



Administration Department

DATE: March 24, 2026

FROM: Jason Tomanek, City Administrator

ITEM: City of Bismarck Fire Station 6 Land Location

REQUEST:

Consider the request of the City of Bismarck to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land from the Bismarck Parks & Recreation District at the intersection of Boston Drive and Burleigh Avenue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Based on continued growth, current Fire Department response times, and future development of areas around the Bismarck Airport, the City of Bismarck has determined the need for a new fire station in south Bismarck. Bismarck Fire Department personnel are currently working with EAPC to design Fire Station 6. The general location of the future fire station has been identified along Burleigh Avenue. Currently two separate sites are being considered as appropriate locations. One of the two locations would be west of South Washington Street along the north side of Burleigh Avenue near Calypso Drive. This site is owned by the City of Bismarck and currently functions as green space and a natural separation from the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. A second location being considered is located east of South Washington Street, along the north side of Burleigh Avenue, and east of Boston Drive. This area is currently undeveloped and owned by the Bismarck Parks & Recreation District. The property was platted in 2019 as part of Meadow Village Addition. The entire lot is 821,648 square feet, or 18.86 acres.

The City of Bismarck is requesting to purchase approximately two (2) acres of undeveloped land in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Boston Drive and Burleigh Avenue from the Bismarck Parks & Recreation District. The site would be developed by the City of Bismarck as Fire Station 6 in 2026-2027.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

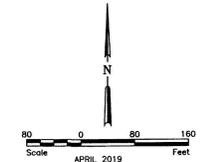
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meadow Village Addition
2. Fire Station 6

MEADOW VILLAGE ADDITION

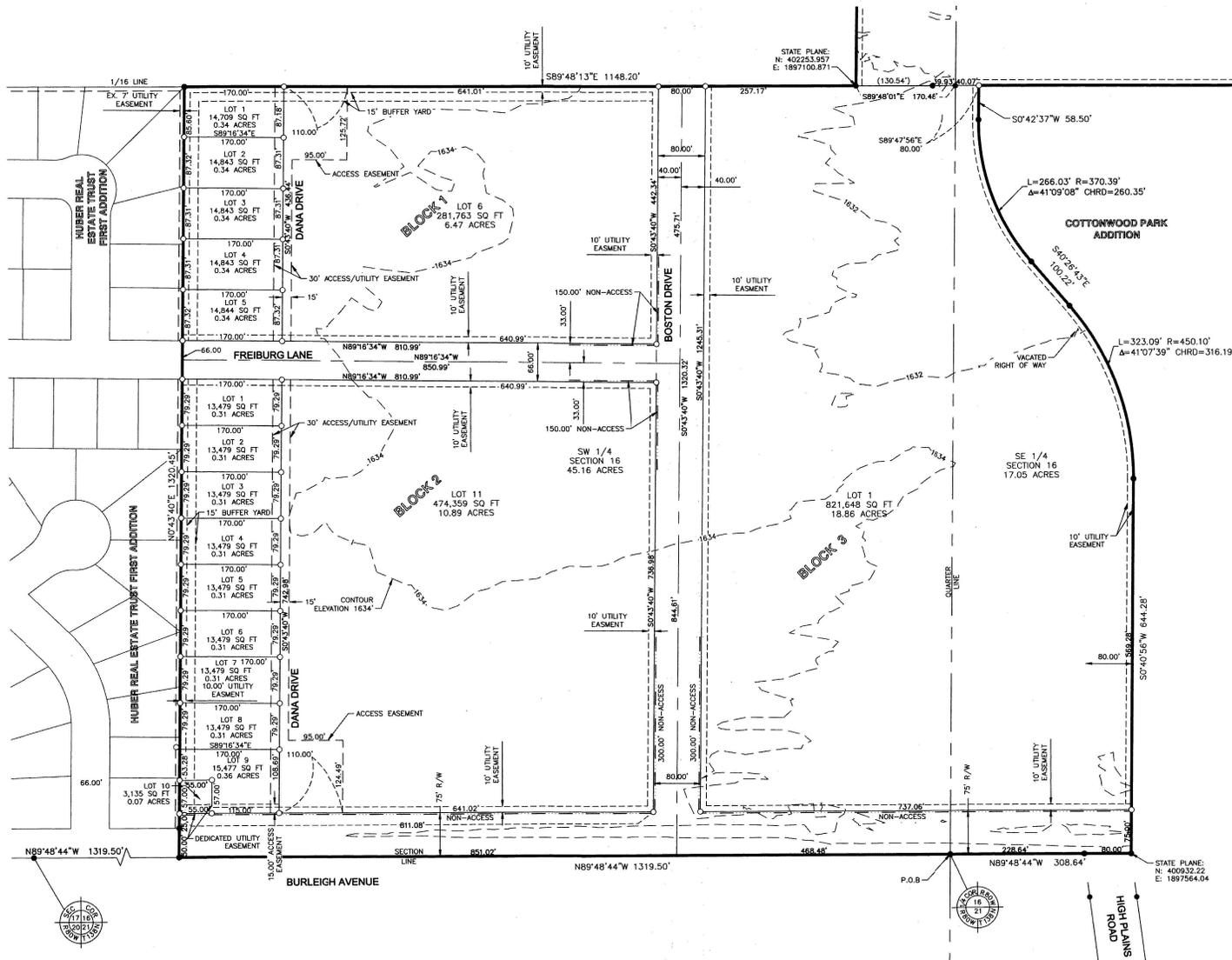
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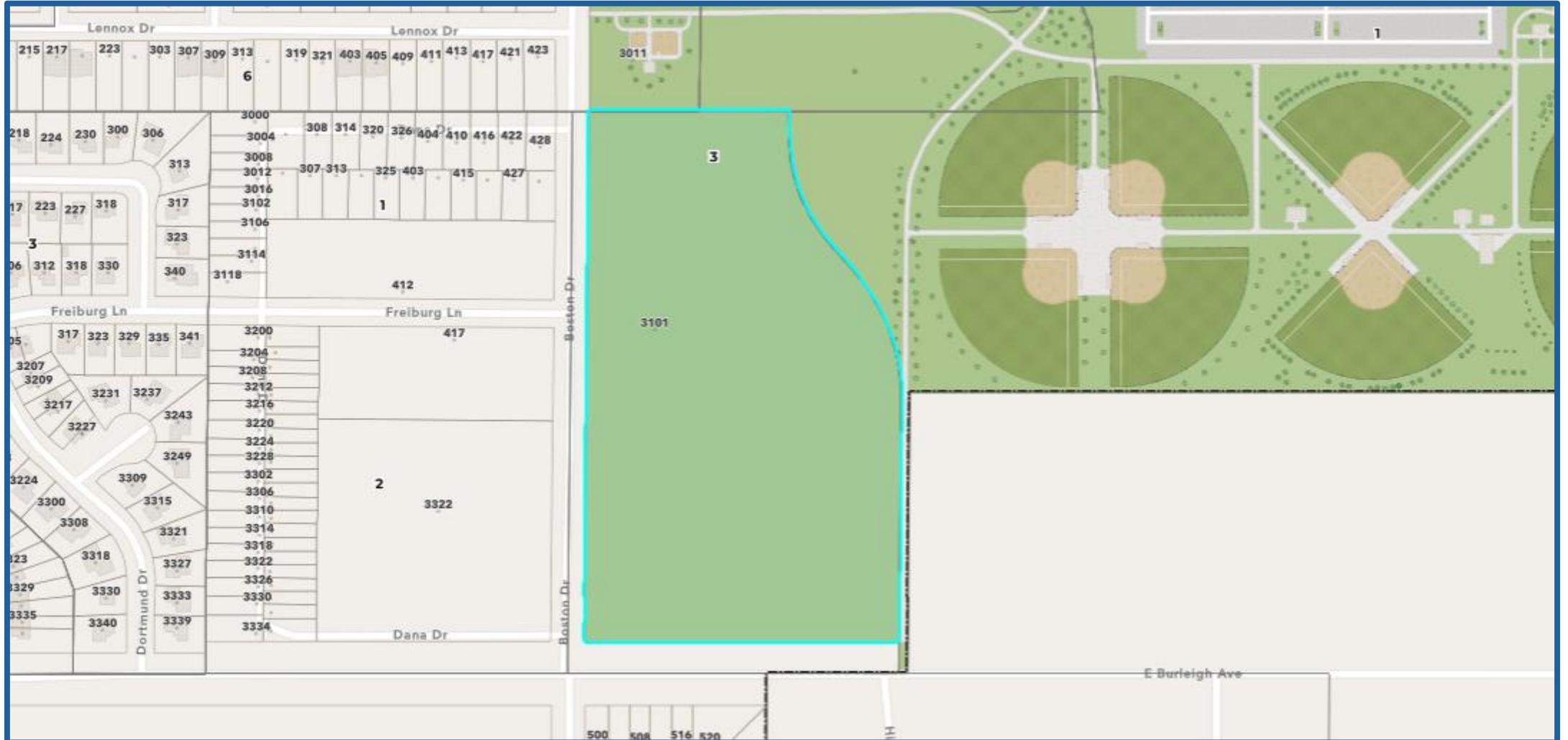
LEGEND

PLAT BOUNDARY	—————
LOT LINE	—————
UTILITY EASEMENT	- - - - -
NON ACCESS LINE
BUILDING SETBACK
BASE FLOOD ELEVATION
IRON MONUMENT FOUND	●
IRON MONUMENT SET	○
MEASURED DISTANCE	303.20'
MEASURED BEARING	N89°27'53"W
RECORDED DISTANCE	(303.20')
RECORDED BEARING	(N89°27'53"W)

FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION
FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
COMMUNITY PANEL NUMBER 38015007950
DATED AUGUST 4, 2014
FLOODPLAIN ELEVATION - 1634.4 (NAVD 88)

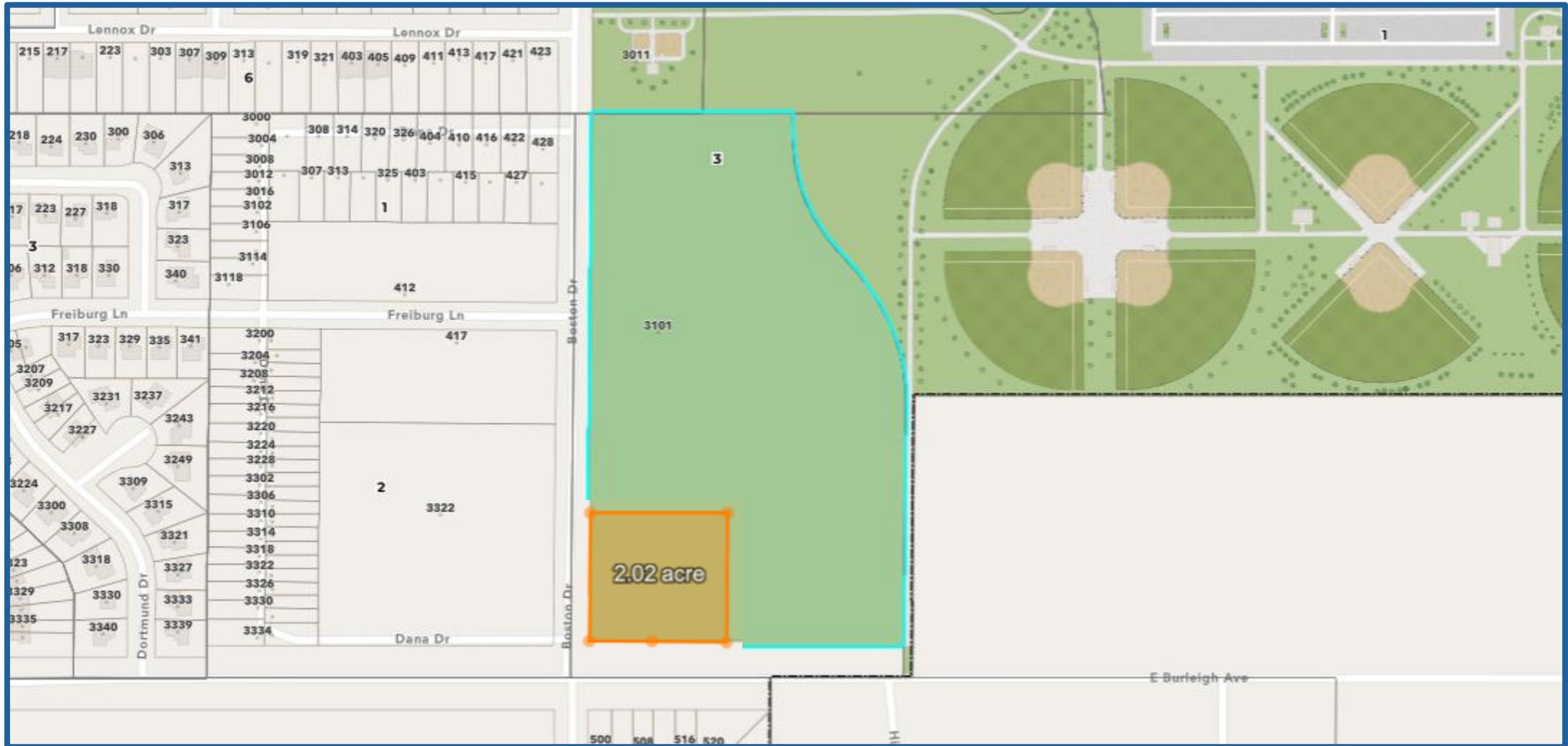


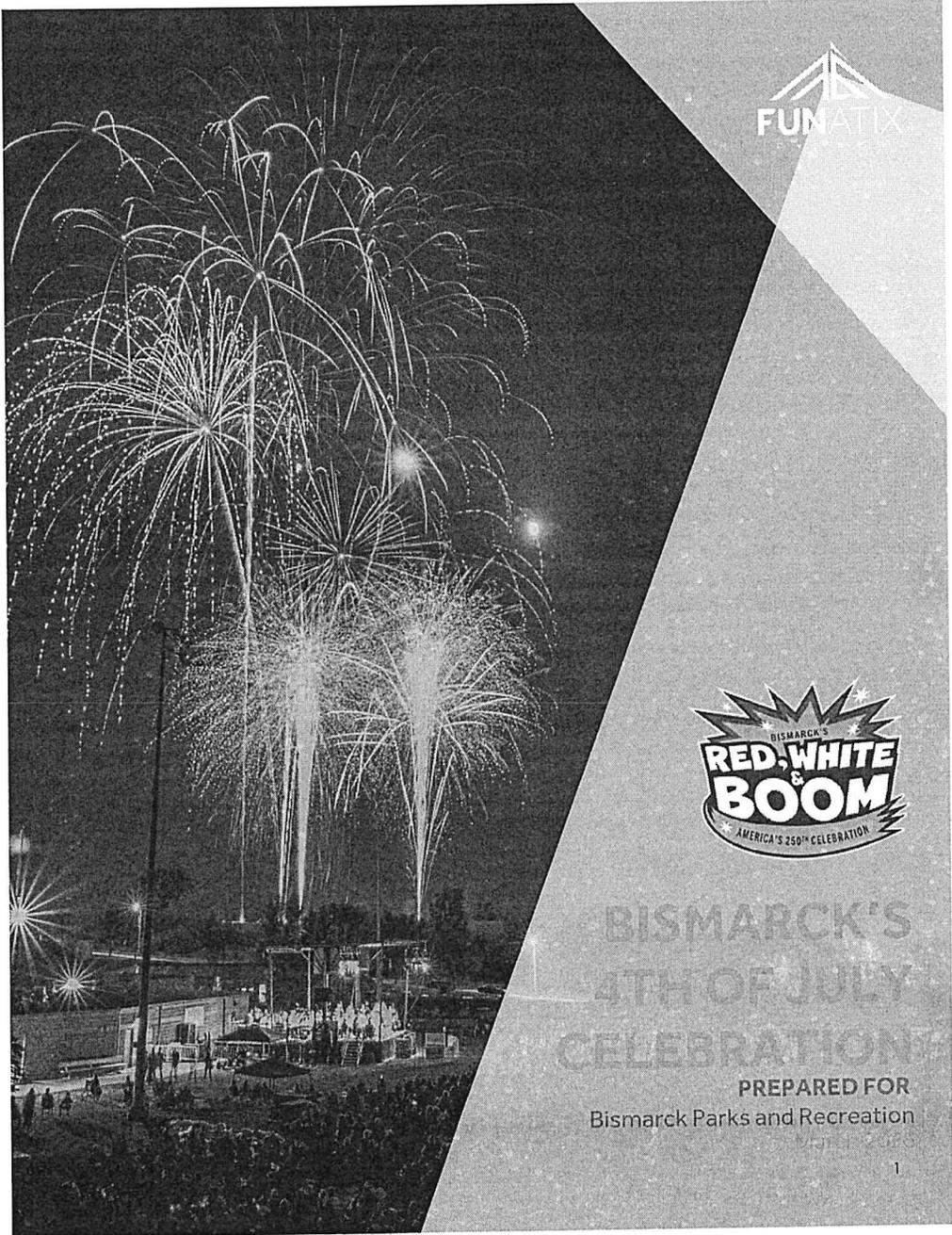
**Lot 1, Block 3, Meadow Village Addition
3101 Boston Drive
821,648 SF / 18.86 Acres**



Lot 1, Block 3, Meadow Village Addition

Approximate Request | 300' x 300' / 2.0 Acres +/-





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BISMARCK'S
4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION

PREPARED FOR
Bismarck Parks and Recreation

July 2018

BISMARCK'S 4TH OF JULY

HELP US BRING THIS VISION TO LIFE



Great events don't just happen. They require dedicated support and investment.

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, we are asking for Bismarck Parks and Recreation's help in throwing a FREE community event that will create core community memories that will last a lifetime.

This partnership is more than just a firework show. It's an investment in:

- ✔ Bismarck's quality of life
- ✔ Activation that drives economic development
- ✔ Community pride, connection, and celebration
- ✔ Tourism growth – bringing visitors, filling hotels, and boosting local sales tax revenue



Today, people are more isolated than ever – caught up in screens, routines, and virtual interactions. **But strong communities are built when people come together.**

When people gather, celebrate, and connect – seeing their friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues in a vibrant, welcoming space – it strengthens our community and makes Bismarck a more attractive place to live, work, and visit.

More great events mean more visitors, more hotel stays, and more dollars spent at local businesses – all driving economic impact and creating a stronger, more vibrant City of Bismarck

This is our vision. With your support, we can bring it to life.

Join us in creating events that unite the city and county, drive **QUALITY OF LIFE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, and shape its future.

BISMARCK'S 4TH OF JULY

BISMARCK'S RED WHITE & BOOM

MDU RESOURCES COMMUNITY BOWL

Last year, the Bismarck 4th of July Celebration took place at the MDU Resources Community Bowl on the campus of Bismarck State College, with fireworks launched near the river to create a stunning backdrop for the festivities.

Over 8,000 people traveled onto the Bismarck State College campus to take part in the festivities, with an estimated 1,500 that gathered in the area surrounding the bowl, and many more watching from the water of the Missouri River.

One of our top priorities has been preserving the heart of the celebration: keeping it free and accessible to everyone in the community. To achieve this, we need the support of dedicated community partners.

By coming together, we can ensure the success of this year's event and secure its future for generations to come.



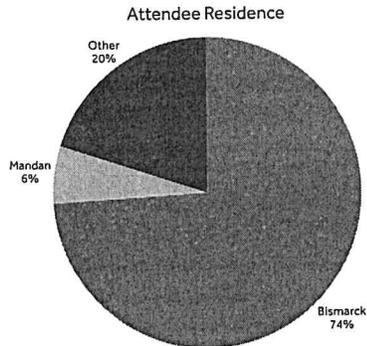
WHAT WENT WELL

Reinventing the event with a new location, added activities for families, and a phenomenal firework viewing location were just a few of the highlights from the 2025 celebration.

THINGS TO IMPROVE FOR 2026

More accessibility options, including additional video screens, increased traffic control safety after the event, and an elevated finale display overlooking the Missouri River to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

BY THE NUMBERS

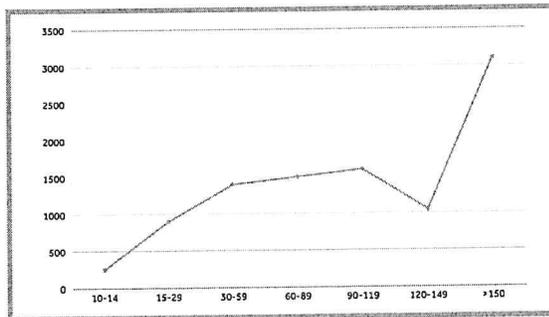
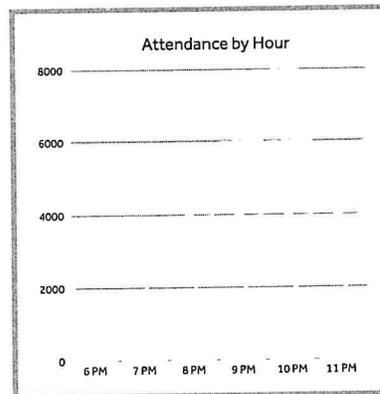


LOCAL SUPPORT

Of the over 9,000 attendees, 74% live in Bismarck, 6% live in Mandan, and 20% traveled from other areas of the state to attend the 2025 Bismarck Red, White, & Boom.

ATTENDANCE

The events started at 6:00 PM with live music, family games and activities, and dessert trucks. As we got closer to the Symphony performance at 9:30 and the fireworks at 10:00, the audience began to grow largely.



DWELL TIME

The event kept people entertained for hours, with a majority of the crowd staying for longer than 150 minutes, and the average stay being 133 minutes. That's over two hours!

BISMARCK'S 4TH OF JULY

2026 IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

Designed as a marquee community celebration honoring America's 250th anniversary, Bismarck's 4th of July Celebration will feature a blend of Americana nostalgia, modern production, and inclusive community experiences.

The Family Fun experience features interactive Americana-themed activities, hands-on patriotic crafts, STEM-based learning in partnership with Gateway to Science, and classic backyard games that encourage all-ages participation. A dedicated sensory-friendly area ensures the event remains inclusive and welcoming for guests seeking a calmer, more comfortable environment.

Food and beverage offerings are intentionally nostalgic, featuring classic Americana fare, frozen desserts, soda shop favorites, and a dedicated beer garden.

The live performance experience builds throughout the evening, beginning with a featured musical act. The program culminates with the continued tradition of a patriotic performance from the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra.

The evening concludes with a fully choreographed drone and fireworks finale designed as the most memorable closing to date, combining narrative drone imagery with live music. The experience transitions seamlessly into a ~20-minute fireworks spectacular synchronized with the Symphony, filling the sky high above the Missouri River with a powerful red, white, and blue finale.

2026 EVENT PROPOSED BUDGET: \$200,000
Event Revenue Includes \$125,000+ raised from community sponsors
Event Expenses Includes all experiences for a top-tier celebration for A250



PROPOSED SUPPORT

PARTNERSHIP DETAILS

Bismarck Parks and Recreation Provides

- **One-time additional funding support of \$3,000**
 - This funding, in addition to the already budgeted funds, will be used for Bismarck's 4th of July activations, including expanded entertainment, highlighting long standing traditions and new experiences.

Additional Funding

- Funatix Events, in collaboration with the Bismarck 4th of July Committee, will aim to acquire an additional \$125,000 in funding from private, North Dakota businesses as sponsorships for the event to cover remaining expenses.

Event Recognition

- Bismarck Parks and Recreation will be recognized as a community organization before, during, and after the event.
- This includes, but is not limited to: event signage, announcements, print materials, social media recognition, and event website recognition.



PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

Event Location Announced - *January 2026*

New Entertainment Announced - *Spring 2026*

Final Funding Collected - *April 2026*

2026 Bismarck 4th of July Celebration - *July 4, 2026*