



Duluth Quarry Park Public Meeting #1



Project Team

- **Lisa Luokkala, City of Duluth, Project Coordinator**
- **Jim Shoberg, City of Duluth, Project Coordinator**
- **Jeff Goetzman, TKDA, PE, Project Manager**
- **Jon Loye, TKDA, BA Architecture, Lead Designer**
- **Rich Gray, TKDA, LA, Design Consultant**
- **Hansi Johnson, Minnesota Land Trust**
- **Jeff Engel & Carter Stritch, Ice Climbing Consultants**



Public meeting structure

- **St. Louis River Corridor Initiative**
- **Establishing meeting expectations**
- **Define mini master plan**
- **Timeline**
- **Quarry background information**
- **Overview of the quarry**
- **Potential uses and amenities**
- **Discussion and public input**
- **Summarize findings and explanation of next steps**
- **Adjourn**



St. Louis River Corridor Initiative

- Lisa Luokkala, City of Duluth
- Hansi Johnson, MN Land Trust



Expectations at the Public Meetings

- **Treat each other with respect**
- **Build consensus**
- **Share the floor**
- **Offer your opinions, everyone has valid ideas!**



What is a Mini Master Plan?

- Provides an inclusive public process to determine the future use of the park.
- Engages the public to understand park usage patterns and needs.
- Completes an inventory of existing park conditions.
- Creates a clear “road map” of how to move forward with development of the park.
- Offers clear direction to the City and community partners on funding development, operations, and management of the park.



Timeline

- **Staff kick-off meeting** 12/4/2015
- **Stakeholder meeting #1** 12/16/2015
- **Public meeting #1** 1/14/2016
- **Stakeholder meeting #2** 1/26/2016
- **Public meeting #2** 2/11/2016
- **Stakeholder meeting #3** 2/17/2016
- **Public comment period** 2/21-3/6/2016
- **Parks Commission approval** 3/9/2016
- **City Council approval** 3/14/2016
- **Grant proposal submission** 3/31/2016



Stakeholder List

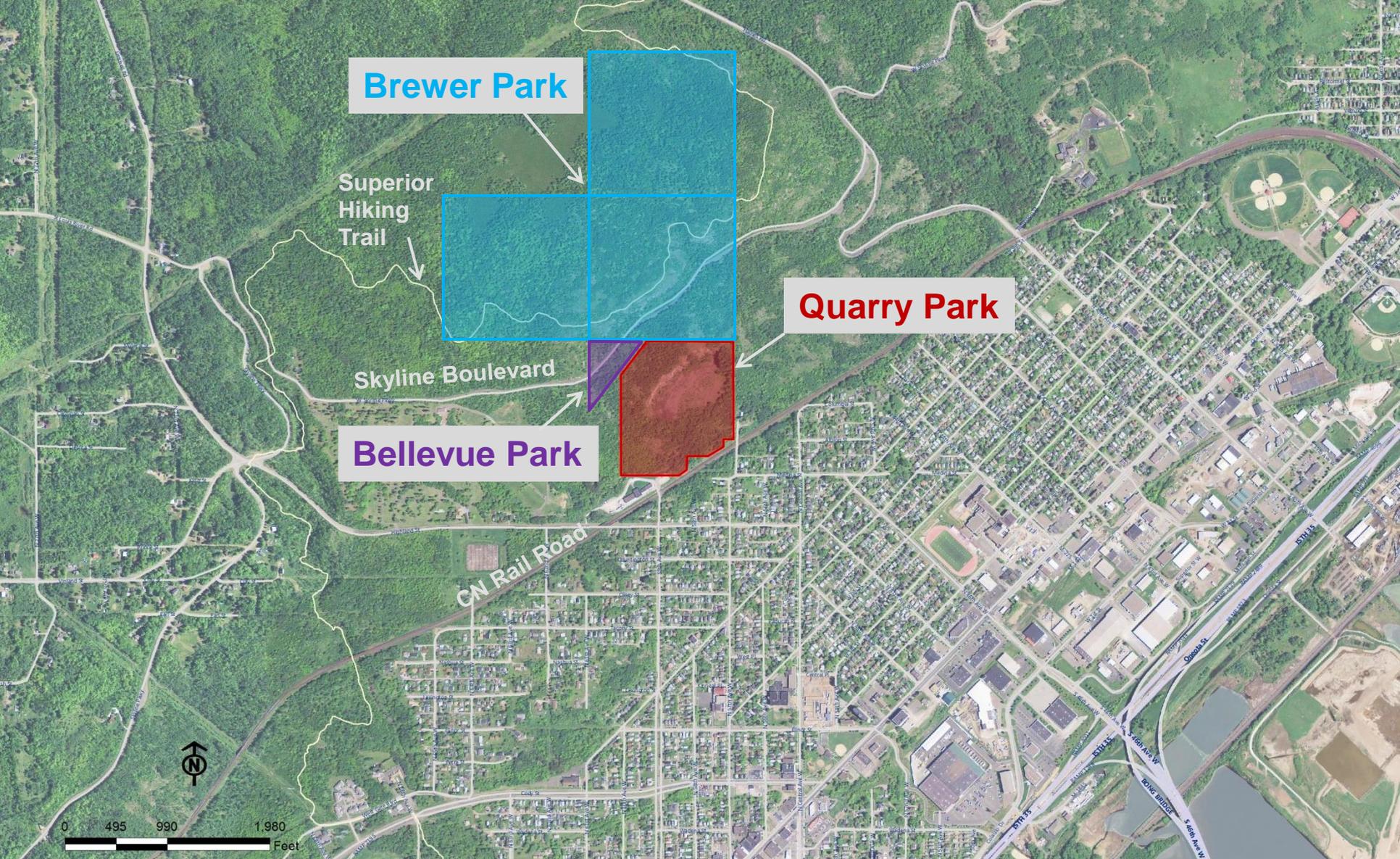
- UMD (environmental education, archaeology club)
- Lucas Kramer (UMD Outdoor Program)
- Dave Pagel (Duluth Climbers Coalition)
- Adam Daily (local Climber)
- Kyra Bremer (DCC, organizer Ice Fest Event)
- Izaak Walton League
- Birding Groups
- Minnesota DNR
- Indigenous Duluth
- River Corridor Coalition - Julene Bo
- Positive Energy Outdoors
- UWS Outdoor Program
- St. Scholastica Outdoor Program/ Shawn Olesewski
- Duluth Experience
- Day Tripper of Duluth
- Woodland Hills/ Jessica Schiff Peterson
- Spirit Valley Youth/ Russ Salgy
- Scott Pilate
- Tim Bates
- Kraig Decker/Climb Duluth
- Alex Anderson/ Vertical Endeavors
- Superior Hiking Trail/Gayle Coyer
- COGGS
- Epicurean/Loll Greg Benson
- Historical Aspect
- John Green (Geological Aspect)
- Visit Duluth/ Anna Tanski
- Community Officer - Spirit Valley, Smithville, Norton Park, Riverside
- Merritt Community Club
- West Duluth Business Group - Susan Coen
- Parks Commission - City Council Liason
- NRRI - John Heine, George Hudak
- City Councilor - Jay Fosle
- Charlie Devill - Disc Golf (manages Lincoln Park)
- Kyle Carlson
- Ryan Franke



Quarry Background Information

- Quarry used informally for hiking, picnics, climbing, and sight-seeing
- City is beginning master planning process for Quarry Park
- Project budget is \$400,000
 - \$200,000 half and half funds, \$200,000 to be determined (\$100,000 from DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant)
 - Land acquisition of approximately 30 acres total (currently the City is finalizing the Oneota Cemetery purchase of 10.6 acres and the St. Louis County land of 18.8 acres is expected to be finalized by the end of January)
 - Develop mini master plan
 - Phased construction based on mini master plan





Brewer Park

Superior
Hiking
Trail

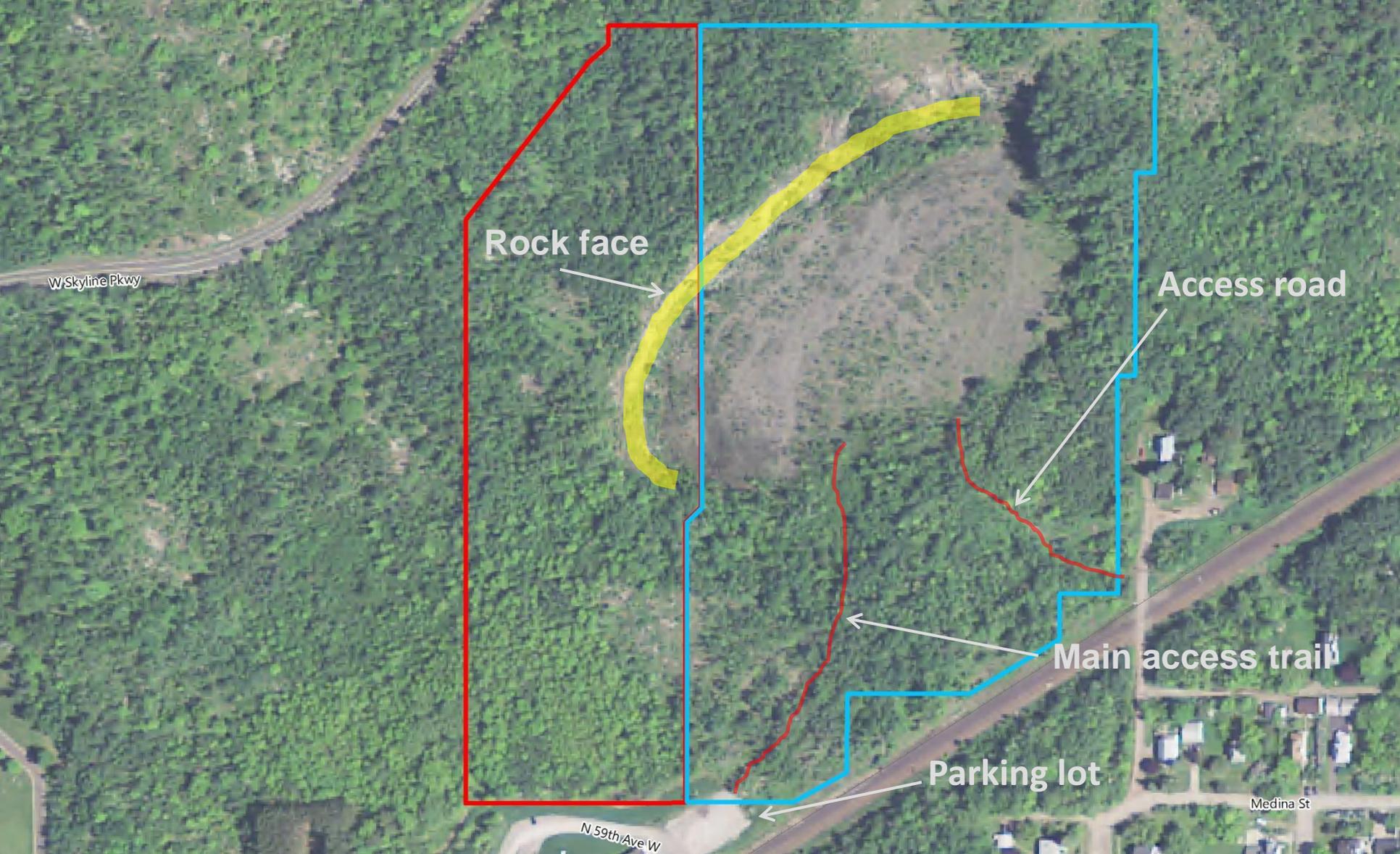
Quarry Park

Skyline Boulevard

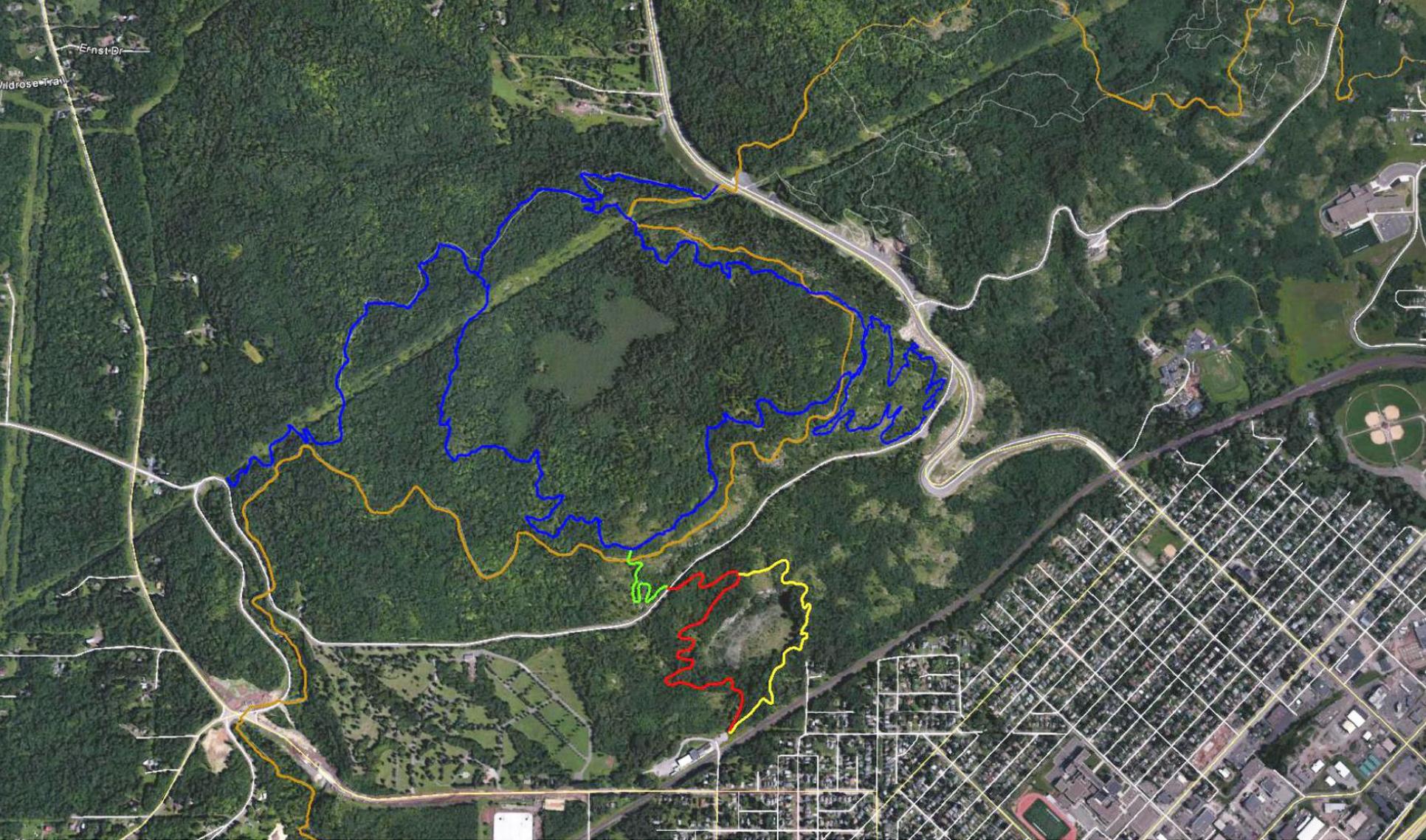
Bellevue Park

CN Rail Road

Connections to Neighborhood and Adjacent Parks



Boundaries of Quarry Park



Nearby Trails





Quarry Topography





Existing Trailhead at Parking Lot





Existing Main Access Trail





Existing Main Access Trail



Existing Access Road





Current fire rings



Rubble at base of wall





Existing Trail to top of Quarry





View from Existing Trail





Existing Trail top of Quarry





View from the Top





View from the Top





View from the Top





Remnants of Quarry Operations





Graffiti and Debris

Benefits of Creating a City Park

- Establish expectations for behavior in park
- Create sense of stewardship of land and amenities
- Hours of use can be enforced
- Protects area for future generations
- Legitimize positive activities already taking place
- City resources to help maintain park
- Access can be improved and controlled



A City Park for Everyone

Partial List of Potential Uses (provided by the Stakeholder group)

- **Neighborhood City Park**
- **Ice climbing**
- **Mountain bike trails**
- **Bird viewing area**
- **Mountain bike park**
- **Hiking trails**
- **Picnic area**
- **Accessible walking paths**
- **Frisbee golf area**
- **Geology study area**
- **Gathering space**

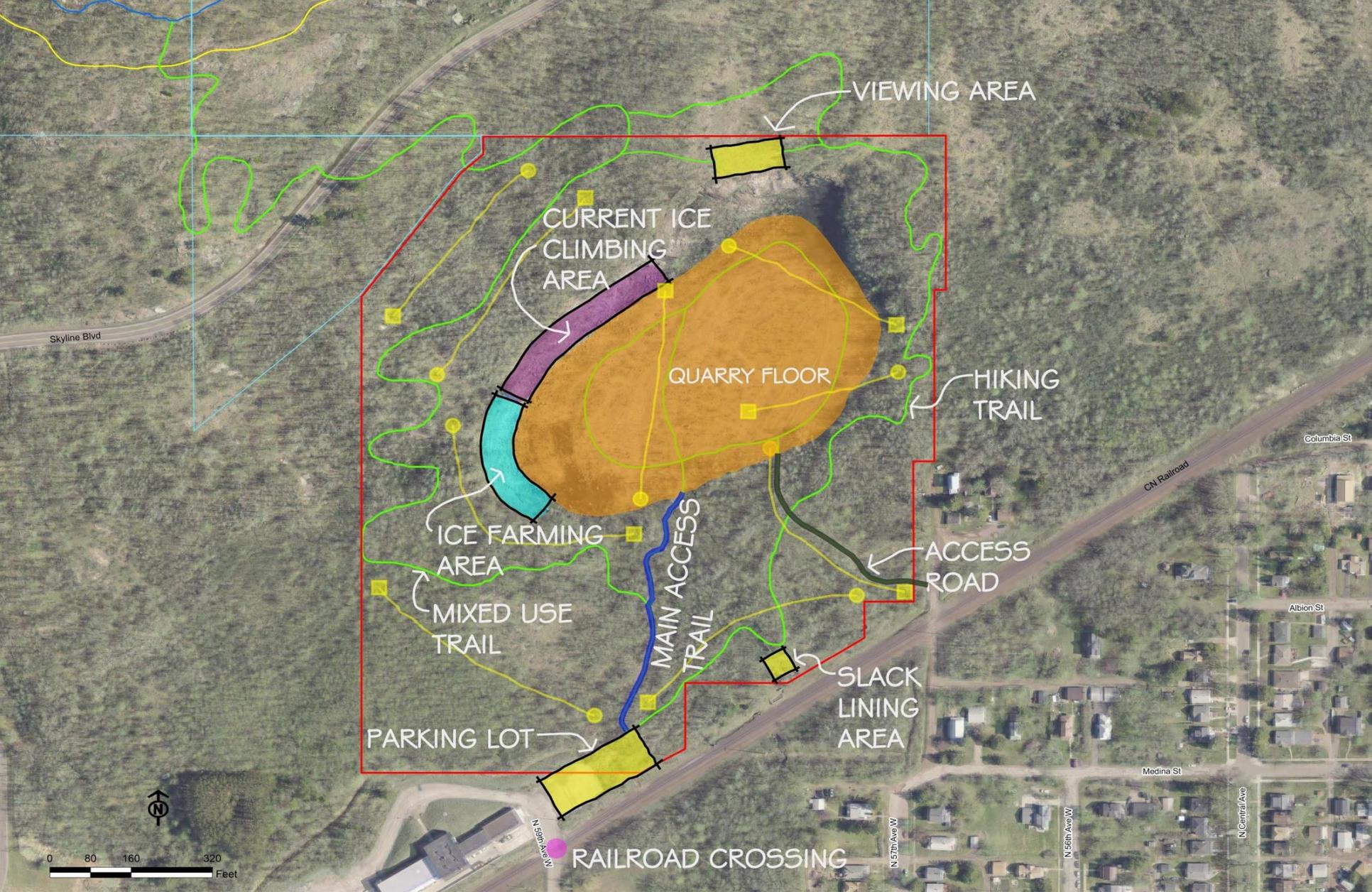


Potential Amenities and Improvements

Partial List of Potential Improvements

- Expanded parking lot
- Improved access trail
- Portable toilets with screening
- Picnic tables
- Viewing platforms
- Improved gated emergency access road
- Lighting (solar)
- Improved hiking and biking trails
- Invasive plants removal
- Remove rubble at base of wall (historical implications)
- Improved signage and wayfinding
- Debris and remnants removal





Conceptual Park Plan

Discussion and list of ideas for your park



**Thank you for
attending tonight's
meeting!**

