

Appendix D: Regional Recreation Resources Maps



Gallup Park
Ann Arbor



Ford Lake Overlook
Ypsilanti Township



Side Trail
St. Joseph's Hospital
Superior Township



Riverside Park
Ann Arbor

Resources

- Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
parks.ewashtenaw.org (734) 971-6337
- City of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation
www.CityofYpsilanti.com..... (734) 483-7290
- Charter Township of Ypsilanti Recreation Department
www.twp.ypsilanti.mi.us (734) 544-3800
- City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation
www.a2gov.org/parks (734) 994-2780
- Washtenaw Steps Up
Ypsilanti Health Coalition
www.WashtenawStepsUp.org (734) 544-2983
- Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition
www.wbwc.org (734) 864-4095
- Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society
www.aabts.org
- League of Michigan Bicyclists
www.lmb.org..... (888) 642-4537
- Michigan Mountain Bike Association
www.mmba.org

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Border-to-Border Trail Trail Map



Ypsilanti Area:
East Ann Arbor to
Washtenaw/Wayne County Line



What is the Border-to-Border Trail?

The Huron River winds through approximately 35 miles of Washtenaw County. The Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) represents an ongoing collaboration of communities and organizations to construct a shared-use path that will link the open spaces of the Huron River greenway.

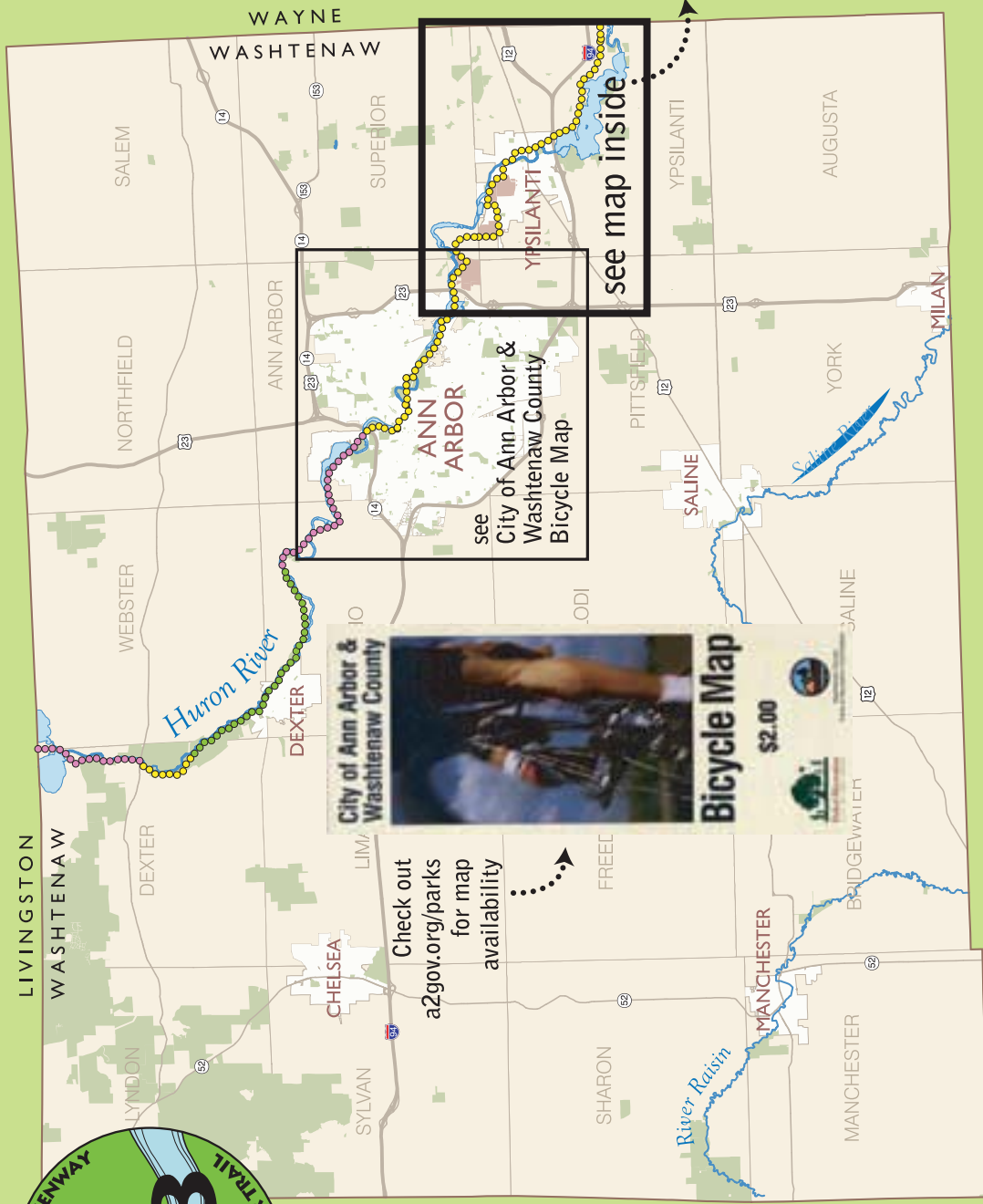
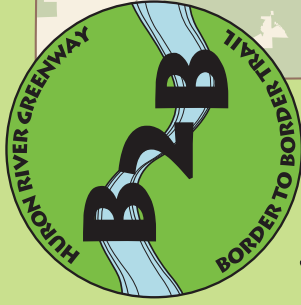
With its County Greenways Initiative, the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission has made a serious commitment to expand hike and bike trails throughout the county, and the Border-to-Border Trail is

WCPARC's major

development project to achieve this goal.

10+ miles of paved shared-use paths exist today, with more to come.

Enjoy your ride!



Key Project Elements:

- ~ completion of 35 +/- mile paved shared-use path across Washtenaw County
- ~ conservation of the Huron River corridor
- ~ provide opportunities for transportation, recreation, river access, and links to neighboring counties
- ~ distinctive signage system creates a unique identity for the B2B while helping users navigate the trail

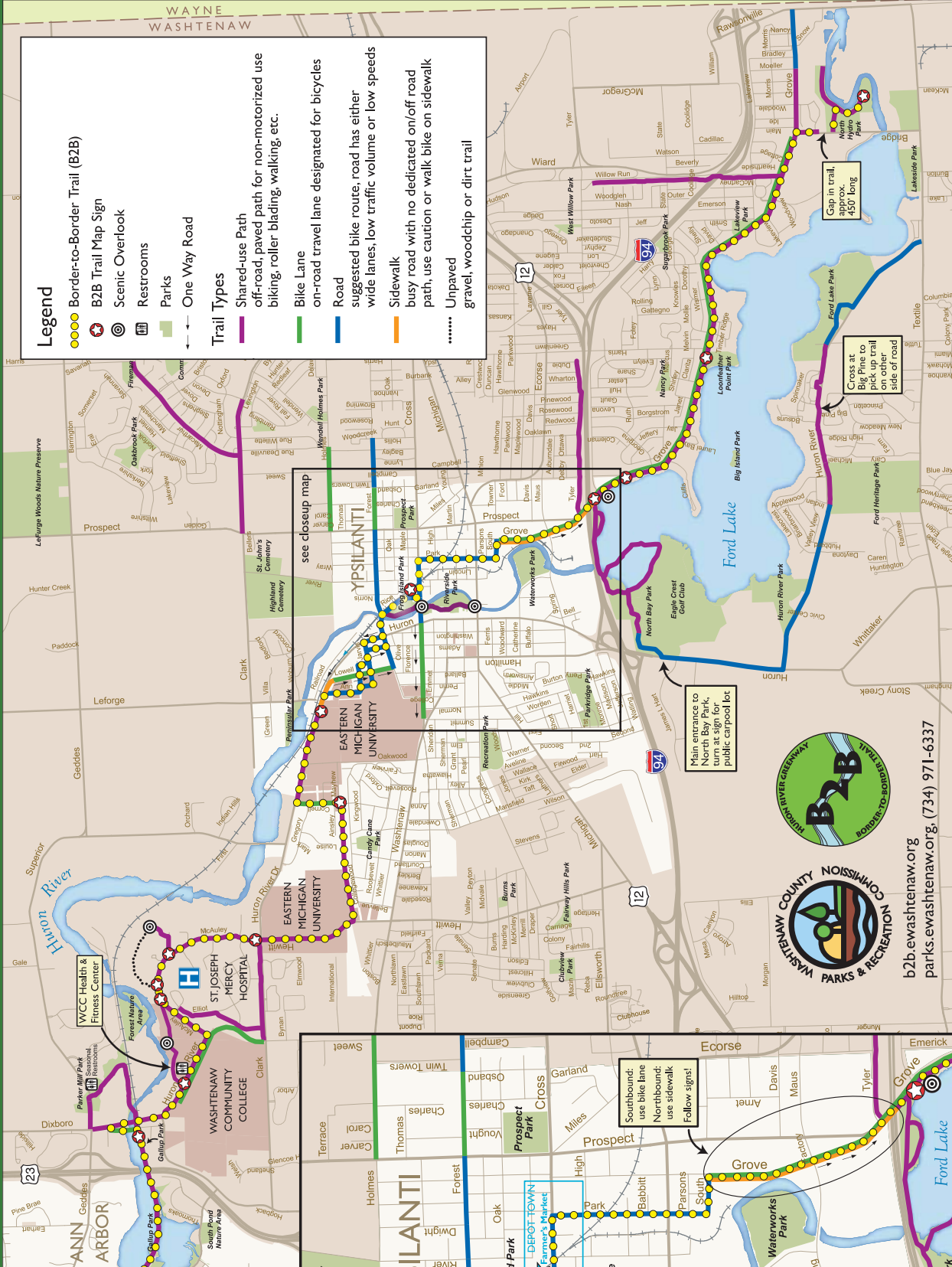
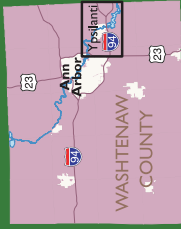


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- Existing B2B Route paved shared-use path, unpaved path, bike lanes, road, trail signs
- Planned Trail planning and/or design documents have been developed
- Conceptual

Huron River Greenway Border-to-Border Trail

Ypsilanti Area Trail Map:
East Ann Arbor to
Washtenaw/Wayne County Line



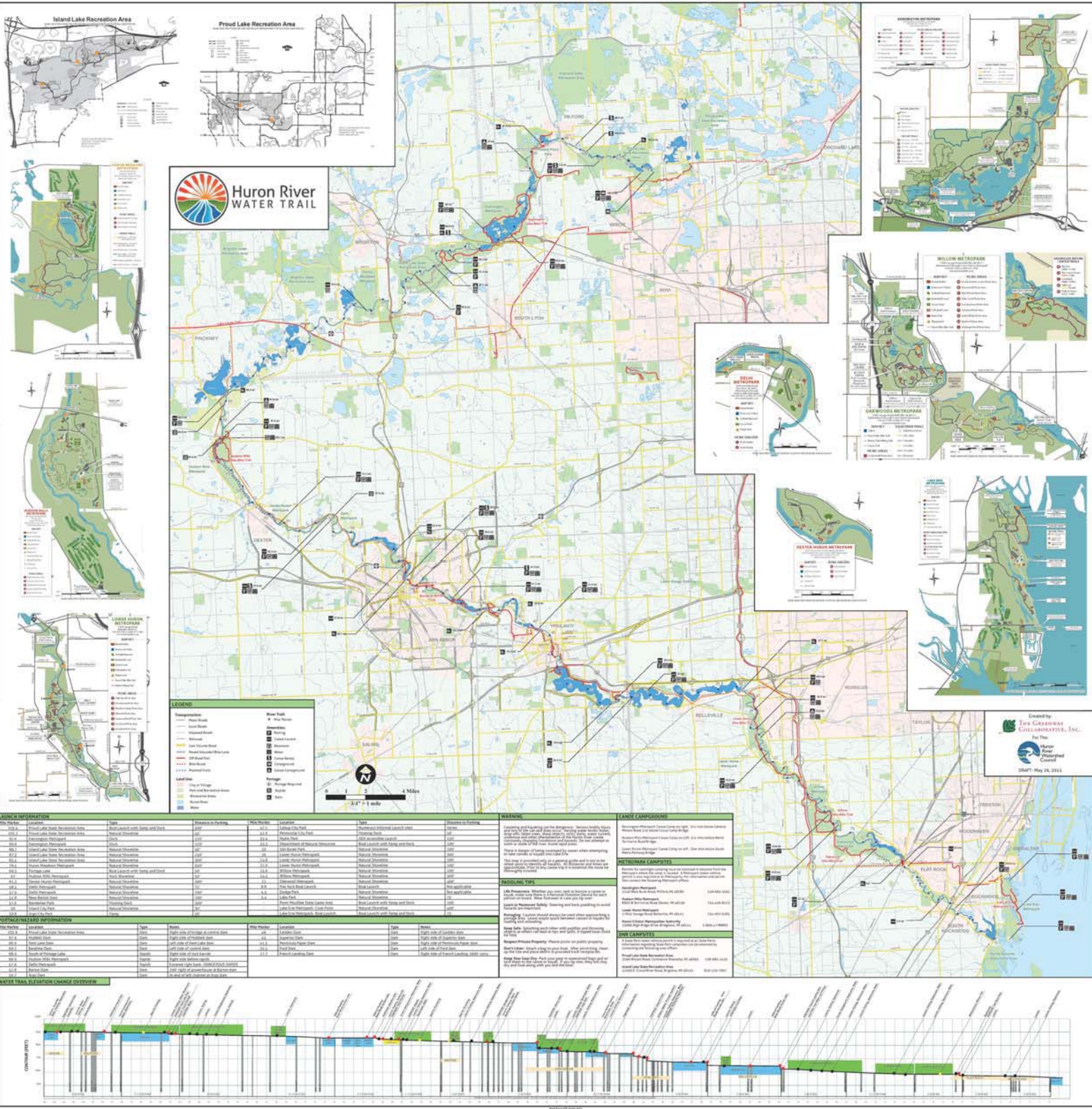
City of Ypsilanti Closeup

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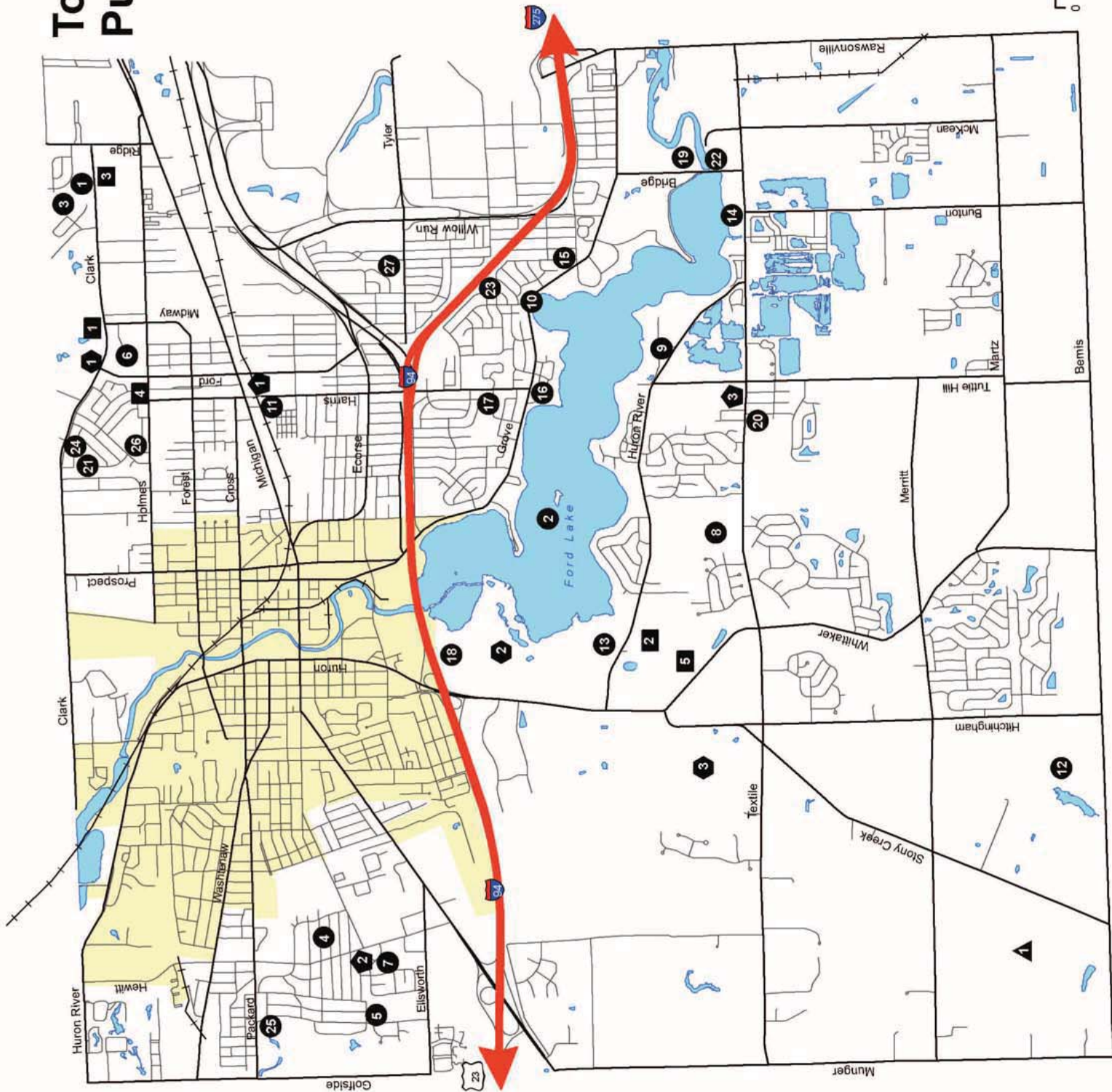
b2b.ewashtenaw.org (734) 971-6337



Huron River Water Trail Overview Map



Township Parks and Public Facilities



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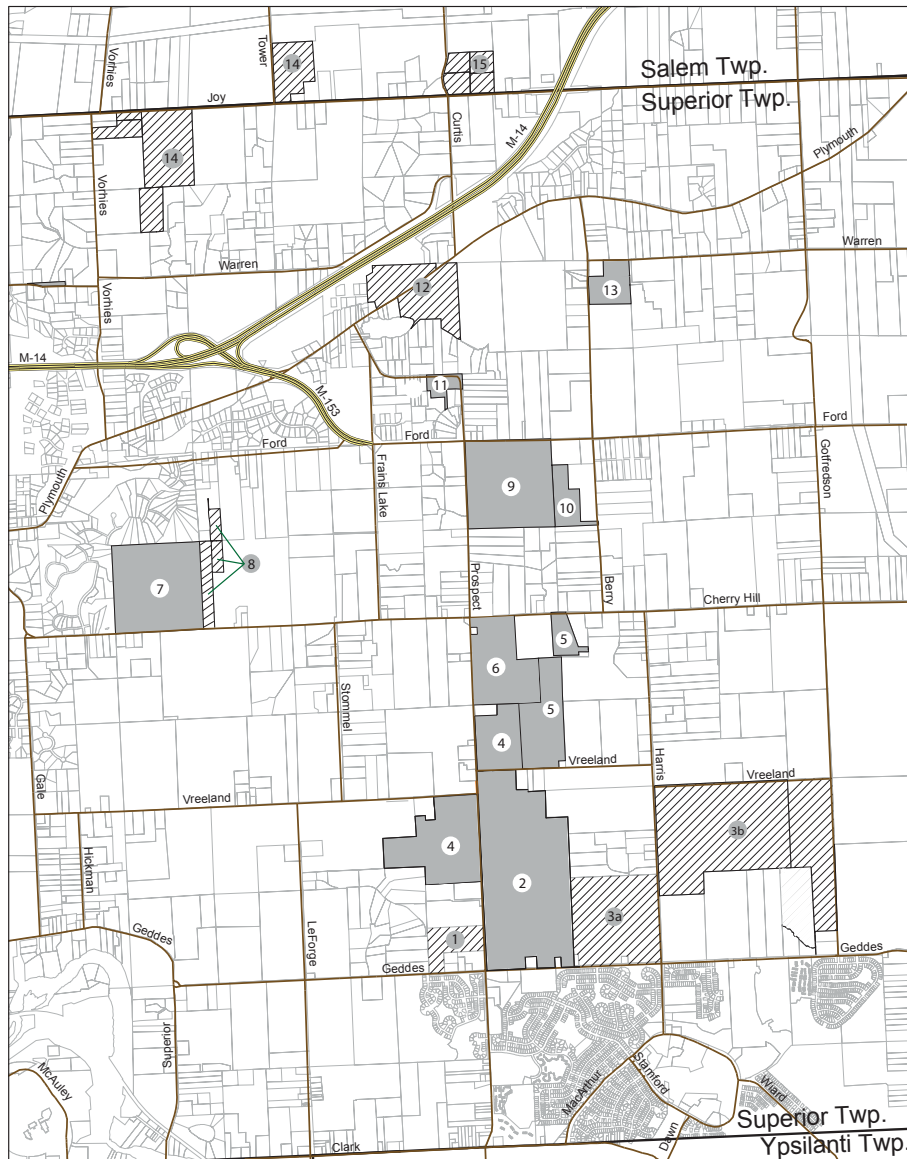
- Township Park
- Township Facility
- ⬠ Fire Station
- ⬡ Golf Course
- ▲ County Park
- Minor Road
- Major Road
- +— Railroad
- Interstate 94 Highway
- Lakes, River, and Streams
- City of Ypsilanti





The Superior Greenway

Detroit-Ann Arbor Greenbelt



Key to protected property in the Superior Greenway

#	Property	Owner	Acres
1	Private Conservation Easement	Superior Township Held Easement	40
2	LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	325
3a	Brookside (Schultz) Farm (private)	SMLC Held Easement	158
3b	Brookside (Schultz) Farm (private)	State of Mich. Held Easement	369
4	Meyer Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Rec. Commission	138
5	Conservancy Farm	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	99
6	Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	100
7	Cherry Hill Nature Preserve	Superior Township	160
8	Private Conservation Easements (3)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easements	35
9	Kosch-Headwaters Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Rec. Commission	160
10	Springhill Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	30
11	North Prospect Park	Superior Township	15
12	Staebler Farm	Washtenaw County Parks & Rec. Commission	86
13	Schroeter Park	Superior Township	33
14	Fishbeck Farmland	City of Ann Arbor Held Easement	165
15	Private Conservation Easements (2)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easements	42

Scale:

0.25 0.5 1 mile

Publicly Accessible Land (trail maps available on request)

Protected Land Not Publicly Accessible

Please respect owners of private property by only visiting land listed as publicly accessible.

All preserves are open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset.

Questions:

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.....(734) 484-6565
- Ann Arbor Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program.....(734) 794-6210
- Superior Township Parks and Recreation Department.....(734) 480-5502
- Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.....(734) 971-6337

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The Superior Greenway Partners
The Superior Greenway was the vision of SMLC founder Jack R. Smiley who foresaw a greenbelt for people and animals alike between the growing metropolitan areas of Detroit and Ann Arbor. That vision was embraced by each of the following partners:

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.

www.smlcand.org



The Open Space and Parkland

Preservation Program (commonly referred to as the Greenbelt Program) was approved by City of Ann Arbor voters in November, 2003 to provide funding for the preservation and protection of open space, natural habitats and working landscapes both inside and outside the city limits. www.a2gov.org



Superior Charter Township is a vibrant and diverse community that is committed to

protecting the outstanding natural areas, productive farmlands and historic landscapes that add so much to the quality of life for the people who live, work and play here. www.superior-twp.org



Washtenaw County Natural Areas

Preservation Program purchases unique natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all County residents: plants, animals and people! The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission also partners with other land preservation organizations to find creative ways to protect and preserve natural areas.

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Kosch-Headwaters Preserve
(Washtenaw County)

3268 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198
(parking area off Prospect Road)

Washtenaw County purchased this preserve in 2006 in collaboration with SMLC. The preserve lies adjacent to the Springhill Nature Preserve and shares that preserve's maple-beech woods as well as having an abundance of uncommon blue ash. It lies in the headwaters of the Rouge River and hosts wetlands, seasonal streams and a spring.



Springhill Nature Preserve (SMLC)

3260 Berry Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198
(park along road)

Donors Nancy & Bradford Perkins established the Springhill Nature Preserve with the assistance of Superior Land Conservancy. The preserve consists of 30 acres of cattail and buttonbush swamp, mature beech/maple/oak woods, and an old apple orchard. The swamp hosts populations of spring frogs and a wide variety of waterfowl, while the woods are home to deer, owls, hawks, and foxes.



Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (Superior Twp.)

6221 Cherry Hill Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198
(park along road)

Purchased by SMLC in 1995, and later transferred to the Township, this preserve features a heavily wooded glacial moraine, wetlands and a meadow. A 2005 study identified over 500 different butterfly and moth species.



The Superior Greenway



Facts at a Glance

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has been protecting land in the 7-county SE Michigan region since 1988.
- SMLC is headquartered in Superior Township at the Conservancy Farm.
- Superior Land Conservancy (SLC) was established as a local chapter of SMLC in 1991, helping to preserve the rural character and natural habitats of Superior Township.
- The Superior Greenway is a joint project between SMLC, City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program, Superior Charter Township, and Washtenaw County. The Greenway has over 2,000 protected acres, with over 1,117 acres available for public access.
- A recent SMLC study identified an additional 2,300 acres for potential land conservation in Superior Township.
- SMLC is a certified IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit; charitable donations to SMLC are tax deductible.
- To receive SMLC's volunteer and event announcements, please email info@smlcand.org

SMLC

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The Superior Greenway Highlights of Key Nature Preserves

LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve (SMLC)
2384 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198
(parking area off Prospect Road)

LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve was formed by 5 SMLC land purchases that consolidated 325 acres of farmland and natural habitat.

The preserve now protects a representative cross section of southern Michigan habitat types. Trails wind through wetlands, meadows, and the LeFurge Woods, allowing some of the best wildlife viewing in the Detroit-Ann Arbor region. Monthly full moon campfires are open to the public and are held from May-November.



Conservancy Farm (SMLC)

8383 Vreeland Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198
The 99-acre Conservancy Farm consists of beautiful woods and farm fields that lie in the heart of the Superior Greenway. The 79-acre farmstead includes a 1909 farmhouse, the main office for SMLC; the original settlers' log cabin (1830s); and an old post-and-beam barn. The farm's activities include the popular Community Organic Garden program, the annual bat count, and the annual Picnic at the Farm. Through the year's organic and conventional farming by local farmers has occurred.



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Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission

Facilities Map

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County Park



County Preserve

Natural Areas Preservation
Program (NAPP)



Other Public Park, Preserve, etc.



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