

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF MAPLEWOOD**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
6:00 PM January 21, 2025  
City Hall, Council Chambers

Meeting is also available on Comcast Ch.16 and streaming via [vod.maplewoodmn.gov](http://vod.maplewoodmn.gov)

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 19, 2025

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Battle Creek-St. Croix River Regional Trail Long Range Plan
2. 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Goal Setting

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Ponds Development Park Concept

**G. VISITOR PRESENTATION**

**H. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS**

**I. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

1. Parks and Natural Resources Division Updates

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

***RULES OF CIVILITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OUR COMMUNITY***

Following are rules of civility the City of Maplewood expects of everyone appearing at Commission Meetings - elected officials, staff and citizens. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone's opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. We appreciate the fact that when appearing at Commission meetings, it is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

Speak only for yourself, not for other Commission members or citizens - unless specifically tasked by your colleagues to speak for the group or for citizens in the form of a petition.

Show respect during comments and/or discussions, listen actively and do not interrupt or talk amongst each other.

Be respectful of the process, keeping order and decorum. Do not be critical of Commission members, staff or others in public.

Be respectful of each other's time keeping remarks brief, to the point and non-repetitive.

MINUTES  
MAPLEWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
6:00p.m., November 19, 2025

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson DeMoe at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners

Vickie Lee-Her, Commissioner	Present
Jason DeMoe, Chair	Present
Terri Mallet, Commissioner	Absent
Monica Barton, Commissioner	Present
Kimii Porter, Commissioner	Absent

Staff

Audra Robbins, Parks and Recreation Manager	Present
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Student Commissioners:

Joceyln	Absent
Celie	Absent
Rory	Present
Sihaam	Present

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Barton made a motion to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Lee-Her. Ayes – All

The motion passed.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. October 15, 2025**

Commissioner Lee-Her made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Barton. Ayes – All

The motion passed.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Natural Resources Division Update**

Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Audra Robbins introduced Katelyn Bergstrom, Natural Resources Coordinator, who gave natural resource updates on completed and upcoming projects along with volunteer updates.

**2. 2025 Playground Ratings/CIP Project Discussion**

Audra Robbins shared the yearly playground ratings with the commission. Audra also provided updates on Kohlman playground replacement and refurbishing of the 4 Seasons tennis courts and the shifting landscape of tennis demand.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**G. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Jason Lamers – 2620 Knollwood Court**

Jason asked a question about ice rink maintenance and tree removal at Kohlman.

**H. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS**

**I. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Division Updates**

Audra Robbins updated the commission on the warming house and skating rink locations. Audra also showed the commission photos of the completed hardcourt renovations at Pleasantview Park and the newly installed playground at Harvest Park.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

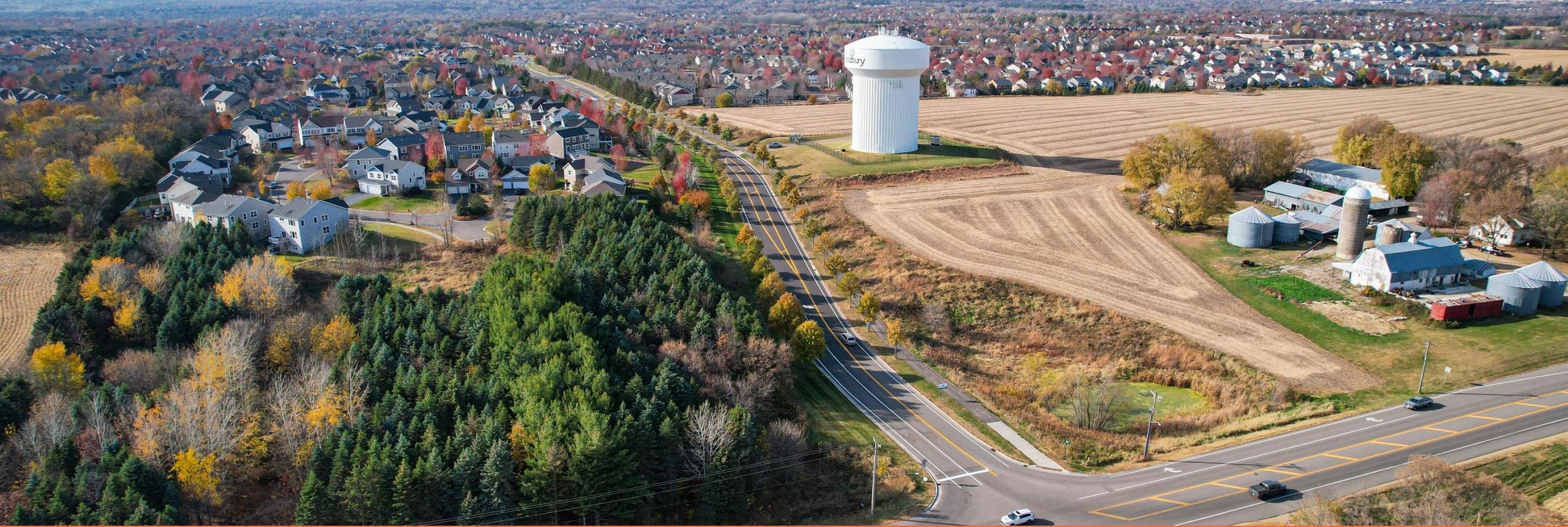
Commissioner Barton made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Lee-Her.

Ayes – All

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



# Battle Creek to St. Croix River Regional Trail Long Range Plan

Maplewood Presentation: 1/21/2026



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Project Background
3. Trail Segment Evaluation Overview
4. Next Steps



# Project Background

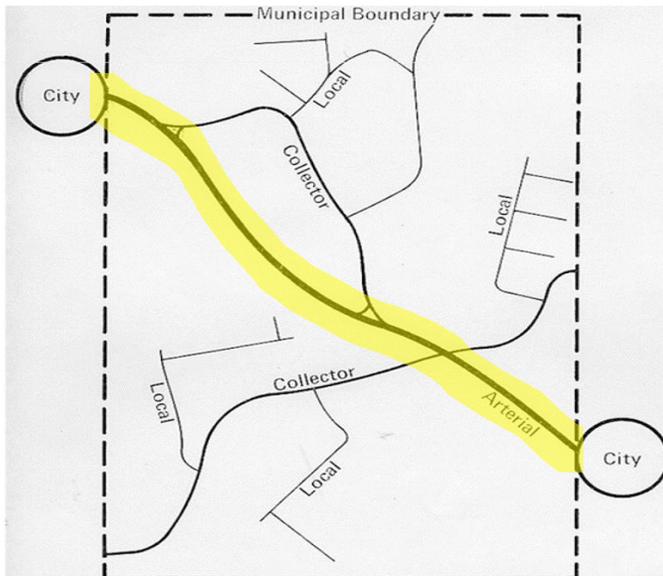
# Regional Trail Long Range Plans

## Regional Trails

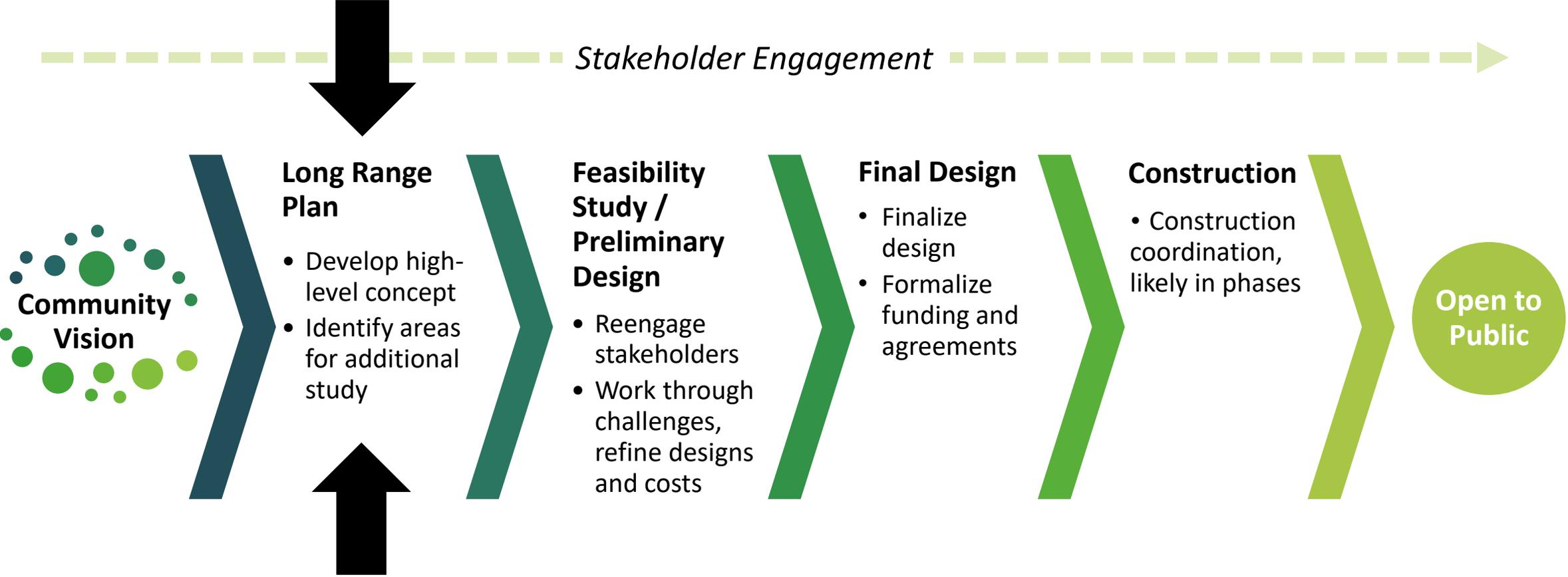
- “Tree trunks” or "highways" of system
- Standard: 10 ft wide paved trail, with 10 ft buffer
- Quality signage and amenities

## Long Range Plans

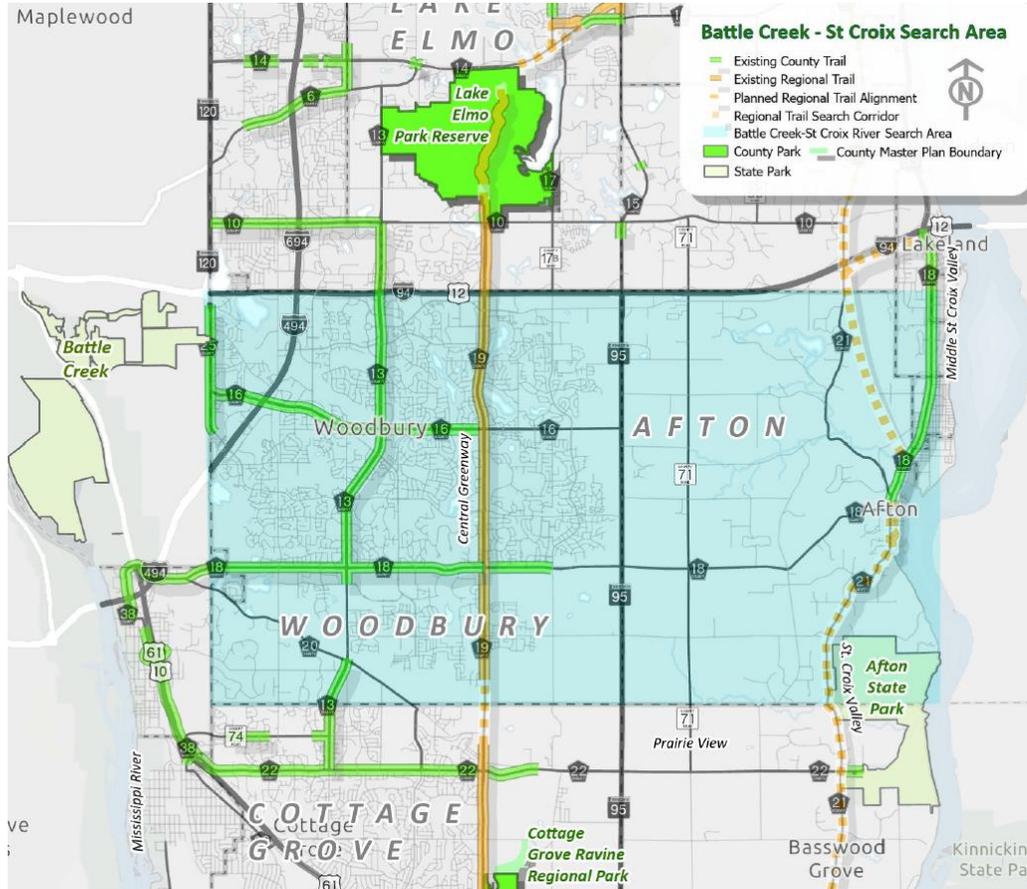
- Guidance on future alignment, development, management
- Eligible for funding
- Engagement with partners and public



# Regional Trail Project Timeline



# Corridor Background



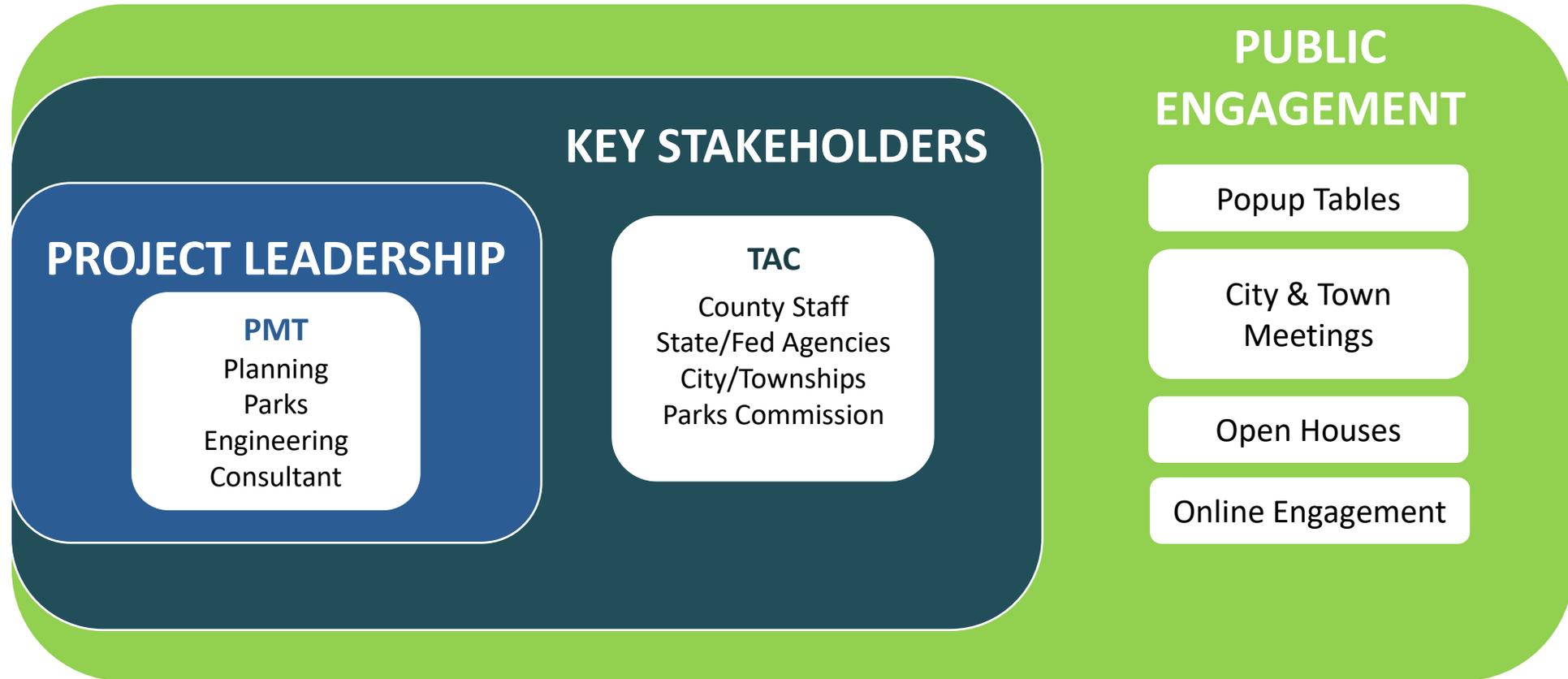
~13-mile West-East Arterial Trail

- **West:** County line
- **East:** St Croix River/Downtown Afton

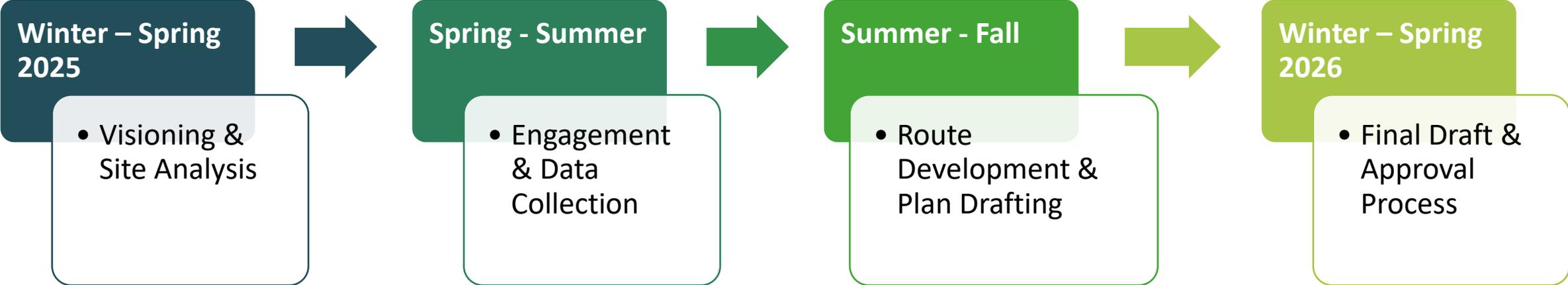
Link between Maplewood/Ramsey County -> Woodbury -> Afton

Build on existing plans/studies

# Stakeholder Engagement



# Long-Range Plan Timeline



# Engagement Opportunities

- Public Popups
  - Open House (April)
  - Gold Line Opening
  - Belwin Bison Festival Fun Run 5k
  - Afton Strawberry Festival
  - Woodbury Juneteenth
- Online Survey
- Commission engagement
- Agency staff engagement



# Engagement Takeaways

## Pop-up Comment Themes:

- Excitement for the trail
- Traffic separation, safe crossings
- Concerns about cost, impact to roads and private land

## Survey Findings:

- Factors in Trail Use - highest rated:
  - Crossings of major roadways
  - Personal safety
  - Opportunity to experience nature
  - Trail separated from vehicle traffic

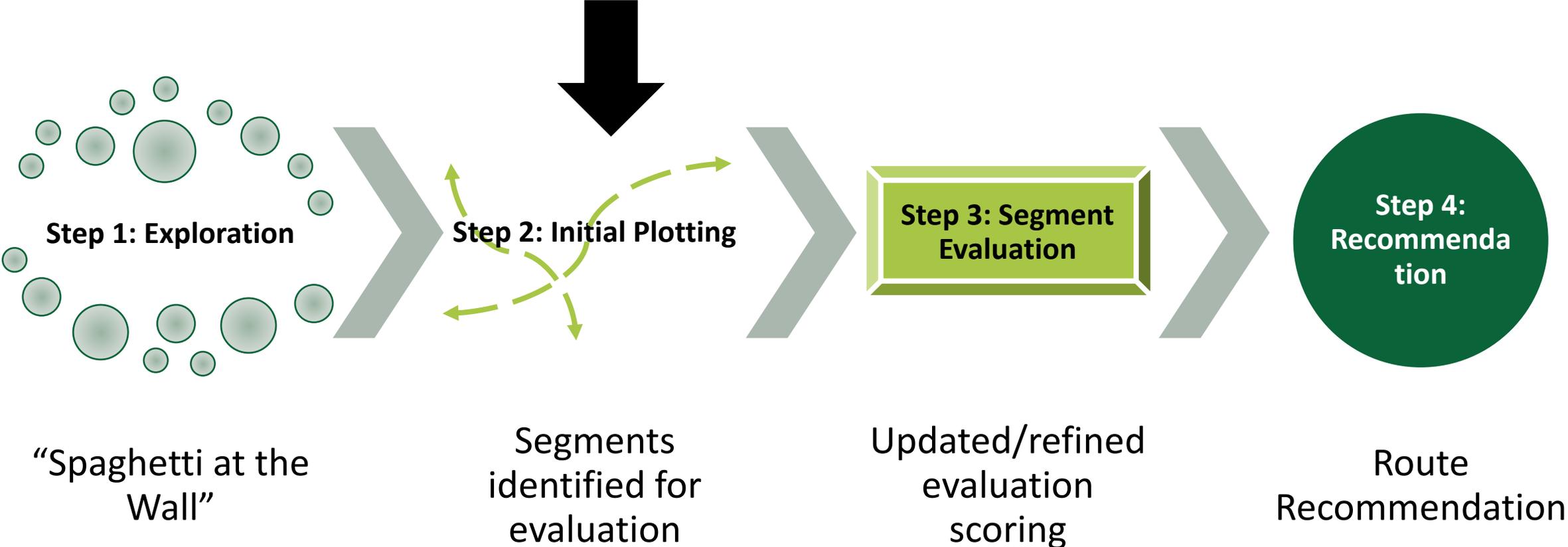
## Commission/Staff Engagements:

- Identified key opportunities and challenges
  - Future projects synergy
  - Property and engineering restrictions
  - Destinations to highlight
- Local expertise



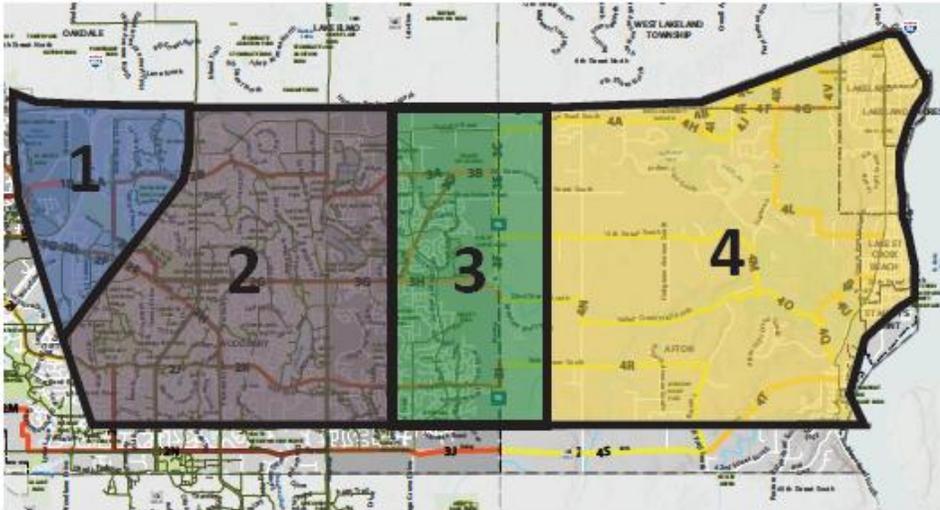
# Trail Segment Evaluation Overview

# Evaluation Process



# Introduction to Evaluation

**4**  
**ZONES**



**56**  
**SEGMENTS**

**6**  
**GOALS**

-  SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY
-  EQUITY AND INCLUSION
-  IMPLEMENTATION
-  CONNECTIVITY
-  NATURAL RESOURCES AND RESILIENCY
-  HIGH QUALITY TRAIL EXPERIENCE

**24**  
**OBJECTIVES**

**53**  
**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

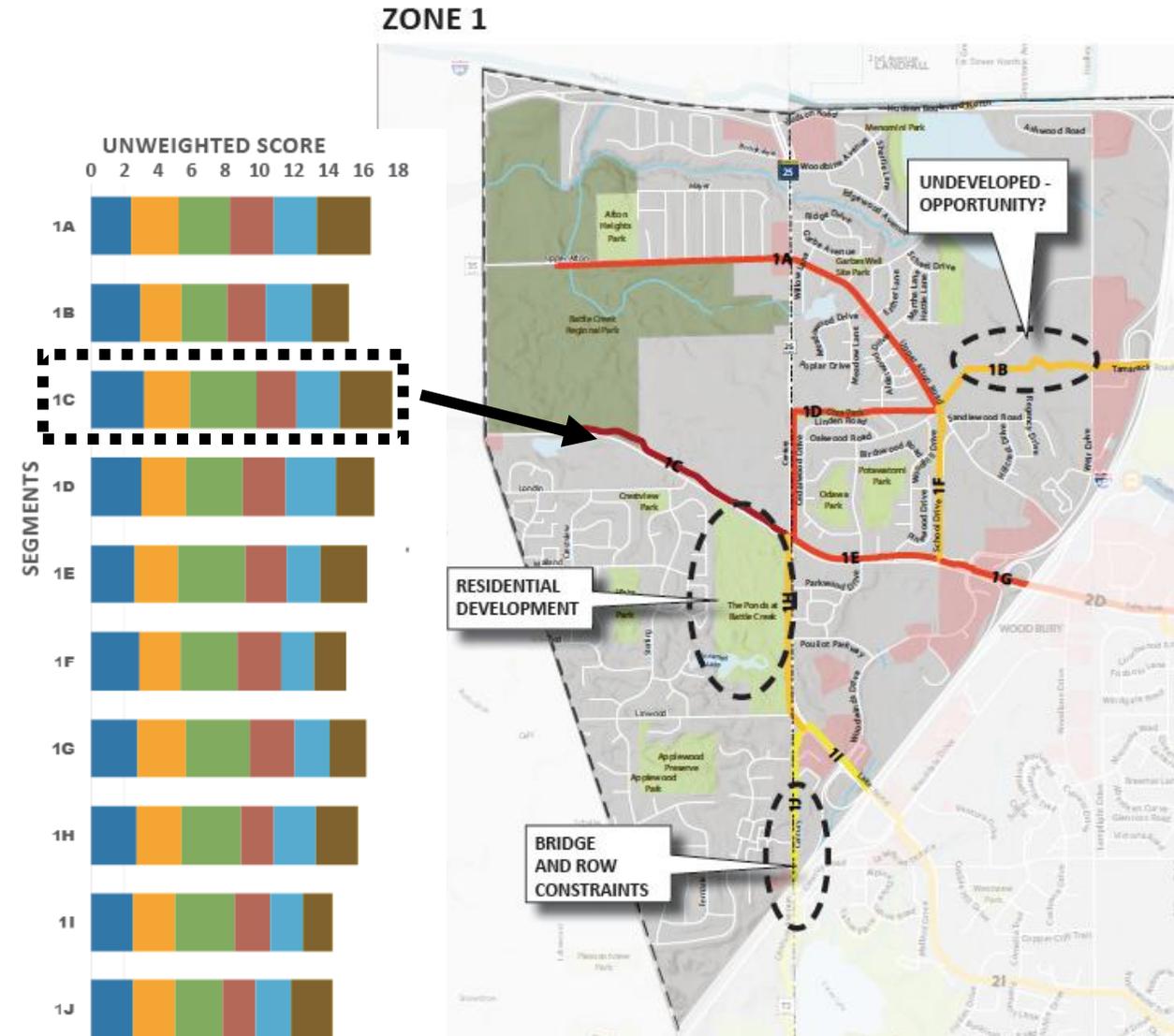
# Evaluation Continued...

How to read the charts and maps:

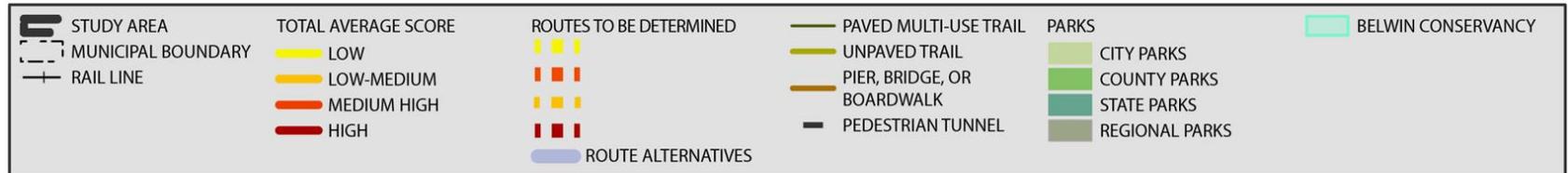
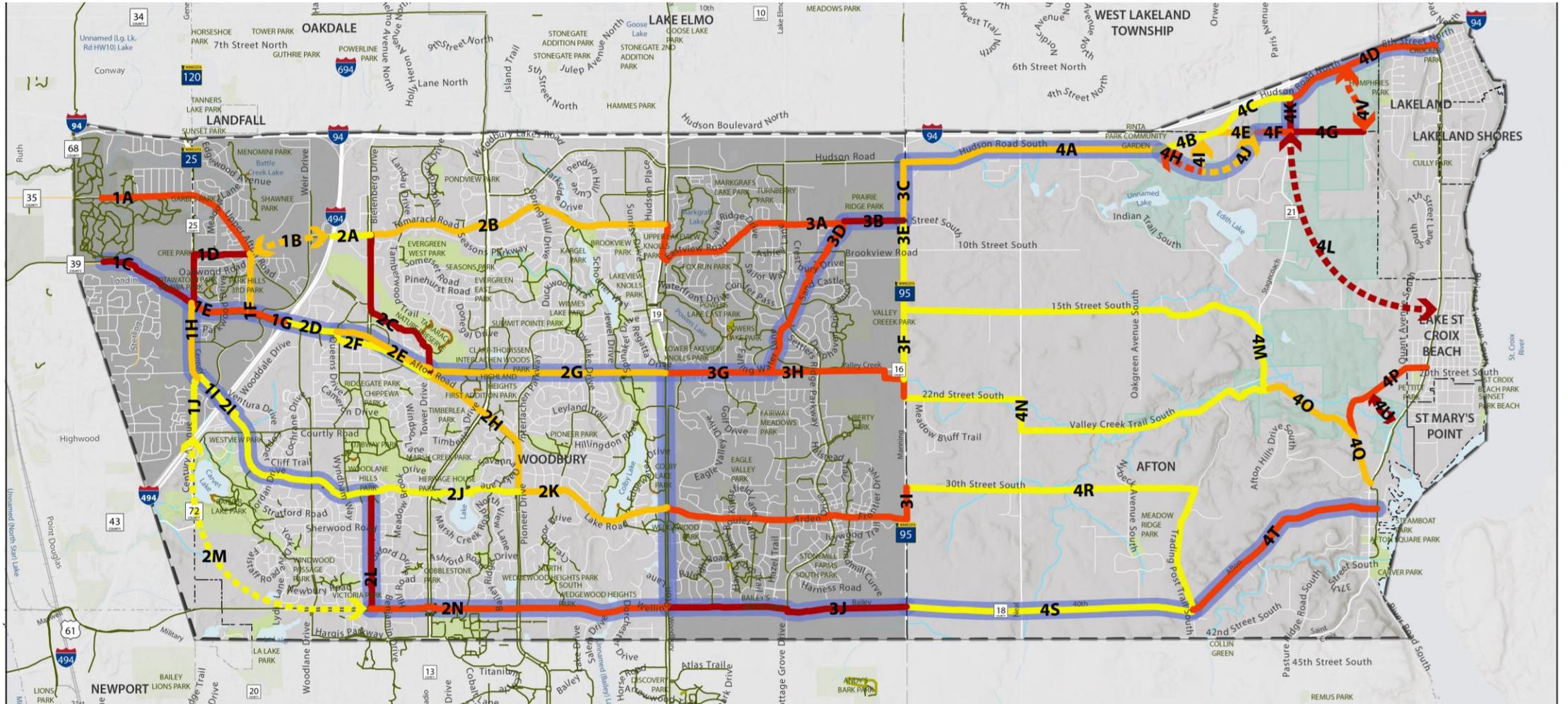
- Trail segment #s in the charts correspond to segments shown in map
- Each segment scored 1-4 on performance measures tied to Goals

Evaluation Scores = just a guide

- Not prescriptive
- Supplemented by “boots on the ground”



# Draft Route Alternatives



# Summary Table – Project Goals



Goal Area	North Alternative	South Alternative A	South Alternative B
<b>Safety and Accessibility</b>	Mostly CR 16, with potential opportunities. Challenging intersections./crossings.	CR 16 & CR 18. Challenging intersections/crossings. Elevation challenges.	Intersections/crossings better. Elevation challenges.
<b>Equity and Inclusion</b>	Proximity to population and services in denser city areas and along I-94 corridor.	Proximity to population and services in denser city areas and downtown Afton.	Proximity to population and services in downtown Afton.
<b>Implementation</b>	Mostly existing and most within County ROW. MnDOT as cooperative partner.	Mostly existing and all within County ROW. Historically challenging east corridor.	Mostly existing but requires City road designation. Historically challenging east corridor.
<b>Connectivity</b>	Central Woodbury. Belwin Conservancy as potential destination.	Central and south Woodbury. Downtown Afton as destination.	South Woodbury. Downtown Afton as destination.
<b>Natural Resources and Resiliency</b>	Connection to local parks. Belwin Conservancy potential collaboration.	Connection to local parks. Scenic views along route.	Connection to local parks. Scenic views along route.
<b>High Quality Trail Experience</b>	Parallel to county road. Proximity to I-94	Parallel to county roads.	Parallel to city road and county road.

# Next Steps

# Next Steps



## Key Steps Remaining:

1. Refine segments based on agency input
2. Finalize Route Recommendation
3. Open House
4. Long Range Plan approvals
  1. Letters of Support
  2. Washington County Board
  3. Metropolitan Council



# Questions?

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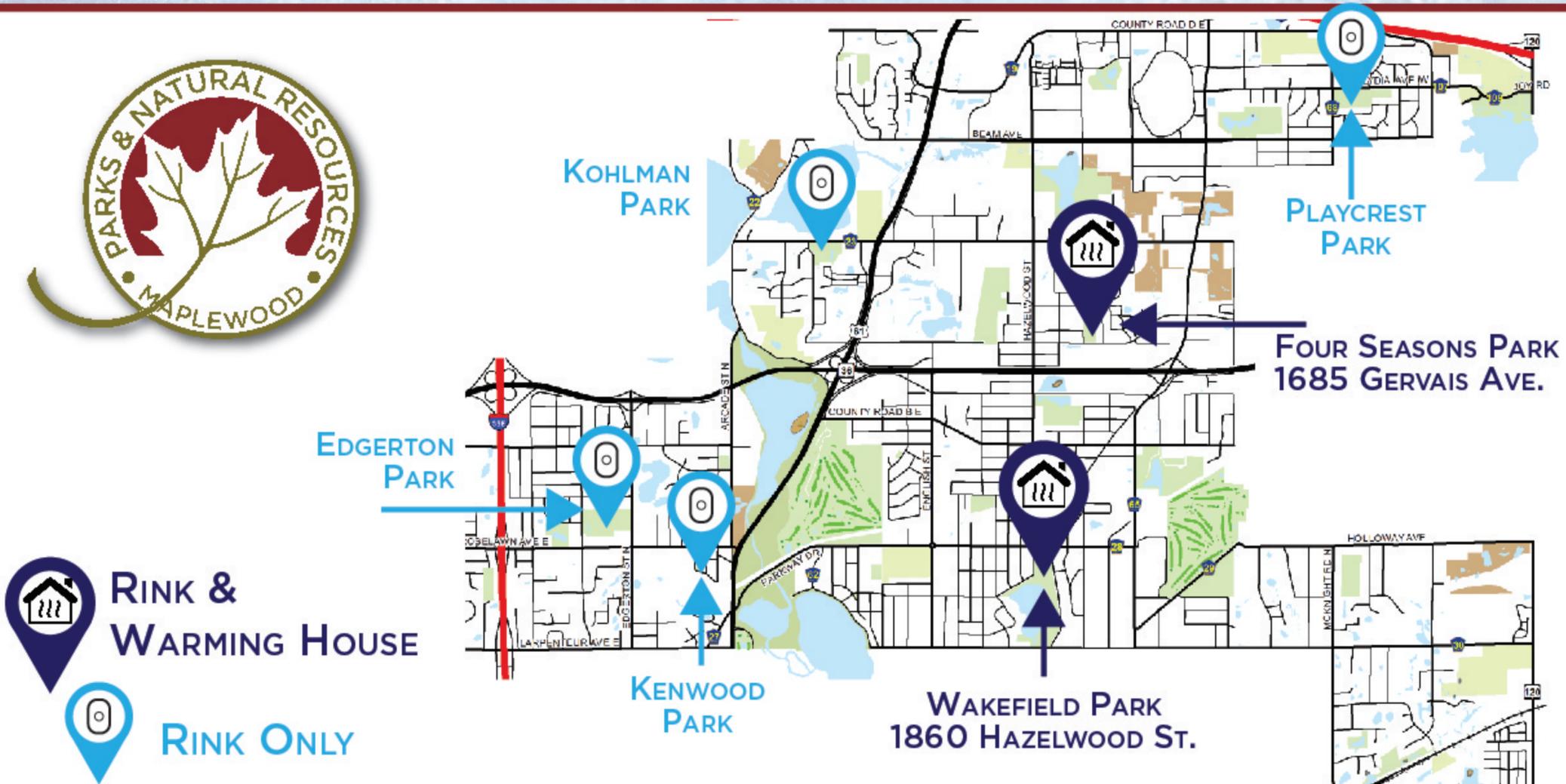
## 2025 Parks & Recreation Goals

For 2025, the Parks & Recreation Commission identified the following goals and made a point to tie them to the Strategic Priorities created by the City Council. The PRC acknowledges that successful completion of these goals may be affected by budgetary constraints or other issues.

1. Review and offer recommendations on park improvement plans identified in Maplewood's 2025 CIP Plan
2. Continue to look for new ways to engage in community outreach and be involved in four community events
3. Take a bus tour of our parks system
4. Hold a meeting to discuss connectivity and trails with neighboring cities and Ramsey County
5. Hold a meeting dedicated to review the implementation progress of the Nature Center and Programming Task Force recommendations and receive regular updates
6. Value the youth perspective and recruit/appoint student PRC members
7. Receive annual updates from the MCC/YMCA, as well as updates from community groups and partners to look for ways to work together
8. Review and evaluate the current and future signage as part of park projects and redevelopment



# MAPLEWOOD'S OUTDOOR ICE RINK LOCATIONS



## WARMING HOUSE HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
ALL WARMING HOUSES  
5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
AFTON HEIGHTS, FOUR SEASONS, GETHSEMANE  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
WAKEFIELD  
1:00 - 7:00 P.M.



WAKEFIELD PARK

PLEASANTVIEW  
PARK

COMPLETE INFORMATION AT - [MAPLEWOODMN.GOV/221](http://MAPLEWOODMN.GOV/221)



*CITY OF MAPLEWOOD*

# **REVSPORTS THURSDAYS BASKETBALL CLASS**



***JAN 22-FEB 12***

*5:45 PM-6:10 PM TOTSTARS (AGES 2-3)*

*6:15 PM-6:55 PM PRESTARS (AGES 3-5)*

*7:00 PM-7:40 PM MINISTARS (AGES 5-8)*

***AT EDGERTON***

***COMMUNITY GYM***

 *1929 EDGERTON ST  
MAPLEWOOD, MN*

## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MAPLEWOOD BASKETBALL!**

*For registration information*

Whether your child is new to the sport or has taken our classes before, our RevSports coaches are ready to help them learn the fundamentals, build on their skills, and continue growing their game in a fun and positive environment.



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**Skating with Public Safety**  
**FEBRUARY 15**

12 - 3 p.m.

Follow social media for more details.



**Snowshoe Rental**  
9am - 3pm Monday thru Friday  
On Nature Center grounds only  
\$5/pair for 2 hour rental

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