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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
City Hall-Training Room

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of December 9, 2015 Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Girls Scouts Troop 53727 presenting their plan for a sign by the pathway on the Kinnickinnic
2. Prairie Enthusiast's-25 minute highlight video and update
3. St. Croix Bike Plan

Agenda Items for February 17, 2016 Meeting:

ADJOURNMENT

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.

No official Council action will be taken.



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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Wednesday, December 9, 2015

5:15pm Pizza, refreshments, and cake in City Hall Training Room

Staff recognized Jeanne Zirbel and Betty Most for having served on the HPC for many years. Discussed the DeSantis Park School House usage and thoughts about hosting an ice cream social in June so the public becomes aware of the building and being able to rent or enjoy the school house.

5:30pm Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting in City Hall Foster Room

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:45pm

Members Present: Susan Reese, Jim Nordgren, Brenda Gaulke, Brandon Dobbertin, Dennis Zielski, and Patricia LaRue

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager and Terry Kusilek, Public Works Operations Supervisor

Others Present: Ben Fochs, citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Dobbertin/Nordgren to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

The Hoffman Park Storm Shelter should be completely done by December 18th. The flooring and bathrooms are done. We will add a coat rack. The Community Education daytime “Preschool Open Gym” class will be held in there due to lack of other gym space. The American Legion Baseball asked about using it as an umpire changing room in July, but they may use a camper instead. The City is concerned about steel spikes on the floor in the bathrooms. Others may use it with the stipulation that it is an emergency shelter if needed.

Girl Scout Troop 53727 will be invited to Park Board in January to give an update about their plans to educate people to NOT feed the ducks. The posts will need to be out of the mowing line and they can put one on the dock.

We have developed very nice partnerships with so many organizations. It would be nice to find a sponsor for the Skate Park.

We have four new kiosks and the trail entry point signs are also ready to install with the Rotary Club in the spring and are in storage at Public Works building. Two kiosks were purchased by The America in Bloom Committee with money from selling their River Falls in Bloom books, and the Garden Club purchased one, and the Rotary purchased one kiosk plus smaller message boards which will be entry point signs. Parks and Rec paid \$416 for an educational sign about birds to be hung at DeSanctis Park. It is not yet made. There will be a second educational sign for DeSanctis regarding prairie grasses, which will be funded by another source. We also purchased two sign holders to hold the reservation schedule at the Glen Park and Hoffman Park open shelters. They are already installed. Over the winter all materials should be prepared to go up right away in the spring in the kiosks and entry signs.

City Staff (Brent Buesking, Management Analyst) is working on the Walkable City application. We did not earn it two years ago and we did not apply last year.

Dennis and Terry will meet at the Hoffman Park Skate Park to see how many new sheets to order for elements. The work will not be done until spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry asked Park Board about Tri-Angels Playground winter maintenance. Snow removal would be difficult. It was discussed and decided that it will *not* be maintained over the winter, just like all the other city playgrounds. City Staff did remove the umbrellas for the winter. The company fixed up the paint at the top of the soccer ball pile and other cement structures. We can buy extra paint locally for further touch-ups.

City Staff has been working on a recreation fees analysis. This will be shared and discussed further at the January Park Board meeting.

Terry made note of a Park Board member's comment that some bleachers at Glen Park field need boards replaced.

Park Staff added wood chips around the Frisbee golf tees at Hoffman Park. This helps prevent some freeze-thaw deterioration.

Terry discussed adding an area in Highview Meadows in which to plant milkweed and other plants to help the butterfly population, Park Board was in favor of this concept plan.

ADJOURNMENT

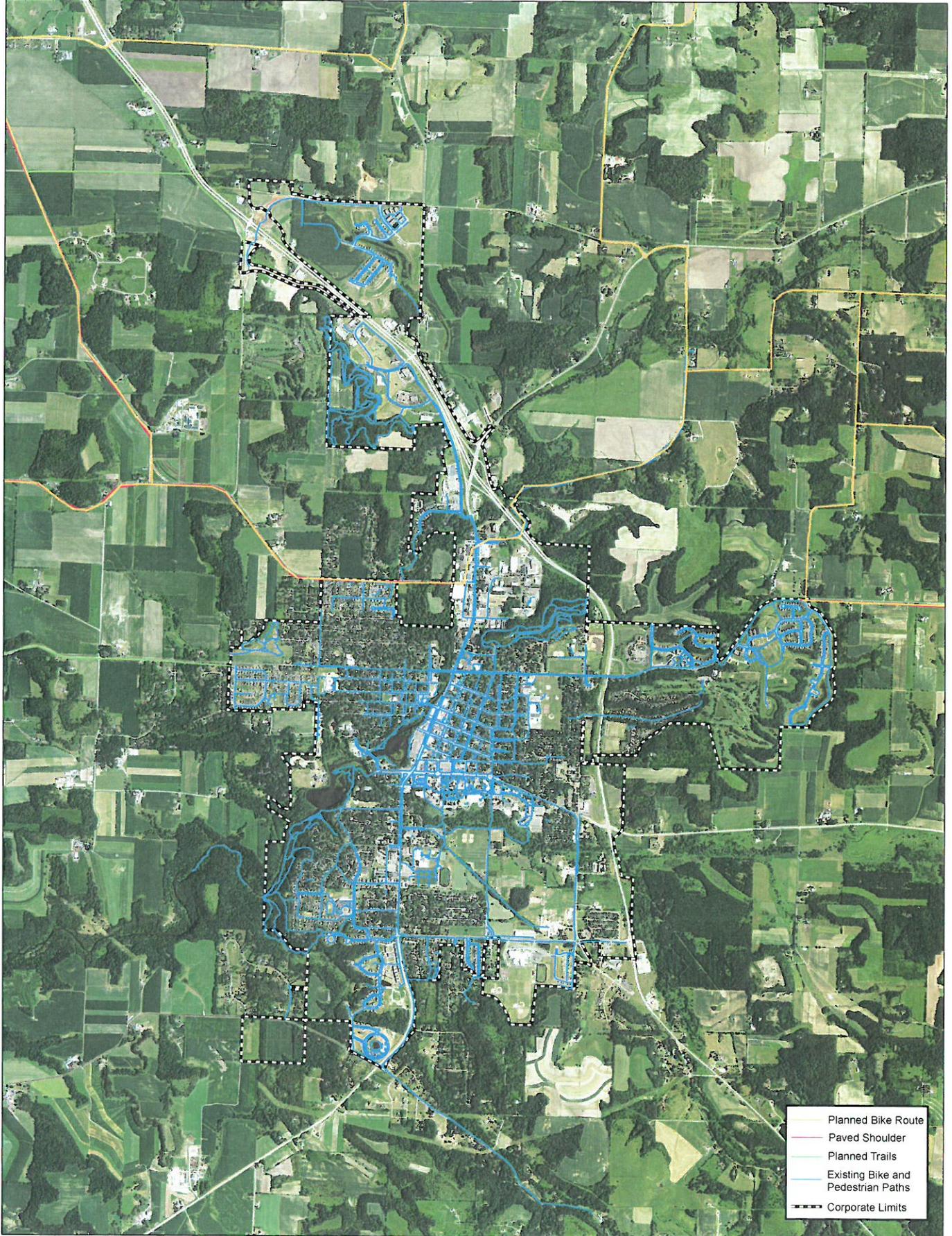
MSC Nordgren/LaRue to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant

Planned Bike Paths and Trails - Saint Croix County



Bikeway and Trail Network Facility Types

Path

A shared-use path or trail can be located along a road right-of-way or in an independent right-of-way such as a stream valley, greenway, along a utility corridor, or an abandoned railroad corridor. Paths as part of county corridors should be at least 10 feet wide, as wider where higher use is expected.



Bike Lanes

A bike lane designates a portion of a street for the preferential or exclusive use of bicycles. Standard bike lanes are typically 5' wide but wider bike lanes are sometimes advantageous. Similar to bike lanes, restricted lanes allow bikes and parking and should be at least 8 feet wide.



Separated Bike Lanes

A separated bike lane, sometimes called a cycletrack, is a bicycle facility that is physically separated from both the street and the sidewalk. Separated bike lanes can be one way for bicycles on each side of a two-way street, or two-way and installed on one or both sides of the street.



Advisory Bike Lanes

Advisory bike lanes delineate preferred space for bicyclists and pedestrians, giving them right-of-way in that space. Cars travel down the center of the roadway and merge into the advisory bike lane when passing an oncoming vehicle. Advisory bike lanes are suited to very low-traffic roads.



Paved Shoulders

Paved shoulders should typically be 4 or 5 feet wide to serve as a bicycle accommodation. Many roads in the county have paved shoulders but lack continuity through intersections. Climbing lanes are a variation that provides a paved shoulder in the uphill direction, but not the downhill direction.



Wider Paved Shoulders

Higher traffic roads can be improved for bicycling through the provision of wider (6 to 8 feet) paved shoulders. Some roads in the county have wider paved shoulders but lack continuity through intersections.



Minor Enhancements

Low-cost, strategically-placed pavement markings and signage can enhance bike routes and existing trails. Sharrows (see image) can increase awareness of bicyclist presence, indicate lane positioning, and aid in wayfinding. Signs can aid in wayfinding and raise awareness of the rules of the road.



ST. CROIX COUNTY Bicycle and Pedestrian PLAN

Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Network

-  Corridors to be Studied
-  Enhanced Network
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-  Alternate Alignment
-  Existing Trails

This map illustrates the corridors that are being analyzed during the development of the Plan. Specific infrastructure recommendations will be developed for each corridor. Some corridors may need substantial infrastructure investments while others may simply need minor investments such as signs and pavement markings.

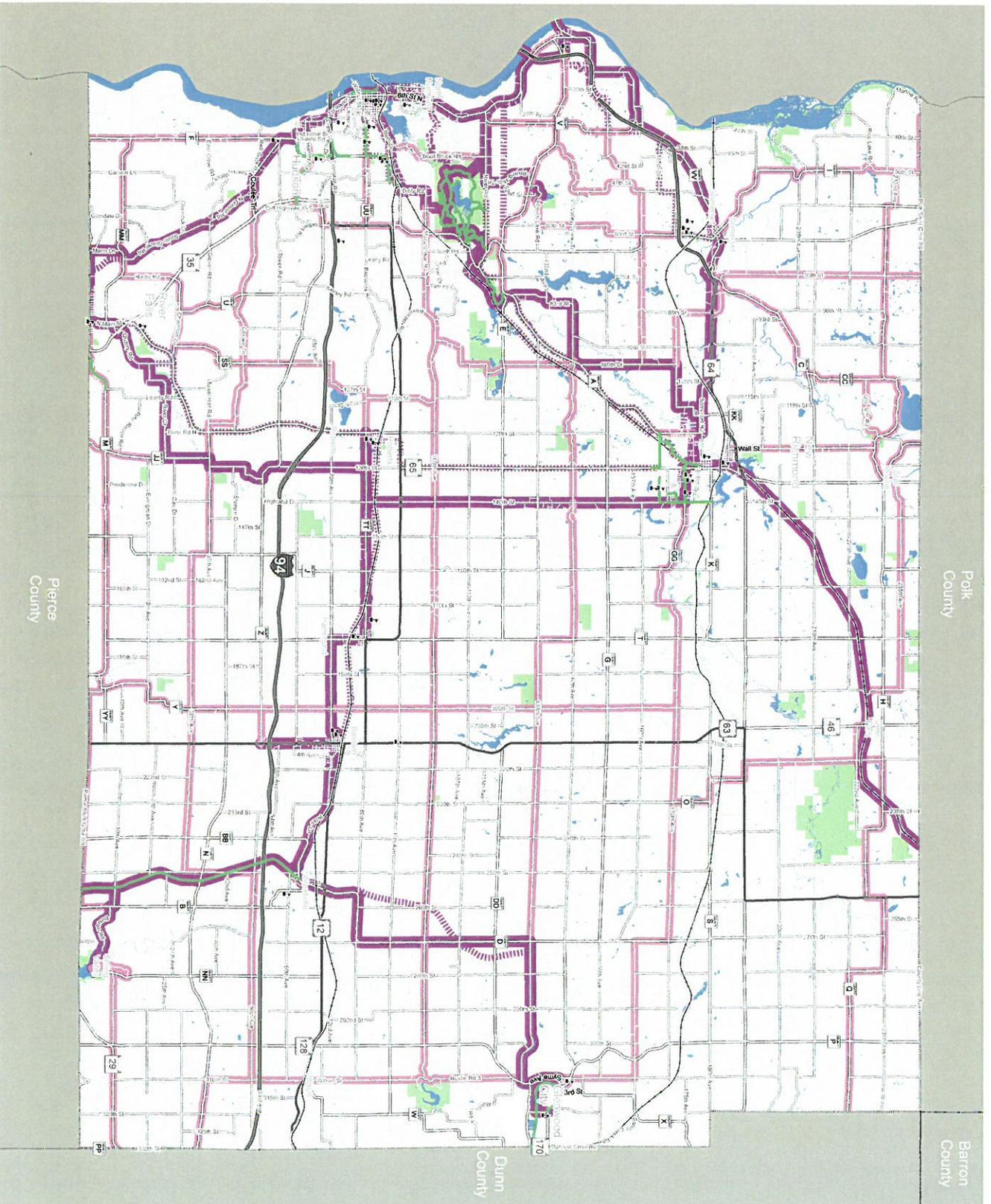
The study network is primarily composed of low-traffic roads and a few short stretches of higher-traffic roads. The intent is that corridors that are not part of the Enhanced Network would primarily serve people that are more comfortable interacting with motor vehicle traffic.

The Enhanced Network will be composed of separated trails and low-stress on-road bikeways on low-traffic roads. The intent is to serve a wide range of people, many of whom are interested in biking and walking more often, but are uncomfortable interacting with motor vehicle traffic.

In some corridors of the Enhanced Network, alternative alignments have been identified. When these alternatives follow major roadways (such as Wis-65), the intent is that they would be developed as separated paths in the future.



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ST. CROIX COUNTY Bicycle and Pedestrian PLAN

Existing and Planned Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

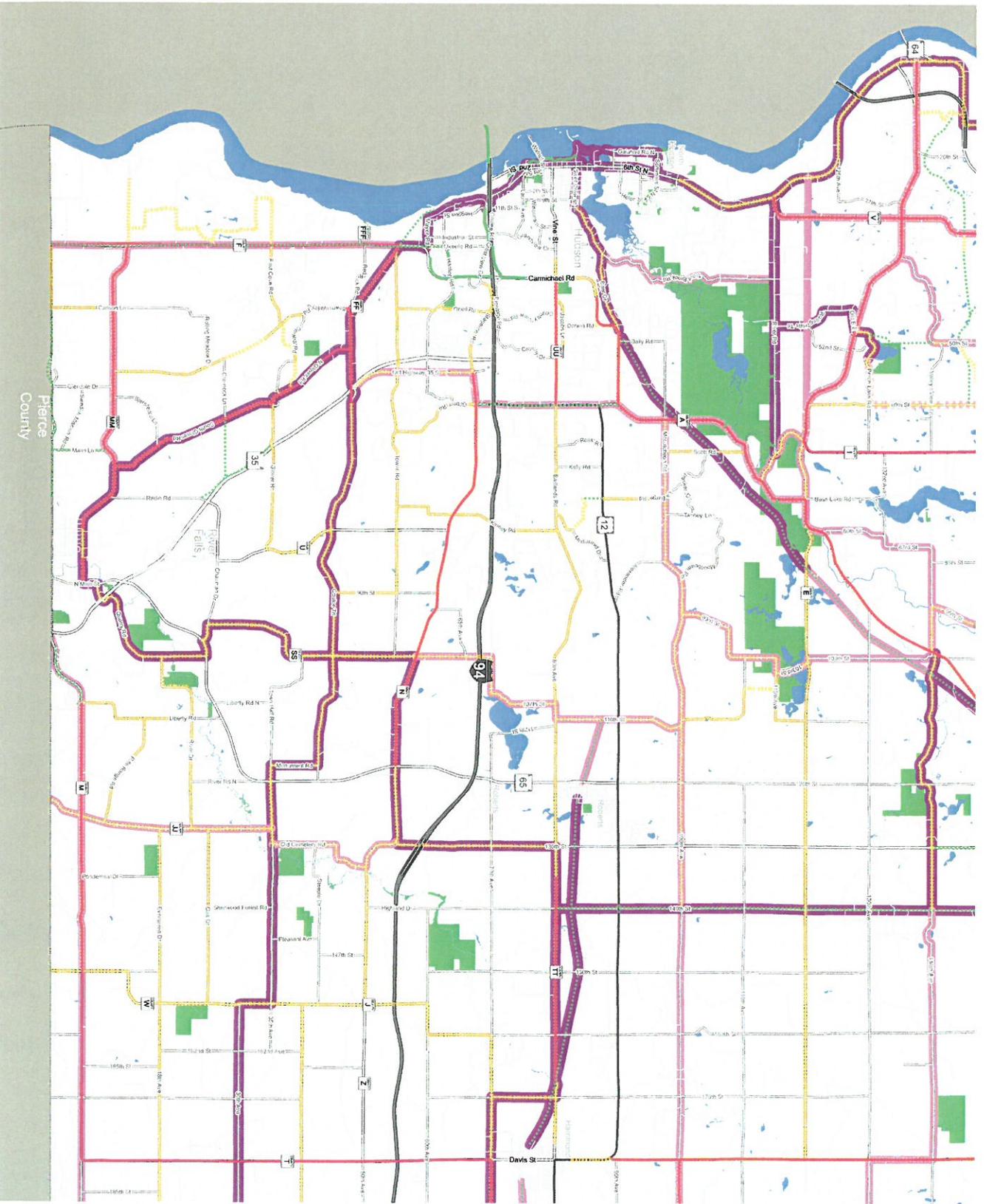
- Existing Trail
- - - Planned Trail
- Paved Shoulder
- - - Planned Bike Route

Draft Study Network

- Primary
- Secondary
- - - Tertiary

At this time, corridors identified as part of the primary study network are predominately those that were identified as priorities during the September Project Workshop, as well as one corridor (170th Ave) that was identified multiple times by the public via the project WikiMap.

At a later point, additional corridors will be promoted from the secondary study network to the primary network in order to create complete loops or cross-county connections.



ST. CROIX COUNTY Bicycle and Pedestrian PLAN

Existing and Planned Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

- Existing Trail
- - - Planned Trail
- Paved Shoulder
- - - Signed Bike Route

Preliminary Recommendations

- Paths
- Delineated On-Road Improvements
- Minor Enhancements

Enhanced Bikeway & Trail Network

- Paths
- Delineated On-Road Improvements
- Minor Enhancements

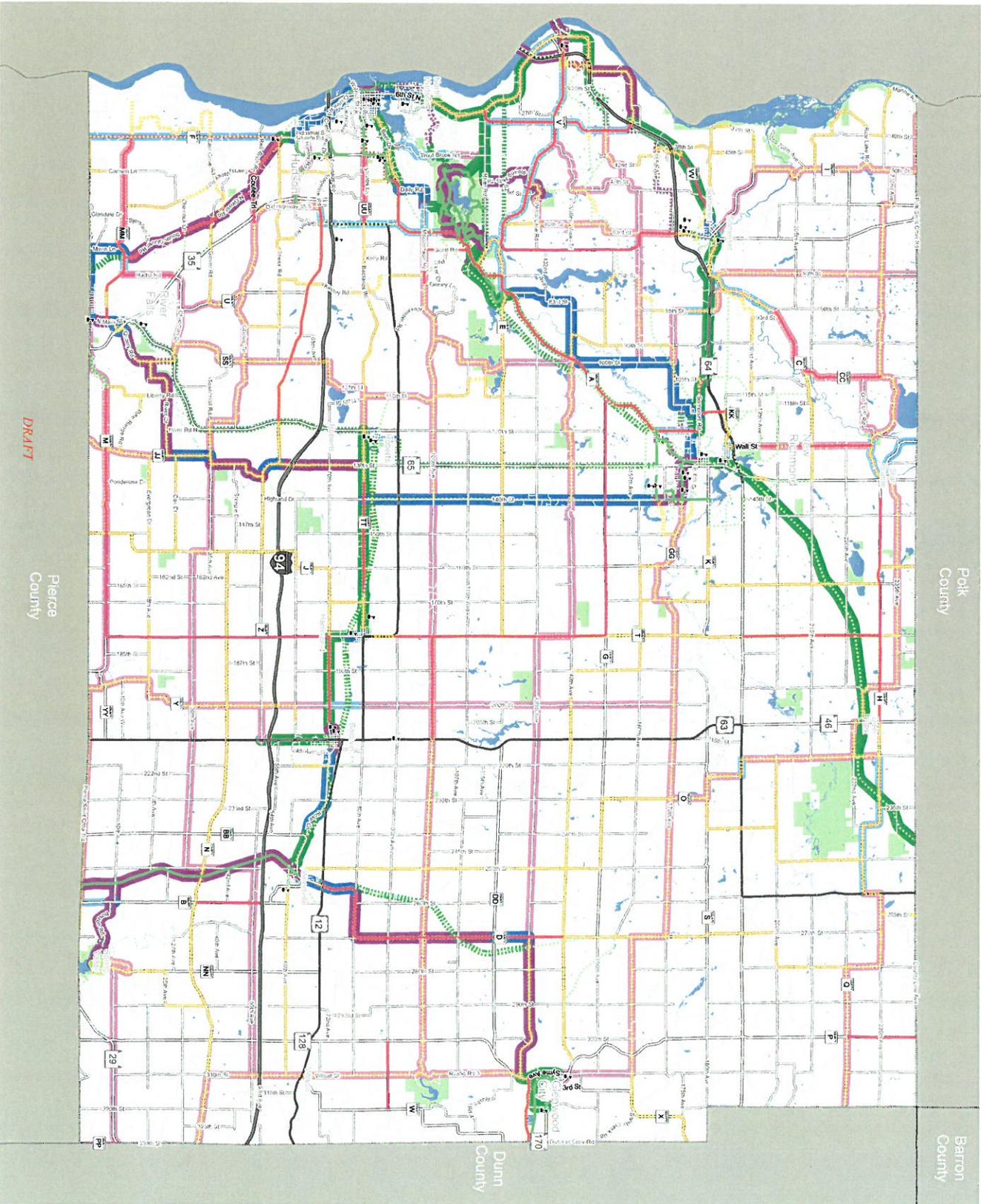
Enhanced Bikeway & Trail Network Alternate Alignments

- - - Paths
- - - Delineated On-Road Improvements
- - - Minor Enhancements

Delineated on-road improvements include paved shoulders, bike lanes, advisory bike lanes, and other treatments that provide dedicated roadway space for bicycling. Minor enhancements include signage, pavement markings, and spot improvements.



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