




Root River Planning Boundary Property Inventory

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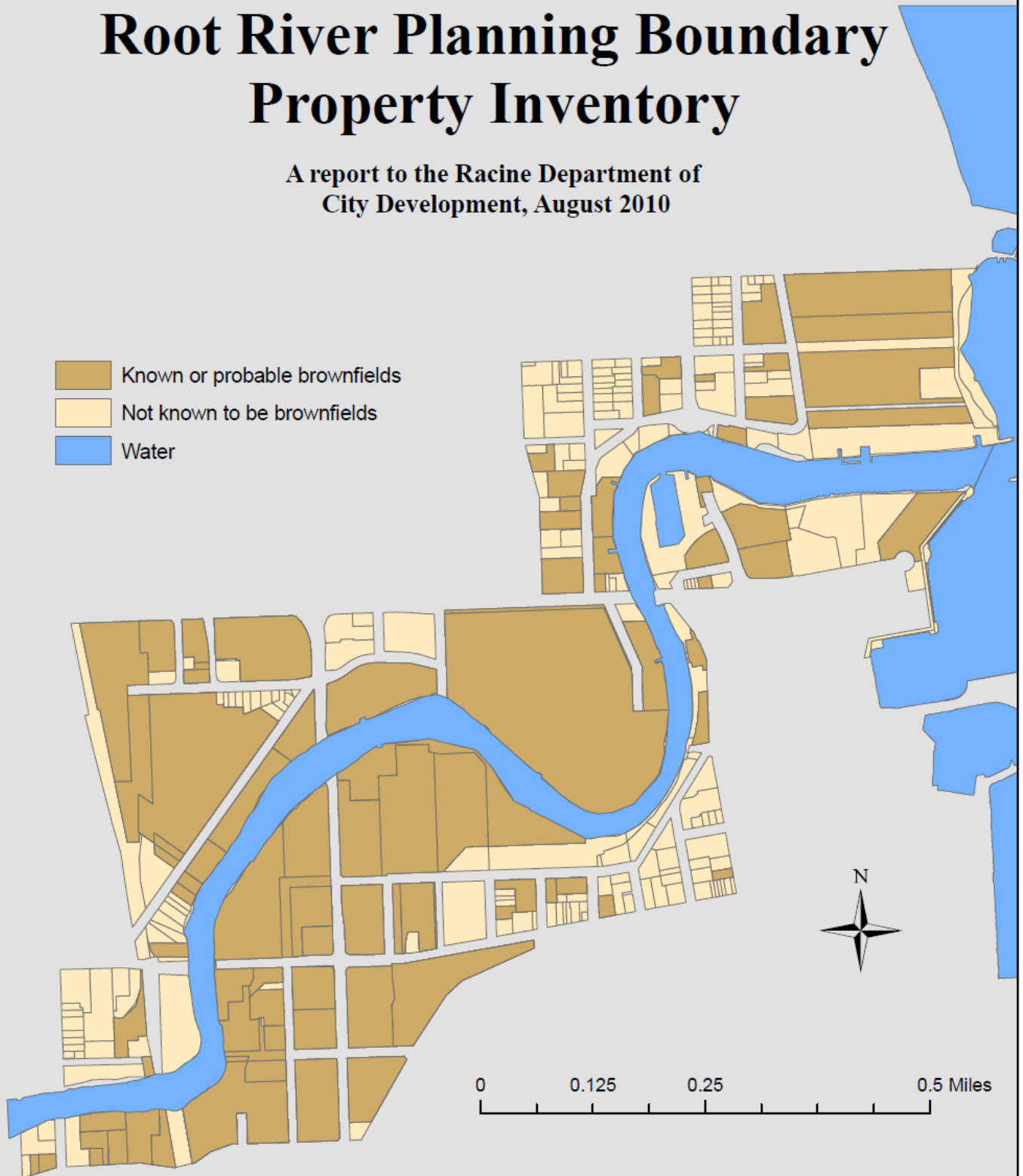


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Executive Summary

August 2010

The River Alliance of Wisconsin conducted the *Root River Planning Boundary Property Inventory* ('*Property Inventory*') from July 2009 to July 2010, with funding from a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Racine and from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The goal of the *Property Inventory* was to gather brownfield information from publicly-available government databases (local, state, and federal) in order to highlight redevelopment opportunities for properties located within the proposed Root River Planning Boundary ('*Planning Boundary*') in downtown Racine, Wisconsin. The *Planning Boundary* was described in the 2008 report *Back to the Root: An Urban River Revitalization Plan* and was adopted in concept by the City of Racine Common Council in summer 2008.

The *Property Inventory* is made up of several components. The heart of the *Property Inventory* consists of a geospatial database that links tax information, economic development and incentive information, real estate information, brownfield status (local, state and federal) and, in some cases, narrative information for all properties within the *Planning Boundary*. As information contained in the geospatial database is only accessible through GIS software, a series of maps were included toward the end of the *Property Inventory* document to synthesize some of the key findings.

The *Property Portfolio* summarizes information contained in the GIS database for only those properties within the *Planning Boundary* that are known or probable brownfields.

Additional components of the *Property Inventory* are the following:

- *Property Portfolio User's Guide*: describes the categories, attributes, and terms found in the *Property Portfolio*
- *Limitations and Assumptions*: details the limitations we encountered and assumptions we made in developing the *Property Inventory*
- *Shapefile Index*: describes GIS shapefiles and attributes created for the *Property Inventory*, as well as data automation processes
- *Brownfield Resources*: highlights important southeast Wisconsin brownfield contacts and online database sources
- *Funding Sources for Municipal Brownfield Acquisition*: identifies state and federal funding sources for municipal acquisitions of brownfields

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