



# Greenbelt & Trail Priorities





# Vision

## Trail system

- Base - loop encircling the community
- Follows drainages of
  - Hinkson Creek
  - Perche Creek
  - Bear Creek
- Spokes from base loop along smaller drainages and/or green corridors to connect all parts of the community



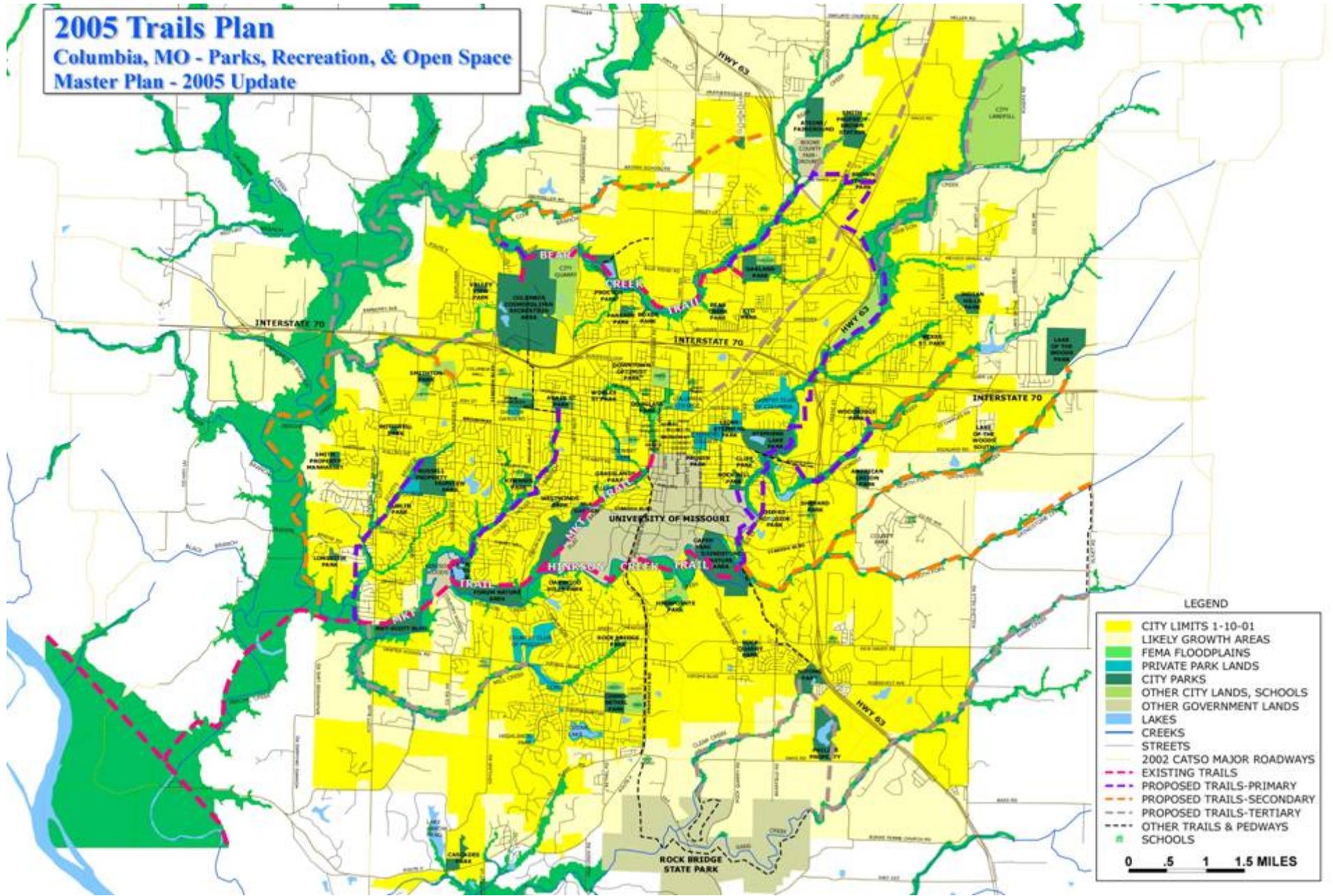
## Goal

### Effective trail system of inter-connectivity between:

- residential sub-divisions
- employment centers
- schools
- parks
- businesses
- downtown

# 2005 Trails Plan

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Master Plan - 2005 Update



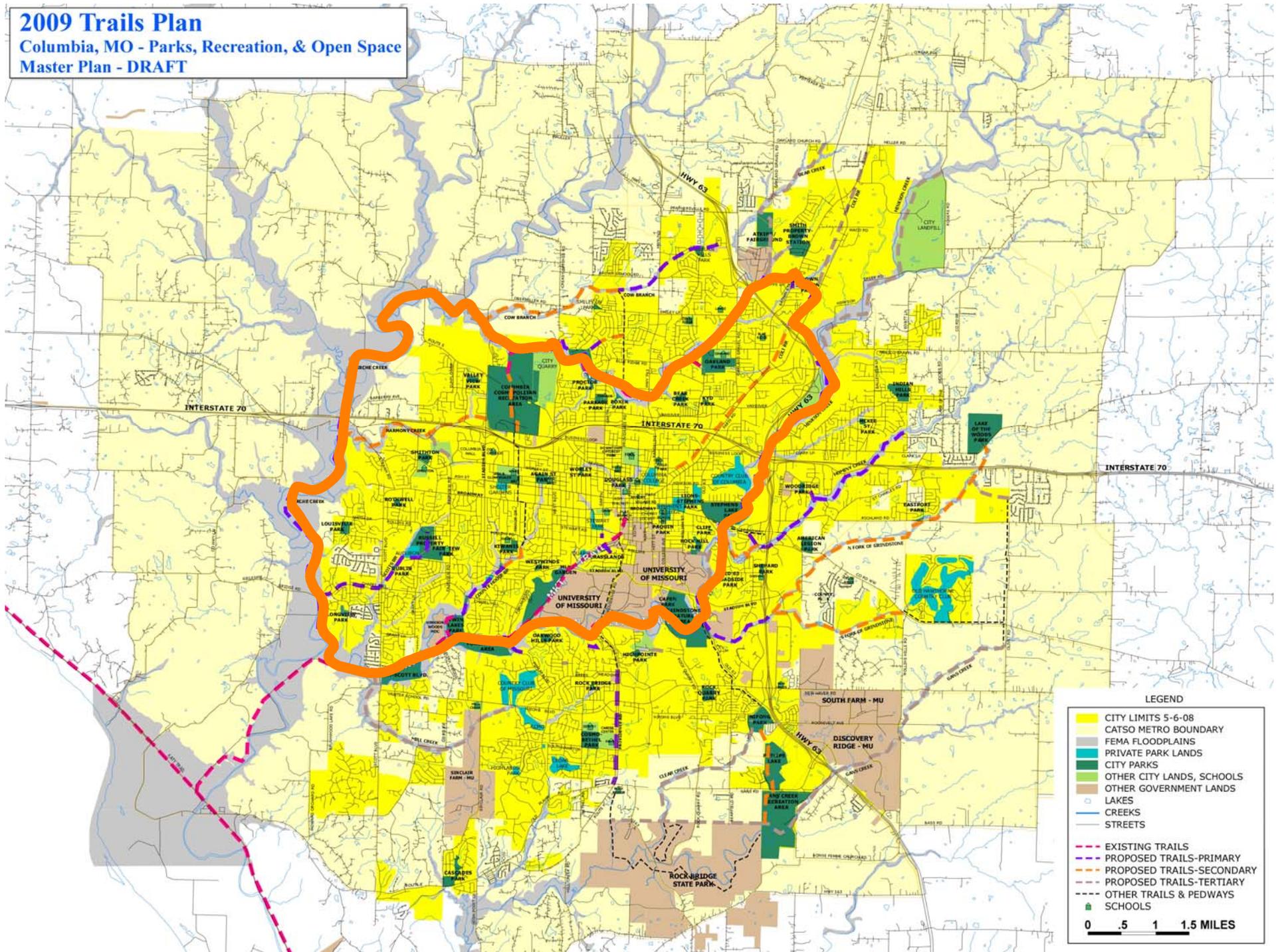


# Considerations in Establishing Priorities

- The part the trail section plays in the overall goal to complete a “loop trail” around Columbia.
- Areas currently or soon to be under development. Properties may become unavailable or prohibitively expensive.
- The need to serve areas of expanding residential population.
- Current feasibility of acquisition.

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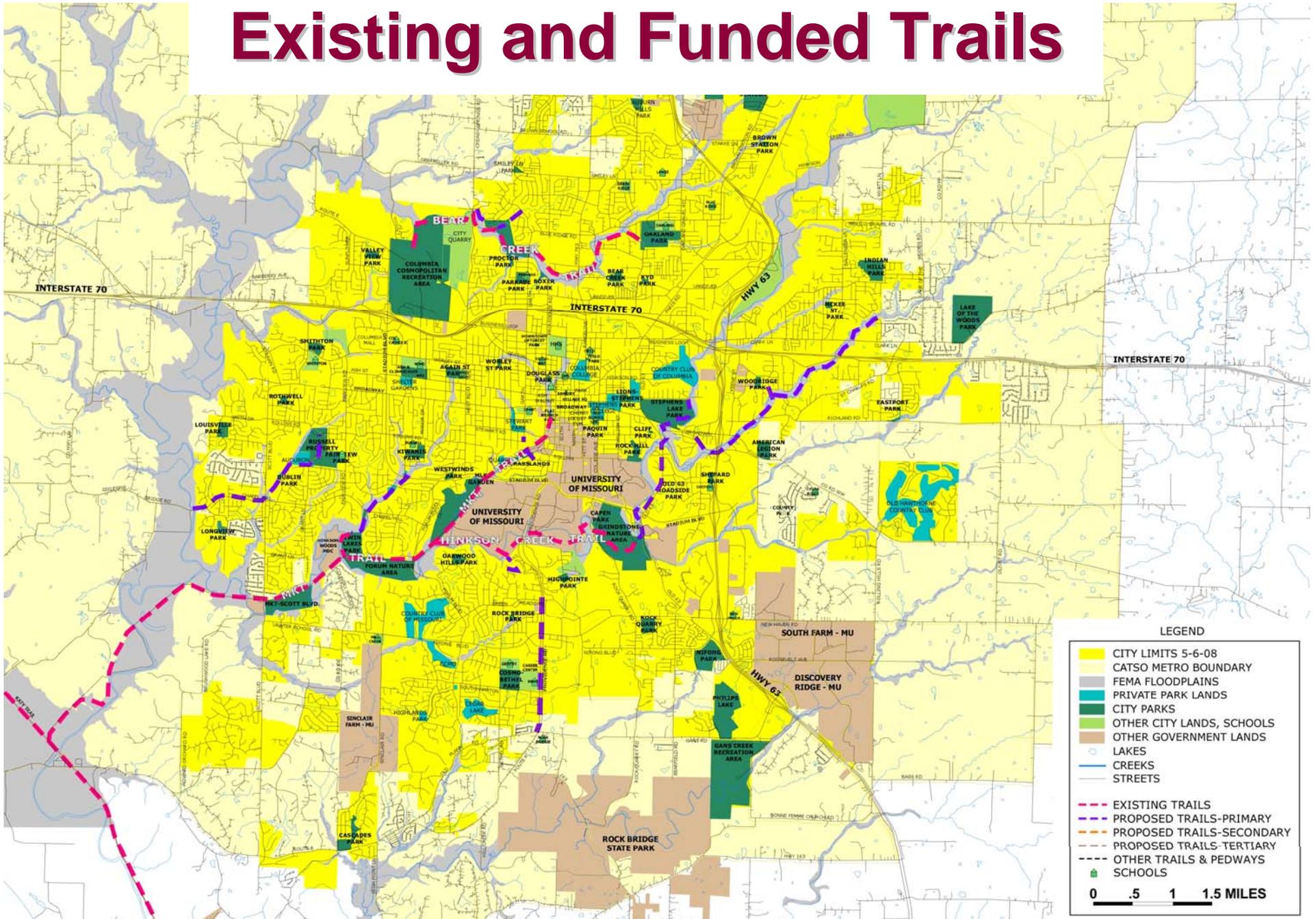


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# Existing and Funded Trails



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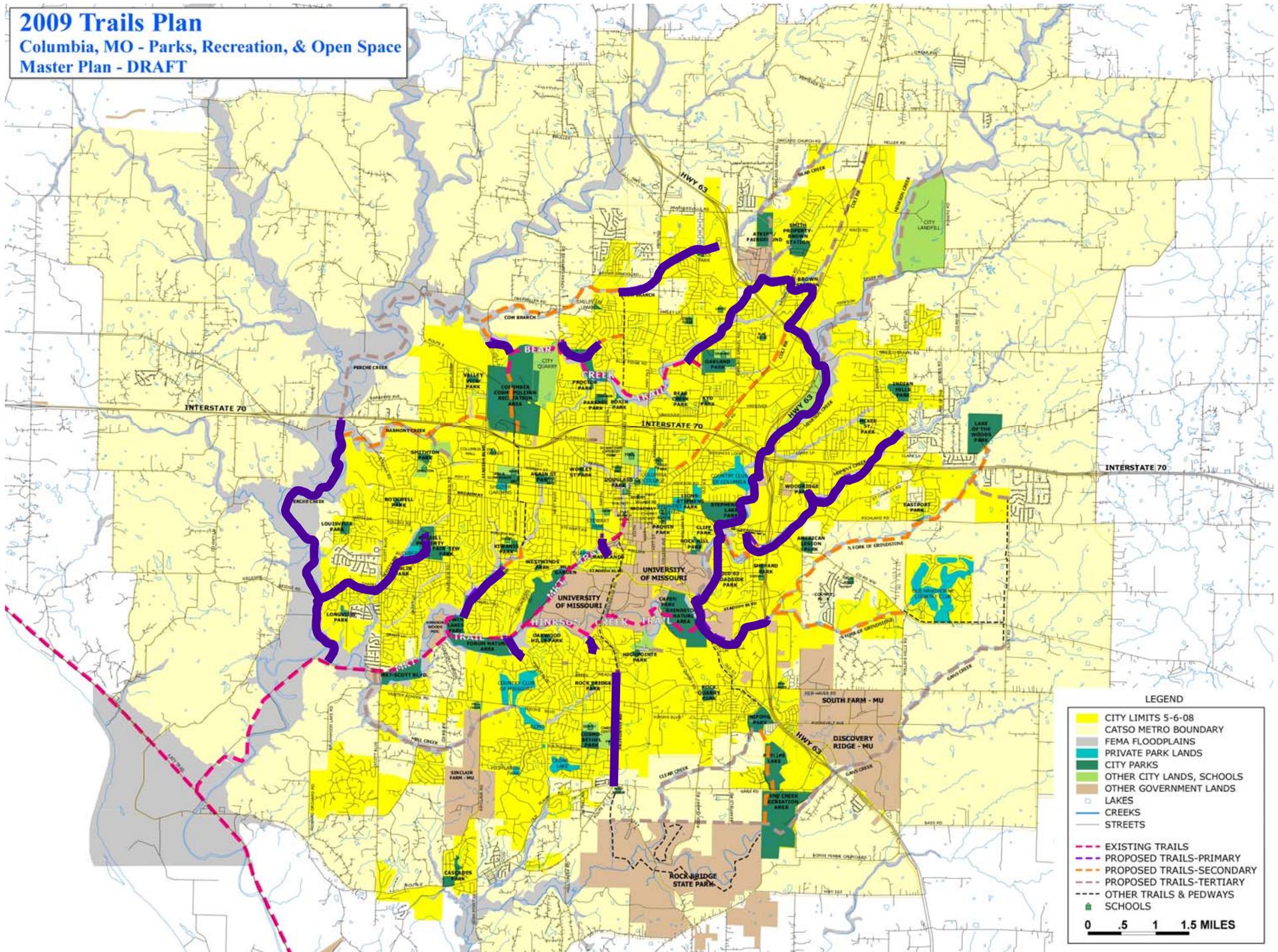
# Acquisition Targets

## Primary Acquisition Targets:

- Represent important pieces of the trail system.
- Under increasing development potential.
- High projection of use.
- Should be aggressively pursued.

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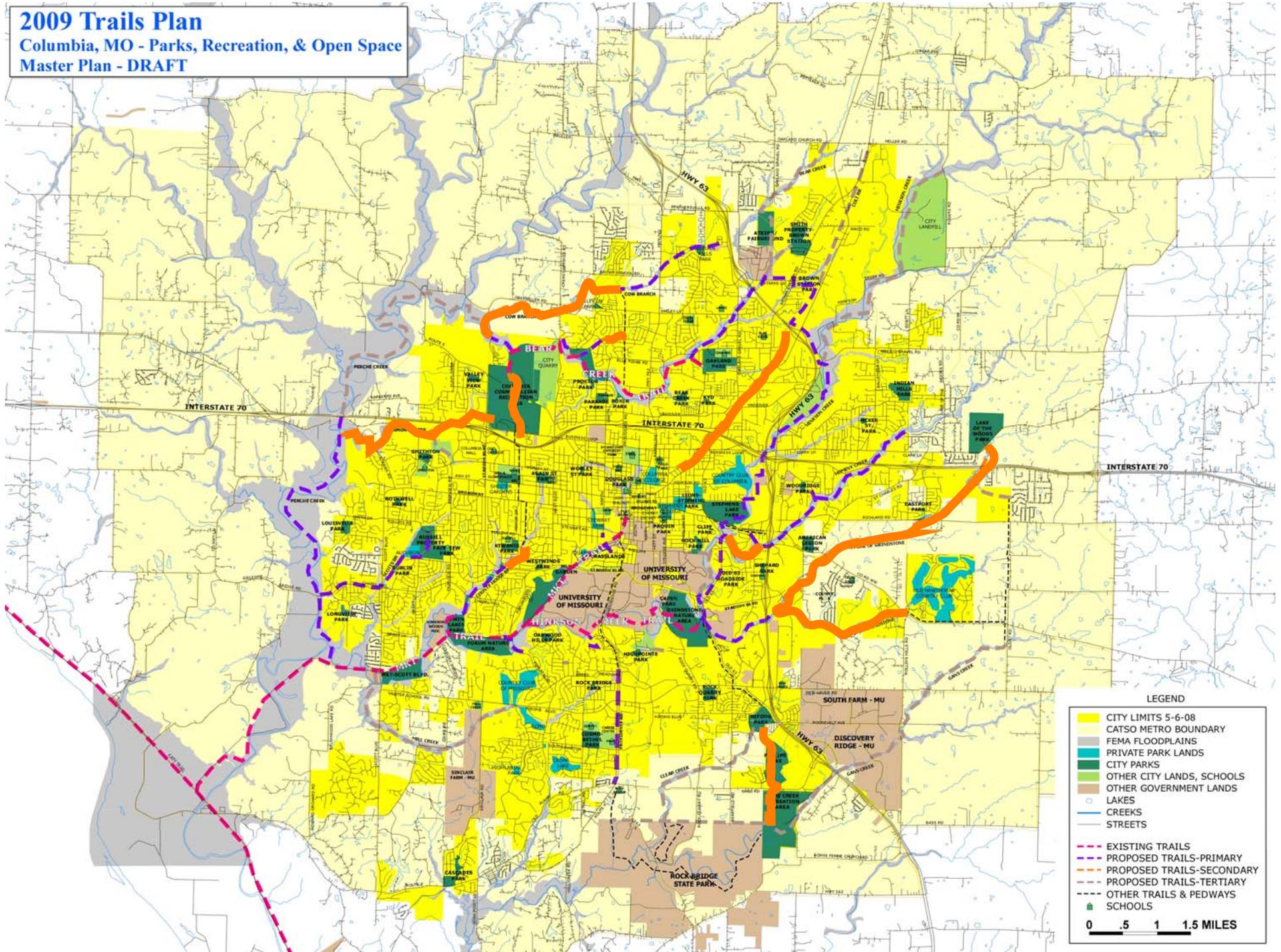
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## Secondary Acquisition Targets:

- Under less development pressure than the primary targets - may have additional time for acquisition.
- Moderate projection of use.
- It is important, however, that these linkages become integrated into the trail system.

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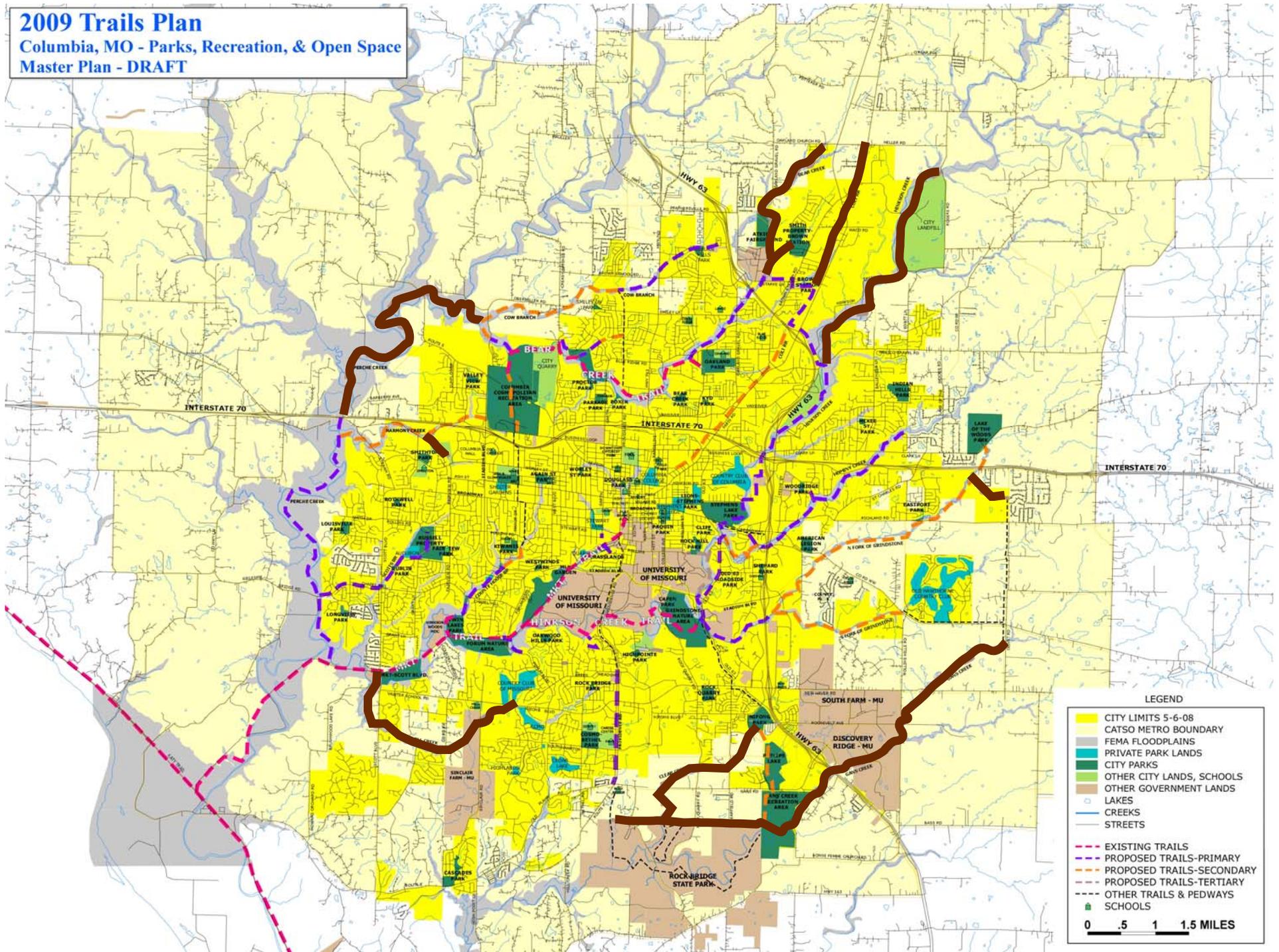
# Acquisition Targets

## Tertiary Acquisition Targets:

- Under little development pressure or are not feasible to purchase at this time.
- Low projection of use.
- Monitor the status of these linkages and more actively pursue them as they become available or threatened by development.

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# Primary Acquisition Targets

## Status: Funded and Under Design

- Hinkson Creek Trail 3.5 miles  
Grindstone Nature Area to Stephens Lake Park
- Hominy Branch 2.0 miles  
Broadway Pedway to Woodridge Park
- Hominy Branch 2.0 miles  
Woodridge Park to Thessalia Subdivision
- Scotts Branch 1.6 miles  
Gillespie Bridge Rd. to Russell Property
- County House Branch 1.3 miles  
Twin Lakes to Stadium Blvd.
- Bear Creek Connector 0.5 mile  
Garth Nature Area to Blue Ridge Rd.
- Bear Creek Trail Python Connector 0.5 mile  
Python Ct. to Creasy Springs Rd.
- Providence Rd. Trail 2.0 miles  
Rock Bridge Elementary to Green Meadows Rd.
- Hinkson Trail Greenbriar Connector 0.5 mile  
Greenbriar Rd. to Hinkson Creek at Green Tennis Complex
- MKT Grasslands to Garth 0.5 mile  
Grasslands Park & Garth Ave to MKT

# Primary Acquisition Targets

Status: Not Funded

- Hinkson Creek Trail 5.0 miles  
Stephens Lake Park to Atkins Park
- Bear Creek Trail 1.2 miles  
Blue Ridge Rd. to Smiley Lane/Lang Middle School
- Bear Creek Trail 1.0 mile  
Smiley Lane/Lange Middle School to Atkins Park
- Bear Creek Trail 0.5 mile  
CCRA to Blackfoot Rd.
- Perche Creek 5.0 miles  
Interstate 70 to MKT
- Grindstone Trail 1.2 miles  
Grindstone Nature Area to Confluence of N & S Forks of Grindstone
- MKT Forum Connectors 0.5 mile  
Katy Ln to MKT & MAC to MKT
- Cow Branch/Bear Creek 2.0 miles  
Providence Rd. to Auburn Hills Neighborhood

# Secondary Acquisition Targets

Status: Not Funded

- North Fork of Grindstone Creek  
5.3 miles  
Confluence of N & S Grindstone Forks to LOW Golf Course
- South Fork of Grindstone Creek  
4.0 miles  
Confluence of N & S Grindstone Forks to Olivet Road
- County Branch Trail 1.7 mile  
Stadium Blvd. to Again St. Park
- Cow Branch/Bear Creek  
2.8 miles  
Blackfoot Rd. to Providence Rd.
- Harmony Creek 3.0 miles  
CCRA to Perche Creek
- CCRA Trail 1.0 mile  
Skate Park to I-70
- Philips Lake Connection 2.0 miles  
Gans Creek (near RBSP) to Nifong Park
- COLT 3.0 miles  
Southern Portion, Hwy 63 to Columbia College
- Moon Valley Connector 1.0 mile  
Buck's Run Rd. to Moon Valley Rd. to Hominy Creek Trail
- Bear Creek Trail Connector 0.5 mile  
Blue Ridge Rd. to Providence Rd.

# Tertiary Acquisition Targets

## Status: Not Funded

- Hinkson Creek Trail 4.5 miles  
Mexico Gravel Rd. to N side of City Landfill
- Perche Creek 5.0 miles  
Bear Creek Trail to I-70
- Mill Creek 3.6 miles  
MKT to Nifong Rd. - CCMO Area
- Clear Creek 2.8 miles  
Nifong Park to RBSP
- Gans Creek 5.5 miles  
Olivet Rd. to RBSP
- Gans Creek 2.0 miles  
Gans Creek Recreation Area to Rock Bridge Elementary
- COLT 2.5 miles  
N Portion, Brown Station Park to Heller Rd.
- Harmony Creek Connector 0.5 mile  
Worley St. to Harmony Creek
- Bear Creek Trail 2.5 miles  
Boone County Fairgrounds to Oakland Church Rd.
- Bear Creek Trail 0.5 mile  
Boone County Fairgrounds to Smith Property-Brown Station
- Hinkson Creek Trail 1.0 mile  
Rockhill Park Connector
- Seven Oaks Connector 0.3 miles  
Rolling Rock Rd. to Seven Oaks
- N Fork of Grindstone Cnctr 0.7 miles  
N Fork of Grindstone Trail to Sunrise Estates



# Funding for Greenbelt/Trails

2005 Park Sales Tax Ballot  
\$670,000 over 5 years

Current Available Balance: \$197,912

Future Budget Appropriations

FY 2010 and FY 2011: \$290,000



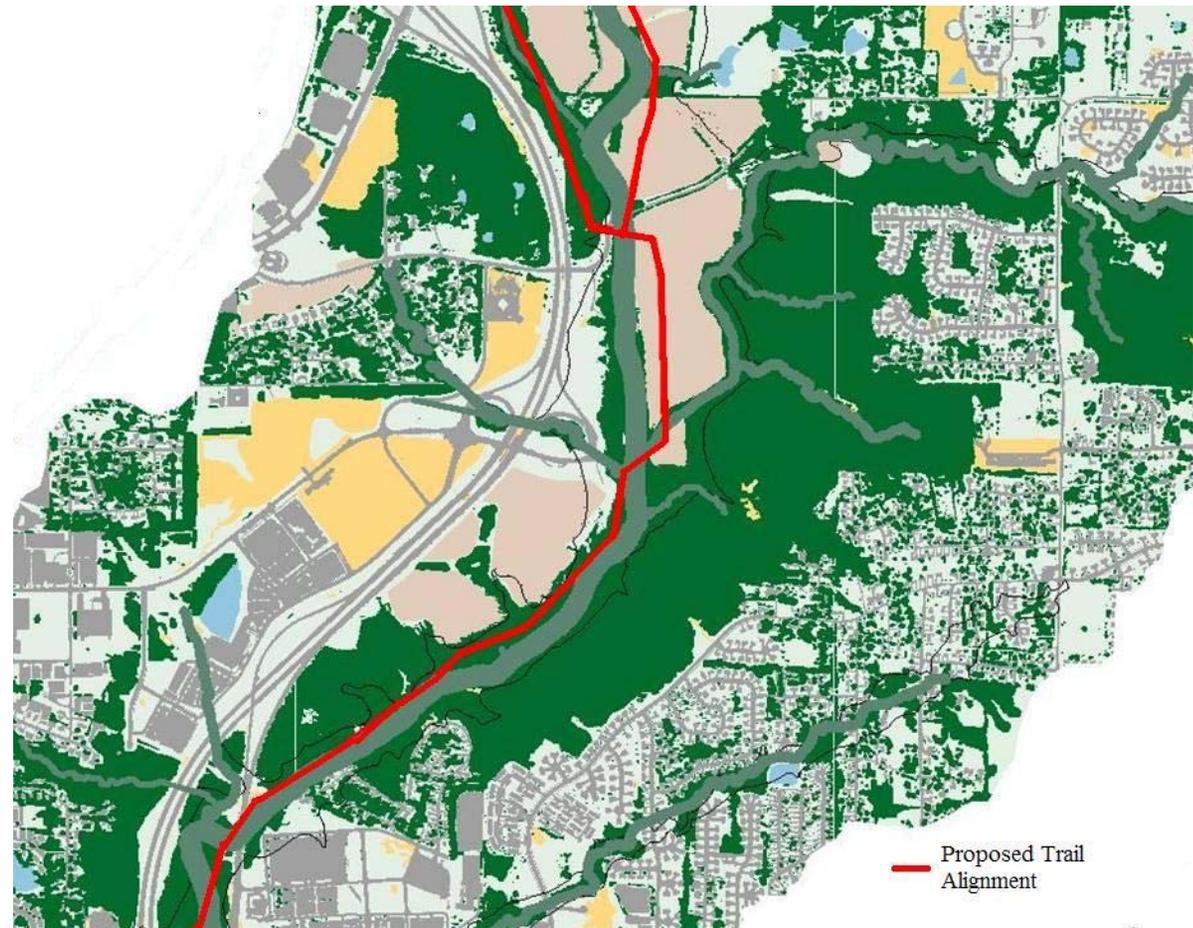
# Acquisition of Sensitive Areas

Each trail project offers the opportunity to preserve areas of environmental and cultural significance as part of the land acquisition process.

Land preservation as a project element or objective would require:

- The identification of areas of scenic beauty, historical significance, climax forest, and plant and animal habitat in proximity to the proposed project;
- An evaluation of the acquisition priority;
- An evaluation of the budget impact associated with implementing a land preservation strategy as part of the project; and
- Identifying a funding source for land preservation activities

# Mapping Environmental Features & Trails





# Identifying Land for Preservation

How to identify land for preservation?

- A City Commission would develop the environmental criteria to guide potential preservation activities
- The Natural Resources Inventory provides a comprehensive resource for identifying and mapping environmental features
- Field evaluation as part of project development to verify resource targeted for preservation

