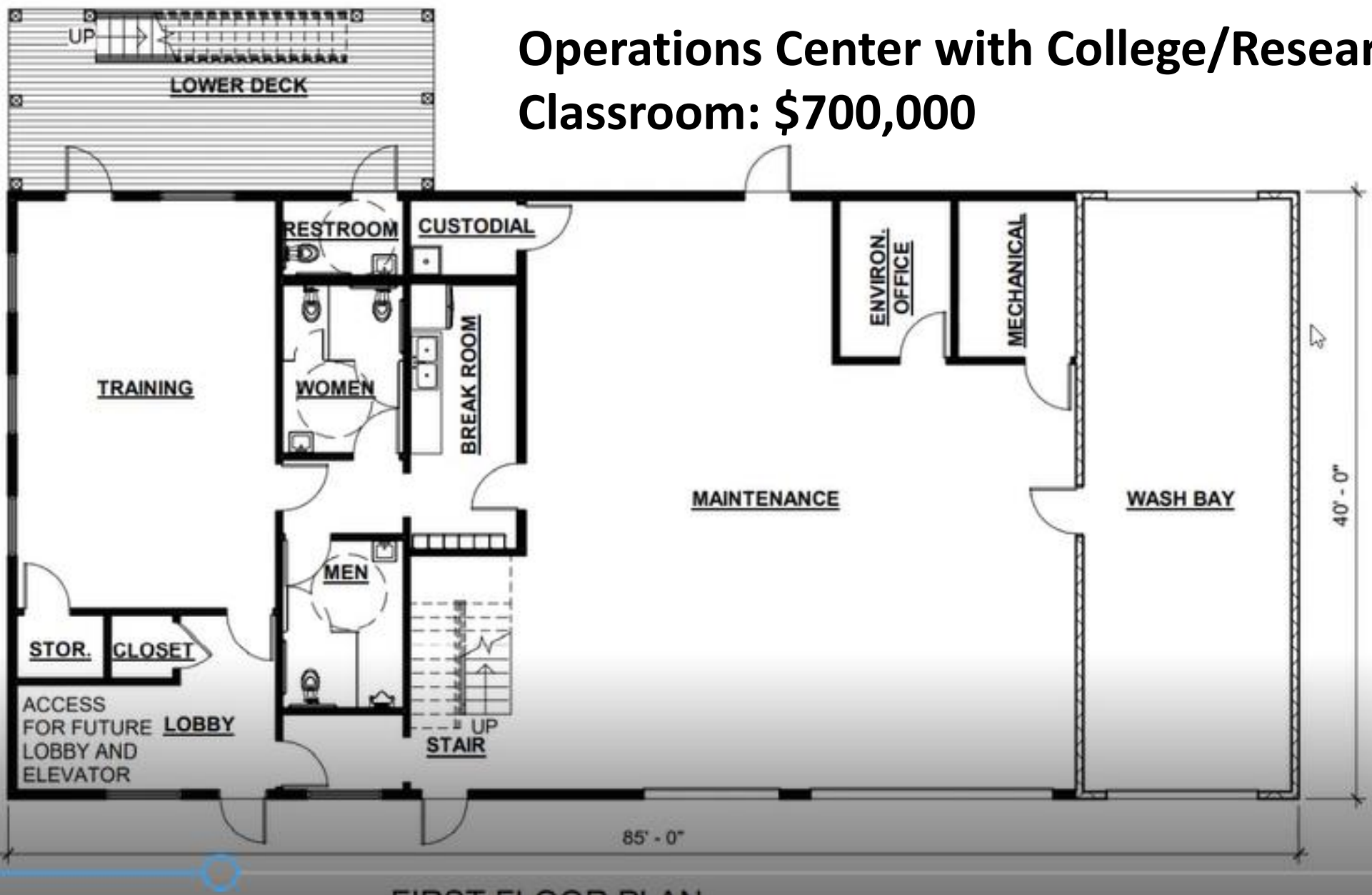


Operations Building

Existing Education Center

CP Rail Systems

Operations Center with College/Research Classroom: \$700,000





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THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARCH 4, 2021

APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR CAT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NAHANT
MARSH

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The Scott County Board supports the grant application
being submitted to the Vision Iowa CAT (Community
Attraction and Tourism) by the Nahant Marsh.
- Section 2. The County Board agrees to participate via \$30,000 in FY 2021,
\$30,000 in 2022 and \$40,000 in 2023.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.