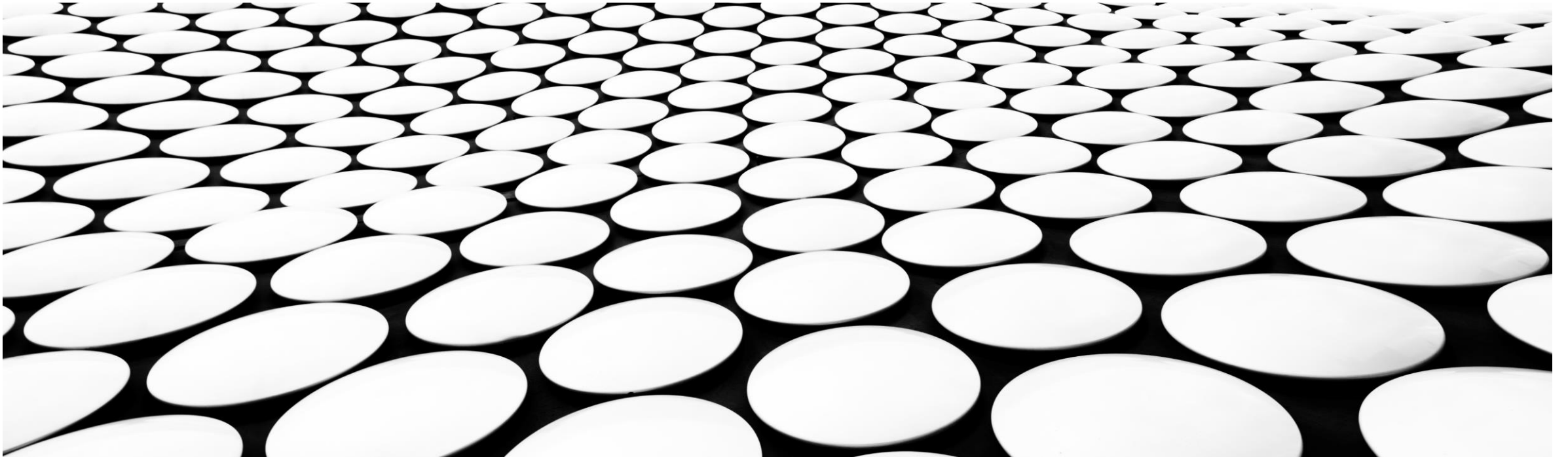


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# FOX CITIES TRAIL SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY





## WHY HOLD A TRAIL SUMMIT?

- Trails we have are heavily used.
- With 20 municipalities doing trails, coordination can be elusive.
- Major work is planned in the next few years.
- Fitness, recreation, alternative transportation, civic image and mental health are all at stake.

## GOALS

- Foster broader dialogue across municipal boundaries, economic sectors and areas of interest.
- Make trails in the Fox Cities the best they can be for recreation and transportation.
- Improve the health of Fox Cities residents.

## OBJECTIVES

- Coordinating active transportation and recreation routes will promote collaboration among municipal leaders in the counties, cities, villages and towns of the Fox Cities.
- Filling in gaps will link municipalities to each other and to state, county and local parks.
- Improving access to remote areas by trails will showcase what *Imagine Fox Cities* calls the “cultural and natural assets” we prize.
- Making trails more accessible will help overcome physical, cultural or knowledge barriers that may prevent some of our residents from experiencing trails and promote a feeling of “belonging” in an increasingly diverse community.

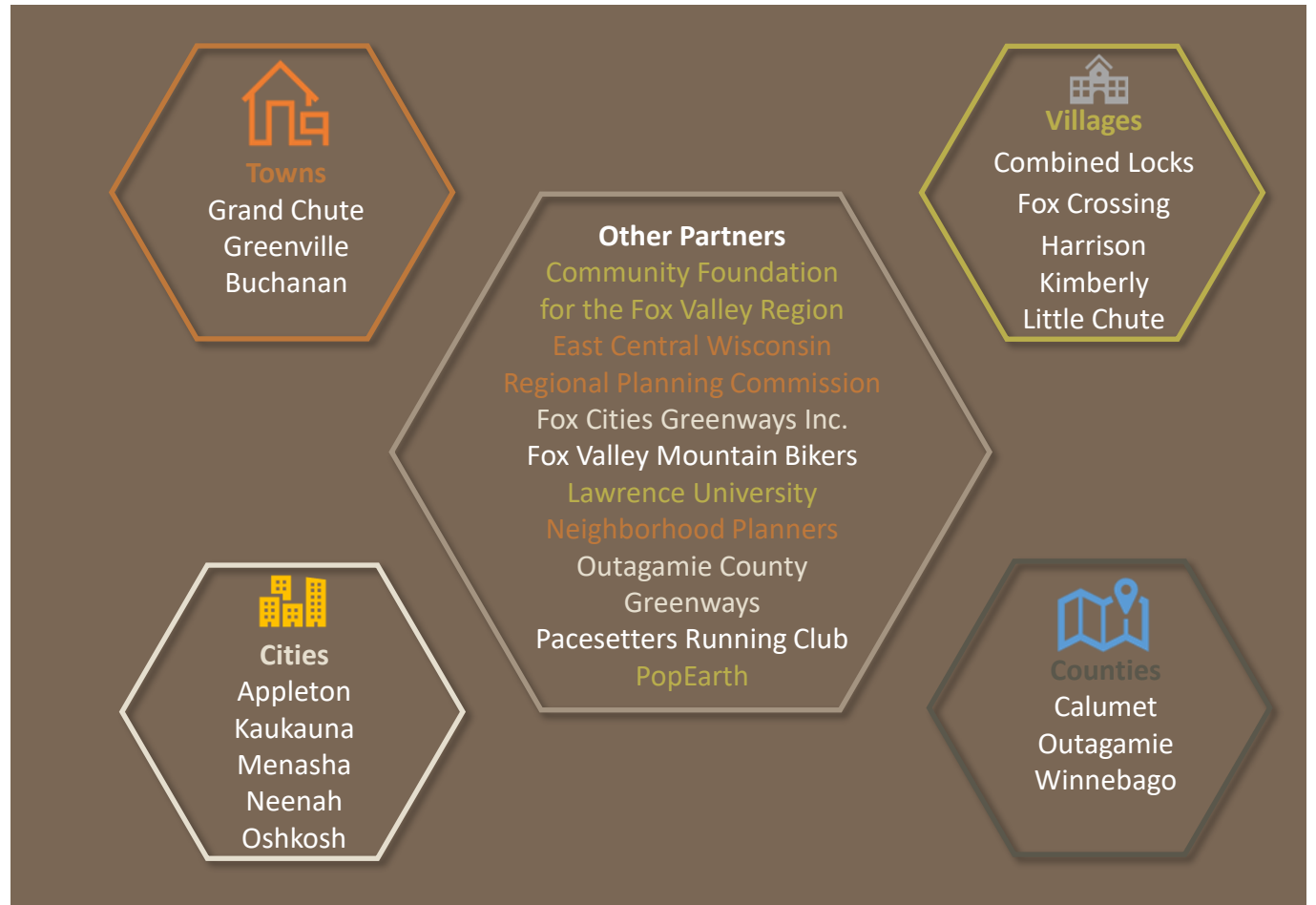


## Who collaborated?

- 65 people
- From 5 cities, 5 villages  
3 towns and 3 counties
- 9 community organizations

## Organizers were:

- Fox Cities Greenways
- East Central Wisconsin  
Regional Planning Commission
- Community Foundation for the  
Fox Valley Region

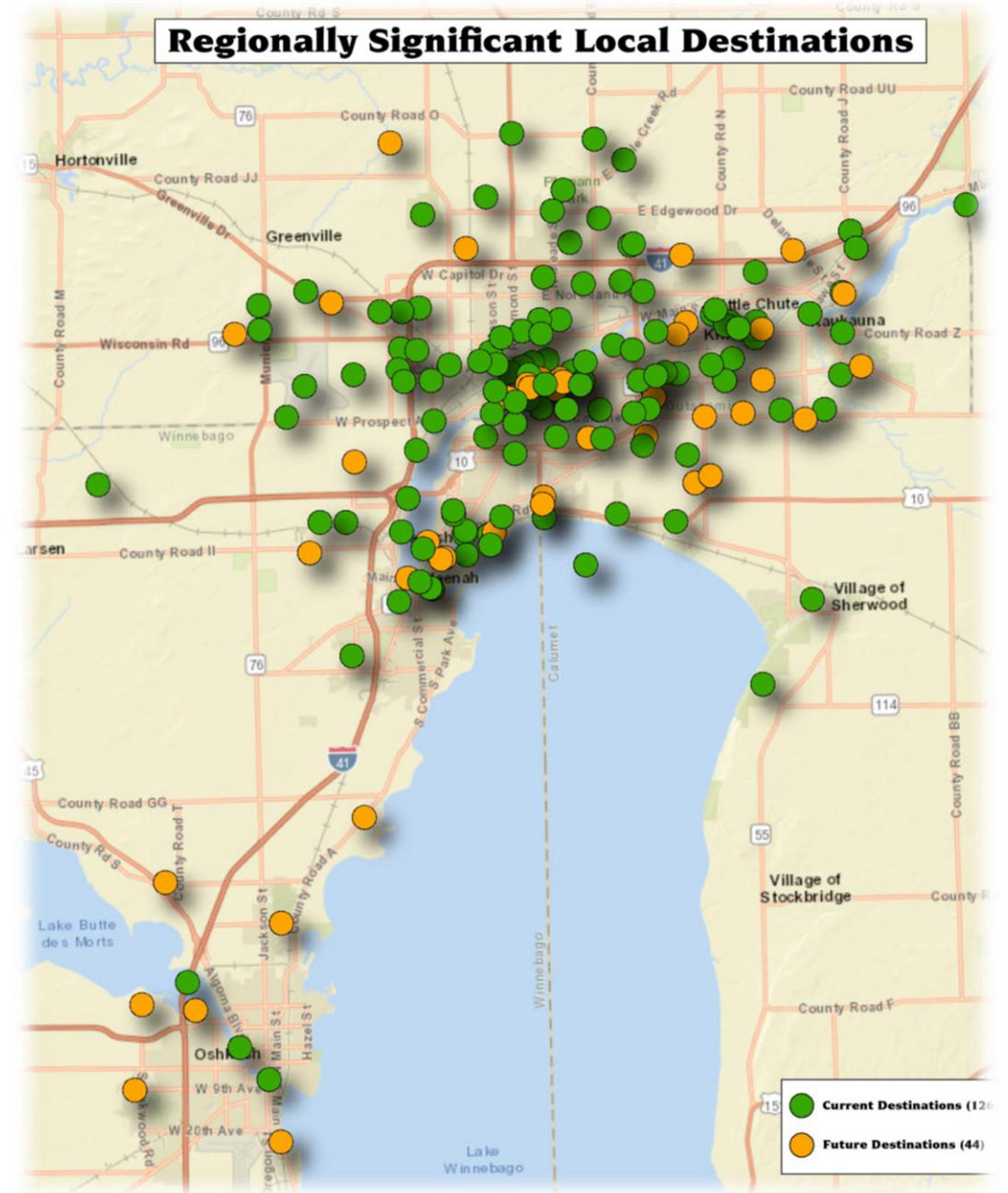




# Step #1

Neighboring communities helped to identify a municipality's Significant Local Destinations. They included:

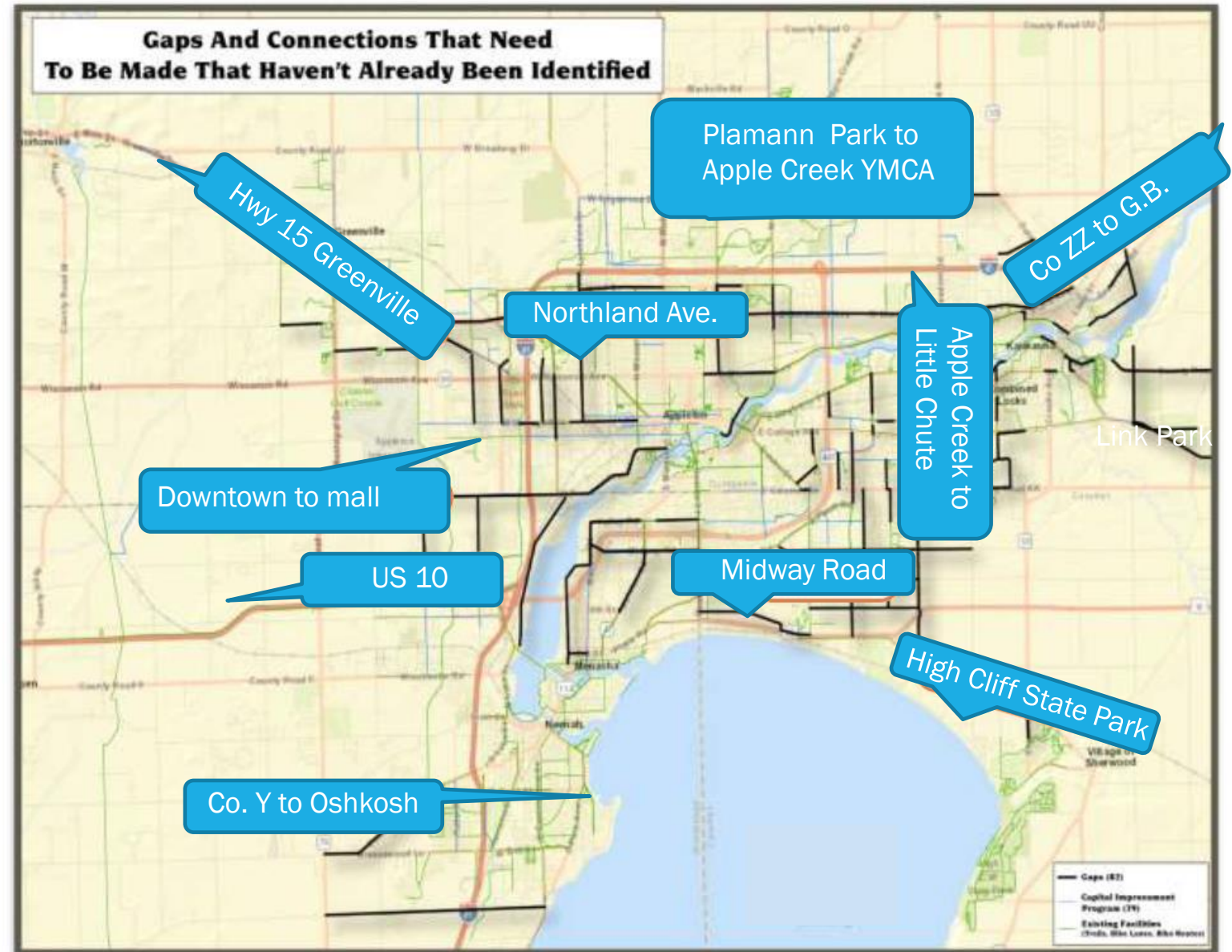
- Shopping areas
- Business centers
- Medical facilities
- Community parks
- YMCAs
- High schools
- Colleges, technical schools
- Tourist attractions



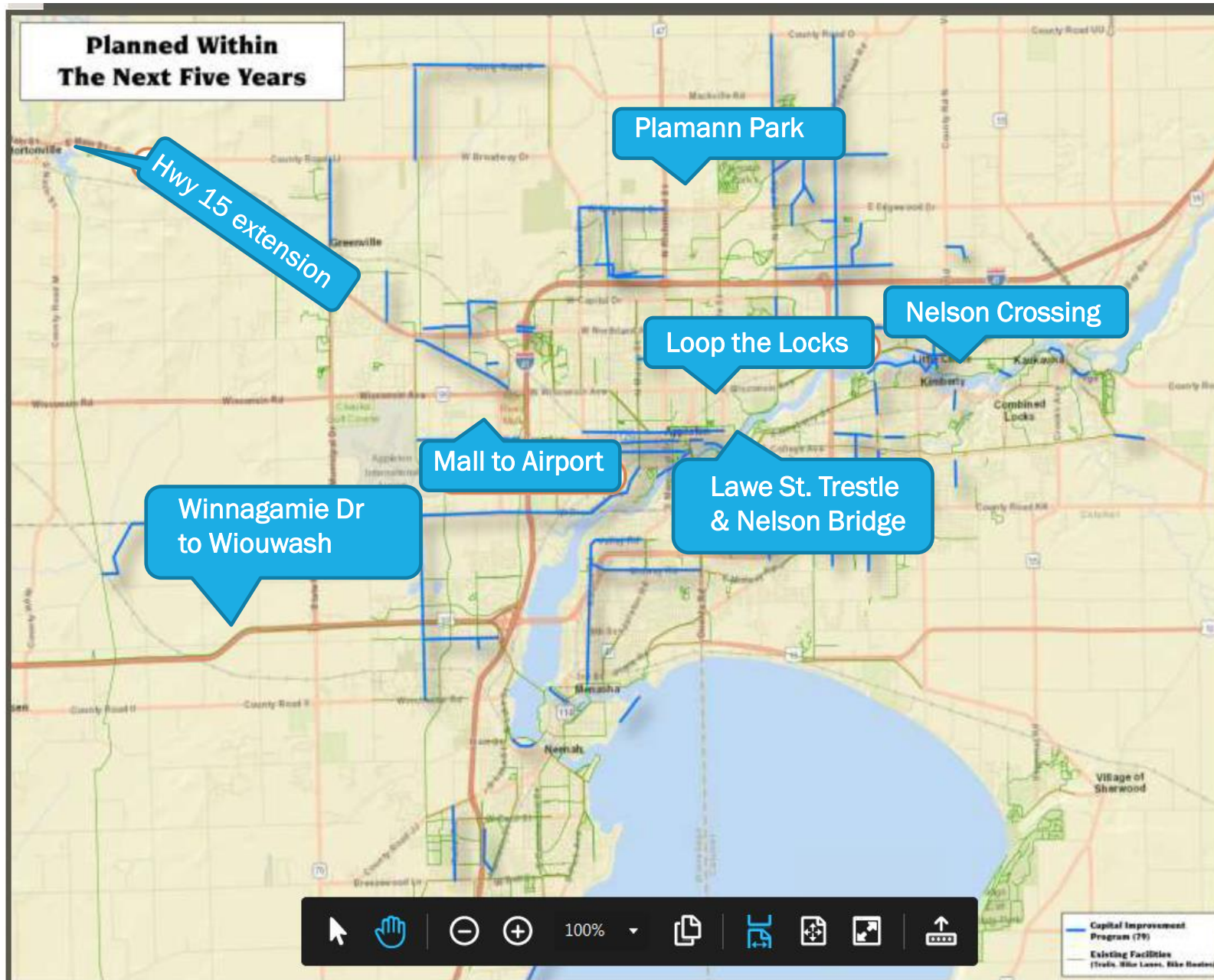
## Step #2

We mapped known gaps and barriers to getting to the destinations by bicycle or walking

- Oshkosh/Winnebago County from Snell Road to CTH Y
- Nature's Way trail to Appleton
- CTH A Neenah to Oshkosh
- Prospect Ave./CTH BB to Loop the Little Lake
- Trail from the Fox Cities to High Cliff State Park
- Downtown Appleton to the Fox River Mall
- Little Chute to Apple Creek area of Appleton
- CTH ZZ from Kaukauna to Green Bay



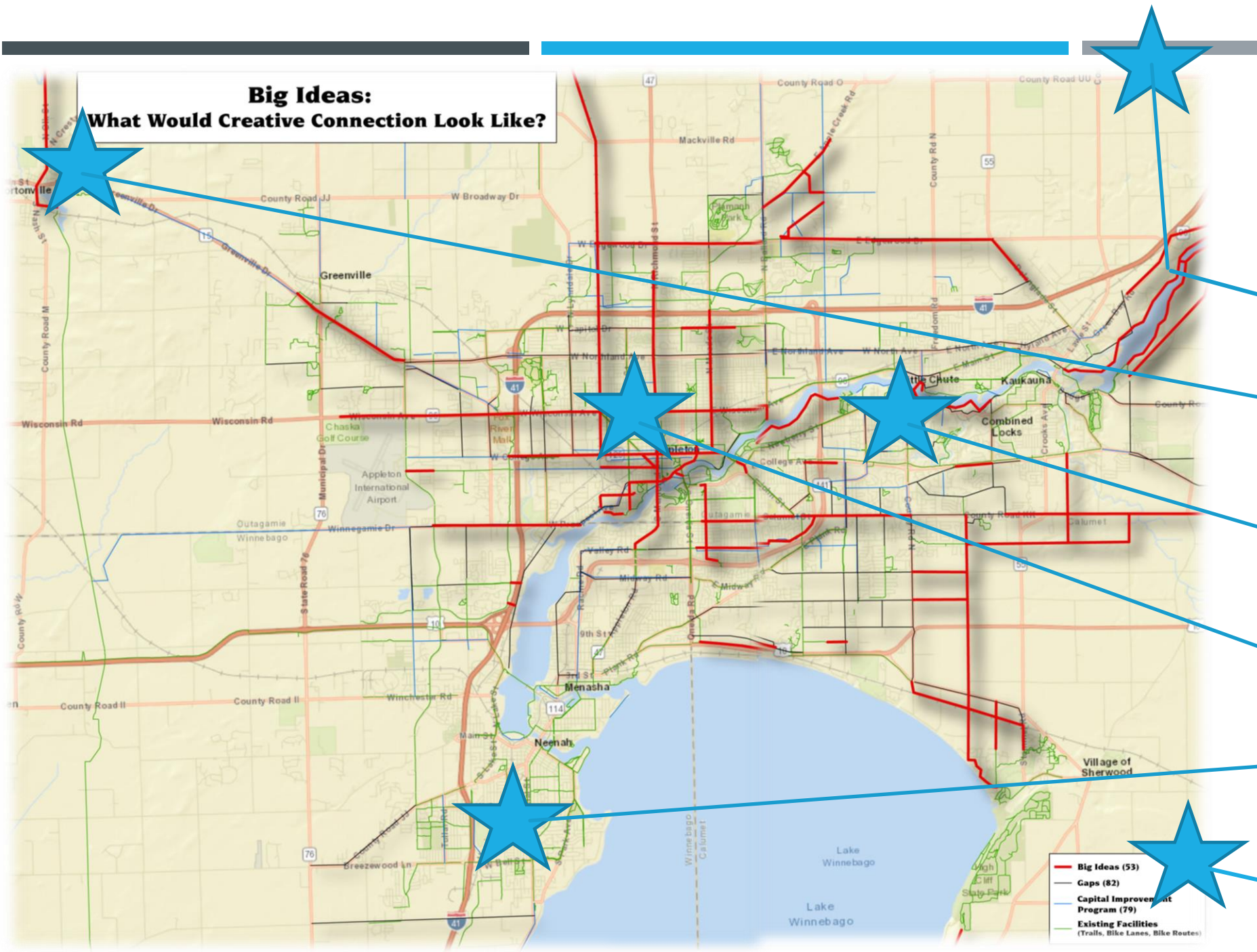




## Step #3

We identified trail segments outlined in capital improvement plans for the next 5 years.

*Special thanks to the East Central GIS staff for on-site technical support and map development.*



## BIG IDEAS

What would the complete trail network look like?

Fox Cities connect to Green Bay.

Wiouwash Trail extends northward.

Looped trails connect riverfront parks.

North-south arteries through cities.

Neenah connects to Oshkosh

Fox Cities connect to High Cliff State Park.



# \$20 million in trail construction

is planned within three years, just in the Fox Cites.



2020

PROJECT	TOTAL COST	MILES
L. Chute-Kauk. Nelson Crossing	\$3,500,000	0.5
Kaukauna: CE Trail extension	\$700,000	0.5
Kaukauna: Railroad Trail	\$150,000	1
Kaukauna: Community Trail	\$225,000	1
Appleton: Lawe St. Trestle	\$1,800,000	0.25
Menasha: Natures Way Trail	\$250,000	0.25
Neenah: Lakeshore Ave. Trail	\$550,000	0.5
Outagamie Co., Grand Chute, Greenville, Hwy CA: FR Mall-ATW	\$250,000	1.75
Three-year total	\$19,950,000	

2021

PROJECT	TOTAL COST	MILES
Kimberly: Railroad St. Trail	\$199,920	0.45
Appleton: Kort Park & Trails	\$2,000,000	0.3
Neenah: Jewelers Park Trail	\$1,100,000	0.9
New London: Newton Blackmour to Pfeiffer Park	\$1,000,000	2.2
2022		
Appleton:Nelson Heritage Bridge	\$2,800,000	0.2
Appleton: Lutz-Vulcan Bdwalk	\$2,000,000	0.3
Appleton: WE Energies ROW	\$1,525,000	2.1
Menasha: Water St. Corridor	\$700,000	0.5
Out. Co.: Plamann Park Trails	\$1,200,000	2.5

## WHY A BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN?

- The urbanized areas of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties have more than **340 miles** of trails, with an additional **1,294 miles of sidewalks**.
- After two years of planning, community surveys, stakeholder involvement and public input, the *Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* was **formally adopted in 2014**, funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- The region has seen the **culture and infrastructure improve** for bicycling and walking for active transportation and recreation.
- The Plan has helped achieve regionwide and MPO-level **Complete Streets policies**, a regionwide bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding guidebook, an established bicycle and pedestrian counting program, and cross-community collaboration to expand the bicycle and pedestrian network.





## WHERE TO GO FROM HERE?

Partners ECWRPC, FCGI and the CFFVR will continue to support this initiative in these ways:

**ECWRPC** will use data gathered at the Trail Summit to strengthen the updating of its urbanized area bike and pedestrian plan.

**CFFVR** will continue to spark conversation and refer interested funders to assist with leveraging the projects on the horizon



**FCGI** will partner with ECWRPC to ensure that the maps are updated in a timely manner by all municipal partners. The nonprofit group will work as a unifier of Partnership projects in the region and supplement key connections with its various grant programs

# STEERING COMMITTEE

- Holly Femal, FCGI President/Village of Kimberly
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