Illinois Prairie Path Annual Meeting

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Existing Projects – Status Update

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Chase Street Underpass, Wheaton

Construction to be completed December 2013
Landscaping installed Spring 2014

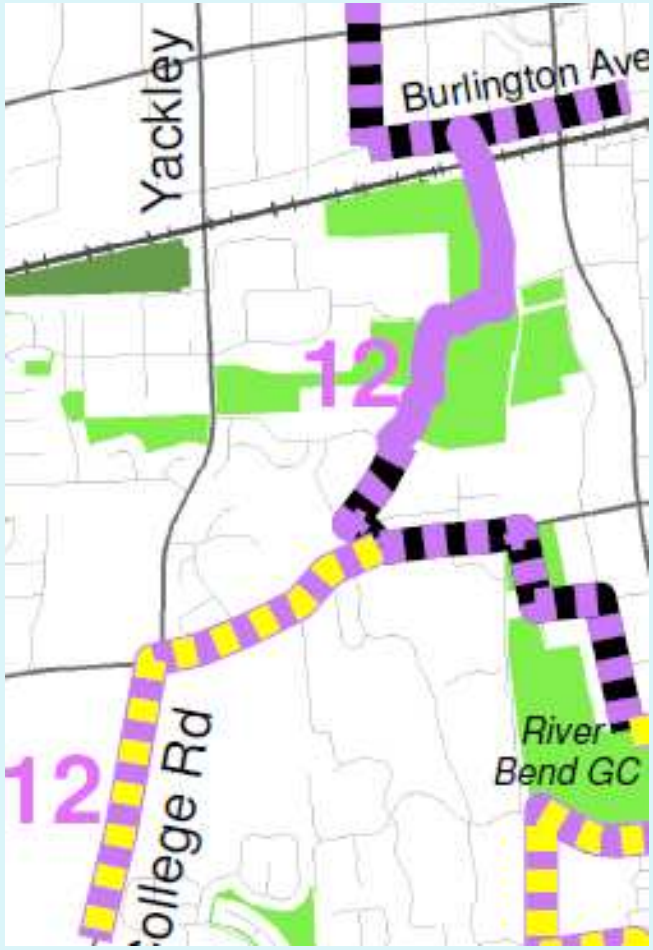
Existing Projects – Status Update

North-Central DuPage Regional Trail – County Farm Bridge & Trail Link

DuPage Co Forest Preserve leading this effort
Bridge and trail are getting designed / engineered

Existing Projects – Status Update

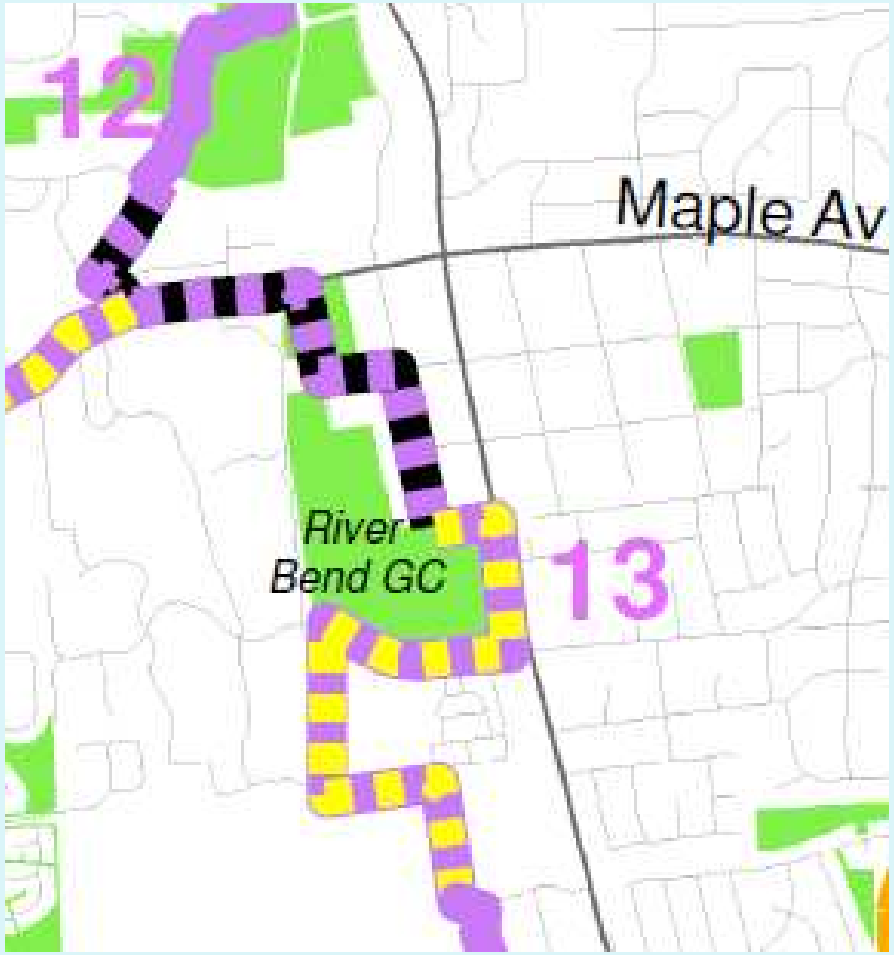
Benedictine Connector (EBDRT)



Delayed due to realignment
Scheduled for 2015 contract letting

Existing Projects – Status Update

South Lisle – Woodridge (EBDRT)



Project stalled due to inability to acquire right-of-way
County is designing new alignment
No construction date set

Existing Projects – Status Update

Swift Road Trail (EBDRT)

Slowed due to required relocation of ComEd poles
Construction scheduled for 5/14

Existing Projects – Status Update

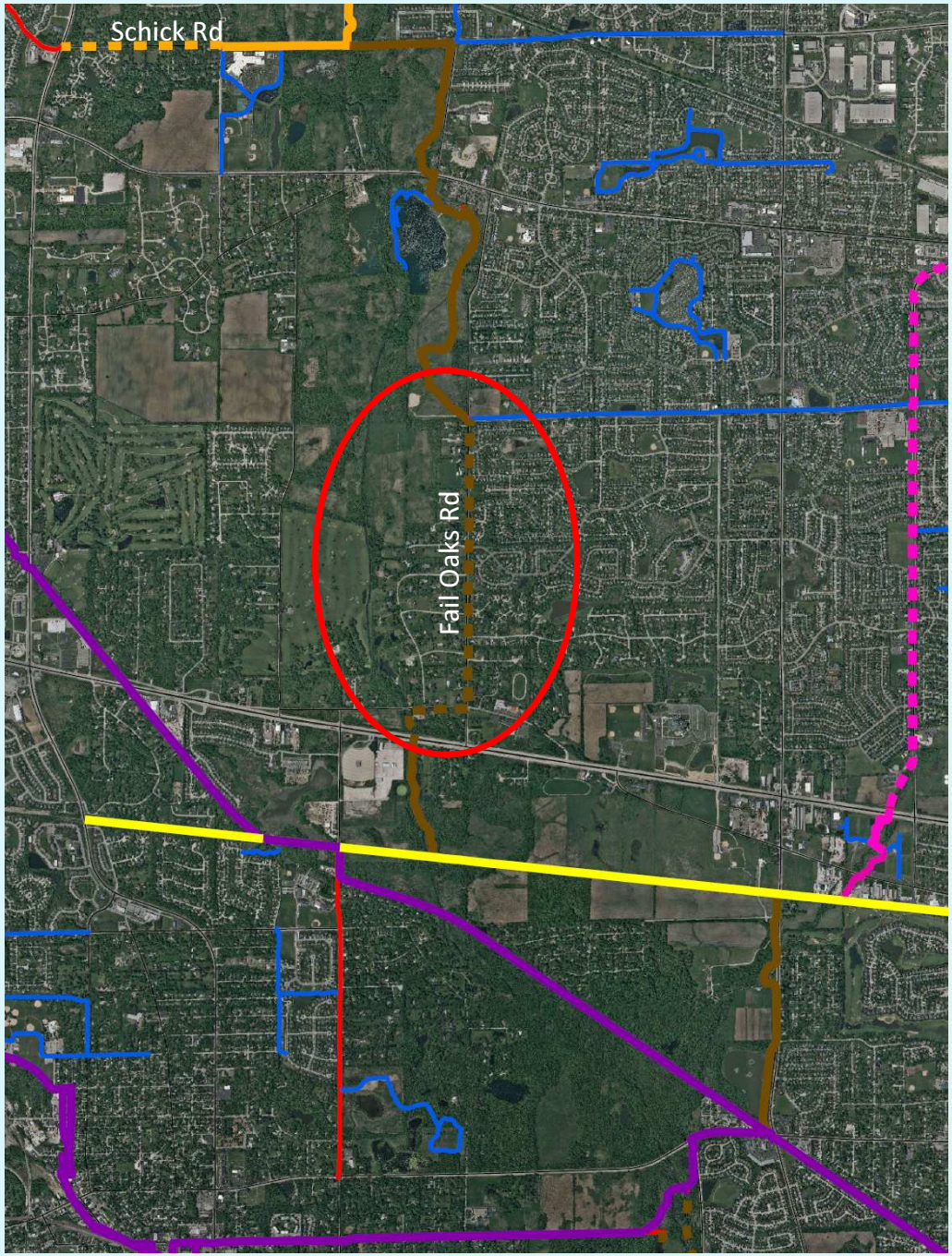
IPP Aurora Branch – CN Railroad Underpass

County working on design plans and coordinating utility relocation.
Construction is at least 4 years away

Existing Projects – Status Update

Fair Oaks Road Trail (WBDRT)

Led by Carol Stream and DuPage Co Forest Preserve
Public meeting conducted 10/13
Construction potentially to occur in 2014



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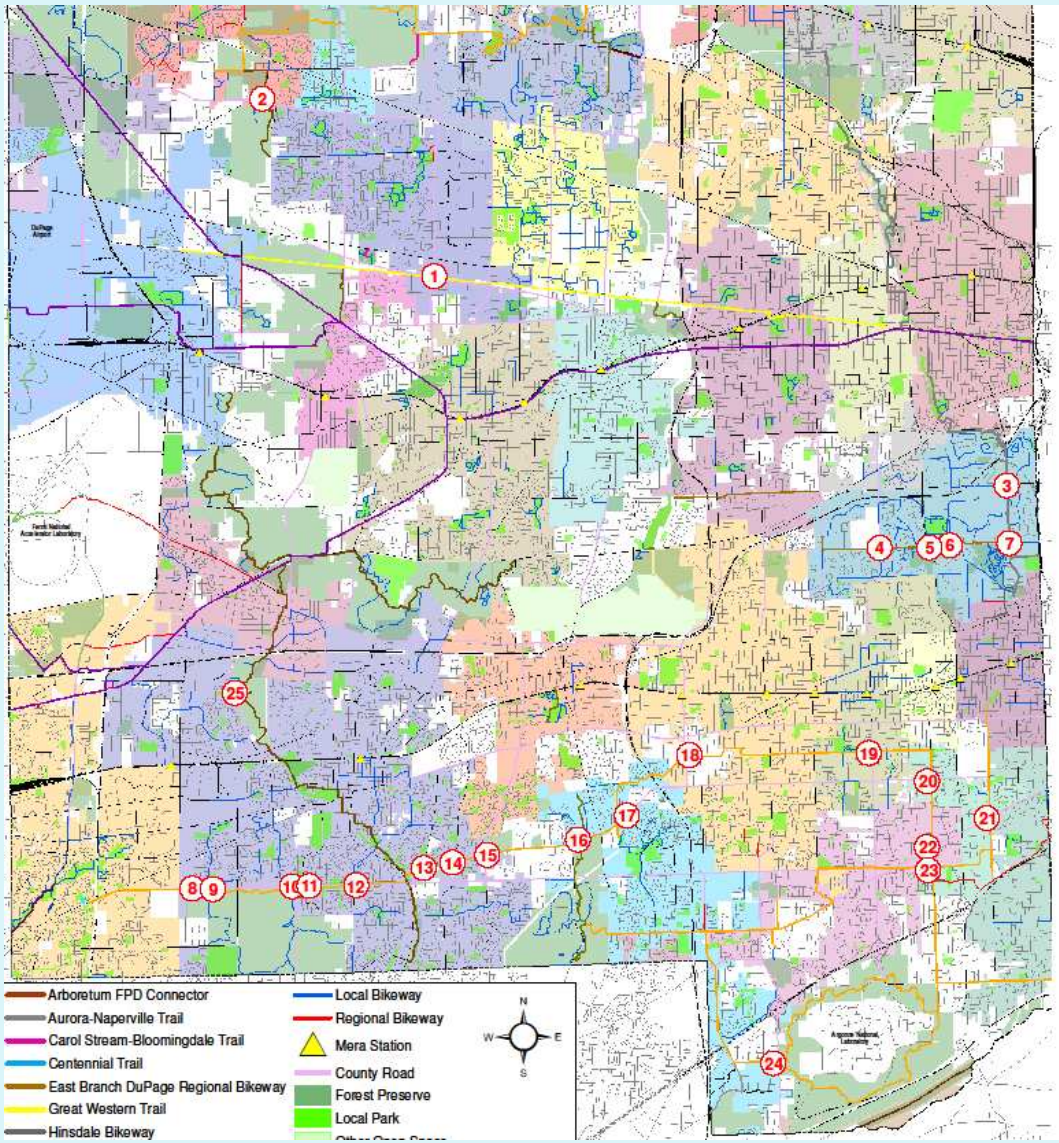
Funds for pedestrian countdown signals

- STP Program
- 25 Intersections
- 7 Regional Trails

Moving forward with design



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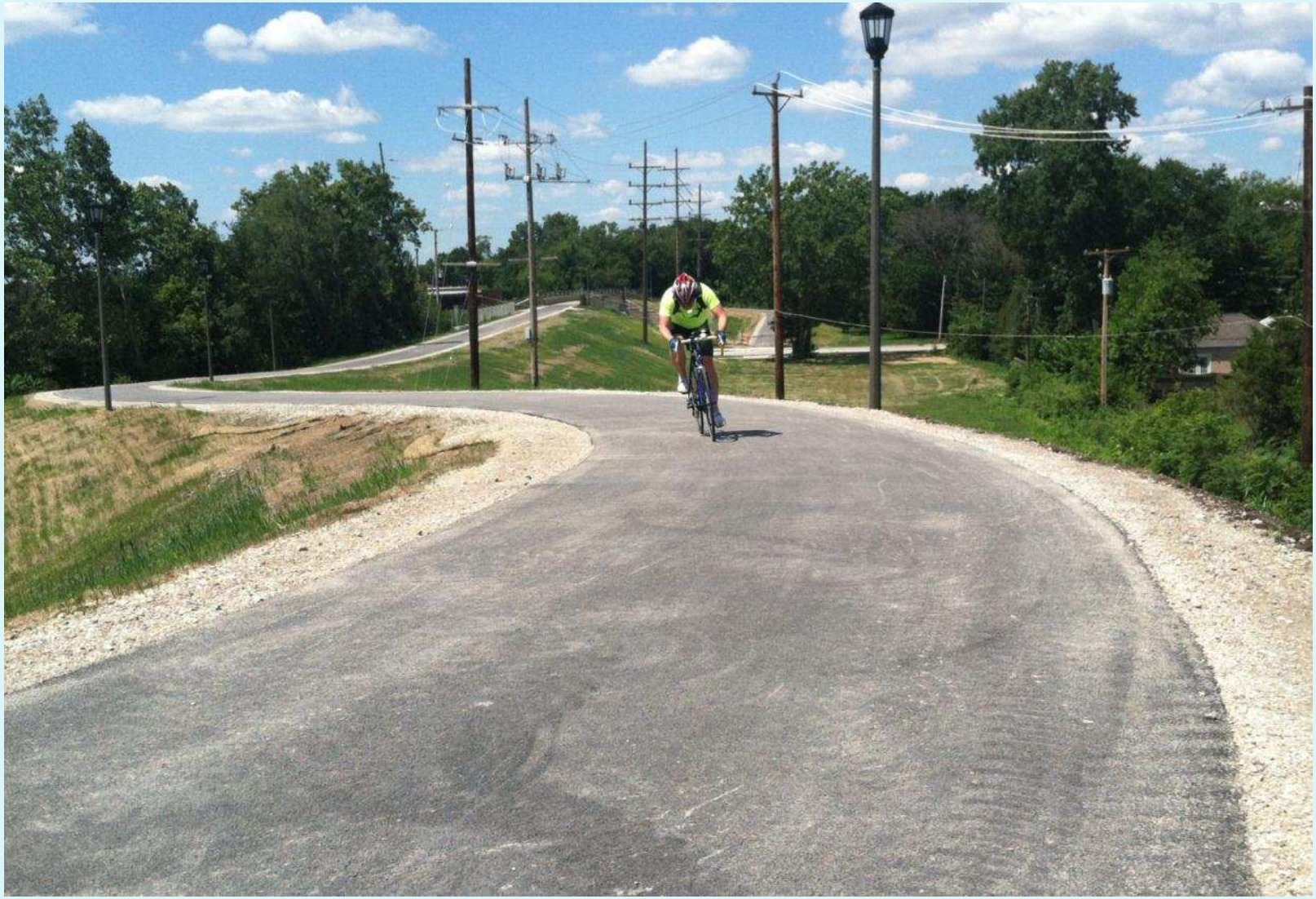
Great Western Trail Bridge @ Chase Street



Opened summer 2013 after 10+ years of planning and design. Thank you Village of Lombard.

2013 Accomplishments

Trail Counts

IPP funded with labor support from County
Report to be issues December 2013

2013 Accomplishments

Eagle Scout Projects

Four Eagle Scout projects in 2013. New kiosks at GWT& Swift, GWT & Villa, and GWT & County Farm. Redesign of Geneva/County Farm Road rest area. Great work.

2013 Accomplishments

Adopt-A-Trail

Program up & running
Three groups participating
Need outreach in 2014

2013 Accomplishments

ComEd Vegetation Maintenance

ComEd and DuDOT worked cooperatively on vegetation maintenance
Removal of trapped, diseased trees in 2012
Less complaints in 2013 than 2012

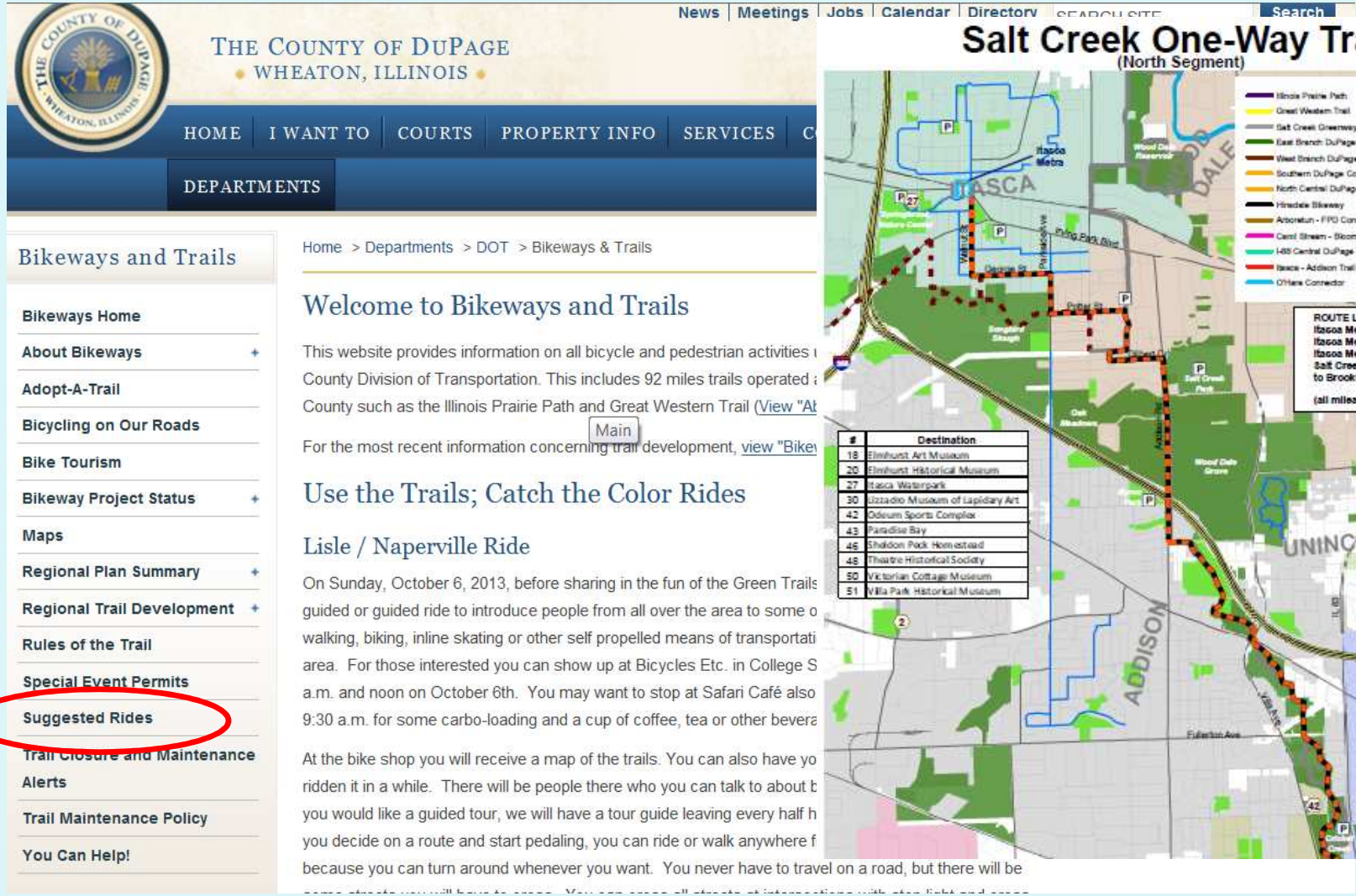
2013 Accomplishments

Downtown Glen Ellyn Beautification

Glen Ellyn Public Works took lead and beautified a segment of trail that previously has horrible, diseased, weedy, & invasive vegetation

2013 Accomplishments

Tourism & Loop Maps



Posting suggested ride maps based on public input
Still need to ID “tourism” strategy

2014
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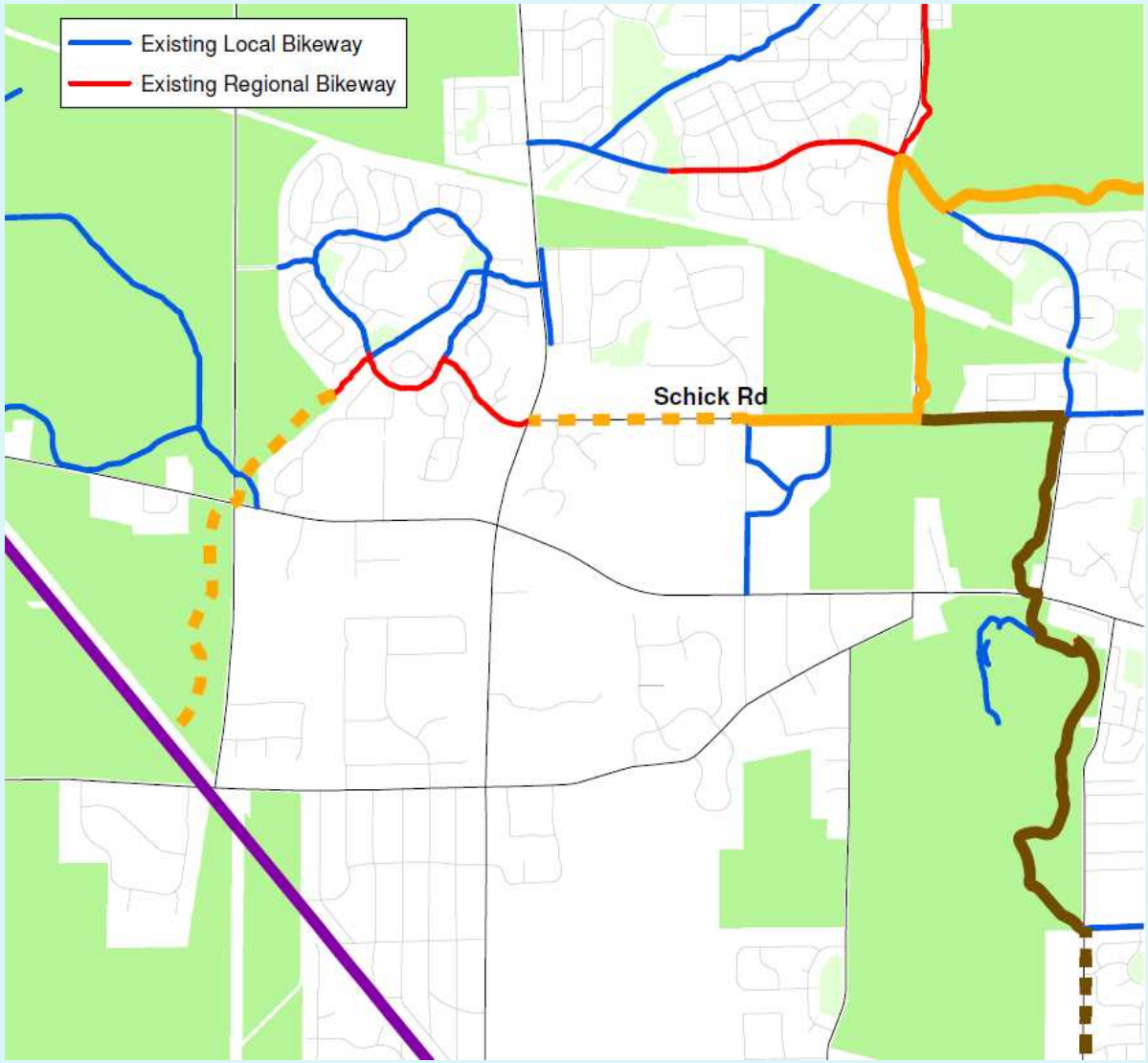
Schick Road Bikeway (North Central Trail)

New township leadership is moving forward aggressively with the construction of this segment of the North Central Regional Trail. One of few missing gaps for this trail.



2014 Projects

IPP in Elmhurst Railroad Crossing

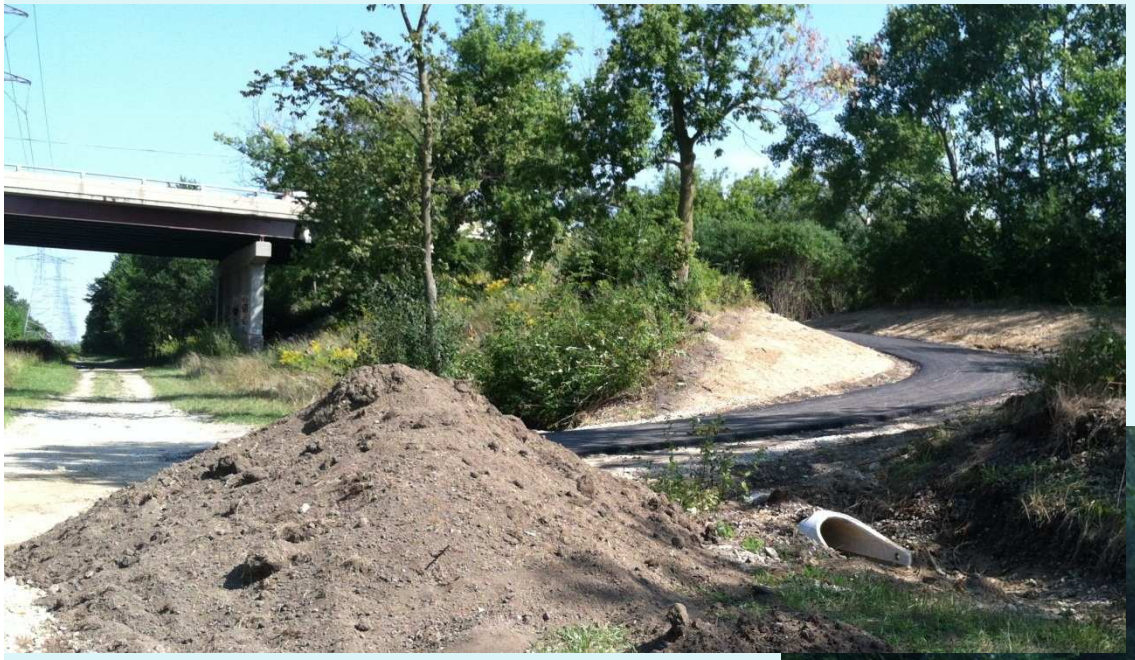
New railroad crossing surface and warning bells installed.

Existing alignment is bad and will be fixed in 2014.

Access to adjacent neighborhood.

2014 Projects

GWT Extension to IL 59 or Sassafras Ave.

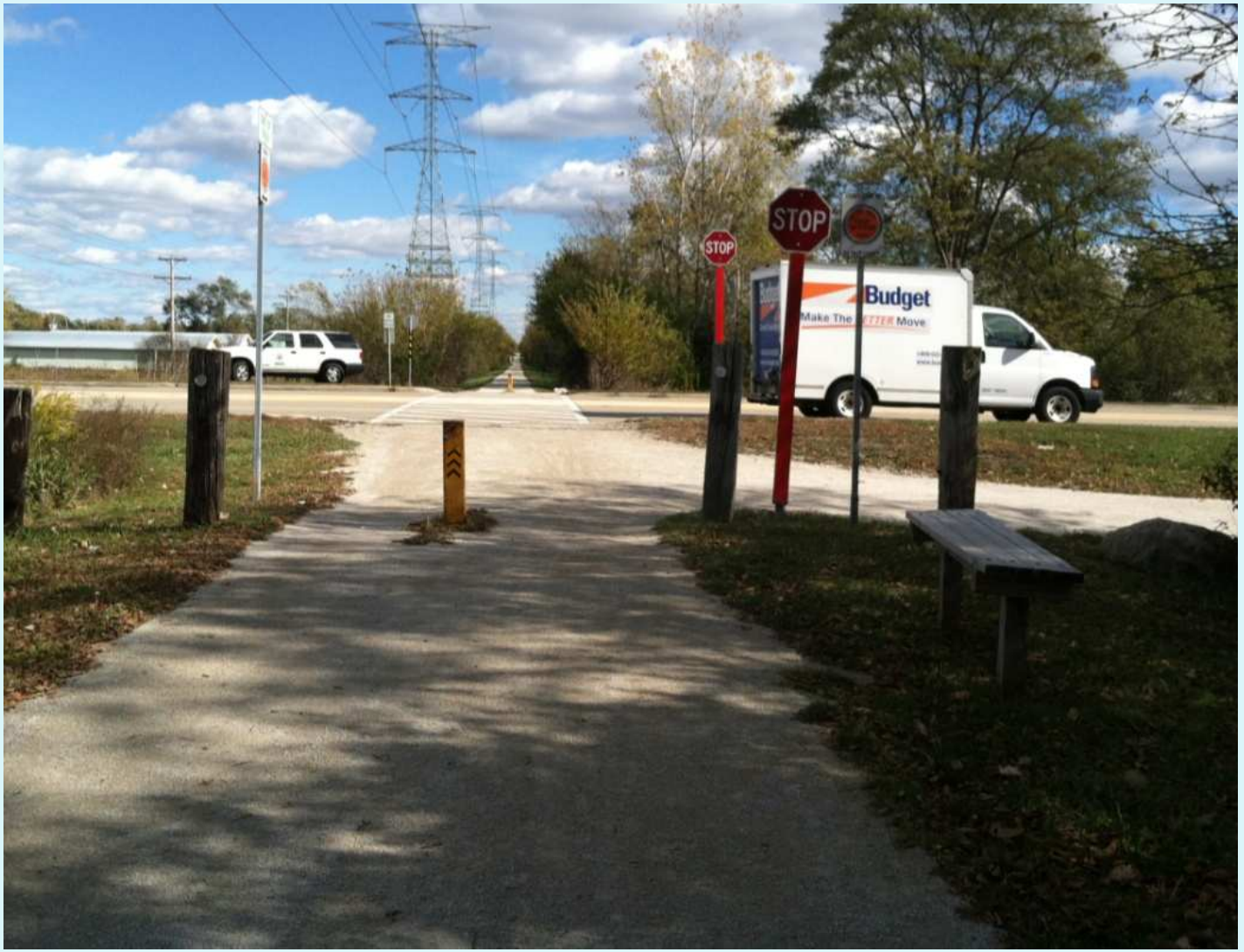


Will extend GWT westward 0.75 miles to connect with West Chicago trail at IL 59.

May be delayed if soils are contaminated.

2014 Projects

GWT & County Farm Feasibility study



DuDOT conducting a feasibility study to determine what safety infrastructure needed

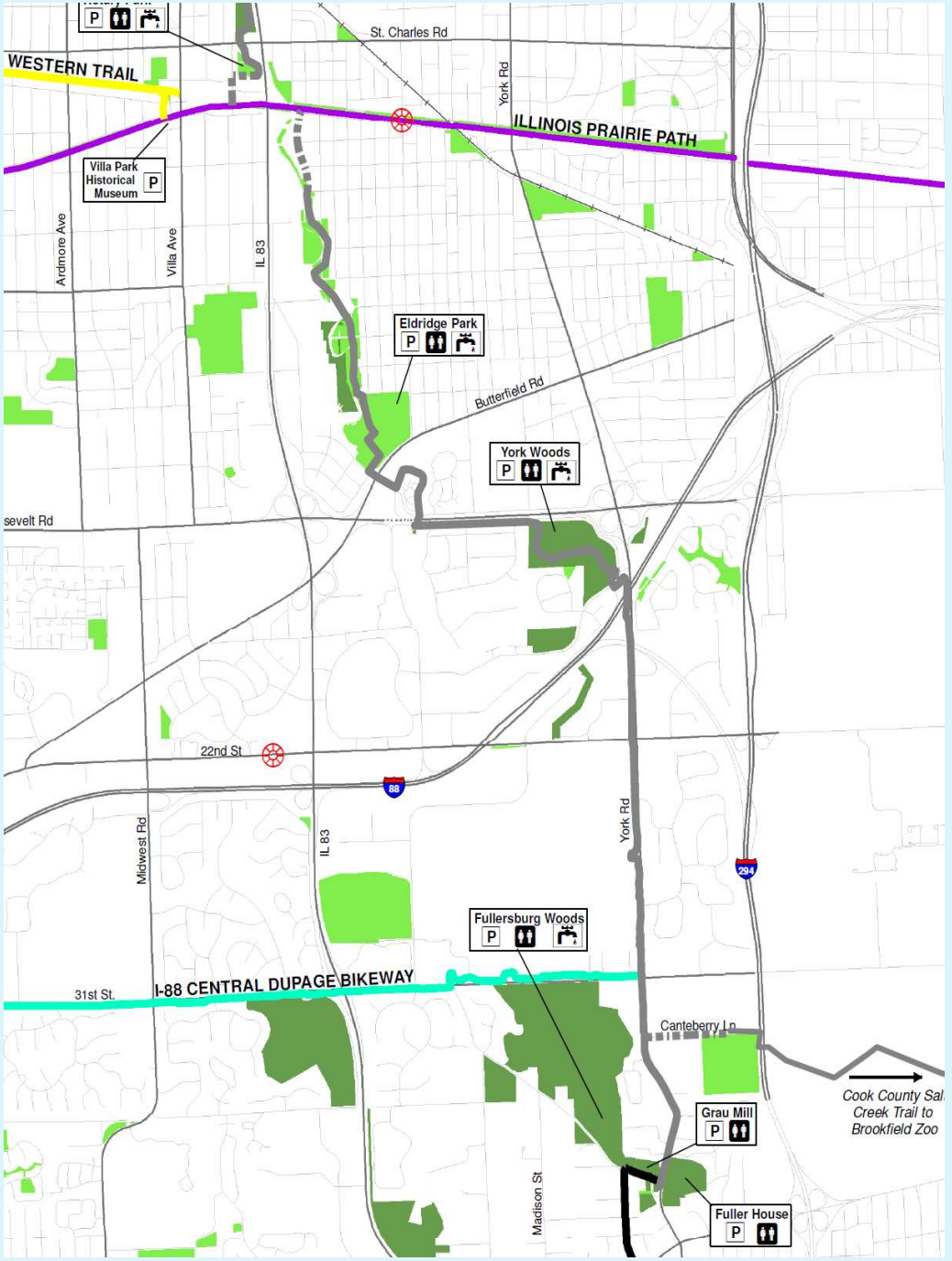
Based on findings, will seek funds to implement

2014 Projects

Salt Creek Trail Map

Map currently drafted

Will print & distribute in 2014



2014 (or 2015) Projects

GWT Access to Ackerman Park (Glen Ellyn)

DuDOT discussed potential in spring 2013
In fall 2013, GE PD won grant to build access trail
Construction date TBD

2014 Projects

GWT Trail Counts

DuDOT will deploy trail counting equipment on GWT

Will work with public to ID deployment locations.

2014 Projects

- **Signage Plan**
- **ATA Intersection Study**
- **Trees for Trails Implementation**
- **Regional Trail Connections to Will & Cook Counties**
- **Bike Plan Update / 5-Year Plan**
- **IPP Grant Recipient Projects**
- **Benedictine University Students Marketing Plan**
- **Bike Tourism in DuPage County**
- **Complete Streets Advocacy**

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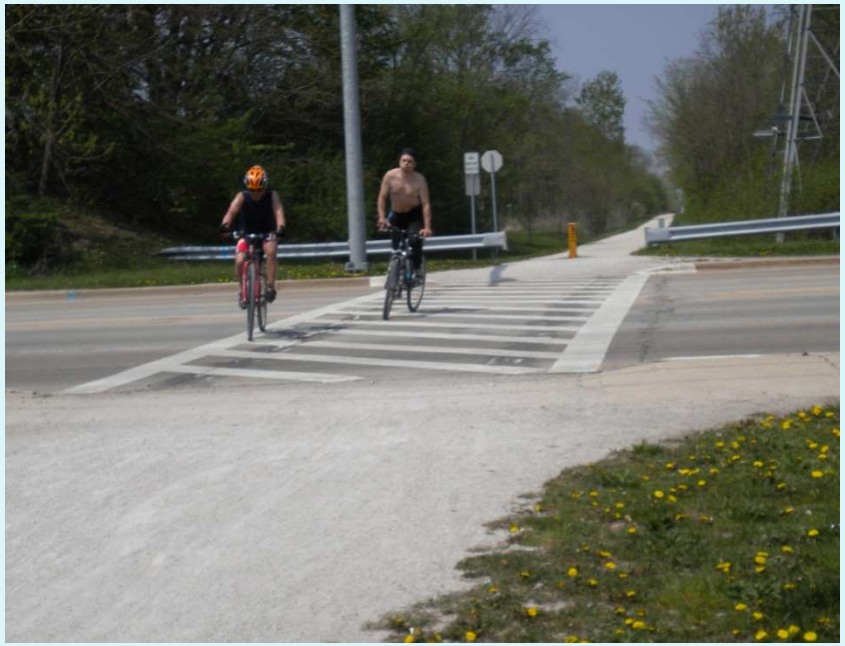
Improved Safety at GWT Trail Crossings



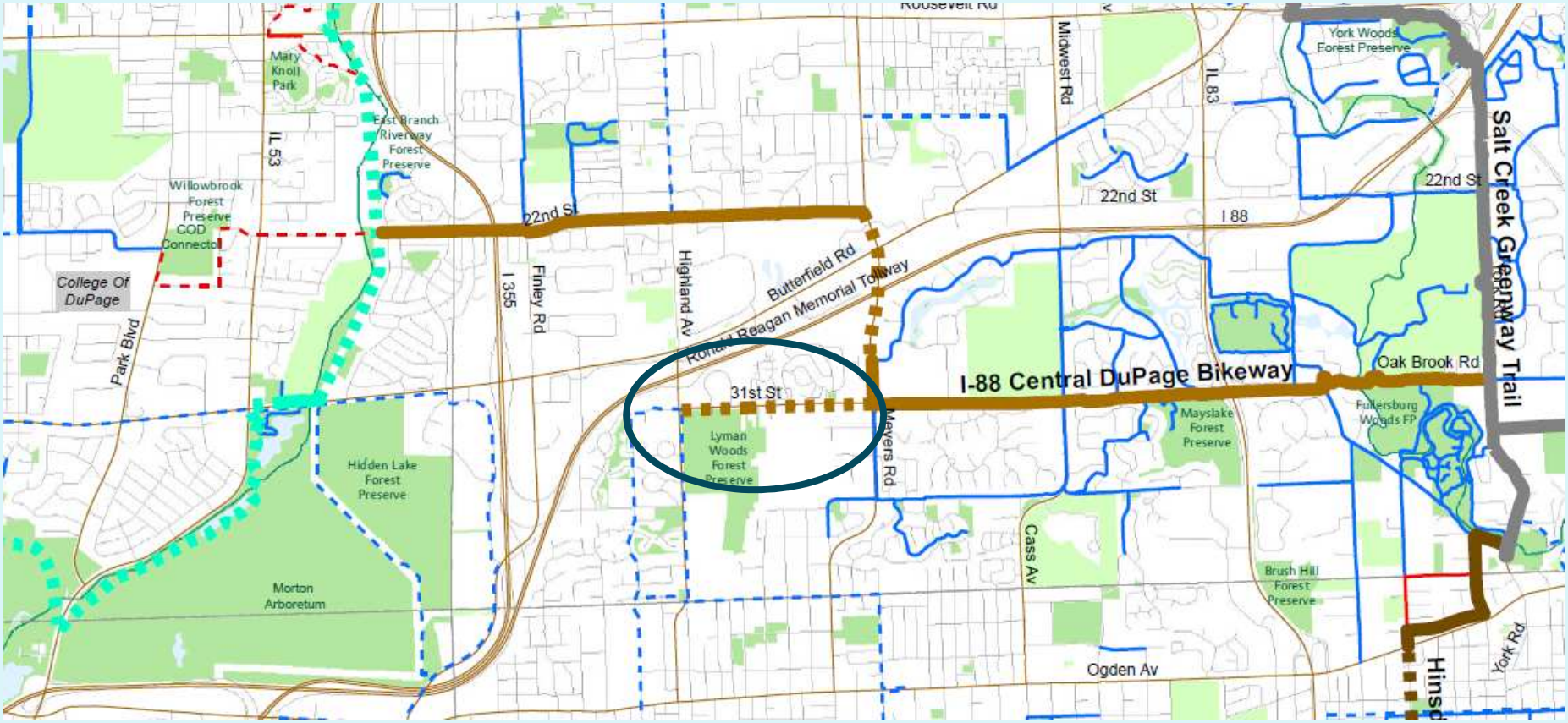
GWT & County Farm Road is first of three proposed intersections to be addressed

Bloomingdale Road and Main Street are other intersections

Long Term Wish List

I-88 Central DuPage Bikeway

- 31st St Segment (to be constructed 2015)
- Meyers Road Segment provides needed north-south movements
- Extension to COD to link employment, educations, and neigborhoods



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West Suburban Bike Share Study

Suburbs need to cooperate to provide sufficient demand and density for suburban bike share to be feasible.

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- **West Branch Trail Gap Study south of Winfield Mounds (complete entire trail)**
- **Farm Forest / Community Gardens**
- **Connections to Cantigny & Morton Arboretum**
- **East Branch Trail between Swift and Army Trail Road**
- **Complete North Central DuPage Regional Trail (west of Schick Road)**

THANK YOU

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