A Greenway network protects natural, cultural, and scenic resources, provides recreational benefits, enhances the natural beauty and the quality of life in neighborhoods and communities, and stimulates economic development opportunities.

Nygren Wetland Complex, Natural Land Institute

Benefits of Greenways:

- Protect natural resources
- Provide flood storage
- Improve water quality
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Provide recreational opportunities
- Enhance property values
- Increase property tax revenue
- Increase tourism
- Increase sales tax revenue
- Provide cultural resources

Discover the fun and beauty of greenways and natural areas in Boone & Winnebago Counties

Explore natural areas, visit historical sites, bike through the countryside, or just take a walk in your neighborhood park. Greenways are a network of natural and cultural resources that connect people and places. Greenways provide recreational opportunities, protect natural resources, and enhance the quality of life in our communities.

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Rockford Area Greenways, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District

Annual Conservation Area, Boone County Conservation District

Trails & Recreation Paths

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Major Recreation Trails in Boone & Winnebago

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Parks and Preserves

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Sugar River Canal Preserve, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District

Enhancement of land and natural resource identification

Boone and Winnebago Regional Greenways Plan

Map and Summary

Boone and Winnebago Greenways Plan Goals & Implementation

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Kishwaukee River

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Winnebago Recreation Path, Rockford Park District

Rockford Park District Nature Center, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Silver Lake Park

Illinois Clean Energy

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership

Participating agencies include:

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Critical & Sensitive Areas Provide Habitat for Wildlife

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Kishwaukee River Park, Rockford Park District

Blackhawk Bluff Conservation Area, Boone County Conservation District

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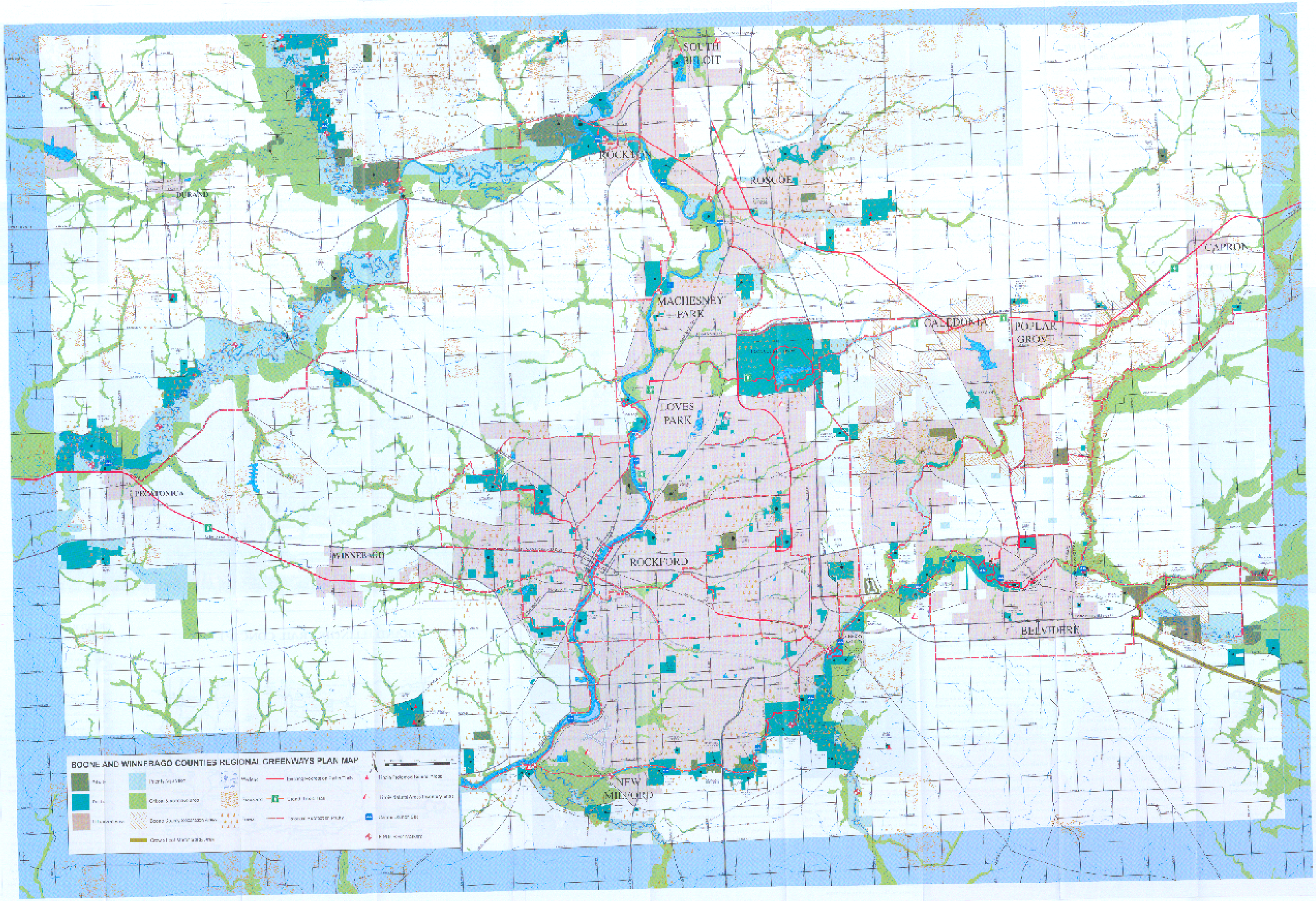
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