WCCA 2023 Fall Conference Drone Regulations & Zoning Applications

October 26, 2023

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Drone applications for Zoning regulation and permitting - compliance and violation documentation

- Mining and gravel pit areas
- Junkyards
- POWTS
- Sediment runoff and Erosion control measures
- Shoreline and lake regulations
- Shoreline mapping

Chain of Command – Authority to Act

- Recommend creating an "Authority to Act" form that is signed off by appropriate government and department officials
- Provides permission by: County legal counsel, County Sheriff, local jurisdiction police chief, mayor, city administrators, etc. for aerial surveys
- Issue a copy to alert any law enforcement agencies or other departments who might get a call from a citizen expressing concerns about "spying" etc.
- Issue a copy to the Remote PIC so they have it "in-hand and on-site" if operations are questioned by any Law Enforcement personnel



Mining and gravel pit areas

- Confirm location, size, and depth of disturbed areas
- Identify retention ponds and runoff

Dewatering of sediment in settling basins



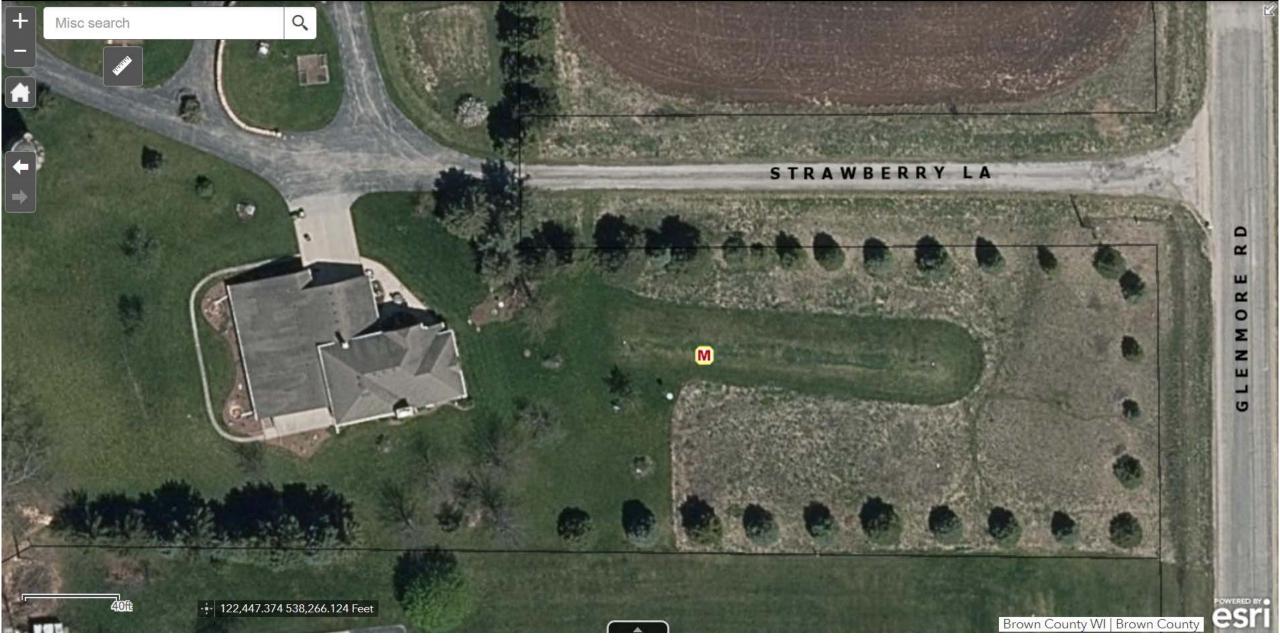
Junkyard inspections

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Zoning Layers Floodplains Lower St Croix Riverway Zone St Croix River Buffer Zone NPS - National Scenic Easement Soils Hydro Wetlands Wetlands Undelineated Zoning Shoreland Protection Zoning Districts Base Layers Transportation Layers Property Description Text Elevation Elevation Aerial Photo 2020 (6 Inch) Aerial Photo 2010 (12 Inch) Property Search Address Point Search		1335 Hy Auno 1329 1329	: 2000	
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Zoning website (click here)

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Drone Imagery and data collection for: Shoreline, River, and Lake conditions



Capture images remotely without requiring a boat or launch access



Reduces time on-site



Eliminates the liability of personnel on watercraft



Requires ground station for remote pilot to be accessible to the public or with permission, and within Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS) of the UAS



Sediment and Nutrient Runoff:

- Identification
- Point Source location
- Evidence documentation

Mason Creek Confluence August 15, 2023 after 1.5 to 2" rainfall 1 day earlier

West Branch washing sediment into the crystal clear water coming from the East Branch

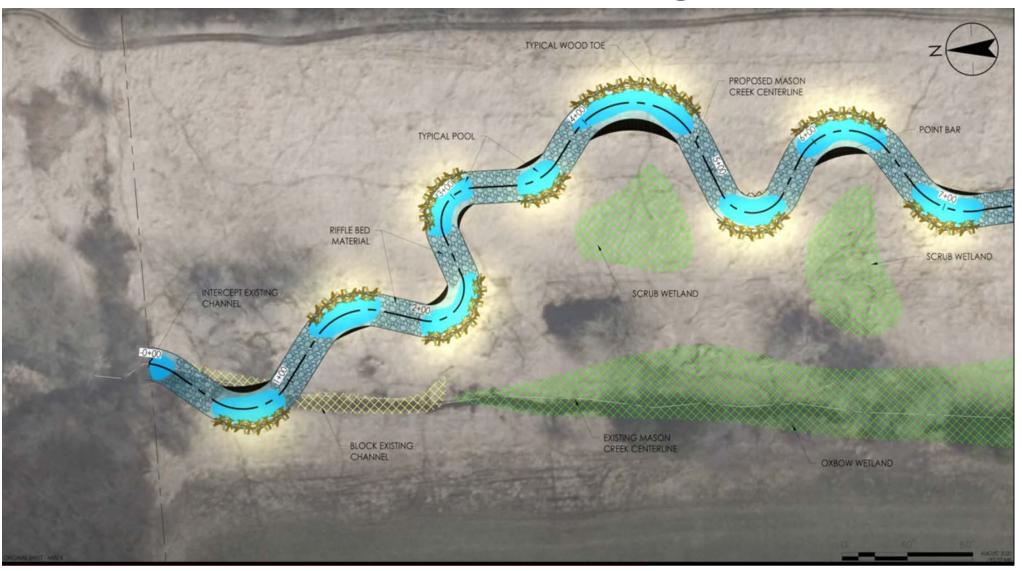
Phosphorus WB = 0.123

Phosphorus EB = 0.025

5 x more P in WB



Mason Creek Re-meandering Plan



Mason Creek Re-meandering Project

Tall Pines Conservancy partnered with NLMD & OWPP to convert a historically channelized section of the creek to a natural, meandering course to handle periods of high water flow and reduce the movement of phosphorousladen sediment to downstream properties and North Lake. The project was completed late in 2022.



Before Dredging August 24, 2021

After Dredging August 18, 2023



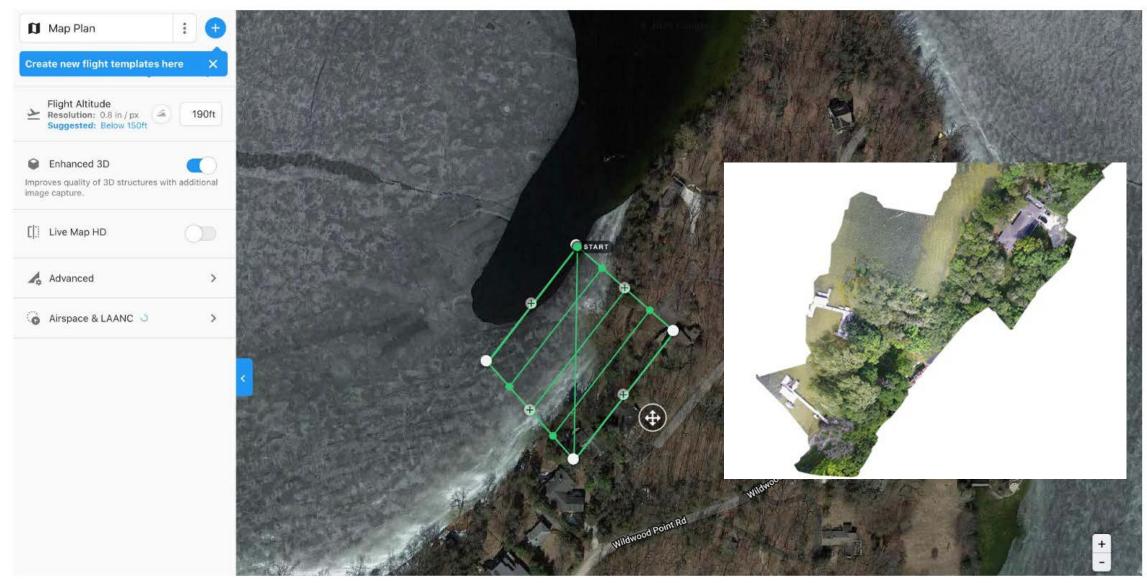


Icehouse Bay, North Lake, WI

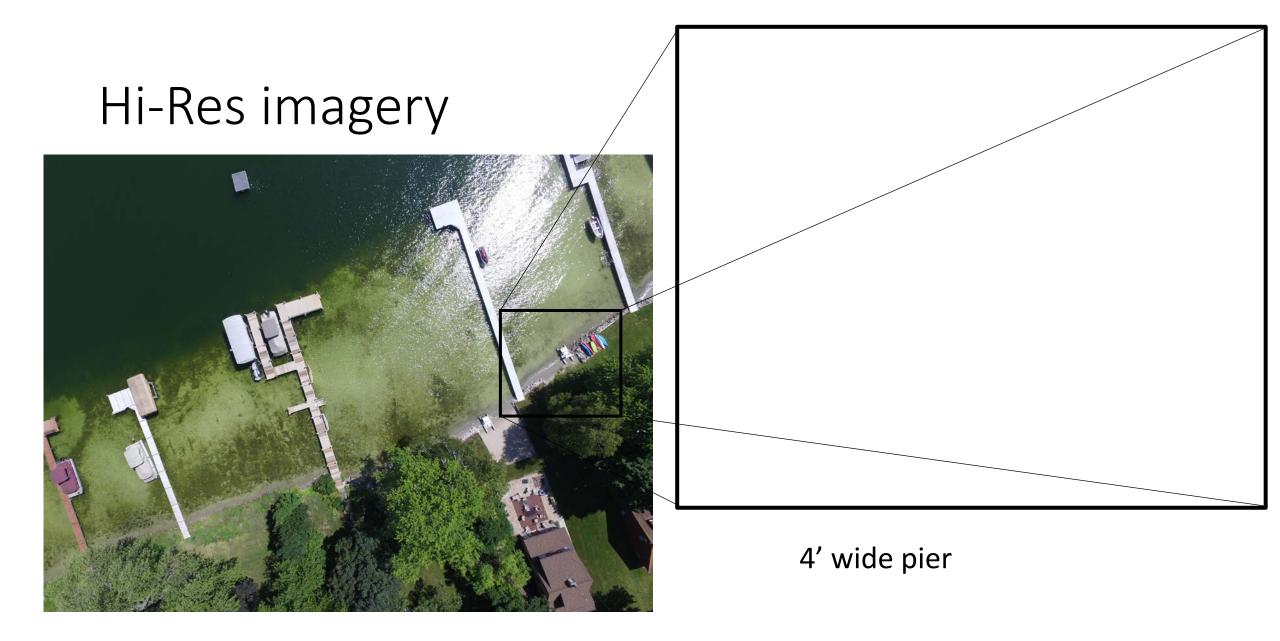
Shoreline Mapping

- Shoreline restoration/protection (riprap, vegetation)
- Zoning compliance
- Verifying navigation lanes
- Boating activity (counts, distance to other objects)

3D Mapping Plan with 0.8"/pix resolution at 190ft AGL



Site Mapping Location 1



Boat Activity and Wave Propagation (video)



Q & A Panel:

Terra Vigilis principals:

- Tim Tyre Founder and Chairman
- Mike Mortenson Director of Technology
- Charles Luebke Director of Field Operations
- Steve Betzler VP of Business Development



