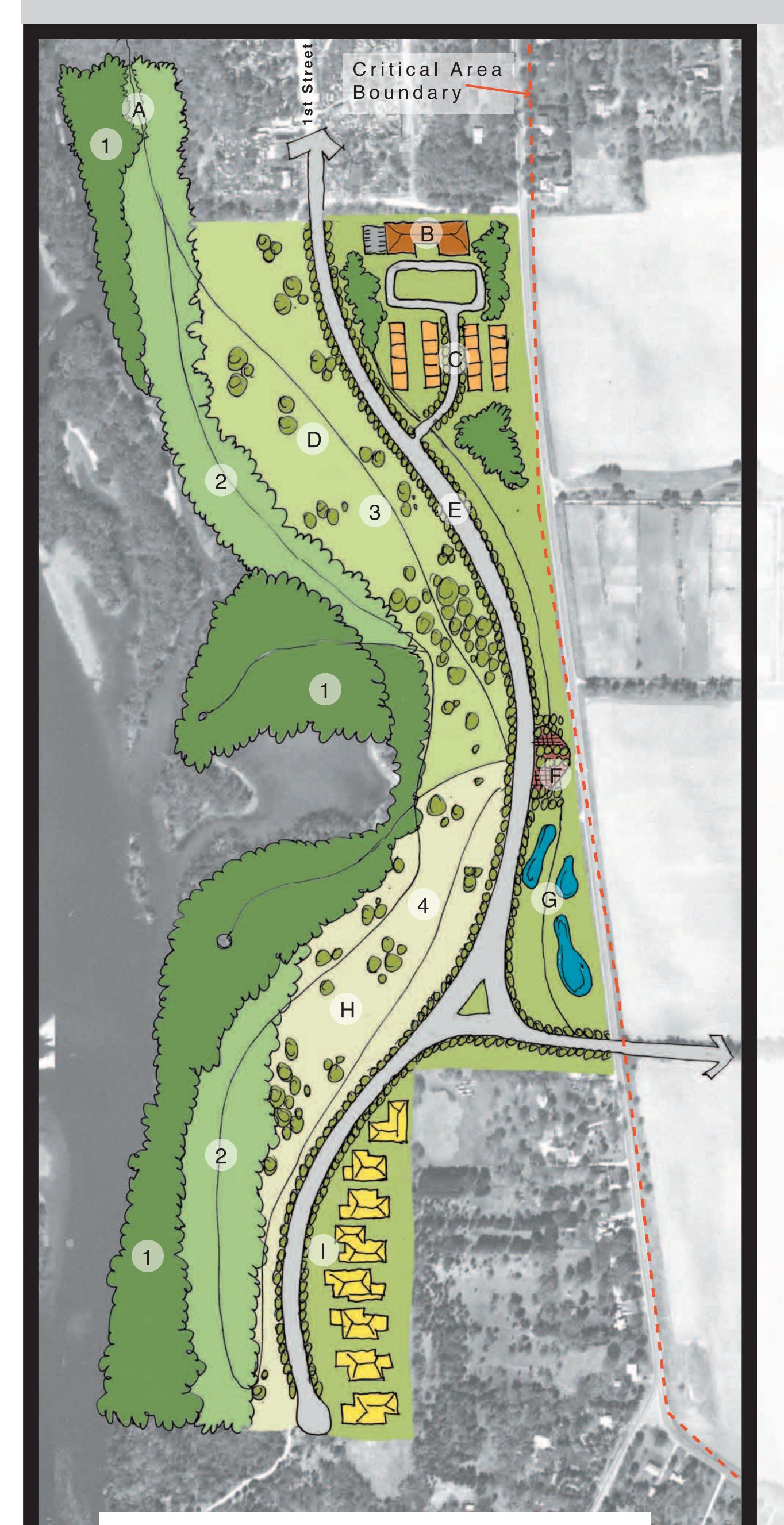
## **River's Edge Development** *options for the critical area*

## Option One: 38 Units



This design represents 38 housing units, which is the number of units allowed under critical area standards for the rural open space district. A cluster of 30 housing units to the north is surrounded by open space. Land within 400' of the bluff line is preserved and restored with vegetation. Recreational trails allow access while minimizing the impact to the bluff. The open space falls into the following categories: (1) areas of high-quality vegetation, (2) areas of moderate quality vegetation, (3) restored area with open informal recreational space, trails, and scattered trees, and (4) restored grassland with scattered trees and trails.



## **Design Features**

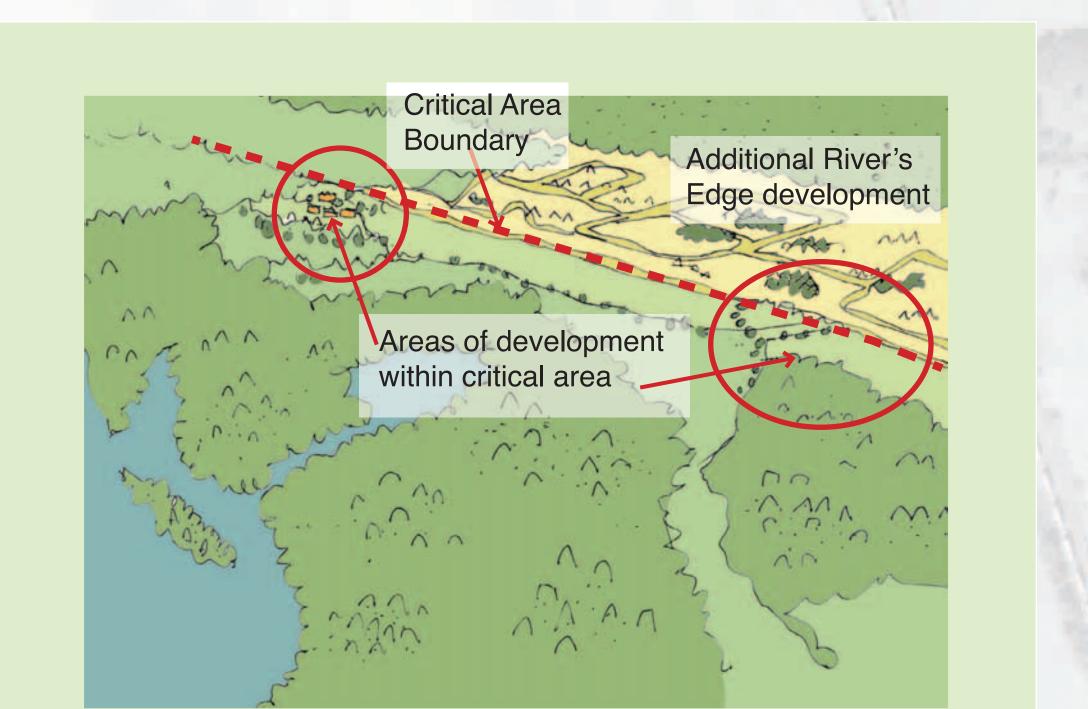
A. Trail connecting to existing trail

B. Ten apartments or condominiums

800'

- C. Twenty townhouse units
- D. Open space with scattered trees for informal recreation

Townhouses provide more density than single family homes yet still allow ownership. A well maintained landscape adds to the character of the buildings



E. Tree-lined parkway connects to existing road
F. Plaza/Outdoor gathering space
G. Stormwater ponds with trail
H. Restored prairie with scattered trees
I. Eight single family detached houses



The above image illustrates that even with development a significant portion of green space is preserved.



200'

400'

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