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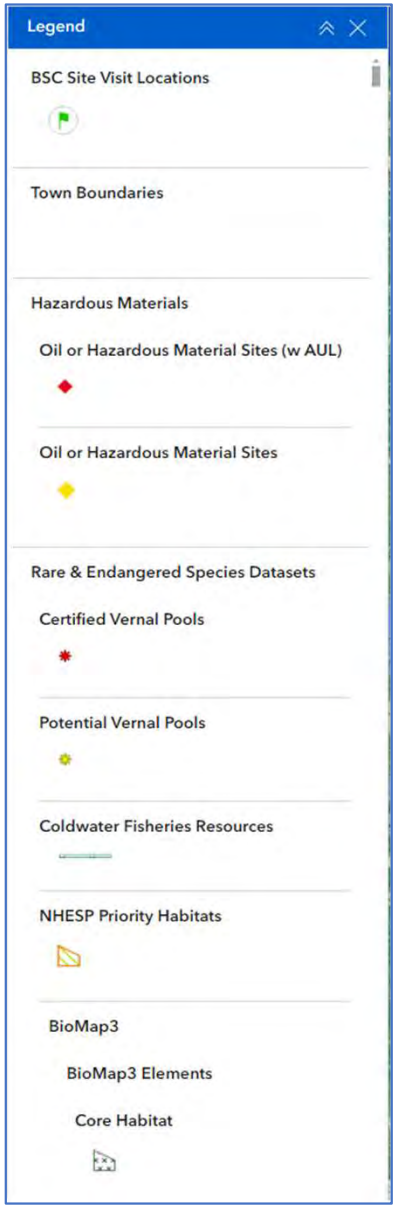

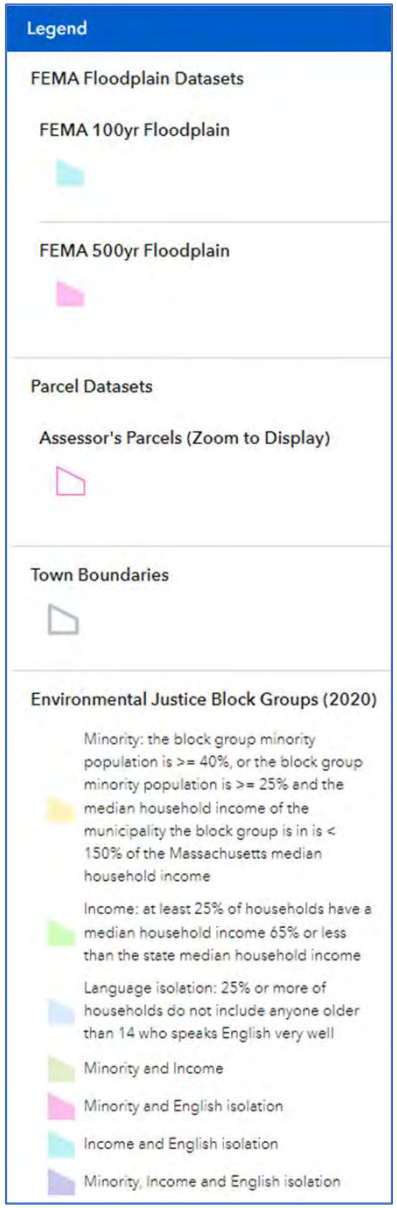

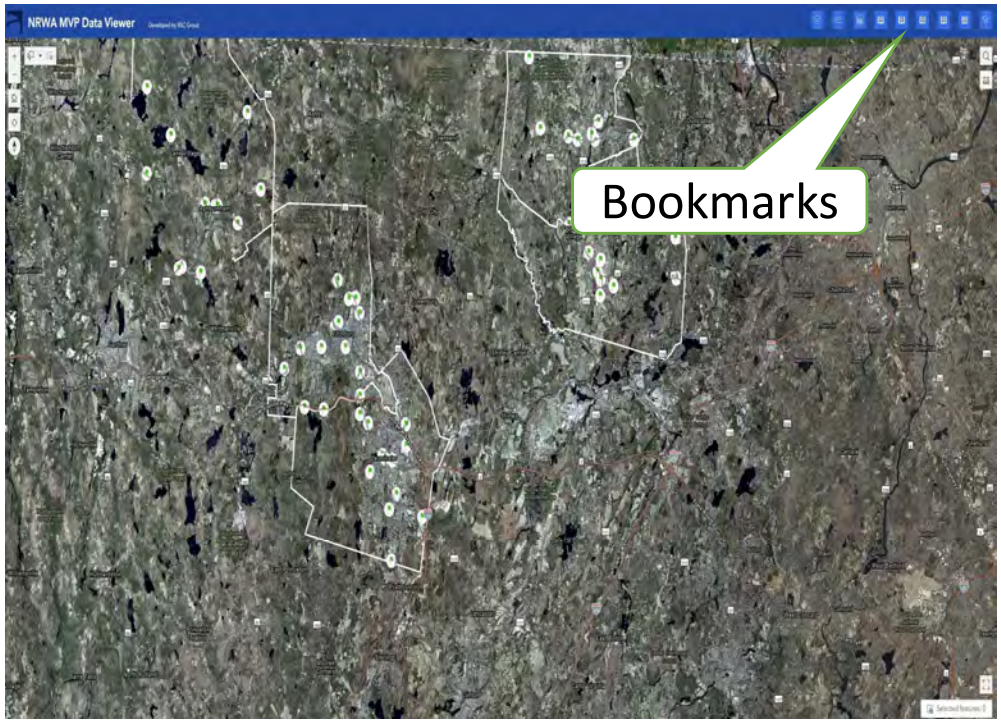

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Notes for using these maps.

- These recommendations come from community and professional assessment and represent a practical balance of elements identified as feasible and valuable in the accompanying Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Opportunities Matrix that could be combined at the location as a community action project.
- This is a tool for discussing the selected sites and the areas that influence them. Use the data viewer link to explore each in greater detail/ wider context.
- Recommendations listed on the map excerpts are numbered for location identification and include a sub-set of location specific actions numbered per the accompanying NbS Opportunity Matrix. These exclude endemic or regional changes which can't be singularly mapped.
- Other systemic actions that are not location dependent or span multiple micro locations may still be essential to an overall action project. Review the NbS Opportunity Matrix to develop a project program combining these.
- The following maps and lists identify suites of improvement projects for key locations of either high environmental risk or high environmental value or both and are intended to support funding and design of built/ planted improvements.
- There are also town-wide actions that can build resilience through cooling of air and water, stormwater purification and groundwater recharge, support of diverse wildlife as described in the NbS Opportunity Matrix.
- From these starting points resilient design and management is meant to become the standard for both public and private land use throughout the community.

The goal of this section of the report is to locate sites for potential Nature-based Solutions. As you examine the sites think of what opportunities for improvement could be applied that affect local and regional ecological outcomes.

Categories of NbS approaches to consider:

- Ecosystem restoration approaches
- Ecological restoration
- Ecological engineering
- Landscape restoration

Issue-specific ecosystem-related approaches

- Ecosystem-based adaptation
- Ecosystem-based mitigation
- Climate adaptation services
- Ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction

Infrastructure-related approaches

- Natural infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Supportive grey infrastructure

Ecosystem-based management approaches

- Integrated water resources management

Ecosystem protection approaches

- Area-based conservation approaches, including protected area management

The following are a list of Nature-based Solution types (NbS) that may be applicable to the locations, or parts there of, identified in the public outreach and analysis.
For a comparison of value and feasibility see the NbS Opportunities Matrix.
For detailed descriptions of these project types see the NbS projects section of the report.

Natural Environment Restructuring and Management
River/ pond bank revegetation (creation of slopes features and preferred vegetation)
Grassland/meadow management restoration (introduction and maintenance practices)
Forest-shrubland heath management restoration (species additions and removals)
Wetland management restoration (erosion control, micro-damming and connectivity)
Hedge row pollinator strip (buffering open areas with high value trees or forbes)
New wetland or floodplain construction/ expansion (micro-damming and channeling)
Pond creation/ alteration (creation expansion or shaping of ponds)
River flow alteration (adding sinuosity, erosion control, planting and aeration features)

Built Environment Restructuring, Best Management Practice (BMP)
Stormwater treatment wetlands (temporary impoundment and treatment of storm water)
Upstream BMPs (rain garden, bio-swale, vegetated buffer, swale, etc.)
Shade-habitat/ infiltration tree plantings (canopy shade trees over lawn and pavement)
MSCS culvert improvement (higher wider culverts with passable banks and channel)
Dam weir smart controls (channel modifications for gradual passage of water)
Pervious parking walking areas (stabilized pervious access and activity surfaces)
Algae/ aquatic invasive species treatment (chemical, cultural, mechanical solutions)
Species crossing protections (signage, light, fences, audible surfacing)
Beaver deceiver/ promoter (structures to prevent flood damage or improve floodplain)

Ecological Awareness & Access Projects
Educational interpretation (signage, events, digital media, arts and other ecological info)
Furnishings/ gathering space (public gathering spaces for environmental appreciation)
Soft trail (stabilized natural surface and terrain trails)
Paved trail (durable universal access surface trails or other access)

Related Regulatory Actions
Conservation purchase/ restriction (conservation trust, direct purchase)
Public - private partnership (sponsored managed private plantings)
Land swap/ land bank (development rights transfer use deferral)
Zoning overlay/ other regulations (development limits, activity limits)
Resilient redevelopment incentive (loans, grants, technical support, regulatory support)

Architectural Enhancement Projects
Green architectural enhancements (green wall, green roof, white roof, water harvesting, etc.)
Green energy features (solar, wind, hydroelectric, geo/hydrothermal)

Value Added Features on Projects
Invasive species management (identification, removal and replacement of harmful species)
Species monitoring protocol (staffing and technical support for inventory and monitoring)
Habitat enhancements (nesting foraging and hunting features)

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Coolidge Park

Map Link

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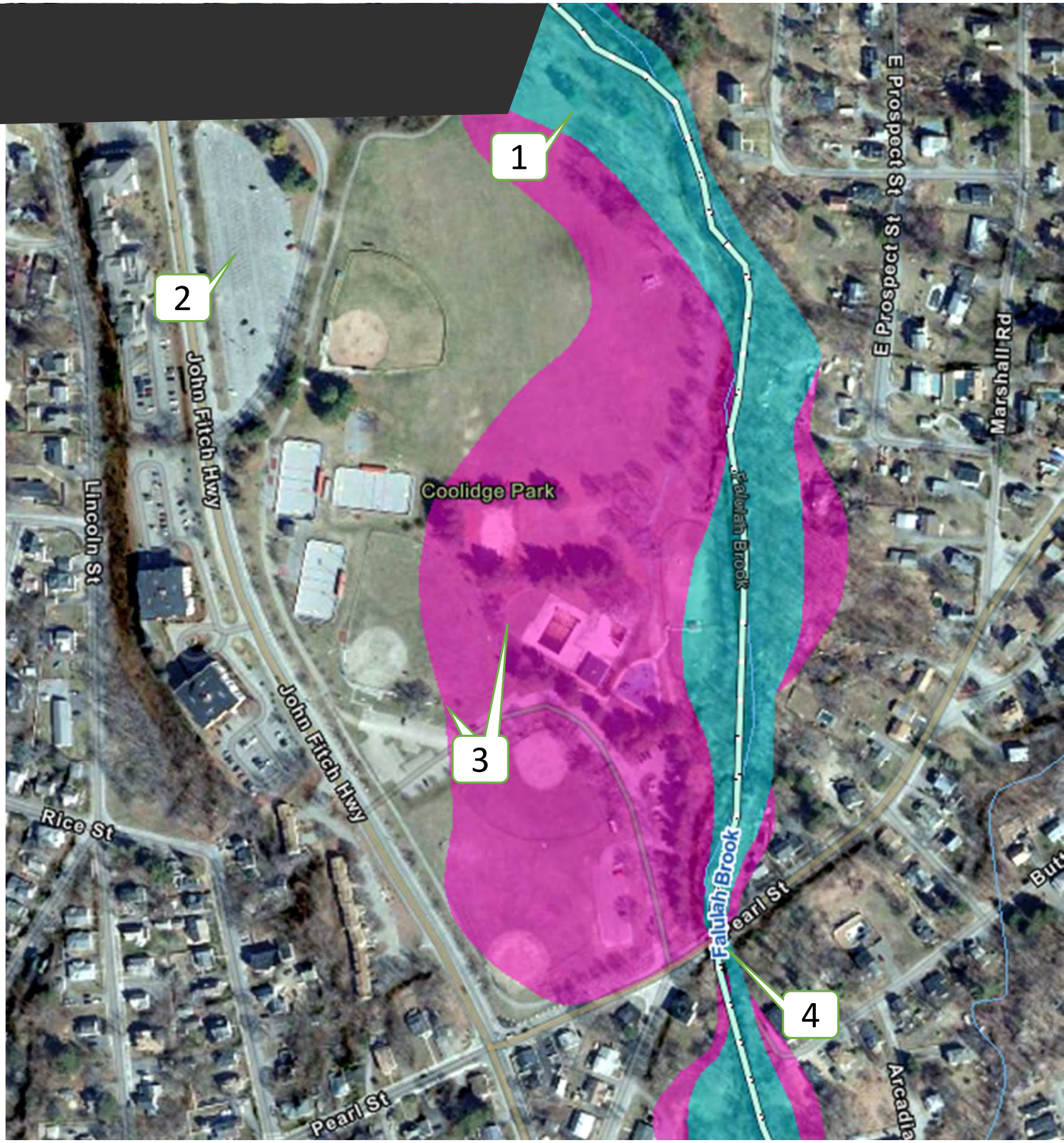
1. Coolidge Park Upper Field
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
    - #11 Stormwater treatment wetlands
2. Coolidge Park Parking Lot
    - #14 Shade-habitat/infiltration tree planting
    - #17 Pervious parking walking areas
    - #3 Forest/shrubland health management or restoration
3. Space around Baseball Fields
    - #52 Educational Interpretation
4. Pearl Street
    - #15 MSCS culvert improvement
    - #30 Pedestrian safety and bike access



Greene's Pond

Map Link

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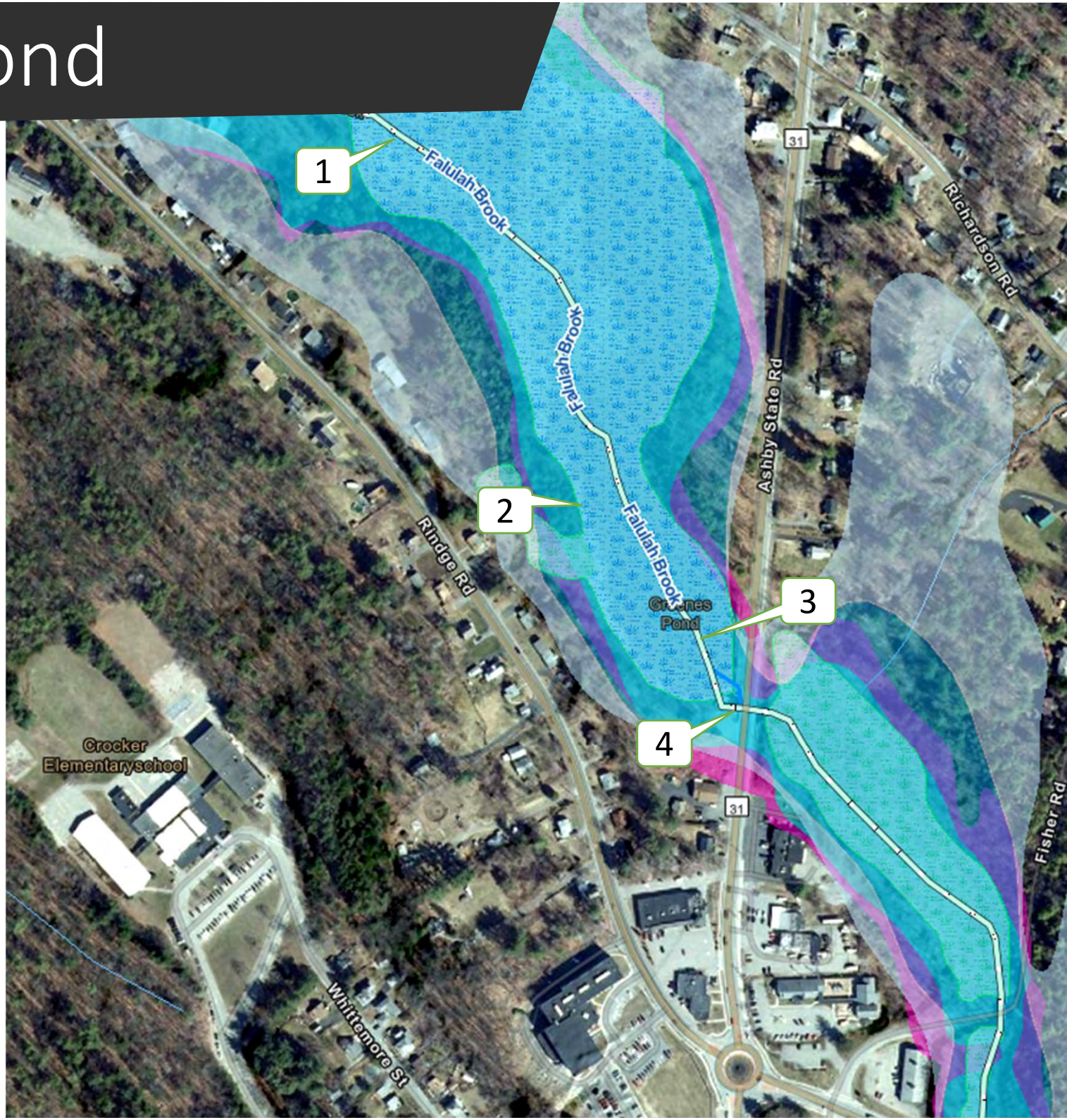
1. Falulah Brook Upstream
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
    - #5 New wetland or floodplain construction/expansion
    - #3 Forest/shrubland health management or restoration
2. Greene's Pond and Riverbank
    - #1 River/pond bank revegetation
    - #4 Wetland management restoration
3. Falulah Brook Downstream and Pond
    - #6 Pond creation/elimination/ alteration
    - #60 Habitat enhancements
4. Ashby State Road
    - #16 Dam modification/controls
    - #58 Invasive species management



Civic Center/Falulah Brook

Map Link

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1. Edge of Parking Lot
    - #11 Stormwater treatment wetlands
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
    - #52 Educational Interpretation
2. Falulah Brook
    - #1 Stream bank restoration
    - #58 Invasive species management
3. Civic Center Parking Lot
    - #17 Pervious parking walking areas
    - #14 Shade-habitat/ Infiltration Tree Plantings
    - #23 PV parking awnings and rooftops
    - #36 Shade requirement
    - #19 Lighting modification/upgrades
    - #3 Forest/shrubland heath management or restoration

Put's Pond (Putnam)

Map Link

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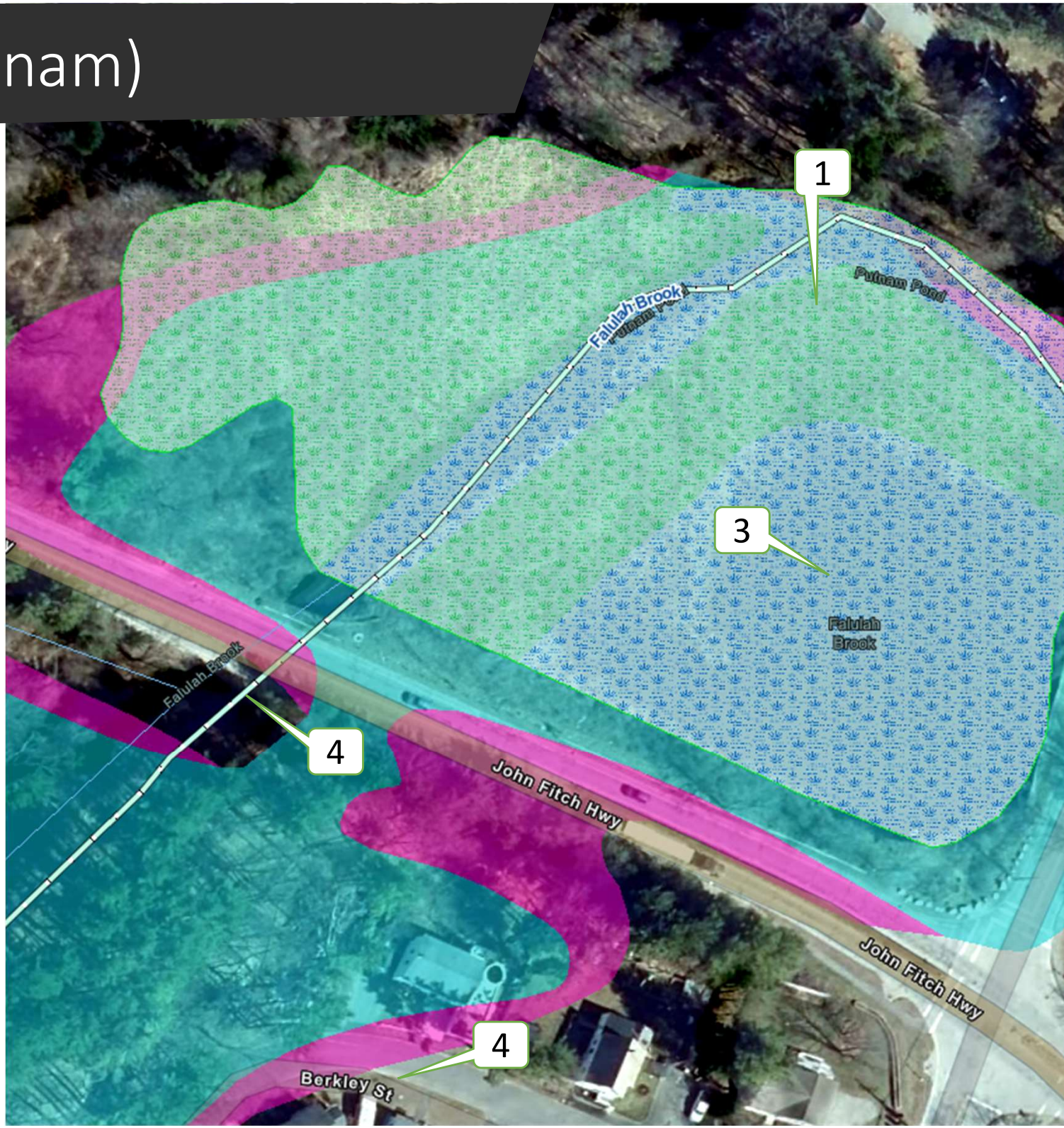
1. Putnam Pond Wetland
    - #58 Invasive species management
    - #60 Habitat enhancements
2. Putnam Pond Dam
    - #16 Dam modification/controls
    - #14 Shade-habitat/infiltration tree plantings
3. Putnam Pond
    - #1 River/Pond Bank Revegetation
    - #11 Stormwater Treatment Wetlands
4. Falulah Brook Neighborhood
    - #13 Upstream BMPs Rain-Garden, Bio-swale, etc.
    - #11 Stormwater treatment wetlands
    - #15 MSCS culvert improvements



Longsjo School

Map Link

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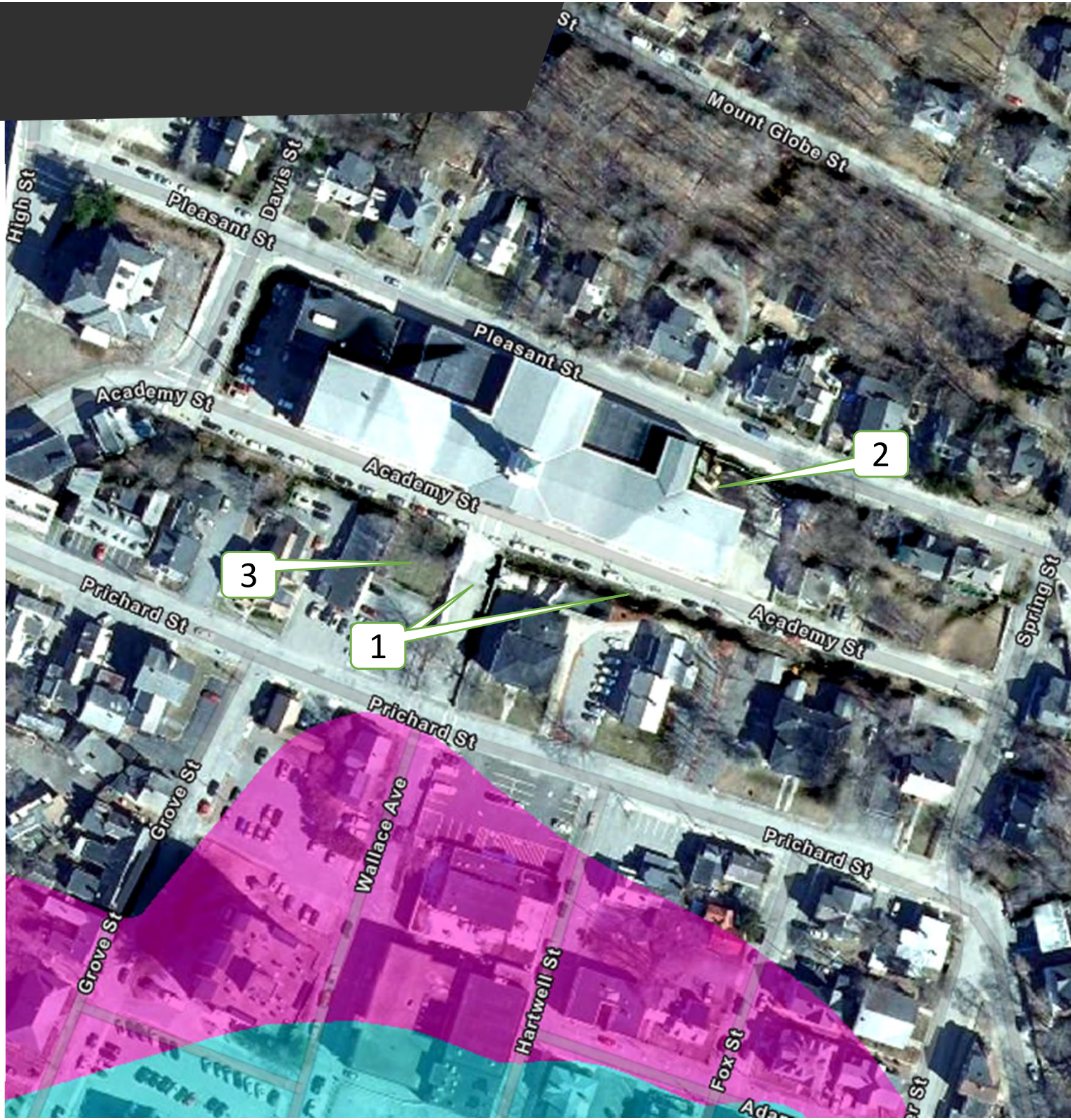
1. Longsjo School Main Entrance
    - #36 Reduce impervious surface incentive
    - #30 Pedestrian safety and bike access
    - #3A Cliff stabilization shrubland
2. Longsjo School Patio/Terrace
    - #25 Food Production and forage
    - #58 Invasive species management
3. Community Garden
    - #8 Pollinator hedgerow buffer
    - #25 Food production and forage
    - #26 Apply indigenous knowledge
    - #52 Educational interpretation
    - #9 Pocket forest
    - #58 Invasive species management



Cleghorn Neighborhood

Map Link

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1. Fairmount Street
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
    - #28 Paved pervious trail UANT
2. Community Building
    - #17 Pervious parking and walking areas
3. Mini Parks
    - #8 Pollinator hedgerow buffer
    - #14 Shade-habitat/infiltration tree planting
    - #19 Lighting modification/upgrades
    - #30 Pedestrian safety and bike access

Parkhill Park/Sand Brook

Map Link

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1. Sand Brook Pond
   - #3 Forest/shrubland health management or restoration
   - #4 Wetland management restoration
   - #2 Grassland meadow management
2. Sand Brook
   - #1 **River**/pond bank restoration
   - #7 Stream flow alteration
   - #8 Pollinator hedgerow buffer
   - #49 Recreational opportunities
   - #52 Educational Interpretation
3. Old Baseball Field
   - #5 New wetland or floodplain **construction**/expansion
4. Parkhill Park
   - #3 Forest/shrubland health management or restoration
   - #6 Pond **creation** elimination/alteration
   - #58 Invasive species management

Beekman Street/Hobson Steet Culverts

Map Link

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1. Hobson Street River
    - #7 Stream Flow Alteration
    - #11 Stormwater treatment wetlands
    - #15 MSCS culvert improvement
    - #1 River/pond bank revegetation
2. Beekman Street
    - #8 Pollinator hedgerow buffer
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
3. Hobson Street Drainage
    - #14 Shade-habitat/ Infiltration Tree Plantings

Green Acres

Map Link

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1. Green Acres Village
    - #49 Recreational opportunities
    - #14 Shade habitat/infiltration tree planting
2. Wanoosnoc Road
    - #8 Pollinator hedgerow buffer
    - #17 Pervious parking walking areas
    - #25 Food production and forage
    - #24 Outdoor classroom and nature play
    - #58 Invasive species management
3. Wetland and stream adjacent to Wanoosnoc Road
    - #13 Upstream BMPs rain-garden, bio-swale, etc.
    - #11 Stormwater treatment wetlands
    - #16 Forest/shrubland restoration