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WABASH RIVER GREENWAY CORRIDOR Master Plan

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Vision Statement



Wabash River Greenway: A Watershed Vision for Indiana's State River

The Wabash River Greenway will be a regionally significant recreational attraction and quality of life enhancement meandering along the Wabash River as it flows through Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Warren and Fountain counties within the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) region. WHIN is a Lilly Foundation funded ten county, regional economic development initiative which includes the counties listed above and Pulaski, Benton, Montgomery, White, and Clinton counties.

For centuries, the Wabash River supported Native American settlements along its riverbanks teeming with abundant aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and serving as their water based transportation route. When European settlers arrived, the waterway facilitated America's westward expansion. The Wabash and Erie Canal became the longest canal of the western hemisphere upon completion. It eventually connected state commerce to cities of the Great Lakes, the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico until the arrival of railroads ended the canal era. As industrialization increased, the Wabash River was exploited and neglected, resulting in deterioration of its ecological systems.

Regional leaders have long recognized the need to reverse the Wabash River's environmental decline and to develop its potential as an important gateway to our region. Historically, river corridor enhancement efforts have been limited in scope to local efforts at the community or county level with encouragement by the State of Indiana's Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (WRHCC). To date, these local efforts have been significantly hampered by limited access to resources.

Wabash River enhancement in the Central Wabash River corridor has begun to change in recent years. In 2004, leadership from Greater Lafayette - the Cities of Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County and Purdue University, supported by the generosity and vision of North Central Health Services (NCHS) formed the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC), a 501c3 agency, to serve as the point agency for planning and implementing enhancement of the Wabash River corridor. Work was initiated in Tippecanoe county, with a long-range mission to work on corridor enhancement in a four-county region including Fountain, Warren, and Carroll counties.

"The Regional Wabash River Greenway Project will take the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation's local corridor efforts to the next level connecting our parks, trails, history, and cultural destinations regionally, and positioning our future Lafayette-West Lafayette urban riverfront as a vibrant destination along the world class Wabash River Greenway."

-Tom Murtaugh, Tippecanoe County Commissioner



Project Schedule

Existing Conditions (June – Dec 2020)

Reviewed plans & documents

Explored history & culture

Created internal GIS map tool

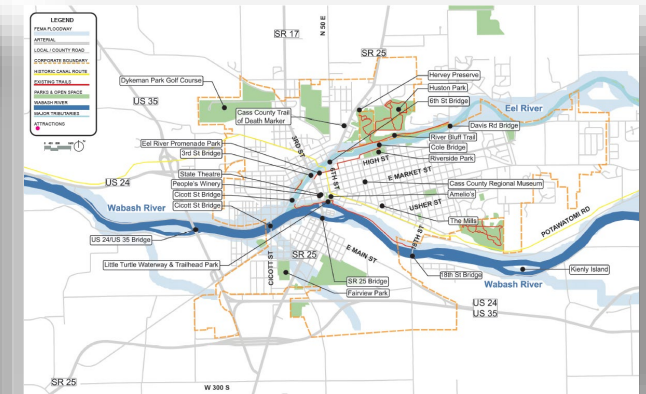
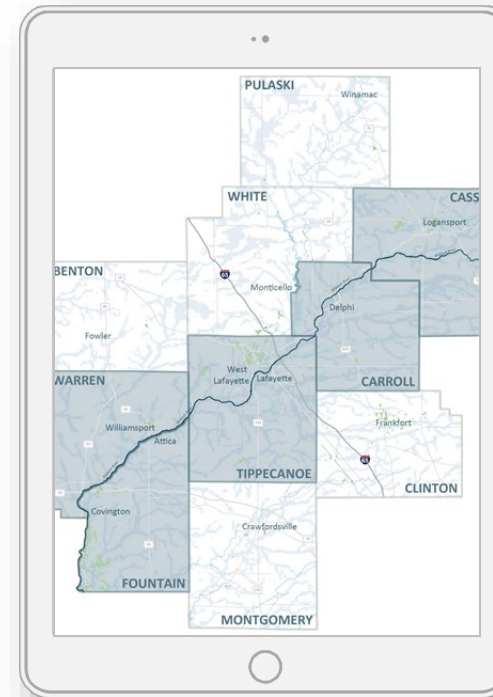
Inventoried county attractions

Developed county and municipal
enlargement mapping

Researched county demographics /
profiles

Summarized trail case studies

Visited various sites, traveled corridors



Project Schedule

Public Involvement and Promotion

(August 2020 to date)

Developed media list

Released news statement

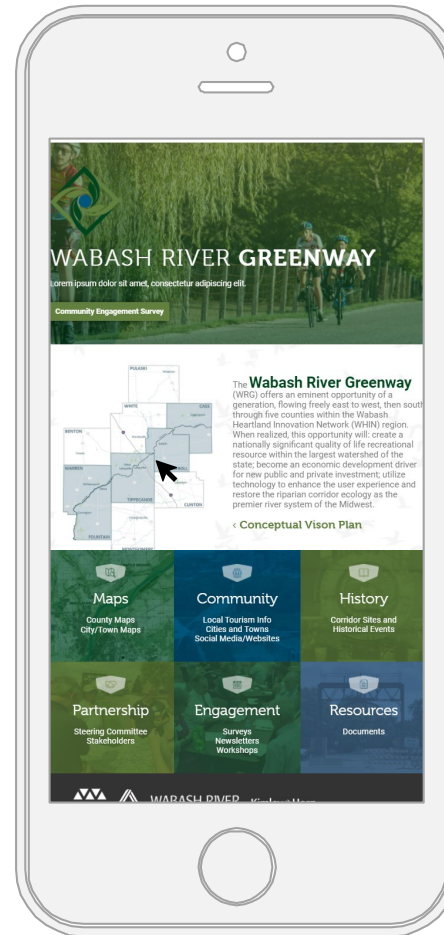
Created project website

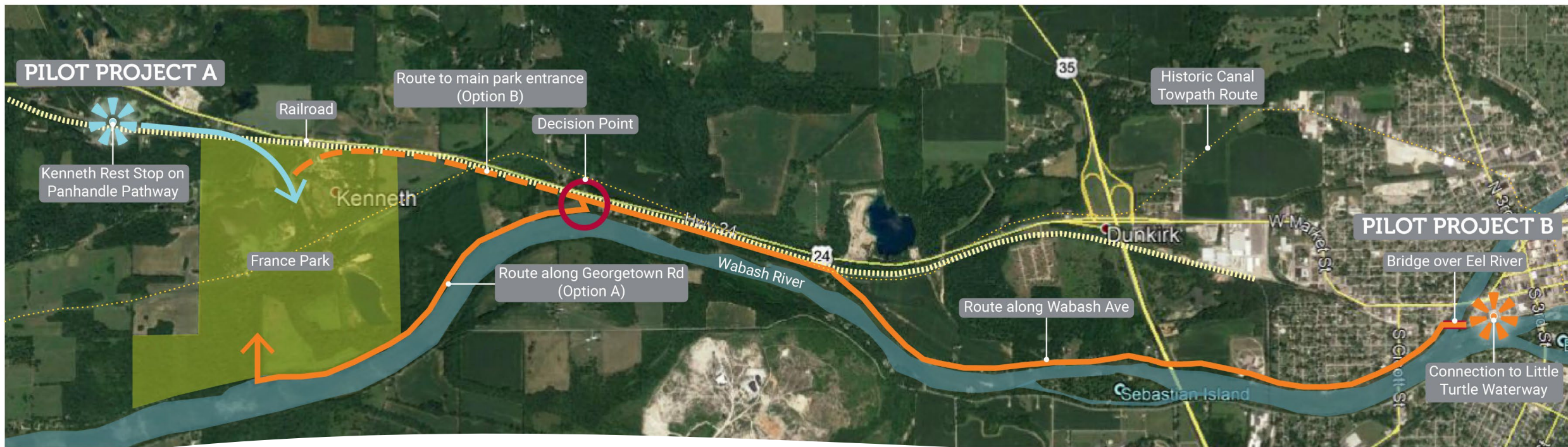
Administered online survey

Developed & managed Pop-up Station exhibits

Radio station interview

Steering Committee meetings





Project Schedule

Next Steps (February – April 2021)

- Administration of Elected Officials workshops
- Stakeholder interviews
- Identification of Pilot projects for concept design
- Send project newsletters
- Develop and promote small scale online surveys
- Create WRG design standards
- Prepare preliminary routing and alternative plans
- Hold public feedback workshops
- Begin promotional video planning

Agenda



Regional Trail Case Studies



Public Involvement:

Online Survey

Pop-Up Exhibits

Upcoming Engagement Activities

- Elected / Public Official Workshops
- Stakeholder Interviews



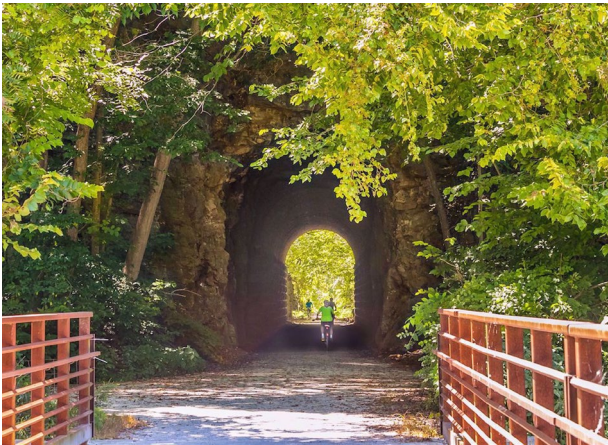
Top 5 Attractions and Pilot Projects



Regional Trail Case Studies

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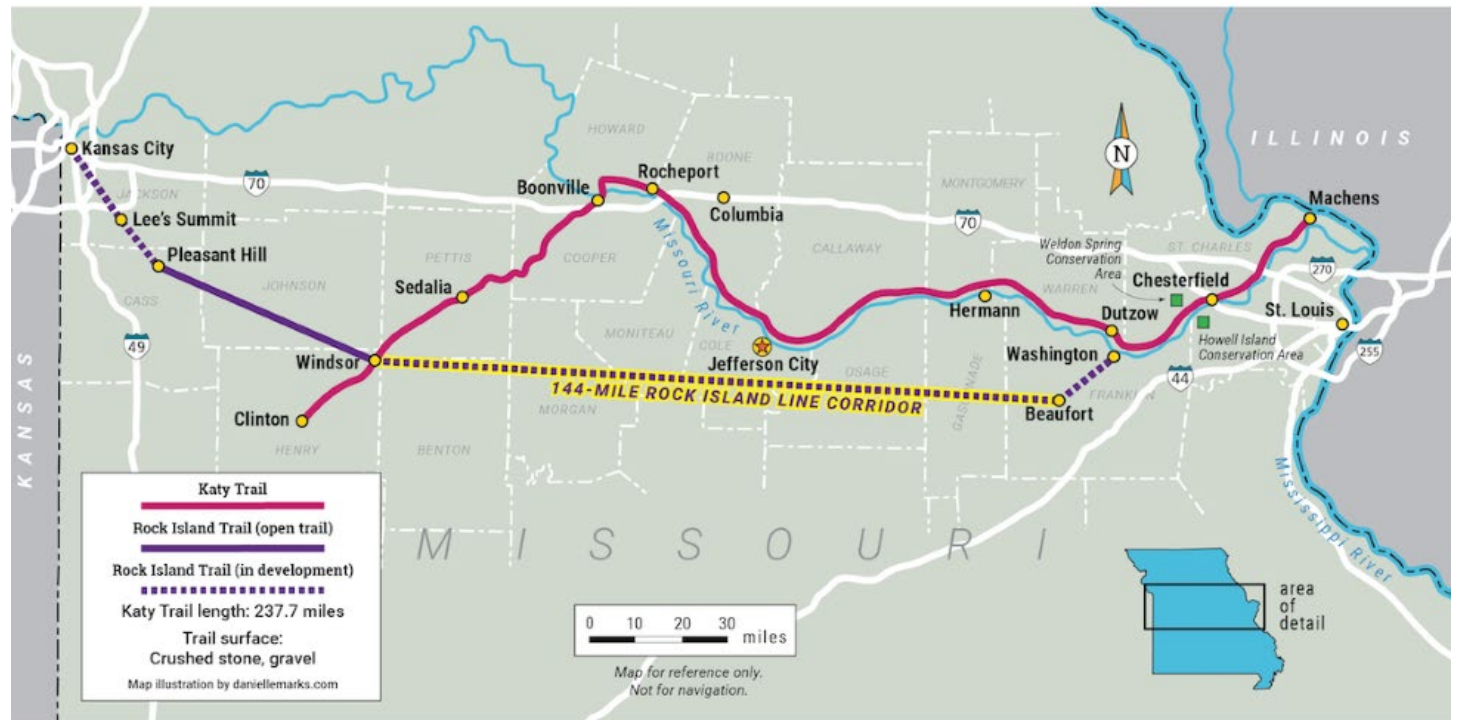
Trail	Location	Trail Type	Major Destinations
Katy Trail	Missouri	Rail Trail	Columbia, St. Louis, Jefferson City
Great Allegheny Passage	Pennsylvania, Maryland	Rail Trail	Pittsburgh
Cardinal Greenway	Indiana	Rail Trail	Muncie



Katy Trail

At-A-Glance:

- Miles: 240
- Trail type: Rail Trail largely following the Missouri River
- Trailheads: 26
- Major Destinations: Columbia, Jefferson City, St. Charles
- Annual Visitors: 400,000 (2012)
- Estimated Impact: \$6.3 million direct visitor spending



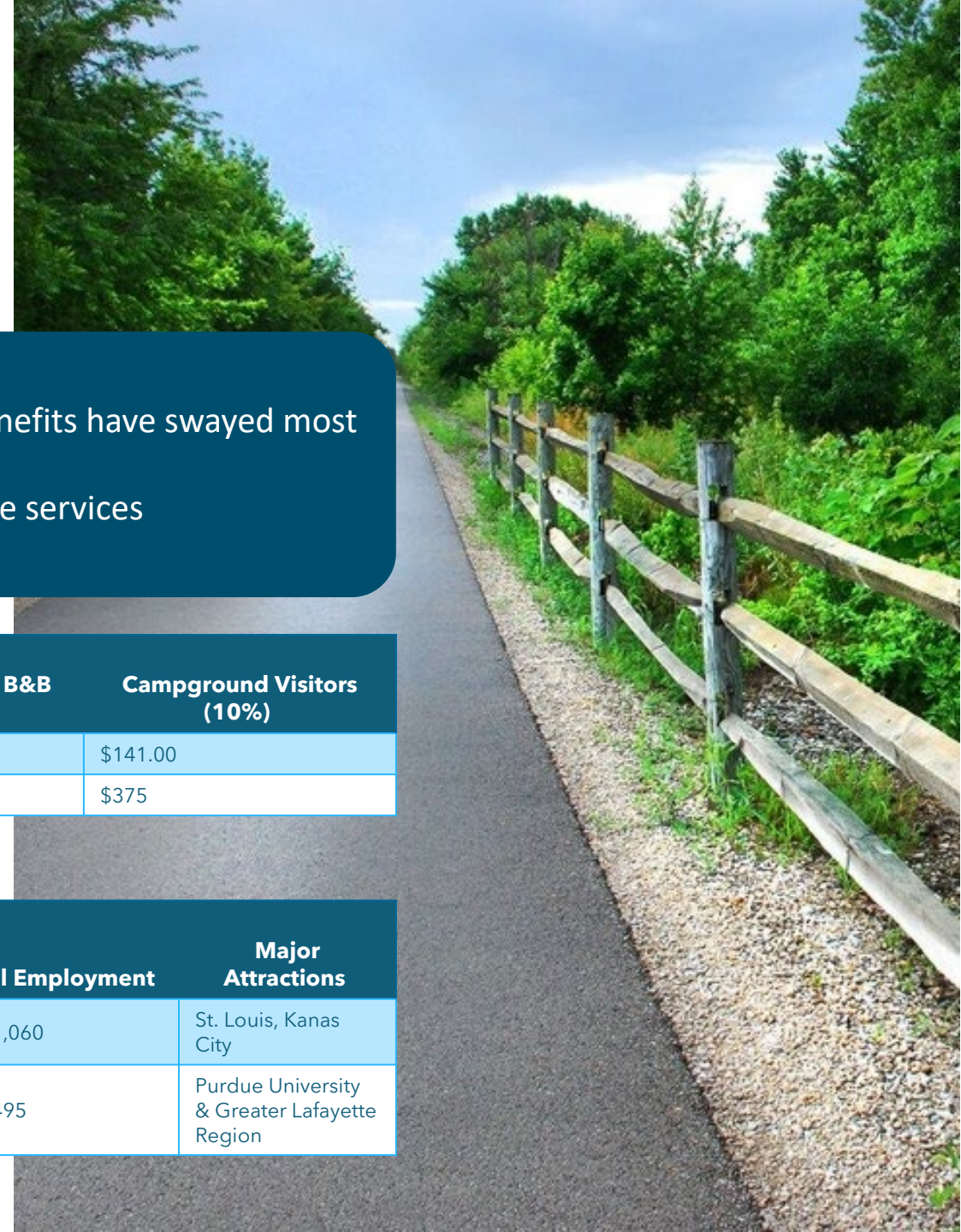
Katy Trail

Lessons Learned:

- The Katy Trail initially faced strong opposition, the obvious economic benefits have swayed most people since the trail's opening.
- Promote local community services, such as restaurants, groceries, bicycle services
- Economic impact: \$18.5 million annually

	Local Day Users (31%)	Non-Local Day Users (44%)	Hotel, Motel and B&B Users (14%)	Campground Visitors (10%)
Per-person spending per-trip	\$11.54	\$30.05	\$297.30	\$141.00
Average annual spending	\$309	\$355	\$503	\$375

Region	Pop.	Growth 2020-2018	Median Home Value	Median HH Income	Total Employment	Major Attractions
Katy Trail	4,555,717	4.5%	\$190,679	\$61,768	2,141,060	St. Louis, Kanas City
Wabash River Greenway	278,371	8.0%	\$125,773	\$53,419	107,495	Purdue University & Greater Lafayette Region



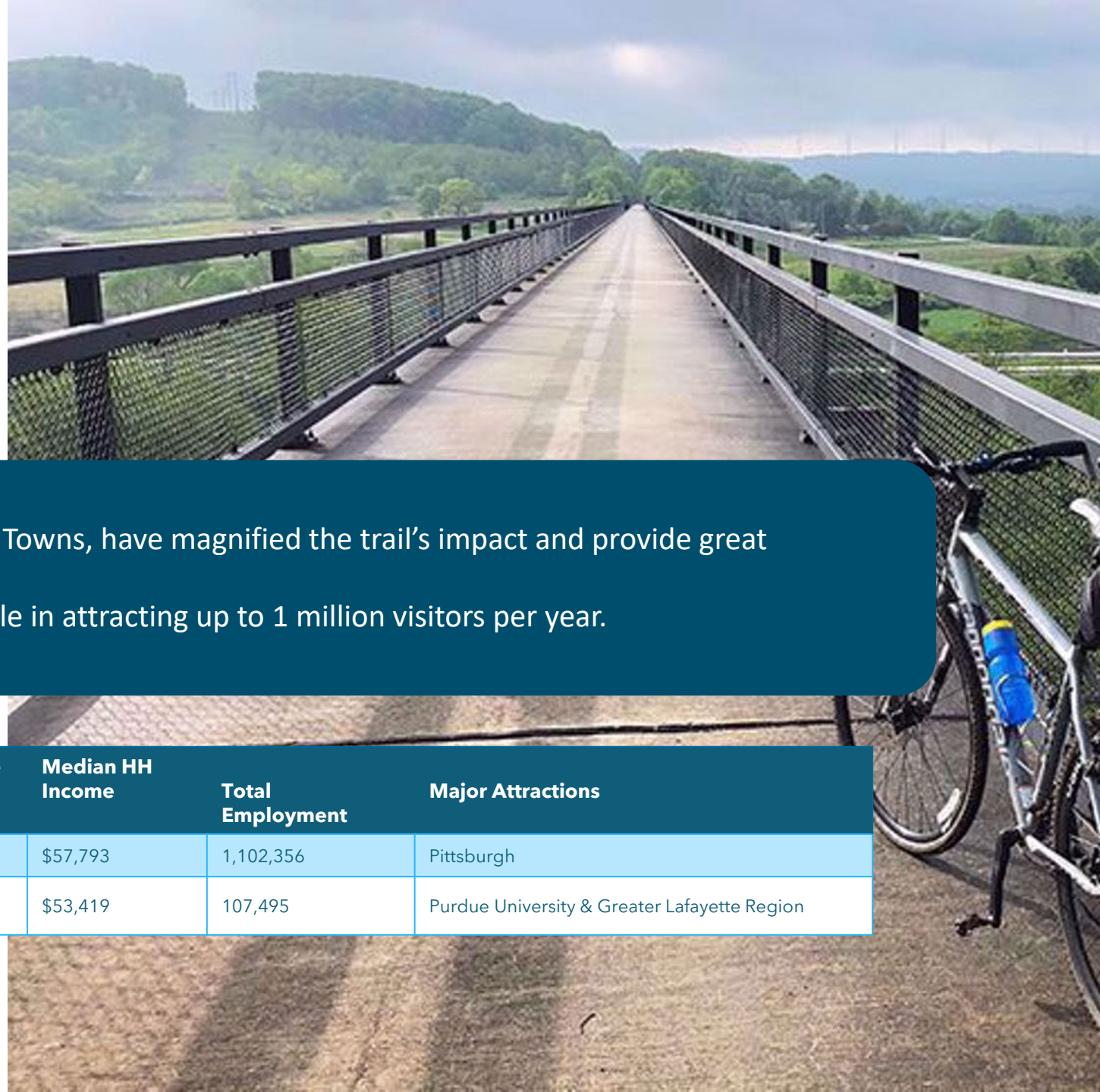
Great Allegheny Passage

At-A-Glance:

- Miles: 150
- Trail type: Rail Trail
- Trailheads: 36
- Major Destinations: Pittsburgh, Fallingwater, numerous state parks
- Annual Visitors: Approximately 1 million (2019)
- Estimated Impact: \$50 million



Great Allegheny Passage



Lessons Learned:

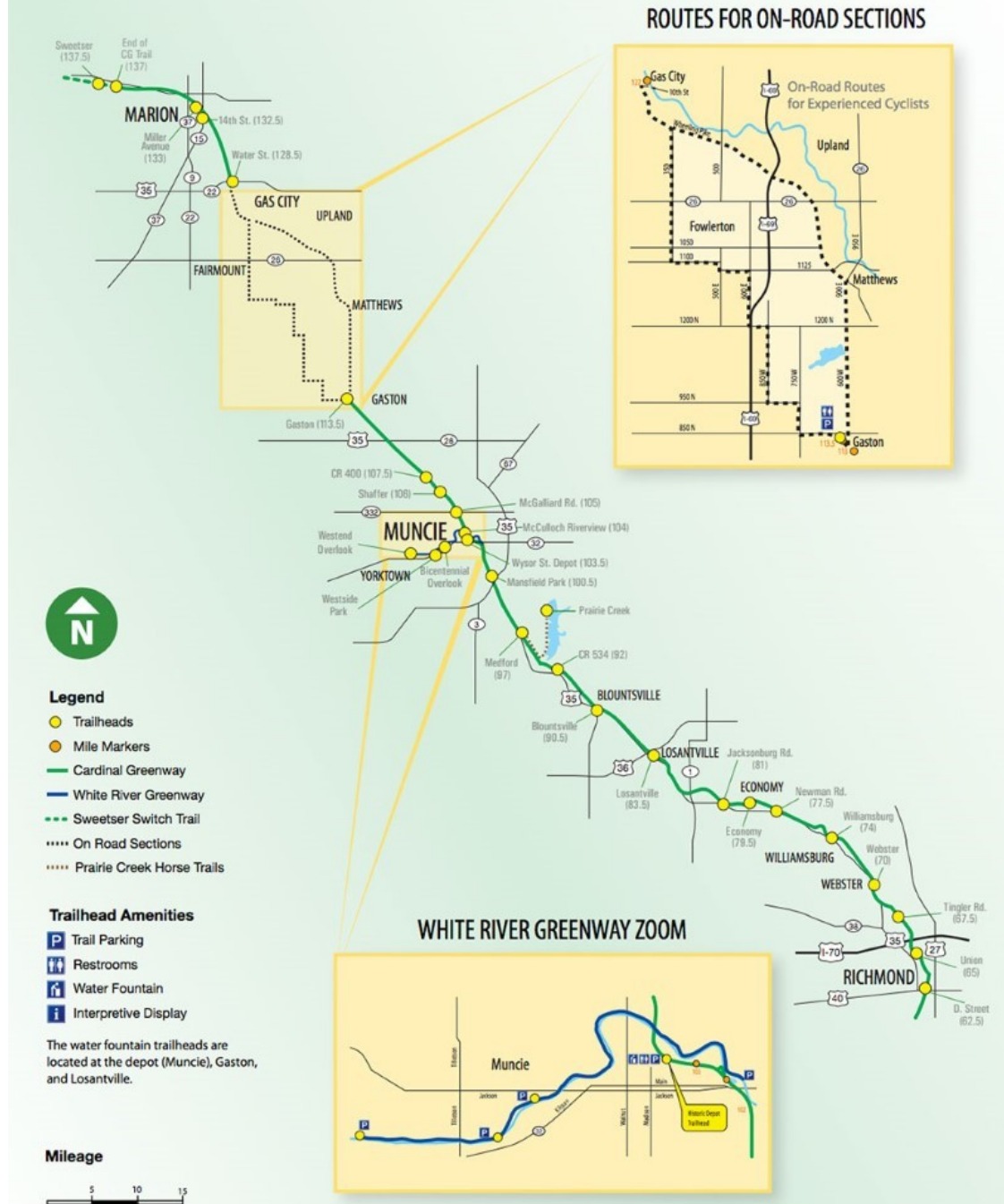
- Partnerships and joint marketing efforts, such as Trail Towns, have magnified the trail's impact and provide great resources for local businesses.
- Natural beauty and major destinations likely play a role in attracting up to 1 million visitors per year.
- Estimated economic impact: \$50 million

Region	Pop.	Growth 2020-2018	Median Home Value	Median HH Income	Total Employment	Major Attractions
GAP Trail	2,440,648	-0.3%	\$158,732	\$57,793	1,102,356	Pittsburgh
Wabash River Greenway	278,371	8%	\$125,773	\$53,419	107,495	Purdue University & Greater Lafayette Region

Cardinal Greenway

At-A-Glance:

- Miles: 62
- Trail type: Rail Trail
- Trailheads: 25
- Major Destinations: Ball State University
- Annual Visitors: Approximately 1 million (2019)
- Estimated Impact: \$50 million



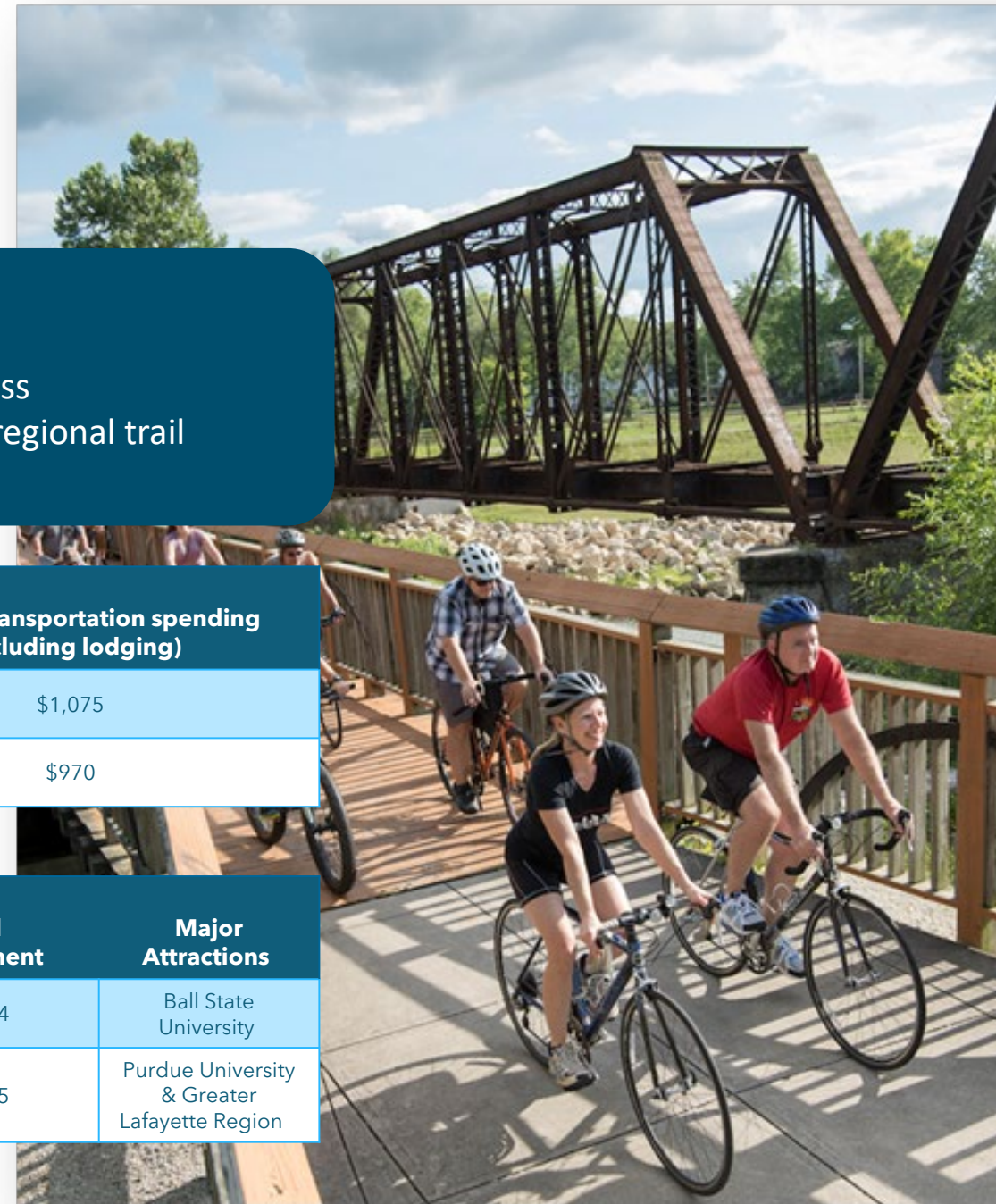
Cardinal Greenway

Lessons Learned:

- Trail users spend an average \$3,000-\$4,000 in the local economy
- Linking up regional destinations, such as parks are key to the trail's success
- A regional focus is important. Identify an organization that can focus on regional trail development, rather than individual town or county communities.

	Average Daily Spending	Average Annual Total Spending	Annual Food spending	Annual Transportation spending (including lodging)
Cardinal Greenway	\$41.50	\$4,528	\$2,690	\$1,075
Indiana Statewide	\$47.30	\$3,564	\$1,678	\$970

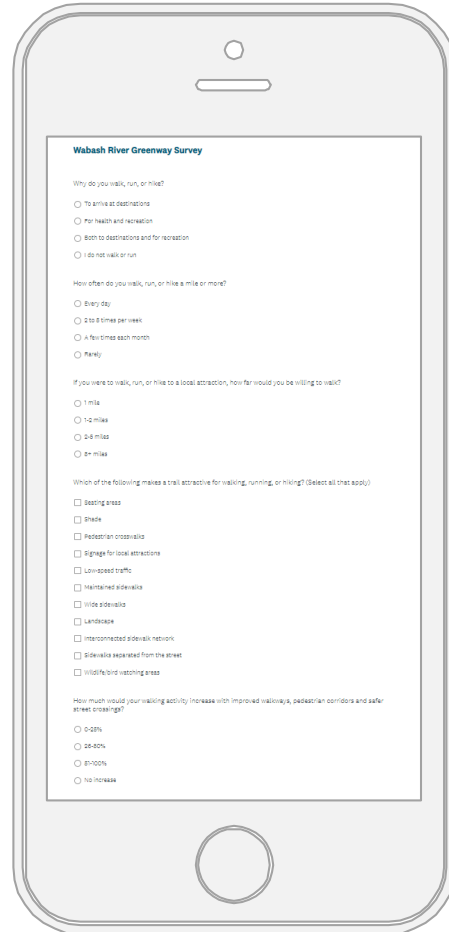
Region	Population	Growth 2020-2018	Median Home Value	Median HH Income	Total Employment	Major Attractions
Cardinal Greenway	922,319	-0.8%	\$110,439	\$50,635	297,524	Ball State University
Wabash River Greenway	278,371	8%	\$125,773	\$53,419	107,495	Purdue University & Greater Lafayette Region





Online Survey

Wabash River Greenway Survey Results



Wabash River Greenway Survey

Why do you walk, run, or hike?

- ☐ To arrive at destinations
- ☐ For health and recreation
- ☐ Both to destinations and for recreation
- ☐ I do not walk or run

How often do you walk, run, or hike a mile or more?

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ 2 to 5 times per week
- ☐ A few times each month
- ☐ Rarely

If you were to walk, run, or hike to a local attraction, how far would you be willing to walk?

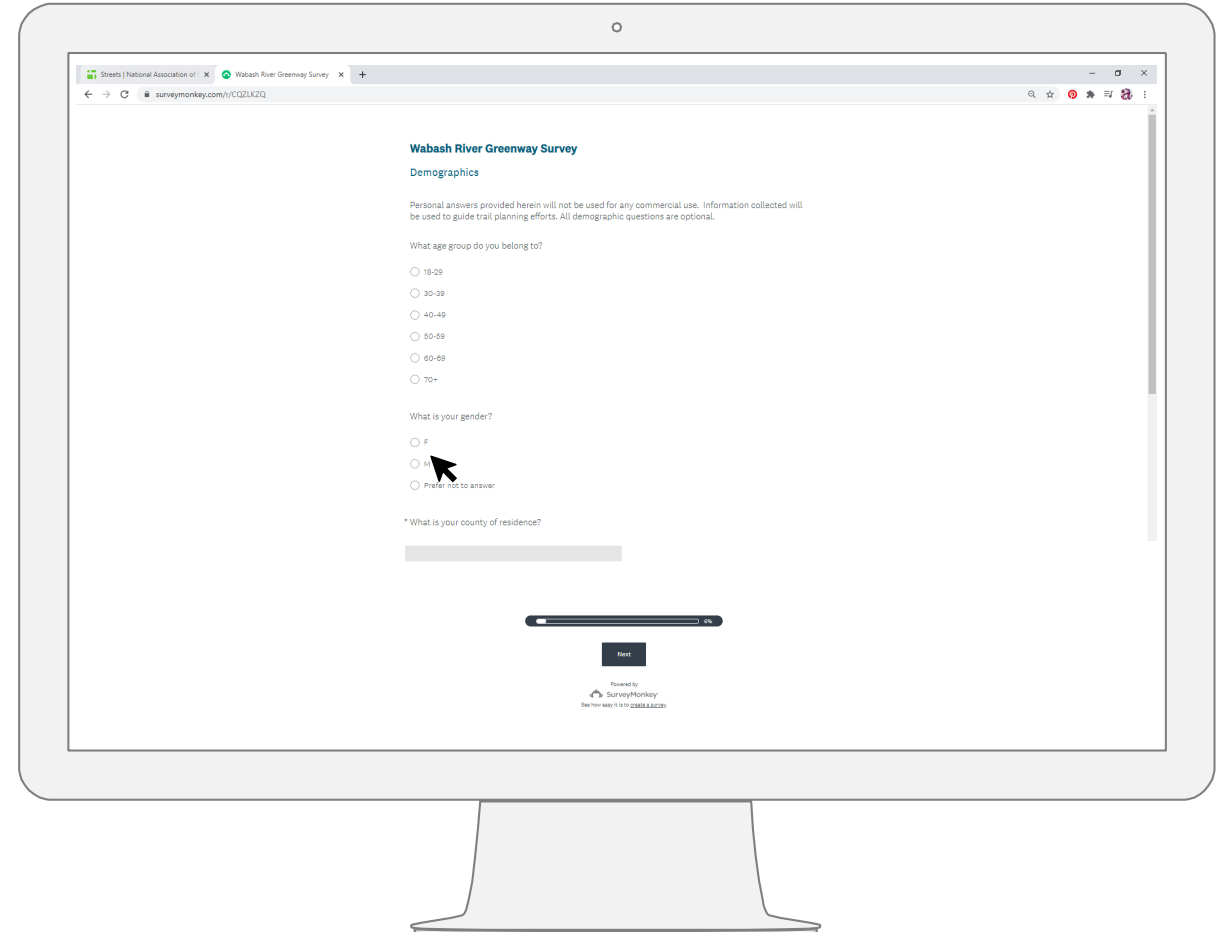
- ☐ 1 mile
- ☐ 1-4 miles
- ☐ 5-8 miles
- ☐ 9+ miles

Which of the following makes a trail attractive for walking, running, or hiking? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Scenic areas
- ☐ Shade
- ☐ Pedestrian crosswalks
- ☐ Signs for local attractions
- ☐ Low-speed traffic
- ☐ Maintained sidewalks
- ☐ Wide sidewalks
- ☐ Landscaping
- ☐ Interconnected sidewalk network
- ☐ Sidewalks separated from the street
- ☐ Wild/bird watching areas

How much would your walking activity increase with improved sidewalks, pedestrian corridors and safer street crossings?

- ☐ 0-25%
- ☐ 26-50%
- ☐ 51-100%
- ☐ No increase



Wabash River Greenway Survey

Demographics

Personal answers provided herein will not be used for any commercial use. Information collected will be used to guide trail planning efforts. All demographic questions are optional.

What age group do you belong to?

- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70+

What is your gender?

- ☐ F
- ☐ M
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

* What is your county of residence?

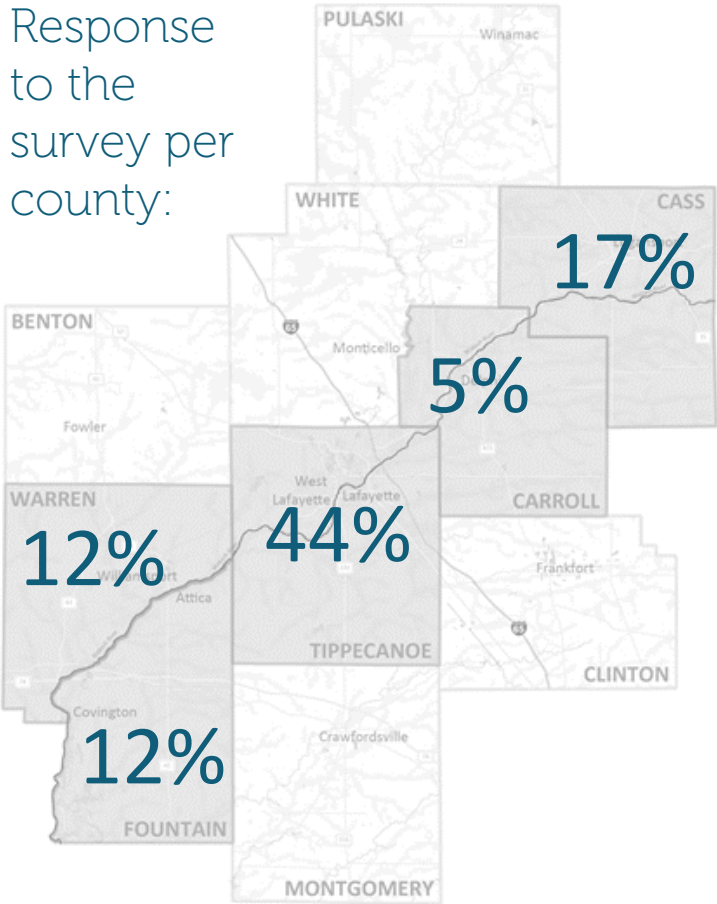
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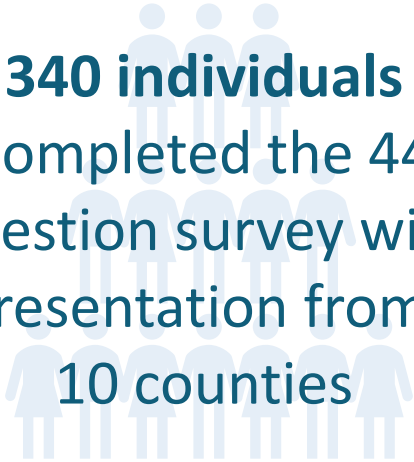
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Survey Demographics

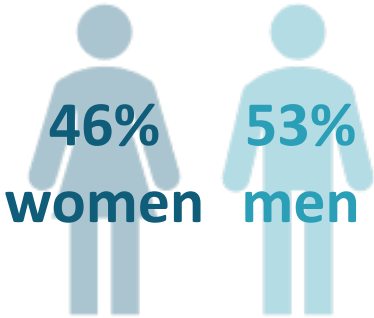
Response to the survey per county:



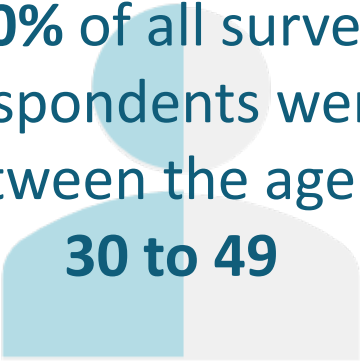
340 individuals completed the 44 question survey with representation from all 10 counties



Survey respondents:



50% of all survey respondents were between the age of **30 to 49**



The majority of respondents (68%) lived in the area **10+ years**



Planned Use of the Greenway

78% of survey participants plan to use the trail for running, walk and/or hiking

68% of survey participants plan to use the trail for biking

49% of survey participants plan to use the trail for kayak & canoeing

10% of survey participants plan to use the trail for 'other'

Notable other wanted uses:

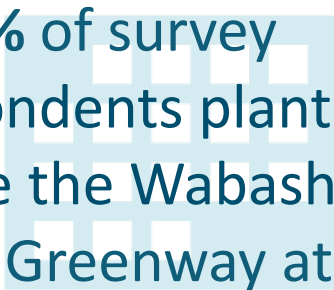
Boating & Fishing

Bird Watching, Photography, & Horseback Riding

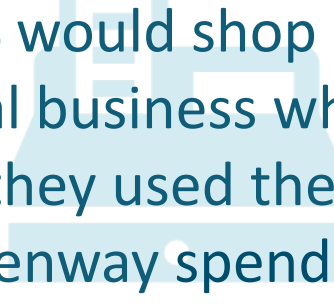
Environmental Education

Picnics & Camping

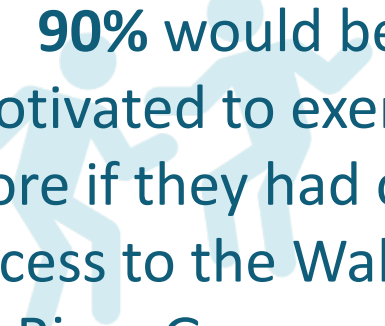
How the greenway would affect users...



70% of survey respondents plant to use the Wabash River Greenway at least **2x a month**




88% would shop at a local business when they used the greenway spending between \$20-30

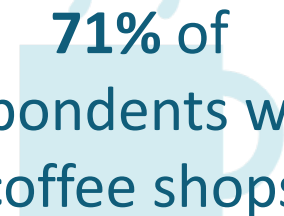


90% would be motivated to exercise more if they had close access to the Wabash River Greenway

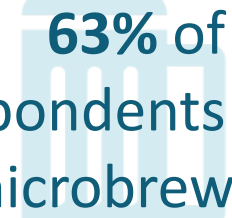
Most attractive businesses along the greenway:



87% of respondents want restaurants



71% of respondents want coffee shops



63% of respondents want microbrewery



Running, Walking, & Hiking

- **70%** want to do this activity **more** than they do now
- **68%** do this activity for both **health and recreation**
- **46%** run, walk or hike **2-5 times per week**

How far would you do this activity to reach a local attraction:

2-5 miles = 41%
1-2 miles = 32%
5+ miles = 16%
1 mile = 10%

Top items that make a trail more attractive for this activity:

Shade 72%
Separated from vehicles 61%
Wildlife / Bird watching areas 60%
Quality maintenance 51%
Seating areas 44%



Biking & Cycling

- **68%** want to do this activity **more** than they do now
- **56%** do this activity for both **reaching destinations and recreation**
- **52%** do this activity for both **health and recreation**

How far would you do this activity to reach a local attraction:

10+ miles = 42%
5-10 miles = 26%
3-5 miles = 21%
1-3 mile = 11%

Activity for **biking** would increase over **98%** with facility improvements

24% would use a **bike share system**, **48% would not**, while 27% were undecided



Canoeing / Kayaking

- **56%** want to do this activity **more** than they do now
- **14% camp** when doing this activity
- **76%** would **use** a Cycling to Canoe/Kayak service experience on the Wabash River Greenway

What amenities would make you want to do this **activity more often**:

- More docks & pullouts
- Dedicating parking
- More picnic locations
- Clean restrooms
- Rental business
- Drinking fountains



Where would you look for info about the WRG?

- Trail website 84%
- Social media 68%
- Park dept website 63%
- Visitors center 29%

While on the WRG, what is your preference?

- Sign only 41%
- Sign with weblink/QR code 18%
- WRG website 5%
- WRG mobile app 5%
- **All the above 31%**

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What specific facilities, amenities, and/or features would you like to see along the WRG?

“Kayaking”

“Signage”

“Kayak and canoeing rentals”

“Bathrooms”

“Water Access”

“Canoeing”

“Boat Ramps”

“Fishing spots”

“Conservation”

“Seating by water”

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What specific facilities, amenities, and/or features would you like to see along the WRG? Where would you add them?
(write in questions)

Additional waterfront access, water trail access spaced **2-6 miles apart for day-trip canoe/kayak trips**, waterfront businesses (breweries, restaurants, coffee shops) in Lafayette/West Lafayette.

Kayak rentals. Cool bridges. Like, the pedestrian bridge is cool because of the things on it (the maze, the sundial, the weather station). Adding signs or binoculars to other bridges would make them more of destinations and connect people to the river.

Would like to see the heritage trail and fishing access opened up north of Davis Ferry

Mile markers every .25 mile along with the name of the trail for identification; if at all possible, public bathrooms with either drinking fountains or vending machines at each major trailhead stop with security cameras installed within range, and pavilions at each major trailhead stop and about halfway in between for shade, rest, or picnicking.

A boardwalk-style outdoor area similar to Indiana Beach south of Lafayette near the Lyboul Sports Park. A free public access boat launch somewhere around the Tippecanoe River junction upriver from Lafayette for day float trips down to downtown or Davis Ferry. A lookout point for Heron Island. Bumper boat rentals in downtown Lafayette.

Access to Big Pine Creek, walking trail from Rt 26 to Wabash along Big Pine Creek. Also, canoe launch from Pine Village (Rt 26) to Big Pine Creek.

Adjoining or nearby mountain bike trails, ice cream shops, public art, shuttle service for bikes or kayak/canoes





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(write in questions)

Elements to support Bicycle Use and Tourism

“Bathrooms”

“Repair stops”

“Mountain biking”

“Bike Parking”

“Emergency Access”

“Signage”

“Dirt Trails”

“Less Concrete”

“Covered Parking”

“Water Fountains”

“Trash Pick Up”





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(write in questions)

Natural paths....too much concrete!

“Covered bike racks at commercial "hotspots" where folks might want **to stop for food and beverages**; bike tool posts at each parking area; clearly marked signage for public restrooms near parking areas; dedicated cycling bridge/trail built alongside Union Street bridge or pedestrian bridge (all of the other bridge crossings between West Lafayette/Lafayette have traffic speeds that are too high and non-protected bike lanes, so I rarely bike to the other side of the river for fear of my safety)”

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Bike repair stations(standalone), parallel running **dirt trails along the paved path for mountain bikers** that encompassed features like **rollers, ladders, mini tabletops, berms** etc. to challenge riders along a linear path...to be maintained by those same riders!

trash pickup for Logansport homeless camping area along little turtle trail. place is like a landfill with trash all over, **start a legitimate campground**

Off-road trail systems for mountain bikes.



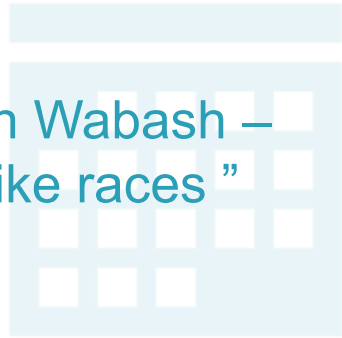


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(write in questions)

Facilities and Programs to support Hospitality

“Yearly races on Wabash – marathons / bike races”



“Food Trucks”



“Bed & Breakfast”



“Taco Stand”

“Restaurants”

“Food & Beverages”

“Coffee Shop”

“Brewery”

“Ice Cream Shop”



“Smoothies”



“Festivals”

“Beer Garden”





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(write in questions)

Restrooms, scenic walkways/overviews, drink water fountains, kayak/canoe launch dock, green grass with tables to picnics and potential "lunch by the river" type events.

I would like to see less emphasis on paved walkways. Miles of pavement hold little appeal, as dirt, pea gravel, mulch or "corduroy" are much more comfortable. The idea that pavement is always helpful to handicapped people is short sighted.

"More restaurants, Bed & Breakfast's, Convenience stores"

Easy access to Peoples Brewing company via Trail/Bicycle. Outdoor music Venue space. Additional Camping sites w/ fire rings/charcoal grills. Coffee shop destination with a big fireplace for winter weather hiking

In Indianapolis you have nearly 20 miles of the Monon trail. Why not do this between Delphi, Lafayette, and Attica, then have an annual bike race, or 5K, Half Marathon, triathlon (run, bike, kayak) along the river. I live a half mile from it and ride my bike and job to restaurants. If you build housing along it, it becomes a selling point/amenity.

Restaurants or perhaps a boat docked that has a restaurant Coffee shop overlooking the water, perhaps with at dock for seating



Do you have any additional comments for the Wabash River Greenway?

(write in questions)

How will the trail be utilized / created on land that is already in lifetime conservation easements / deed restrictions that the USDA/USA holds along the Wabash?

This is important to this generation because they have no motivation to leave their house the health of our children is deteriorating at rapid speed we need a reason to get out side.

This could be a huge economic impact to these communities. Perhaps a gambling boat too or some type of entertainment. Band festivals

We are not supportive of the trail if it comes through our property

That the proposed trail should provide access to non-paved trail systems such as the Amp, Hoffman, Horticulture Park, etc. The length of the proposed trail corridor, to me, suggests that the pedestrian usage will be almost exclusively short distance walks with virtually no one ever walking the whole thing. Cyclists would be more likely to be the ones seeing the system as unified while as they would be far more likely to engage with significant lengths of the trail.

Mountain biking is really growing. I love the idea of a greenway. It would be really nice if we could connect the trail at amphitheater to the Hoffman Nature Preserve trail. This opens the door to some events that would bring income to the community.

I hope that the committee considers flood levels when designing the trail. For example, changing the trail type from paved to gravel in areas or long stretches to help with runoff and standing water OR building boardwalks so that users can still access the trail when river water levels are high. It's also important for bikes to be able to access the entire trail since transitioning on and off the trail to a road can be dangerous.

It is a terrific idea. If well planned and maintained properly will be a huge boon to the area.

We need to highlight the rich indigenous cultural heritage of the greenway and not overly focus on settler colonial history. The greenway should work with the Miami, Potawatomi, and Shawnee people (and other local tribes) to appropriately recognize their past, present, and future stewardship of this area.

Stick with name of Wabash Heritage Trail. You are using Wabash River Greenway, Wabash River Trail. **Standardize** branding signage colors shape of trail signs. Parks like **Lybault baseball park should be opened up for all year to access the trail.** This would not cost you a dime. You need bathroom facilities along the trail other wise you encourage people to pull down their pants. The state spent lots of money to have pedestrian sidewalk in the 52 bridge yet never see anyone to use it because you cannot access it from the golf course. Why is that? Why is that not continuing to Happy Hollow Rd? Need to upkeep the trail on the Lafayette side because 80% at the time covered with mud. Need to install barricades for motorized vehicles on the trail because 4 wheelers are using them in high speed also in the evenings.



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Quotes of Concern:

LIST THE **TOP 5** ATTRACTIONS WITHIN YOUR COUNTY

- 1 Improve Existing Roads
- 2 Stay off Private Land
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

WABASH RIVER GREENWAY DECEMBER 2020

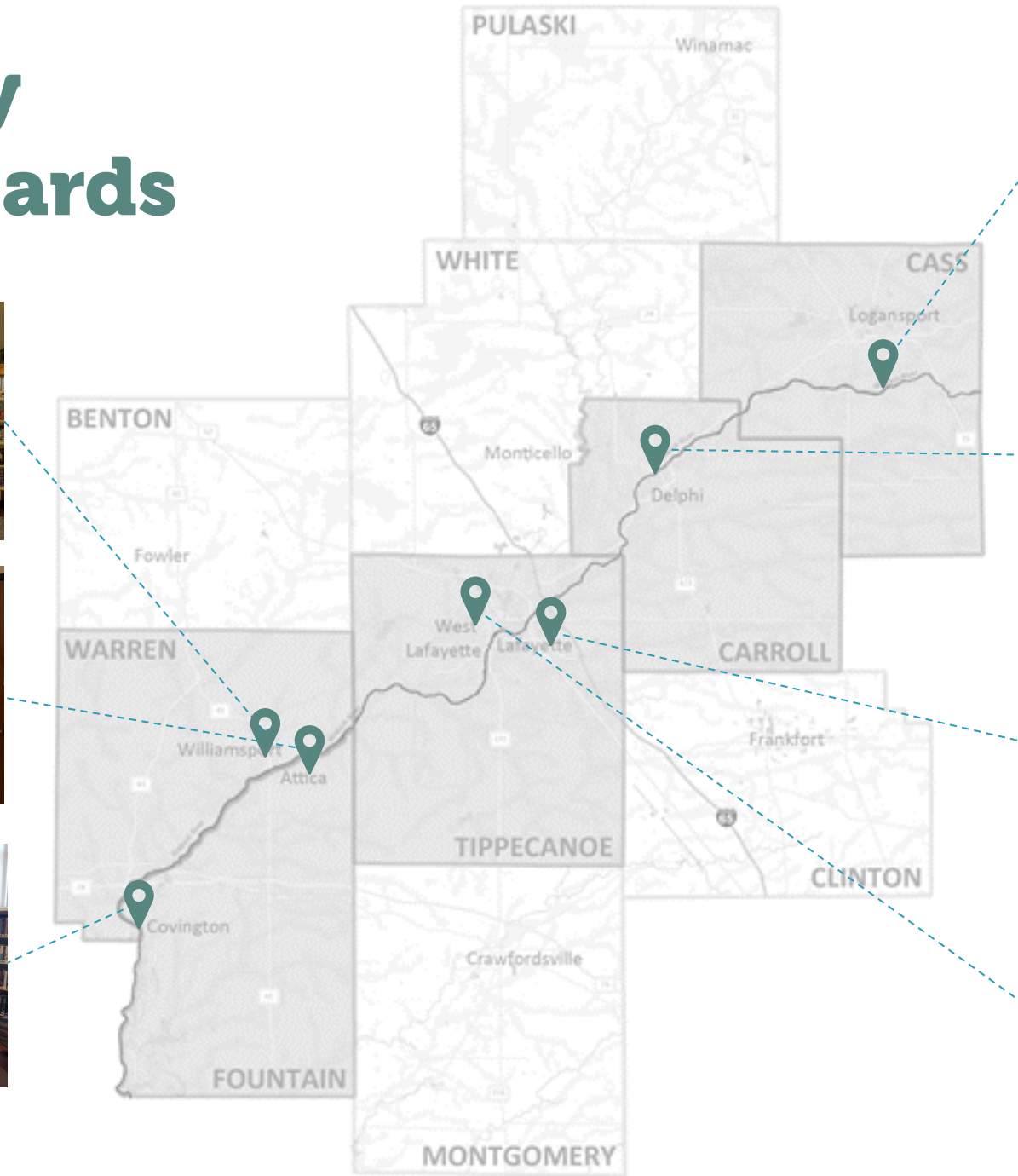
- Do not steal people's land for personal gain this is an absolute outrage and should be stopped at all costs I strongly disagree with this people have worked hard for this land they own along the river they don't want it trashed by hiking trails and hikers (Q41)
- I use my own land to hunt and fish and refuse to let you steal it from me (Q29)
- This is a land grab and should be illegal (Q6)
- Try to ride on River Road to Battleground, but **too dangerous!** (Q29)
- **Remove all** agriculture within one mile of banks (Q27)

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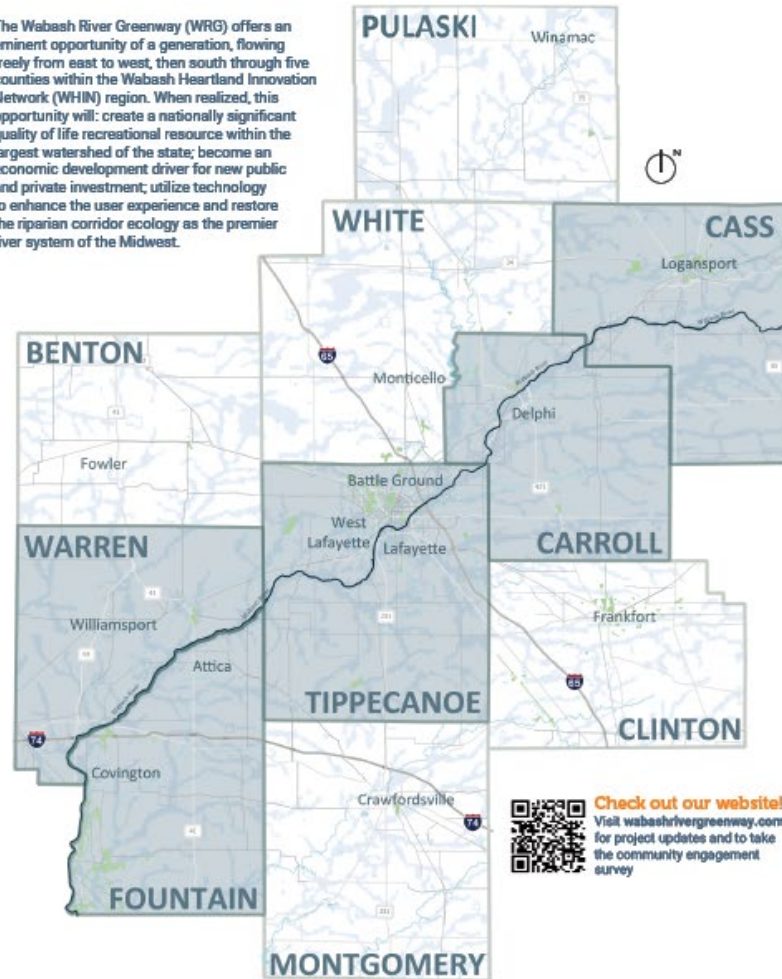
Community Engagement

Library Pop-Up Boards



WHAT CONNECTS YOU?

The Wabash River Greenway (WRG) offers an eminent opportunity of a generation, flowing freely from east to west, then south through five counties within the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) region. When realized, this opportunity will: create a nationally significant quality of life recreational resource within the largest watershed of the state; become an economic development driver for new public and private investment; utilize technology to enhance the user experience and restore the riparian corridor ecology as the premier river system of the Midwest.



Check out our website!
Visit wabashrivergreenway.com for project updates and to take the community engagement survey



A greenway is a ribbon of land trails, water trails, river access, and local destinations allowing users to experience the region along an active living recreational resource. Regional greenways connect local communities, enable fitness, promote water and habitat conservation, and attract recreational tourism. Greenway amenities will enhance and commemorate the cultural and historic importance of waterways by setting a stage for festivals and events.

Social, cultural and economic benefits of greenways reach beyond the trail by boosting local business activity, prompting active living habits and attracting tourism to cities and towns along its course. In a similar fashion, tributaries that flow into the Wabash River will ultimately accommodate additional greenways to expand regional connectivity and the attending benefits throughout all ten counties within the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network region.



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WHAT ELEMENTS MAKE A GREENWAY EXPERIENCE GREAT?

Write your comments on a sticker and stick it on a thought bubble!

	Boat Access	Nice Walking Path... With Benches Please!	Senior Citizen's activities!!	Family picnic area	Boat and Kayak Access Creek park	Winter Funfair	Here to see the future	
	How do you want to use the Greenway? What do you enjoy doing along the Wabash River?			Family picnic Area	Restroom Shower stove, washroom River williamstown	Boat access for the River Creek	Biking and hiking trails with benches and picnic areas.	CANOE/KAYAK - WALKING & JOGGING - BIKE TRAIL
	FAMILY BIKE RIDES!	Family Picnic Area	Nice paths for walking with benches	Nice Area For Families to take Bike Rides	Well maintained running trails. Easy access			
	Horse trails or site to stay	Canoe/kayak on Big Pine Creek but need to know if water level/conditions are safe.	Bike trails from Falls to River front	Beautiful River front area benches, tables and side walk.	Canoe/kayak launch in Falls Village			
		Family Biking Trails		Everywhere	Fishing area at access points for walking trail		A canoe launch at Scott Hill	
			In your community, where would you like to bike, run, or walk? Where would you add trails or river access along the Wabash River?			Benches with Benches	Near the Lockport Falls Trail	
					Across the River from Williamstown to Ohio!	Pine Creek	Bike trails walking trails roads to show routes and usage	



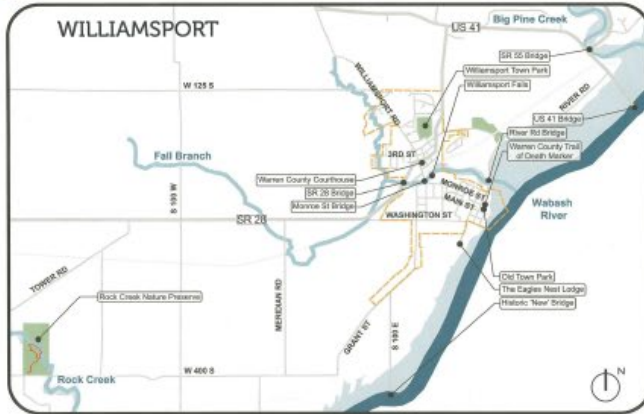
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Stick a dot on the images that best represent what you would like to see along the Wabash River corridor!



CONNECTIVITY WITHIN WARREN COUNTY

Write your comments below!

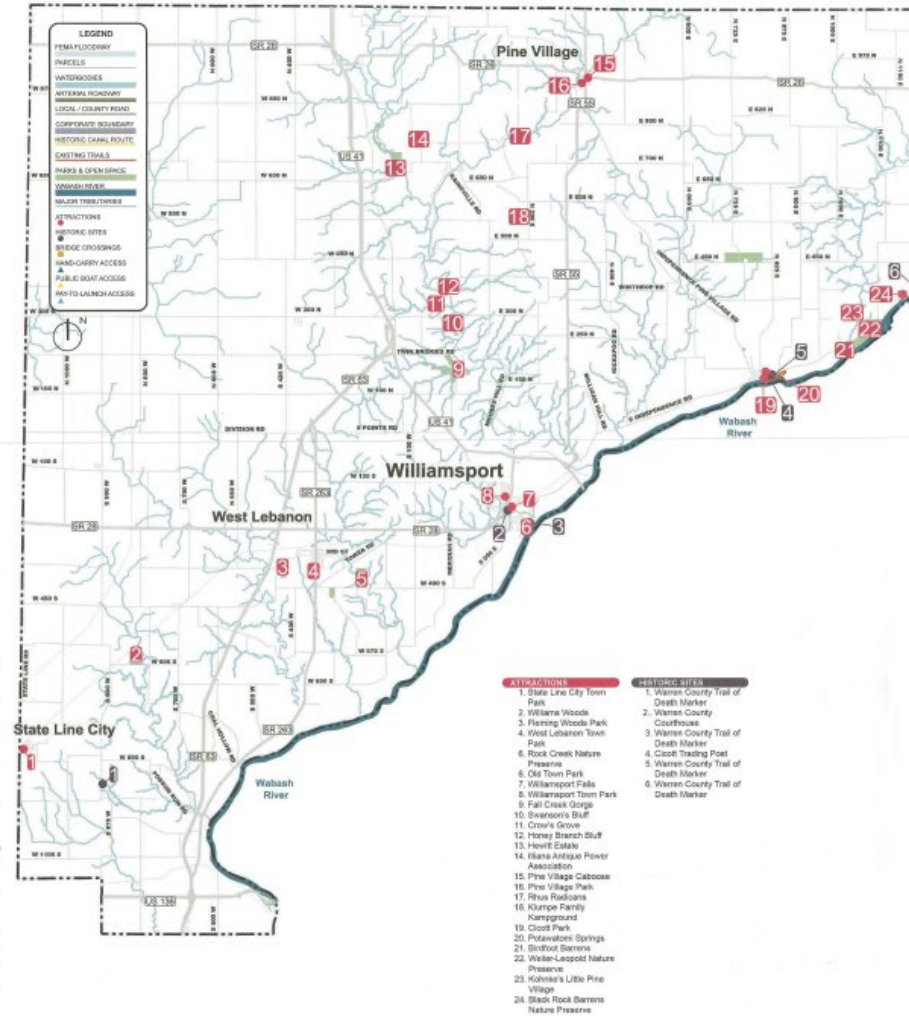


What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?

Connect parks with a regional trail system!
Clean up river front area make it look like something nice
Paved bike paths
More trails, more parks
More safe walking and biking areas
bike bridges to safety on river, for some ways to get there safely
Fishing docks

Where would you like to bike/canoe/run/walk to?

From Croft Park to Williamsport
Williamsport to Covington bridge area
Lafayette to Williamsport
From Covington to Williamsport
Along Rock Creek



Take a ballot, vote for your TOP 5 county attractions and drop it in the box when you are done!

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Top Facilities across all counties:

Access



Connectivity



Safety



Rentals



Lighting



Common Facilities across all counties:



Signage



Bollards at trail crossing



Trail gateway



Restrooms and parking



River overlook with seating



Trail kiosk



Boat launch with pier

Top Elements across all counties:



Biking Sharing or Rentals



Canoe & Kayak Rentals



Trailheads

How do you want to use the Greenway? What do you enjoy doing along the Wabash River?

paved trails with shade!

Smooth trails
Trees
Safety

Perennial Trees/Small
Park
- hiking at Tippecanoe
high school
- Biking on trails
- Bird watching for kids

Paved walkway/Bike path
Bike Path. Concrete

More nature! less
lawns! Clean
water for canoeing
and swimming

Water
murals
and well lit
walkways!
- easy access points
for running

LED Lights and
other water features
- Restaurants and
Shops overlooking the
Wabash.

Spray ground / water play area
play ground
nature play area (like at
covey
gardens)
The little cabins

Taking bike rides are
very peaceful.

Parks, trees, outdoor
activities, walking
bike paths, water
features, picnic tables
nature.

Long, flat,
paved trails
for biking
(rail to trail)

Eating (more
picnic
tables)
Lunch
Very pretty!

video
cameras for
safety

More little bridges
for safe crossing
of flooded trails
😊

Simply a paved
path along the
scenic Wabash
(w/ cameras for safety)

I would like to
walk / bike ride
from Logansport
to Attica! ③

Dining + outdoor
activities, like walking,
biking, rollerblading

safe crossings
at roadway
intersections

Common Elements across all counties:



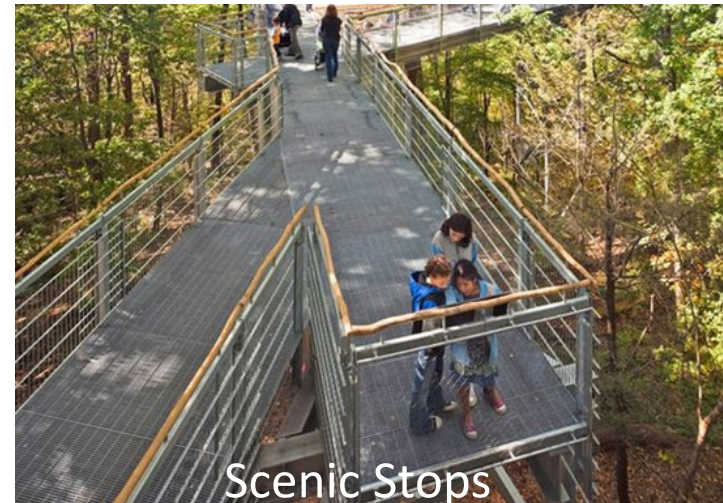
Trails close to water



Native Species



Picnicking

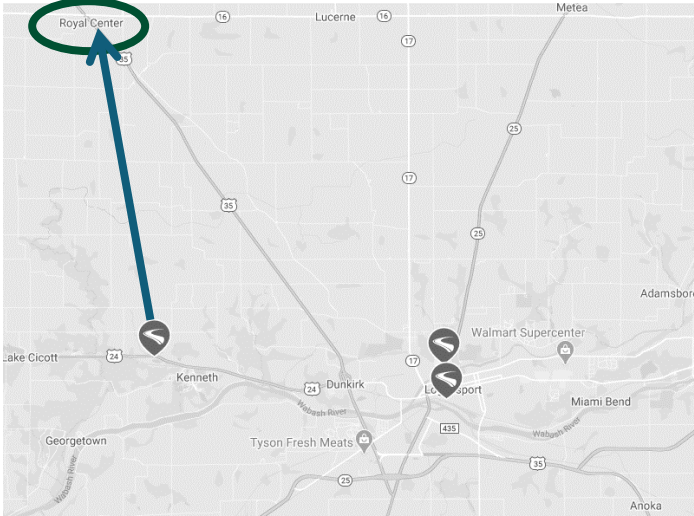


Scenic Stops

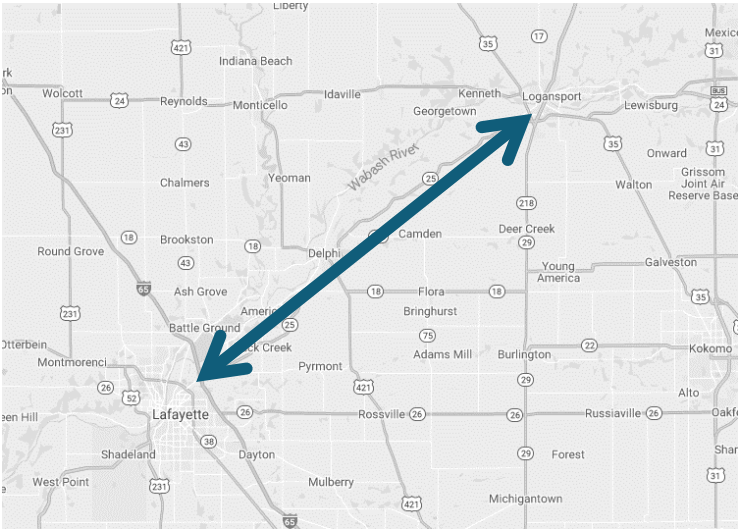
Logansport Connectivity Goals



Connect the Panhandle Pathway to
France Park, Logansport



Connecting the Panhandle Pathway to
Royal Center, Indiana



From Logansport to Lafayette, Indiana

**What would you improve about
outdoor recreation opportunities in
your community?**

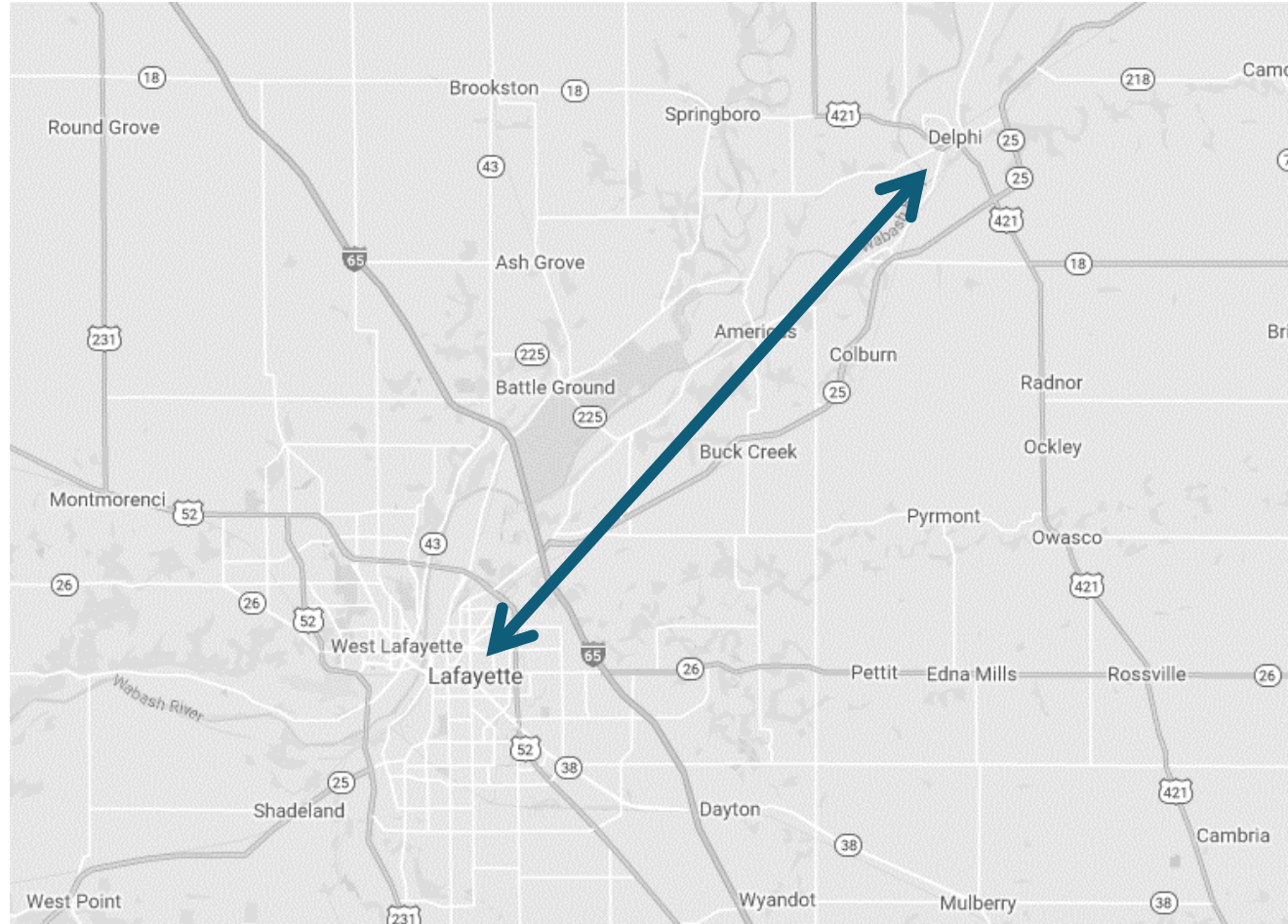
BRIDGE ACROSS MOUTH OF EEL RIVER TO START TRAIL TO FRANCE PARK.
CONNECT PANHANDLE PATHWAY TO FRANCE PARK.

**Where would you like to bike/
canoe/run/walk to?**

DOWNTOWN → FRANCE PARK → ROYAL CENTER (BIKE)
FRANCE PARK → DOWNTOWN → CATAWBA (CANOE)

Little Turtle to French Park to French Park
River Bluff Trail to Royal Park Trail to George Trail

Delphi Connectivity Goals



West Lafayette Connectivity Goals...



Connecting parks with paved trails



Adding More Parks

CONNECTIVITY WITHIN TIPPECANOE COUNTY

What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?

1. Panchsarovar, Nashik
2. Bhoirpada, Nashik
3. Ghantaghar, Nashik
4. Kumbh Mela, Nashik
5. Kumbh Mela, Nashik
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14. Kumbh Mela, Nashik



Lafayette Connectivity & Improvements Goals...



Better maintenance of paths
along river corridor



More signage for safety

Warren Connectivity & Improvements Goals...



Clean up river front in
Williamsport



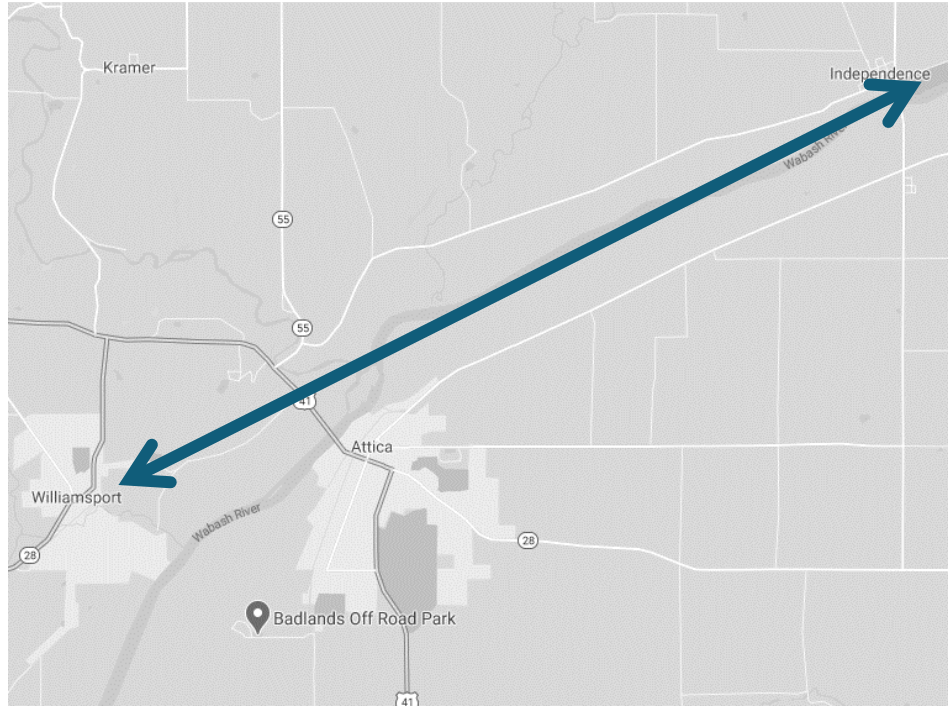
Boat launch at Cicott Park



Family-friendly trails
(restrooms/picnic/etc)

<p>What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?</p> <p>Control pests with a trapped and system</p> <p>Eliminate litter from picnic areas, make it look like a park again</p> <p>More bike paths</p> <p>More trails, more parks</p> <p>More open spaces, get rid of clutter</p> <p>More activities to do, not just sit, but to do, to get the energy</p> <p>Looking forward</p>	<p>Where would you like to bike/ canoe/run/walk to?</p> <p>From Cicott Park to Williamsport</p> <p>Williamsport to Conowingo, Maryland</p> <p>Williamsport to Williamsport</p> <p>From Williamsport to Williamsport</p> <p>Along the river</p>
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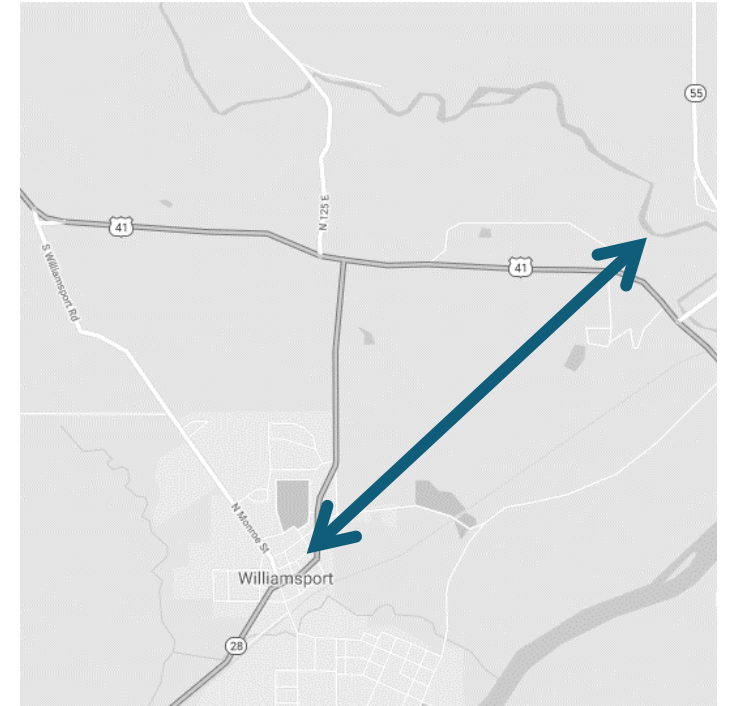
Warren Connectivity Goals



Connecting Cicott Park to Williamsport



Connecting Williamsport
to Covington Bridge /
Lafayette



Connecting Williamsport
to Pine Creek

What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?	Where would you like to bike/canoe/run/walk to?
Connect park with a regional trail system!	From Cicott Park to Williamsport
Clear off existing gravel areas, make it look like a parkway	Williamsport to Covington bridge area
More bike paths	Lafayette to Williamsport
More trails, more parks	From Williamsport
More bike racks, more bike storage	along the river
More bike racks, more storage, more bike racks, more bike racks	
Fishing access	

Attica Connectivity Goals



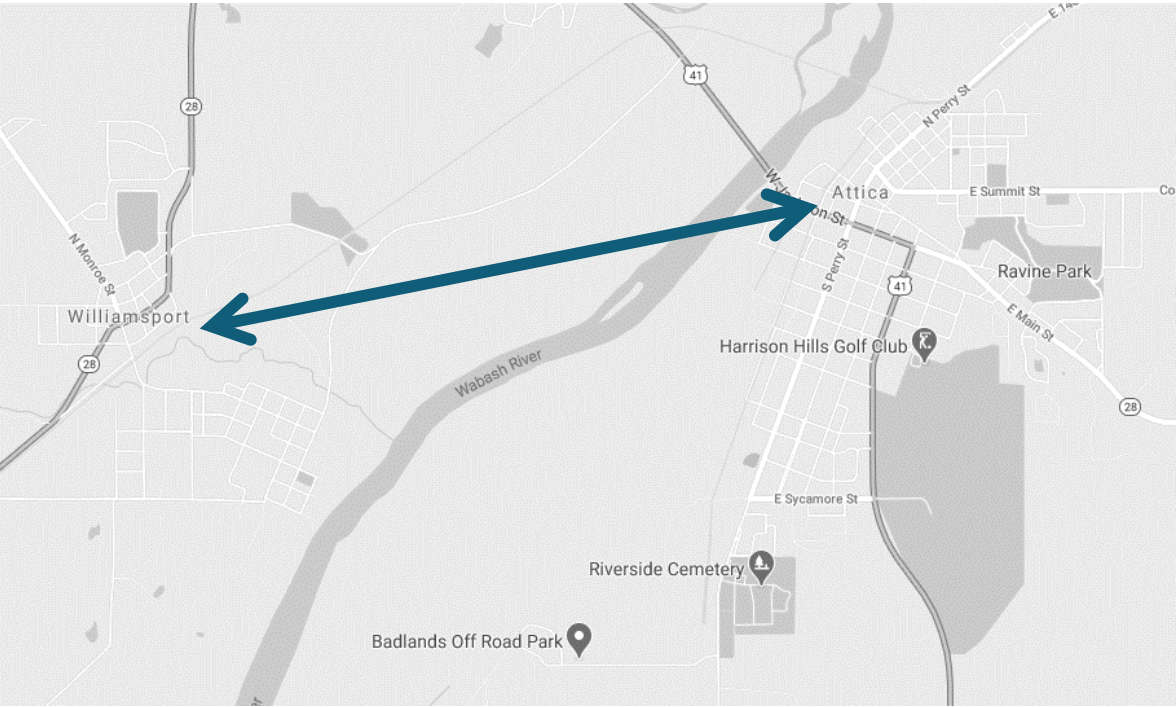
More bike trails



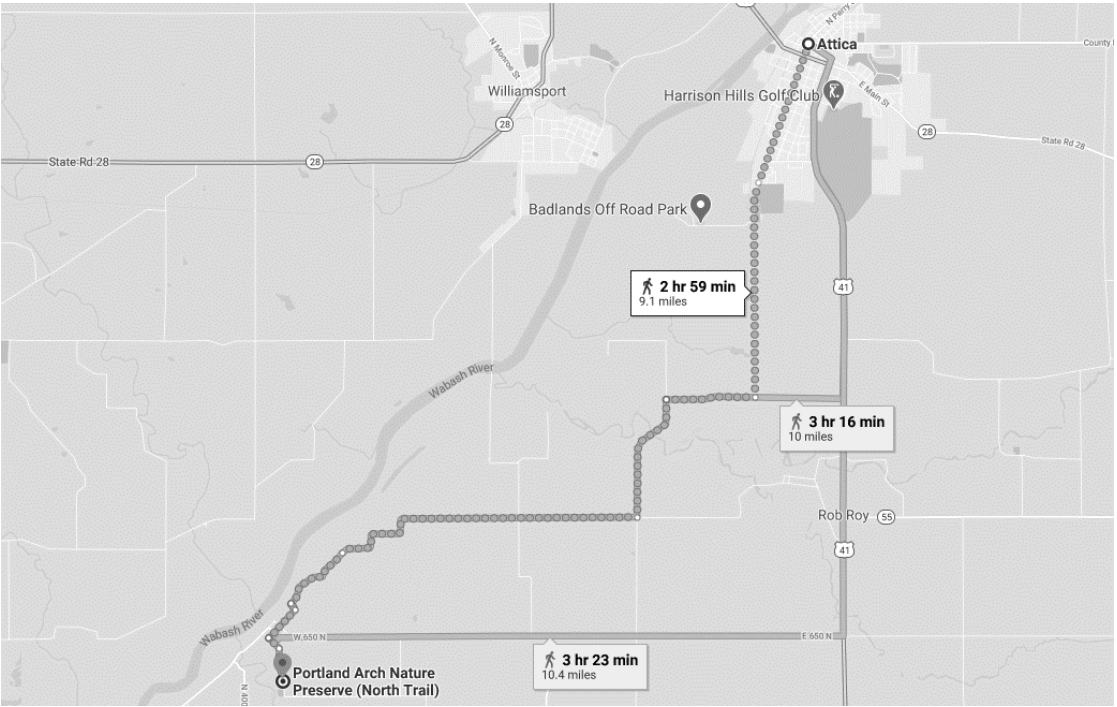
More trails to connect parks

What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?	Where would you like to bike/canoe/run/walk to?
Connect parks with trails!	Attica to Portland Area to Cornington
More trails/paths across the region + biking trail connects Attica to Attica	(Attica to Portland Area)
Paved trails for walking/biking	
Fun routes for adults and kids!	
Be lights, benches, etc.	
dog, family	

Attica Connectivity Goals



Connect Williamsport to Attica



Attica to Portland Arch & Covington

What would you improve about outdoor recreation opportunities in your community?

Connect parks with trails!
More trails/cycle access for mountain & biking that connects Williamsport to Attica
Paved trails for walking/biking
Fun routes for routes outside families!
Bike lights, benches, etc.
dog trails

Where would you like to bike/canoe/run/walk to?

Attica to Portland Arch to Covington
(Williamsport to Portland Arch)

Covington Connectivity Improvement Goals



Skatepark



Better River Access

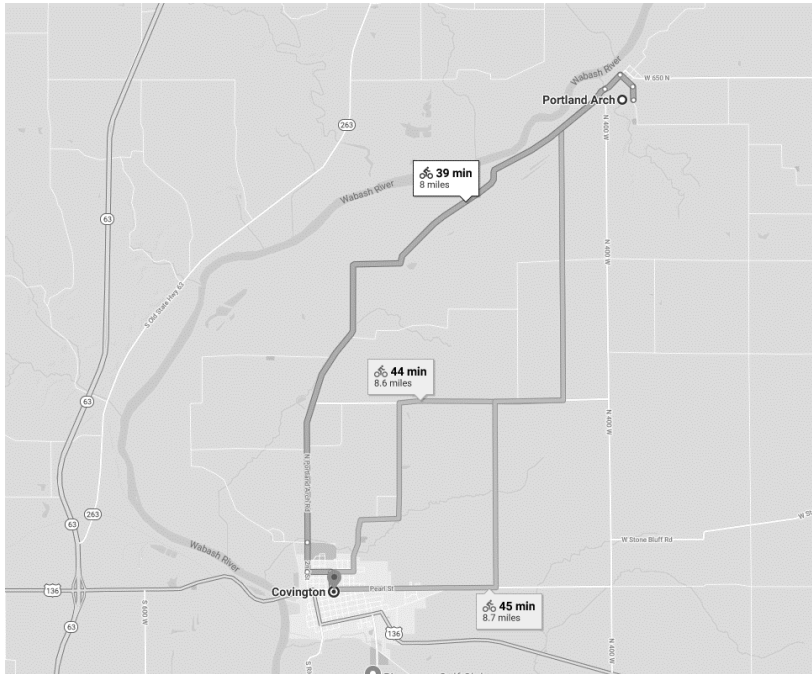
What would you improve about
outdoor recreation opportunities in
your community?

Better access to the river!
More access to the river
A playground
Skatepark
Skate park

Where would you like to bike/
canoe/run/walk to?

From Portland Arch to Covington
Cutting Bluff Overhead
Cutting Bluff Overhead

Covington Connectivity Destinations:



Covington to Portland Arch



Coffing Brother's Apple Orchard



Upcoming Engagement Activities



Elected Official Workshops

- County Commissioners
- County Councilors
- County Surveyor
- County Highway Superintendent / Engineer
- County Planning Director
- City Mayor / Town Manager
- City/Town Council
- City/Town Redevelopment Commission
- City/Town Parks Director
- City Planning / Engineering Directors
- City/Town Street Commissioner
- City/Town Utilities Director (water, wastewater, storm, etc.)
- Others?

Meeting 'A'

Cass:

- Cass County Location
- Logansport Location
- Steering Committee reps

Meeting 'C'

Tippecanoe:

- City of West Lafayette Location
- City of Lafayette Location
- Town of Battleground Location
- Tippecanoe County Location
- Steering Committee reps

WRG Planning Team
Tippecanoe Room
Lafayette
HOSTED VIRTUALLY

Meeting 'B'

Carroll:

- Carroll County Location
- Delphi Location
- Steering Committee reps

Meeting 'D'

Fountain & Warren:

- Warren County Learning Center
- Joint County + Municipality meeting
- Steering Committee reps

Stakeholder Interviews

- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission
- Department of Natural Resource:
 - Outdoor Rec
 - Nature Preserves
 - State Parks
 - Fish & Wildlife
- USDA NRCS Easement Managers
- US Army Corp of Engineers – Louisville District leaders
- NICHES
- WREC
- WHIN
- Purdue University
- Indiana Destination Development Corp
- All County Economic Development officials
- All County Realtor group
- All County Visitor's Bureau / Tourism / Chamber of Commerce groups

- All County Community Foundations
- All County Historians and Historical Society groups
- All County SWCDs
- All County Highway Departments
- All County Parks Departments
- All County Health Departments
- All County Hospital Leaders
- Cass Business Leaders
- Carroll Business Leaders
- Tippecanoe Business Leaders
- Warren Business Leaders
- Fountain Business Leaders
- Bicycle Clubs / Groups
- Arts Clubs
- Local landowners?



Pilot Projects

Top 5 Attractions

Previously, we asked you for the Top 5 attractions in your county. The reasoning is that attractions give greenway users a motive to stop and spend money within nearby communities. A day trip becomes an overnight, and more revenue is put back into the local economy.

To compile these lists, we cross-referenced feedback that we heard from you, the public engagement survey, pop-up station results, and attractions noted on WRHCC's interactive map.

CASS

1. France Park
2. Little Turtle Waterway
3. Dentzel Carousel
4. State Theater
5. Art and History Trail

CARROLL

1. Delphi Opera House
2. Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center
3. Adam's Mill
4. Delphi Historic Trails
5. Carroll County Historical Museum

TIPPECANOE

1. Downtown Lafayette
2. Purdue University
3. Prophetstown State Park
4. Wabash Heritage Trail
5. Parks and Preserves

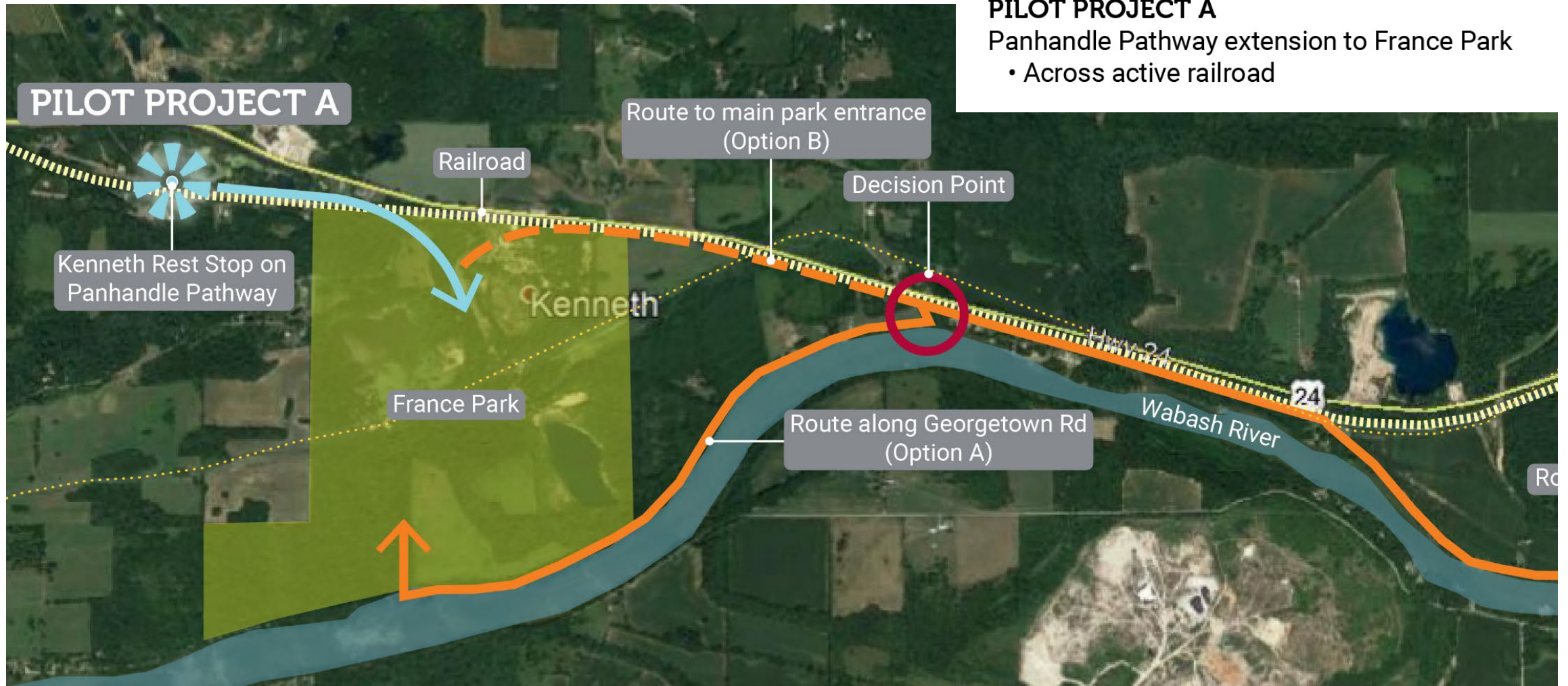
WARREN

1. Williamsport Falls
2. Black Rock Barrens
3. Cicott Trading Post Park
4. Illiana Antique Power
5. Pine Creek

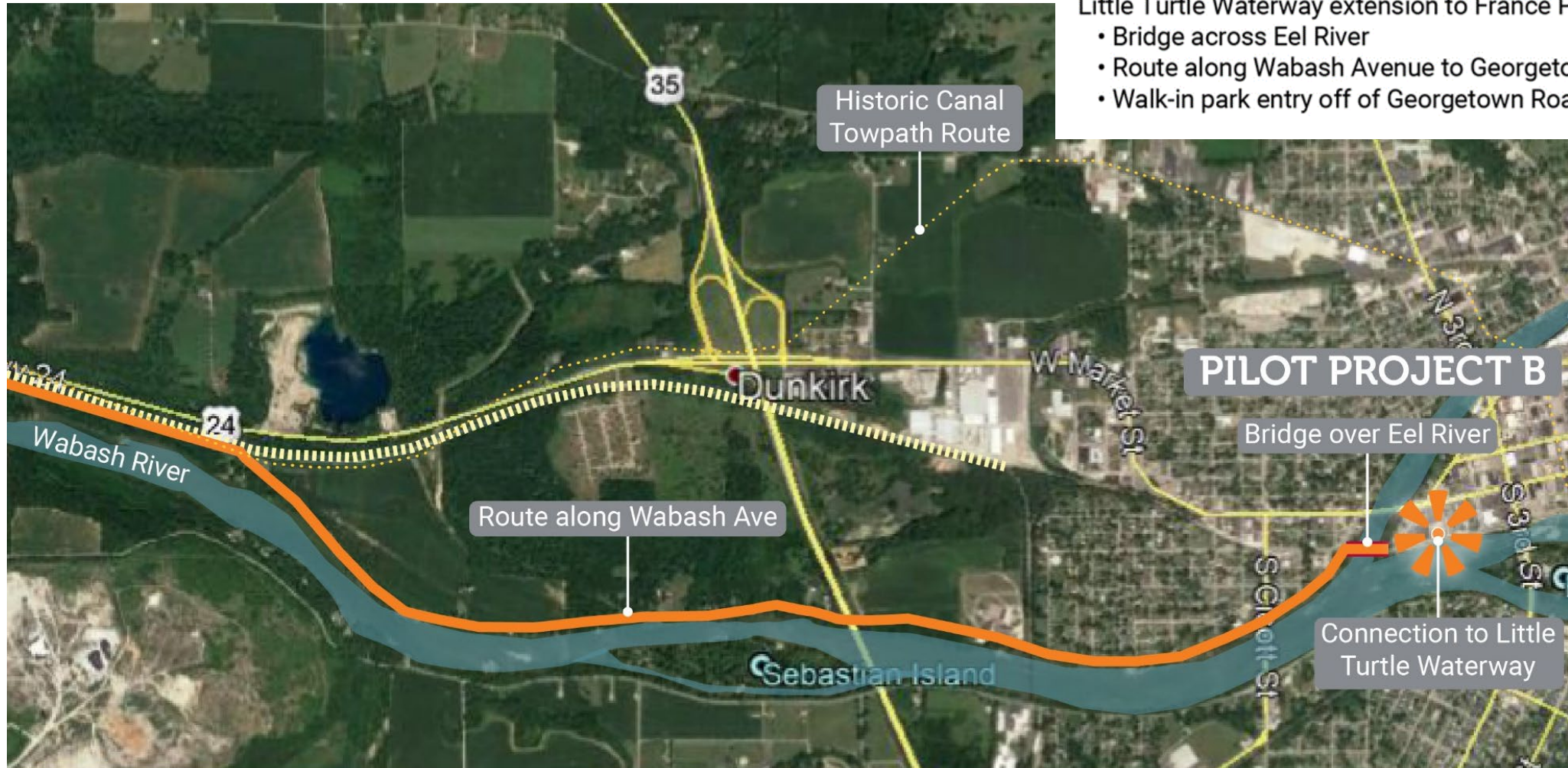
FOUNTAIN

1. Covington Circle Trail
2. Portland Arch
3. Shawnee Bottoms
4. Ouabache Park
5. The Badlands

Cass County



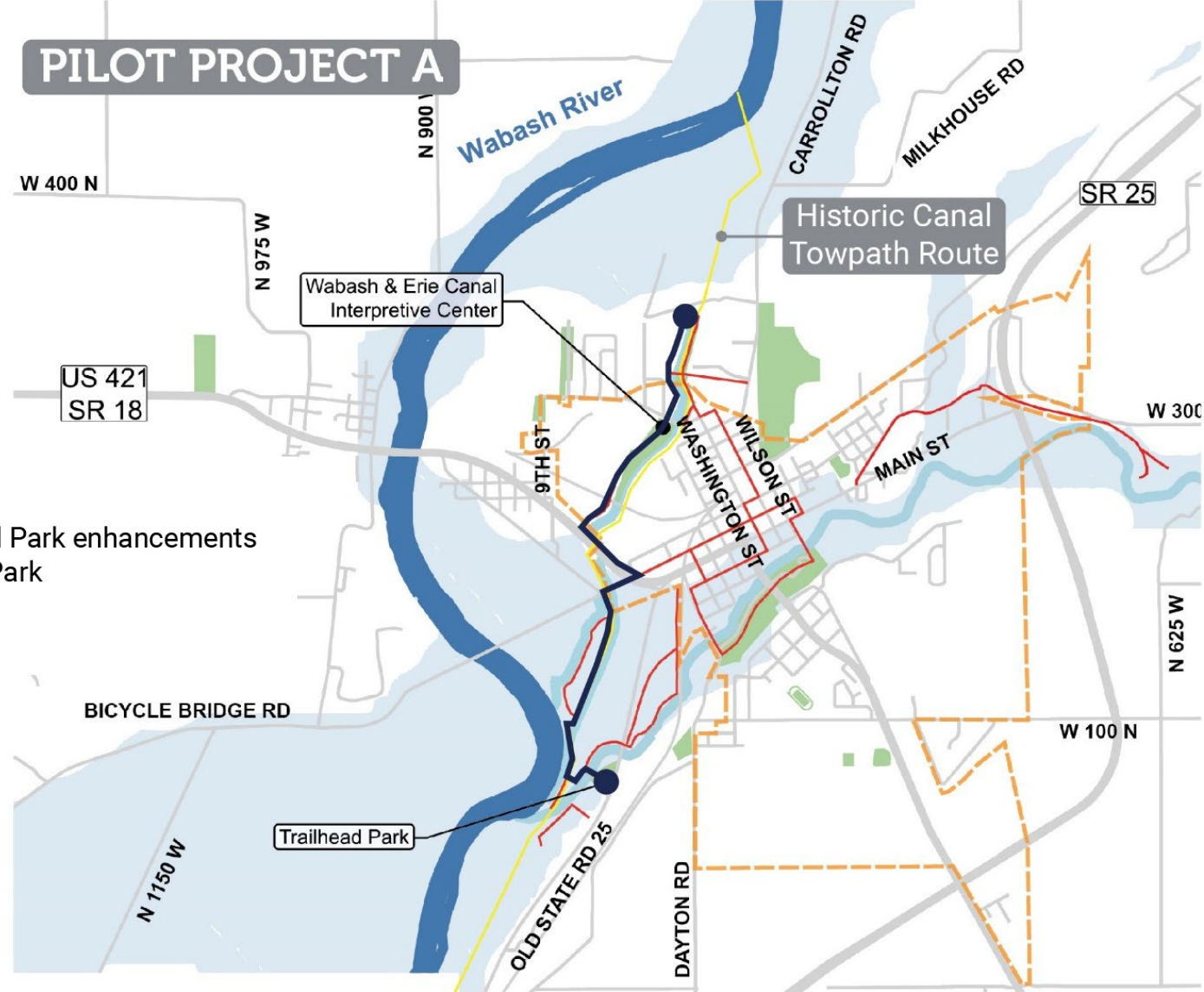
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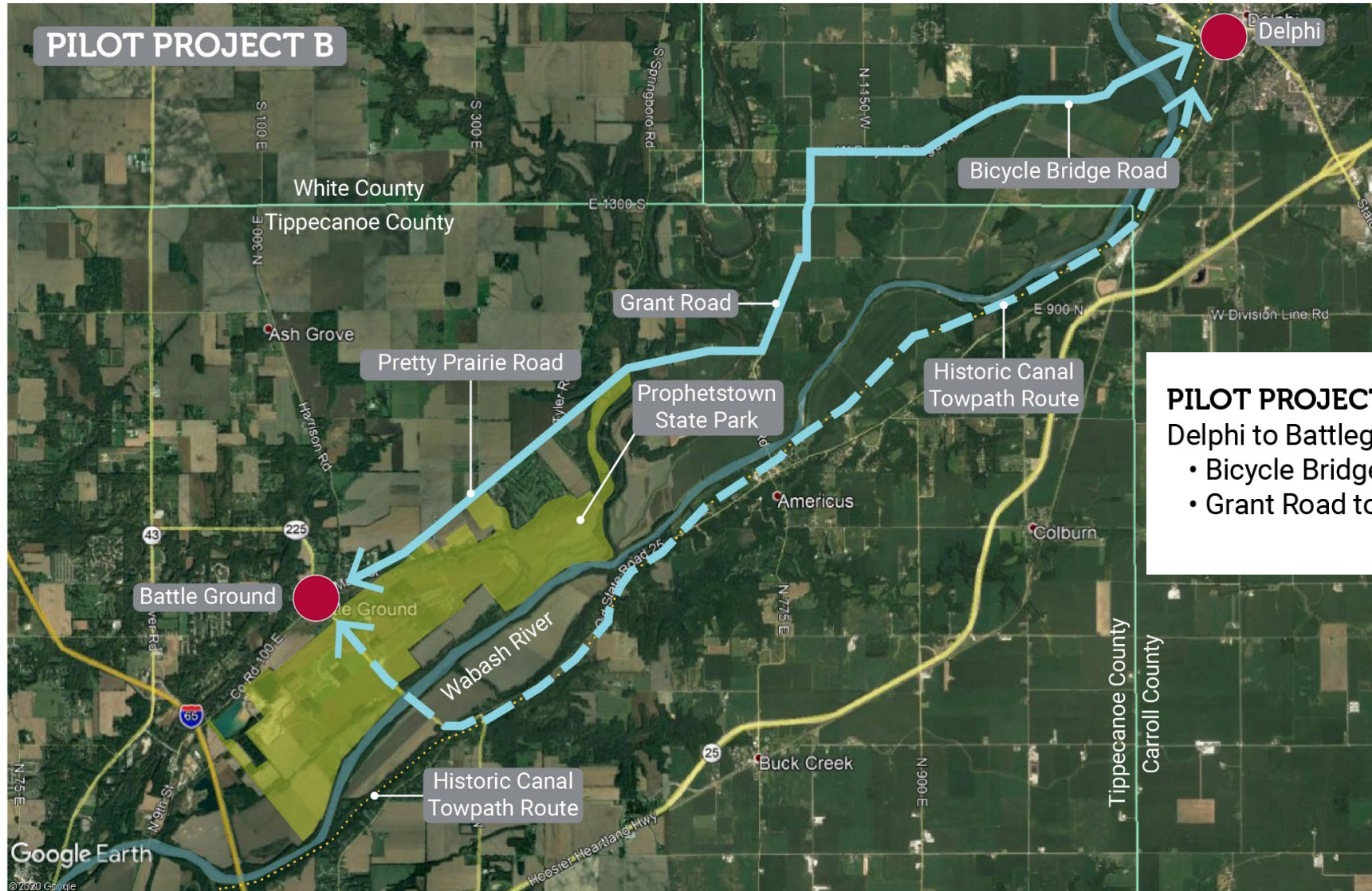


PILOT PROJECT A

Upgrade existing trails + Trailhead Park enhancements

- From Canal Park to Trailhead Park
- Widen/pave trails
- Branding & Enhancements

Carroll County



PILOT PROJECT B

Delphi to Battleground / Prophetstown State Park

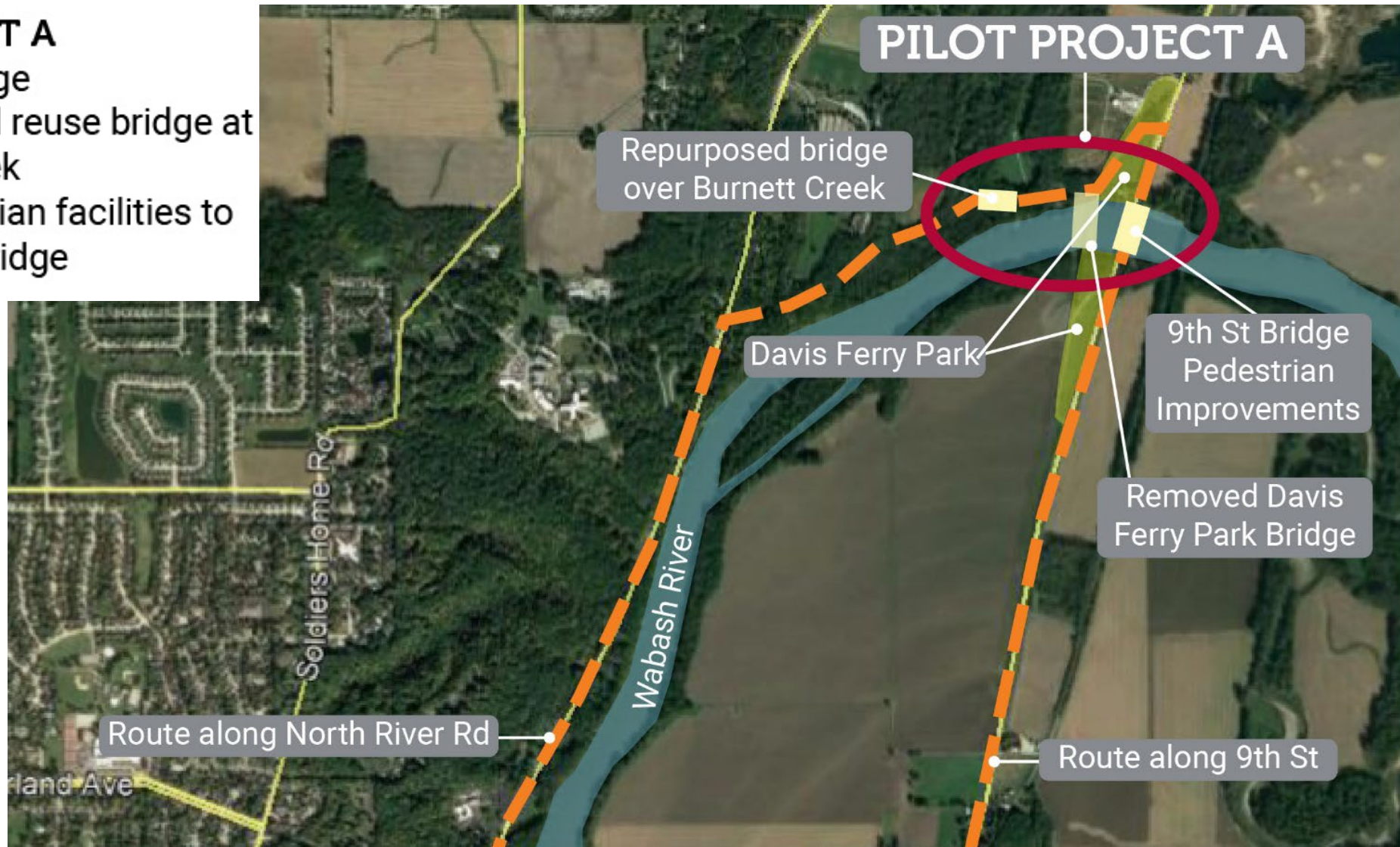
- Bicycle Bridge Road to Grant Road
- Grant Road to Pretty Prairie Road

Tippecanoe County

PILOT PROJECT A

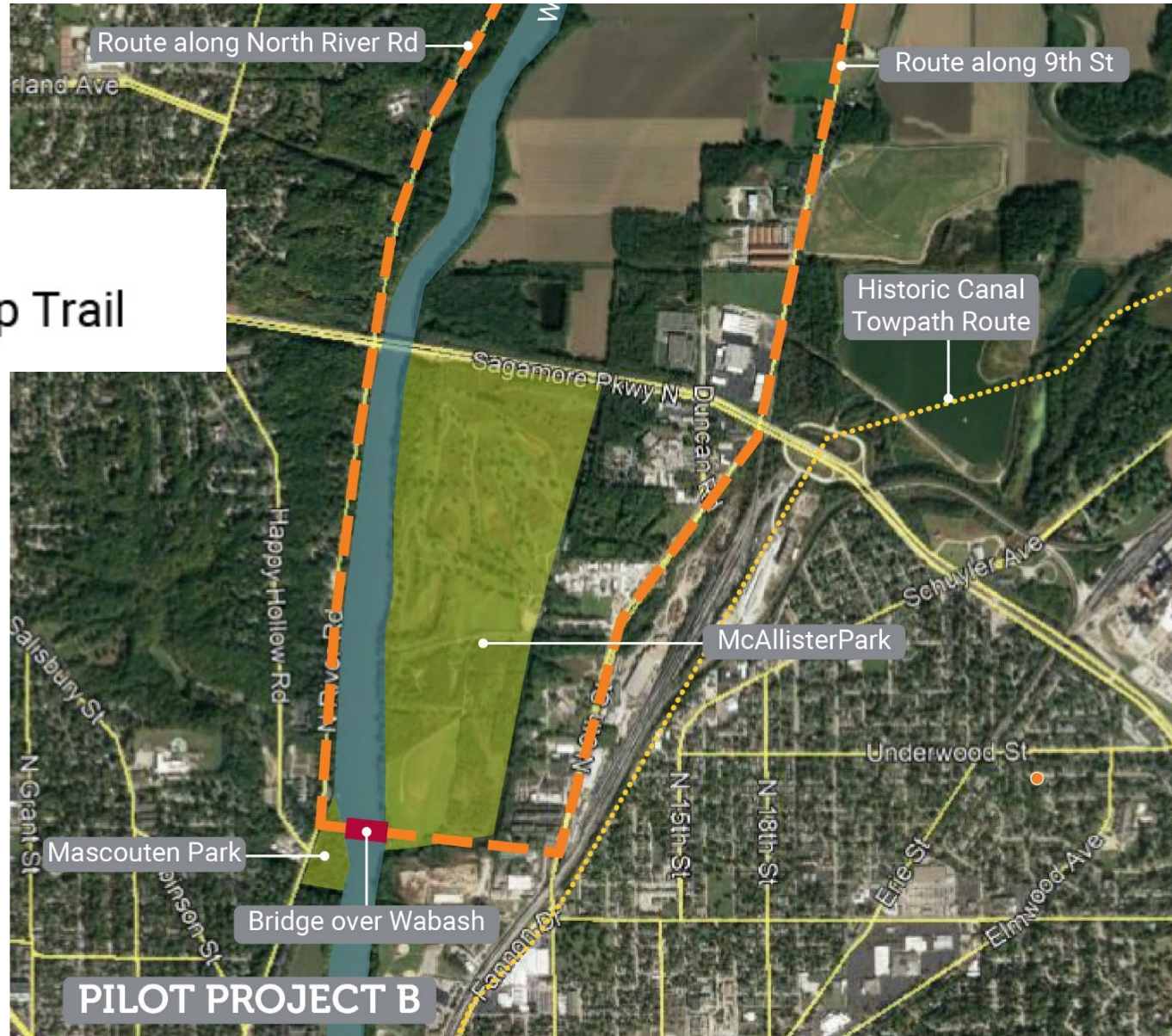
Davis Ferry Bridge

- Remove and reuse bridge at Burnett Creek
- Add pedestrian facilities to 9th Street bridge



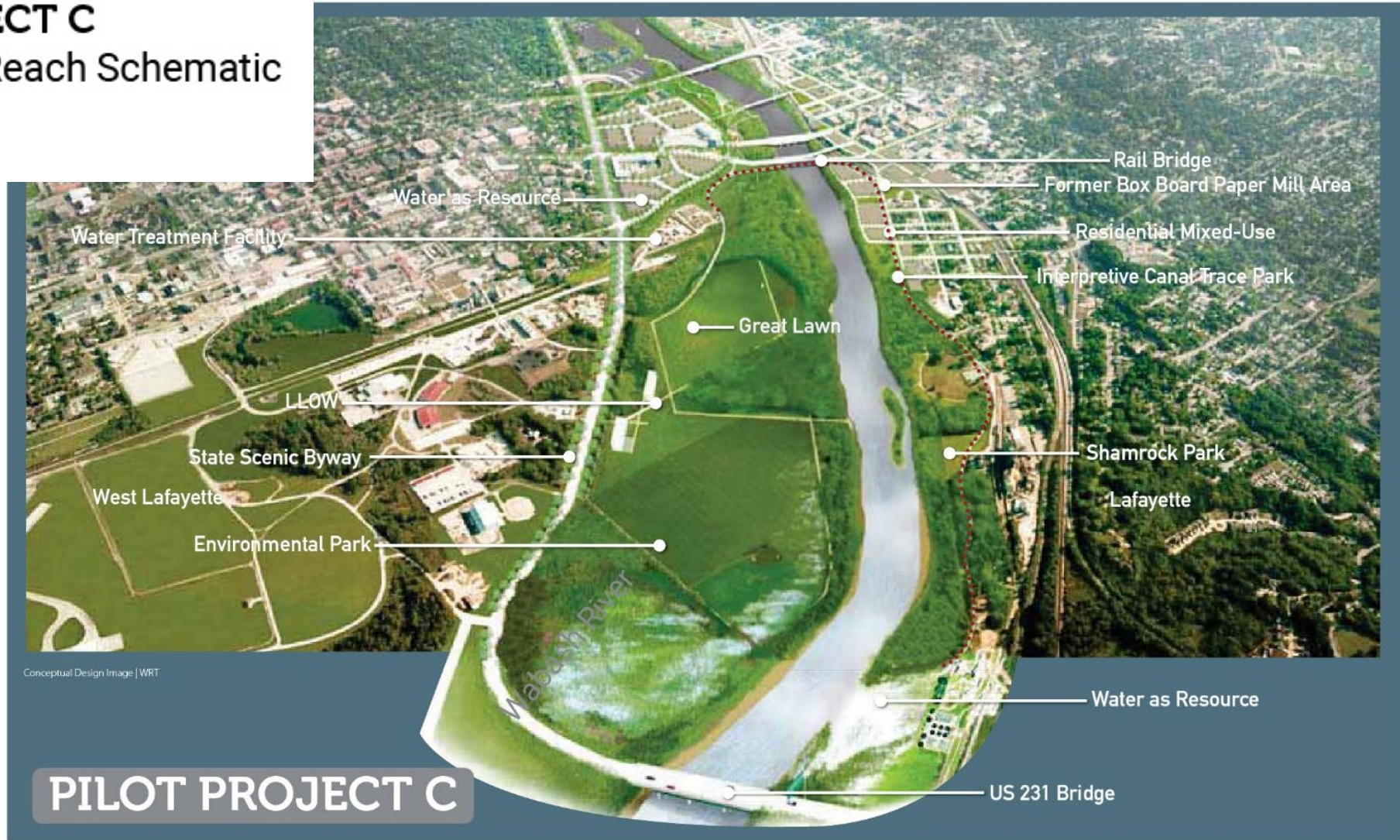
Tippecanoe County

PILOT PROJECT B North River Road Loop Trail



Tippecanoe County

PILOT PROJECT C South Urban Reach Schematic Design



REACH RECOMMENDATIONS

Highlights of recommended public and private sector investments for each Reach are outlined below and illustrated in the aerial views. The public sector investments of Connections and Open Space are planned to leverage the private investments of Development.

NORTHERN REACH

Connections

- US 52 Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements
- New Mascouten Pedestrian Bridge
- Harrison Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements
- New Pedestrian Bridge Over Railroad
- Scenic Byway Enhancement (all three Reaches)

Open Space

- New Boat Basins
- Happy Hollow & Mascouten Parks Enhancements
- Golf Course & Recreation Enhancements
- New Kids Zone & Overlook Park
- New Signature Park

Development

- North 9th Street Corridor/ Green City Development

CENTRAL REACH

Connections

- New Brown Street Pedestrian Bridge
- Enhance Myers Bridge & New Riverside Promenade
- SR 26 Bridges Pedestrian Enhancements
- Rail Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements

Open Space

- Tapawingo Park Enhancement & Expansion
- Lafayette Landing Park

Development

- West Lafayette Redevelopment
- Lafayette Downtown Redevelopment
- Rhiele Plaza Redevelopment

SOUTHERN REACH

Connections

- Rail Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements
- US 231 Bridge Pedestrian Enhancements
- Trails; New, Extension of Wabash River Heritage Trail (all three Reaches)

Open Space

- Canal Trace Park
- Water as Resource Park Element
- Environmental Park
- Great Lawn
- Living Laboratory on the Wabash

Development

- Residential Mixed Use

Warren County

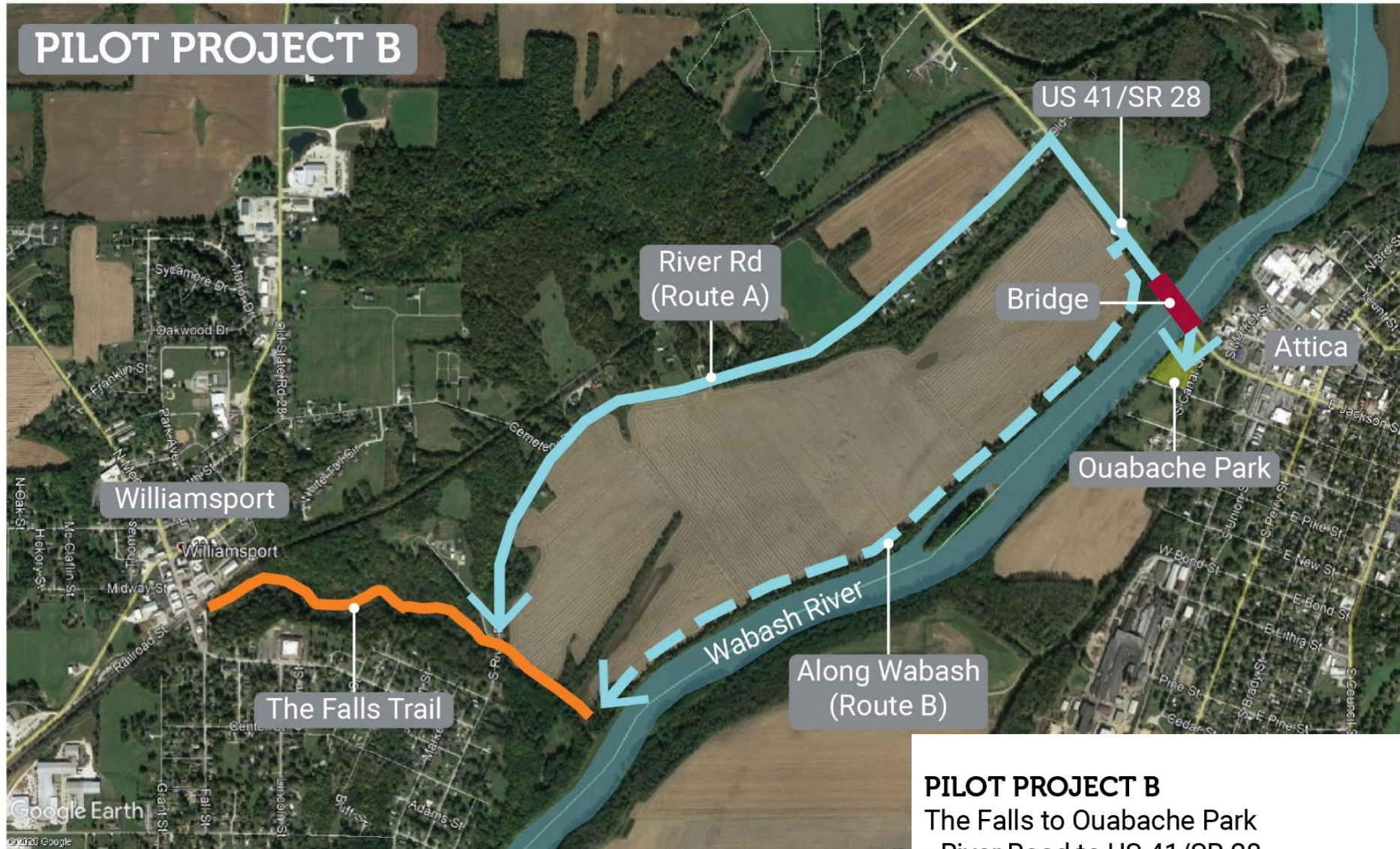


PILOT PROJECT A

The Falls to the Wabash River

- Widen/pave trail
- Design Falls overlook
- Potential Wabash River overlook
- Connect to Old Town Park for water access

Warren County



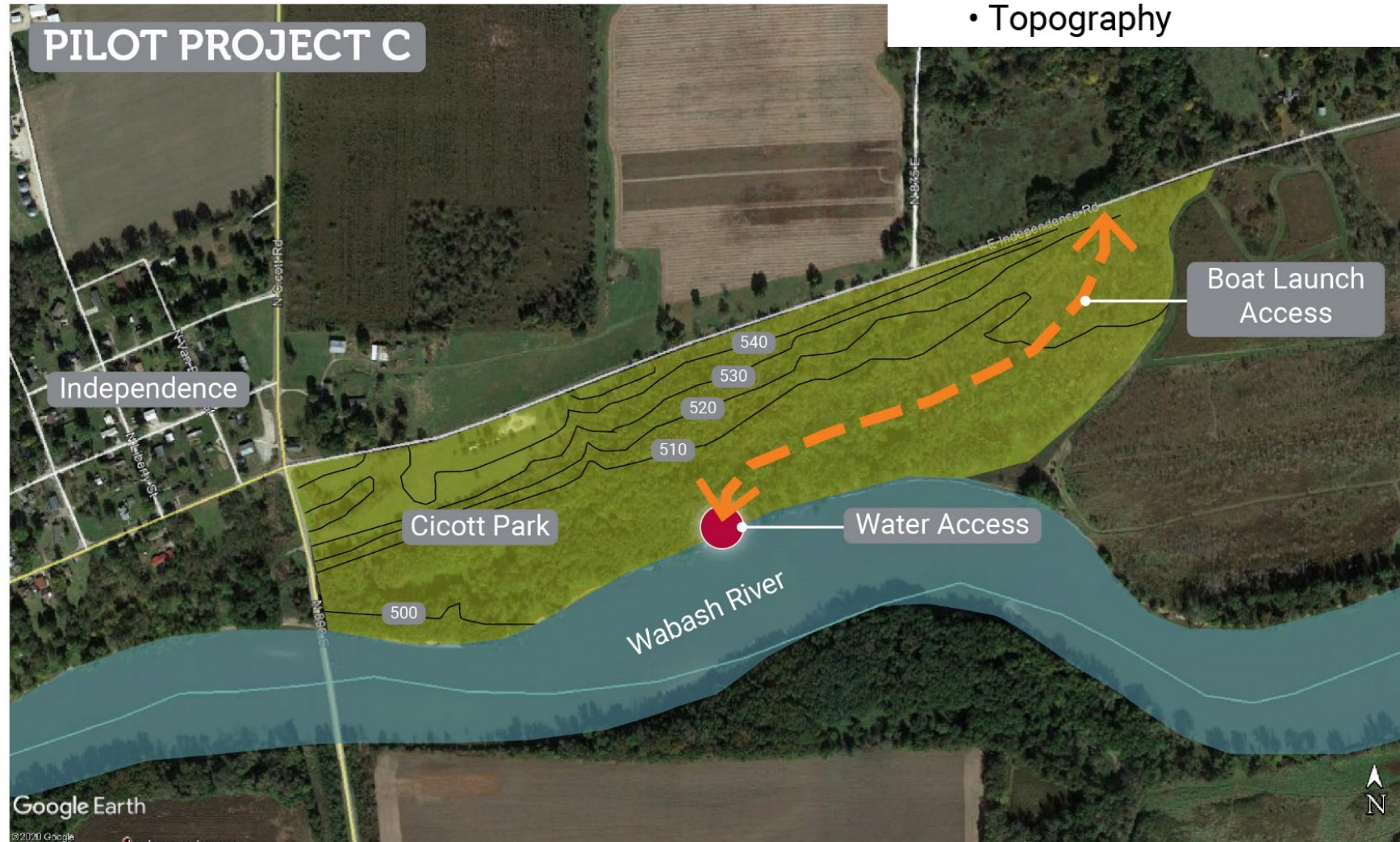
PILOT PROJECT B

The Falls to Ouabache Park

- River Road to US 41/SR 28
- US 41/ SR 28 bridge improvement with pedestrian facilities

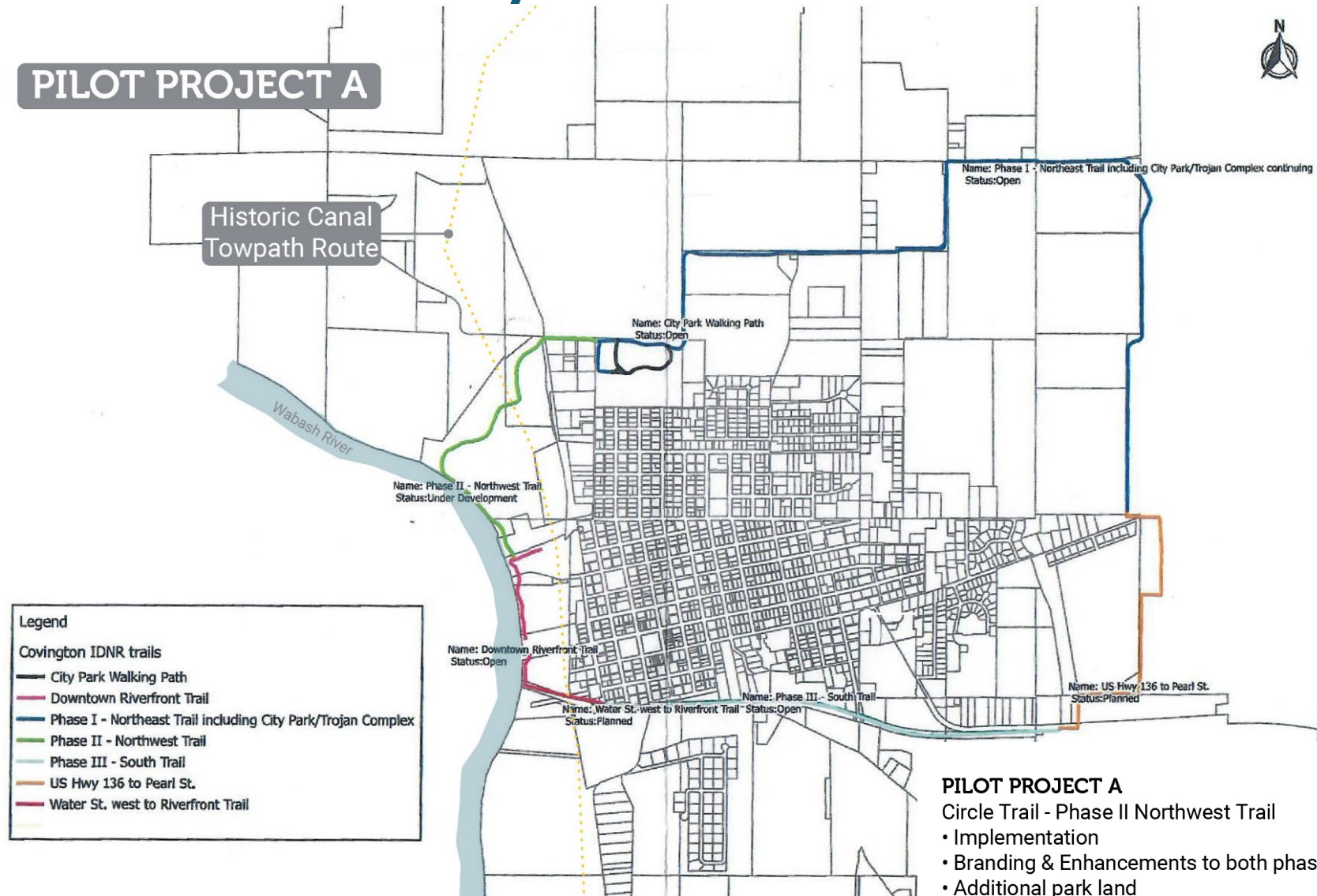
Warren County

PILOT PROJECT C Cicott Park Water Access • Topography



Fountain County

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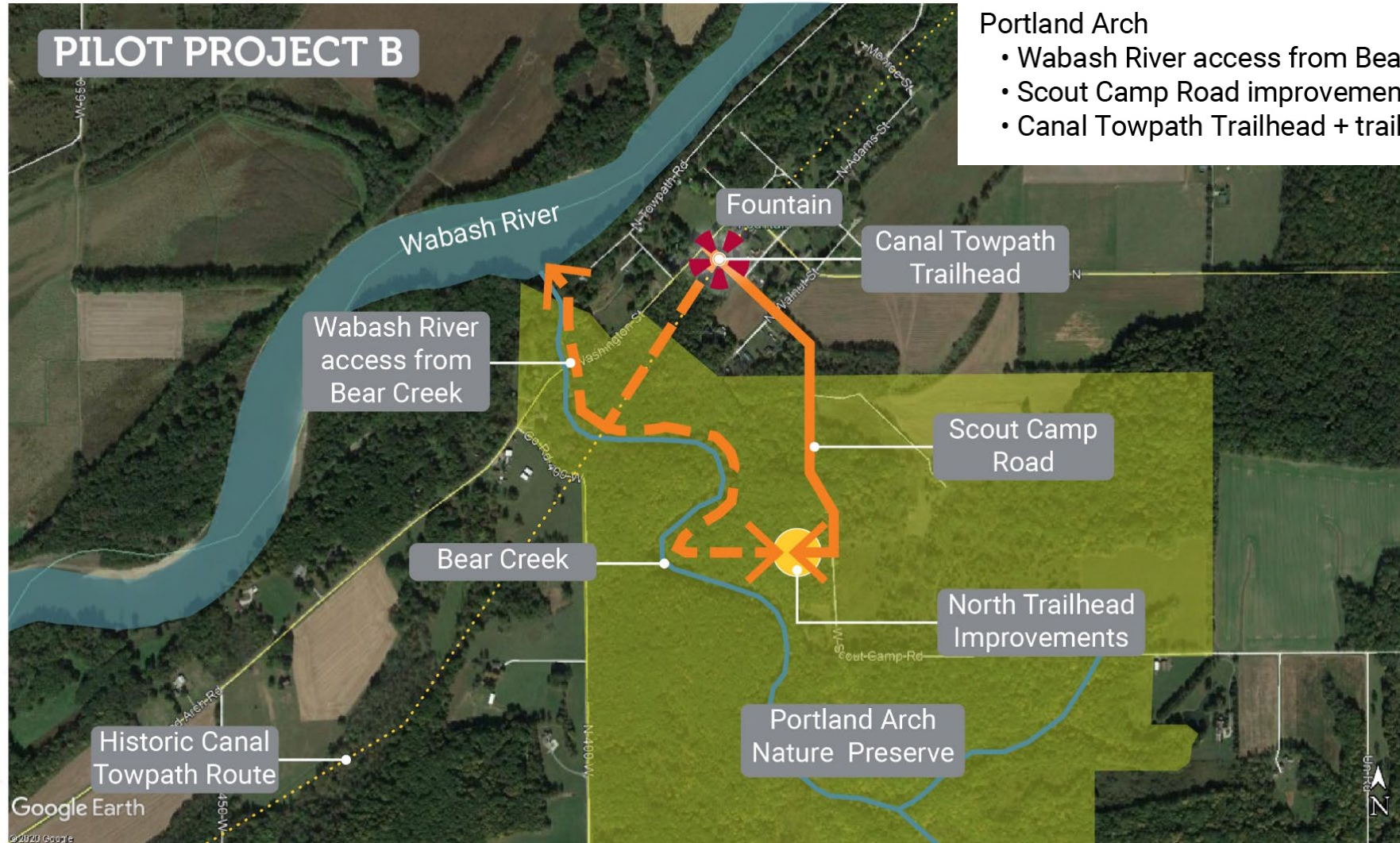


PILOT PROJECT A

Circle Trail - Phase II Northwest Trail

- Implementation
- Branding & Enhancements to both phases in progress and completed phases
- Additional park land

Fountain County



PILOT PROJECT B

Portland Arch

- Wabash River access from Bear Creek
- Scout Camp Road improvements to accommodate bike facilities
- Canal Towpath Trailhead + trail to Portland Arch & Bear Creek



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WABASH RIVER GREENWAY CORRIDOR Master Plan

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