

Reporting on  
progress, the  
feasibility  
studies, and  
next steps



Linking communities, neighborhoods & nature



David L. & Rita E. Nelson  
Family Fund



# The Basics

- **The Idea**

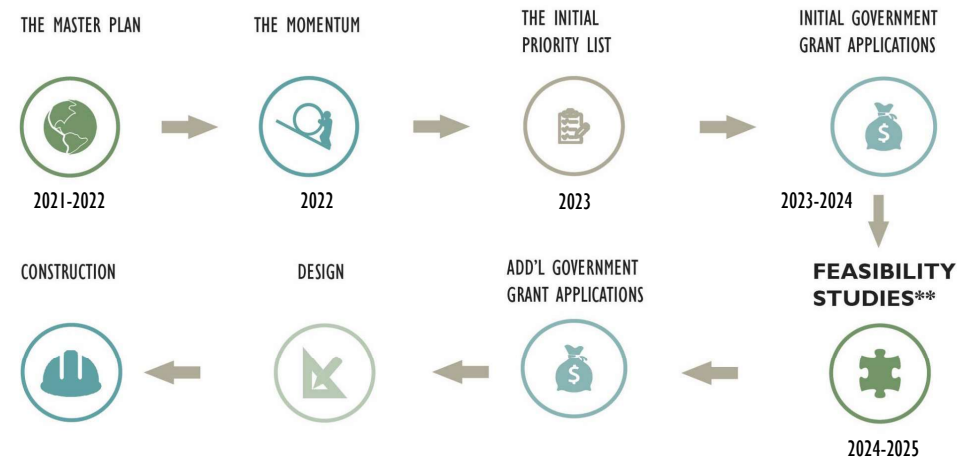
- A bike/pedestrian route that will extend the regional east/west trail corridor from the Trestle to High Cliff State Park.
- Establish extended linkages to neighborhoods.
- The connection will tie into the Friendship Trail and existing and planned local trails.

- **The Core TEAM**

- Menasha
- Harrison
- Sherwood
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region- David L. & Rita E. Nelson Family Fund
- East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Fox Cities Greenways
- Friends of High Cliff State Park
- Calumet County



# An Overview of the Corridor Timeline



# Project Highlights to date...

## JEFFERSON PARK TRAIL REHABILITATION

### THE BASICS:

Project will include the rehabilitation and realignment of the trails throughout the park -- a main spine of the High Cliff Connection Corridor.

### WIN:

WisDNR grant awarded for \$100,000.

### TIMING:

Construction completed in 2024.

## FEASIBILITY STUDY: LOCAL ROADS

### THE BASICS:

Project will look in more detail at the feasibility of building off-road trails along Manitowoc Road (1.6 miles), Old Highway Road (1.8 miles), & Pigeon Road north (.64 miles).

### WIN:

Study funded 80% by WisDOT and 20% by the David L. & Rita E. Nelson Fund.

### TIMING:

Feasibility Study to be presented to local municipalities in February & March 2025.

## OLD HIGHWAY ROAD TRAIL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

### THE BASICS:

Design & construction of a new off-road trail along Old Highway Road from Lake Park Road to Friendship Trail (1.8 miles)

### WIN:

Awarded WisDOT grant in August 2024.

### TIMING:

Applying for WisDNR Stewardship grant in 2025, design to begin in late 2025, Construction in Spring 2027.



## FEASIBILITY STUDY: STH 114

### THE BASICS:

Project will look in more detail at the feasibility of building off-road trails along STH 114 from Oneida Street to Lake Park Road (2.06 miles) and from Fire Lane 12 to Pigeon Road (1.56 miles).

### WIN:

Study funded 80% by WisDOT and 20% by the David L. & Rita E. Nelson Fund.

### TIMING:

Feasibility Study to be presented to local municipalities in February & March 2025.

## PIGEON ROAD SOUTH TRAIL REHABILITATION

### THE BASICS:

Project will rehabilitate the existing Pigeon Road Trail near High Cliff State Park.

### WIN:

Project is included within the Village's Budget.

### TIMING:

Will be resubmitting for a WisDNR Stewardship Grant in 2025

# Funding overview to date

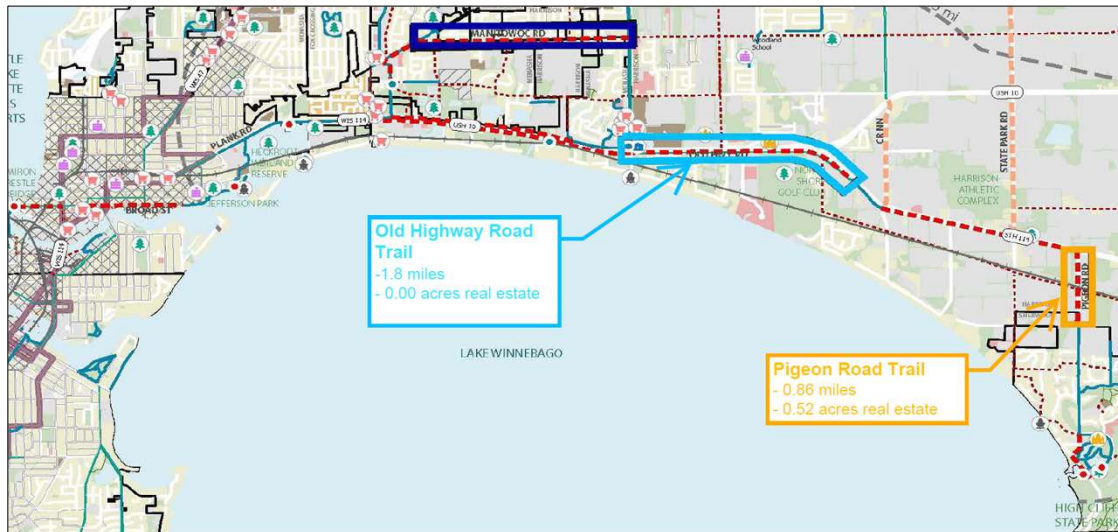
- **CFFVR:**

- Donated **\$100,000** to fund the master plan.
- **\$2,000,000** pledged towards the project development.
  - funds used for local matching, part-time trail coordinator, website, etc.
  - pledged to match local municipal match at 1:2 level.
  - will be covering 100% of the design costs for the STH 114 Woodlands West segment.
- **\$210,000** in additional donations secured toward the project through CFFVR in 2024.

- **Government grants (2023 and 2024):**

- **\$100,000** WisDNR grant to Menasha for Jefferson Trail Rehabilitation.
- **\$65,600** WisDOT grant for Local Roads Feasibility Study.
- **\$48,000** WisDOT grant for STH 114 Trails Feasibility Study.
- **\$ 935,489.34** WisDOT grant for Old Highway Road Trail: Design and Construction.

# Alternatives considered: Local Roads



## Old Highway Road

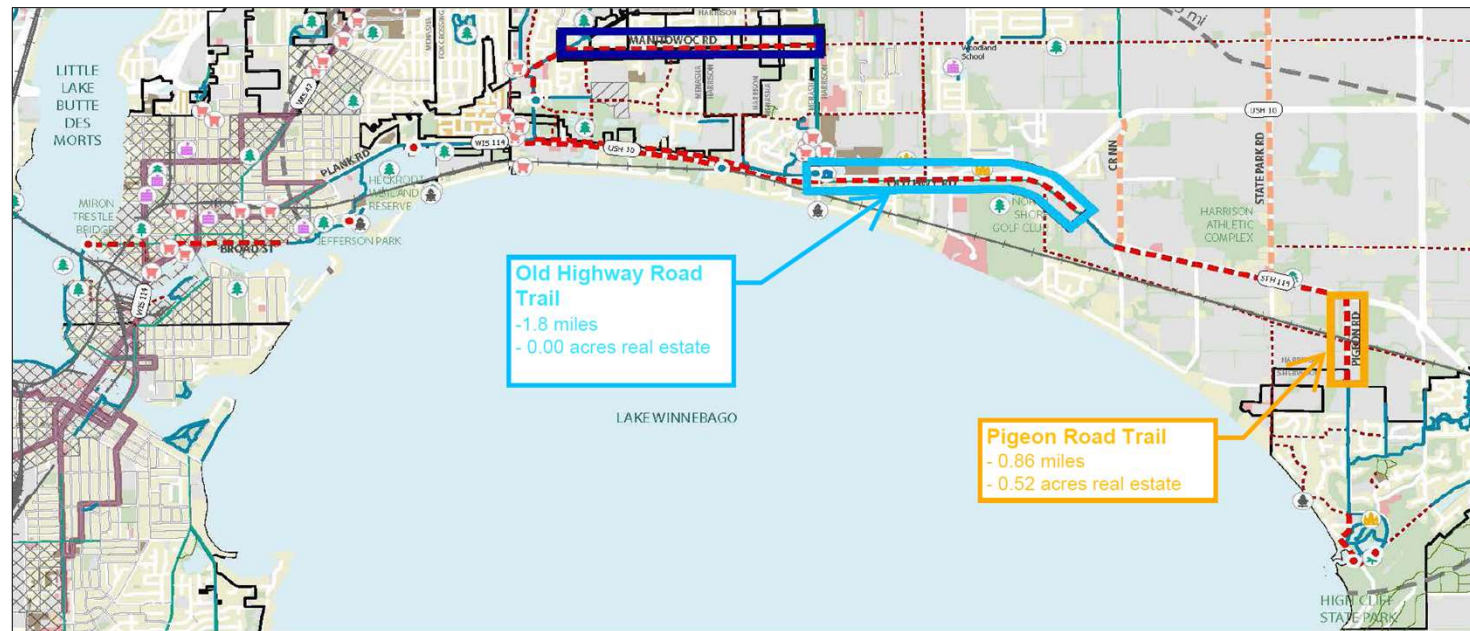
- **Removal of bike lanes and replacement with off-road trail (safety)**
- **\*South side vs north side:**
  - connectivity to neighborhoods
  - farther away from the highway (safety)
  - direct connectivity to Friendship State Trail
  - located in Harrison

## Pigeon Road Trail

- **West side of road:**
  - to extend existing trail
  - direct connection into future STH 114 east
  - located in Sherwood & Harrison
- **Alternatives reviewed:**
  - within the R/W (requiring extensive storm sewer)
  - **\*behind the R/W**
    - maintaining existing ditches
    - safer
    - Lower cost
    - Requires some property acquisition



# Feasibility Study Recommendations: Local Roads



## Manitowoc Road:

- Not recommended to move forward as a formal part of the High Cliff Connection.
- Future planning for the road should include bike/ped facilities.

## Old Highway Road Trail

- WisDOT TAP grant awarded for \$935,489.34.
- Cost: \$1,455,000
- Design starts in late 2025.
- Construction in 2027.
- Additional grant applications to be submitted in 2025.

## Pigeon Road Trail Extension

- 1<sup>st</sup> Real Estate need to be secured....
- After real estate, funding applications/ awards, then design, then construction.
- **Cost: \$1,750,000**
- Non- funding challenges: Real estate, railroad, stormwater

**Anticipated Cost\*  
for both:  
\$3,205,000.00**

\*(real estate, design, construction with inflation)

## Current Old Highway Funding:

- \$935,489.34: WisDOT grant
- \$519,510.66 : Residual funds needed
  - Apply for add'l grants
  - 2:1 match with local funds from CFFVR (for every \$2 municipality contributes, the CFFVR contributes \$1)

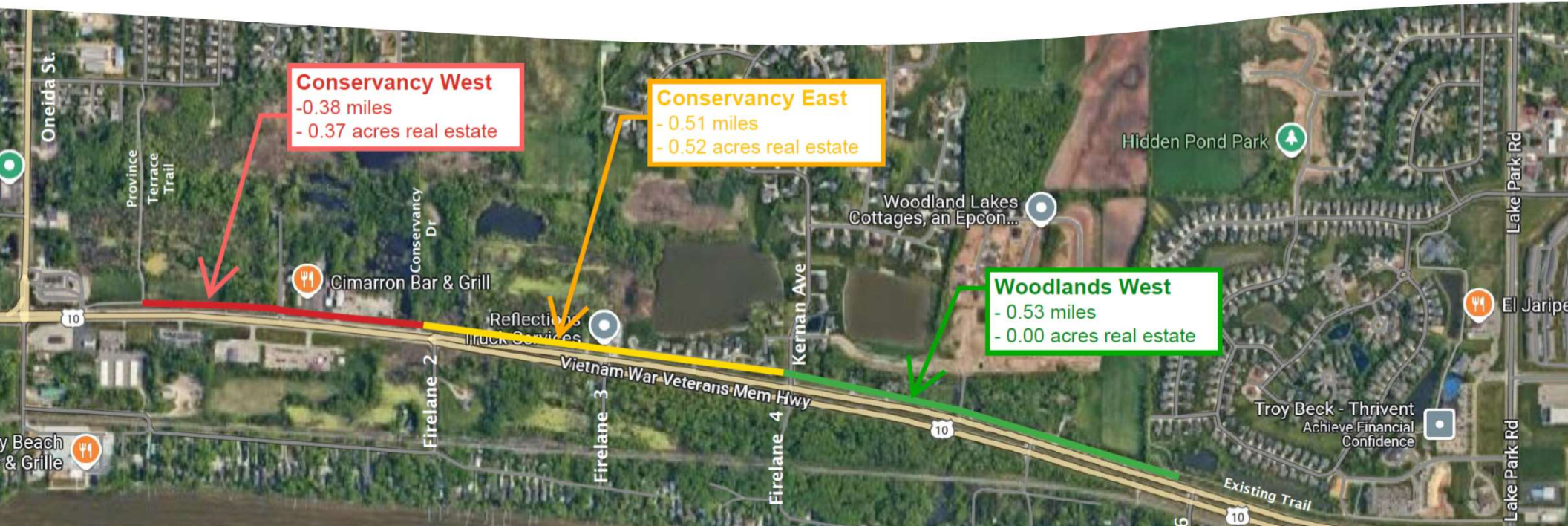
# Alternatives considered: STH 114 West (Menasha & Harrison)

## South side:

- More environmental impacts
- Tighter right-of-way, so if constructed wi/ right-of- way minimal offset from roadway
- Extensive real estate required if safe offset
- Extensive storm sewer improvements necessary

## \*North side:

- Direct connections to existing east and west trails
- Less property acquisition
- Less environmental impacts
- Greater roadway offset (safer )
- Lower cost





# Feasibility Study Recommendations: STH 114 West

## Anticipated construction order of segments:

1. Woodlands West
2. Conservancy East
3. Conservancy West

### Woodlands West

- Connecting into the existing trail on the east.
- Design will be funded 100% by CFFVR- start in 2025.
- Multiple grants to be applied for in 2025.
- Menasha will lead
- Est: \$1,680,000 design & construction

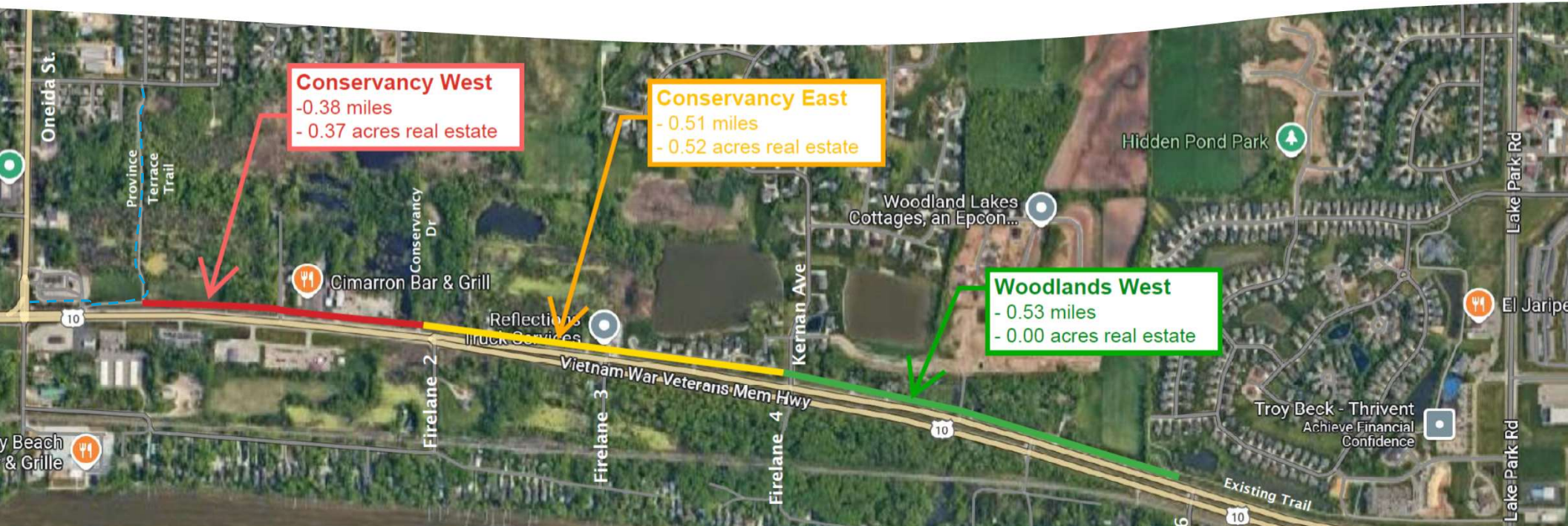
### Conservancy East

- Connect in with the Conservancy
- Est. \$1,793,000 in real estate, design, and construction

### Conservancy West

- Will connect in with the Conservancy and the existing Province Terrace Trail.
- Est: \$1,393,000 in real estate, design & construction

**Anticipated cost for all three segments:**  
**\$4,866,000**





## Alternatives considered: STH 114 East

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# Feasibility Study Recommendations: STH 114 West

- Extensive real estate needed
- Potential utility corridor challenges
- Anticipated cost \$1,790,000.00

# POTENTIAL Project Timeline after Feasibility Studies\*

## Project Process



## Corridor Projects (listed by construction year)



\* Based on funding availability & strip property acquisition

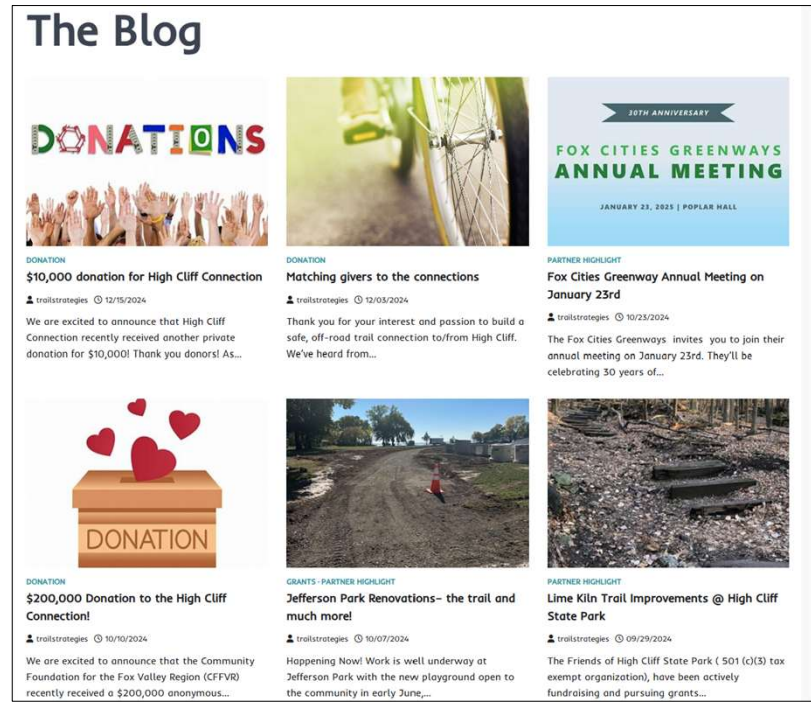
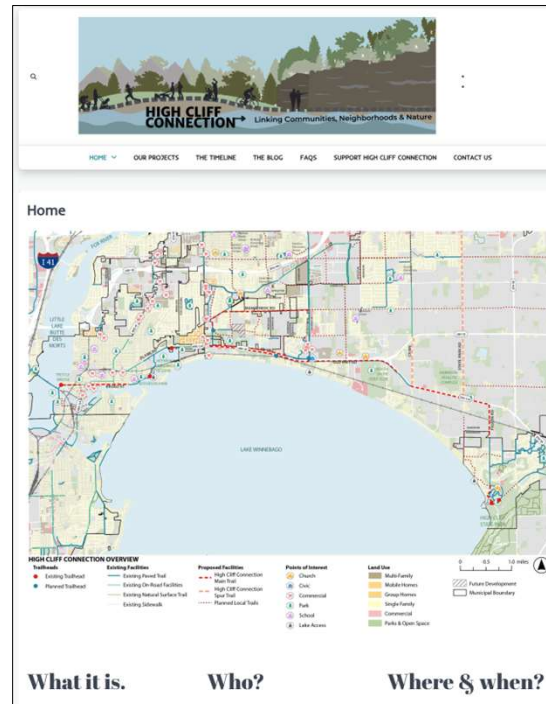


# For 2025 potential game plan....



# How to Stay Connected with the Project

- The website:  
*highcliffconnection.org*
- Sign up for updates (via website)
- Follow our partners--  
sharing via social media
- Annual Newsletter



# How can you help?

- Subscribe to newsletter & blog.

**Connect & share**



- Opportunities to present at community events, groups, etc. – we welcome the opportunity!

**Get the word out!**



- Keeping it in the forefront.
- Showing support to their legislators.

**Legislative connections**



- To date, \$2,310,000 raised for the project through the CFFVR !

**Donate funds**



- For many of the segments, we'll need land.

**Donate land along the corridor**



***Current estimate\* is \$9,861.000 to build the proposed 6 segments.***

\*estimate includes real estate, design, and construction and inflation

# Thank you! Questions?

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