



Skatepark Project Update

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Community Need and Support



- Identified as an ARPA Priority through months long process
- Skateparks provide a decade or more of service with no substantial maintenance requirements, yielding unparalleled return on investment.

Manchester, VT Skate Park by Grindline Skateparks



Timeline of Skatepark Public Meetings and Select Board Actions

- **2021** – Identified as a priority by Community for ARPA funds
- **March 28, 2022** – Approved work on a Conceptual Design
- **June 13, 2022** – Approved \$5,000 in ARPA funds for Conceptual Design
- **June 26, 2023** – Presentation of initial design, approved staff to establish costs.
- **October 9, 2023** – Update on skatepark, approved staff to continue work with Skate Park team and GRINDLINE to develop design and cost estimates.
- **January 8, 2024** – Update on Funding, approved fundraising strategy, authorize final GRINDLINE design and permitting work, commence fundraising campaign, approve latest GRINDLINE cost estimate

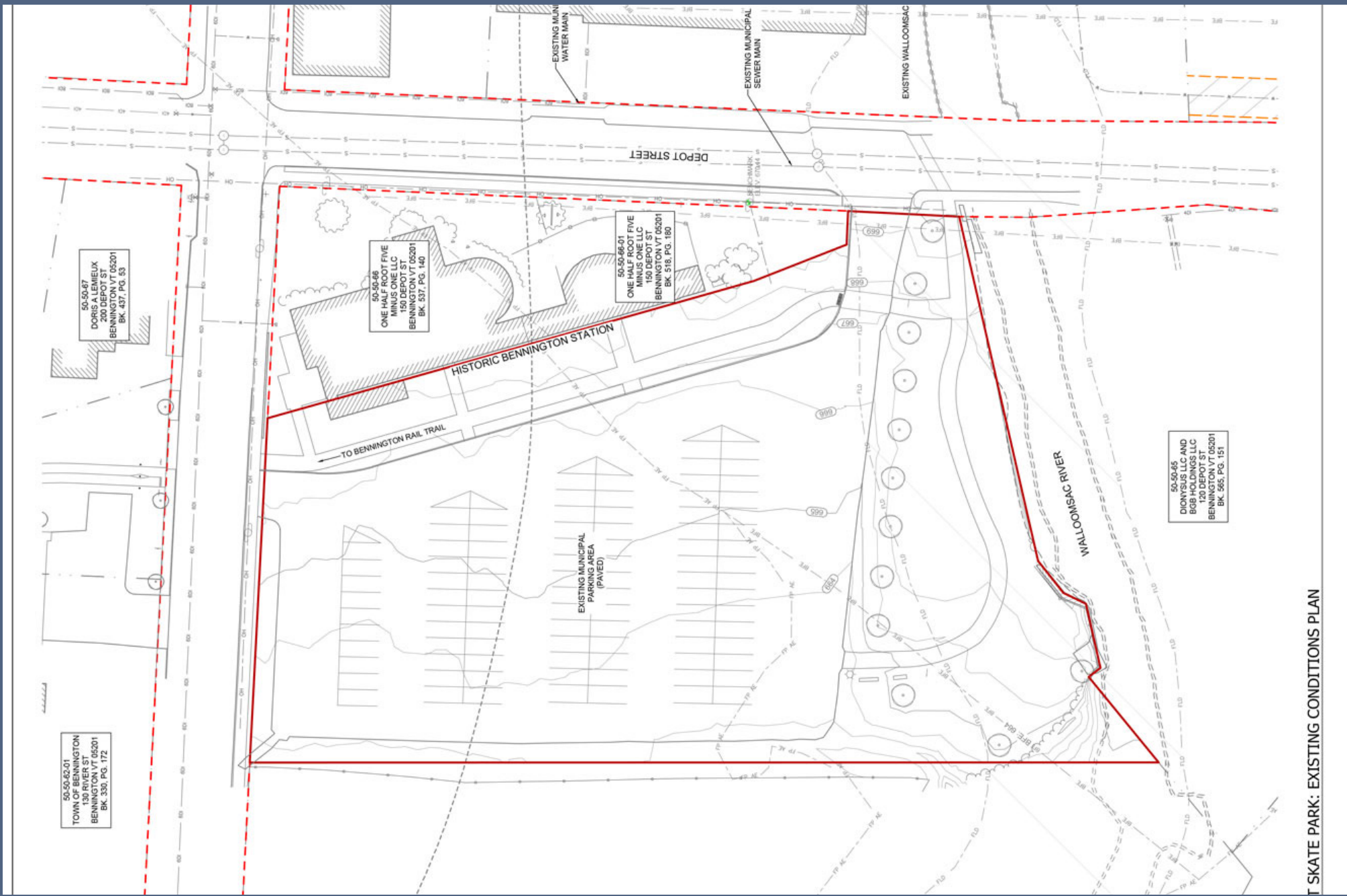


Summary

- A three-year effort from initial ARPA priority to shovel ready project
- A successful community fund raising effort and grant applications
- Over half of project cost from Federal and State Funds
- Pennies for Parks is only Municipal Tax contribution
- GRINDLINE and Skate Park Committee Cost Savings

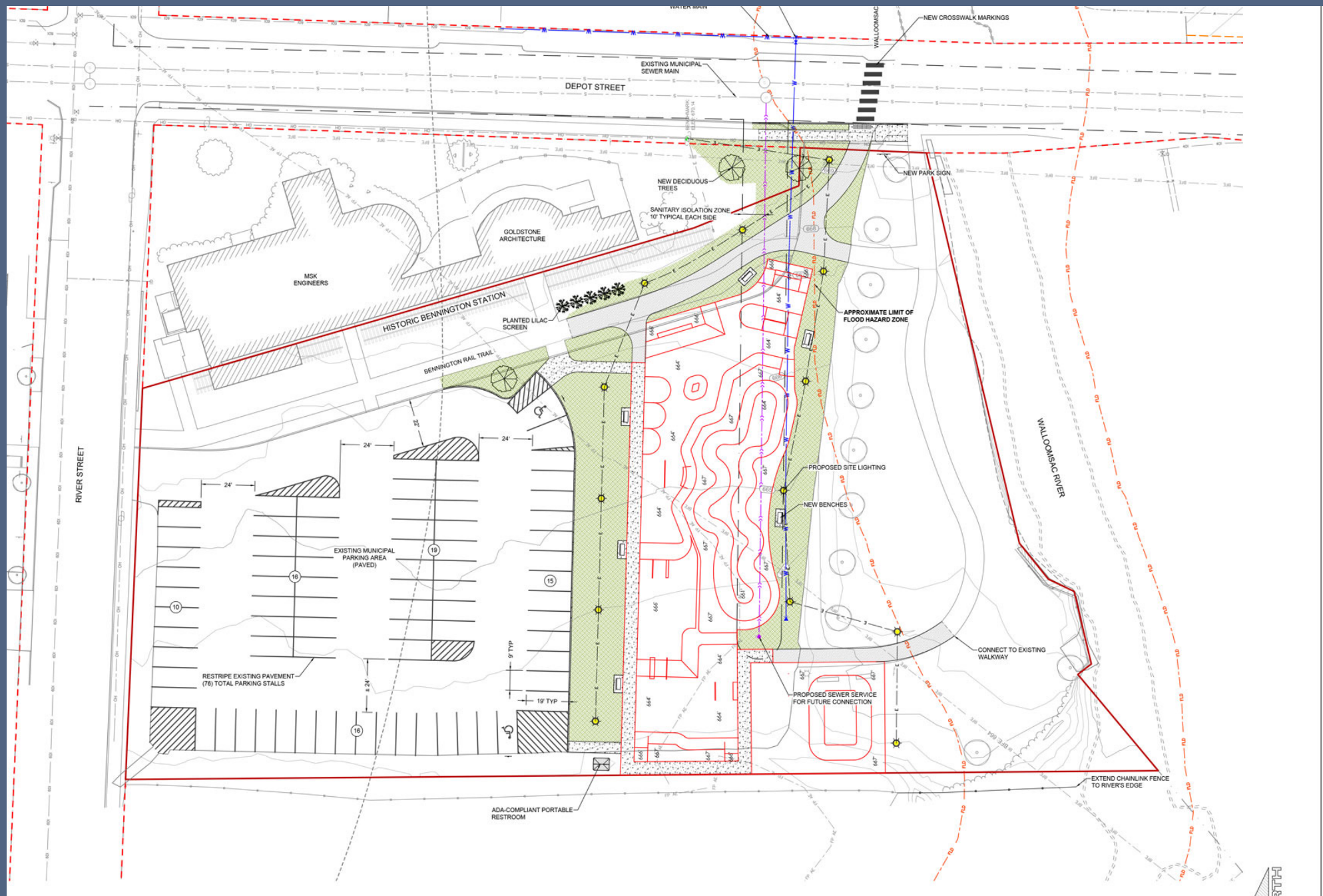


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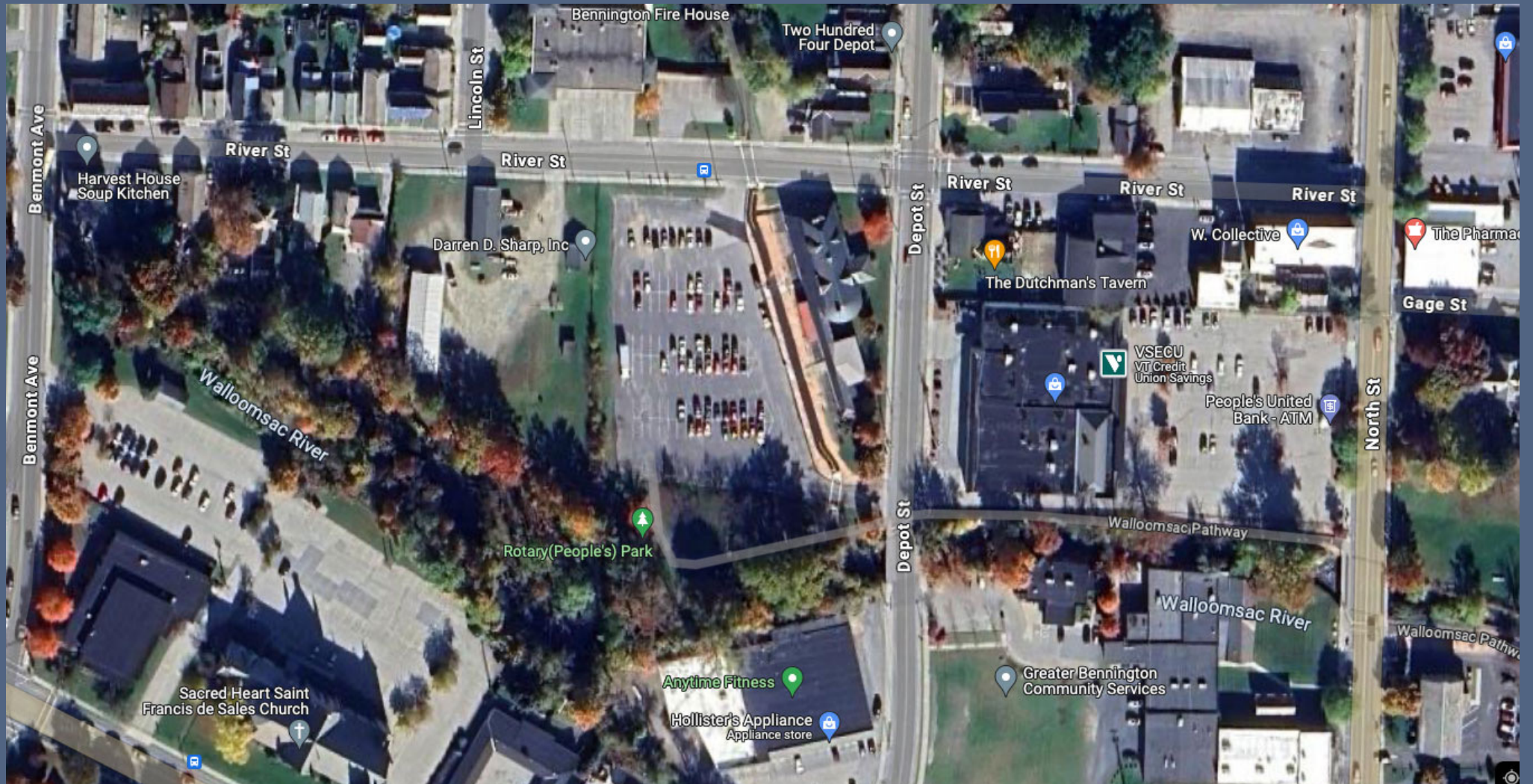


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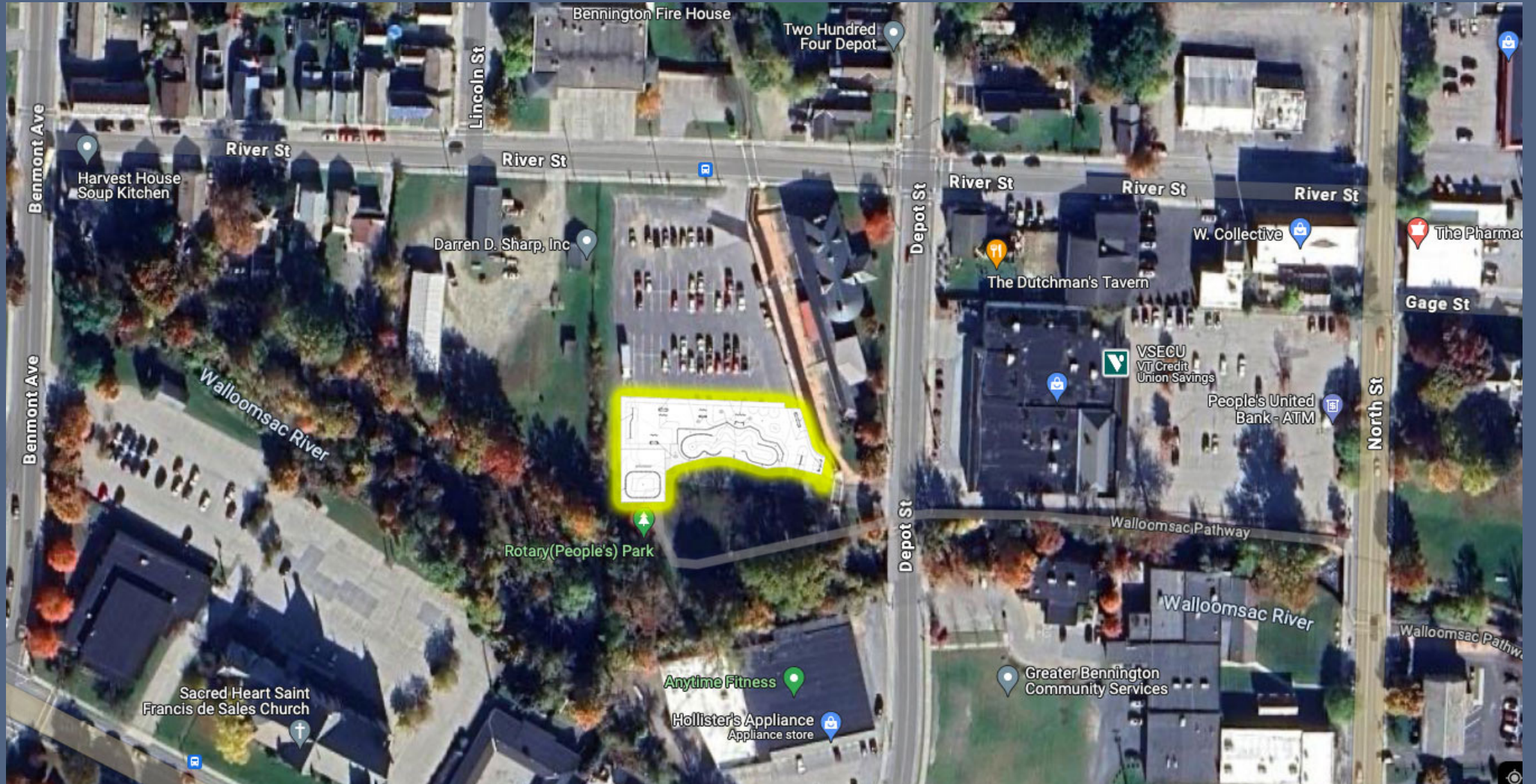


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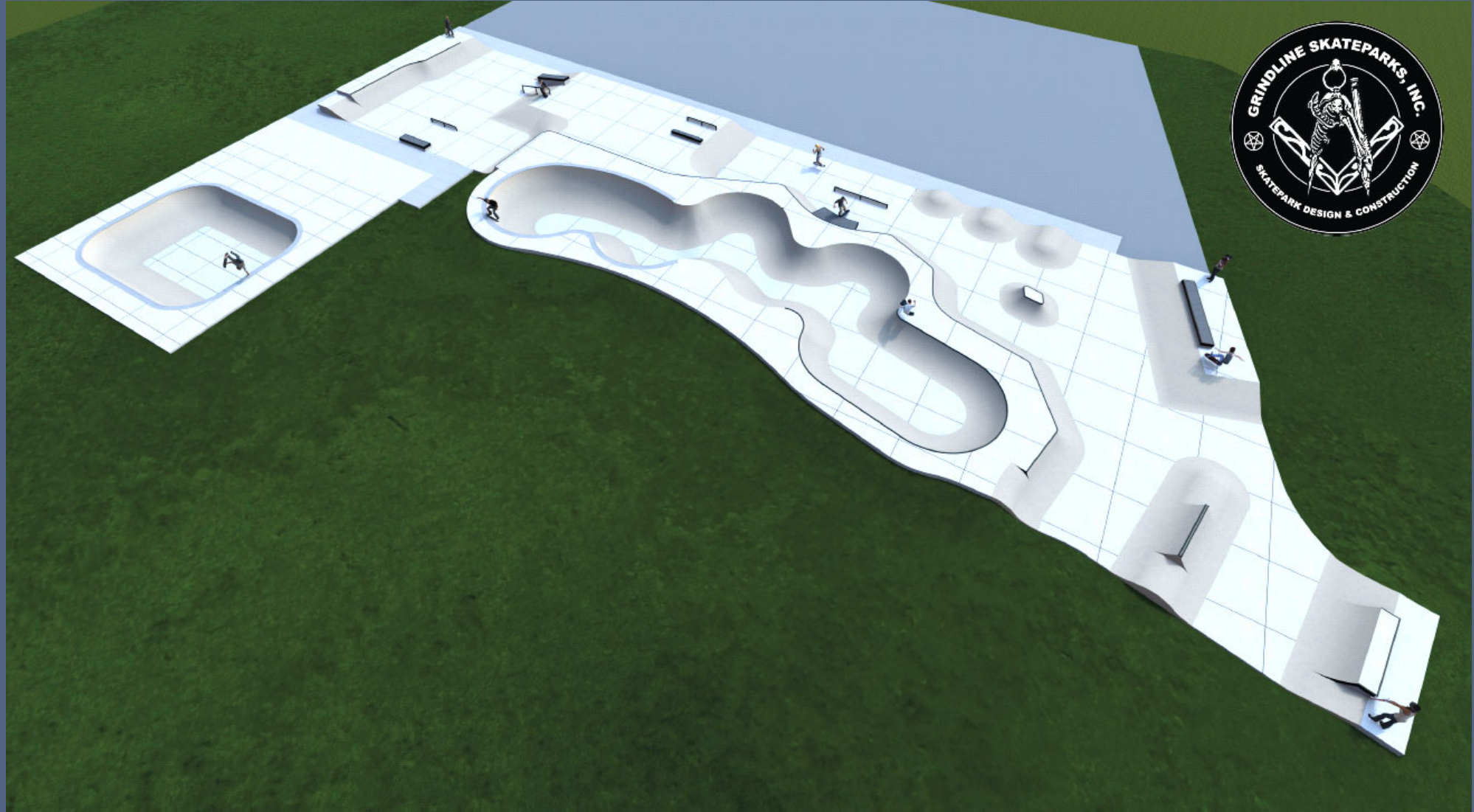


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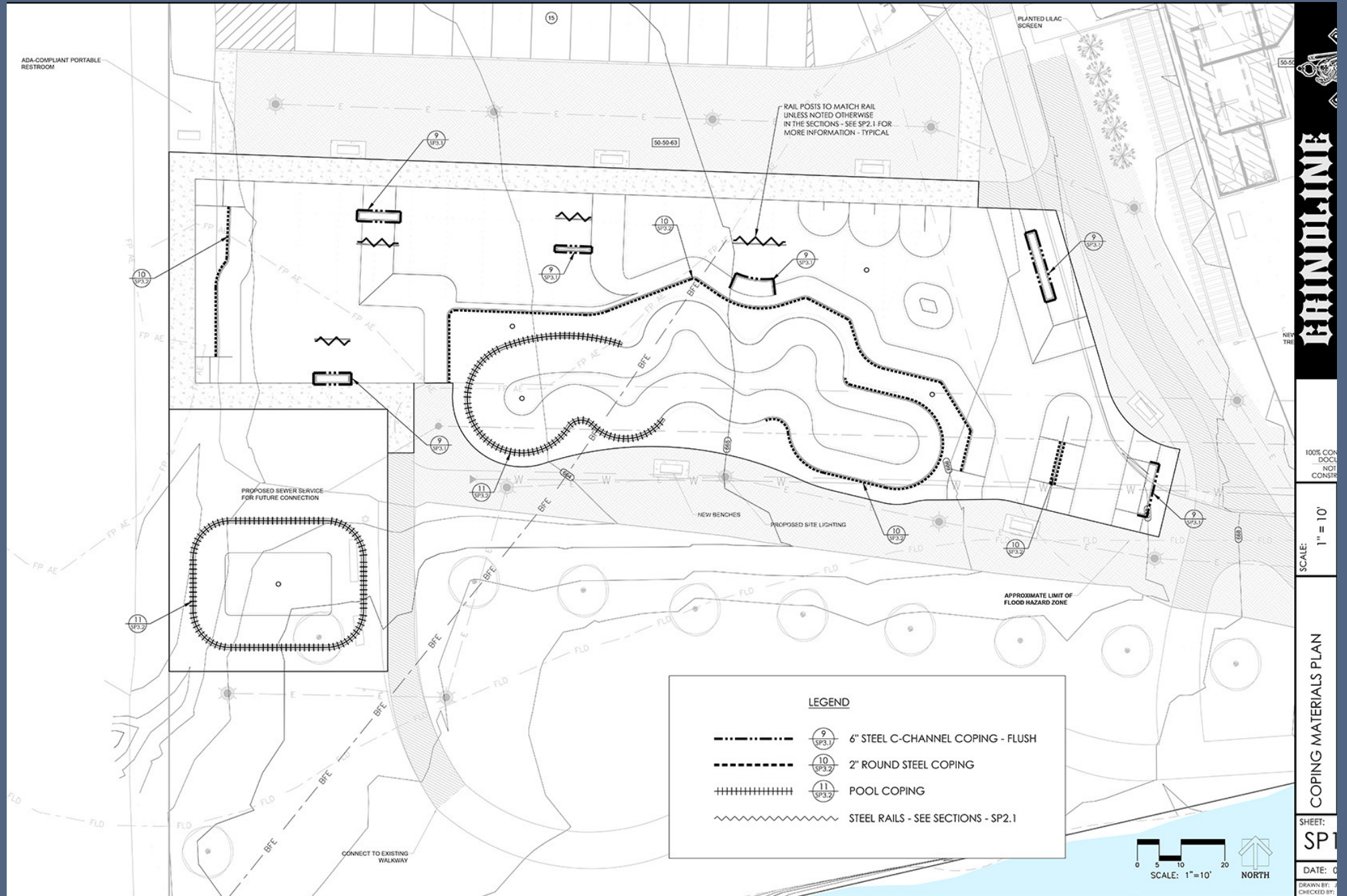


NEW Design Rendering





NEW Design Siteplan





Funding Update

- 1/3 ARPA
- 1/3 Donations/Grants
- 1/3 Penny for Parks

Local Fundraising was greatly helped by a \$200,000 grant from the VT Downtown Transportation Fund program





THANK YOU to all our generous local donors
\$10,000 level



We would like to give special recognition to our anchor donors, the **Bank of Bennington** and the **Vermont State Employee Credit Union**, who both gave \$10,000 to support the skatepark.



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Thank you to the Bennington
Sports Foundation and MSK
Engineers for each giving
\$5,000

and to Southwestern Vermont
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M&M Plumbing
Putnam Block Hospitality
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And those that gave \$500:

The Apple Barn
Goldstone Architecture
Pownal Center Community Church
Stewart's Shops



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... and MORE!



GRINDLINE Construction Contract

Original Estimate (Phase I Only) - \$916,000

Original Estimate (Phase I & Bowl) - \$1,024,000

GRINDLINE Construction Costs

Phase I Only - \$826,000

Phase I & Bowl (\$147,000) - \$973,000

Identified Savings of \$49,000 = \$924,000

GAP = \$24,000



Next Steps:

- Approve Design
- Authorize Town Manager to Sign Contract with GRINDLINE

Your Questions and Comments?