



AGENDA
CHASKA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CHASKA CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS & ZOOM
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Visitor Presentation
5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - 5.A. Approve the February 7, 2023 HPC Meeting Minutes
6. Consent Items
7. Action Items
 - 7.A. PUBLIC HEARING: Approve the Site Alteration Permit (SAP) for 210 Chestnut Street/Devin Creurer/HPC #2023-02
8. Discussion Items
 - 8.A. Review 2nd Street Photos for Heritage Plaques
9. Other Business
 - 9.A. Chaska Historical Society Flyer
 - 9.B. Minnesota River Bluffs Trail Connection - HPC Participation
10. Adjourn



Minutes
CHASKA HERITAGE PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

HPC members present: Chair Person Kohman, Anne Bohnen, Steve Mueller, James Pleis, Scott Welvaert, and Gregg Davies (arrived late)

HPC members absent: Tom Racijs

Staff present: Elizabeth Hanson – City Planner

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

3. Adopt the Agenda

A motion by Commissioner Mueller, second by Commissioner Welvaert to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

There was no one under visitor presentation.

5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5A. Approve the January 3, 2023 HPC Meeting Minutes

Chair Person Kohman requested a correction to page 2, changing “planned” to “planner.”

A motion by Commissioner Welvaert, second by Commissioner Pleis, to approve the corrected January 3, 2023 HPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

7. Action Items

7A. PUBLIC HEARING: Approve the Site Alteration Permit (SAP) for the Ess Lot and Ernst Home at 211 & 217 Walnut St N (Chaska Yards)/Carver County CDA/HPC #2023-01

City Planner Hanson presented the project to the Commission. City Planner Hanson stated that the request for the Commission is to approve the Site Alteration Permit

to redevelop the Ess lot and rehab the Ernst Home. City Planner Hanson outlined the floor plans for the new housing units and touched on the HPC standards for the project.

Chair Kohman opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Elaine Ess, granddaughter of Joseph Ess asked questions regarding the ownership of the dwelling unit, timeline of construction, and affordable housing.

Todd Grover, Principle at MacDonald & Mack Architects, stated that there is a graphic issue and the second level of the porch for units 2 & 3 will be accessible. Grover also stated that construction should begin in May and June. New units should be enclosed in the fall, and the project should be finished in the Spring of 2024. Commissioner Welvaert asked if the detached garage would have solar panels.

Chair Kohman closed the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Commissioner Mueller stated he is comfortable with the recommendation of a flat roof on the detached garage. Commissioner Welvaert stated he likes the idea of solar panels and geothermal pieces. Commissioner Mueller stated there has been a great improvement from the initial design presented.

Motion by Commissioner Welvaert, second by Commissioner Mueller, to approve the Site Alteration Permit (SAP) for Ess lot and Ernst Home at 211 & 217 Walnut St N. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items

8A. Adopt the Downtown Chaska Business Rear Entrances Design Guidelines

City Planner Hanson gave a recap of the Rear Entrance Design Guidelines to the Commission. City Planner Hanson updated that the guidelines have been updated to include the feedback given by the Commission at the January 3rd meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Davies, second by Commissioner Mueller, to adopt the Downtown Chaska Business Rear Entrances Design Guidelines. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

9A. Recommend Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion by Commissioner Davies, second by Commissioner Welvaert, to recommend the appointment of Commissioner Kohman as Chair and Commissioner Mueller as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

9B. Other Discussions

Vice Chair Mueller asked questions about progress on historical markers/columns.

Commissioner Bohnen asked about tracking the 41 Project and Rear Entrances Design Guidelines.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Mueller, second by Commissioner Welvaert to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

CHASKA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

JUNE 6, 2023

Subject: **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Site Alteration Permit (SAP) request to restore the storefront at 210 Chestnut Street North**

Applicant: Devin Creurer property owner

Location: 210 Chestnut Street North (Muyres Hardware Building)

Case No.: HPC No. 23-02

Prepared By: Elizabeth Hanson

Staff Recommendation: HPC approval of Site Alteration Permit (SAP)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SITE AND BACKGROUND

The Muyres Hardware building is a locally designated resource and is a two-story Chaska brick building that was built in 1892. In 1881 Matt H. Muyres bought property and established a lumber yard and hardware store on this site. In 1892 he razed the old store and replaced it with this building, with the hardware business in the front and tin shop in the rear. After two generations in that family it was known for many years as Stege Hardware. Matt Muyres had a second business - selling trans- Atlantic steamship tickets for early settlers to travel to their European homelands and selling passage to bring relatives from Europe to Chaska. Below is a photo showing the look of the building from 1918.



(210 Chestnut St building located to the left with 2nd story open porch)

On the next page it shows how the building used to look in the 20's (left image), and how it used to look in the 90's after stucco was applied to the building (right image). It is believed that stucco was added to the west façade sometime in the 70's/80's.



(Left Image: 210 Chestnut St is building on the right ; Right Image: 210 Chestnut St is building in the middle)

TONIGHT'S REQUEST

The owner of 210 Chestnut Street North is requesting the approval to restore the west side storefront to look more historically accurate. The building is currently used as an apartment on the 2nd story and a commercial storefront on the 1st story. The property is currently undergoing a number of extensive interior renovations. 1 of the 3 apartments, the largest of the 3 apartments, was renovated to the studs with new electrical, plumbing, drywall, HVAC, kitchen, bathroom and tub/shower, added laundry, and restored original hardwood floors. The 1st floor is currently occupied by MnDOT's Highway 41 management crew. Eventually, after MnDOT vacates the 1st floor upon completion of the highway 41, then the tentative plan is to renovate the 1st floor commercial space into a modern co-working space for working professionals who are looking for an extension to their home office. In similar fashion as the upstairs apartment renovation, the property owner will demo to this area to the studs and renovate and modernize the entire space.

The property owner is proposing to restore the west facade back to a masonry/brick storefront. The hope is to remove the layer of stucco and expose the Chaska brick behind it. Removing stucco is a tedious task and requires great care and attention to do it right. It's not always successful, which means the brick underneath may not be salvageable after it's removal.

The initial (non-invasive) visual inspections by the masonry contractor, Acme Tuckpointing, indicate that a metal mesh was used to help adhere the stucco to the brick front - and that bolts were used to fasten the metal mesh to the Chaska brick. Therefore, it's likely that extensive, if not complete, replacement of all of the front brick will be necessary, which is how the contract has priced the job based on their previous experience with these types of buildings. If, after the stucco is removed, more brick can be saved, the contractor will make their best efforts to do that. The goal is to keep as much of the original brick as possible. The masonry contractor has suggested 2 options for the replacement bricks that will honor the Chaska Brick look.

In summary the property owner wishes to do the following:

- Remove the stucco and expose the existing brick or replace the existing brick that is damaged; if brick is damaged it will be replaced with one of the below brick options
- Restore windows on 2nd level with double-hung windows, and restore transom window above; paint window trim to gray color (Sherwin Williams Traffic Gray)

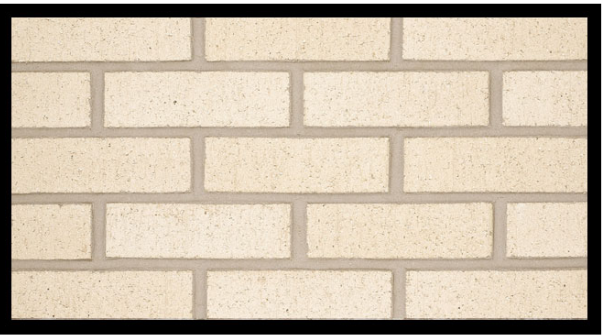
- Rebuild arched brick detail over 2nd level windows; rebuild the middle window arch to match the outer windows
- Provide new cast stone sills under the 2nd level windows
- Add new decorative gooseneck lights to sign band area
- Restore the 1st level storefront with wood and a new solid wood door painted the same gray color as all windows
- Maintain existing brick cornice but add new black metal flashing at wall cap

1- "Summit Lakewood Chicago Tumbled"



2- "Thinstedown"

Per Acme Tuckpointing: Consider the thinstedown also. More white then yellow, versus the Chicago which is more yellow and some orange.



(Brick options)

STAFF EVALUATION and RECOMMENDATION

The Heritage Preservation Ordinance (HPO), Section 32(4) requires that the HPC consider certain standards, including the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, when reviewing site alteration plans. Eight of these standards are clearly relevant to the applicant's proposal:

- Standard a:** The historic and architectural significance of the resource and its relationship to the historical integrity of the surrounding area.
- Standard b:** The general compatibility of the architectural style, arrangement, texture, color, arrangement of color, and materials used on existing and proposed structures with the character of the historic resource and its site or the historic district.
- Standard c:** Any applicable design guidelines adopted by the Commission.
- Standard d1:** A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
- Standard d2:** The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- Standard d3:** Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.

Standard d5: Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.

Standard d9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Regarding Standard a, this site has been designated as a local historic resource as part of the history and development of the City of Chaska. The building has significant character interest and value as part of the heritage and cultural characteristics of the City of Chaska and its development. The applicant states that the proposal to restore the storefront will bring the building closer back to its original design. When comparing the proposed finishes and older photo on pages 1 and 2 of this report, you can see the similarities.

Regarding Standard b, the architectural style of the proposed restoration efforts will be very similar to the original design of the building. Underneath the existing stucco, the building is constructed almost completely of traditional "Chaska Brick", which is an important historical context in the city. The property owner is planning to remove the stucco to expose the Chaska brick. It is undetermined how successful the removal of stucco will be but it is the property owner's initiate to save all the Chaska brick they can. If not, they plan to replace with a similar brick color so the masonry front can be restored. The proposed changes complement the existing structure in architectural style, texture, massing and arrangement of color. The property owner is proposing to change the arch profile over the middle 2nd level window to match the outer window arches. Staff does not support the change in profile of this window arch as it is a distinguishing element that has been a part of the original facade. Overall, however, the restoration will bring back a historically accurate storefront to the building that has been lost over time.

Regarding Standard c, the City adopted a Preservation Design Manual in 2003 for downtown properties. Chaska's Preservation design Manual was developed in cooperation with the Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and the City of Chaska Community Development Department. The purpose of this guide is to promote interest in Chaska's rich architectural heritage and to spark enthusiasm toward facade improvements in the downtown area.

Specifically within that there are several properties that are discussed in terms of Preservation Success Stories and Renovation Potentials. This building (210 Chestnut Street North) is identified as a building for potential renovation (this page has been included as an attachment in your packet). The renovation potential includes repairing/replacing the cornice cap, either repainting or removing the existing stucco, repair the arched window hoods on the upper story windows, replace upper story windows with more historic windows and sashes, add canvas awning or add bracketed balcony treatment to match original façade, and enhance storefront with another layer of wood trim. The request being made tonight is following most of the preservation manual's guidance. As noted earlier, the middle 2nd level window arched window hood should be maintained in its original profile.

Regarding Standard d1, the use proposed is consistent with the original use of the building as a commercial storefront and apartments on the upper level.

Regarding Standard d2, the historic character of the property will be retained and preserved with the proposed changes. The main historic element of Chaska brick will remain or be replaced where it is damaged. The upper level windows will be replaced with more historically accurate windows.

Regarding Standard d3, the proposed changes will be done so that they will not create a false sense of historical development. The changes will only bolster the historic integrity that once was on this building.

Regarding Standard d5, the proposed exterior of the building will match the historical context in the City of Chaska. The colors, materials and overall design will reflect resemblance with the original design of the west façade's storefront. Historical colors were traditionally muted and earthy tones. The applicant is providing colors that are consistent with that look. Staff would only iterate the importance of using a matte paint finish versus glossy as that is considered more historically appropriate. The distinctive materials, features, and finishes that characterize this property will be preserved to the best ability possible.

Regarding Standard d9, the proposal will closer resemble the historical design that once was if the stucco is removed. The applicant's proposed changes would not destroy the historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize this property. The proposed change will enhance and be compatible with the existing building in materials, features, size and scale.

In sum, staff concludes that the proposed changes to the historic property, located at 210 Chestnut Street North, would restore the original historic character of the building and expose the brick storefront. It is exciting to see this historic structure revert back to a design and use that once was originally there.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the Site Alteration Permit (SAP) for the storefront restoration at 210 Chestnut Street North (Muyres Hardware Building), based on the findings listed in the staff report, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proposed alterations at 210 Chestnut Street North (Muyres Hardware Building) shall be substantially consistent with the aforementioned staff report and the following exhibits:**
 - a. Narrative, Photos and Plans, submitted by Chaska Commons, LLC**
- 2. The applicant shall obtain a building permit prior to commencement of the proposed alterations.**
- 3. The applicant shall comply with all applicable zoning requirements.**
- 4. Provision to maintain existing arched profile on the 2nd level middle window, and to be revised on the plans prior to issuance of a building permit.**
- 5. Provision to use a matte finish paint on all painted areas.**
- 6. Provision that Planning staff review and approve new brick blend and brick applications on the building prior to installation on the building.**
- 7. Provision to use aluminum clad or wood windows, and not vinyl.**

CHASKA COMMONS, LLC

210 N. Chestnut Street
Chaska, MN

May 1, 2023

The property located at 210 N. Chestnut St. Chaska, MN is undergoing a number of extensive interior renovations. 1 of the 3 apartments, the largest of the 3 apartments, was renovated to the studs with new electrical, plumbing, drywall, HVAC, all new kitchen, bathroom and tub/shower, added laundry, and restored original hardwood floors.

Eventually, after Mndot vacates the 1st floor upon completion of the highway 41, then the tentative plan is to renovate the 1st floor commercial space into a modern co-working space for working professionals who are looking for an extension to their home office. In similar fashion as the upstairs apartment renovation, we will demo to studs and renovate and modernize the entire space.

The exterior of the building is masonry construction. The front of the building, facing Highway 41, has a cream cheese-like stucco that was spread on in the 70's or 80's. The initial (non-invasive) visual inspections by the masonry contractor, Acme Tuckpointing, indicate that a metal mesh was used to help adhere the stucco to the brick front - and that bolts were used to fasten the metal mesh to the Chaska brick. Therefore, it's likely that extensive, if not complete, replacement of all of the front brick will be necessary, which is how the contract has priced the job based on their previous experience with these types of buildings. If, after the stucco is removed, more brick can be saved, the contractor will make their best efforts to do that. The goal is to keep as much of the original brick as possible. The masonry contractor has suggested 2 options for the replacement bricks that will honor the Chaska Brick look:

1- "Summit Lakewood Chicago Tumbled"



<https://www.summitbrick.com/facebrick.html>

Per Acme Tuckpointing: With some precedence, a major project at Fort Snelling last year, the Summit Lakewood Chicago Tumbled was approved as a match to the old yellow chaskas.

2- “Thinstedown”

Per Acme Tuckpointing: Consider the thinstledown also. More white then yellow, versus the Chicago which is more yellow and some orange.



<https://www.summitbrick.com/facebrick.html>



Photograph of exterior of existing structure:



The removal of the stucco and replacement of the brick will provide an opportunity to restore the 3 window openings on 2nd level that are currently a mismatch of sizes. The new window frames would have a color that matches the color already selected by Bolton Menk & approved by Chaska for the new staircase being built, which is **Sherwin Williams RAL7043 Traffic Gray B.**

The type of the new windows would be double-hung, with the original transom windows above restored. The window manufacturer is TBD.

If the 1st floor storefront windows and frames were to also be replaced at this time, the color would match the windows above and new staircase, which is **Sherwin Williams RAL7043 Traffic Gray B.**

Proposed building changes (option 1, blade sign):



Proposed building changes (option 1, flat with building sign):



The city of Chaska should approve these changes as the existing stucco facade does not honor the historic design of the downtown district. The proposed changes above will significantly improve the historic character of this property and the surrounding historic downtown district. Given the complexity of and unknowns related to removing the stucco and repairing/replacing the brick underneath, some flexibility is needed for the property owner to finish this project within a not unlimited budget.



STOREFRONT COLOR #1
by SHERWIN WILLIAMS



Selected color:

Traffic Gray B

7043

Products available in this color:

Superdurable TGIC Free (R Series) High Gloss

③ COLOR SELECTION
12" = 1'-0"



HISTORIC CHASKA FACADE RENOVATION

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Chaska Commons, LLC

210 Chestnut St

Project Number	23 - 00
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MUYRES HARDWARE (1892)

(currently Davis Business Machines, Inc.)
210 North Chestnut Street

In 1881 Matt H. Muyres bought property and established a lumber yard and hardware store on this site. In 1892 he razed the old store and replaced it with this building, with the hardware business in the front and tin shop in the rear. After two generations in that family it was known for many years as Stege Hardware. Matt Muyres had a second business - selling trans-Atlantic steamship tickets for early settlers to travel to their European homelands and selling passage to bring relatives from Europe to Chaska.



Historic Context Photo



Existing Condition

- Physical evidence suggests that side windows (south wall) originally had operable shutters.
- Retain the cast-iron masonry reinforcement brackets and highlight them as ornament under the renovation concept.
- Oversized, modern sign dominates the façade. Transom area above display windows has been covered with panels and signage. Coordinate with proposed renovation concept for a more unified storefront treatment.

Renovation Potential

MUYRES HARDWARE (1892)
(currently Davis Business Machines, Inc.)
210 North Chestnut Street



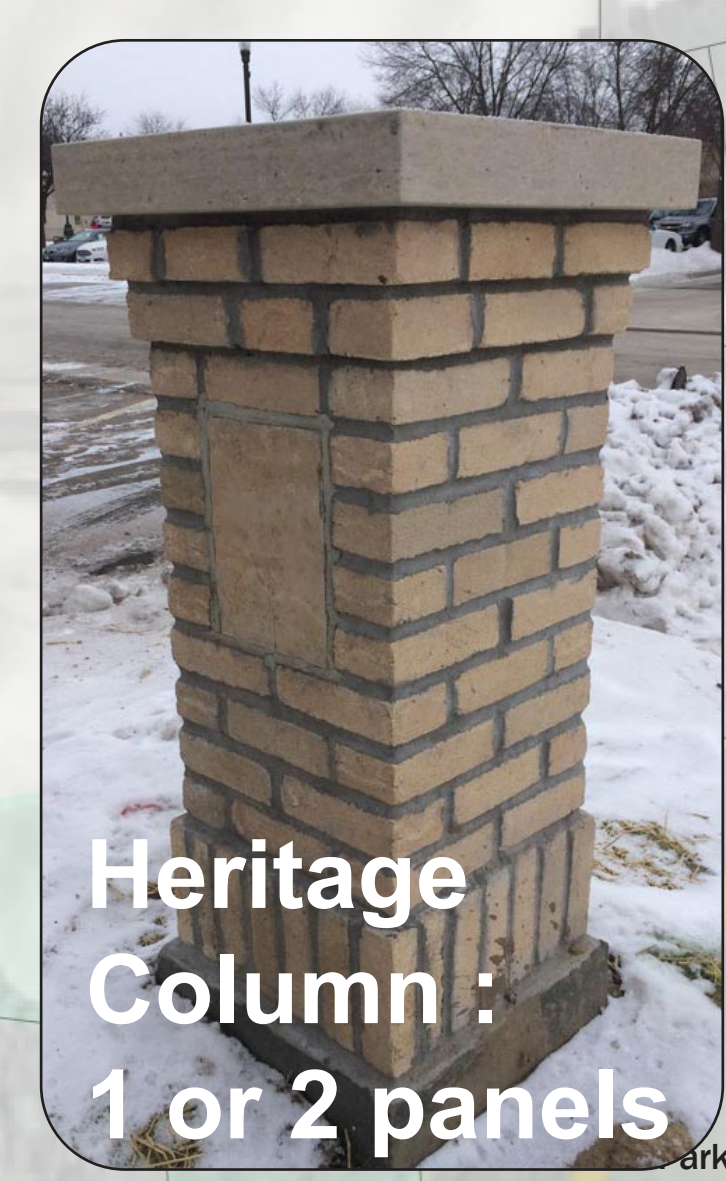
- Repair and tuckpoint brick masonry at parapet. Repair or replace cornice cap for weathertightness.
- Original brickwork has been covered with stucco. In the near term, stucco could be painted a more neutral color, but longer-term, removal of stucco would allow the historic character of this building to be recaptured.
- Ornamental arched window hoods on upper story have been obscured. Repair brickwork over openings.
- Upper windows have been replaced with smaller windows that do not match historic character of the building. Three “bow-top” windows on west façade should be highest priority for replacement.
- Replace windows on upper story, front and side walls with replacement sash to completely fill the masonry openings.
- Replace canvas awnings consistent with historic character of the building, using the awning treatment at 214 Chestnut as an example. Existing retractable awning framework can be reused. Add a new layer of counterflashing over the cap flashing that exists just above the awning.

An alternative, bracketed balcony treatment is shown at left. Early historic photos demonstrate that this would be an acceptable alternative to restoring the canvas awning that was continued through later historical periods.

- Existing storefront materials could be retained if another layer of wood trim is added to the storefront framing and if the color scheme of storefront trim is “punched up” with accent color.



Heritage Wall : 4 panels



Heritage Column : 1 or 2 panels

CREEK BLVD RD PLAZA - proposed
5 Heritage Columns single sided - 5 panels

5 TOTAL IMAGES / ALL THEMES

FIFTH STREET WEST MIDBLOCK - built 2016
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels
1 Heritage Wall - 4 panels

8 TOTAL IMAGES / INDUSTRY & JOBS

FOURTH STREET WEST MIDBLOCK - proposed
1 Heritage Column 2 sided - 2 panels
1 kiosk (space for image and narrative)

2 TOTAL IMAGES/ CIVIC plus kiosk panel

THIRD STREET WEST MIDBLOCK - proposed
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels

4 TOTAL IMAGES / PARK & NATIVE HISTORY plus kiosk panel

SECOND STREET WEST MIDBLOCK - 2017
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels
1 Heritage Wall - 4 panels
1 Kiosk (space for image and narrative)

8 TOTAL IMAGES / COMMERCE plus kiosk panel

FIFTH STREET EAST MIDBLOCK - proposed
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels

4 TOTAL IMAGES / INDUSTRY & JOBS

FOURTH STREET EAST MIDBLOCK - proposed
1 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 2 panels

2 TOTAL IMAGES / RESIDENTIAL

THIRD STREET EAST MIDBLOCK - built 2016
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels
1 Heritage Wall - 4 panels
1 proposed kiosk (space for image and narrative)

8 TOTAL IMAGES / PARK & NATIVE HISTORY/ RESIDENTIAL plus proposed kiosk panel

SECOND STREET EAST MIDBLOCK - 2017
2 Heritage Columns 2 sided - 4 panels
1 Kiosk (space for image and narrative)

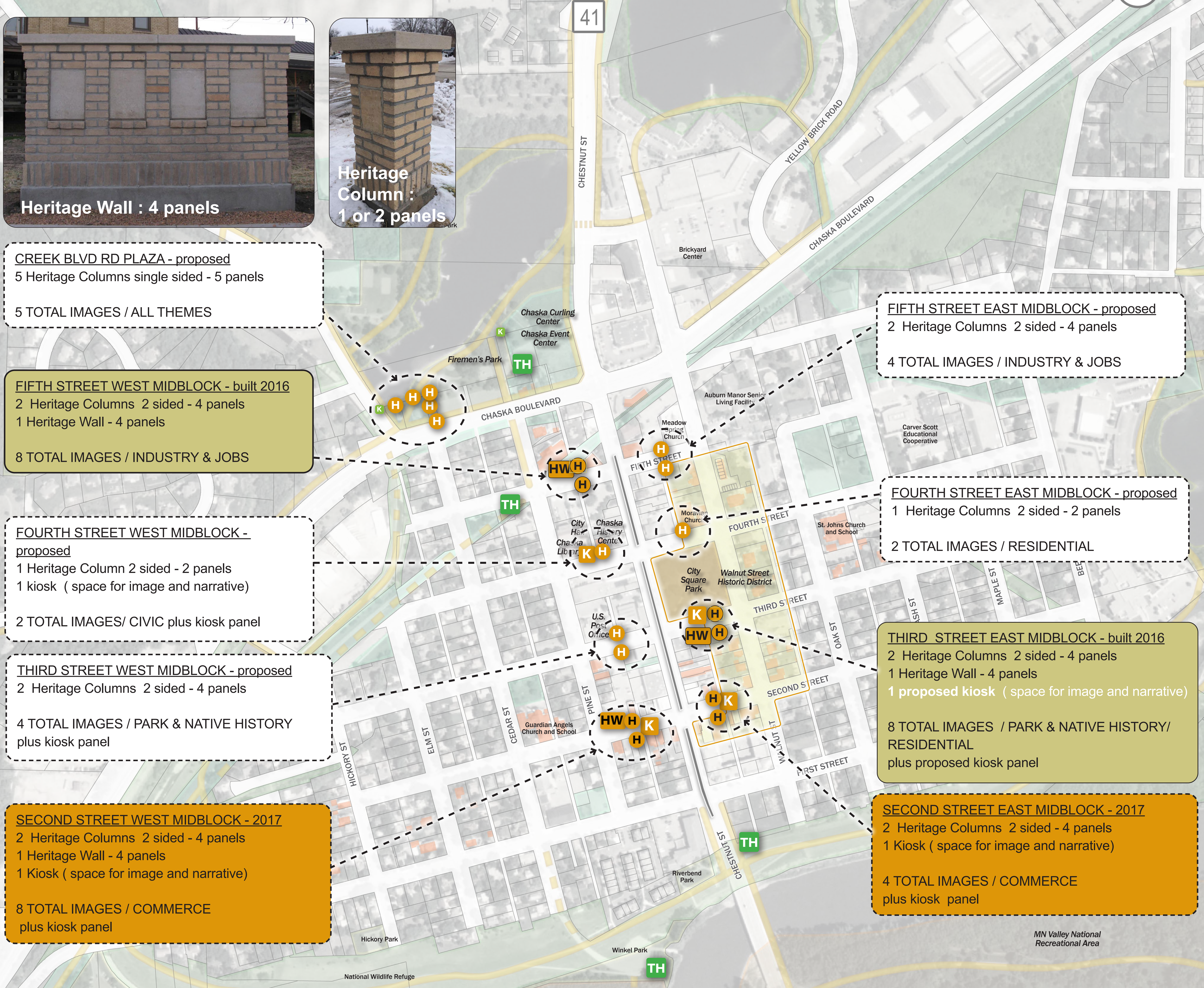
4 TOTAL IMAGES / COMMERCE plus kiosk panel

Legend:

- K** Heritage Kiosk TBD (proposed)
- HW** Heritage Wall 11" X 16" (proposed)
- HW** Heritage Wall 11" X 16" (built)
- H** Heritage Column 7" X 11" (proposed)
- H** Heritage Column 7" X 11" (built)
- TH** Trailhead Kiosk

TOTALS:
 28 Heritage Column panels (8 locations) plus 5 at Creek and 41
 12 Heritage Wall panels (3 locations)
 16 Heritage Kiosk panels (4 locations)

THEMES:
INDUSTRY & JOBS:
 • Brickyards
 • Flour mill
 • Ess Foundry
 • Rail spur, depot
CIVIC:
 • City facilities
 • County facilities
PARK & NATIVE HISTORY:
 • Mound Builders
 • Sioux
 • City Square
COMMERCE:
 • 2nd Street
 • Chestnut Street (Hwy 41)
RESIDENTIAL:
 • Walnut Street



Heritage Columns
2nd St. E

North + South

Butch's
+
Motor

Steamboat
+
Commerce
Bldg

Steamboats

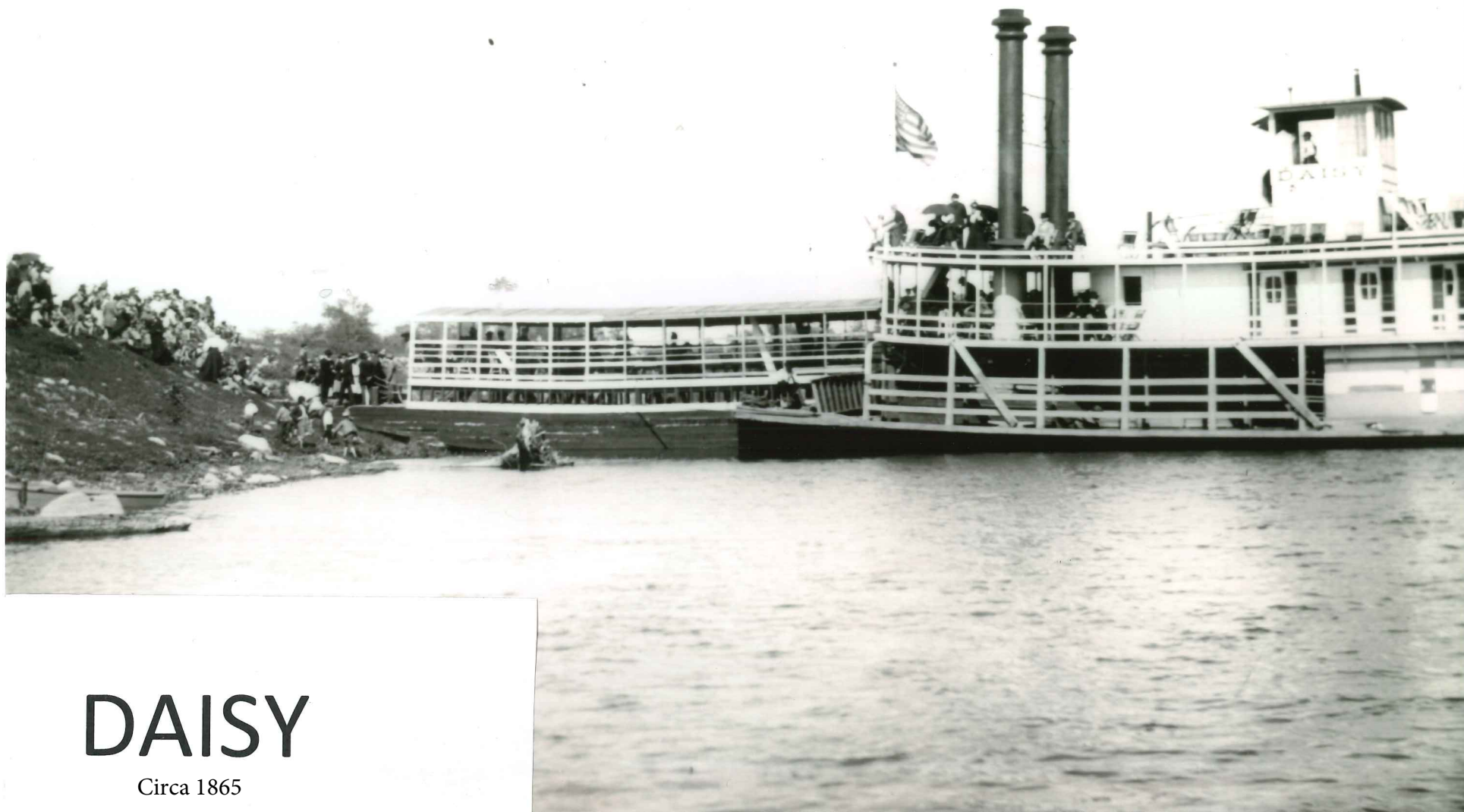
The life blood of Second Street in the first years of its existence were the steamboats. There were no roads to St. Paul or any other settlement, so travel was limited to the rivers. Chaska's first years were as a commercial spot on the river, with very few residential buildings.

The newly arrived European immigrants traveled from St. Paul to Chaska on the steamboats. They would unload their meager possessions and walk to the corner of Walnut and Second, where they found a hotel for the night. Next day, they shopped at the general and hardware stores, just across the street and loaded up on vital necessities before they began their long walk to their stakes.

From around 1855-1865, steamboats from St. Paul brought the hardware, the cloth, the barrels of salted fish, flour and sugar, the stuff that kept the town alive and growing. Some boats were strictly commodities, and as they neared Chaska, they would ring their bell. The townspeople knew which boat was coming by the sound of its distinct bell. The folks in town would stop their activities and rush down to the riverbank at the bottom of Walnut. Businesses picked up supplies, residents picked up mail and sent out new letters.

The steamboat called Antelope was strictly passenger and it left Chaska about 5:30 am and reached St. Paul by evening. Many Chaskans boarded the Antelope as a pleasure cruise up the river, spending a few hours in St. Paul and home again before dark. Extensive preparations were made, with passengers bringing cakes, pies, coffee, and cognac.

The railroads came to Chaska in 1871 and greatly diminished steamboat travel, although it would be another 15 years before it disappeared altogether.



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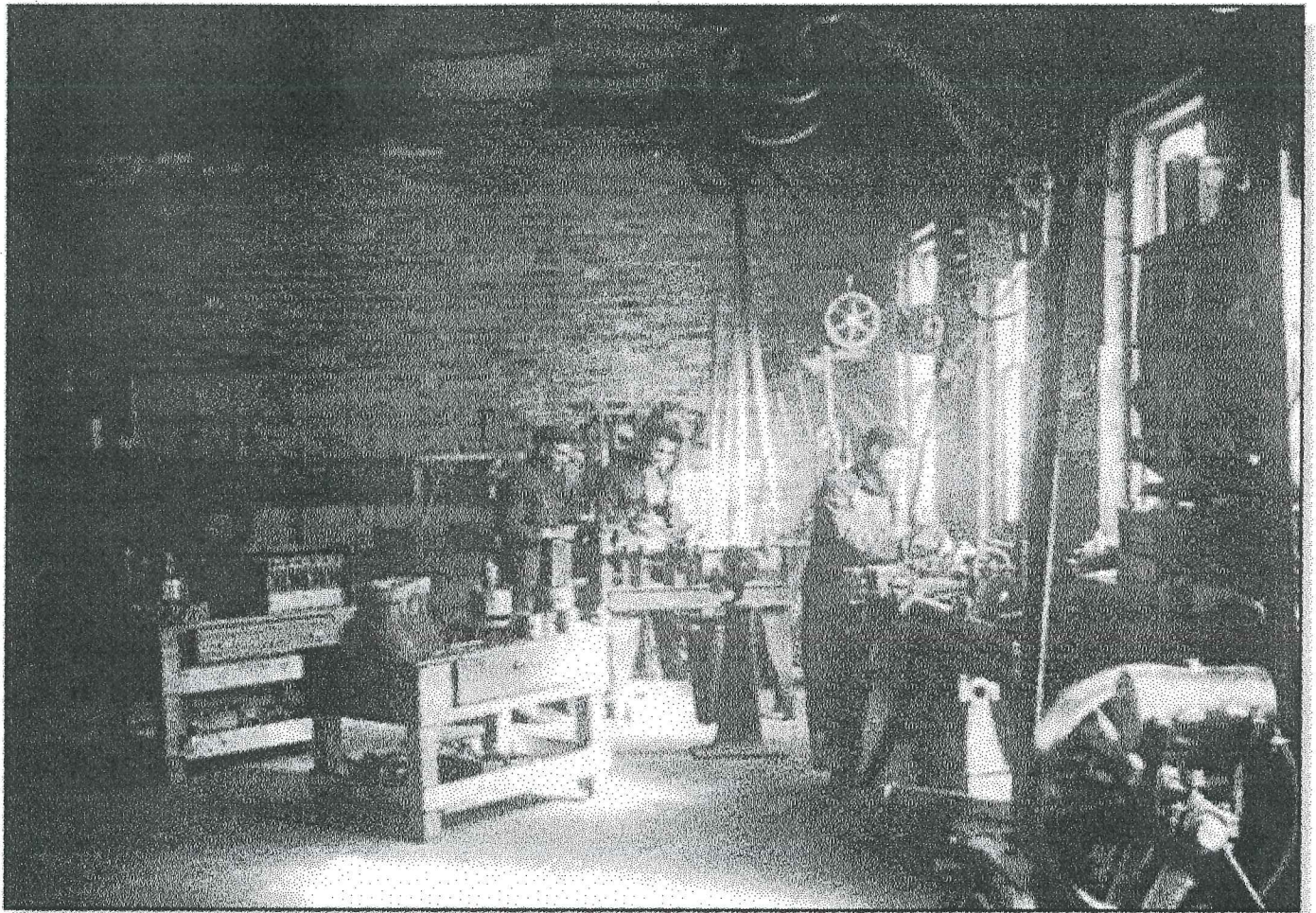
Circa 1865



Faber Building
(116 2nd St E);
1965



Mittelsted Building (Al & Walt Mittelsted)
(102 2nd St East);
1915



Interior of Mittelsted Garage; no date



**Butch's (100 2nd St
West); undated**

Heritage Columns
2nd St W

North + South

Glass Block

LJ Weller

LJ Weller Funeral Home
(103 2nd St W);
circa 1915

est
1904
- cut off





103 West Second Street

This is a photo, circa 1905, of a well-dressed gentleman standing by a coach. The man is Lambert J. Weller. The coach is a hearse and Mr. Weller was an undertaker. The building behind him was his funeral parlor on Second Street West. Mr. Weller combined his funeral business with a retail furniture store, where he sold new furniture and repaired old. Weller was also a florist, creating bouquets for funeral, weddings and graduations.

The building is changed from its original appearance in several ways. The original cladding material has been replaced with stucco and the original projecting balcony has been replaced with canvas awnings. It is also missing the historic "cresting piece" with Weller's name. For these reasons, the Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission did not recommend the reconstruction of the building façade to its historical appearance, so little of the building's fabric survives and because suitably matching replacement materials are probably not available.

This building today is the site of Chaska Chiropractic.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

YOU'LL FIND JUST THE RIGHT GIFT FOR MOTHER IN OUR STORE . . .
SOMETHING SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED . . . AND SURE TO PLEASE HER. CHOOSE
FROM OUR WONDERFUL NEW SELECTION OF CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES.

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HANDBAGS \$2.98

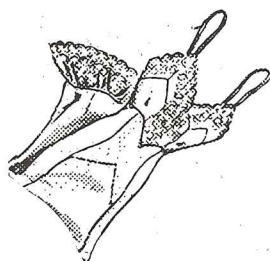
SPRING, SUMMER

MILLINERY

\$2.98 - \$3.98



PR. **98¢**



LADIES SCARFS

39¢ - \$1.39

Fine HANDKERCHIEFS
Boxed 79¢ Fancy 25¢ - 59¢

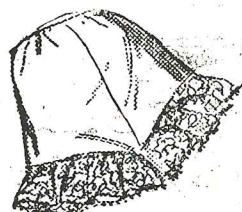
SLIPS

COTTON PLISSE

\$1.98 - \$2.98

NYLONS

\$2.98 - \$3.98



FANCY PANTIES
49¢ - \$1.35

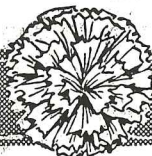
COTTON
BLOUSES

\$1.98 - \$2.98

LADIES
NIGHTIES

\$1.98 - \$4.00

Summer Gloves, 98c to \$1.98



MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 8th

THE GLASS BLOCK STORE

Phone 44

Chaska

Glass Block Bldg-Interior



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Taken 1920's



Schmidt's Glass Block Store, Chaska, Minn.

207 Chestnut St North
(Patron Building)

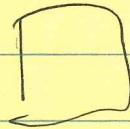


JA Schmidt - 1900

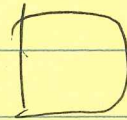
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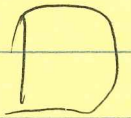
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Gehl Butcher Building Inside
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Chaska History Center

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The butcher of Chaska used to say he was born in a slaughterhouse. Charley Gehl, Chaska's butcher, liked to remind people he was born in his father's meat market. Charley started his own business at age 19, with a cleaver and an old crate that

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↑ ↓ Gehl Butcher Shop ~ circa 1900's-1940 ↑

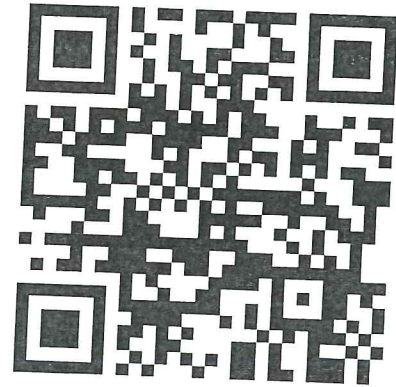


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Jim Labonski - Carriage Driver

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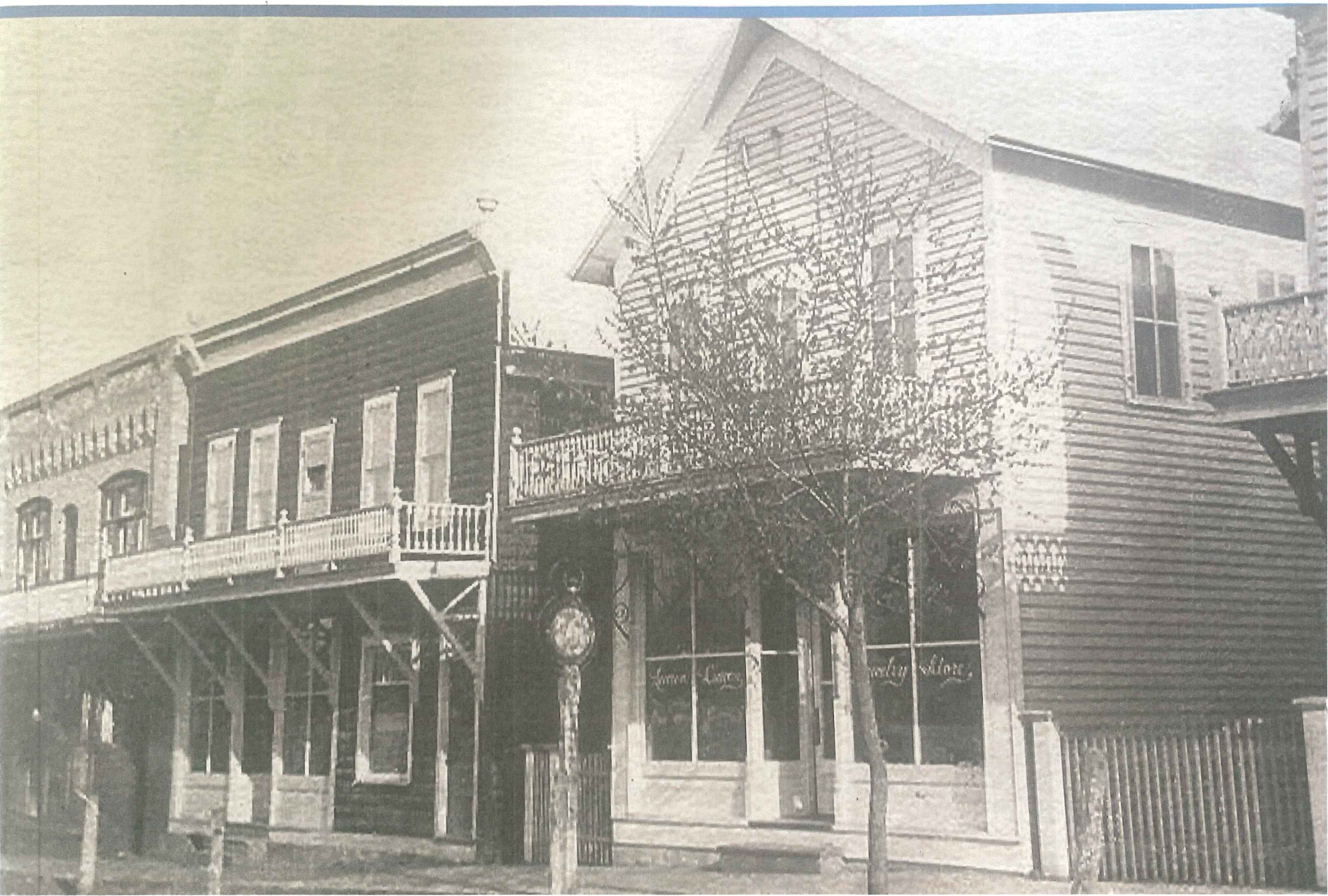




Edward Glatzel - 1918



Glatzel Shop (113 2nd St West) - ~1950



101, 103, and 105 2nd St West - 1910

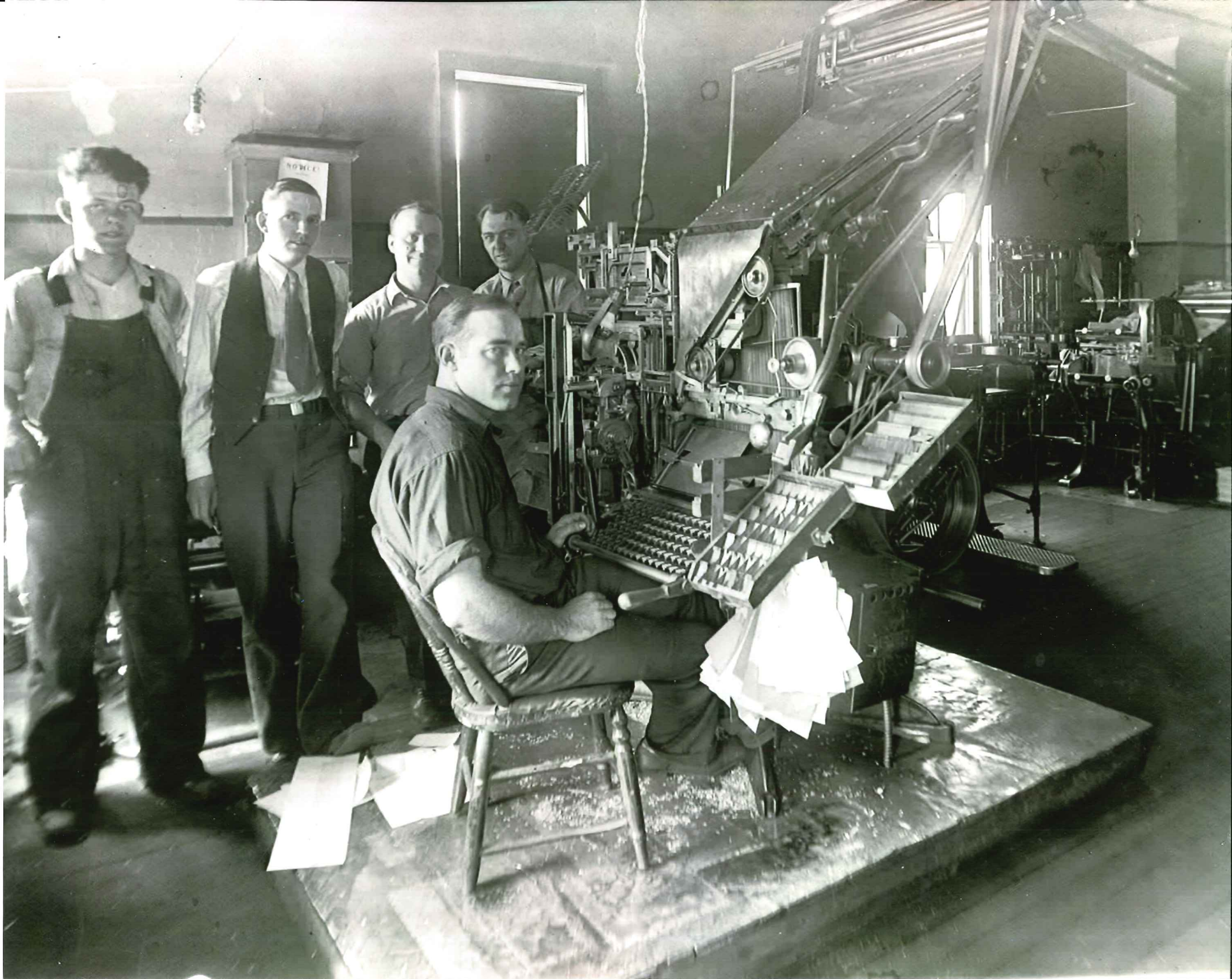
↑ Grocery Store



Inside Baxter Grocery (105 2nd St West) - 1930-1934



Nelly Baxter, daughter
of Elizabeth Baxter -
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Inside Chaska Herald Building (123 2nd St West) - circa 1905



E.E. DuToit

Editor/Owner of Chaska Herald

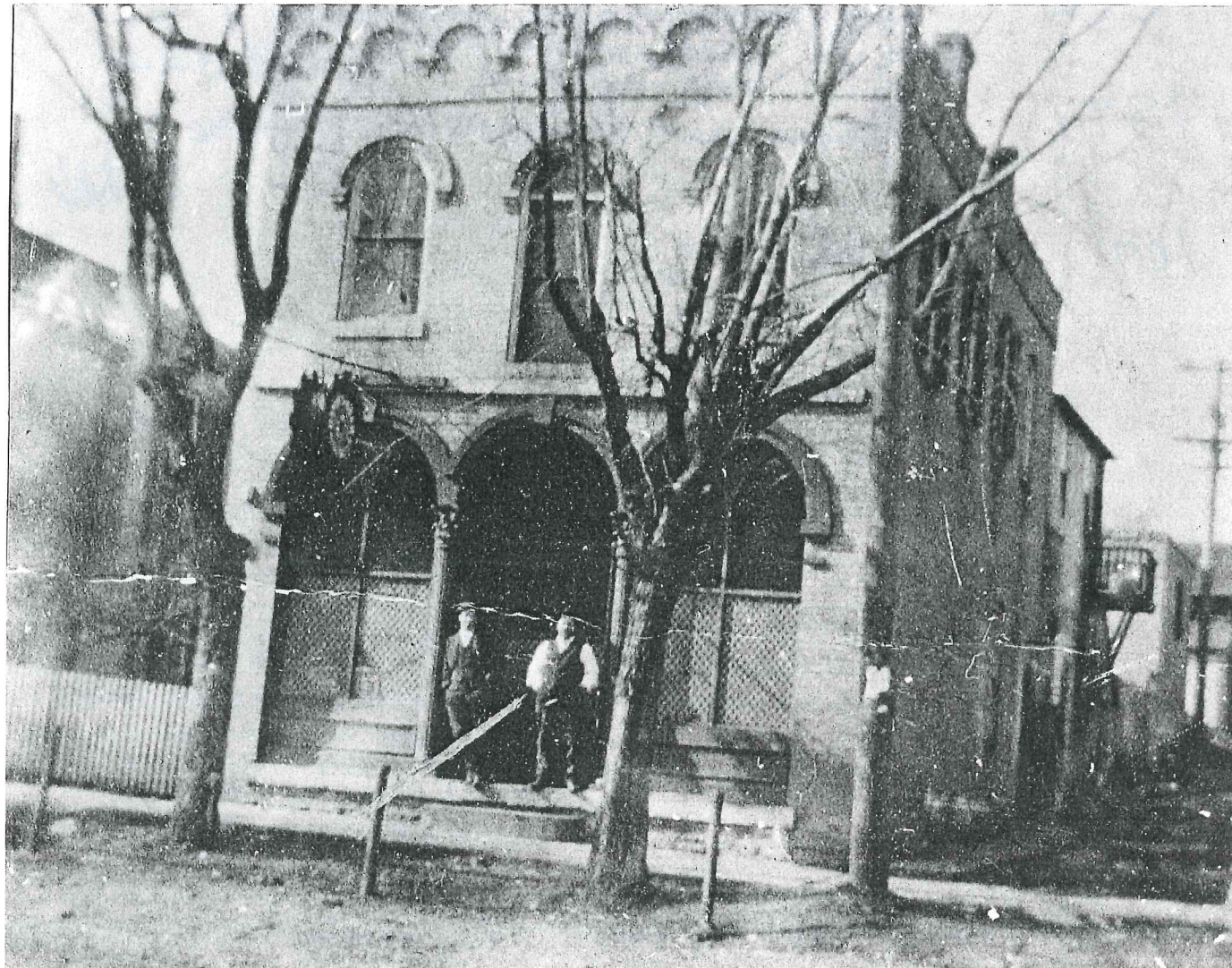


Chaska Herald Building - 1873



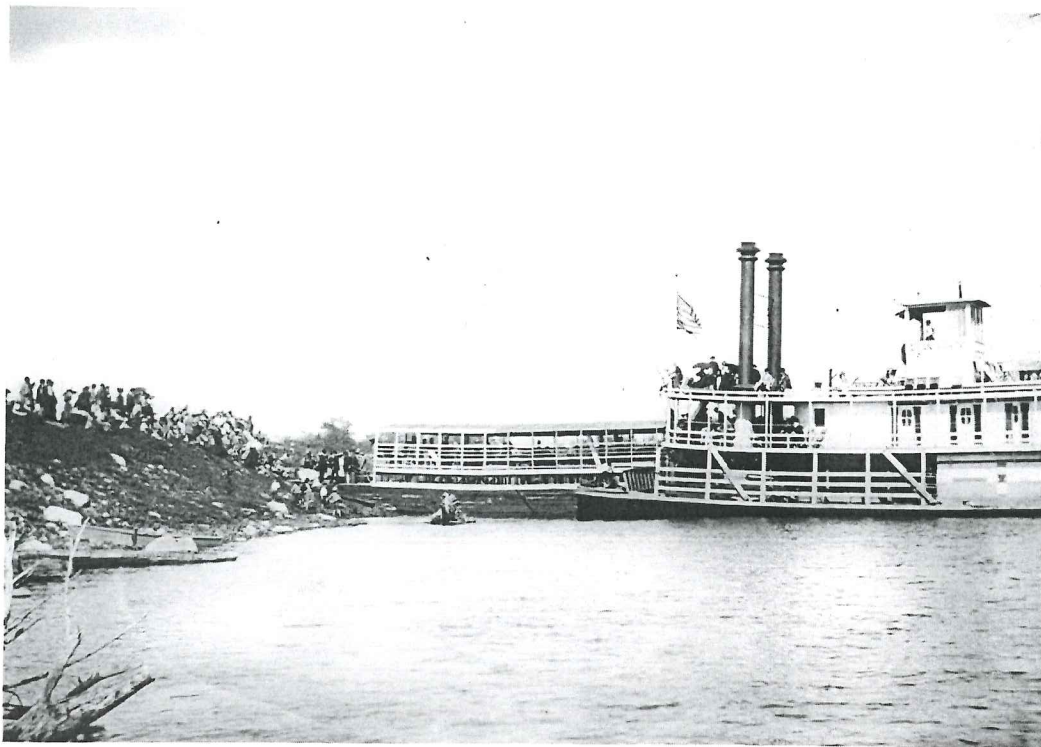




**Description**

Brownish Black & White photo of the earliest known picture of Building on east 2nd Street. It became a Harness Shop, then 16 Bar, then Rups Bar, then Pete & Barbs.

More information in Provenance/Related



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Flood - Butch's/Dann Bros

Disasters on Second Street

FIRE was a terrifying and common event on old Second Street. All it took was an oil lamp falling off a table in a wood frame structure. Such a thing happened at the Chaska House, a hotel on Second and Walnut. Built in 1855 and burned in the 1870s, it didn't stand a chance in the days before a fire department.

In the spring of 1900, Chaska's "worst fire in years" occurred. Five businesses, on the north side of West Second Street between Pine and Chestnut were ravaged by fire. An employee of Gehl's Meat Market jumped down from a second story window in the original Gehl building to sound the alarm. That structure and others extending to Chestnut were destroyed while firemen tried to bring the fire under control.

Guardian Angels Church caught fire in 1902. One of the worst fires in Chaska history, the steeple became engulfed in flames and soon fell on a nearby house. The roof collapsed, the interior burned, leaving nothing but standing walls.

Floods have always plagued Second Street, especially the lower east side. One of the worst was in 1881. George Faber had two stores on the deluged Second Street but was determined to keep them open to any resident willing







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Exhibit opens
Thursday June 8, 6:30 p.m.

**Interactive
exhibit**

Activities for kids

**Lots of Chaska history
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**Expanded
summer hours**



**Call or email
for more information
or to schedule
a group time**



Additional Events:

September 2023

Free Old Time Medicine Show Re-enactments for family fun:
Meet Violet McNeal, St. Paul Medicine Show entrepreneur
from the early 1900s!

Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 23
1:00 p.m. at the Chaska History Center, 112 West Fourth Street

October 2023

Interested in hearing about Chaska's paranormal activity?
Sign up for our Chaska Ghost Tours!

We'll share the stories and possible explanations
as we walk around Chaska's historic downtown area.

See more details and sign up on our website: www.chaskahistory.org



**For details on local
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May 19, 2023

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Re: S.P. 196-090-002, Minnesota River Bluffs Trail Connection, Sec. 3, 4, 8 & 9 – T115N – R23W
Chaska, Carver County

Dear Liz:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), I am extending an invitation to the Chaska Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to participate in the Section 106 process for S.P. 196-090-002, Minnesota River Bluffs Trail Connection, a project sponsored by the City of Chaska (maps attached).

The project is federally funded by FHWA and must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 300108) and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Section 106 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties that are listed in, or are eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places. The Minnesota Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Unit (MnDOT CRU) is acting on behalf of the FHWA in carrying out certain aspects of the Section 106 process for this project under the terms of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District; and the Minnesota Department of Transportation; Regarding Implementation of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in Minnesota* (Statewide PA).

The project consists of construction of a new 10-foot-wide bituminous trail on the former railroad grade along the north side of downtown Chaska. The trail will function as a loop to the Minnesota River Bluffs Connection, roughly following Trunk Highway 61. The proposed trail will begin at W 1st Street, traveling through the new bike/pedestrian tunnel under TH 41, and end at the Southwest Regional Trail Connection, near the junction of Chaska Blvd (Hwy 61) and East Creek. The trail alignment includes four spur segments:

1. At the beginning of the trail, connecting to the Minnesota River Bluffs Connection on W 1st Street
2. Near the beginning, connecting to an existing paved trail

3. On the railroad spur that turns into Dahlen Lane, with a sidewalk connection to the existing system on Stoughton Avenue

4. Sidewalk connection to existing system on Zemble Street

Work on the existing railroad bridges is also anticipated as part of the project. This work involves repurposing the railroad bridge near W 1st Street, removing the railroad bridge over Chaska Creek (fill in depression underneath), and replacing the bridge over unnamed creek (near Bridge No. 10025; near Yellow Brick Rd/Hwy 61 intersection). Trees will also be removed for the trail. The trail segment following Dahlen Lane, may be constructed as an off-road trail in the right-of-way, or as an on-street trail.

As an organization with a demonstrated interest in the community's historic properties, the Chaska HPC may participate in the Section 106 process as a consulting party along with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (MnSHPO), Indian tribes, and other interested organizations and individuals. Consulting parties can share their views, review pertinent project information, offer ideas, and consider possible solutions together with the Federal agency and other consulting parties. Consulting parties play an active and important role in determining how potential effects to historic properties will be avoided, minimized, or mitigated during the planning and implementation of a proposed project. For more information, see: <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.

We would welcome the involvement of the Chaska HPC in Section 106 consultation for the project. If you would like to participate in consultation, please let us know of your interest in writing within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, require additional information on the historic properties or potential effects, or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project.

Sincerely,



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Encl. Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map

CC: CRIS (Administrative Record)
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Appendix: Draft Project Layout

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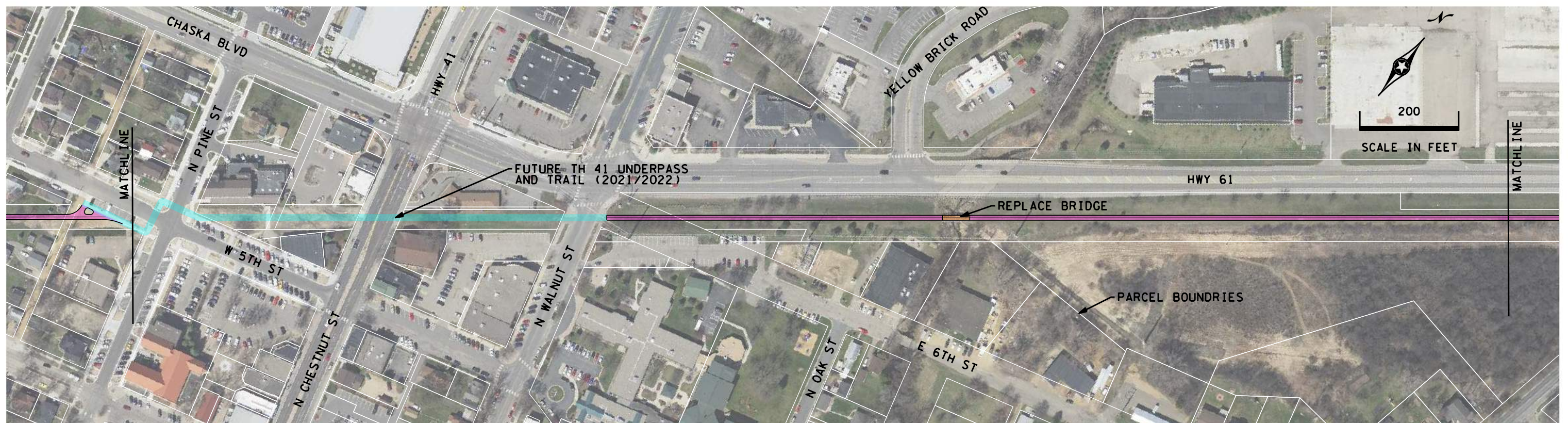
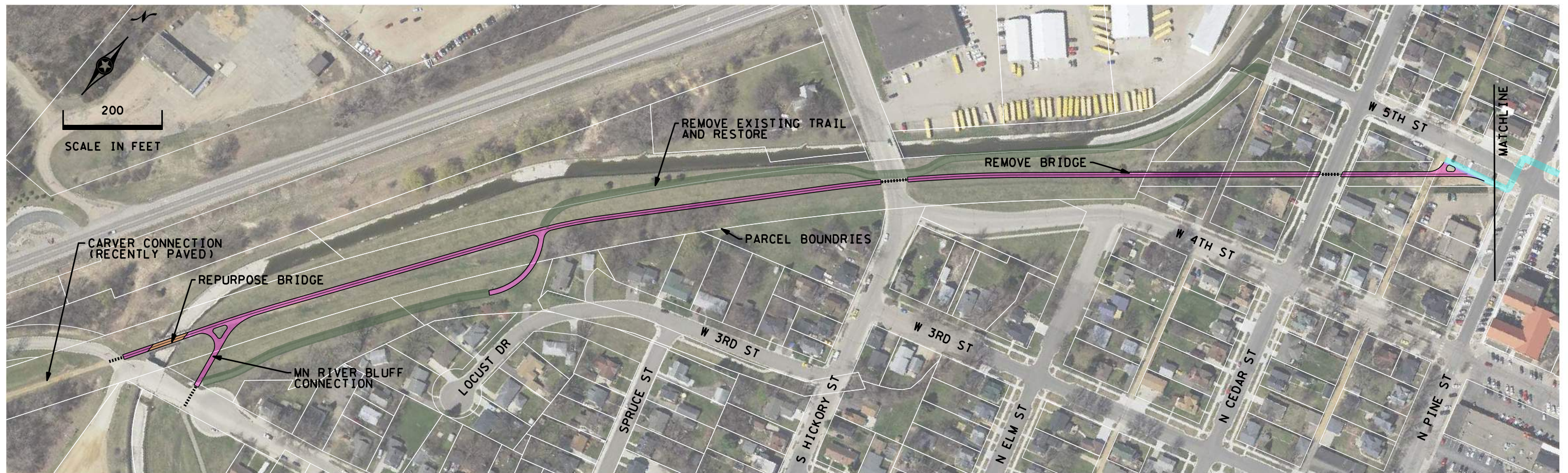
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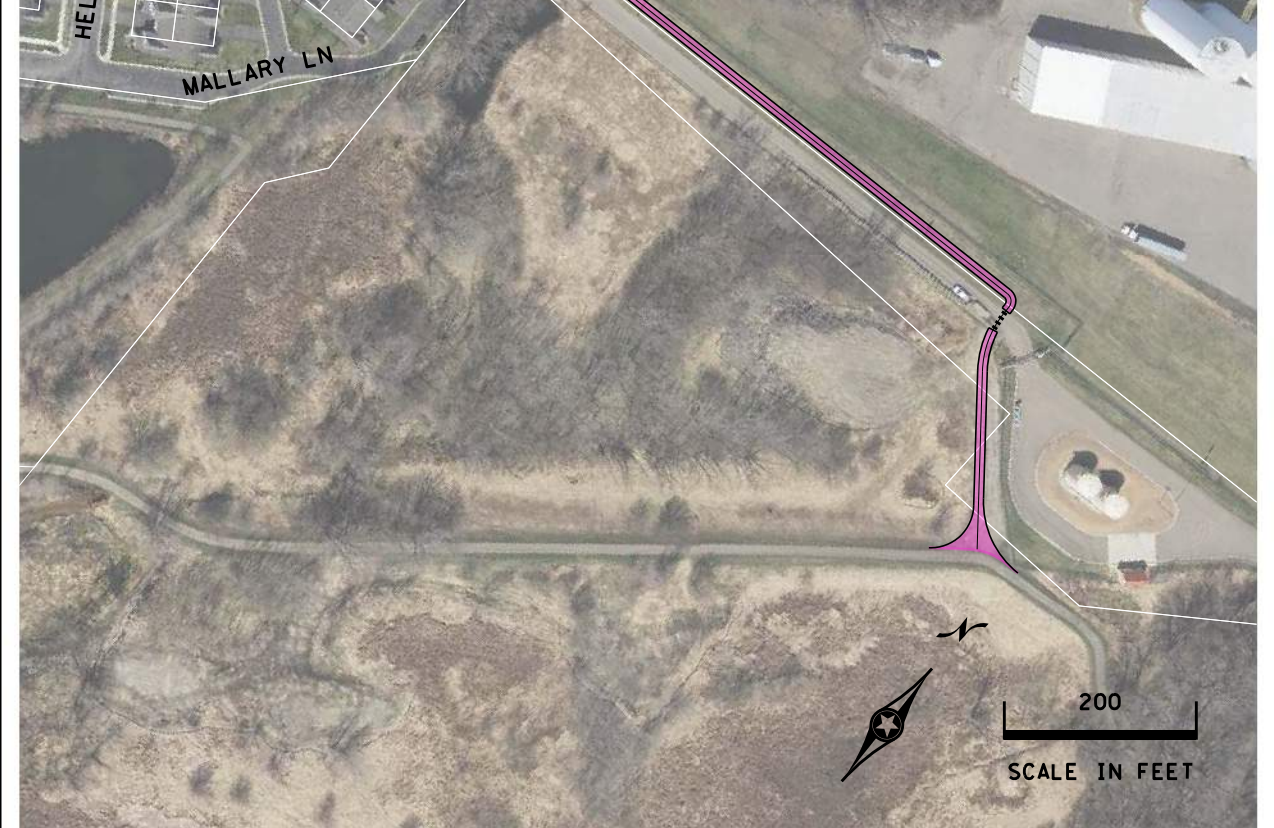
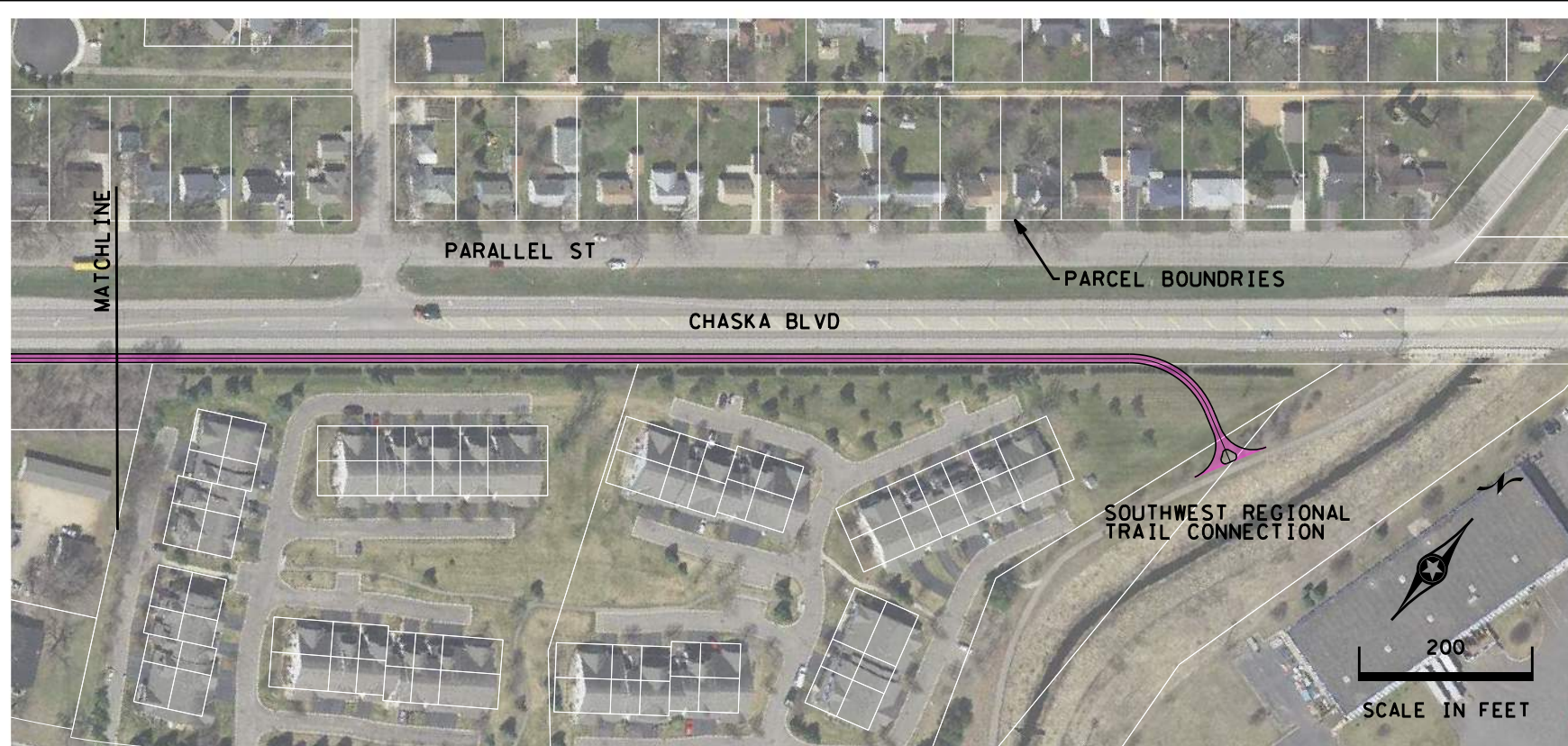
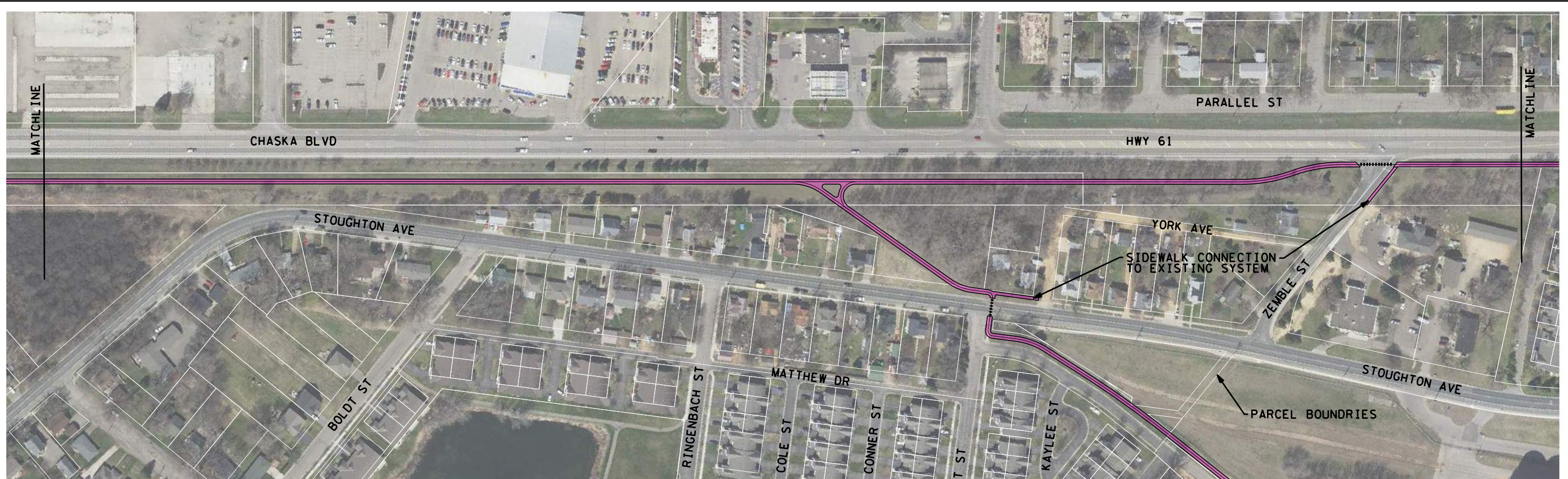
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