

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

- City Hall: The police department is conducted an active shooter training for staff at City Hall in December. We are looking at some potential security updates as well that may come forward at budget time. If council is interested in conducting active shooter training specific to public meetings and the council chambers, please let me know.
- Bi-State: Attached is the December 20, 2017, Commission Packet. Sarah Grabowski, Desktop Publisher, Bi-State Regional Commission.
- Award: Sen.Lofgren sent the following and attached - You represent an area with one of our Best Development Award winners. Please see the attached media release. I hope you can help us celebrate their accomplishments at the Statehouse next month. Please see attached.
- Turkeys: Please see the attached letter regarding turkeys in town and a request for an ordinance allowing for the hunting of turkeys similar to deer. Now, I am not a hunter, but in talking to the Police Department, this is much more difficult than hunting deer. As noted, IDNR is coming to Muscatine to place traps.
- Trail: Attached is the handout provided by Martin-Whitacre at the Trail Meeting Wednesday night. Sounds like we had over 40 in attendance!

ATEs

Here is a snapshot of the traffic going past the US 61 & University camera for the past 7 months provided by Asst. Chief Sargent and GATSO. The numbers below represent the period shortly after the judge ruled for the IDOT through the end of November. There were 18,578 potential violations in 7 months! Even if we subtract a 10% margin for possible violations where we would not be able to issue citations (poor photo), that still amounts to 16,721 violations in that 7 time frame. The following are also attached:

1. University Approach Comparisons - 2001 to Present
2. Automated Traffic Enforcement program 2017 Update

GATSO USA

Muscatine, IA US61 & University WB Statistical Report 5/1/2017-11/30/2017

Location	0 MPH	1-45 MPH	46-55 MPH	56+ MPH	Top Speed	Total Passes
UNVWB	771,538	2,400,666	463,908	18,578	94	3,654,690

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**1000 FRIENDS OF IOWA ANNOUNCES 2017 BEST
DEVELOPMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**



Celebrating Iowa's 'development heroes' and recognizing smart growth principles across the state

Dec. 20, 2017 (Des Moines, Iowa) – 1000 Friends of Iowa proudly announces eleven recipients of its Best Development Award of 2017. These recipients were chosen because they implement the efficient use of resources to develop sustainable communities that provide a high quality of life.

The 2017 Best Development Award winners are listed below (category, recipient, project, city):

- In the Innovative Leadership category, the City of Clive for the Walnut Creek and Clive Greenbelt initiatives in Clive
- In the Mixed Use category, Blackbird Investments for the Wilkins Building in Des Moines
- In the New Residential category, KCL Engineering for the Parkside Residential Development in Charles City
- In the Placemaking/Greenspace category, the City of Glidden for the Albert Kruger, Sr. Shelter in Glidden
- In the Renewable Energy category, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and Red Lion Renewables for the Solar Array in Norwalk
- In the Renovated Civic category, the City of Sioux City for the Sioux City Promenade in Sioux City
- In the Renovated Commercial category, SingleSpeed Brewing Co. for the Wonder Bread Building in Waterloo
- Renovated Residential category, Downtown Leases and Lofts for the Kibbey Building in Marshalltown
- In the Stormwater Management category, City of Denison for the 14th Street Parking Lot in Denison
- In the Transportation/Complete Streets category, the City of Muscatine for the Kent Stein Park to Deep Lakes Park Trail in Muscatine
- In a new Jurors' Choice category, the City of Dubuque for the 2017 Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan in Dubuque

Additional details about each winning project and their respective categories may be found at <http://bit.ly/2D5RPuQ>. "2017 brought some very competitive nominations. There are many great projects and forward-thinkers that need to be celebrated. I feel encouraged by the responsiveness of the communities where such great work is occurring," stated Kari Carney, Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Iowa.

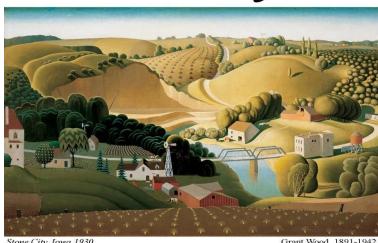
This year, a new Jurors' Choice Award was created to recognize the outstanding results of Dubuque's comprehensive, long-term planning and the site-specific work activities that support it. An Awards

Ceremony will be held Tuesday, January 16 at the Capitol Rotunda at 11:45 a.m. It is free and open to the public to attend.

The Best Development Award winners are selected from a pool of nominations each year by an independent group of jurors. This year's jurors were Pat Boddy, senior partner and sustainability director at RDG Planning & Design; Maureen Collins-Williams, an Iowa public sector professional who trains, speaks and consults with 21st century entrepreneurs and innovators; Jeff Geerts, Special Projects Manager with the Community Development Division of the Iowa Economic Development Authority; Jeff Hanson, Community Development Operations Manager of the City of Sioux City; and Ryan Peterson, President of Impact7G.

The Best Development Awards recognizes projects in 12 different categories as a way for 1000 Friends of Iowa to express the fact that smart land use and sustainable communities are more than constructed buildings. All of the award recipients help advance sustainability across our state by considering site placement, design, water efficiency, energy management, materials and resources used, indoor environmental quality, public use, and long-term benefits.

1000 Friends of Iowa



Founded in 1998, 1000 Friends of Iowa is the only organization in the state focused solely on promoting responsible land use in community, state, and federal development decisions. Its mission is to unite Iowans in efforts to protect farmland and natural areas, revitalize neighborhoods, towns and cities, and improve quality of life for future generations.

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For more information about the Best Development Awards Program, please contact Julia McGuire at 515-988-1828 or email awards@1000friendsofiowa.org.

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2707 Mulberry Ave.
Muscatine, IA 52761

December 12, 2017

Mr. Gregg Mandsager
City Administrator
215 Sycamore
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dear Mr. Mandsager and Members of the City Council,

At the suggestion of Curt Weiss, I am writing to request an ordinance for in town turkey hunting due to the increased population that has taken up residence within our city limits.

I am a resident located at 2707 Mulberry Ave. and I have been a victim of a flock of turkeys destroying my landscaping. Several years ago, I only had a handful of wild turkeys but now I have more than 30 at a time visiting my yard several times a day resulting in a situation which has gotten completely out of control.

These turkeys are dust bathing and rooting through the mulch looking for food which creates a huge mess and scatters mulch all over the rock walking paths. In addition to eating whatever they want, they leave droppings and muddy footprints everywhere, plus scratch marks on my garden furniture where they like to roost. I would also add that it is a bit intimidating to be working in the yard and be spooked by their unexpected appearance.

In effort to rid these birds from my property, it has become a ridiculous game of me chasing after these birds with a broom, yelling and throwing things at them, and spraying them with the hose to result in them not being the least bit bothered by my efforts. Therefore, I called the DNR to come investigate my situation. Thankfully, they are in need of some turkeys and are planning on trapping them this winter and relocating them to Texas.

This effort of relocating the turkeys will definitely improve my current situation but it is not a longterm fix. That is why I am requesting an ordinance that would allow hunting for the birds in the city limits. This would help maintain a healthy population within the city limits so residents don't have to deal with their nuisance.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Kent



West Side Trail Route Study

City of Muscatine

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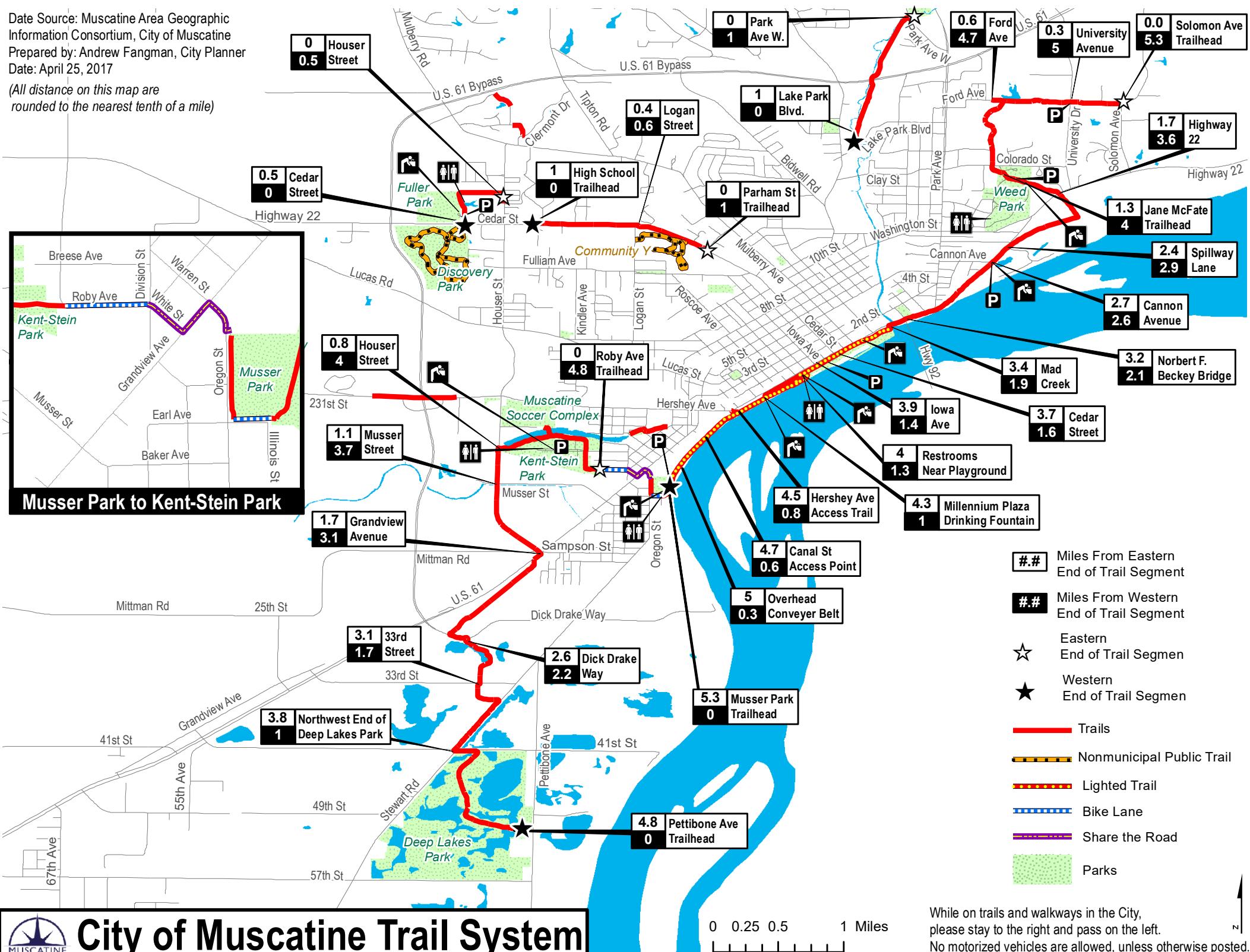
West Side Trail Route Study

PROJECT APPROACH OUTLINE & SCHEDULE OF SCOPE OF SERVICES - REVISED 12/20/17

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Nov				Dec				Jan				Feb			
				Oct	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11
1 West Side Trail Route Study – Muscatine, IA	72d	11/13/17	02/26/18																
2 Base drawing maps	25d	11/13/17	12/19/17																
3 LiDAR contours, City GIS, & property ownership	3d	11/13/17	11/15/17																
4 Route Alignments – Up to three identified	2d	11/16/17	11/17/17																
5 Environmental and/or archaeological sensitive areas	10d	11/16/17	12/01/17																
6 Meet with Steering Committee	1d	12/07/17	12/07/17																
7 Public Meeting Preparations	8d	12/08/17	12/19/17																
8 Public & Steering Committee Input	23d	12/20/17	01/23/18																
9 Public Meeting – Collect ideas and concerns about project scope	1d	12/20/17	12/20/17																
10 Incorporate public meeting input	5d	12/21/17	12/28/17																
11 Submit updates to steering committee for review	16d	12/29/17	01/22/18																
12 Meeting with steering committee to address concerns and route alignments	1d	01/23/18	01/23/18																
13 Concept Documents	11d	01/24/18	02/07/18																
14 Investigate up to three route alignments: Plan/Profile, design exceptions, cost estimates,	9d	01/24/18	02/05/18																
15 Plan/Profile and design exceptions	6d	01/24/18	01/31/18																
16 Cost Estimates	2d	02/01/18	02/02/18																
17 Advantages and Disadvantages	1d	02/05/18	02/05/18																
18 Create exhibits for use at public meetings	2d	02/06/18	02/07/18																
19 Environmental/Archaeological follow-up on potential issues along proposed route alignn	5d	02/01/18	02/07/18																
20 Public & Steering Committee Input	12d	02/08/18	02/23/18																
21 Meet with public to share alignment alternatives, costs, pros/cons	1d	02/08/18	02/08/18																
22 Meet with steering committee to select alternative	1d	02/09/18	02/09/18																
23 Incorporate additional comments to final plan and develop final cost estimate	10d	02/12/18	02/23/18																
24 Present selected route at public involvement meeting	1d	02/26/18	02/26/18																
25																			

Date Source: Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium, City of Muscatine
Prepared by: Andrew Fangman, City Planner
Date: April 25, 2017

(All distance on this map are rounded to the nearest tenth of a mile)

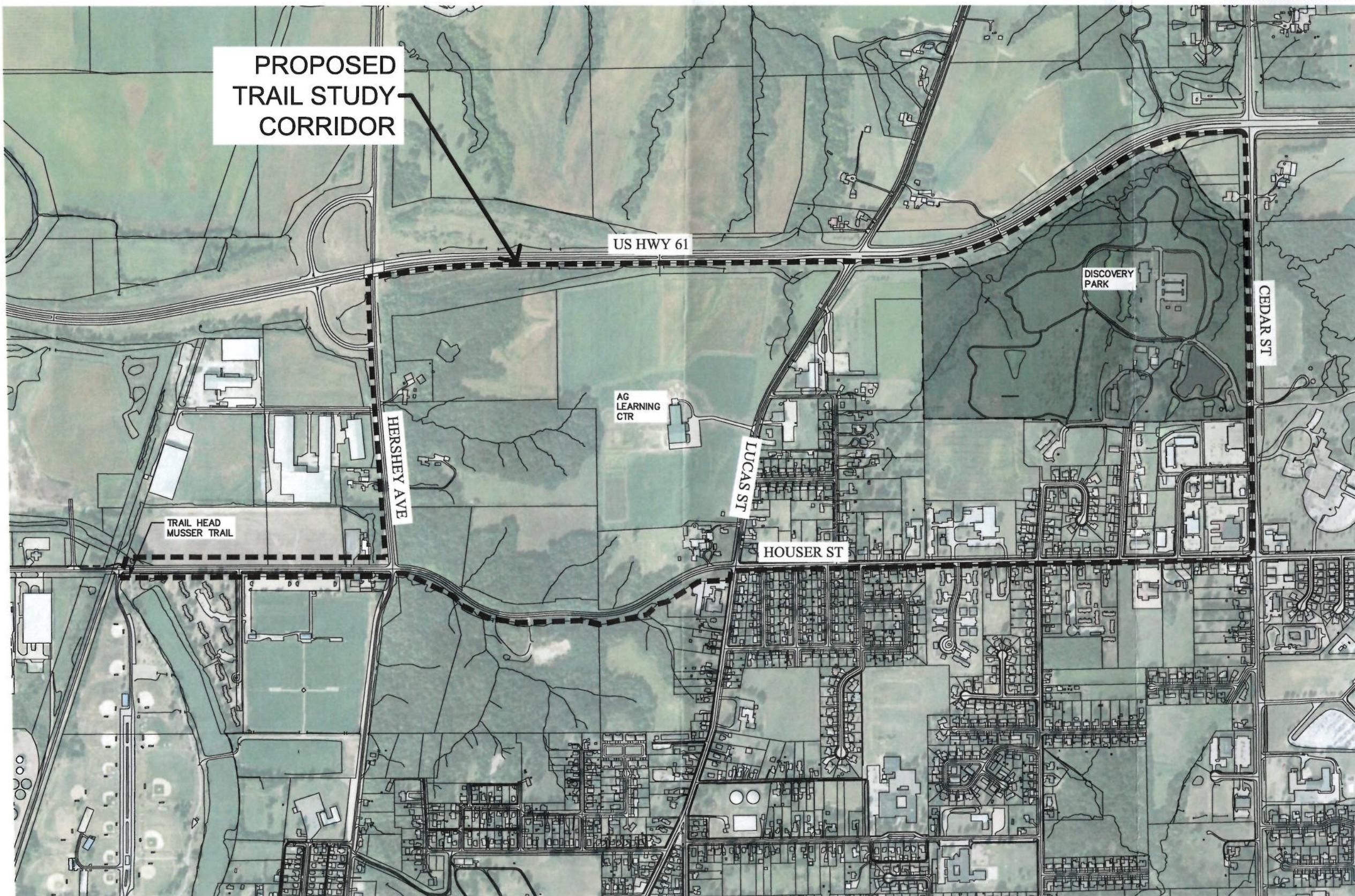


While on trails and walkways in the City,
please stay to the right and pass on the left.
No motorized vehicles are allowed, unless otherwise posted.



City of Muscatine Trail System

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



WESTSIDE TRAIL STUDY CORRIDOR

HORIZONTAL SCALE IN FEET
0 400 800
DRAWING MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED

NORTH

West Side Trail Route Study

Study Goal

The goal of the West Side Trail Route Study is to examine various trail alignments that will connect Discovery Park to Kent-Stein Park and arrive at the best solution. There are many elements that need to be considered when analyzing the various route options.

Study Considerations

Archeological Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Wetland Areas

Endangered Species

Sensitive Plants

IDOT Requirements – Iowa Department of Transportation

AASHTO Standards – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

ADA Accessibility

Construction Costs

Maintenance Costs

Utilities

Public Input

Safety

Public Access

Topography

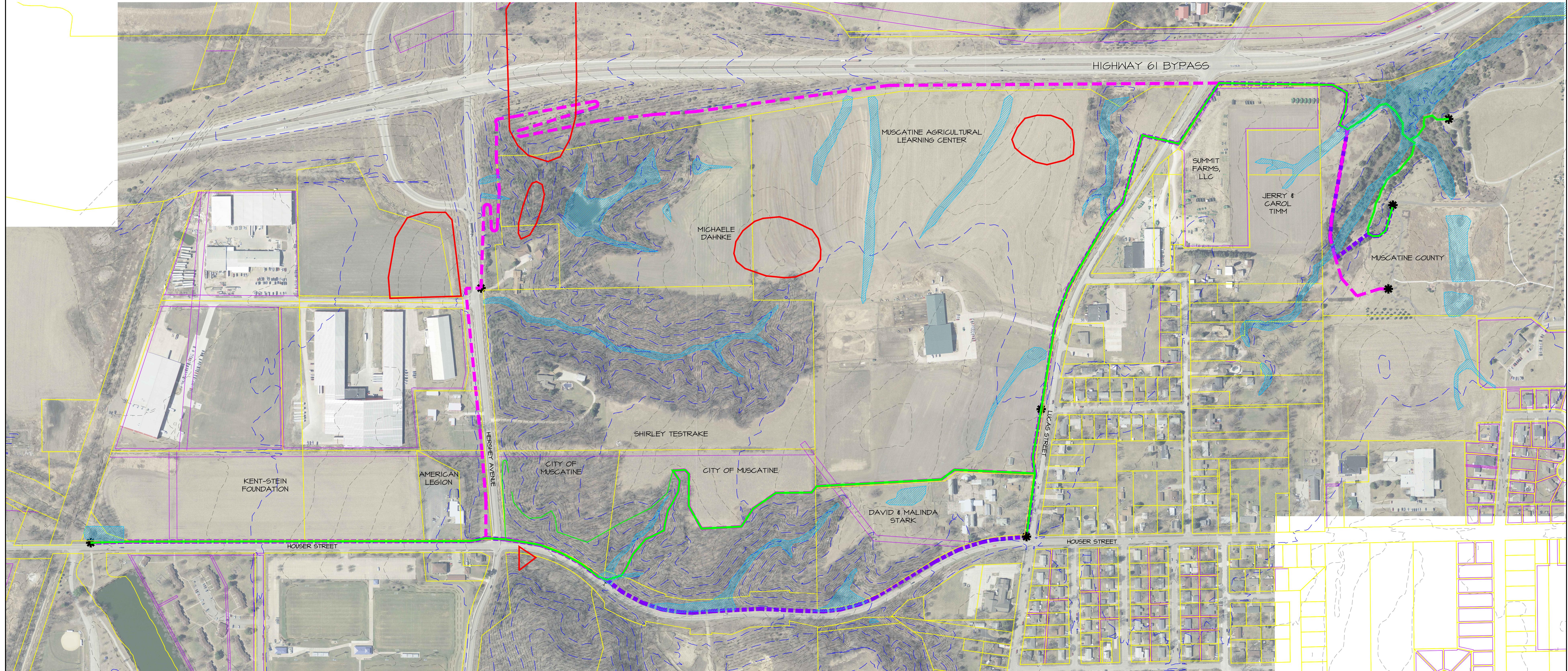
Drainage

Aesthetics

Funding/CAT Grant

Right-of-Way Acquisition

Structures

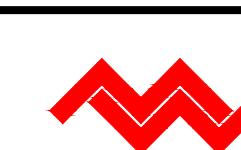


LEGEND:

- TRAIL HEAD
- LOT LINES/TAX PARCELS
- ALTERNATE 1
- EASEMENTS
- ALTERNATE 2
- ARCHEOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE
- ALTERNATE 3
- WETLANDS



NO.	REVISIONS	INITIALS	DATE
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CITY OF MUSCATINE
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WEST SIDE TRAIL STUDY
PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENTS
PROJECT NO. 8196.17

DWG AERIAL BASE MAP.DWG
DATE 12/18/2017
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