

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

April 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

**City of Dodgeville
Municipal Building
100 E. Fountain St., Dodgeville, WI**

The City of Dodgeville will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG –PF) funds. The infrastructure projects includes sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, and street reconstruction on Linn Street, from E. Polk Street to one block south, and on E. Polk Street from South Union Street to one block east. The public is invited to attend to learn about the CDBG program, to help identify additional community development needs, and to comment on the activities proposed to be included in the CDBG application.

The agenda for the public hearing is:

1. Identification of potential available funds
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development needs
4. Identification of community development needs by the public
5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application
6. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities

Residents of the City of Dodgeville are encouraged to attend, especially residents with low- to moderate-incomes.

The meeting room is handicapped accessible. Persons needing additional accommodations should contact Lauree Aulik, Clerk, 100 E Fountain Street, Dodgeville, WI: Phone 608-930-5228.

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2022 Community Development Block Grant Program

The Small Cities CDBG Program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Housing (DOH). Following is a summary of the 2022 CDBG programs and opportunities for local units of government. The DOH is in the process of finalizing the program so some of the information is subject to change.

2022 Small Cities CDBG Schedule

Following is a tentative summary of the 2022 implementation schedule:

- The 2022 applications will be released in early February 2022
- Training sessions will be held in early February 2022
- **CDBG Public Facilities Program:** Application deadline is May 12, 2022
- **CDBG Public Facilities for Economic Development Program, Planning and Economic Development Programs:** Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis
- **CDBG Rural Economic & Area Development Initiative Program:** Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis
- **CDBG Housing Program:** The biennial application deadline will be in 2023
- Grant awards are expected to be made 45 to 60 days after the submittal deadline

CDBG Eligibility Criteria

Pursuant to HUD guidelines, 70% of the total CDBG allocation must be used to benefit Low-to-Moderate Income persons. To be eligible for the CDBG Program, the project must meet one of the following national objectives:

- 51 percent Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) benefit
- Slum and Blight Removal
- Local Urgent Need

CDBG Grant Categories & Funding Levels

The CDBG program includes the following grant categories and funding levels:

HOUSING

- **CDBG Housing**

Approximately 7 million is available for Regional Housing applications. Approximately \$500,000 is available for Non-Regional Housing Applications. Eligible activities include: owner-occupied and renter occupied rehabilitation, accessibility modifications, homestead (down-payment and closing cost assistance), new housing site development and certain acquisition costs, and small-scale public facilities improvements. Housing grants are available through a regional approach with grants to a lead county agency, or to individual communities that choose not to belong to a regional organization. The next biennial CDBG Regional Housing application deadline will be in December 2021. The next CDBG Housing Non-Regional Housing Application deadline is in May 2022.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **CDBG-Public Facilities for Economic Development (CDBG-PFED)**

Approximately \$6 million is available to fund infrastructure that directly supports business expansion, increased employment opportunities for LMI persons, and adding to the local tax base. Eligible projects include sanitary sewer collection & treatment, water supply and distribution, streets, storm sewer and sidewalks. CDBG-PFED applications may be submitted on a continuous basis. Maximum grant is 50% of project cost up to \$750,000.

- **CDBG-Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)**

Approximately \$12 to \$15 million is available on an annual competitive application process. Funded projects will include: 1) Reconstruction of deteriorating infrastructure including sanitary sewer systems, municipal water systems, streets, parks, sidewalks and handicapped access improvements, 2) Essential community facilities such as community centers, senior centers, fire stations, health clinics and libraries, and 3) Downtown revitalization including blight elimination, infrastructure, parking, streetscape, building façade improvements and historic preservation. The next application deadline is May 13, 2021. Maximum grant is 67% of the project cost up to a \$1,000,000 grant.



- **CDBG-Planning**

Approximately \$235,000 is available for planning projects that address a major economic or community development project, or unexpected economic activities that adversely impact the community. Maximum grant: 67% of the project cost, up to a \$25,000 grant or a single project plan and \$50,000 grant for a community wide plan. Eligible activities: assist communities to develop clear and actionable strategies for addressing specific site, neighborhood or community development needs; or, to improve the quality of community or economic development projects. Typical projects include: economic development plans, downtown revitalization plans, or neighborhood revitalization plans. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

- **CDBG-EAP—Emergency Assistance Program** - Funds are used to assist local units of government in addressing emergency housing, public facility, infrastructure, and business assistance needs that occur as a result of a natural or manmade disaster. Assistance may include: housing rehab, acquisition/demolition, housing replacement, road repairs, storm water drainage and public facilities. Must submit a notice of intent to apply within 90 days of the disaster event.

- **CDBG– Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program** - The State of Wisconsin received \$15.3 million of CDBG DR grant funds to assist community who lost housing in the 2018 flood. 100% of the funds are allocated for Dane and Vernon Counties. Priority projects includes creating new residential units. Round two application deadline is November 19, 2021.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CDBG Economic Development: Approximately \$5.9 million will be available for economic development projects that benefit LMI persons. This program has been recently revised to provide grants directly to businesses that commit to creation or retention of jobs. Funds may be used for working capital, equipment or construction. \$7,000 to \$10,000 of grant funds is available for each FTE job. Maximum grant is 50% of costs up to \$500,000.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF
DODGEVILLE
WISCONSIN
2017-2037



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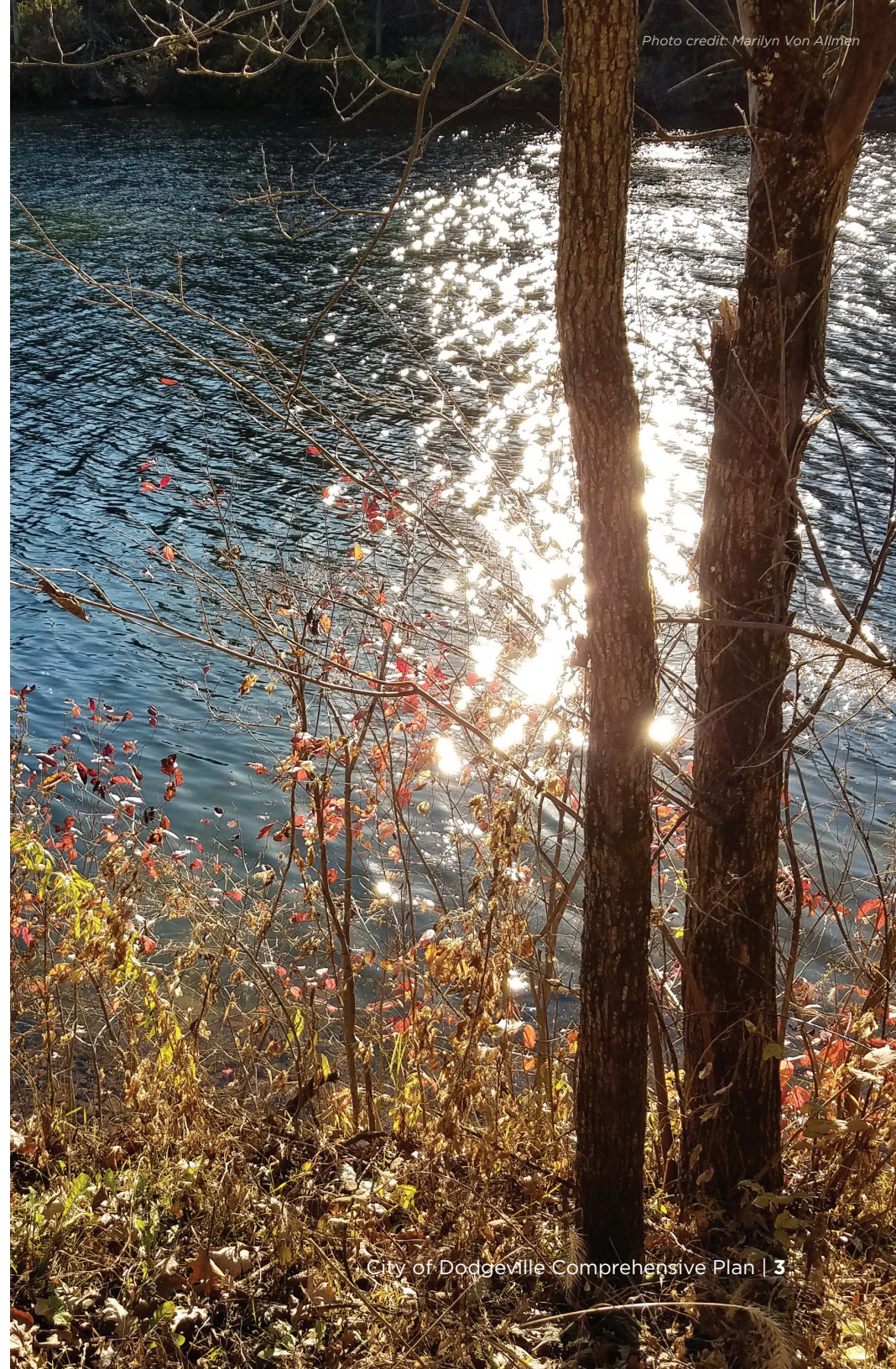
15  **Community Resources**

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The following are the initiatives of the plan organized by their topic:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Increase the quantity and quality of gathering spaces for public events
- Maintain and diversify recreational, educational, and cultural programs and events.
- Leverage the city's diverse and high-quality healthcare options for greater community development opportunities.
- Create a community culture that supports lifelong healthy living.
- Develop marketing and branding efforts to include Dodgeville's parks and nearby natural resources assets.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Create a distinct brand for the city, and market this distinction for workforce and business attraction.
- Maintain and market the city's existing "culture of growth."

EDUCATION

- Continue to support the strong investment in quality K-12 education to make the District competitive with other districts for open enrollment students.
- Market the quality and diversity of educational opportunities within and around the City of Dodgeville.
- Increase opportunities for adult education.
- Expand post-secondary career opportunities and enhance student competitiveness for the workforce.
- Build connections between school-age youth and the community in order to foster a sense of belonging, with an aim to retaining students within the city upon graduation.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Develop sufficient multi-generational housing opportunities throughout the city
- Improve the overall safety of roads and crossings for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- Continue to maintain and promote the city's infrastructure, public spaces, and public safety assets.

Common Themes of the Plan

Through these Goals, Actions, and Initiatives and the public meetings, four themes were recognized. These are issues that were continuously stated by community members as high priorities. The themes are discussed in more detail within the chapters of the plan.

- **Educational Opportunity:** Dodgeville's local school district is an attraction for young families, and the proximity to regional higher-educational facilities such as UW Madison and Southwest Technical College allow for a strong transition into higher education and the workforce.
- **Market Community and Regional Assets:** Dodgeville's schools, parks, employers, and quaint downtown make it a great place to raise a family. Likewise, with large employers such as Upland Hills and Lands End, as well as quick access to metropolitan cities such as Dubuque and Madison, Dodgeville has much to offer the Millennial workforce as well.
- **Support for Lifelong Healthy Living:** Public health, nutrition, recreation, and mental health is very important to the city. A healthy community leads to well-educated students, a strong workforce, and reduced expenses on social services. Dodgeville's assets can support this vision through collaboration with the local hospital and creation of walking paths.
- **The Importance of the Park System and Public Spaces:** The parks system is expansive and a major asset to Dodgeville. City and regional parks have the ability to increase current residents' health and well-being, and to attract visitors, future residents, and new businesses. Likewise, strong support for the city Library reflects a community that enjoys coming together and values lifelong learning.



PLANNING PROCESS

This planning process included stakeholder identification, data collection, a review of existing local plans, and extensive community outreach that incorporated stakeholder interviews, public meetings, and a Community Survey. The plan was a success largely due to the strong community participation, which included input from over 95 community members during public meetings and 362 people who completed a Community Survey. There were also key partners within Dodgeville that distributed meeting announcements and the Community Survey, provided data, and contributed community insight to help the plan succeed.

Stakeholder Interviews

A series of interviews were held with a diverse group of stakeholders to gain insight from their expertise. These interviews were used to discuss particular aspects of life in Dodgeville in a thorough and detailed manner. These interviews included discussions on the Public Library, public safety, City/Community relationships, and the Dodgeville School District.

Community Public Meetings

Over 95 community members provided their input and expertise during five community public meetings. The meetings aimed to create a clear understanding of the current state of Dodgeville and develop Goals, Initiatives, and Actions to maintain or improve the assets of the community. In particular, the meetings discussed Community Resources, Infrastructure, Education, Economic Development, and Land Use and Implementation. Community members provided thoughtful input through lively discussions during the meetings.

Dodgeville Planning Process Timeline:



Table 2: Public Meeting Schedule for the Dodgeville Comprehensive Planning Process

Public Meeting Schedule		
MEETING TOPIC	DATE	MEETING HOST
Kick-Off Meeting	March 21st, 2017	Dodgeville City Hall
Economic Development	May 18th, 2017	Red Room Bar & Restaurant
Education	May 25th, 2017	Red Room Bar & Restaurant
Infrastructure	June 15th, 2017	Red Room Bar & Restaurant
Community Resources	June 29th, 2017	Red Room Bar & Restaurant
Land Use & Implementation	August 24th, 2017	Red Room Bar & Restaurant

Dodgeville Community Survey

The Dodgeville Community Survey asked respondents to prioritize projects that came up during the previous public meetings and provide new ideas and input. It was open from June 1st to October 23rd, 2017. The survey gained input from 362 people (7% of the total population). Of these respondents, 86% did not attend a public meeting for the comprehensive plan, providing additional new input to the process. The complete survey can be found in Appendix C.



Needs:

Housing Market Study

As noted above, there is still significant information necessary before the city to determine its housing needs. This includes, in part, a comparison of the existing housing prices with the prices that are affordable given the incomes of the residents of Dodgeville. Likewise, housing needs to be reviewed within the context of attracting new residents, and the changing demographics the city is likely to see. Additional information that could help Dodgeville chart its path towards a robust housing market is input from employers and employees within the city, and potentially even input from current renters. This last piece of data will help determine barriers to homeownership, as well as the portion of residents who prefer apartment dwelling to owning a single-family home.

New Housing

There has been a steady investment in new housing in Dodgeville. Nevertheless, 65% of the city's housing stock was built prior to 1978. These units pose a threat to children, since at one point they had lead paint used within. Lead contaminated dust can cause serious and permanent developmental impairments to children. Likewise, these older units are more likely to have wiring that does not meet code and be poorly insulated, which can lead to high utility costs during the winter months. If the city hopes to attract workforce and young families, there must be a significant investment in new housing to accommodate these populations.



Transportation

Dodgeville’s transportation network provides the city with several of its strongest assets, but also may be the area where there is the greatest need for improvement. The city sits amid a strong network of roads, while also supporting a local public transit option for those without a car. These transportation assets support autonomy and self-reliance among the residents. Key areas for improvement are in the marketing of transit options, increased bike and pedestrian safety, and additional funding for road maintenance.

Assets:

Access to a National, State, and County Road Network

Dodgeville is located on the four-lane U.S. Highway 151, equidistant between Dubuque, Iowa and Madison, Wisconsin. Also connecting the city to the region are U.S. Route 18 and State Route 191 running east/west, and State Route 23 running north/south. Complementing these are four additional county roads and several more town roads. This robust transportation network makes Dodgeville well suited for residents to commute to work, or outside workers to commute to Dodgeville. It also makes Dodgeville attractive to new businesses looking for easy access to freight corridors via a four-lane highway. The community is unique in southwestern Wisconsin and has an opportunity to capitalize on these assets for future growth.

Intra-city Taxi Service

Operating within the city limits is a taxi service for those without access to an automobile or who can no longer drive. This service has been in place for several years, and in 2016 provided 2,899 trips and over 800 hours of service. As a county-contracted, privately operated service, the taxi receives annual subsidies for providing these rides. This subsidy amounted to \$13,739 in 2016, furthering the benefit to those who cannot afford their own vehicle and making rides affordable for fixed-income seniors.²² With the changing demographics in Dodgeville, the taxi will continue to provide a necessary service for the city’s residents.

Needs:

Improvements to city Streets

Maintaining local roads has been an issue of statewide concern for several budget cycles, and Dodgeville appears to be no exception. “Quality of roads” and “Road maintenance and repair scheduling” are not meeting the expectations of those attending the public input sessions. Results from the community survey also recognized this, with 52% of respondents wanting more funding to maintain critical infrastructure. Dodgeville is also not alone in the challenges it faces to fund this maintenance. State caps on levy limits combine with decreasing transportation aids (2.5% annually from 2011 to 2017²³) to place an increasing burden on the city’s tax payers. With no change anticipated, financing road repairs will continue to require strategic and flexible budgeting on the part of the city.

²² Grant County, WI Aging and Disability Resource Center (2017).

²³ Wisconsin Department of Revenue Calendar Year Payments. (2011-2017).

Infrastructure Initiatives and Actions

Initiative: Develop sufficient multi-generational housing opportunities throughout the city.

Action: Conduct a market study to determine current housing conditions and future housing needs based on predicted population changes and community growth.

Action: Increase single-level housing that allows seniors to age in place.

Action: Convert the second floor of main street buildings into apartments for downtown living.

Initiative: Improve the overall safety of roads and crossings for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Action: Monitor current speeds at main corridors and determine if speeds need reduction or if greater enforcement of speeding is required.

Action: Increase enforcement of distracted driving.

Action: Increase and improve signage for pedestrian crossings and bike paths to reduce motorists' speeds and increase safety for non-motorists.

Action: Develop designated bike lanes and corridors throughout the city that includes clear signage and an outreach campaign to motorists and the overall community.

Initiative: Continue to maintain and promote the city's infrastructure, public spaces, and public safety assets.

Action: Maintain sewer and water infrastructure so as to maintain capacity in the city's treatment plant, and work towards elimination of infiltration.

Action: Improve signage and wayfinding throughout the city, including signage for public parking locations on main street.

Action: Maintain investment and funding for the city's police, fire department, and EMS services.

Action: Improve walkability throughout the city, specifically connecting Iowa Street, schools, and commercial areas, through improved infrastructure and increase signage to alert pedestrians and motorists to these routes.

CITY OF DODGEVILLE

5 Year – Street Improvement Program

- Year 2021 -** Reconstruct Quarry St from Union St to Dacotah St
Reconstruct Leffler St from King St to STH 23
Reconstruct Dydno St from Leffler St to King St
Reconstruct Jewett St from Main St to Union St
Reconstruct Short St from Jewett St to North St
Crackfill and Sealcoat - \$45,000
- Year 2022 –** Reconstruct Linn St from Polk St to S Termini
Reconstruct Polk St from Union St to E Termini
Reconstruct North St from W Chapel St to STH 23
Crackfill and Sealcoat - \$45,000
- Year 2023 –** Reconstruct Fountain St from Kings Ct to STH 23
Reconstruct Montgomery St from Walnut St to Fountain St
Reconstruct Military Ridge Rd from W City Limits to Veterans Pass
Reconstruct Johns St and Leffler Rd Traffic Signals
Crackfill and Sealcoat - \$45,000
- Year 2024 -** Reconstruct Merrimac St – Virginia Terr to Johnson St
Reconstruct Virginia Terr – Merrimac St to Chapel St
Crackfill and Sealcoat - \$45,000
- Year 2025 -** Reconstruct Division St – W Termini to STH 23
Crackfill and Sealcoat - \$45,000

City of Dodgeville
2022 Linn-Polk Street Reconstruction Project Summary
April 19, 2022

I. CDBG Income Survey

- A. The CDBG program requires at least 51% of the persons benefitting from a project must be Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI).
- B. The Linn Street area was surveyed to obtain income information. See Attached Map.
- C. Area residents are 72.41% LMI. As such this area is CDBG eligible.
- D. Income surveys are good for a 5-year period.

II. Project Cost Summary

A. CDBG Eligible Project Cost Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1. Construction – Linn Street	
a. Street & Site Work	= \$ 119,869.25
b. Sanitary Sewer	= \$ 86,000.00
c. Water Distribution	= \$ 94,750.00
d. Storm Sewer	= \$ 13,090.00
2. Construction – Polk Street	
a. Street & Site Work	= \$ 130,460.50
b. Sanitary Sewer	= \$
c. Water Distribution	= \$ 37,725.00
d. Storm Sewer	= \$ 26,900.00
3. Subtotal Construction	= \$ 508,794.75
4. Contingency (10%)	= \$ 50,879.48
5. Engineering	= \$ 83,951.13
Total CDBG Eligible Project Costs	= \$ 643,625.36

B. Non – Eligible Project Cost Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1. CDBG Grant Administration	= \$ 20,000.00
Total Non- CDBG Eligible Costs	= \$ 20,000.00

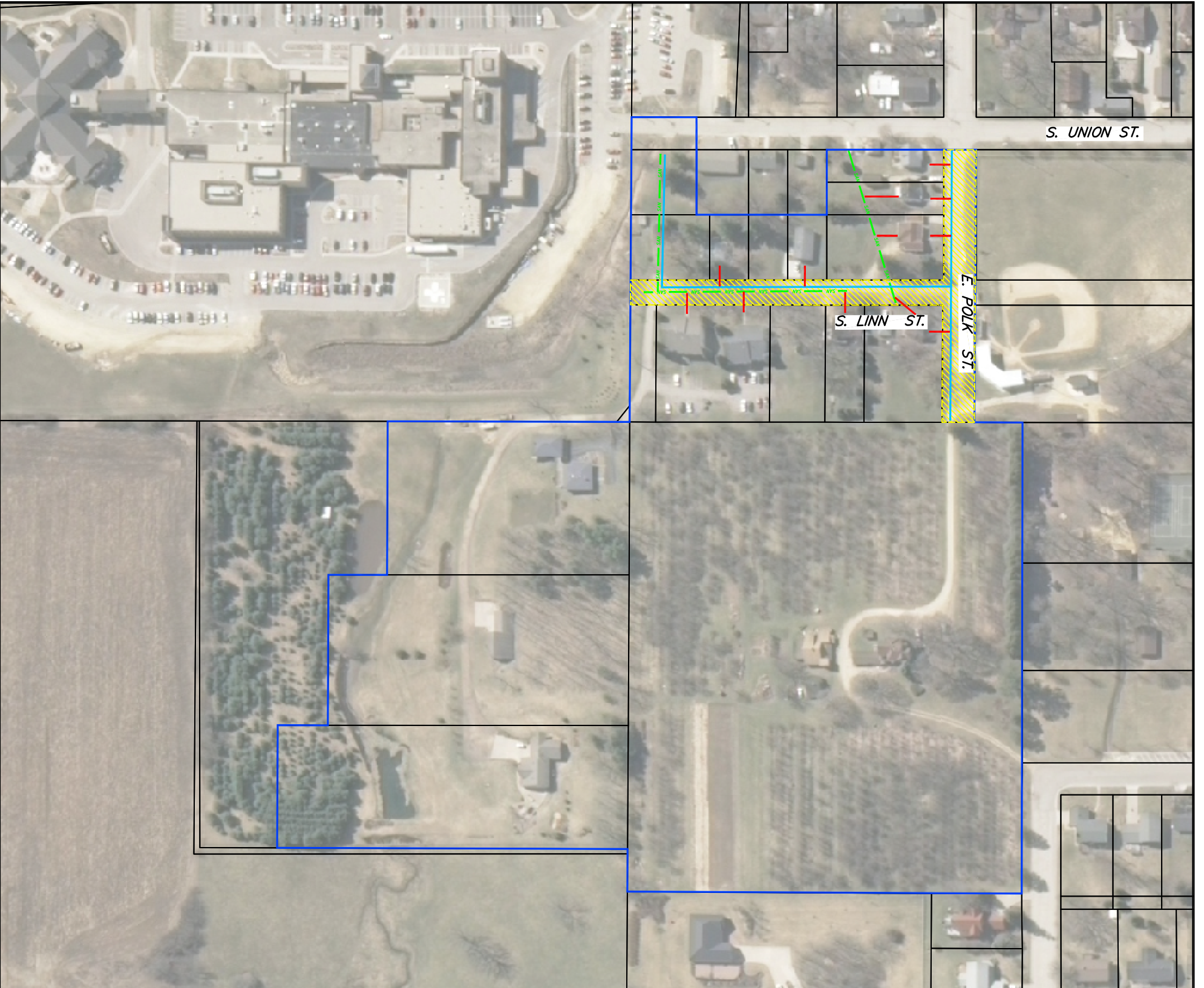
C. Total Project Cost **= \$ 663,625.36**

III. Source of Funds Summary

A. CDBG Grant Funding Summary

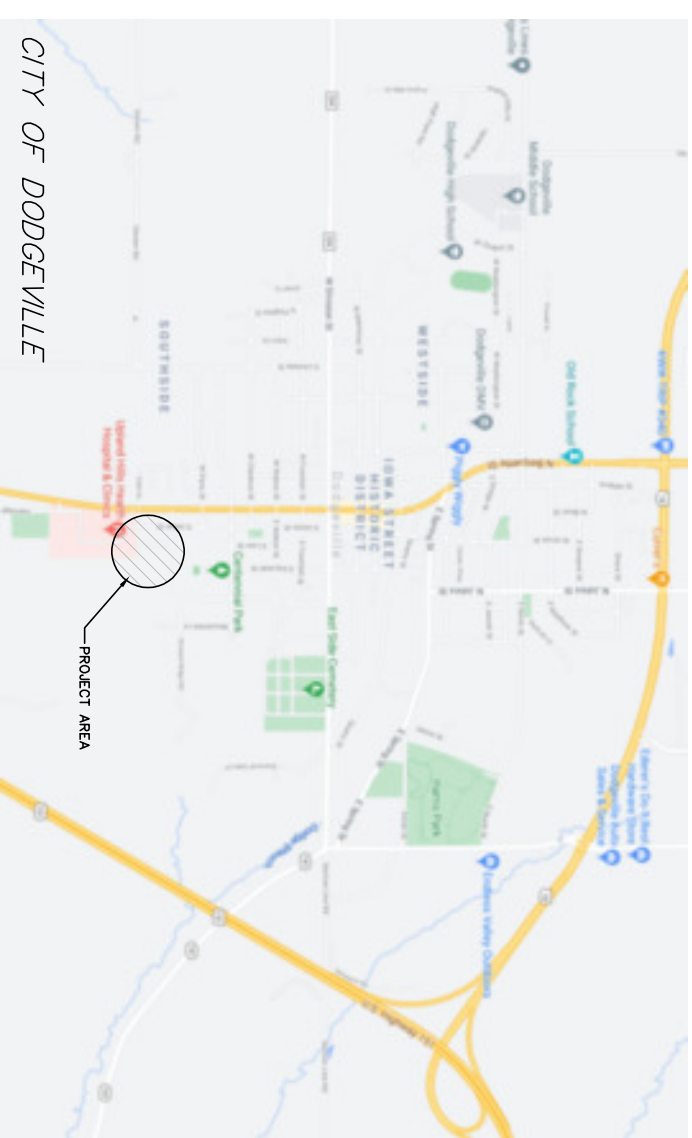
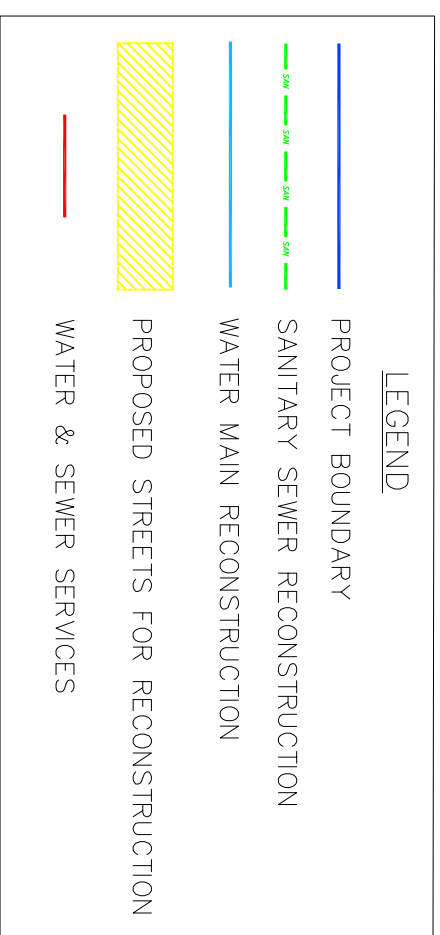
<u>Description</u>	<u>CDBG Grant \$</u>	<u>City \$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
1. CDBG Eligible Costs	\$ 429,083.56	\$ 214,541.80	\$ 643,625.36
2. Non – CDBG Eligible	\$ 0	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3. Total	\$ 429,083.56	\$ 234,541.80	\$ 663,625.36





CDBG LINN-POLK PROJECT MAP

LEGEND



CDBG LINN-POLK PROJECT MAP
STREET & UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION
DODGEVILLE
IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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