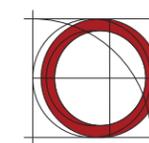




NORTH PARCEL - RAMSEY COUNTY

FINAL REPORT SUMMARY | NOVEMBER 2025



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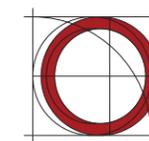
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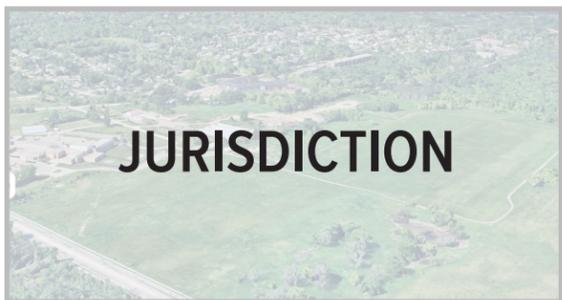
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PROJECT BACKGROUND: ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND SHARED GOALS

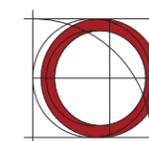
KEY SITE COMPONENTS



SHARED GOALS

- Co-create the site through the lens of reciprocity with the land was brought forward
- Prioritize nature and creating/protecting healthy ecosystems
- Conduct landscape restoration
- Locate new facilities in a manner that is not detrimental to wildlife
- Separate areas of the site, notably add fencing to keep park activities out of the grassland, especially during nesting time (spring)

SWOT ANALYSIS



PROJECT BACKGROUND: EXISTING CONDITIONS



VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM CENTURY AVE



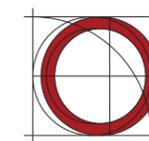
VIEW LOOKING WEST FROM CENTURY AVE



VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM LOWER AFTON RD



VIEW LOOKING NORTH FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (OFF LOWER AFTON RD)



PROJECT BACKGROUND: EXISTING CONDITIONS

ACCESS:

Look for shared parking with church and school to reduce overall footprint.

Full utilities and access would be allowed off of Century Ave. 11,000 +/- AADT.

Setbacks for parking from roads appear to be 10'. Setbacks for building = 30' from roads with greater distances depending on the height of the building

Century Ave at the 50 mph speed limit and width (4 lanes and additional dedicated turn lanes likely poses a significant hazard to the birds

Future opportunity for elevated crossing with existing tree canopy across Century Ave

HABITAT:

Wetlands on the Maplewood map which would have 100', 75', and 50' buffers respectively.

May want landscape treatment along road that discourages birds from running/flying into traffic.

Opportunity for improved grassland bird habitat as existing grassland is defined as low quality.

JURISDICTION:

Correctional facility grows native plants that the state and local governments purchase for land management. It looks like they also sell to the public now. Opportunity to collaborate with ongoing land management for grassland habitat.



NORTH PARCEL SITE ANALYSIS

PARCEL INFORMATION

Tax Parcels:
012822440002
Address:
0 CENTURY AVE S, MAPLEWOOD

Deed Acres:
77.79

Land Use:
EXEMPT, VACANT LAND

Plat:
SECTION 1 TOWN 28 RANGE 22

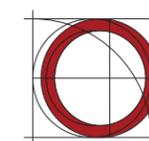
Neighborhood:
North St. Paul/Maplewood

Setbacks:
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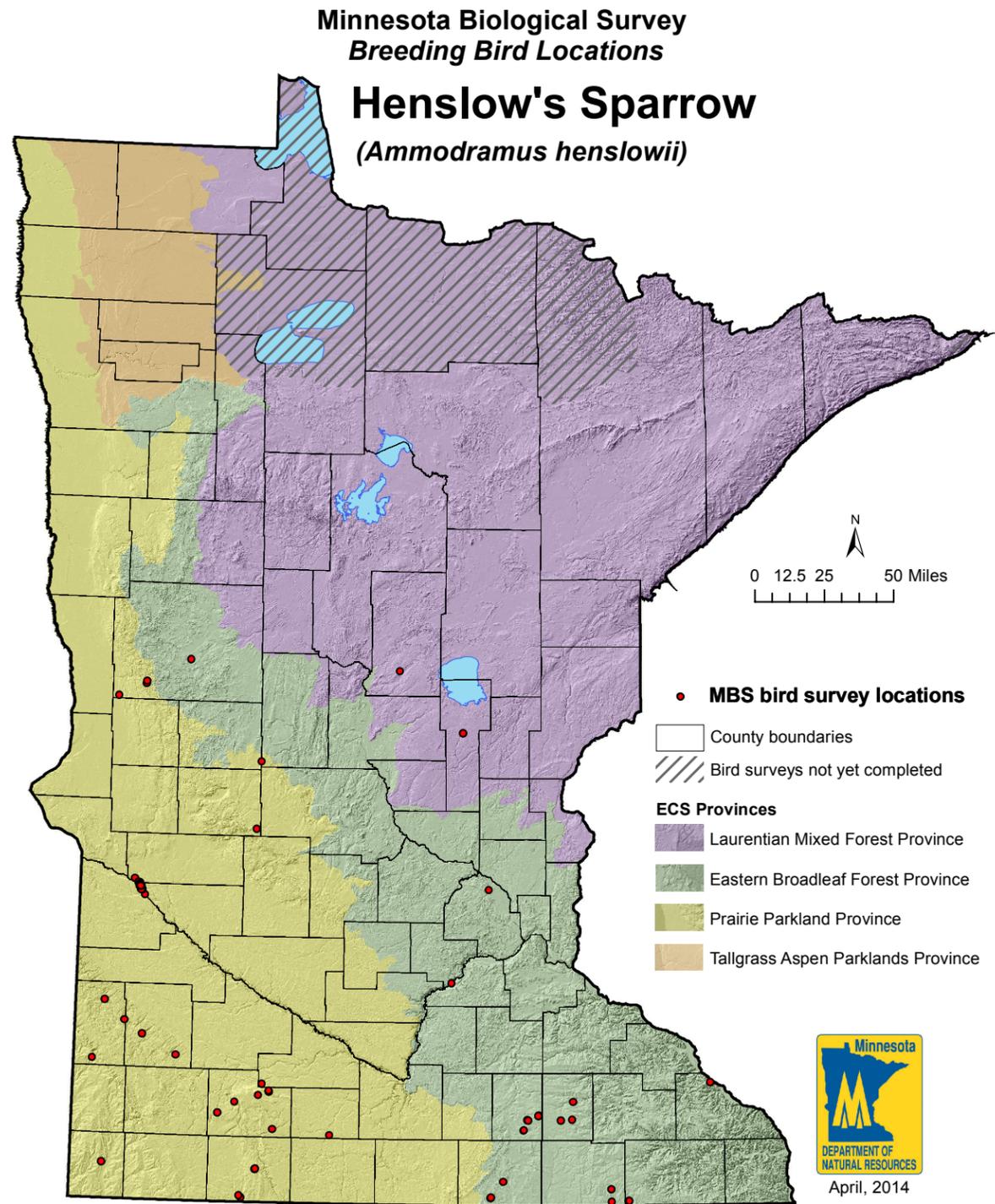
Setbacks for building appear to be 30' from roads with greater distances depending on the height of the building and wall SFF if adjacent to residential zoning.

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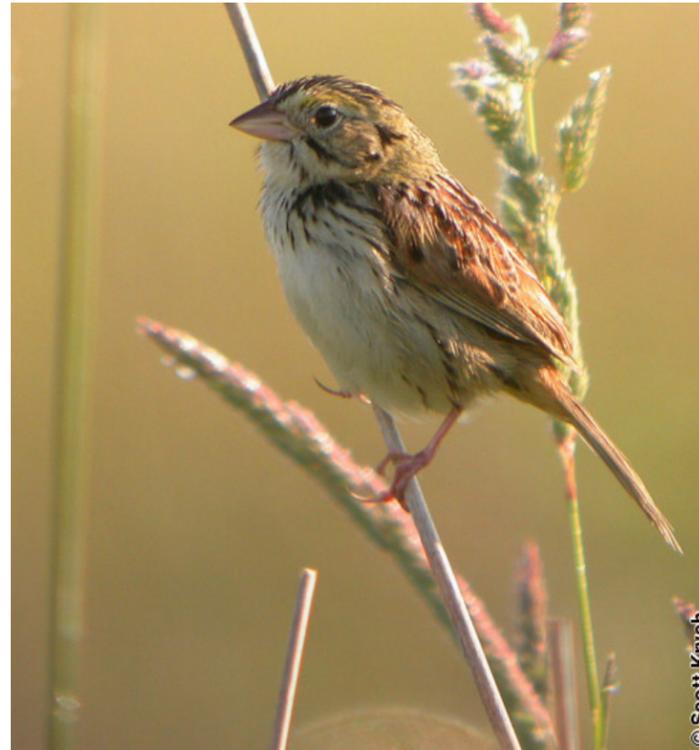
- Major Roadways
- Pathways
- Access points
- Transit Stop (323 Local Bus)
- Habitat (Woodland)
- Habitat (Wetland)
- Habitat (Open Field)
- Building Type (Commercial)
- Building Type (Institutional)
- Building Type (Residential)



CONCEPTUAL SITE CONSIDERATIONS: HENSLOW SPARROW AND OTHER LOCAL INHABITANTS



Note: This map displays only information collected by Minnesota Biological Survey.



WHO:

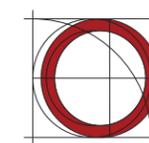
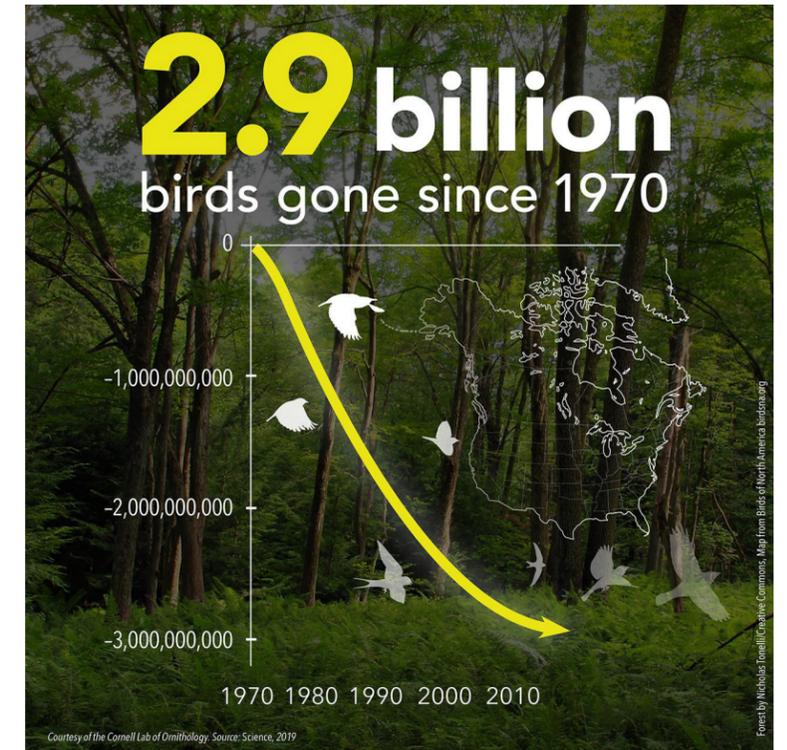
Henslow Sparrow, one of many declining bird species whose population is threatened by habitat loss. Endangered in Minnesota. Observed at Battle Creek Prairie, one of a dwindling handful of sites around Minnesota remaining.

HABITAT:

Requires lush, tall grasslands to consider homing. Summers in Midwestern region including Minnesota and winters in the southeast United States. Grasslands should be untouched and left to their natural cycles for Henslow's sparrow.

DESIGN:

Implement year-round habitat strategies that prioritize the health of the grasslands, such as delaying cutting, removing invasive species, and keeping predators like cats indoors. Consider building elements like bird safe glass, low light levels at night and landscaping that augments current site conditions without taking square foage away from the habitat.



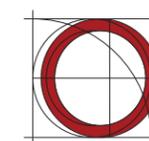
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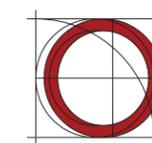
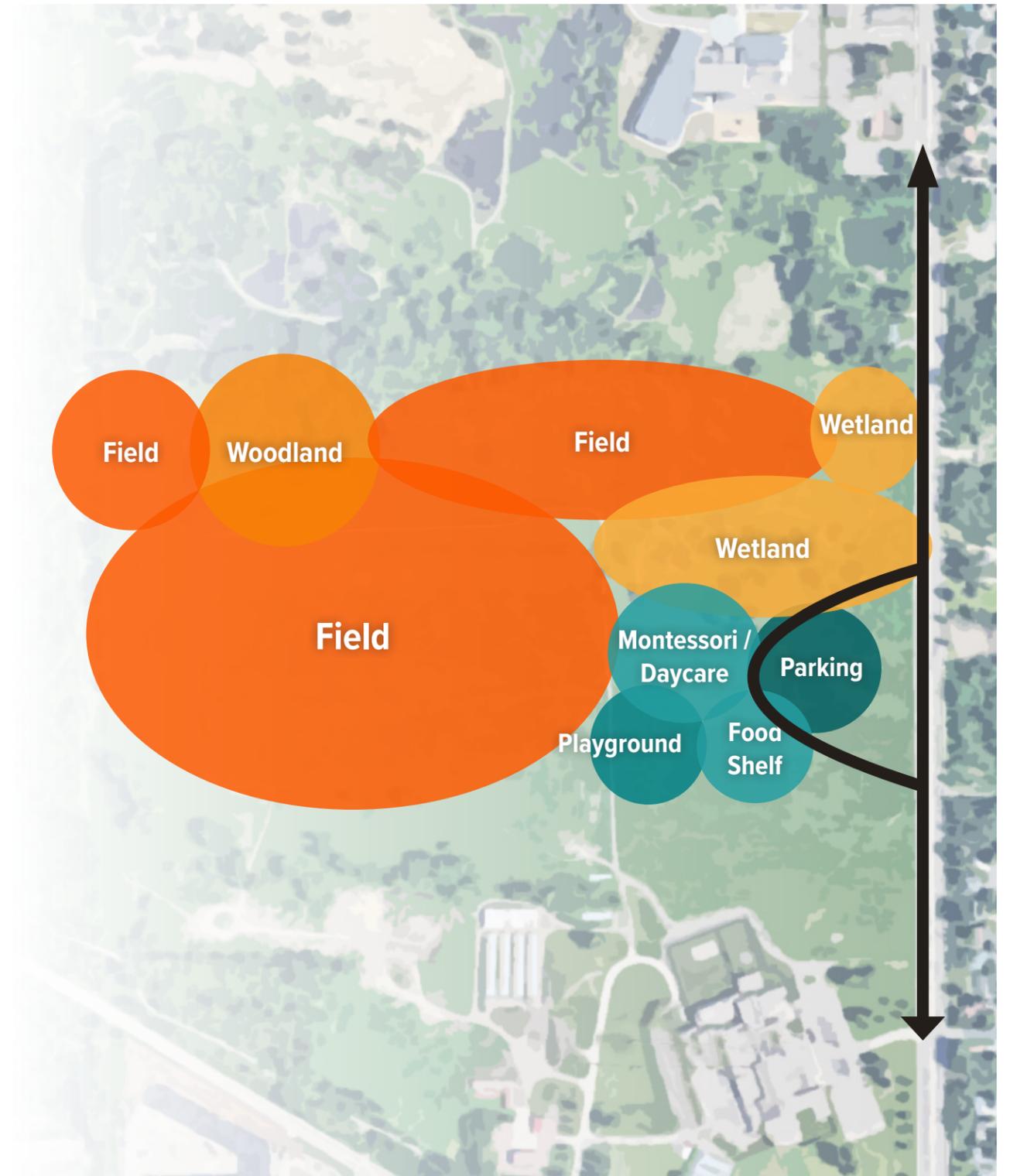
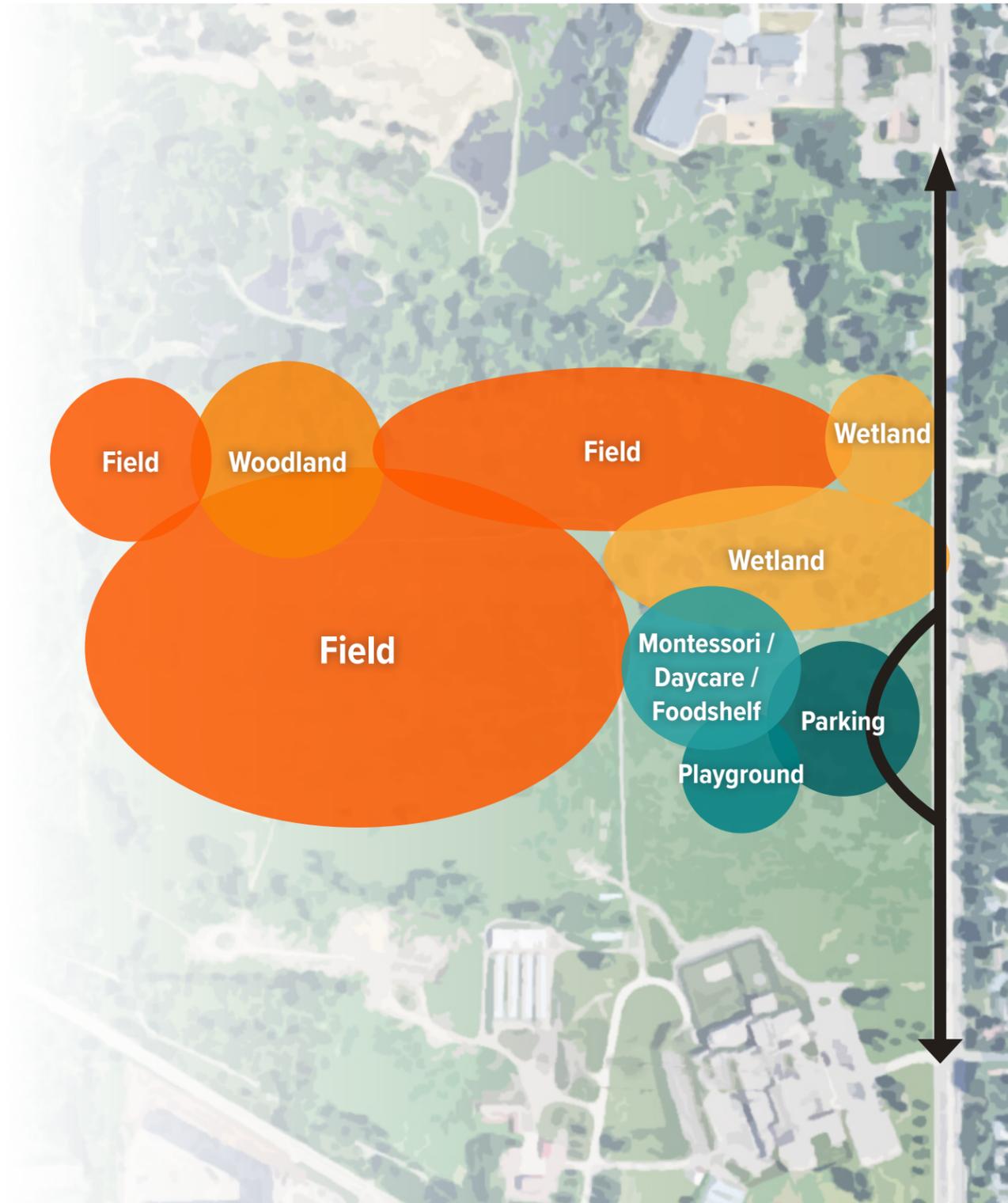
ACRES BUILDABLE VS. PROTECTED

Woodlands:	6.41 Acres
Wetlands:	12.6 Acres
Open Field:	49.18 Acres
Buildable:	9 Acres

TOTAL: 77.19 Acres



CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT: SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS



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Parking

Buildings

Playground



OPTION 1

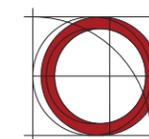
Montessori / Daycare / Foodshelf:	130,000 SF
Playground:	51,000 SF
Parking:	27,000 SF

OPTION 2

Montessori / Daycare / Foodshelf:	130,000 SF
Playground:	25,000 SF
Parking:	26,000 SF

OPTION 3

Montessori / Daycare:	68,000 SF
Foodshelf:	32,000 SF
Playground:	30,000 SF
Parking:	72,000 SF



NEXT STEPS:



Further community engagement



Program with community partners



Ecological habitat study



Continuous acreage study for birds



Massing, shadow & noise studies



Cultural expression & visioning studies



Concept design

