

Existing property owned by the Louisa County Conservation Board



Overview of proposed concept plan for enhancements to county-owned land and to the existing parking lot for Hoover Nature Trail



Enlargement of proposed concept plan for county-owned land and public right-of-way located east of the Hoover Nature Trail between NE 1st Street and NE 2nd Street

Greenspace: Hoover Park & Trail Parking

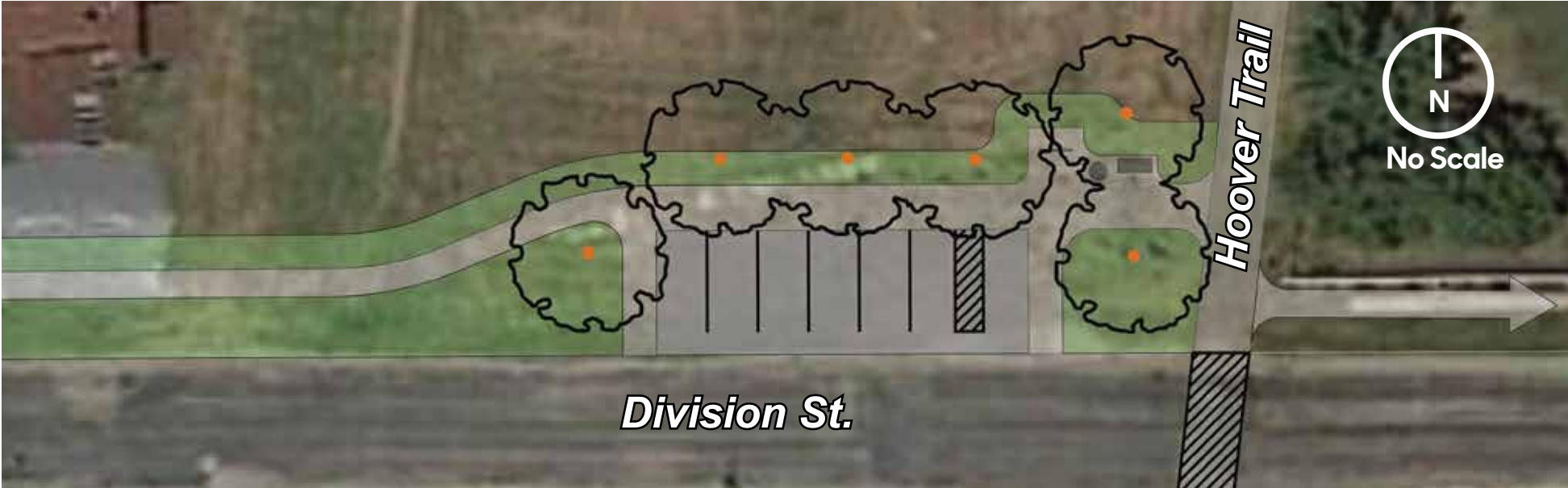
The proposed park referenced to in this set of boards as "Hoover Park" is located primarily on property that is owned by the Louisa County Conservation Board (LCCB), or within existing public right-of-way. A small portion of the eastern section of the woodland trail and the connections to Hoover Nature Trail are on privately-owned property. The property owned by the LCCB was once the site of the old railroad depot; however, today it sits fallow, overgrown primarily with herbaceous and woody volunteer species.

This site has the potential to be transformed into a well used and sustainable park. It can serve as a much needed rest area for trail users, as well as a destination for interpretive learning, observing nature, relaxing and reflecting. The enhancements proposed for this park complement the functions and offerings of the existing parks as well as those that are proposed.

In addition to general public use, it is anticipated that the proposed park would be a valuable resource to the nearby Morning Sun School, which is within walking distance. The proposed park can be utilized as an outdoor classroom – allowing students to enhance their learning experiences and providing them with the opportunity to help care for the prairie and woodland ecosystems.

The concept plan below illustrates enhancements proposed for the existing Hoover Nature Trail parking area. The goals were to make it more inviting, accessible, and noticeable and "tie" the trail into the community (re: Desired Improvements, Board 3f).

- Deciduous trees to shade and buffer the parking lot
- ADA-compliant sidewalk along Division Street to the trail and parking lot for enhanced safety and better connectivity to Morning Sun
- Bench, trash receptacle and bike rack for added user convenience
- Crosswalk markings across Division St. with the associated signage for enhanced safety and trail identification
- Paved parking with designated handicapped parking stalls; parking lot shifted farther from trail – all for improved accessibility and safety



Enlargement of proposed concept plan for enhancements to the existing Hoover Nature Trail parking area on Division Street with proposed trees shown in outline only (no color)