

Northwest Side Trail Connections Plan



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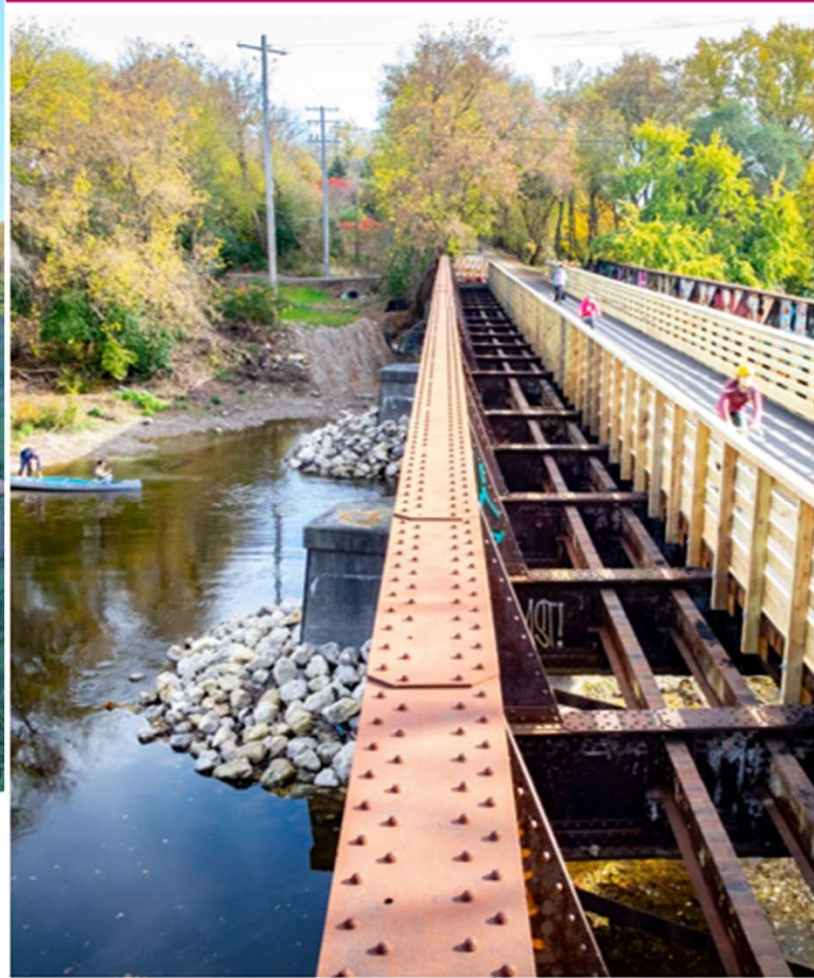
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Chapter 1: Introduction



Children playing along Lincoln Creek.

Chapter 2: Planning Process and Approach



The Zip Line segment of the Oak Leaf Trail crosses the Milwaukee River.

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Chapter 3: The Future Trail and Connecting Street Network



The Kinnickinnic Trail is an example of a path running next to an active rail line ("Rail-with-Trail") Milwaukee County.

Chapter 4: Implementation, Priority Corridors, and Costs



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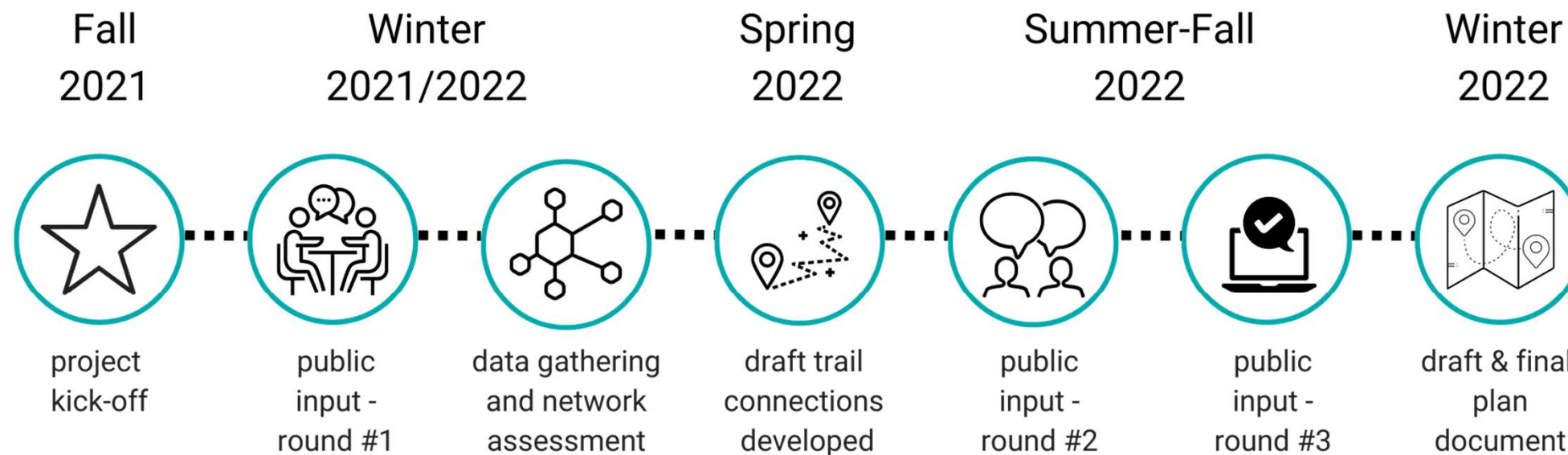
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– 2022 County Trails Plan Survey

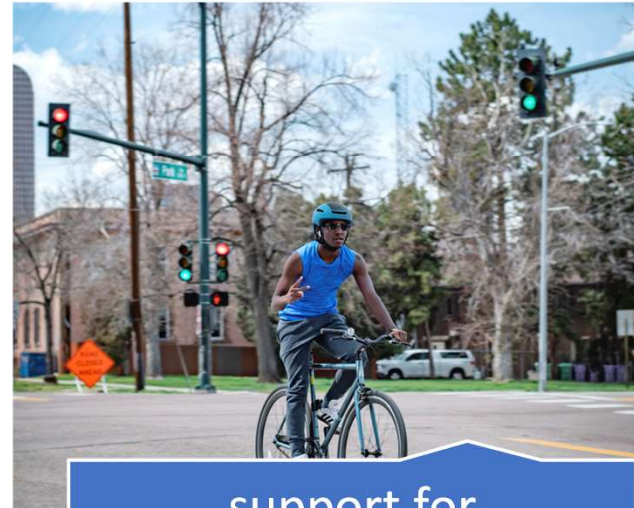


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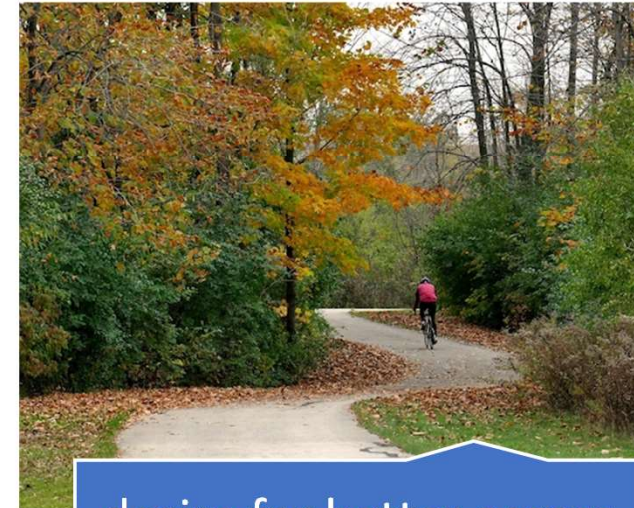
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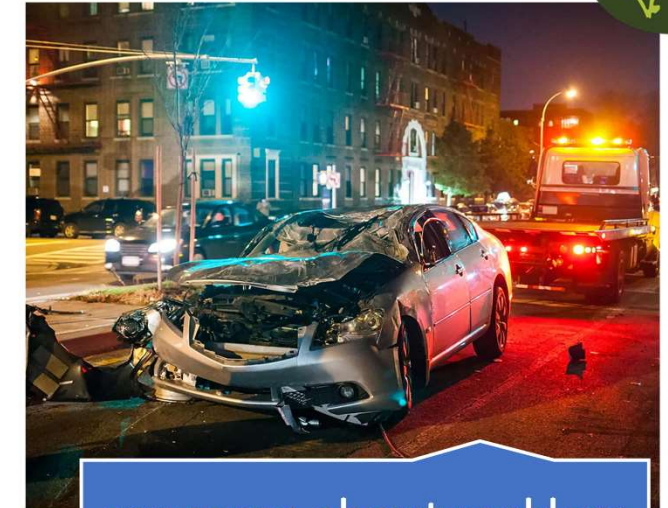
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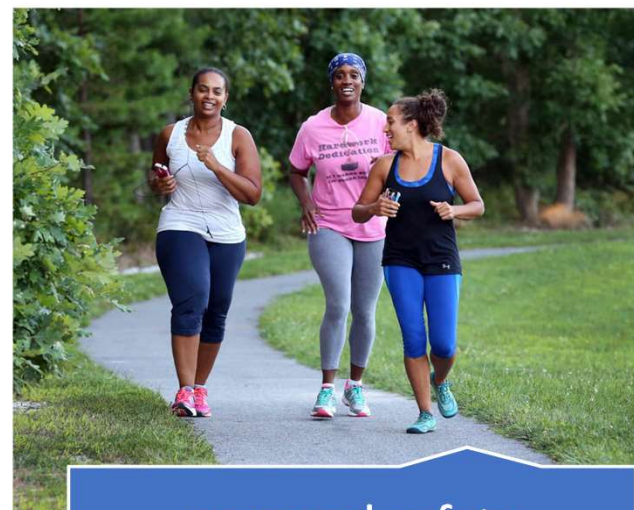
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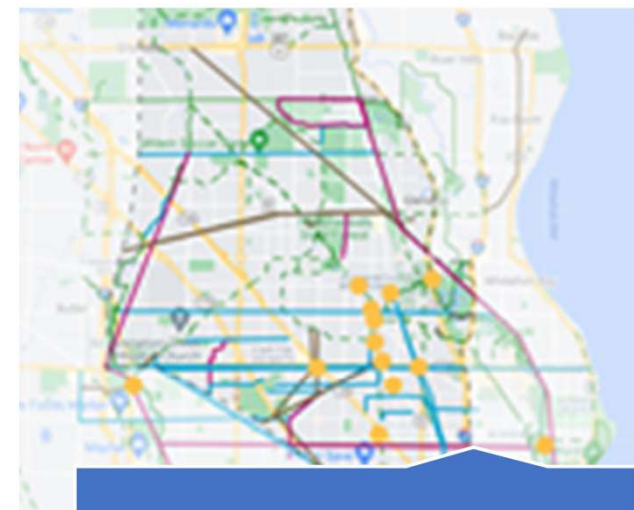
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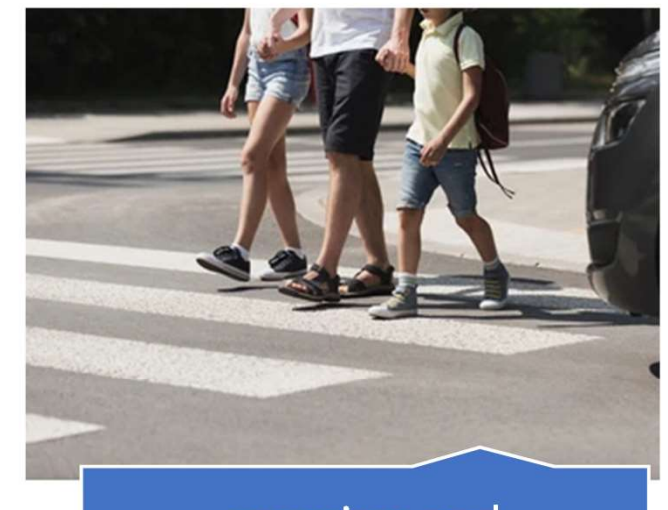
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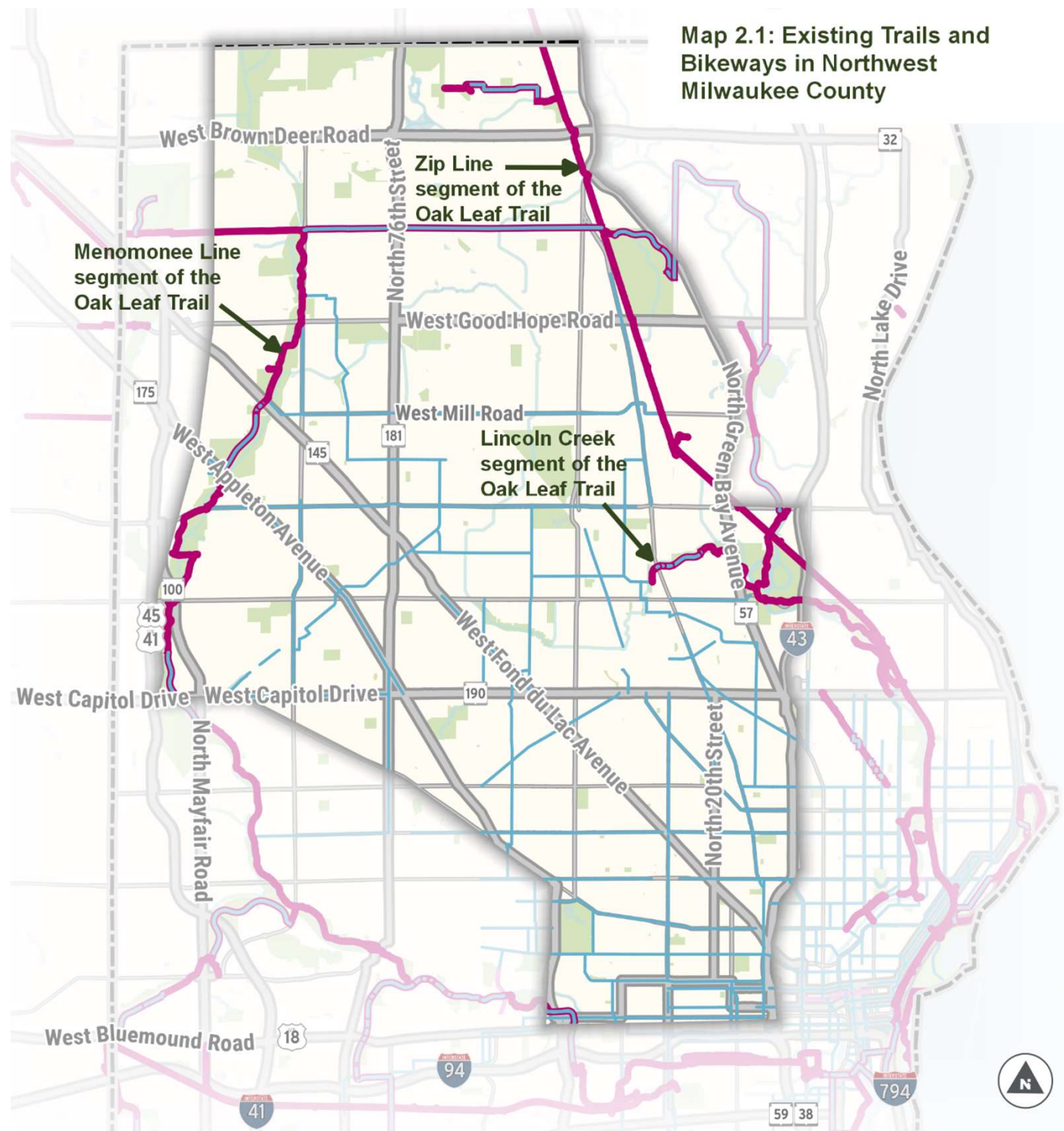


east-west connections



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Map 2.1: Existing Trails and Bikeways in Northwest Milwaukee County

PROCESS

- Review existing facilities
- Identify destinations and desired routes
- Evaluate planned bicycle facilities
- Identify opportunities
- Identify streets with excess capacity
- Consult with partner staff and partner agencies
- Calculate equity impacts



Existing Trails and Bikeways

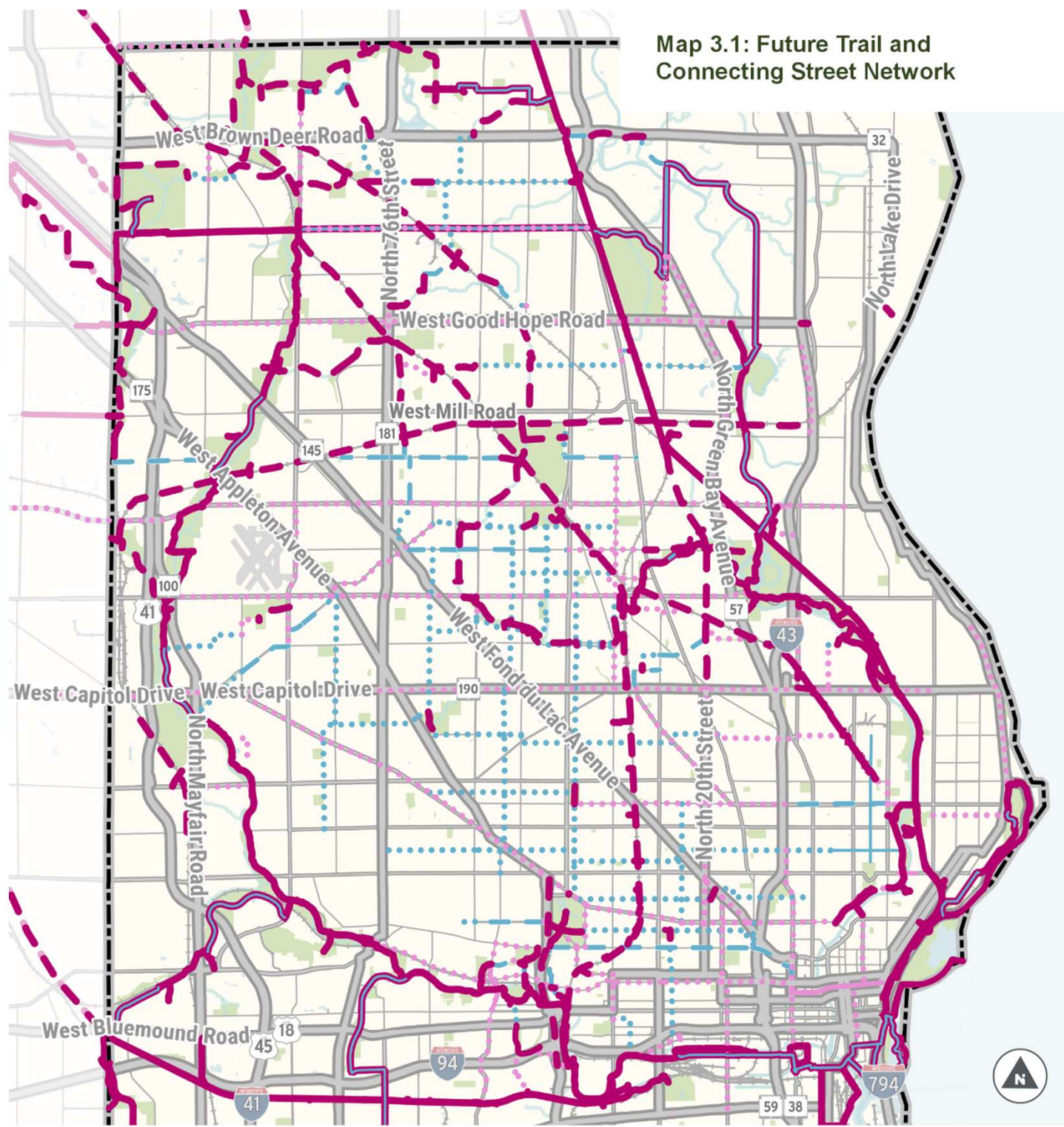
- Trail
- On-Street Segment of Oak Leaf Trail
- Other On-Street Bikeways
- Study Area



EQUITY IMPACTS

Table 3.1: Reduction in Disparities in Access to Trails in Study Area

Population Categories	Current Trail Network	Future Trail Network	Difference
Total Population of Study Area (2020 ACS)	278,000 (100%)	278,000 (100%)	NA
Walking Distance to Existing Trails			
All residents living within 0.5 miles of trail access point	21,000 (7%)	184,000 (66%)	163,000
Black (% of all Black population)	11,000 (6%)	121,000 (64%)	110,000
White alone, not Hispanic (% of all White pop.)	6,000 (13%)	34,000 (70%)	27,000
People living in poverty (% of population in poverty)	3,000 (4%)	48,000 (62%)	45,000
Bicycling Distance to Existing Trails			
All residents living within 1.5 miles of trail access point	93,000 (33%)	278,000 (100%)	185,000
Black (% of all Black population)	57,000 (30%)	188,000 (100%)	131,000
White alone, not Hispanic (% of all White population)	22,000 (47%)	48,000 (100%)	26,000
People living in poverty (% of population in poverty)	20,000 (26%)	78,000 (100%)	58,000



- Existing Milwaukee County Trails**
 - Trail
 - On-Street Oak Leaf Trail Connection
 - Protected Bike Lane
 - Bike Boulevard
- Future Trail Network and Connecting Streets**
 - Trail in Own Corridor
 - Protected Bike Lane
 - Bike Boulevard
 - On-Street Bike Lane or Route

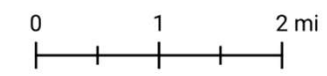
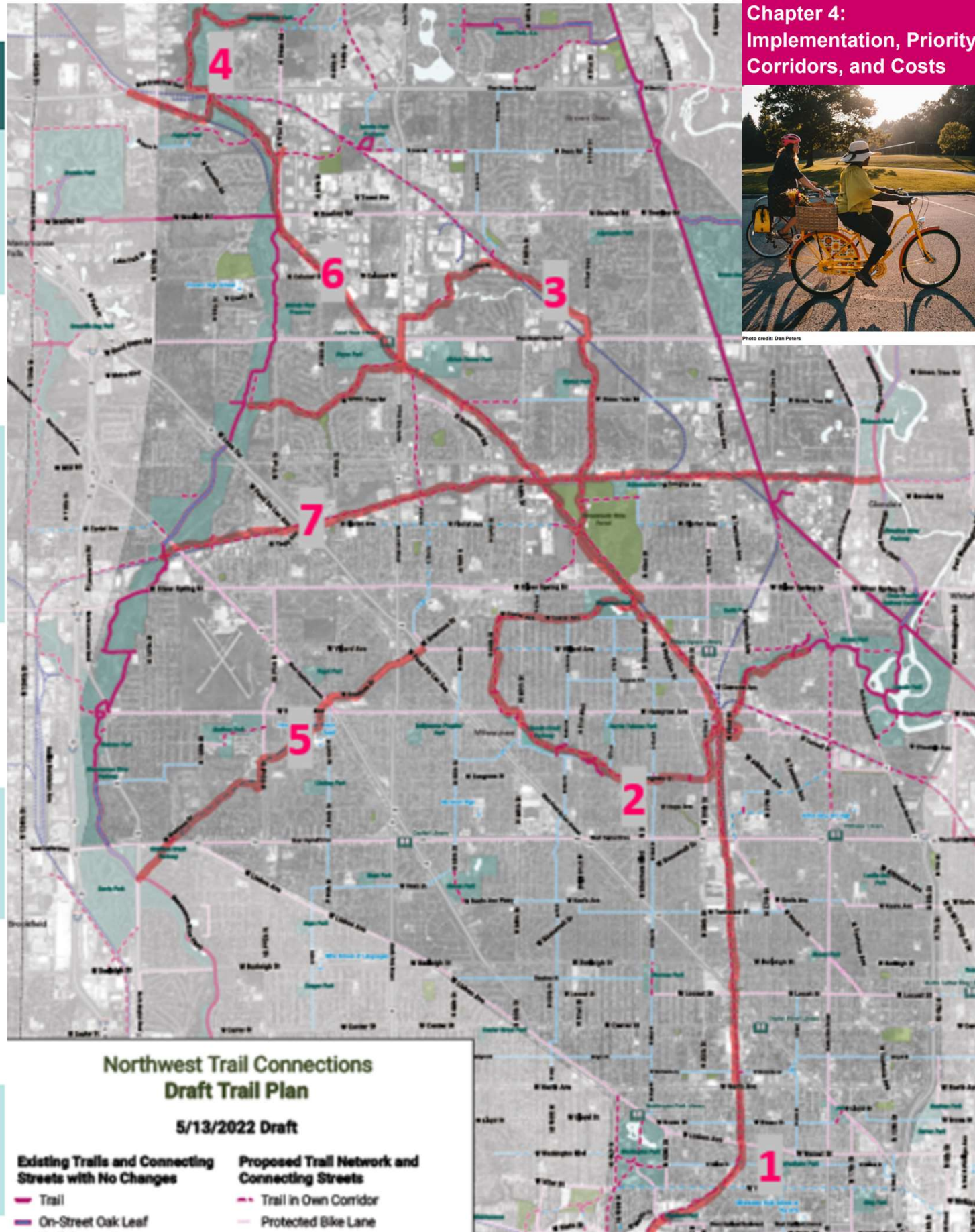


Table 4.1: Priority Trail Corridors Summary

Corridor Name/ Type	Extents	Description	Community Priority
1 30 th Street Corridor Trail/ Trail next to active rail line	W Hampton Avenue to I-94	North-south trail-with-rail through the heart of some of Milwaukee's most disinvested neighborhoods with a proud industrial past ready for reinvention.	High
2 Lincoln Creek Trail Extension (South Section)/ Trail along waterway	Meaux Park to McGovern Park and Havenwoods State Forest	Meandering trail that will connect neighborhoods to countywide Oak Leaf Trail system and Havenwoods State Forest.	Medium
3 Lincoln Creek Trail Extension (North Section) Trail along waterway, with on-street connections	Havenwoods State Forest to Noyes Park and Little Menomonee River Parkway near 91 st Street	Meandering trail that will connect central neighborhoods to parks and countywide Oak Leaf Trail system.	Medium
4 Little Menomonee Trail Extension/ Trail along waterway with on-street connections	Little Menomonee River Parkway at Bradley and 91 st Street to Lichter Park	Scenic trail that will close the last gap of the Oak Leaf Trail in the northern part of Milwaukee County.	Medium
5 Grantosa Drive/ On-street connection	Menomonee River Parkway at Currie Park to Lincoln Creek (at Custer Avenue)	On-street connection that will connect the future Lincoln Creek Trail extension to the Menomonee Parkway of Oak Leaf Trail.	Low
6 Canadian Pacific Rail Trail/ Trail with active or inactive rail line	Havenwoods State Forest northwest to the Washington County line	Rail-trail that will continue the 30 th Street corridor trail and provide connections to future trails in Havenwoods and Menomonee Parkway.	Medium
7 East-West Rail Trail/ Trail with active or inactive rail line	Kletsch Park to Little Menomonee River Parkway	Rail-trail that will provide a critical and rare east-west connection between existing and future segments of Oak Leaf Trail.	High



GOALS



1. PRIORITIZE TRAFFIC SAFETY OF TRAIL USERS
2. MAXIMIZE TRAIL JOY FOR ALL
3. EXPLORE CREATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
4. REVITALIZE NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT RESIDENT DISPLACEMENT



Chapter 4:
Implementation, Priority
Corridors, and Costs



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