

RESOLUTION 8142

A resolution of the Missoula City Council affirming the official names and locations of Missoula's three primary commuter, shared use paths, including Ron's River Trail, the Bitterroot Trail, and the Milwaukee Trail per Exhibits A, B, and C.

Whereas, trails provide many benefits including access, social equity, health and wellness, active commuting, and recreation opportunities; and

Whereas, parks, trails and public spaces are named by the Parks and Recreation Board for historical, geographical, cultural, and important events, service groups or citizens of significance; and

Whereas, before the trail systems were sufficiently connected, developed, and recognized for their immense use as a commuter system for active transportation as well as recreation, they were often named formally or informally without fully understanding the user's need for place identity; and

Whereas, the need for wayfinding, specific location identification and mapping requires each trail be readily identifiable; and

Whereas, Ron's River Trail is the trail which generally parallels the Clark Fork River on the north side of the River, with its start or 0-mile point in Caras Park and extending generally east and west to the incorporated Missoula City limits; and

Whereas, the Bitterroot Trail generally follows a northeast to southwest path along the Bitterroot Spur rail line from Toole Ave to Clark and MacDonald and continues along Old Highway 93 South, completing more than 50 miles of a connected trail system, through the Missoula and Bitterroot Valleys, and represents the magnitude to which Montanans of all abilities value their trails and the recreation they provide; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Trail is the primary east-west corridor following the Old Milwaukee Road rail line and currently extends from the Kim Williams Nature Area to Grove Street, with plans to one day continue the trail east and west from Chicago to Tacoma; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee and Bitterroot Trails intersect at a trail roundabout where the two rail lines intersect east of Hickory St and in line with Dakota Ave, thus acting as the 0-mile point for both trails; and

Whereas, it is a community goal to promote and maintain a public, multi-use non-motorized trail system connecting our residents and guests to the downtown, midtown, historic districts, the University, park system, schools, shopping, and to nearby communities, and other valued destinations, and

Whereas, one distinct and recognized name for an entire length of trail supports ease of trail identification, wayfinding, emergency medical response, as well as our economic potential, community collaboration, and opportunities for future shared initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Missoula City Council affirms the official names and locations of Missoula's three primary commuter, shared use paths, including Ron's River Trail, the Bitterroot Trail, and the Milwaukee Trail per Exhibits A, B, and C (attached).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2017.

ATTEST:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

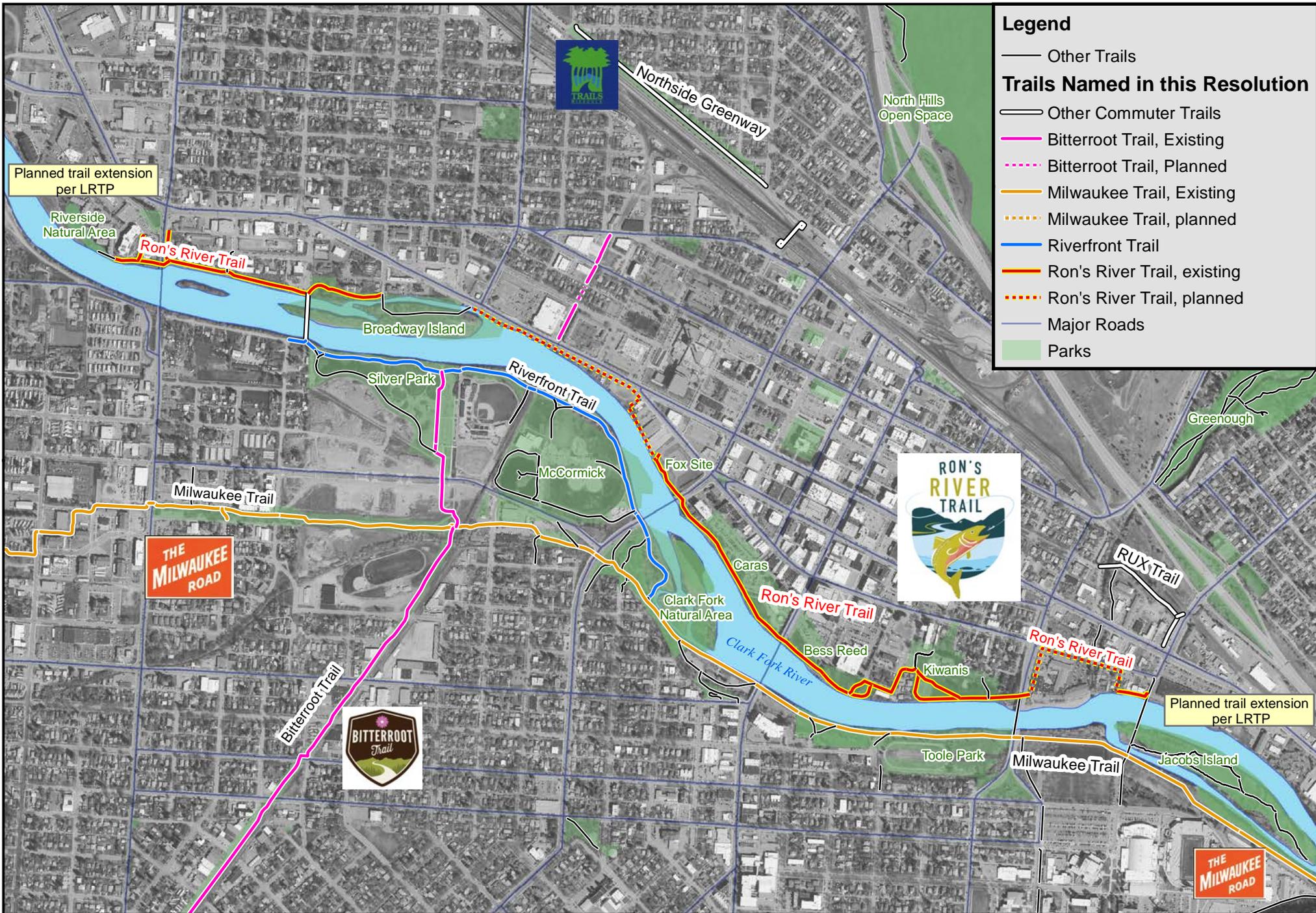
Martha L. Rehbein
Legislative Services Director/City Clerk

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APPROVED:

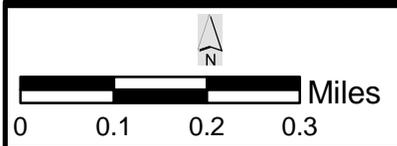
/s/ John Engen

John Engen
Mayor



Legend

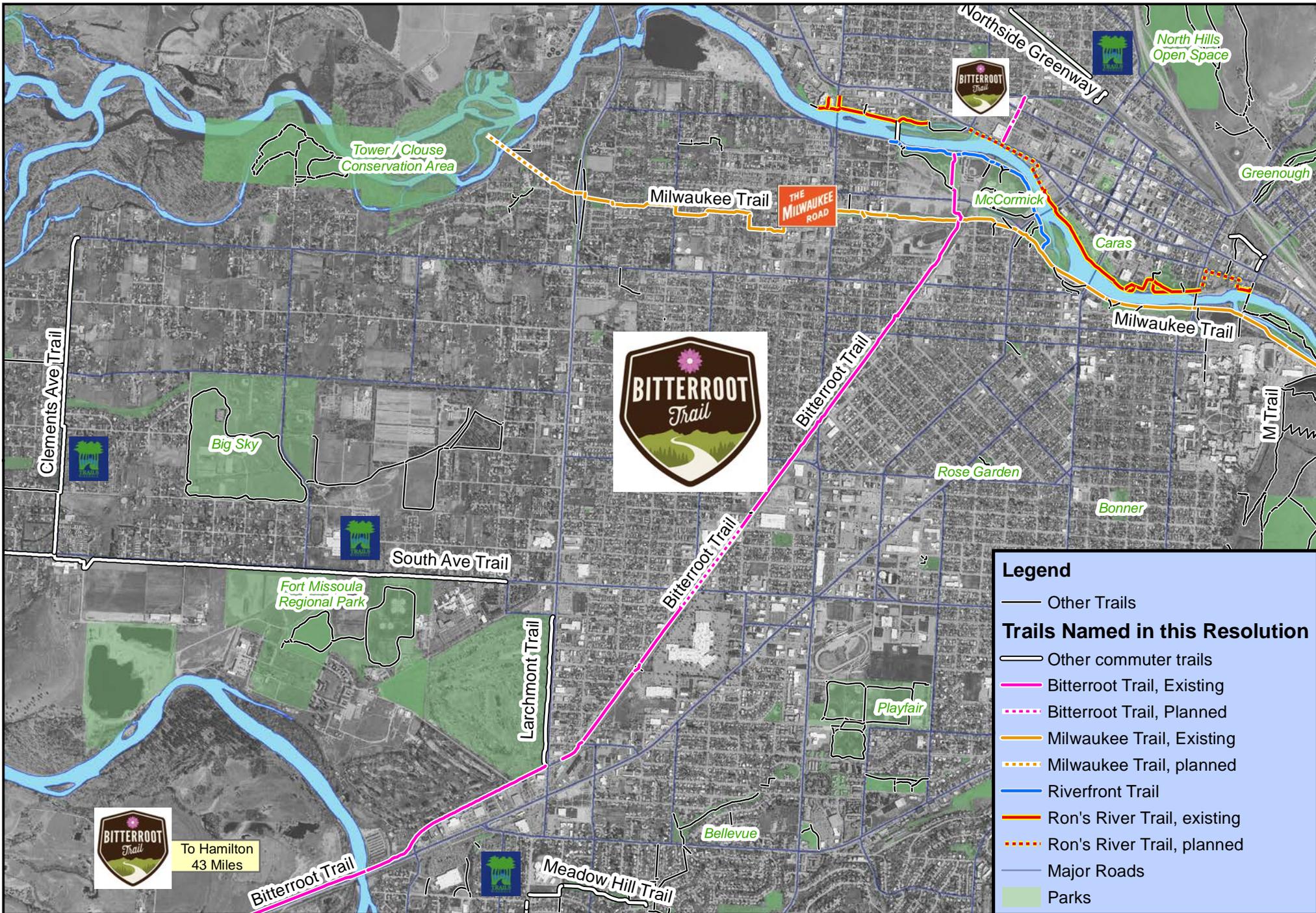
- Other Trails
- Other Commuter Trails
- Trails Named in this Resolution**
- Bitterroot Trail, Existing
- - - Bitterroot Trail, Planned
- Milwaukee Trail, Existing
- - - Milwaukee Trail, planned
- Riverfront Trail
- Ron's River Trail, existing
- - - Ron's River Trail, planned
- Major Roads
- Parks



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Area Map for:
Ron's River Trail - Resolution Exhibit A





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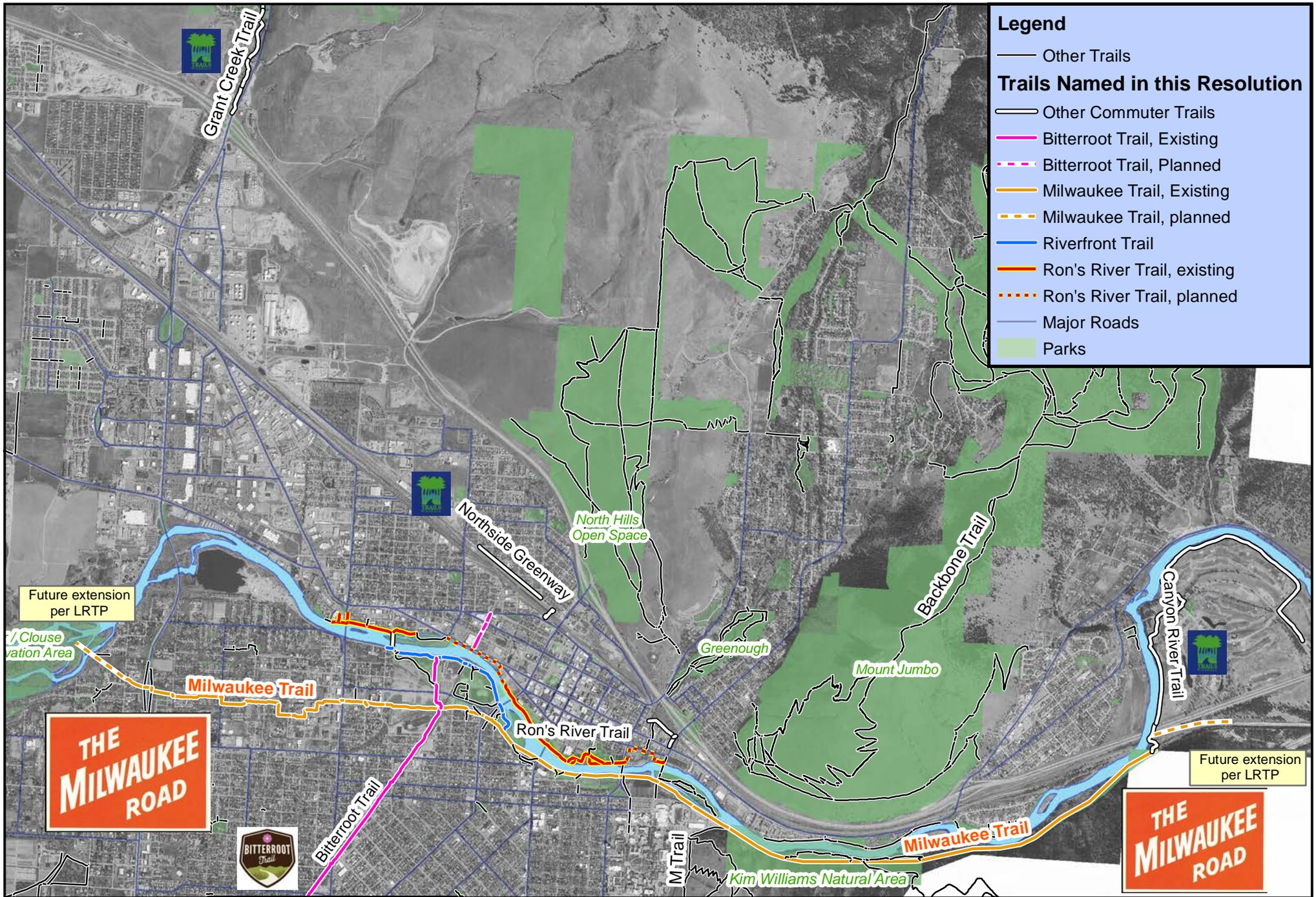
Miles

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Area Map for:
Bitterroot Trail - Resolution Exhibit B



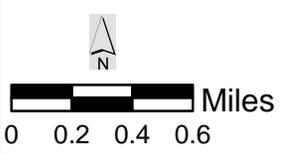
To Hamilton
43 Miles



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**The Old Milwaukee Road Pathway -
 aka "The Milwaukee Trail"**
Resolution Exhibit C

