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Idaho Department of Lands has tentatively agreed to submit a grant to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for \$5 Million. The grant is due Thursday July 21. Only states and tribes can apply for and receive this grant.

The grant will be for a top priority of the Portneuf River Vision: restoring the oxbows north of the highway ponds. To do this we will:

1. Install culverts under the railroad tracks connecting to the Portneuf River.
 - a. The culverts will have flap gates to prevent water from flowing into the oxbows at low flows. *The wetlands will dry up in the summer.*
 - b. There will be an upstream and downstream culvert.
2. Work with willing property owners to extend the Greenway south from the trailhead on South 2nd Avenue to Century High School and to Fort Hall Mine Road. The City owns enough property to extend the Greenway along the proposed oxbows.
3. Grade the oxbows to create wetlands and a flow-through channel to capture sediment and create about 100 acres of wetland and riparian habitat.

Attached is a map showing what areas could potentially be flooded by culverts north of the highway pond, based on existing topography.

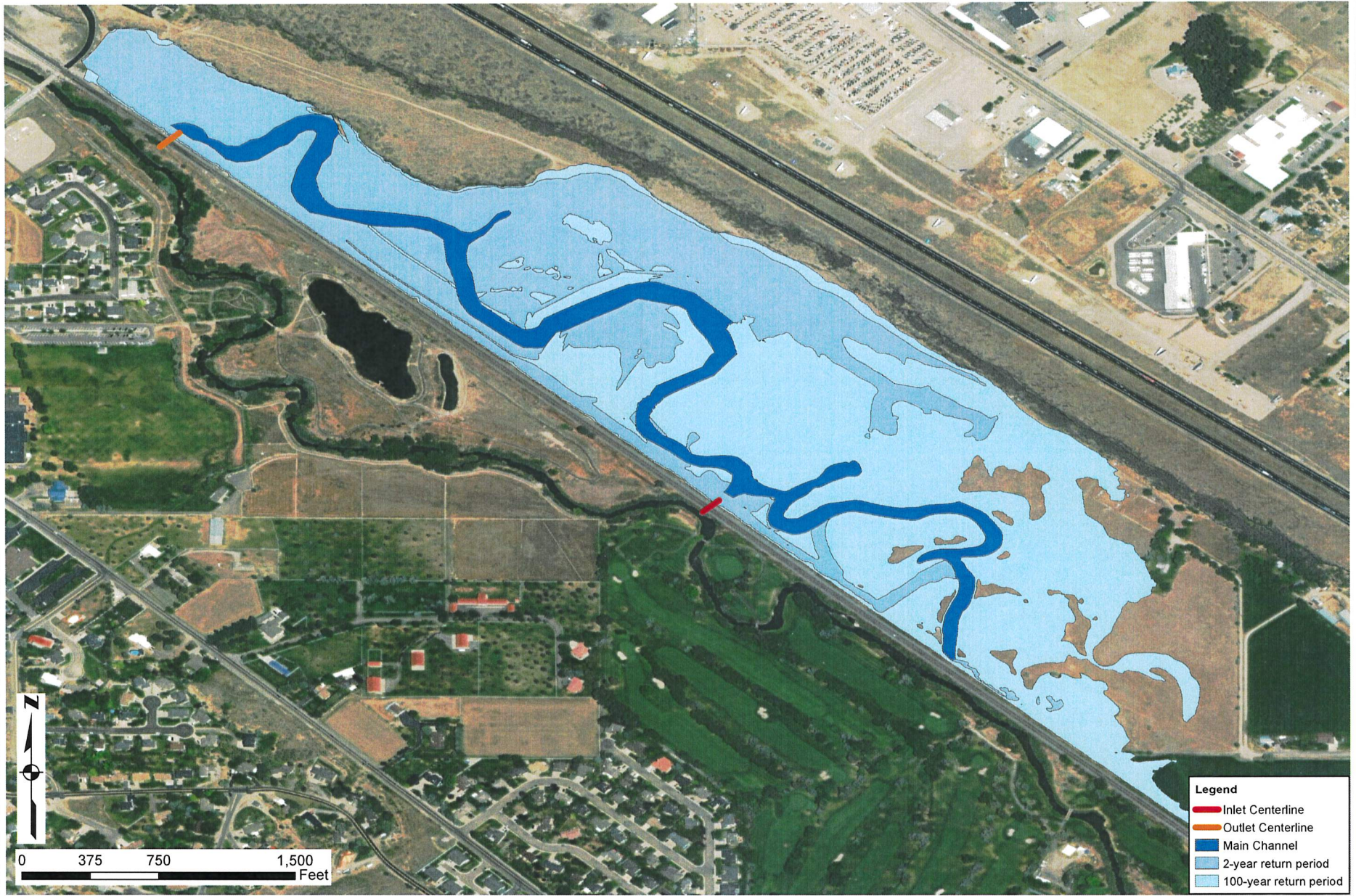
City commitment:

- **The grant has a 10% match (of which 2.5% must be cash) and the City letter of support for the grant will commit this.** Staff are looking for outside funding and have had preliminary conversations with a couple interested parties. Staff members are confident we can find outside funding for this match.
- The grant will be a reimbursement program. The first 2 years will be spent on design, which at an estimated 20% will be about \$1 million. If we are awarded the grant, the City will sign an MOU with the Idaho Department of Lands in late fall 2022 clarifying all the terms of our commitment.
- We will have 4 years to implement the project.
- The grant will be almost entirely on City-owned property (plus the railroad).

Because this is such a large commitment, we intend to bring the letter of support, with the 10% commitment to Council at the next available meeting for ratification.

- Staff just learned about the grant at the end of June, so everything is very rushed.
- This grant will be available for 5 years, so if we don't get the grant we expect to be in a better situation for a future application. We also don't expect a lot of state applications (we think we are the only one in Idaho) so we are hopeful and excited.
- There is the possibility of increasing the size of the award if construction costs exceed the grant amount.

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Legend

- █ Inlet Centerline
- █ Outlet Centerline
- █ Main Channel
- █ 2-year return period
- █ 100-year return period

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