



Site Analysis: Poplar Park And the Geographic Center

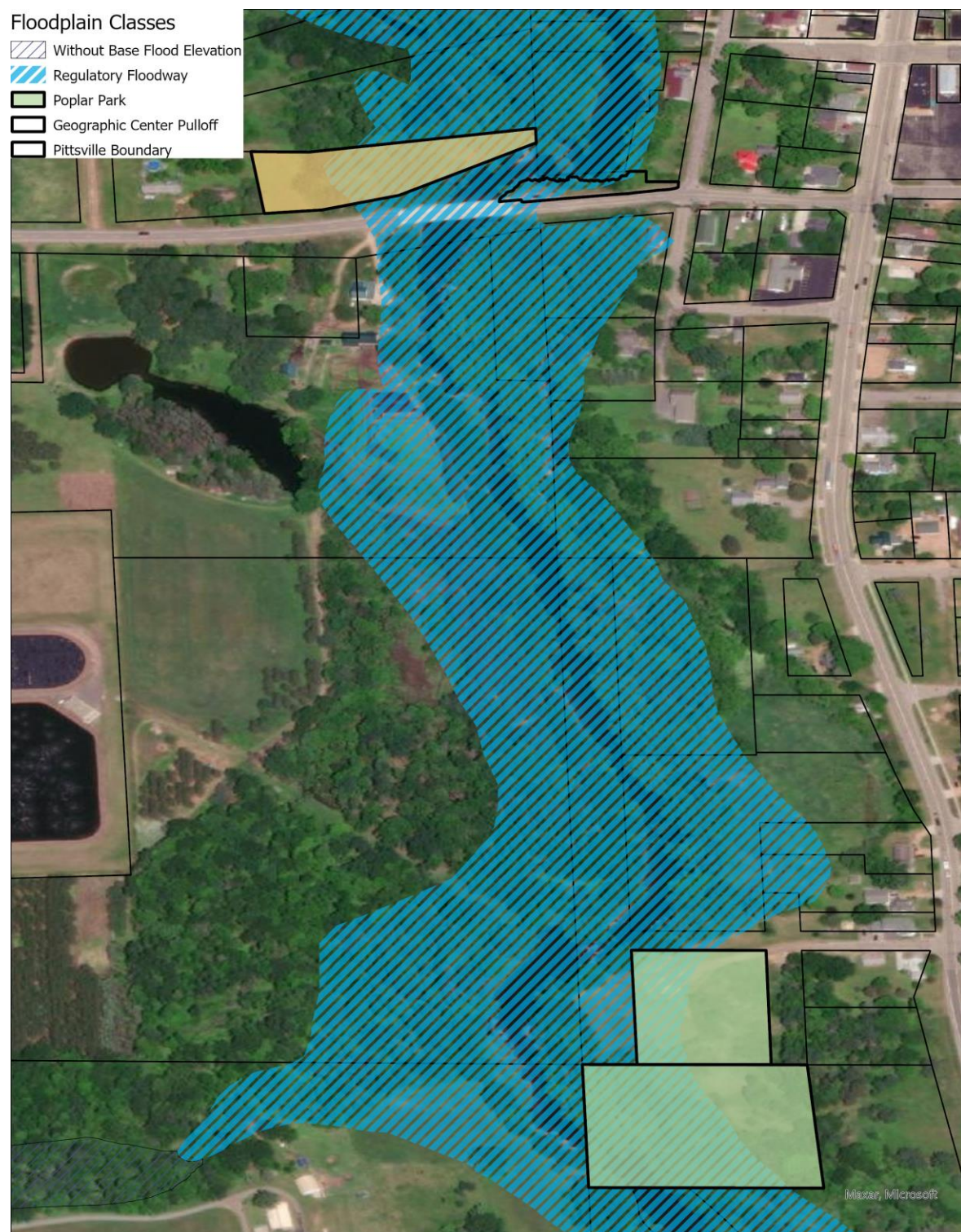
"The City of Pittsville: The Exact Center of Wisconsin"

Summary

The two areas this analysis will cover are the Poplar Park and Geographic Center. These are comprised of three parcels and a roadside pull-off that is not zoned as a parcel.

- The Poplar Park area consists of two parcels on the southern part of town. These parcels are 4.86 acres in total and are situated half of a mile from the downtown, next to the Yellow River. Potential development of this area is limited by the environmental factors and zoning of the area. Potential for restoration and recreation opportunities are present.
- The Geographic Center is currently not dedicated as a parcel, since the pull-off is considered as part of the road. The proposed area for redesign will take up 0.31 acres on the west side of town. The parcel containing the actual center of the state was also discussed as a potential area for redesign for recreation. This parcel takes up 1.71 acres and is predominantly open space with river access. If acquired by the city, this parcel would have no restrictions due to zoning or environmental factors.

Floodplain Map

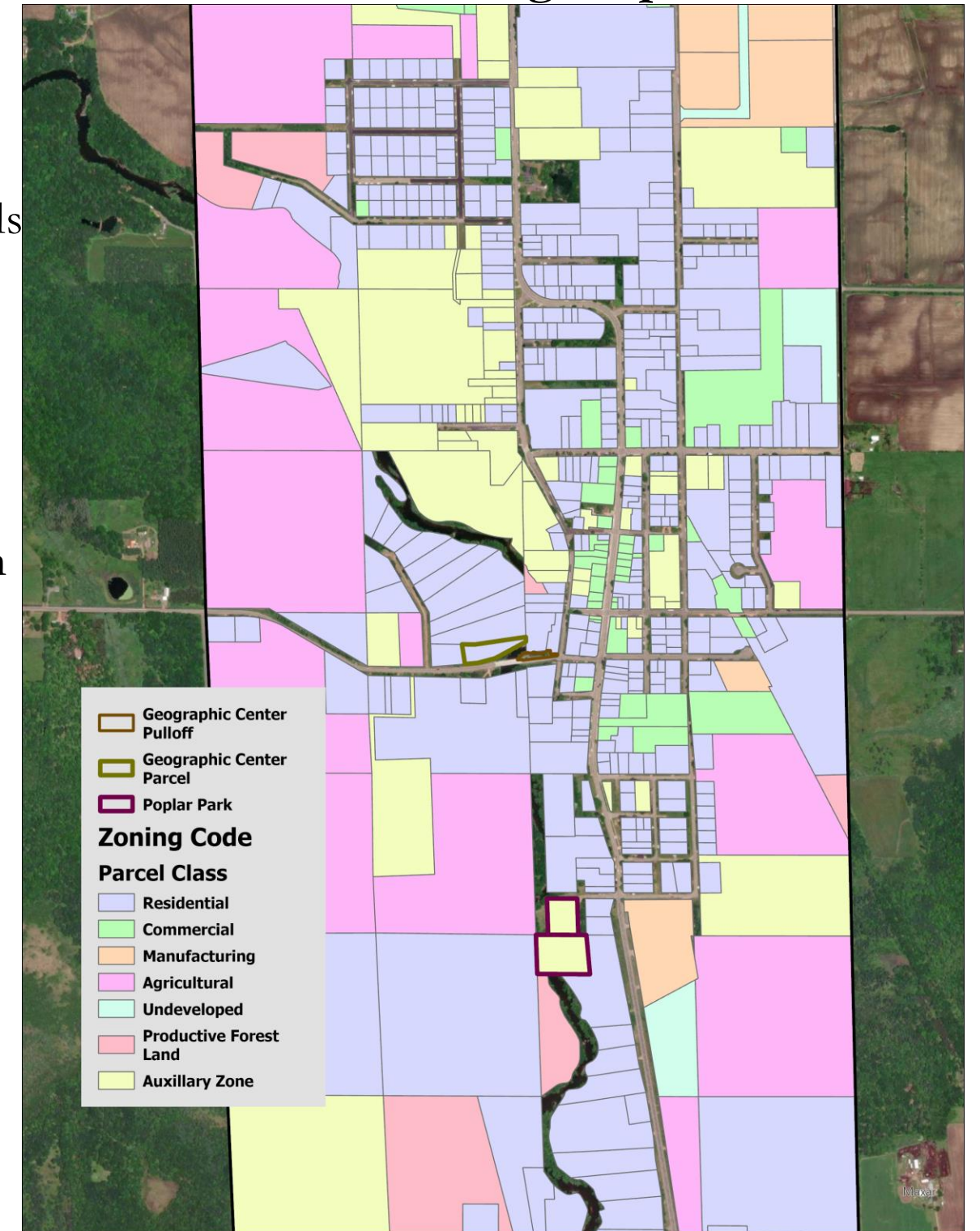


Flooding

If we are to implement recreation into these two areas, they must be resilient to flooding. On sight measures, like levees and bank reinforcements, are necessary to these areas as they are on the Yellow River.

- Poplar Park: Most of the area here lays in a floodplain. For the southern parcel, this would hamper the ability to extend any park into this. For the northern area, there will need to be flooding measures in place for any park on this parcel, as the western half does lay in a floodplain.
- The Geographic Center areas have similar issues. The parcel containing the Geographic Center is mostly on a lowland area, which would need flooding mitigation. The pull-off area has been shown to have flooding issues, so keeping the pull-off elevated would provide resiliency for redesigned structures and features.

Zoning Map



Dog Parks

- In Wood county, there is only one dog park in Marshfield, WI and this would make Pittsville a destination for people to travel to from around the area to find a place to recreate with their furry friends.
- Although the area of the proposed dog park is within a floodplain, using drainage systems and non-corrosive materials within the park can eliminate the threat of damaging this development opportunity. Using underground drainage systems also can result in more effective drainage after storms.
- Designs can be made to have the equipment and walking areas that are common for people and dogs to frequent to be out of wet areas.

Dog Parks Around Pittsville

