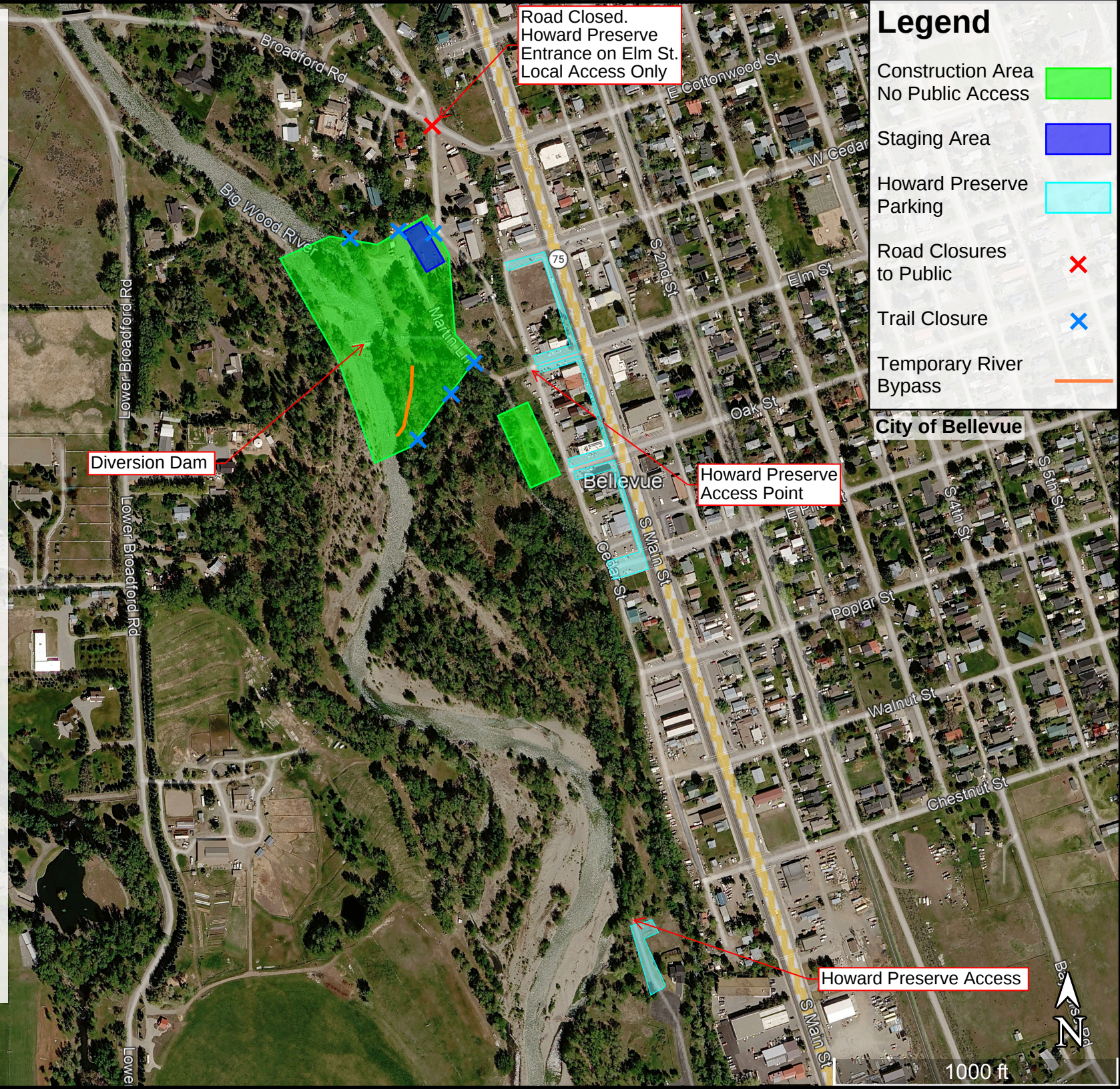


Big Wood River Diversion Dam

The project will restore and enhance the functionality of the Diversion Dam by repairing and reinforcing the existing structure to improve its long-term stability and reliability. Improvements will also include the construction of a fish passage notch to support aquatic habitat connectivity and allow fish to move more freely through the river system. Additional work includes placement of rock and riprap downstream of the dam for erosion protection and stream stabilization, as well as revegetation of disturbed areas to restore natural habitat and improve the river corridor. To ensure public safety during construction, temporary closures of certain areas within the Howard Preserve will be necessary. These restrictions will help protect visitors and allow construction crews and equipment to operate safely and efficiently. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to the Preserve and maintain public access whenever possible throughout the construction period. Construction is anticipated to begin August 10th and finish up in November.

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Legend

- Construction Area No Public Access
- Staging Area
- Howard Preserve Parking
- Road Closures to Public
- Trail Closure
- Temporary River Bypass

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Howard Preserve Access



1000 ft