Illinois Prairie Path Annual Meeting

November 1, 2015

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Current Projects – 2015 Status

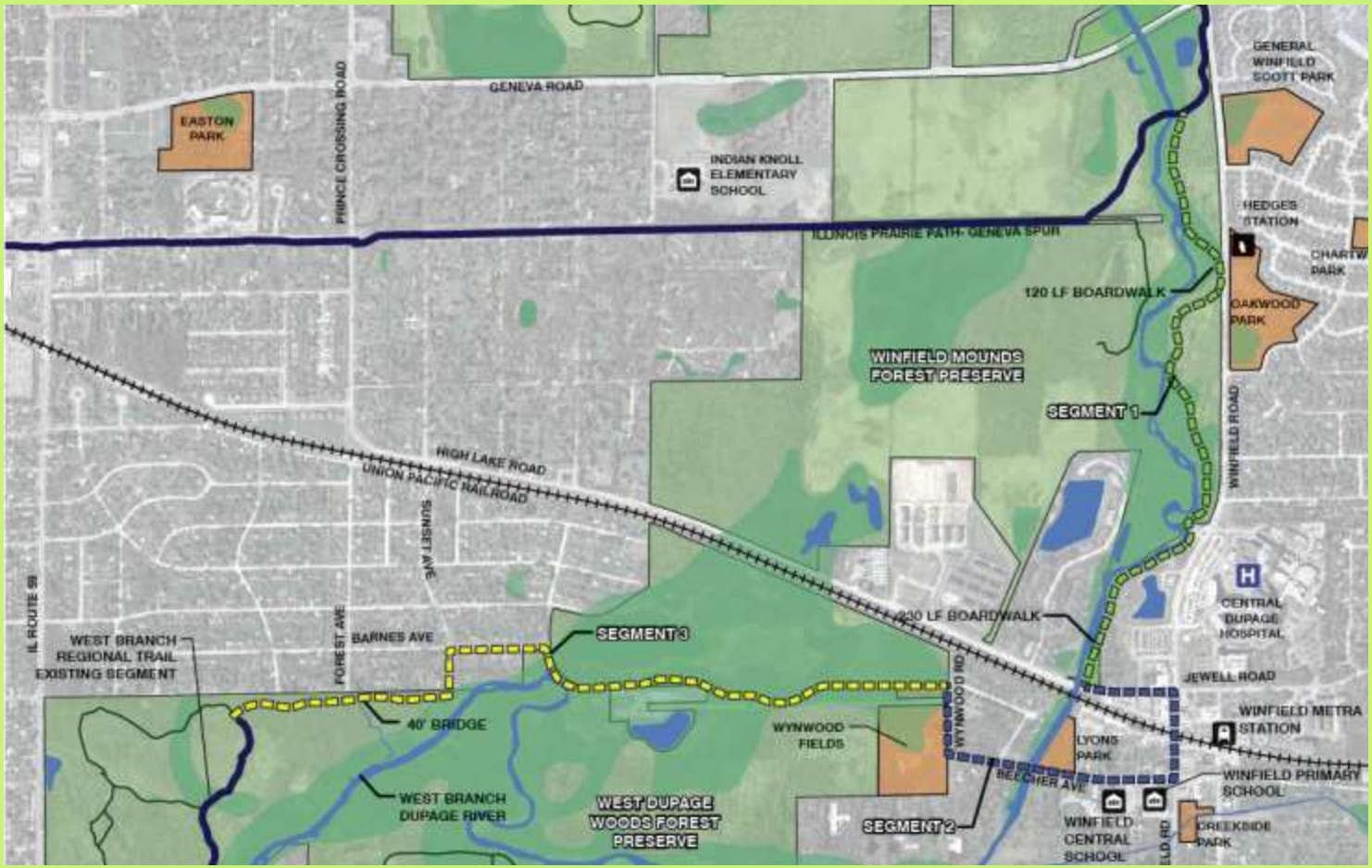
2015 Project Status

GWT Extension (1.3 mi)

- Applied & received grant in 2014
- Environmental review begins 11/2015
- Engineering & design in 2016
- Construction 2017

2015 Project Status

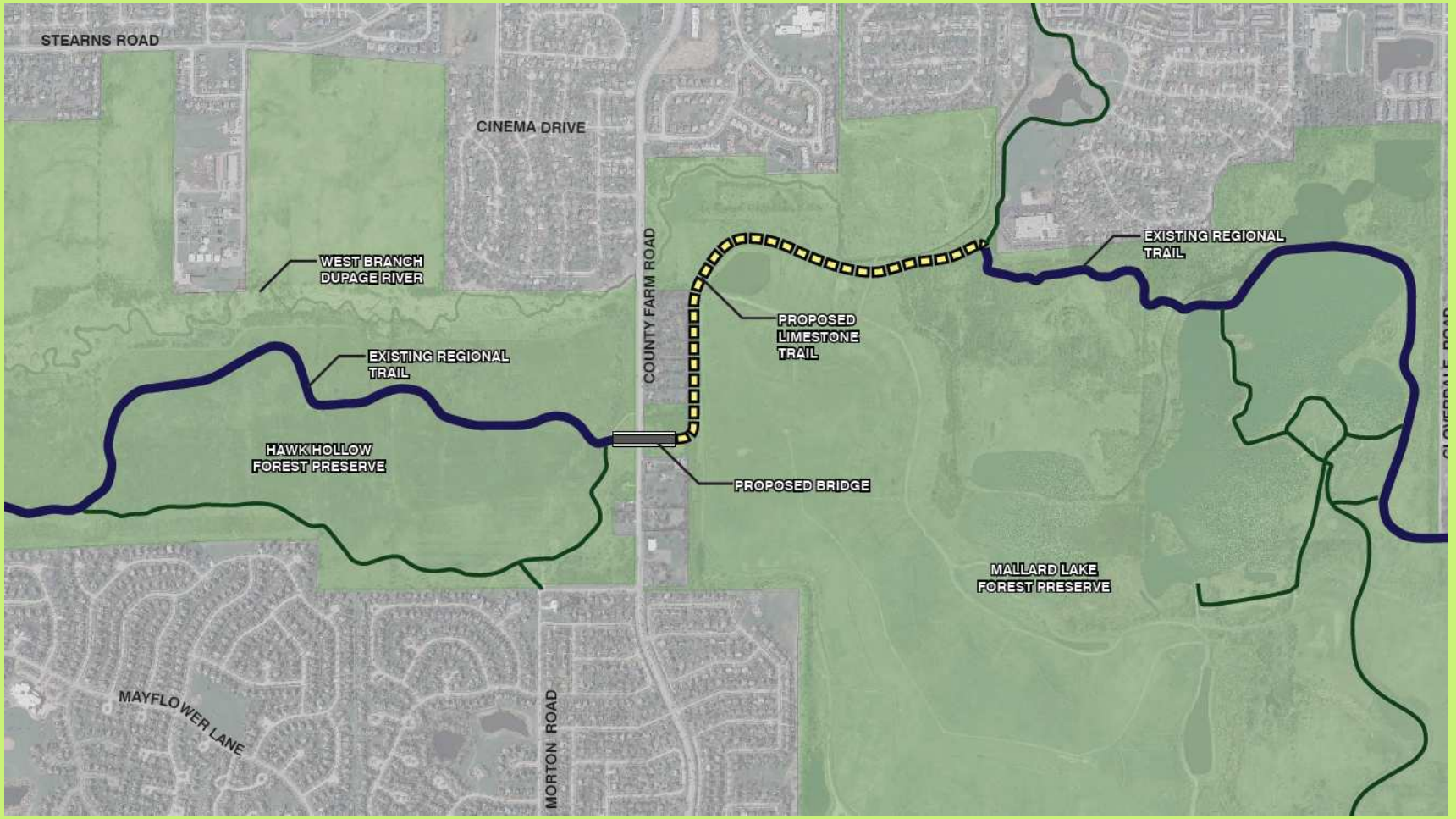
Winfield Mounds



- Part of West Branch Regional Trail
- FPD & Winfield working cooperatively
- April construction bid letting anticipated
- Hope to begin construction late summer 2016

2015 Project Status

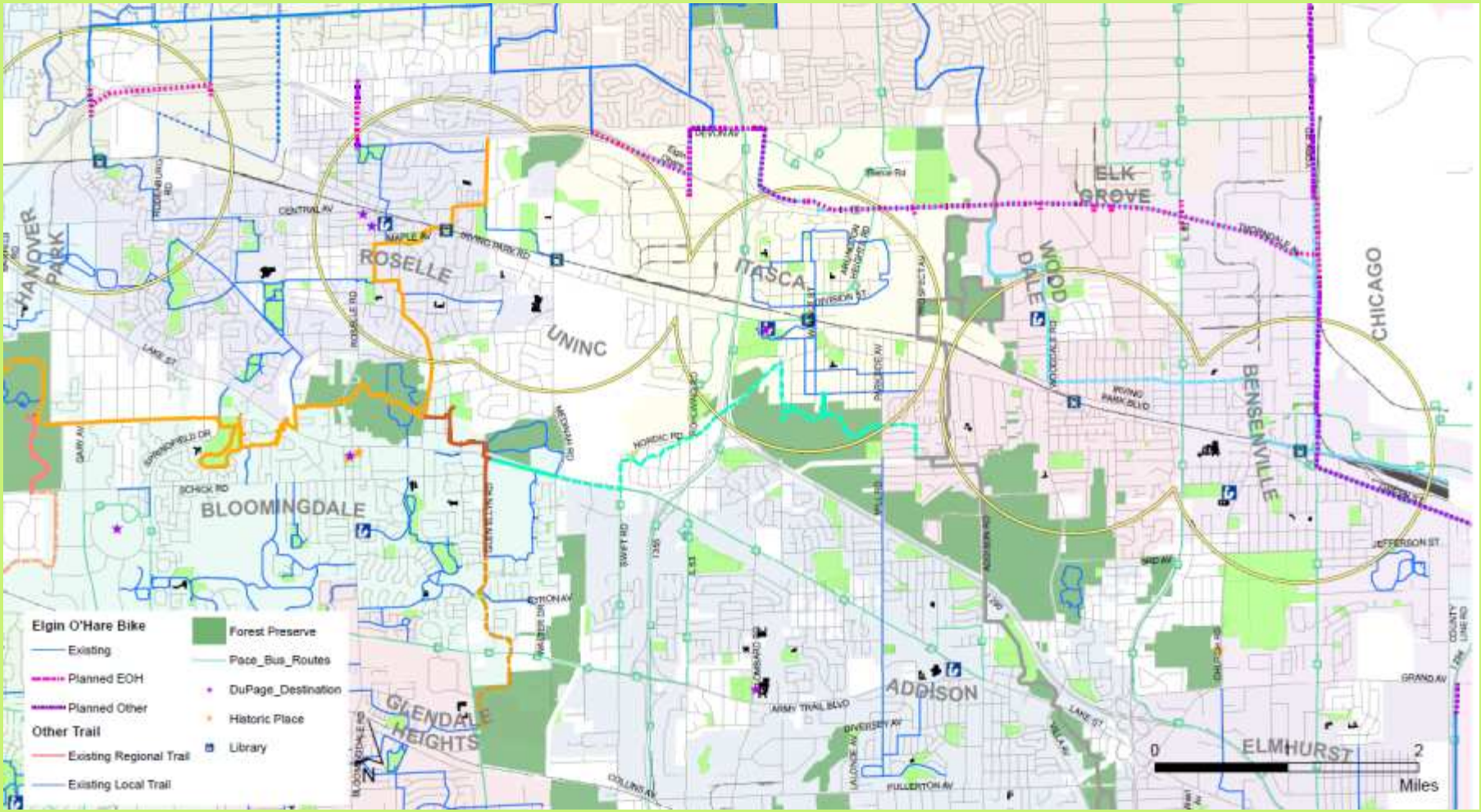
County Farm Road Bridge & Trail



- Part of North Central DuPage Regional Trail
- Finishing designing & engineering
- Construction anticipated to begin 2016; to be completed mid-2017

2015 Project Status

Elgin-O'Hare Corridor Bike & Pedestrian Planning

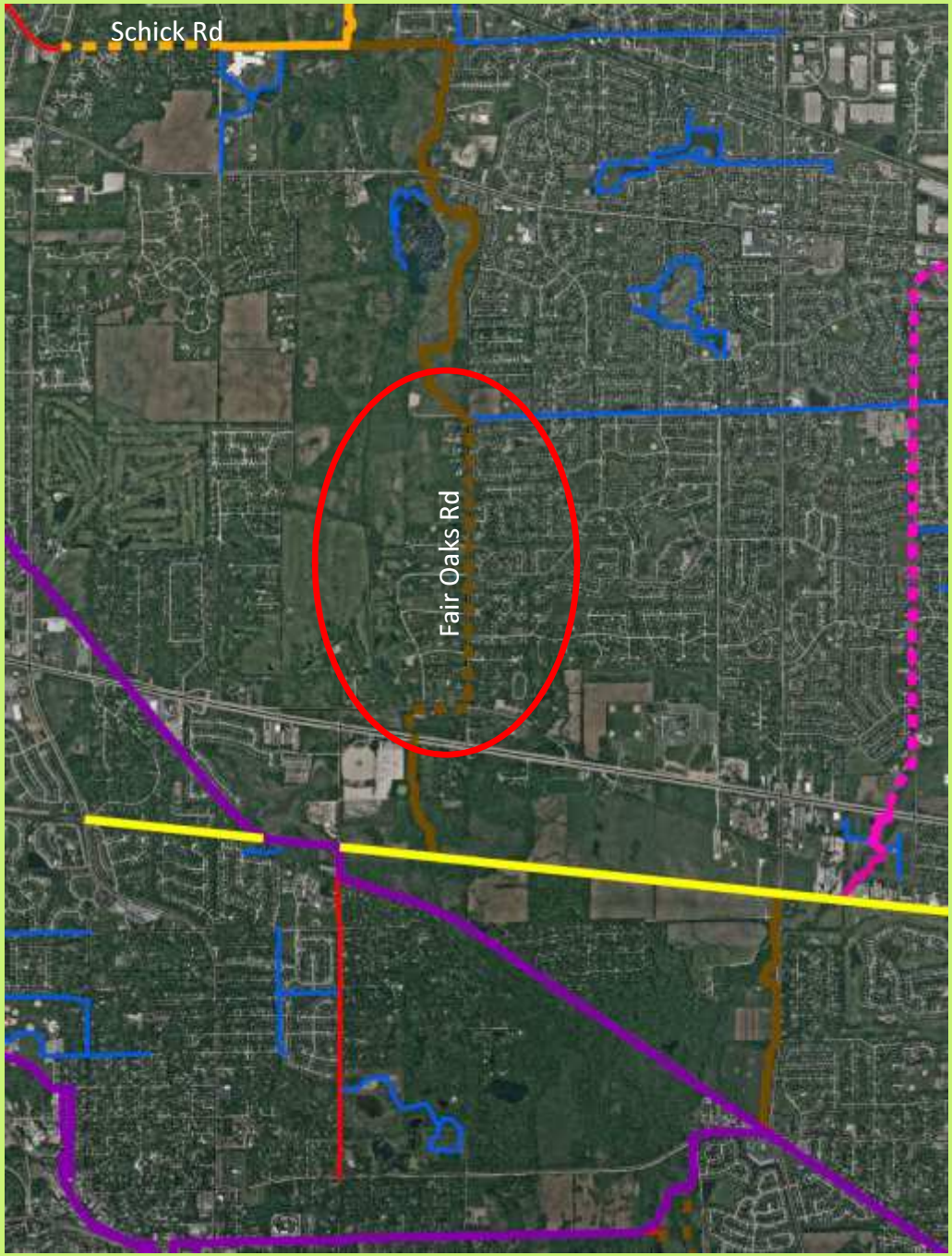


- Grant Funded
- Planning project began Fall 2015
- Public Meeting 11/12 in Itasca

2015 Project Status

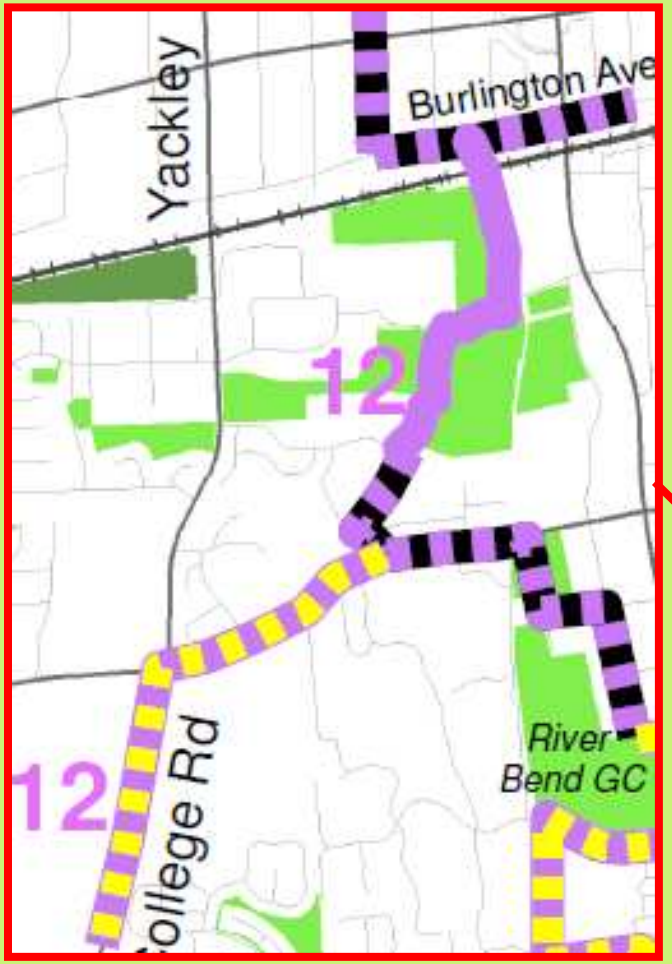
Fair Oaks Road Trail

- Segment of West Branch Regional Trail
- Delayed due to land acquisition
- Land acquisition on-going
- Anticipating 2016 construction



2015 Project Status

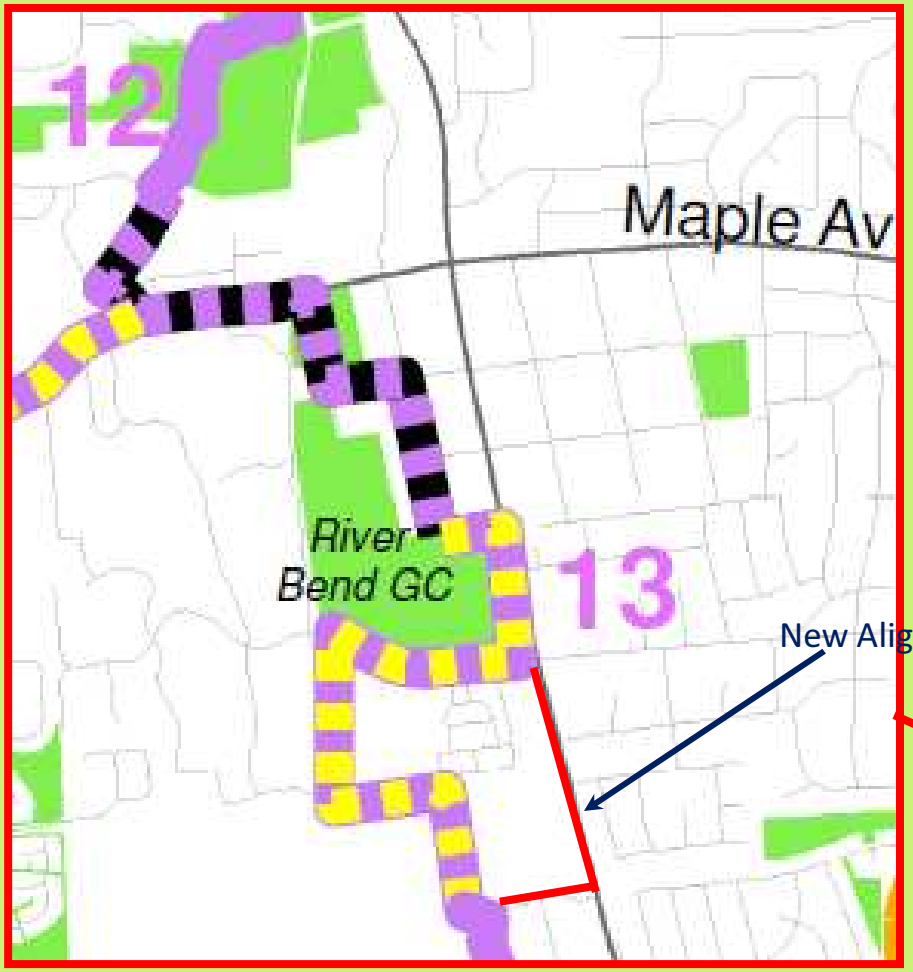
Benedictine Connector (EBDRT)



- Delayed due to realignment
- DuDOT obtained additional funding
- Construction in 2017 or 2018

2015 Project Status

South Lisle – Woodridge (EBDRT)



- Project stalled due to right-of-way acquisition

2015 Project Status

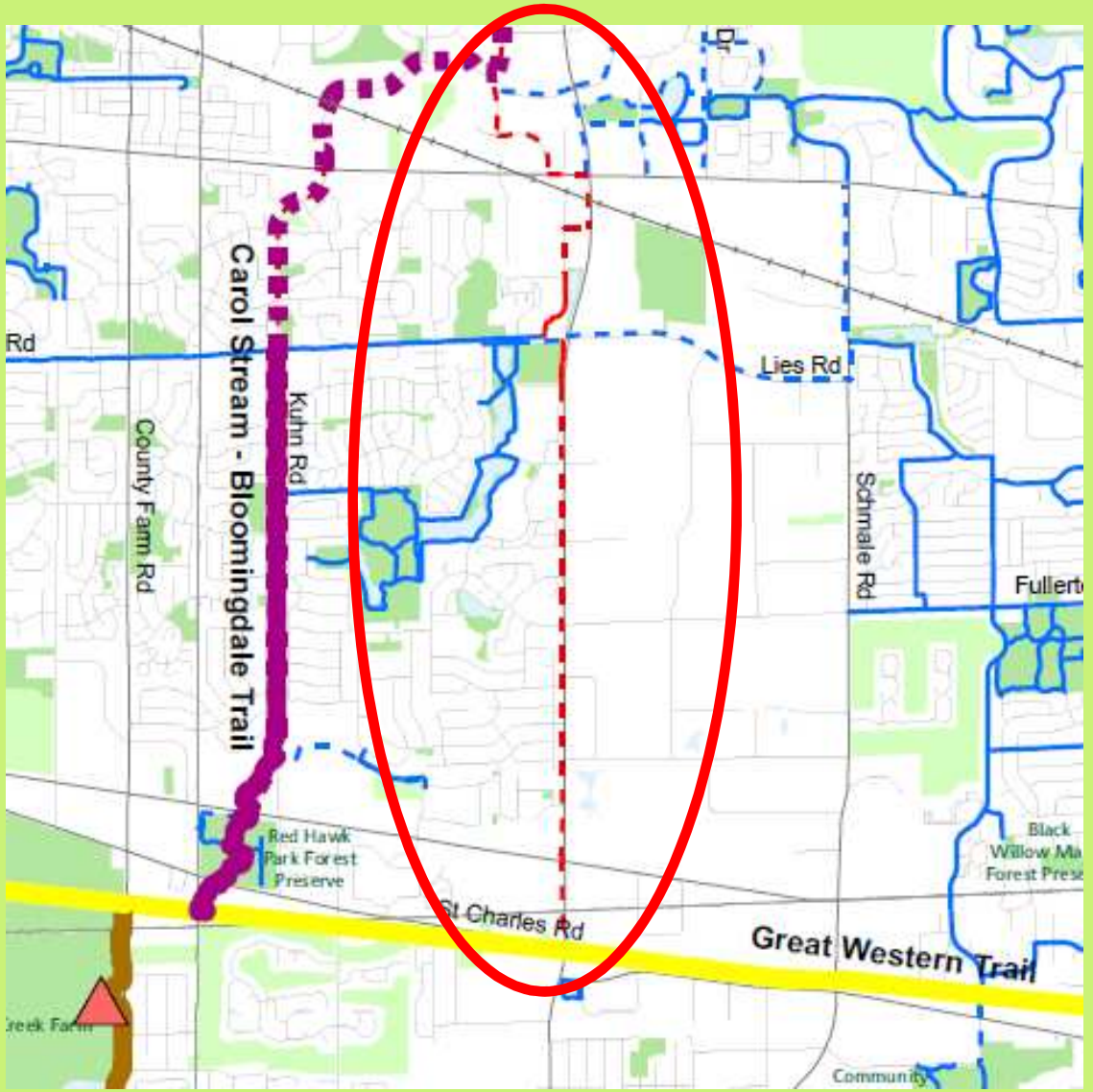
I-88 Central DuPage Bikeway – 31st Street Segment

- Delayed due to wetland mitigation issues of trail alignment
- No estimated construction date can be determined at this time

2015 Project Status

Gary Avenue Side Path

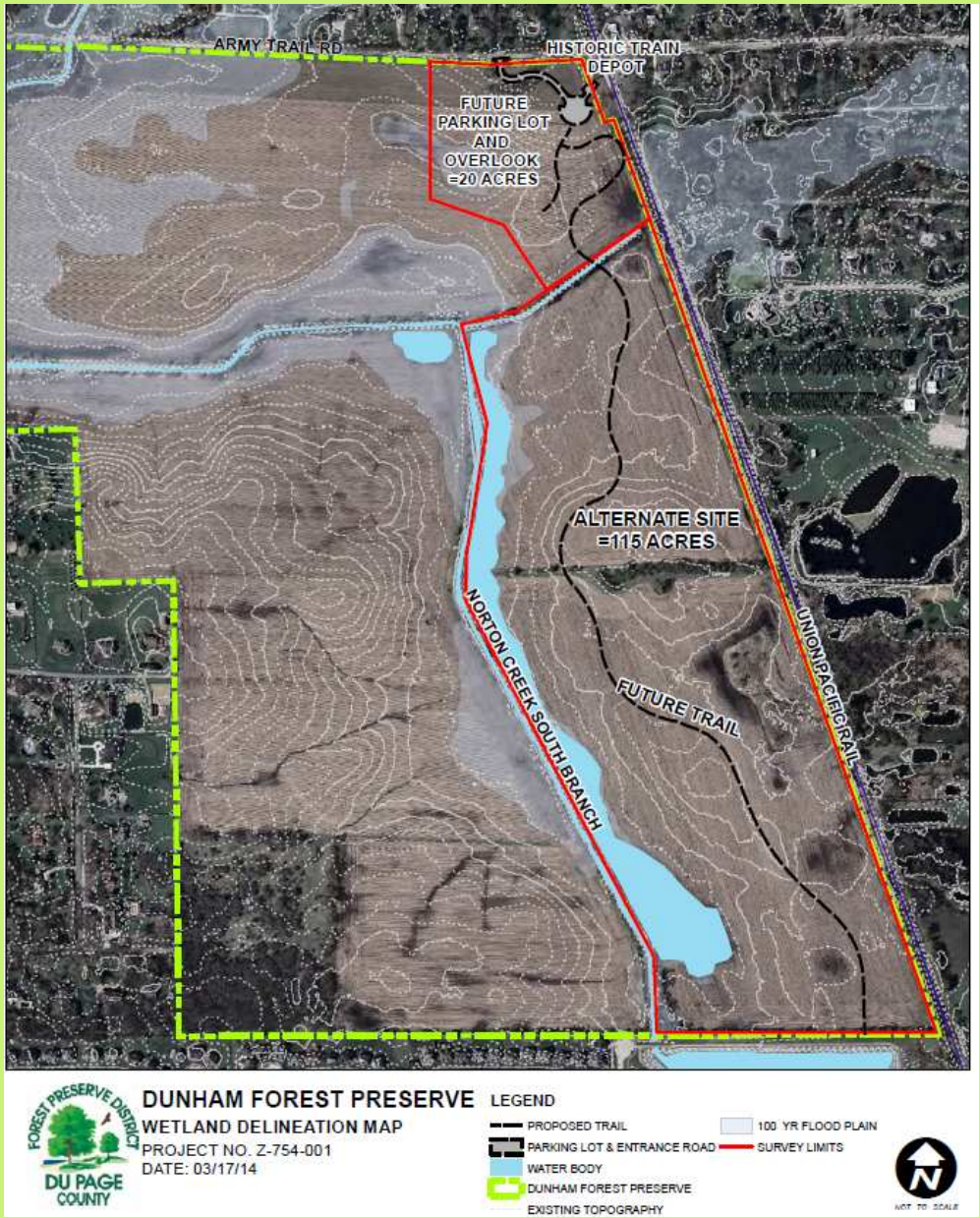
- Bike and transit facilities are part of “Complete Street” reconstruction
- Need to acquire some right-of-way and resolve an issue near North Avenue
- Construction goal – 2016, but 2017 is more realistic
- Connects two regional trails



2015 Project Status

Dunham Forest Preserve

- DuPage Technology Corridor Regional Trail
- In Phase I engineering
- Construction anticipated for 2017



2015 Achievements

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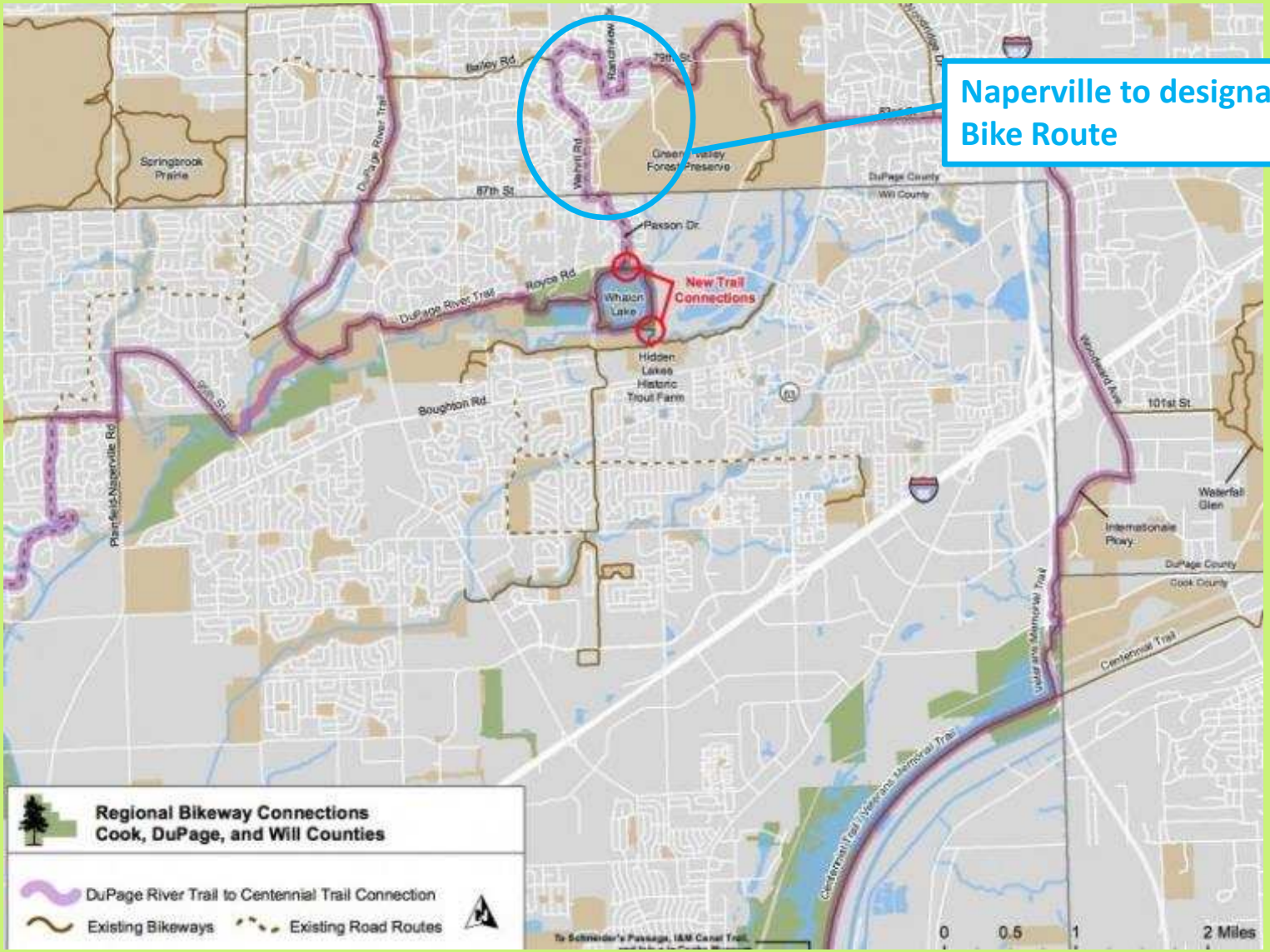
Swift Road Trail (EBDRT)

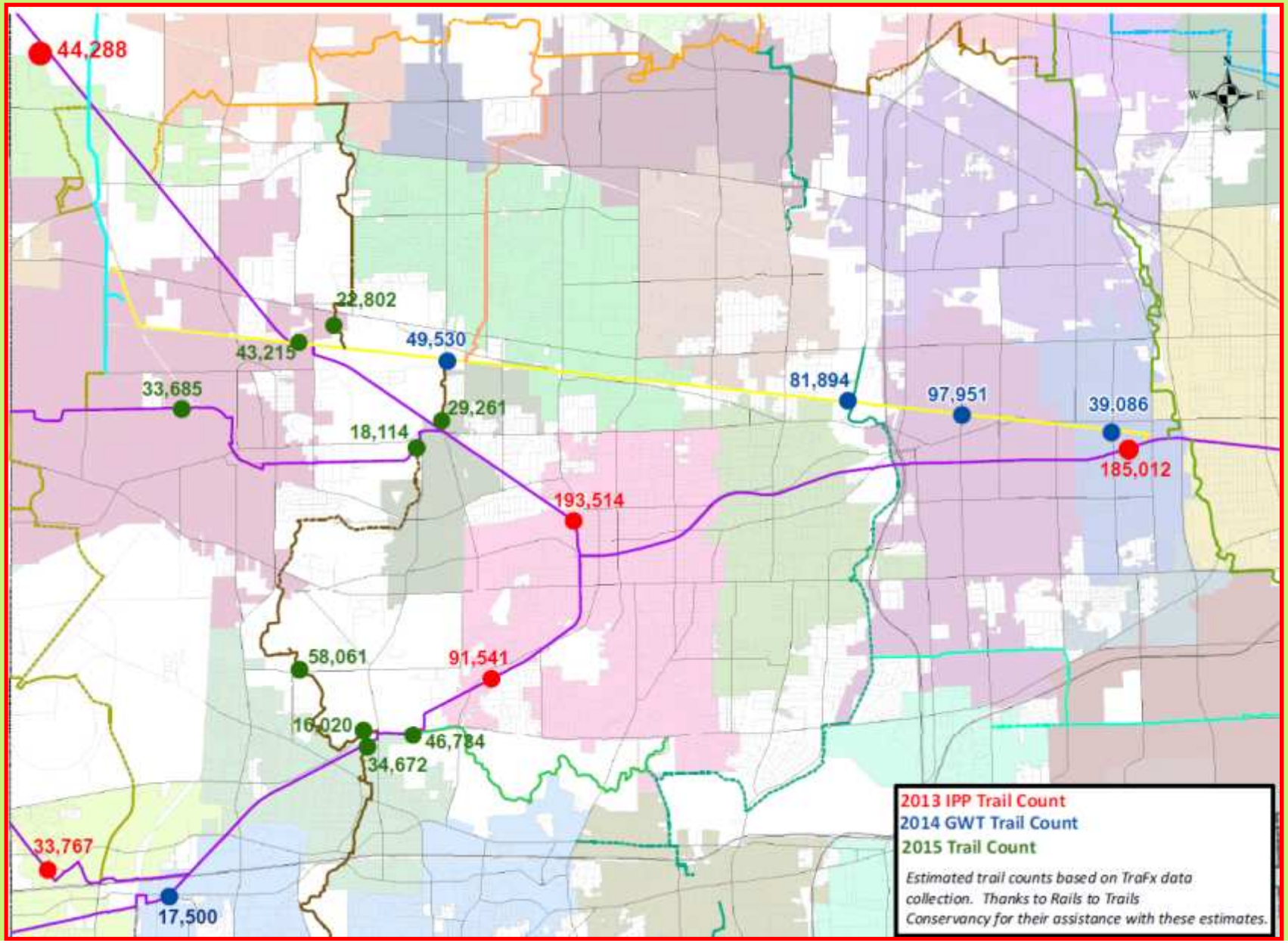
2015 Achievement

Will County Connection



2015 Achievement

Trail Counts



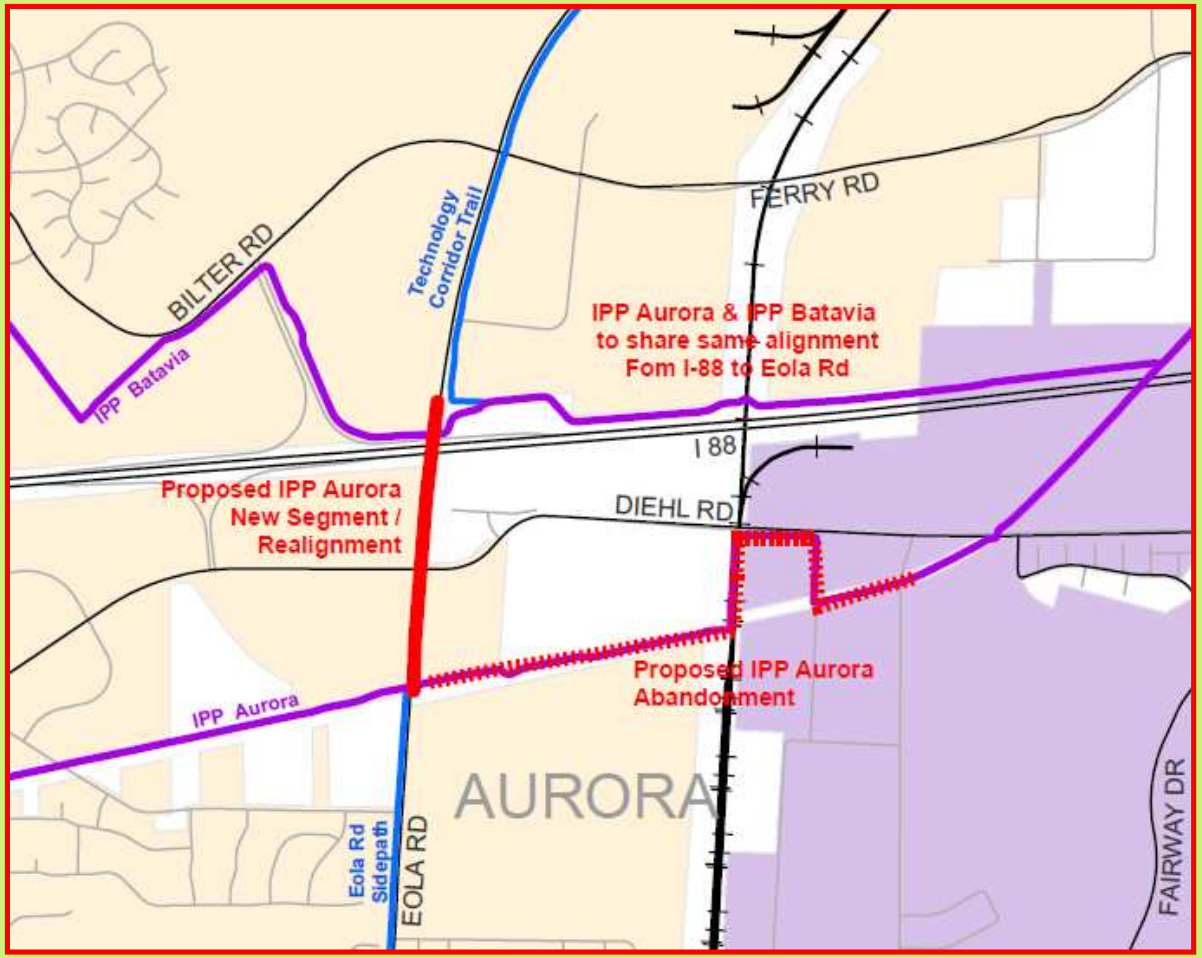
2015 Achievement

GWT Access to Ackerman Park (Glen Ellyn)

2015 Achievement

IPP Aurora Branch @ CN Railroad

- Completed feasibility study
- Underpass option is not feasible due to cost
- Grant reassigned to develop alternative alignment
- Will move forward in Phase I engineering in 2016.



2015 Achievement

Regional Trail Map Signs

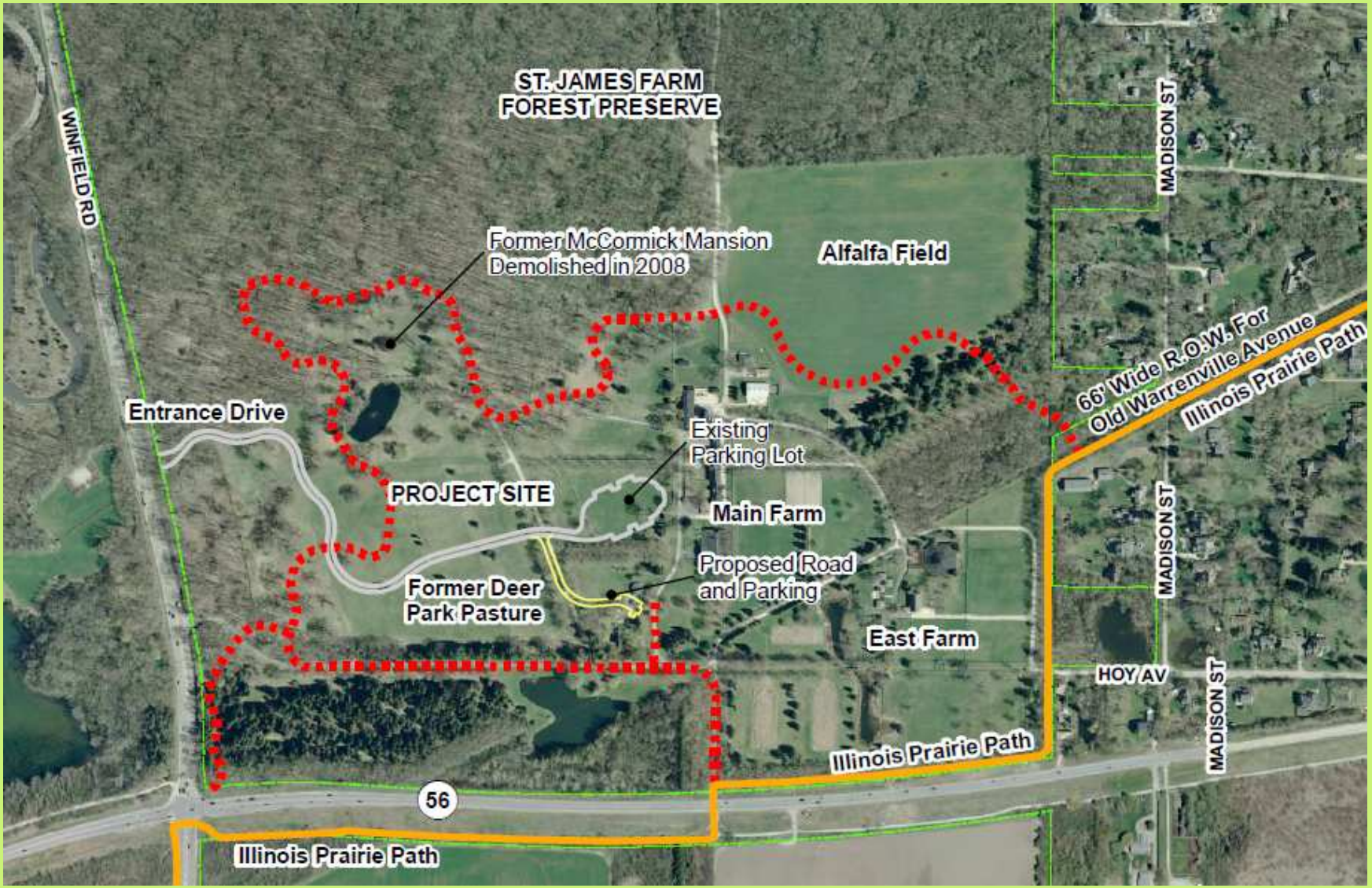
2015 Achievement

Promote Adopt-A-Trail

Went from 3 to 9 participating groups
Will work on one-day clean-up event permitting

2015 Achievement

St. James Farm Trail



2015 Achievements

DuPage Co FPD gets awarded CMAQ funding for the West Branch Trail

North Central Regional Trail connection to IPP Elgin

West Branch Trail Last Gap @ Roosevelt Road (Partially Funded)

2015 Achievements

Forest Preserve Signage Study

- Complete sign plan Spring 2015
- Implemented in Waterfall Glen
- To be installed in Fullersburg Woods, Danada, and Herrick Lake in 2016

2016
Projects

2016 Project

New Regional Map for Distribution

2016 Project

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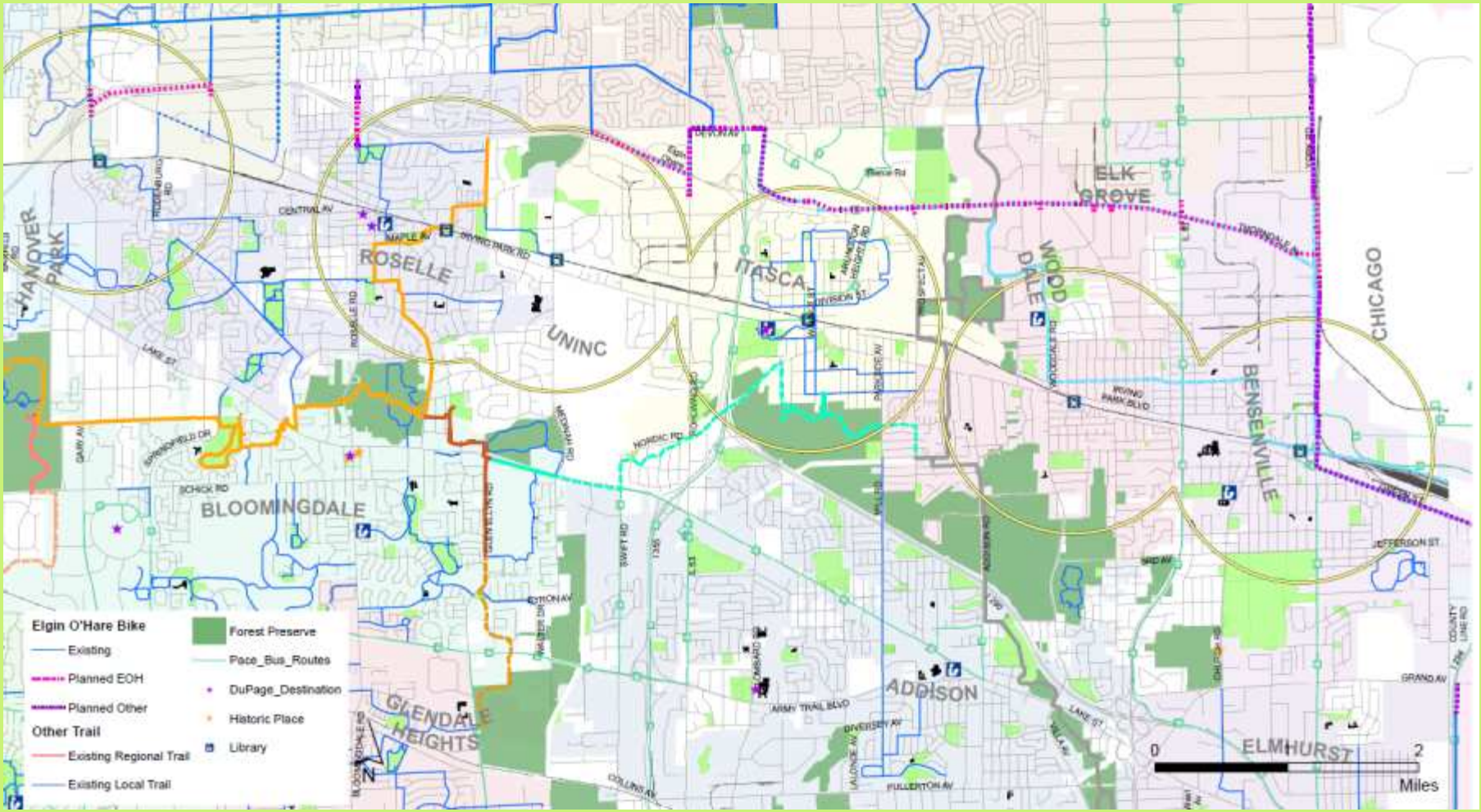


- Completion end of 2016
- Will be used to ID high priority trail projects & future grant applications

2016 Project

DuDOT 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

- Initiating Winter 2016
- First Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Will include Bike & Pedestrian Planning

- 5-Year Trails Action Plan?

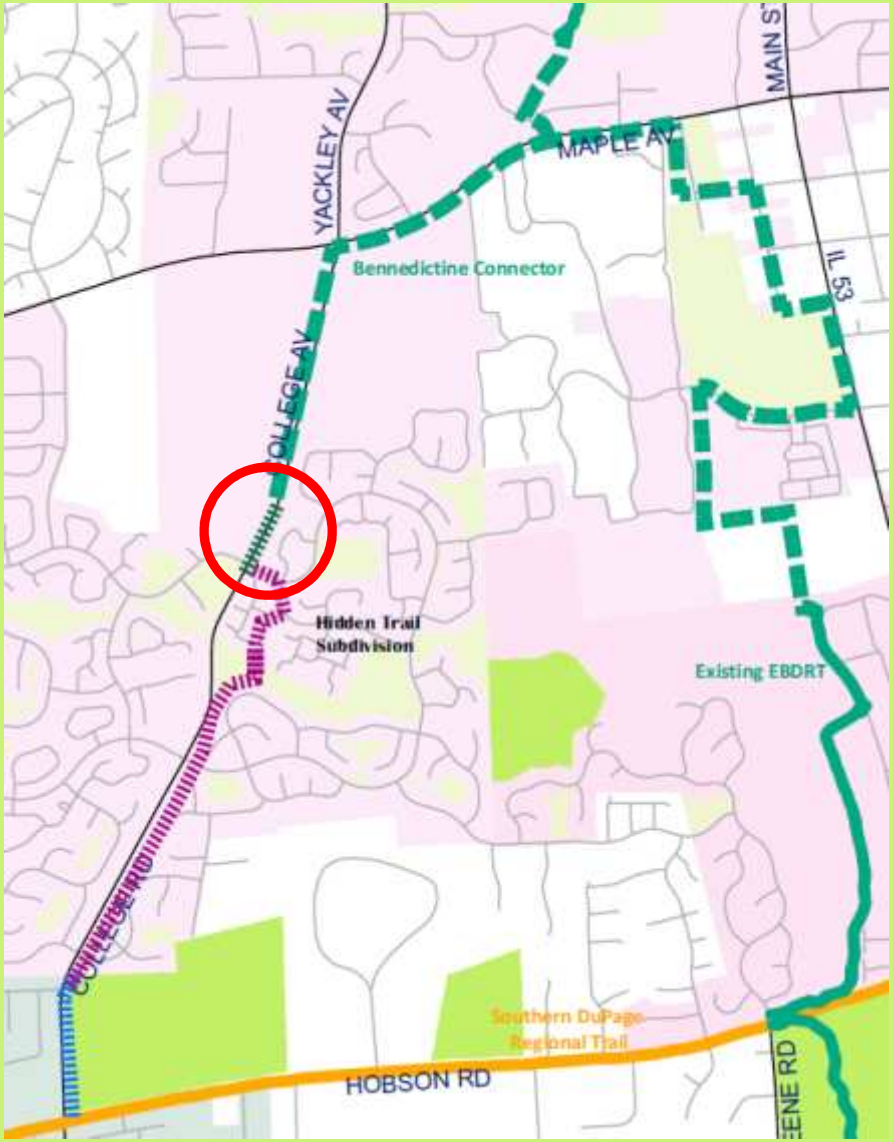
2016 Project

Maintenance Policy Update

2016 Project

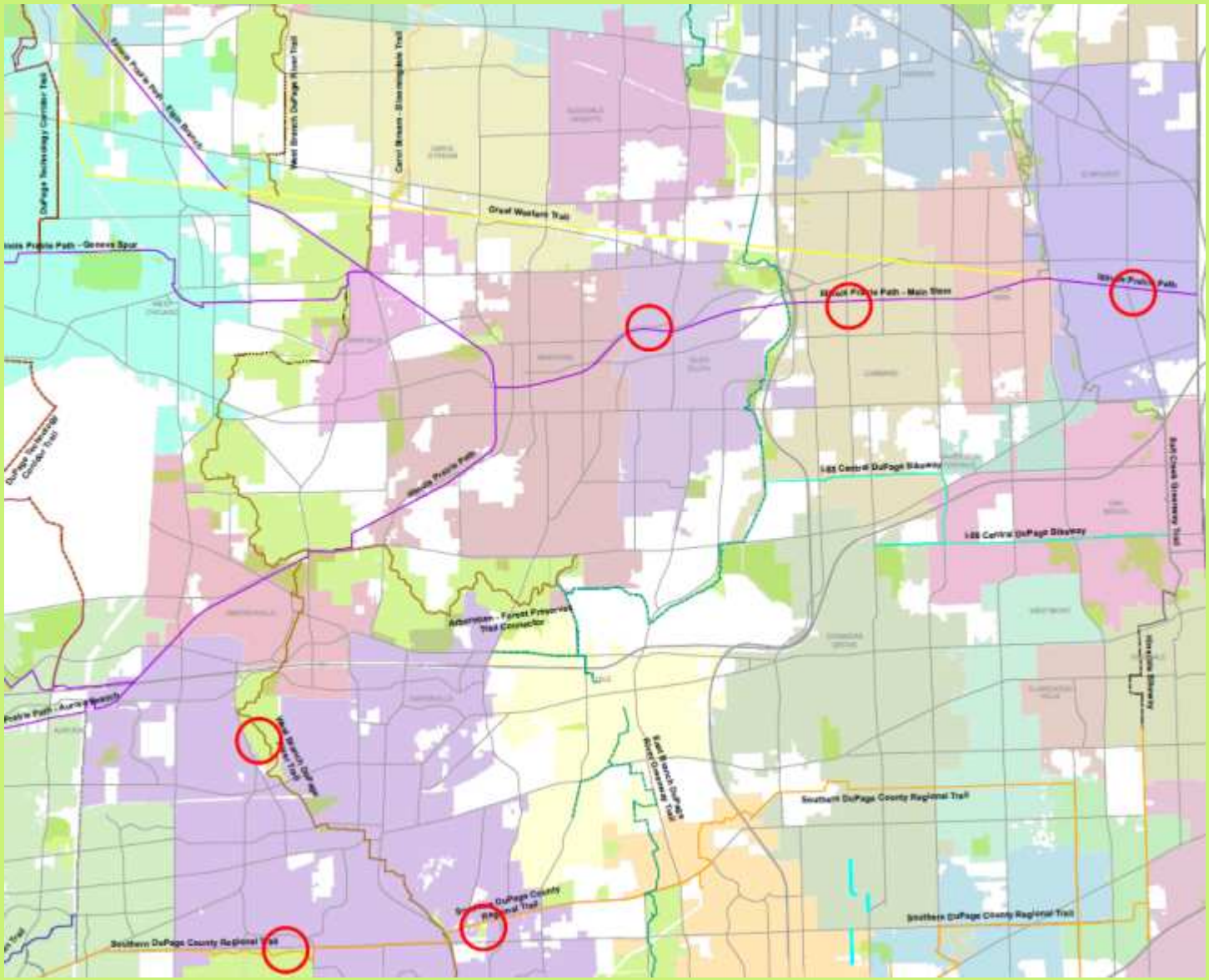
Lisle Connector Trail

- Added to the Benedictine Connector
- 900’ more trail – to Abbywood Dr.
- Connections coordinated with Lisle
- Received more grant funding to complete



2016 Project

Proposed Trail Count Locations for 2016



2016 Project Wish List

- **Regional Trail Connections within DuPage County**
- **Complete Streets Advocacy**
- **Great Western Trail trailhead in Villa Park**
- **Signage plan / strategies for West Branch Trail & North Central DuPage Regional Trail**
- **Regional Bike Rack grant application**
- **East Branch Trail from IL 56 to Morton Arboretum**

- **Bike Friendly Community Application?**
- **National Register of Historic Places for IPP?**
- **Any other suggestions?**

THANK YOU

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