

FOCUS AREAS INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Ridgeland Area Master Plan is to provide the City with a tool that will facilitate the implementation of a vision for the future of the City. Up to this point, the planning process has identified Goals and Objectives that should be used to test future decisions, and has developed a Land Use Plan which will help structure new development as well as redevelopment of existing areas.

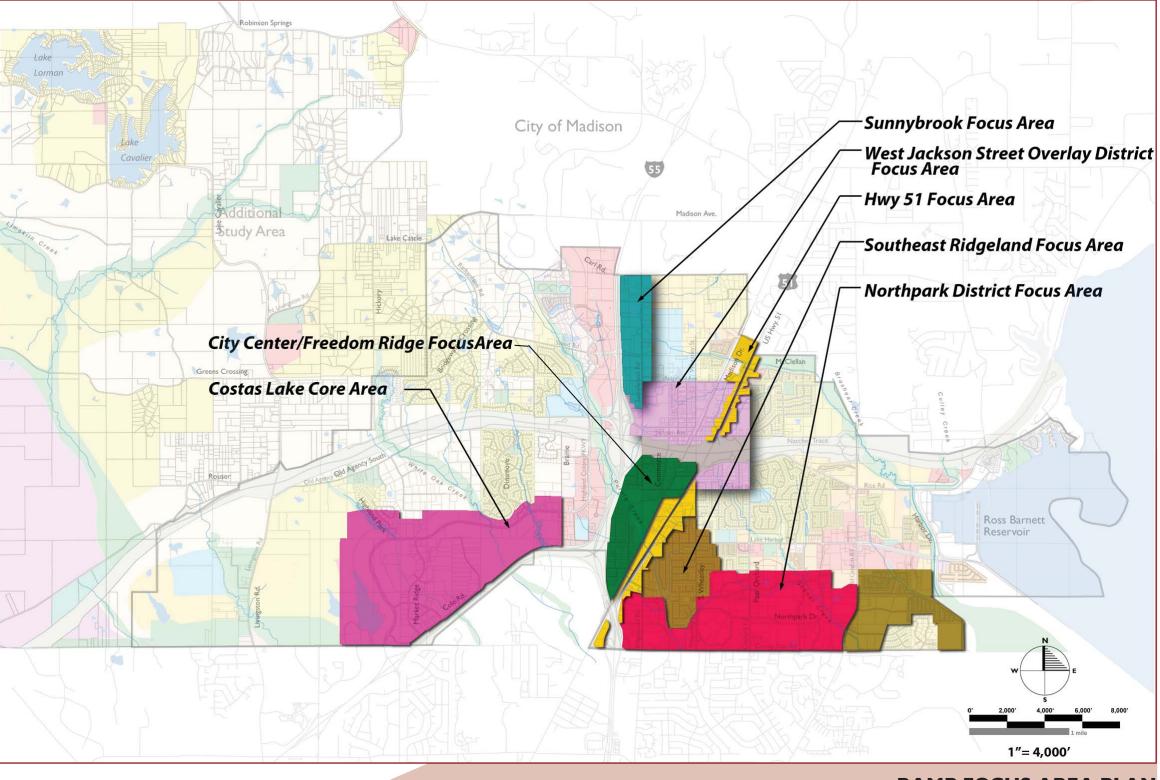
In order to provide an even higher level of direction, the planning will now look, in much greater detail, at some of the key areas and improvements needed to move the City toward implementing master plan recommendations.

Working in concert with the RAMP Steering Committee and City officials, seven such areas were identified as Focus Areas. Ranging from existing development that needs redevelopment to nearly undeveloped areas for which a positive pattern should be established. This section looks at further definitions of land use, transportation and enhancement while providing graphic examples of the final results.

The analysis and recommendations made in these Focus Areas should be understood to be transferable, wherever applicable, to other parts of the City with similar needs and opportunities.

Finally, a series of projects, programs and policies needed to move the recommendations forward are indicated for each Focus Area. The plan also provides an evaluation matrix to assist decision-makers in the process of prioritization and sequencing with the ultimate goal being smooth implementation.

Once the detailed planning for the Focus Areas is complete, revisions to the Land Use plan reflecting the necessities of the recommendations will be required.



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