

PRIORITIZING PATHWAYS

Northville Township



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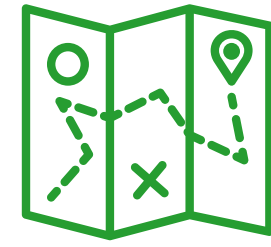
**Safety
Benefits**



**Health
Benefits**



**Environmental
Benefits**



**Transportation
Benefits**



**Economic
Benefits**



**Reduces
Traffic**



**Transportation
Equity**



**Promotes Active
Lifestyle**



A WALKABLE COMMUNITY IMPROVES...



Overall Community Health



Walkers are emotionally and physically healthier than their counterparts



A 25 minute brisk walk a day adds seven years to a life



Residents with access to trails report higher satisfaction with living situation



Walking is calming



Youth Health

Walking

**reduces
stress**

and promotes
happiness.

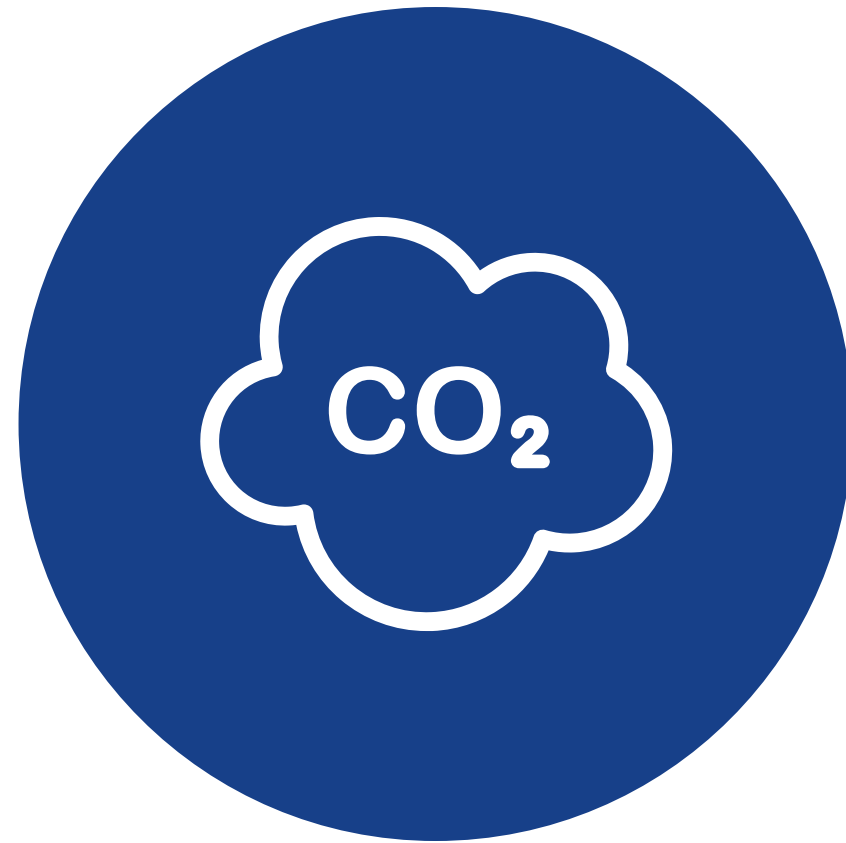


Youth Health

- ✓ Kids benefit from the decompression time walking affords in between scheduled activities
- ✓ Walking provides more exercise opportunities
- ✓ Kids benefit from the social interactions of walking safely to school
- ✓ A parent benefits from a pathway network that allows kids to walk safely to schools and parks



Environment



Walking is
pollution-
free



Pathways encourage
walking rather than
driving



Getting fresh air while
reducing carbon footprint
is a bonus to residents!





Finances

As gas and auto prices skyrocket, walking **saves money**



More Fun Time

- Commuting to parks and trails is less beneficial than the ability to open your door and have access to trails and pathways
- Walking strengthens relationships with neighbors, fosters connections and builds community



A Thriving and Healthy Community

Realizing that

Walkability

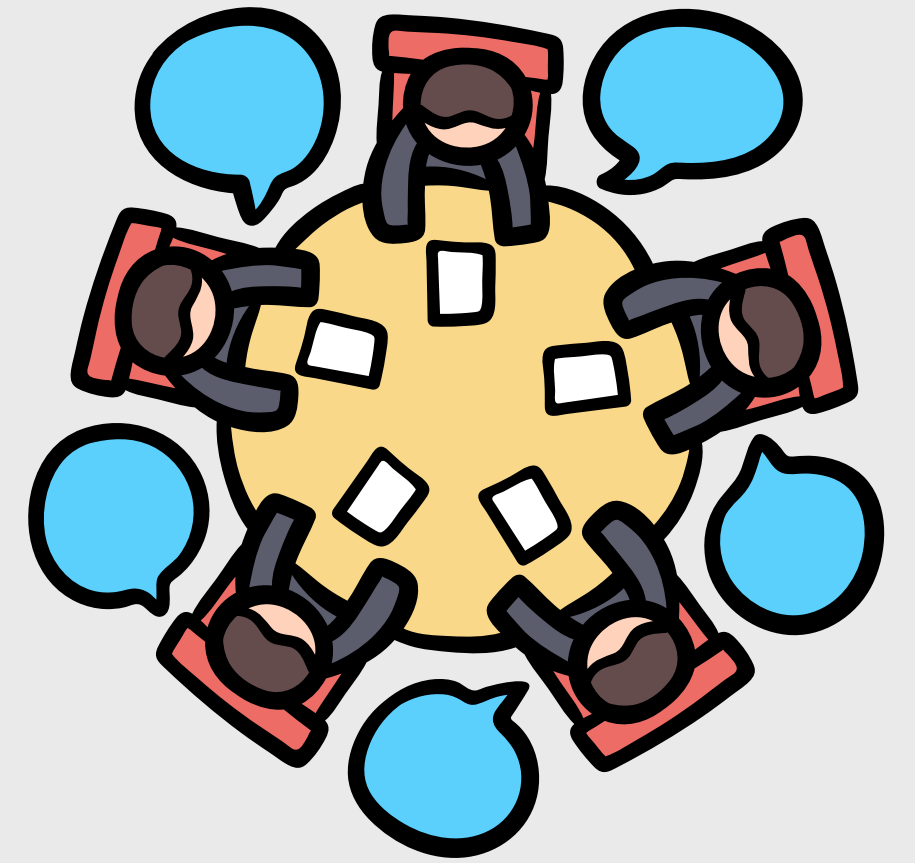
is one of the most important components of a thriving and healthy community.



The Pathways Committee

Created in 2010

- Mindy Herrmann – Chairperson, Trustee
- Roger Lundberg – Clerk
- Kevin Florey
- Michael Shaw
- Bob Belair – Director of Public Services
- Jennifer Frey – Township Planner
- Mark Gasche – Parks & Recreation Director



Make the process less subjective through the use of a weighted Matrix

- Length
- Width
- Estimated Cost
- Right of Way (ROW) Ownership
- Potential Development by others
- # Homes Served
- Access to Destination
- Road Projects
- Community Connector

Of each pathway, and weighed each consideration. We especially considered whether the pathway served homes without accessibility to the pathways system. We also sought to affect many/most throughout the Township.



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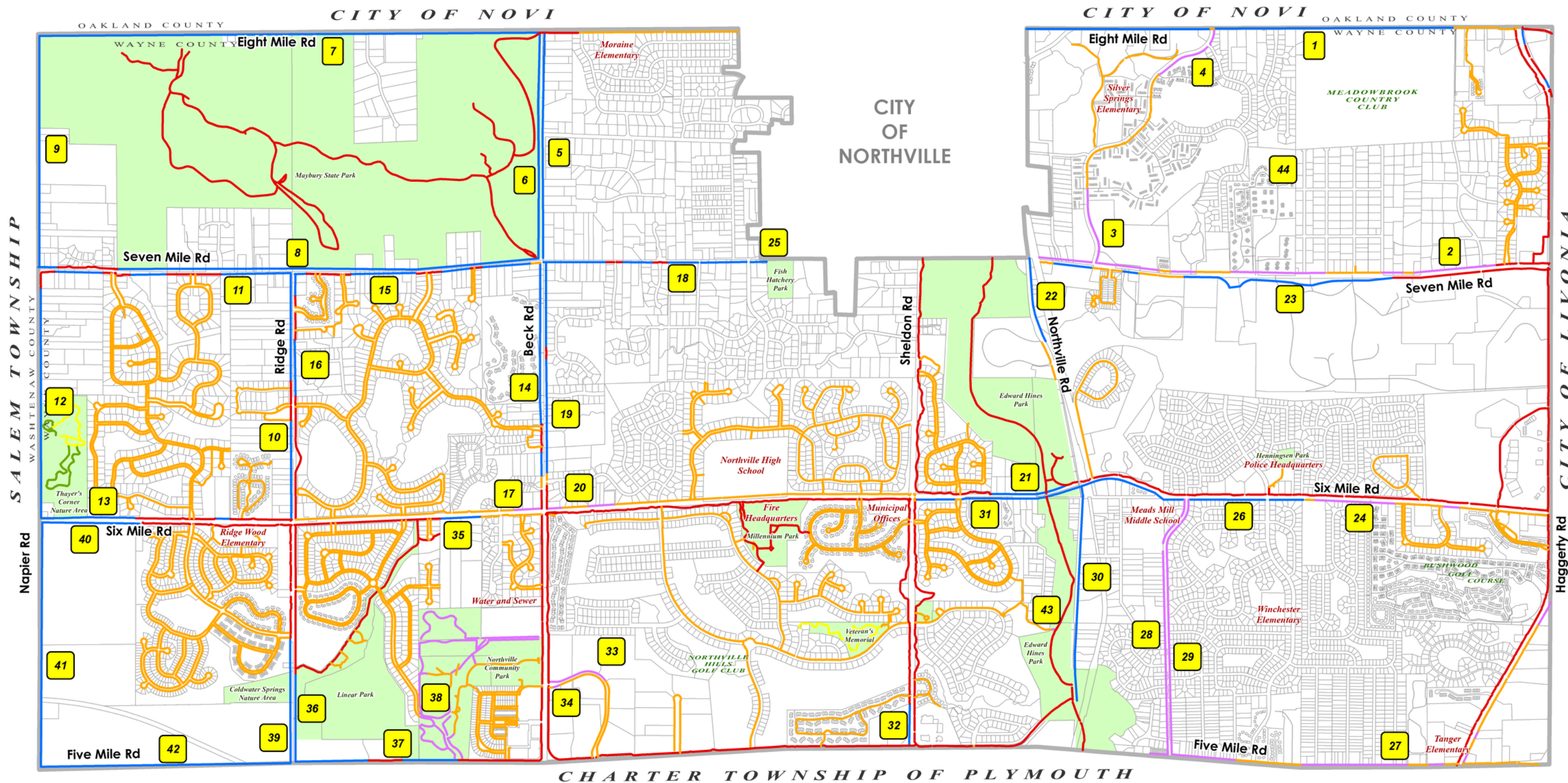
It wasn't until the FY2022 budget cycle that funds were directed to the discretion of the Pathways Committee

In October 2021, the current township board allocated **\$500,000** towards pathway development for FY2022

The Pathways Committee has been charged to **identify, prioritize, research and pursue** development of pathways in Northville Township



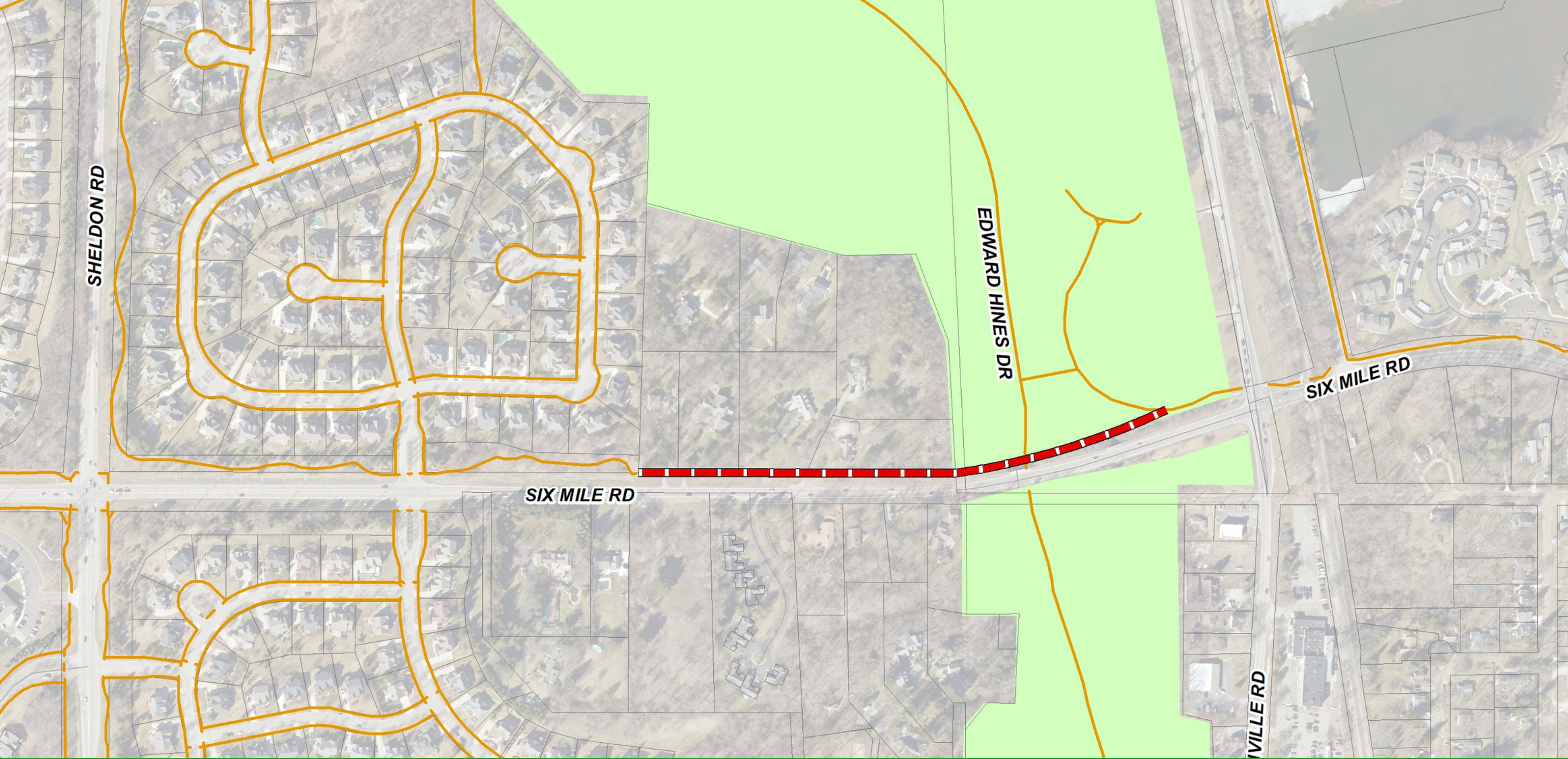
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PATHWAY PROJECT LOCATION MAP



- Existing 5' Pathway
- Existing 8' - 10' Pathway
- Existing Woodchip Pathway
- Proposed 5' Pathway
- Proposed 10' Pathway
- Proposed Woodchip Pathway

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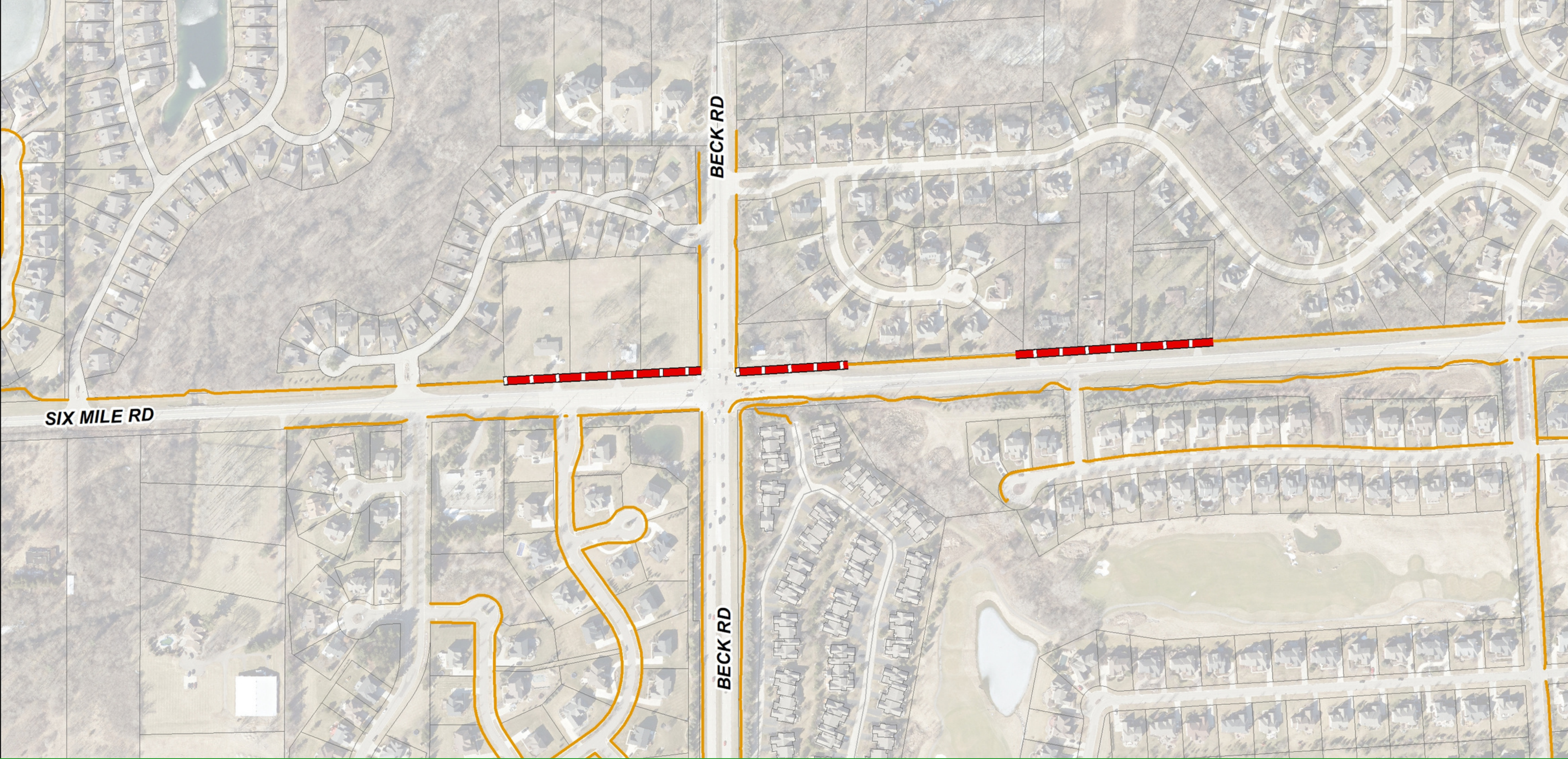
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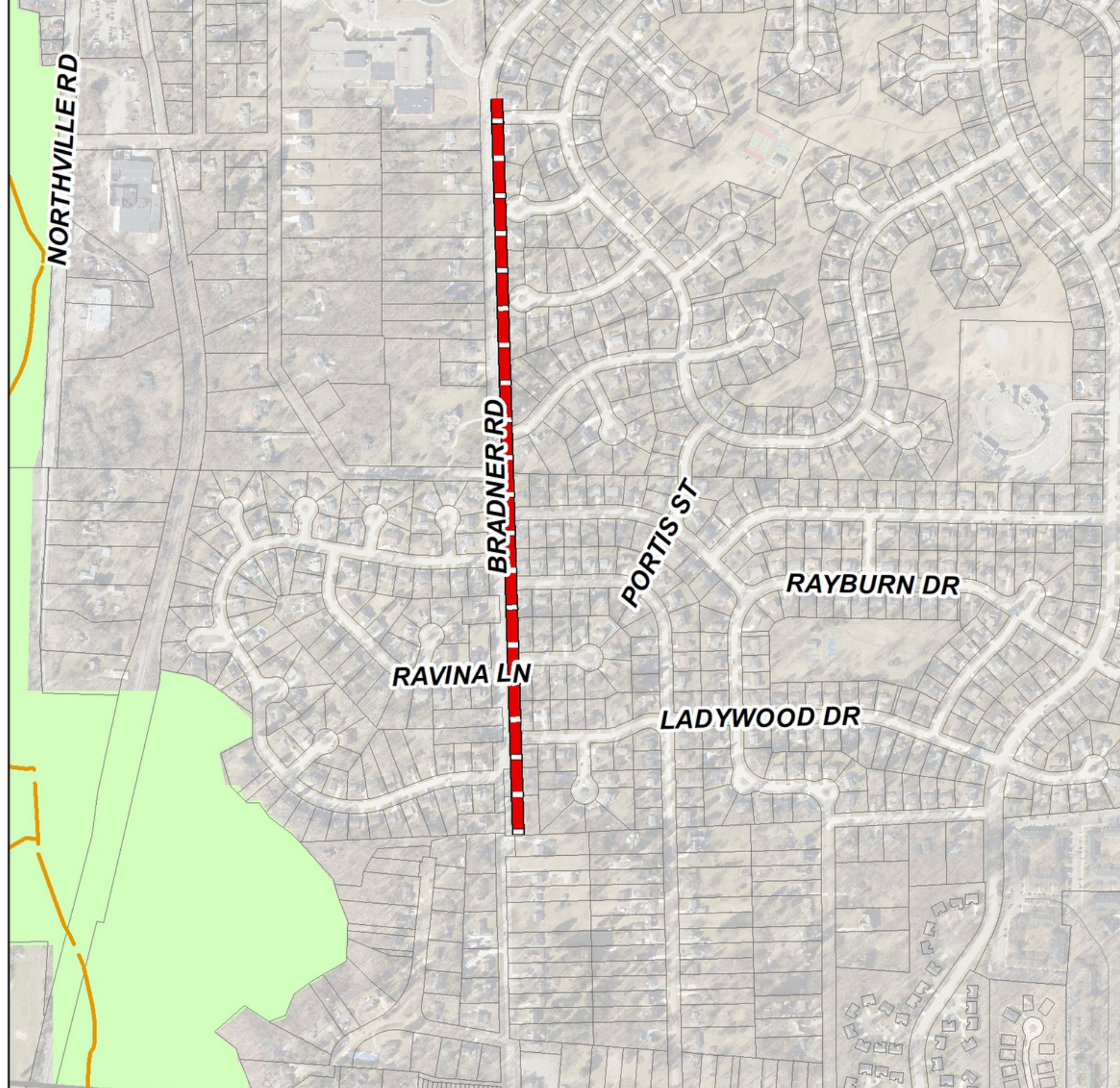
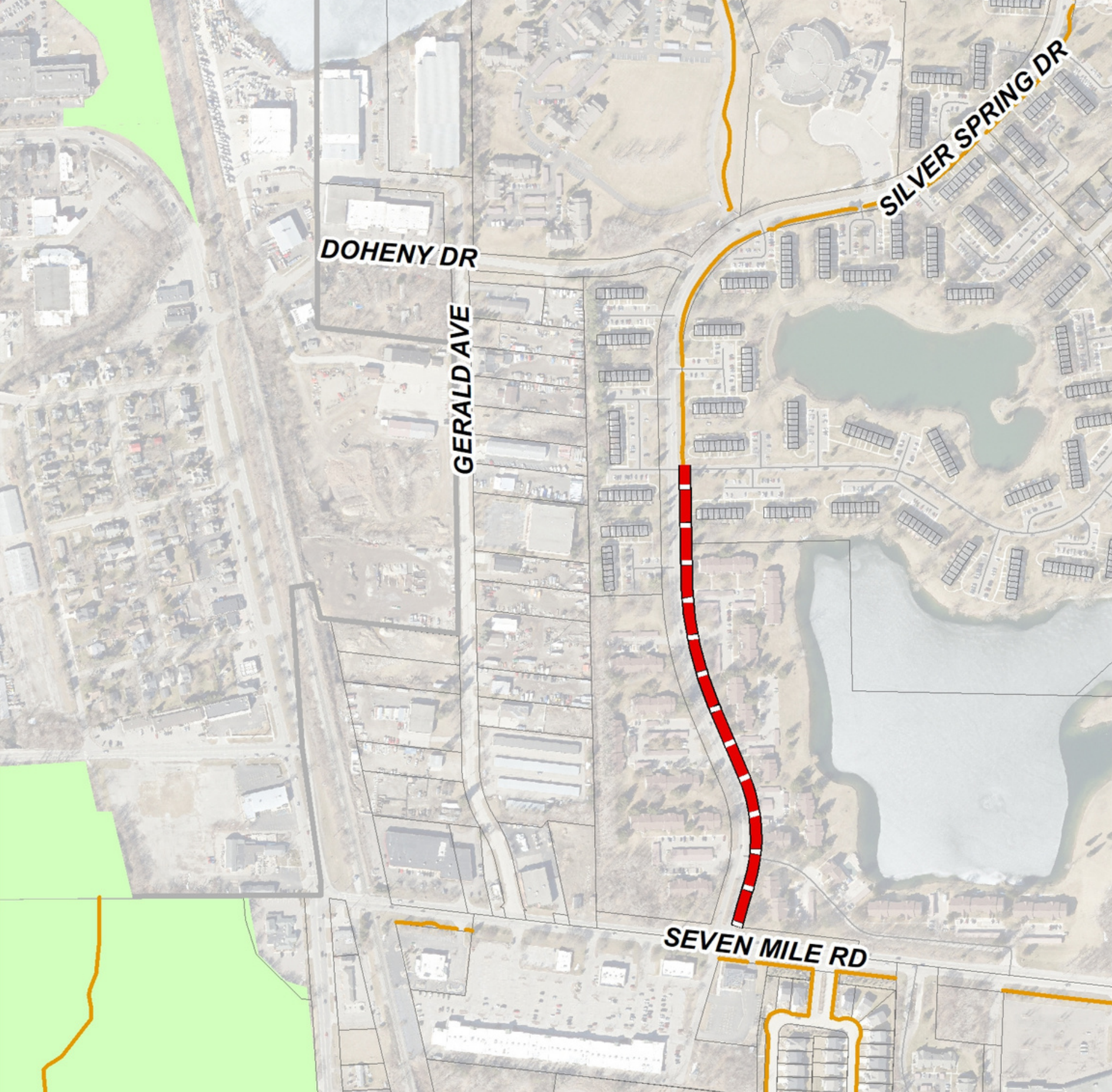
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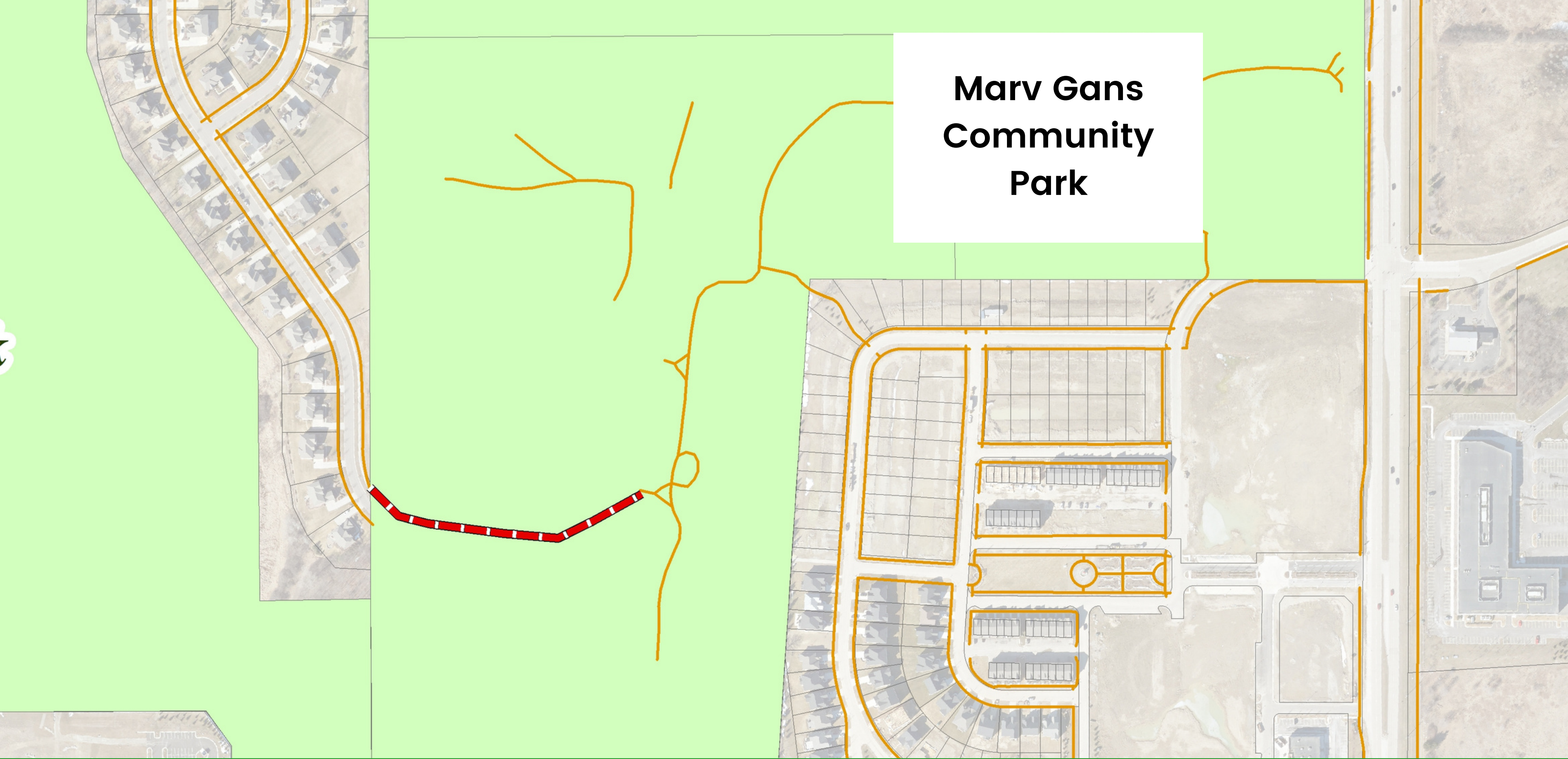
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***Fish
Hatchery
Park***





Marv Gans Community Park



QUESTIONS?

