

Watertown City Council

April 11, 2023

Agenda Item:	Little Free Library
Request for Action:	Approve placement of Little Free Library
Department:	Jake Foster, City Administrator

Background:

The City has received a request from resident, Darren Schuler, and his family, to place a Little Free Library within an outlot adjacent to the Wetlands of Watertown trailhead nearest to County Road 10. This outlot abuts the Schuler's property and is very convenient for them to maintain and monitor.

The Schulers have submitted this request as they have a disabled son, Sam, who loves books. The placement of this Little Free Library would allow Sam to maintain, monitor, and take care of the Little Free Library while also providing better access for potential patrons.

As the approval of this request would put the Little Free Library within City property, specifically City parkland, the item was taken to the Park Commission for recommendation. The Park Commission discussed this request at their January and March meetings and have recommended the placement for City Council approval.

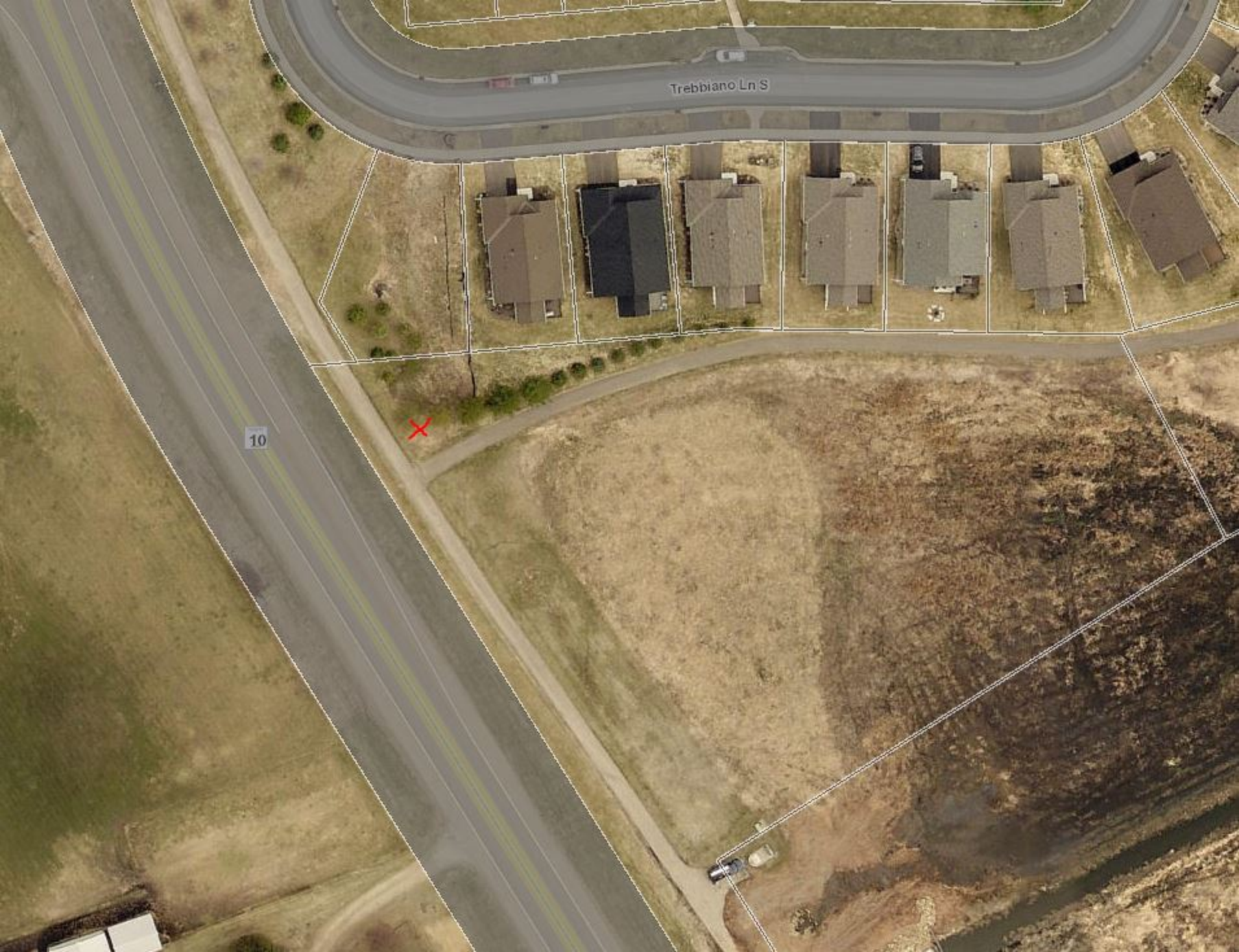
The City would require the applicants to maintain the Little Free Library and monitor the content to City standards. If approved, the City would also reserve the right to remove the structure at any time regardless of reason. (However, it is unlikely for the structure to be removed unless it were to fall into disrepair).

Future requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Staff also recommends the approval the Little Free Library placement at the terms described.

Attachments:

Map indicating approximate location of the Little Free Library



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