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Marquis

Marquis is a wheat variety that was developed to be grown in Canada.

In the early 1900s, Dr. Charles Saunders began experimenting with plant breeding in order to create a variety of wheat that would be suitable for Canadian growing conditions. He studied the qualities of Red Fife, which was the main variety of wheat at the time, while comparing the seeds to his own variety which he called Marquis.

After testing various varieties of seeds, Dr. Charles Saunders found that Marquis was 7 to 10 days earlier in maturity than Red Fife, shorter in stature, and yielded an extraordinary amount of bushels per acre. During experimentation, he baked loaves of bread in order to measure baking quality of the product.

As a result of his extensive studies, the introduction of Marquis allowed farmers to grow their crop further north, doubling the amount of arable land on the prairies. By 1918, Marquis was planted on more than 20 million acres from southern Nebraska to northern Saskatchewan, occupying 80% to 90% of the total wheat acreage. Marquis is responsible for the reputation that Canada gained for producing the highest quality of wheat in the world, and virtually every wheat variety produced in Canada over the past 100 years traces back to Marquis.

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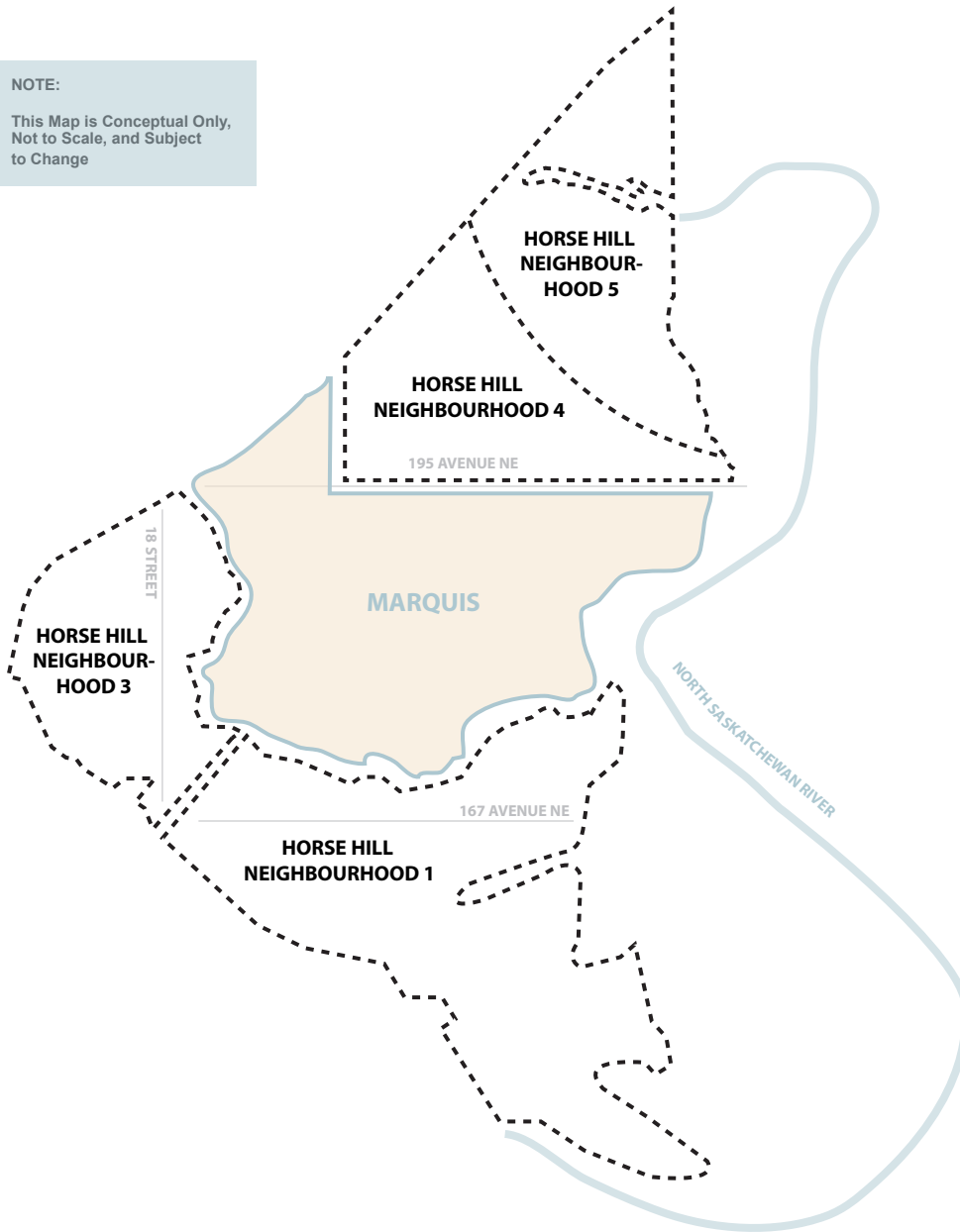


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Horse Hill Area Structure Plan

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