

A child is riding a bicycle on a paved trail that curves through a lush, green wooded area. The scene is captured in a slightly dim, natural light, possibly during the early morning or late afternoon. The child is in the foreground, riding away from the viewer. The trail is marked with yellow dashed lines. The background is filled with dense trees and foliage.

SCOTT COUNTY LONG RANGE TRAIL PLANNING

*Spring Lake Township
Presentation*

July 13th, 2023

PROJECT PURPOSE

- Identified in the 2030 & 2040 Comprehensive Plans
- Trail needs have been identified by residents in the County
- People want trails
- A plan allows opportunity to partner with developers; coordinate with road projects
- Difficult to build trails once land is developed
- Responsible Long-Range Planning
- Planning for future generations



PROJECT OVERVIEW



Developing master plans for two regional trail corridors:

- Southern Scott Regional Trail
- Louisville Regional Trail Corridor



Consultant

- Identify corridor alignments and prepare the master plans
- Public Engagement



Timeframe

- Project kick-off January 2022
- Final Approvals by Winter 2023 (grant funding deadline)

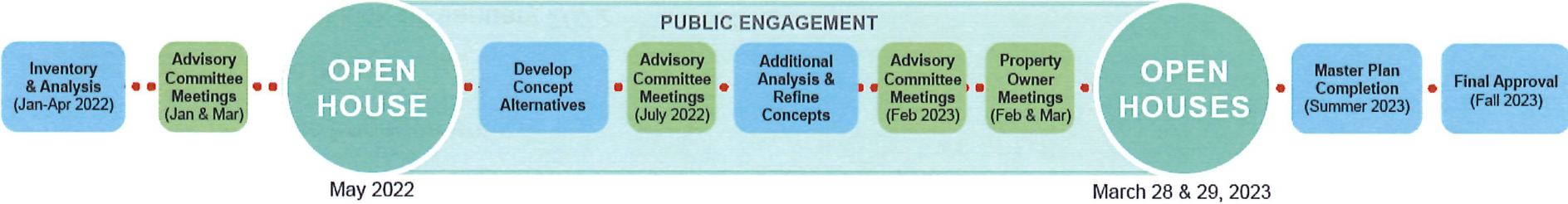


Project Funding and Guidelines

- Parks and Trails Legacy Grant through the Metropolitan Council
- Plan will meet guidelines set by the Metropolitan Council for regional trail planning

PROJECT TIMELINE

Master Plan Process



Trail Development Process



TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY TEAMS

- The Technical Team consists of county, city, and township representatives, consultants, elected officials, park and natural resource organizations (DNR, Scott WMO, etc.), and other subject matter experts
- The Design Team actively participates in and provide direction on the creation of master plans
- Responsibilities:
 - Provide input for corridor alignments
 - Expertise to committee
 - Assist with open houses

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Master Plan

- Creates Funding Opportunities
- Generalized Location

Development

- Collaborate with Developers and Willing Landowners
- Roadway Projects

Trail Construction

- Funding Opportunities

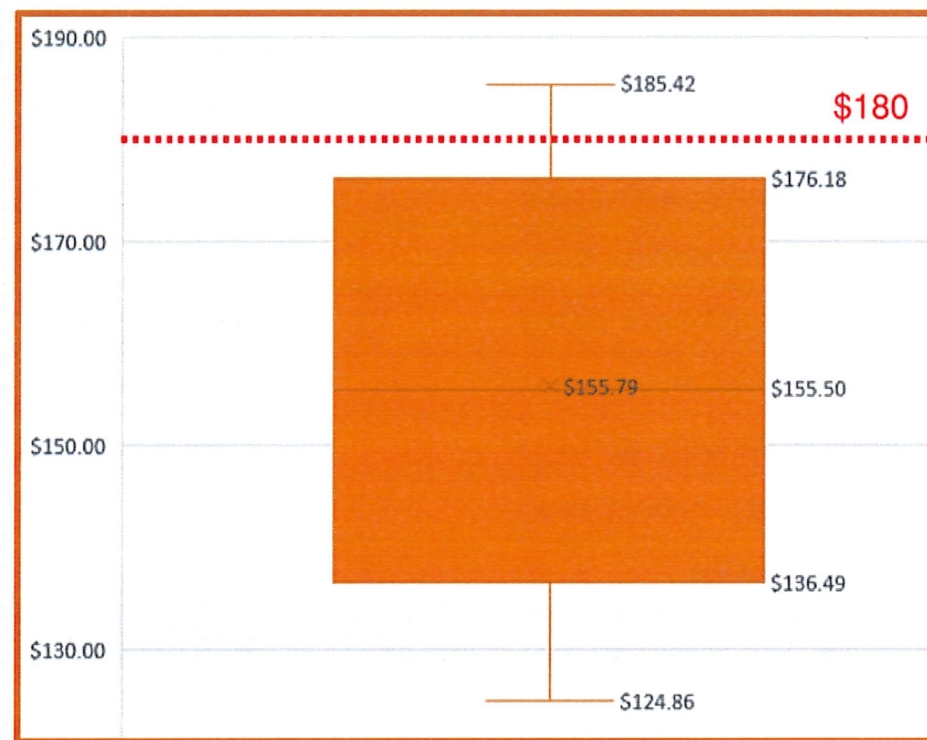


Will the County take my property?

Scott County has no intentions of using its legal authority of eminent domain to acquire property for regional trails; the intent is for all properties to be acquired from willing sellers at a fair market rate or obtained through development process initiated by the landowner or developer.

ESTIMATED COST

- \$180 Linear Foot for New Construction
- Comparable to the 2017 CH 78/CH 79 Trail Project
 - 5% Inflation Added
 - Using 2023 values, the average is \$155.79



TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY TEAM MEMBERS

TECHNICAL TEAM	
Name	Agency
Alyssa Olson	City of Shakopee
Jeff Haag/Heather Taylor Ducharme	Helena Township
Bob Pieper/John Weckman	Louisville Township
Eric Spieler	Parks Advisory Commission
Lauri Schmid	Parks Advisory Commission
Nicole Hendrickson	SMSC
Ted Kowalski/ Melissa Hanson	Spring Lake Township

CORE PLANNING TEAM	
Patty Freeman, Alysa Misfeldt, Nathan Abney, Craig Jenson	Scott County
Stewart Crosby, Shaunna Newton	SRF Consulting

COMMUNITY TEAM	
Name	Agency
Barb Novotny	Cedar Lake Resident
Karna Hagen	Louisville Township Resident
Richard Schirber	Prior Lake Resident
Terrie Schoenbauer	Cedar Lake Resident
Lauri Schmid	Parks Advisory Commission
Ted Kowalski	Spring Lake Township Resident
Jeremy Duehr & sons Augie (8 th grade) and Truman (6 th grade)	Savage/Shakopee Residents
Scott Sindelar	Prior Lake Resident

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

- Landowner Engagement
 - Letters
 - Landowner Meetings
 - One on One Engagement
- Open Houses
 - Louisville and Southern Scott
 - Postcard to neighbors
- Project Website
- Continued Technical and Community Meetings

Louisville & Southern Scott Regional Trails Master Plans
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Scan the code or visit the website below to comment on the proposed future trail alignments:



Scott County is developing regional trail master plans for two regional trail corridors: the Louisville Regional Trail (Big Woods Regional Trail/CH 17 to the planned Merriam Junction Regional Trail connecting to Carver County) and the Southern Scott Regional Trail (from Cedar Lake Farm to Cleary Lake Regional Park).
Your input will help develop future alignments of the trail corridors.

For questions please contact Nathan Abney at (952) 496-8839 or email trailmasterplans@co.scott.mn.us

<https://arcg.is/5H5mj>

WHAT WE'VE HEARD – LANDOWNER ENGAGEMENT

- Questions about impacts to hunting
- Questions about the safety of locating bike/ped uses near high-speed roads
- Concern for trail impacts to their properties/privacy
- Support for safe places to walk/run/bike



WHAT WE'VE HEARD – GENERAL PUBLIC

- Recognizing the need for safe places for residents to walk/bike
- Interest in more connections to trails and parks
- Scott 2040 resident survey:
"25% of respondents felt the biggest barrier to active living in Scott County is a lack of trails."



WHAT WE'VE HEARD – COMMUNITY TEAM

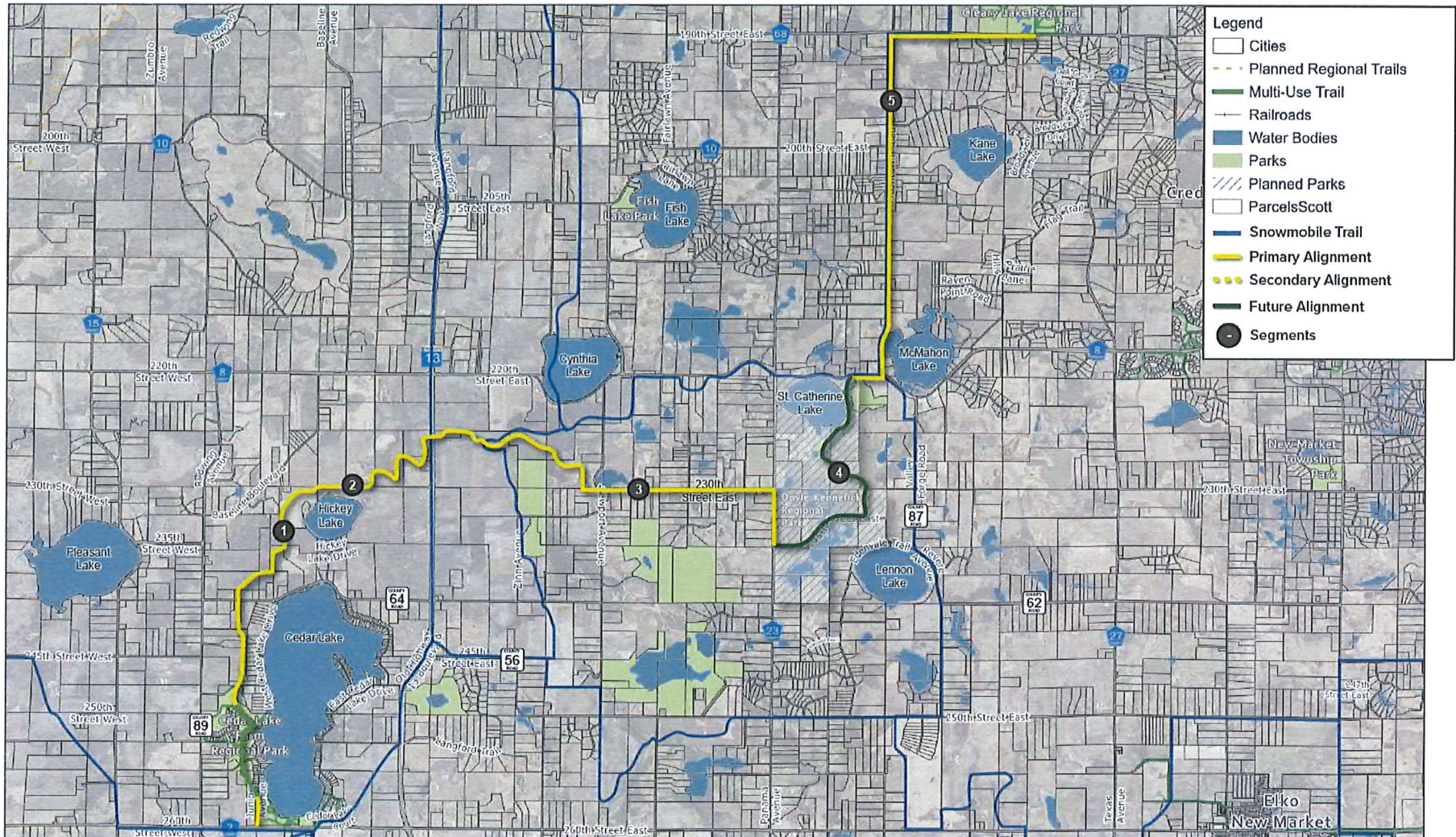
"It's a well thought out positive proposal. Many hours and team work put in to produce the best results."

"I feel the trail team has done a good job listening, explaining and exploring the many alternatives suggested. Like most processes, there are things about the plan I like and things I do not but compromises are needed to move forward and I am comfortable with the recommendations. "

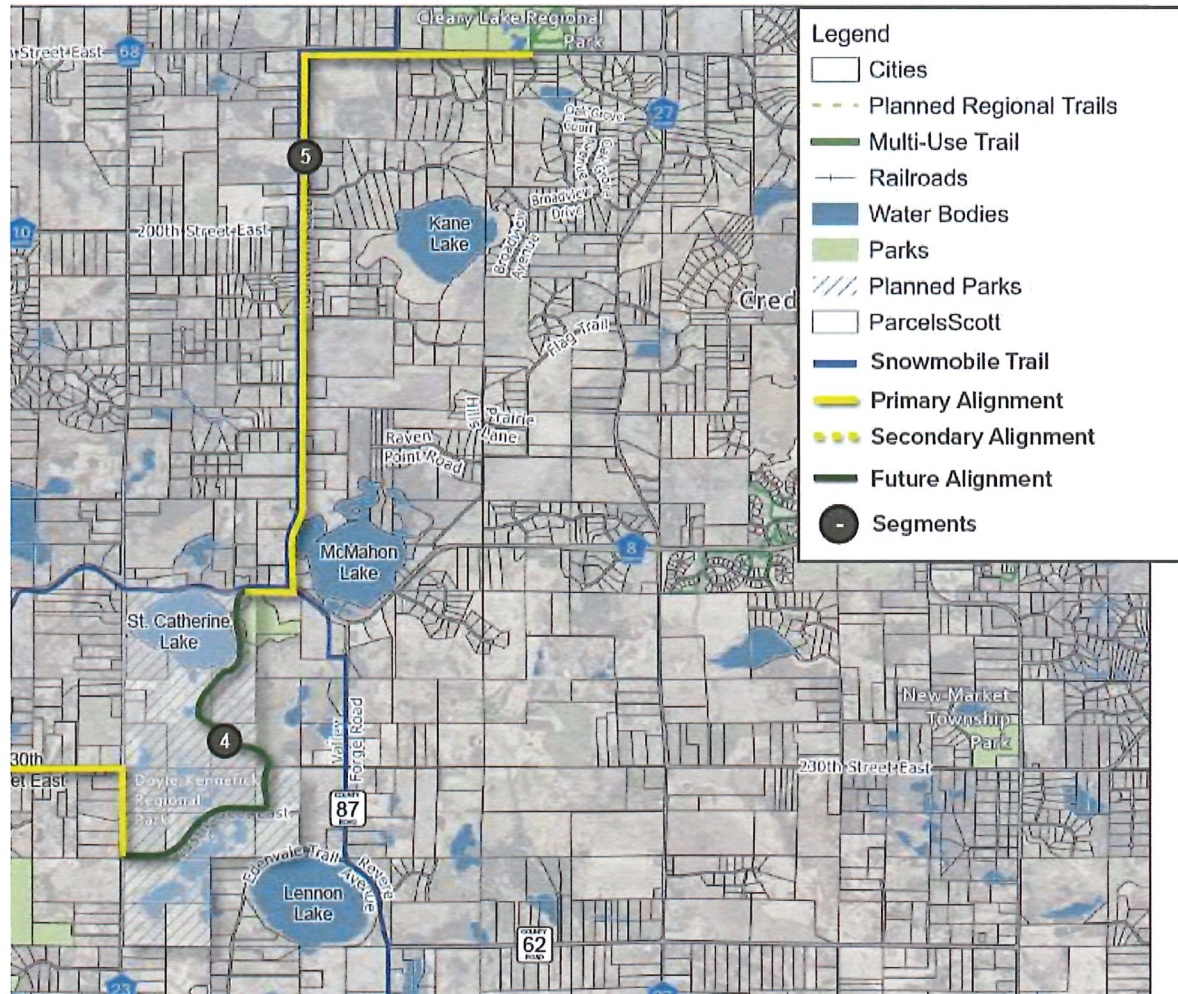
"Appears to be the best balance between a direct route and financially feasible route."

"I am confident the Team carefully considered a variety. of options and landed on the most appropriate and feasible alignment option. As a community member of the Team, I felt homeowner perspectives were thoughtfully included in the process and I believe that the proposed alignment will deliver the highest value (recreational, financial, cultural) to our community.

SOUTHERN SCOTT REGIONAL TRAIL SEARCH CORRIDOR



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NEXT STEPS

- Draft the plan
- August 14th: Draft Plan Published
- August-October: Public Comment Period
- November/December 2023: Incorporate Comments, Finalize Plan, Seek Approval from County Board of Commissioners to Submit to Metropolitan Council

THANK YOU



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