



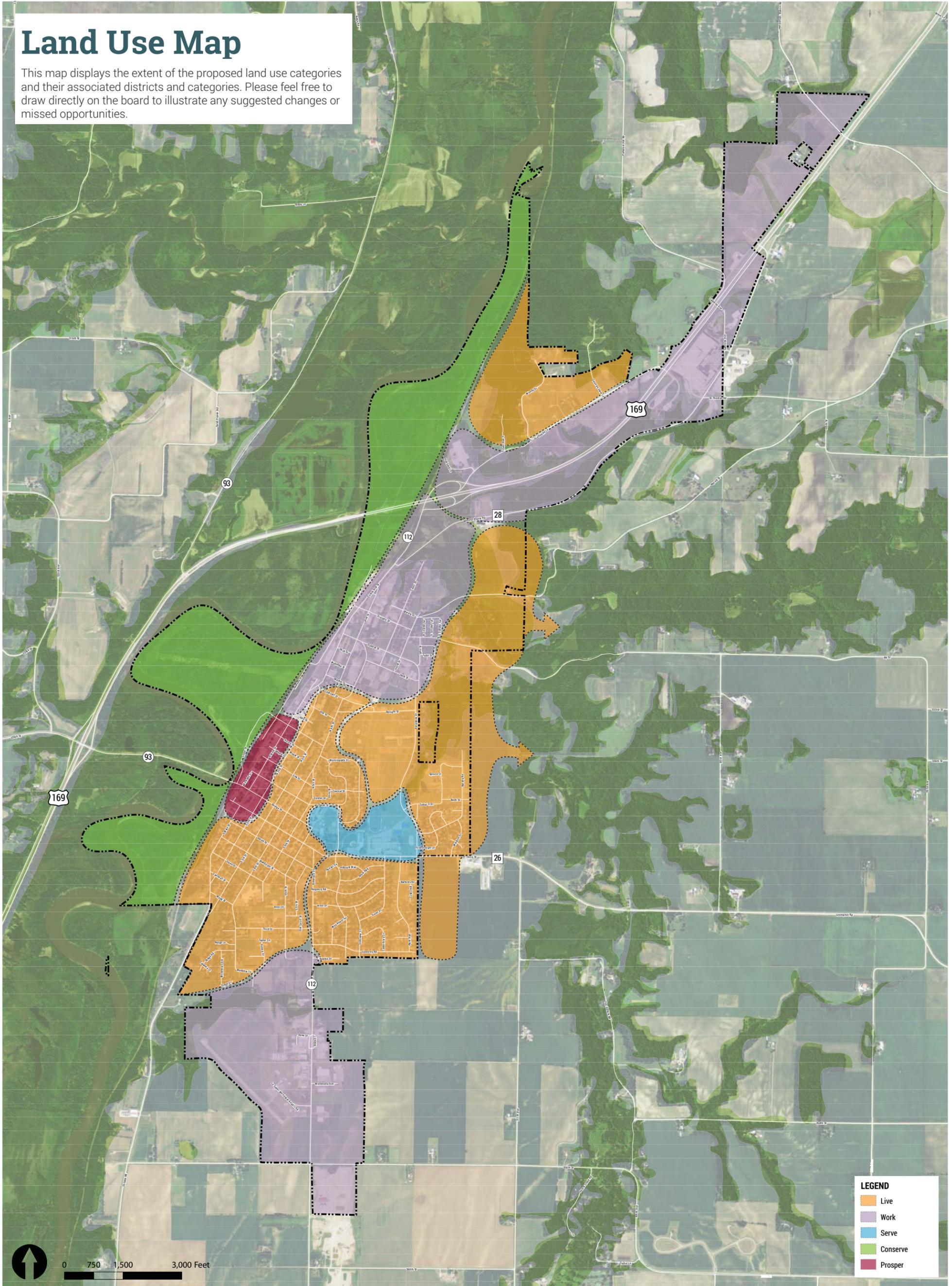
**LE SUEUR CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING
COMMISSION JOINT MEETING
AGENDA**

Monday, June 13, 2016
203 South Second Street
7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion
 - a. Review of Draft Vision and Guiding Principles
 - b. Review of Draft Project Ideas
 - c. Public Engagement Session #2
3. Adjourn

Land Use Map

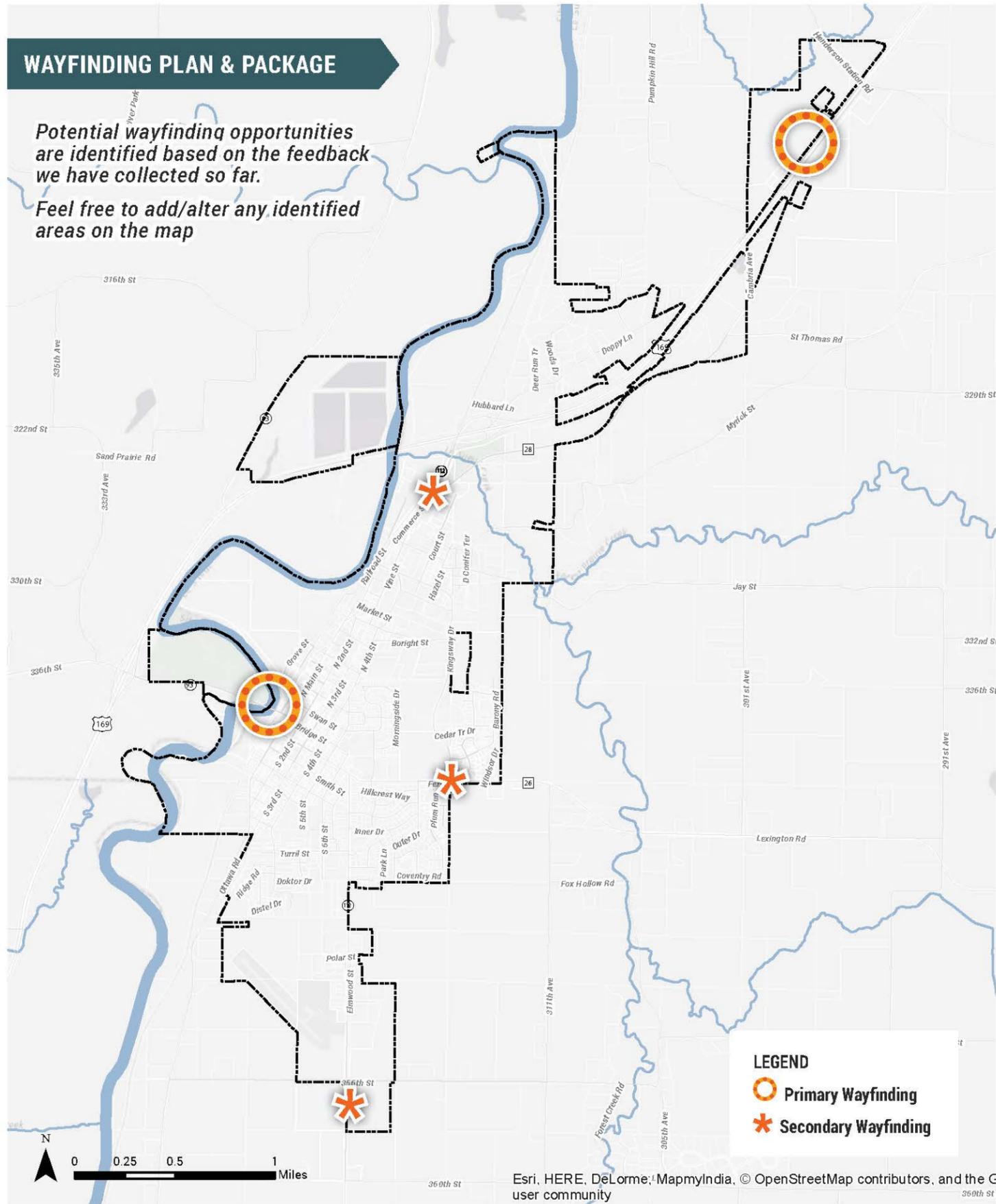
This map displays the extent of the proposed land use categories and their associated districts and categories. Please feel free to draw directly on the board to illustrate any suggested changes or missed opportunities.



WAYFINDING PLAN & PACKAGE

Potential wayfinding opportunities are identified based on the feedback we have collected so far.

Feel free to add/alter any identified areas on the map



Description

Develop a palette of signs to improve people's ability to find, come to, and move through the community of Le Sueur.

Primary signage, like entry monuments and informational kiosks, should be located around the downtown area and at other high traffic entry points, while secondary signage, like directional signs, should be located at lower traffic entry points.

A variety of signage types should be distributed throughout the City, including entry monuments and signage, directional signage, and informational and interpretive kiosks. Throughout this signage, important landmarks and destinations should be highlighted, as well as historic and district information.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

Go... I like it!

Wait... Proceed with Caution

Stop... I don't like it!

If you didn't circle Go!, please explain why:

Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

City Wide

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur, Business Owners, MnDOT, County

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

\$ \$\$ \$\$\$

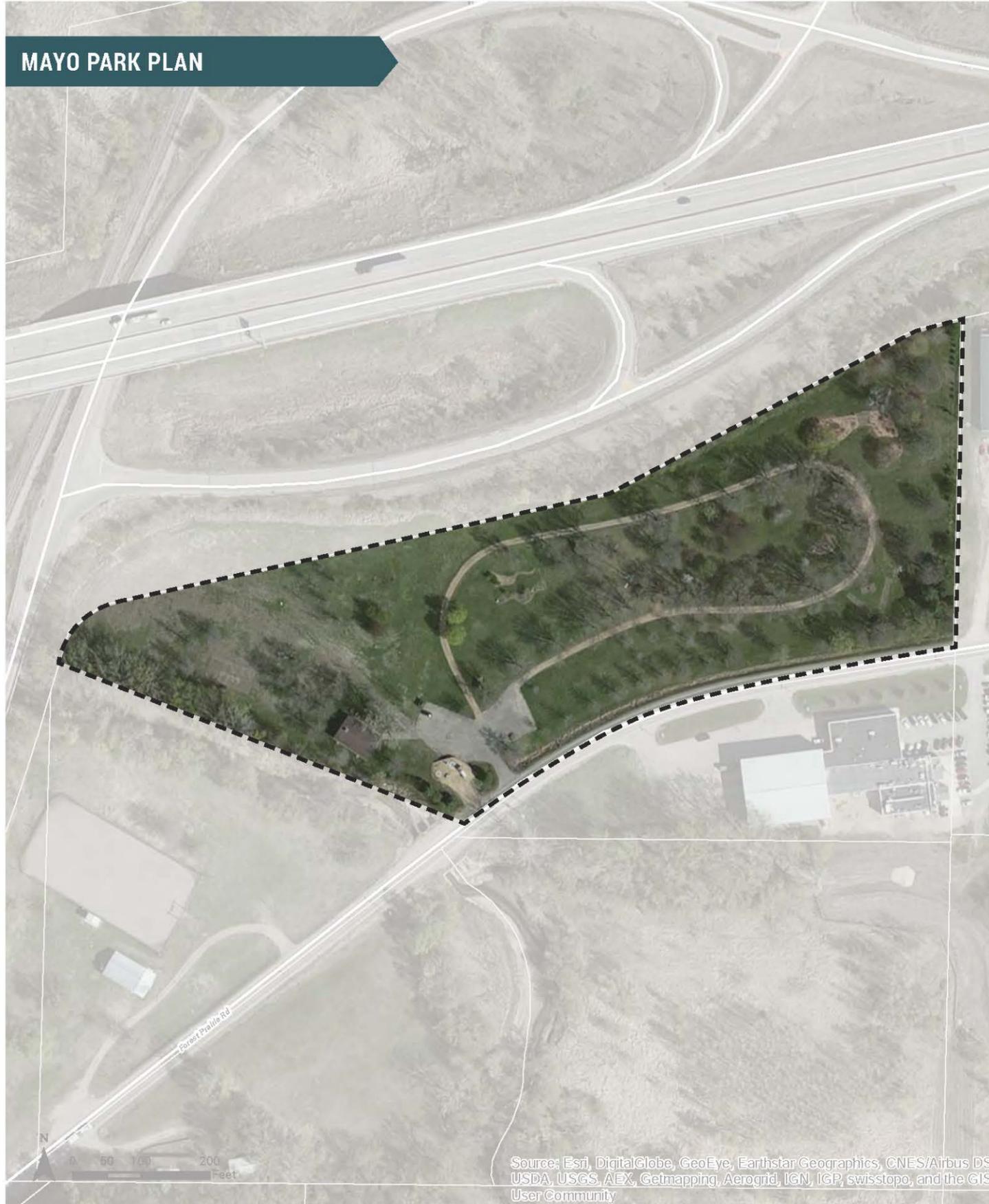
Funding Sources

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- Mayo Park Master Plan
- School + Business Partnership
- Improve Downtown Entry Experience
- Park at Yard Waste Site
- Truck Traffic Planning
- Develop Regional Trails
- Open Main Street + Redevelop Mall Site
- Develop Local Trails
- Branded Technology + Innovation District
- Wayfinding Plan + Package

Provide any additional comments in the space below:

MAYO PARK PLAN



Description

Prepare a master plan for Mayo Park. The plan should guide future development and investments, address flooding issues, think about connectivity to other destinations, and potential for events and other programming, and factor in on-going operations/maintenance costs and sustainability.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

Go...
I like it!

If you didn't circle Go!, please explain why:

Wait...
Proceed with Caution

Stop...
I don't like it!

Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Mayo Park

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

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PARK AT YARD WASTE SITE



Description

Develop a park at the City owned property along the Minnesota River, and Northwest of downtown that currently houses the yard waste site. Relocate yard waste site to less pristine/valued area.

Include opportunities to utilize the river as a recreational resource, like canoe and kayak rental, a fishing pier, or an overlook.

Restore and maintain the site's environmental resources to provide access to natural areas and improve the wildlife habitat and ecological functioning. Provide historical interpretation or environmental learning opportunities.

Connect the park to local and regional trail systems to enhance connectivity and make it a destination.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

- Go... I like it!** *If you didn't circle Go!, please explain why:*
- Wait... Proceed with Caution**
- Stop... I don't like it!**

Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Waste Yard Site

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur, Public/Private Outfitters

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

\$ \$\$ \$\$\$

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OPEN MAIN STREET + REDEVELOP MALL SITE



Description

Re-configuration of Main Street at the mall block to re-open to traffic. Accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic in addition to vehicular to enhance downtown connectivity. Wider sidewalks not only enhance pedestrian safety, but allow adjacent uses to spill business out onto the street. Include street features like benches, lighting, and bike parking. Consider street designs that allow it to transition to pedestrian-only for festivals and events.

The current mall site is aging, does not efficiently utilize its lot space, and is not economically viable. Moving forward, redevelopment for this site should be considered that aims to revitalize the area as a destination for retail, culture, and community events and gatherings.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

Go... I like it! If you didn't circle Go!, please explain why:

 Wait... Proceed with Caution

 Stop... I don't like it!

Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Main Street between Bridge Street & Ferry Street, Mall Site

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur in coordination with other stakeholders (business owners, landowners, developers)

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

\$ \$\$ \$\$\$

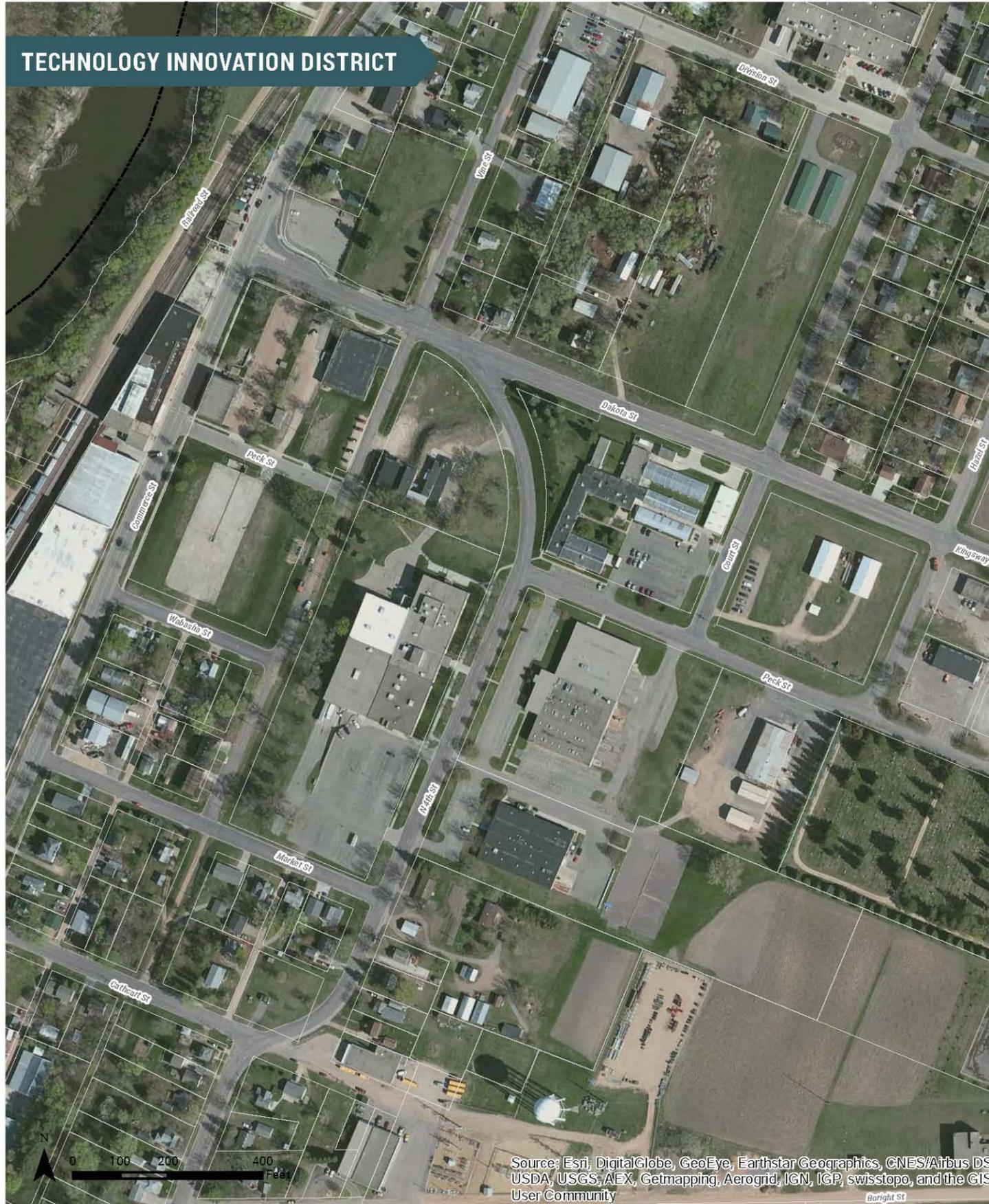
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Provide any additional comments in the space below:

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION DISTRICT



Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Centered around 4th Street between Pacotah Street and Cathcart Street

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur, Chamber of Commerce, Business Owners, Developers/Brokers

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

\$ \$\$ \$\$\$

Funding Sources

Description

Develop a "Technology Innovation District" based on grouping technology focused businesses and startups. Provisions of some infrastructure related to internet speeds, security, etc. may be required.

First step would include a master plan that establishes the district brand and identity, market strategy, and public improvements needed.

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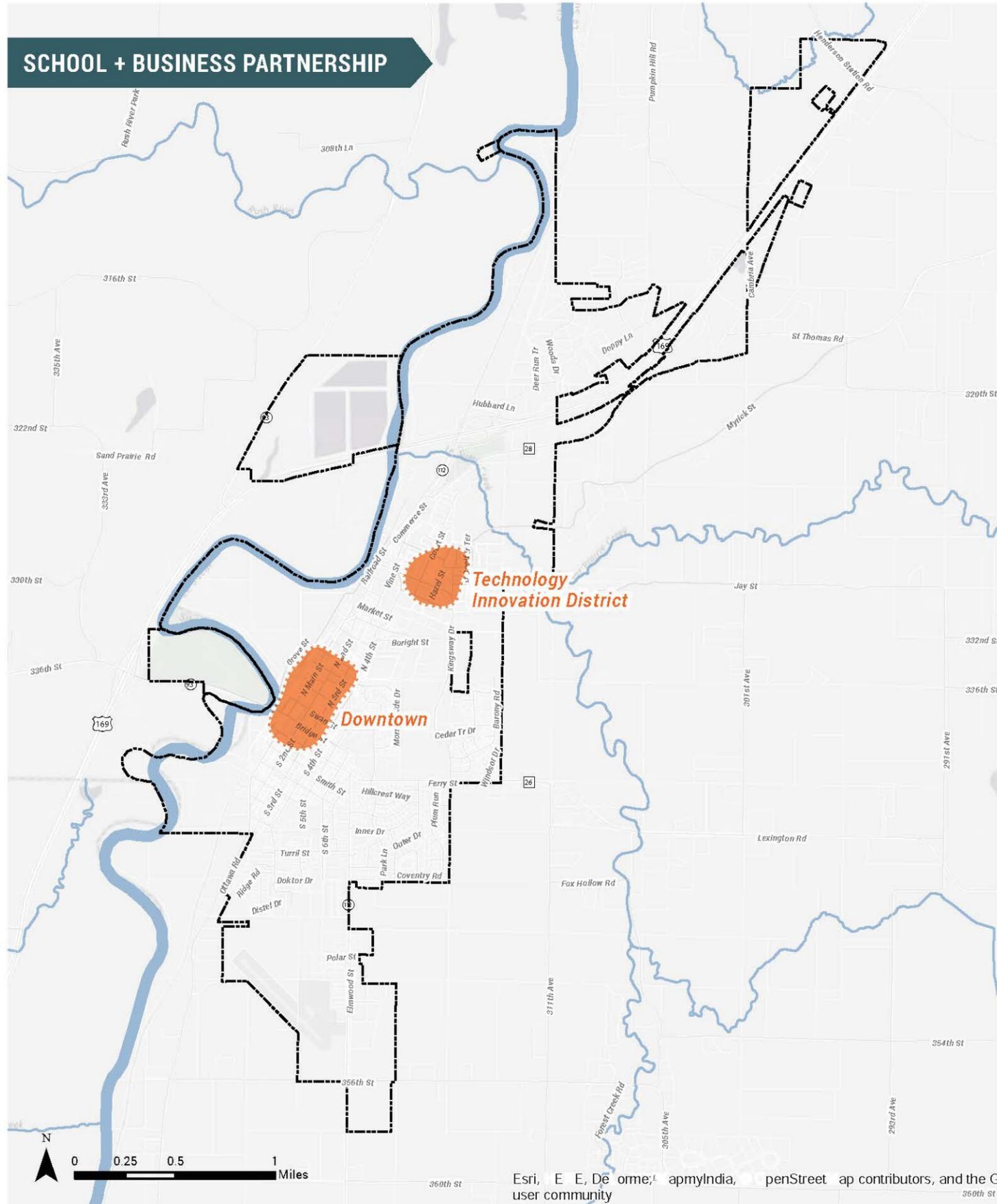
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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

SCHOOL + BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP



Description

Develop partnerships between the school district and local businesses to help young entrepreneurs. This could take the form of a hands-on business class at the high school, internships, and/or pop-up business opportunities for high schoolers. Examples might include a coffee shop, cafe, or retail ?? not currently provided in the City.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

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Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Downtown store fronts, other business locations

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

Le Sueur Henderson School District, Chamber of Commerce, Business owners

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

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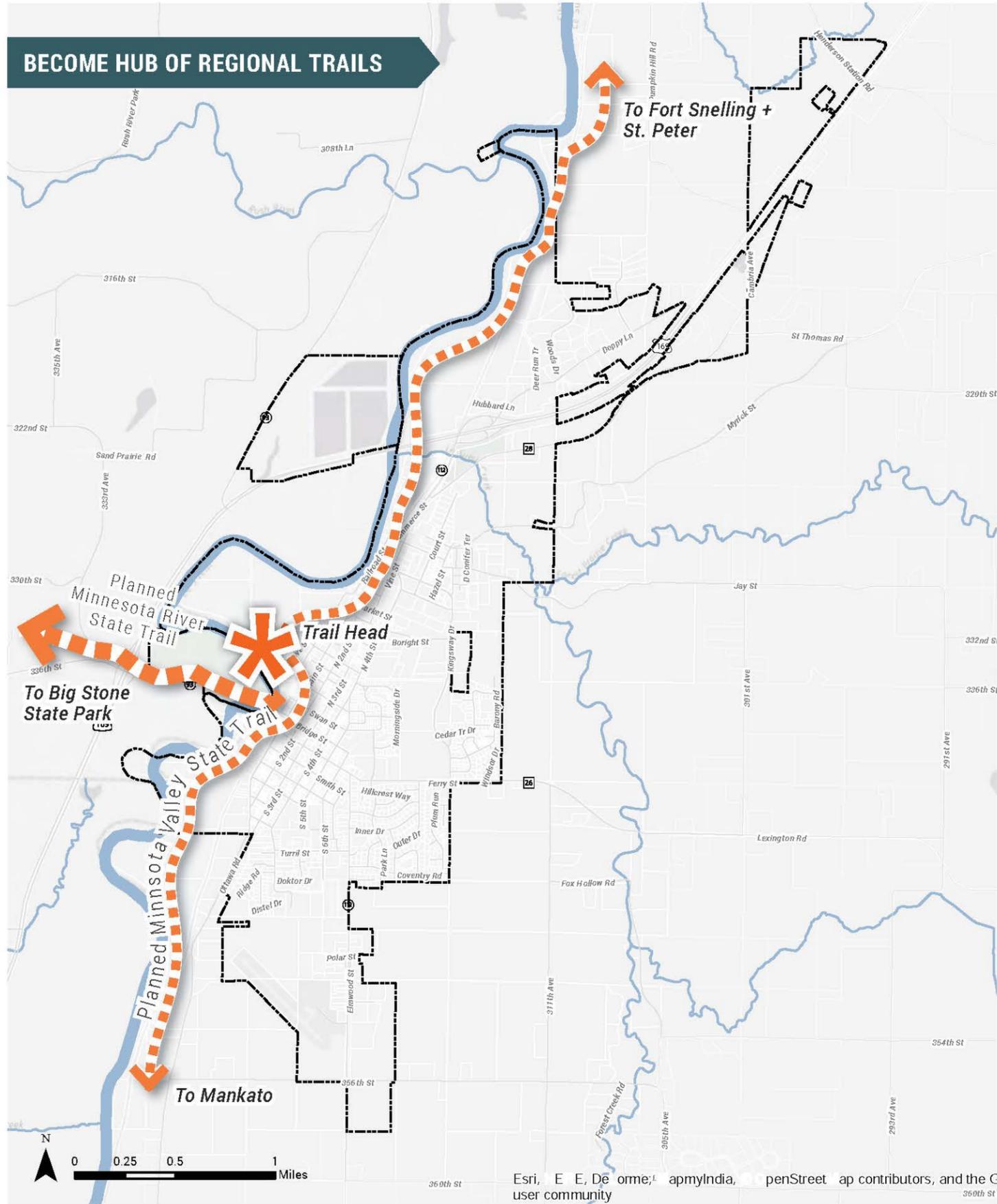
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Provide any additional comments in the space below:

BECOME HUB OF REGIONAL TRAILS



Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

City Wide + Beyond

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur, County of Le Sueur, Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trails Commission

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

\$ \$\$ \$\$\$

Funding Sources

Description

There are two regional trails that are in the planning stages to come together at Le Sueur. The Minnesota Valley State Trail will run from Fort Snelling State Park to Le Sueur (connecting at Mayo Park) and eventually on to Mankato. The Minnesota River State Trail will run from Big Stone State Park in west central Minnesota to Le Sueur. These trail projects are in the planning stages and no specific routes have been defined.

The City can be an advocate of the regional trail projects. The City can also work to make a strong hub by planning for where the trails come into Le Sueur and link up. By establishing a master plan the city can help define the route, wayside rest, trail head areas and associated amenities, and potential interpretive amenities in collaboration with the DNR.

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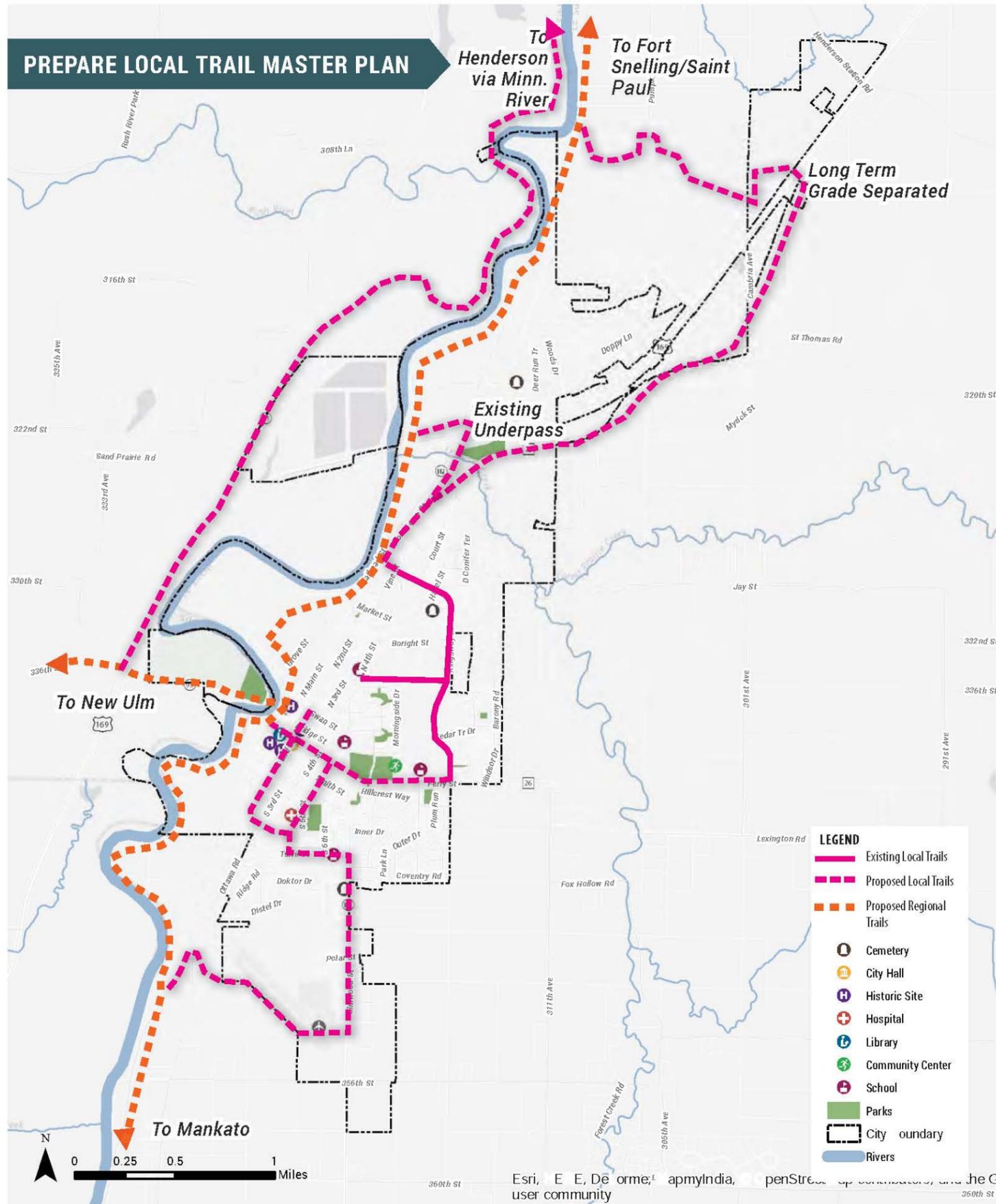
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Stop... I don't like it!

PREPARE LOCAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN



Description

Prepare a local trail master plan that guides the creation of a recreation, cultural, historical, and economic resource based trail network. A master plan would define trail improvements linking existing trails with key destinations. It would also establish a list of capital investments, cost estimates, funding strategies and a phasing plan for how it gets built. Such a system can also strengthen the connection point to the greater regional system, making Le Sueur a destination along the regional trail network.

The plan would strengthen recreational opportunities, economic opportunities, and overall quality of life improvements.

Tell us what you think of this project idea (Circle one)

Go...
I like it!

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Wait...
Proceed with Caution

Stop...
I don't like it!

Guiding Principles



Location
(provide others on the lines provided)

Kingsway Blvd., Downtown, Historic Landmarks, River, School

Responsible Entity
(provide others on the lines provided)

City of Le Sueur, County of Le Sueur, School District, Chamber of Commerce, Bike and Trail Committee, Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trails Commission

Priority
(circle one)

Low Medium High

Timing
(circle one)

Near (1-5 years) Mid (5-10 years) Long (10-20+ years)

Cost

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Funding Sources

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Project Description

This does not need to be long but needs to describe the project idea in enough detail to understand what it is. Words and text are good; however, a diagram or illustration is also very helpful. Use the map to identify the “general location” of where the project idea might be applicable if it is site specific. Draw a circle, polygon, line or asterisk to help define the geographic location.

Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles help define the character, values, and priorities of the Le Sueur community by acting as an ongoing measurement tool for the appropriateness and effectiveness of future initiatives and results. The icons are used to identify with the key guiding principle. Each idea might be related to all guiding principles, but it might be **MOST RELEVANT** to one or two. For each project, identify the most relevant guiding principles. They include:



Healthy



Friendly



Responsive



Dynamic



Beautiful



Vibrant

Responsible Entity

This is for implementation. Who is responsible for seeing the project gets implemented. It may be multiple entities. They may be public or private, or it could be joint public private effort. Examples include:

- City of Le Sueur
 - Administration
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Park and Rec
 - Public Works
 - Economic Development Authority
- School District
- Chamber of Commerce
- Private Developer/Investor/Entrepreneur
- Business Community
 - Retailers
 - Industry
 - Others???
- Le Sueur County
- MnDOT
- DNR
- Mn Historical Society

- Le Sueur County Historical Society
- Hospital
- Mn Municipal Power Agency
- Citizens Group
- Individual Volunteers

Priority and Timing

Different projects might have different levels of importance or priority. Some might be based on “need” while others on “desire” or perceived benefit. They may be great ideas, but when compared to other ideas and projects, they are less of a priority. Help us in defining the priority by choosing LOW, MEDIUM, or HIGH. Likewise some of these project might be more near term immediate needs/wants vs. more longer term.

Project Costs and Funding Sources

We don’t need to know the exact amount, but it is important to think about relative magnitude:

\$ Minimal Funds Required, limited to planning and programming

\$\$ More substantial funds required such as:

- Substantial planning and design required
- Minor capital investments (for construction of improvements such as trails, parking areas, stormwater, or landscape/streetscape)
- On-going operations and maintenance costs

\$\$\$ Significant investment required such as:

- Substantial planning, permitting, and design required
- Acquisition of land
- Major capital investments (for construction of improvements such as new or renovated buildings, new or replaced streets, associated infrastructure, and public amenities)
- On-going operations and maintenance costs which are extraordinary or new (i.e. not replacing or increasing existing obligations)

Funding sources are limited but could be creative. They might include: public funds (taxes), private investments, philanthropic, grants, or loans or any combination. This topic might be one that could be hard to pin down. We will be sure to identify funding sources for all projects; however, if you have ideas, please share.

Connected Actions

We have listed a number of project ideas to start the ball rolling. Recognizing that some projects might be inter-related, let us know which ones you see as the **MOST RELATED** or **CONNECTED** projects.

Le Sueur Comprehensive Plan Update – Phase II Community Engagement

Purpose of engagement

1. Share what we have heard and learned
2. Share how we have incorporated what we have heard
 - a. Vision/Guiding Principles Draft
 - b. Land Use Framework Draft
 - c. Draft Project Ideas and Concepts
3. Provide opportunities for community to discuss and comment on what we have provided
4. Provide opportunity for community to help with identifying priorities
5. Update on next steps/schedule

Form of engagement

Online:

- Post Powerpoint summary of Phase I input – this is just for information
- Post two page presentation board of vision and guiding principles with feedback column on the right that uses a “stop light” as a measuring tool:
 - **Green** means – go...I like it;
 - **Yellow** means – proceed with caution (This could mean I don’t care one way or the other or it could mean I have concerns but not enough to object to it. If they pick this, we want some feedback as to what the concerns are);
 - **Red** means – stop...I don’t like it.

We will use a simple form of online posting for this. Possibly an interactive pdf or more likely a pdf with a survey monkey tool.

- Post the Land Use Framework also as a two page board - one page the land use map, page two the categories with very brief descriptions – again we will use the same stop light input mechanism.
- Project Ideas/Implementation – here we will provide a series of ideas that we have discussed in pdf form. The online survey input mechanism will be putting some level of priority to the different project ideas. High, Medium, Low, No priority (don’t do it).

In Person

1. Public Meeting on June 28/29/30 (to be determined soon) held 6:30 to 8:30 at a location to be determined soon.
 - a. Set up in small group tables again. We will use the same materials as we set up for the online engagement for efficiency purposes

- b. Three exercises each set up with a presentation followed by group discussions
 - i. Vision and guiding principles (review as individuals, discuss as group and agree) – 25 minutes
 - ii. Land use framework (discuss as group and agree) - 15 minutes
 - iii. Project ideas (discuss as a group and agree) – in this case, people can gravitate towards the projects that they are most interested in...i.e. maybe parks and trails, economic development, downtown, others? We will also provide “blank” idea card templates that people can add other ideas too. We will give this exercise 60 minutes.
 - c. We will provide “summary” sheets that each group will be requested to report out their group response including posting new ideas. We will use this then to give everyone the ability to pick their three favorite ideas as we close the meeting. This will be the last 20 minutes of the meeting.
2. The following means will be use to announce the event and online materials:
- a. Email prior meeting participants
 - b. City Email blast
 - c. City Facebook page
 - d. Community Flyers
 - e. Posters in public places
 - f. Word of mouth
 - g. Others...