



***Building **Greenways** to
connect neighborhoods, parks,
schools and downtowns***

Who we are

- Non-profit Board of Directors
- Some overlap with Midtown Greenway Coalition, Bike Alliance of MN is our Fiscal Sponsor.

Thanks to the following organizations for advice:

- Midtown Greenway Coalition
- Minneapolis – Planning & Public Works Staff
- National Park Service
- Minneapolis Park Board
- Hennepin County
- MNDot



Twin Cities Greenways Vision

**Combine the best features of the
Midtown Greenway and
Milwaukee Avenue to create
A new Network of Greenways**



The Midtown Greenway

- Linear Park built in railroad trench just north of Lake Street
- 5 miles of continuous trail across Minneapolis
- One of the region's most popular parks
- One of the nation's most used trails
 - Approximately 3,600 bikers use the route daily
 - Hundreds use the greenway for walking, jogging, and rollerblading



The Midtown Greenway is a strong model that we would like to replicate but is unique due to its dedicated right of way



Expansion Challenges

- We have few options for expanding the Greenway system if we limit ourselves to rail corridors.
- An expansion of the Greenway system necessitates using other right-of-ways

We can look to existing models here in the Twin Cities that capture some of the best elements of the Greenway

Milwaukee Avenue

- An example of how a Greenway could be created at street level





Milwaukee Avenue

Shows what a powerful amenity a
pedes
Prope



The primary limitation of Milwaukee Avenue is its length: it is only two blocks long

The Proposal

Combining the best features of the Midtown Greenway and Milwaukee Avenue to create new, sustainable corridors

Midtown Greenway

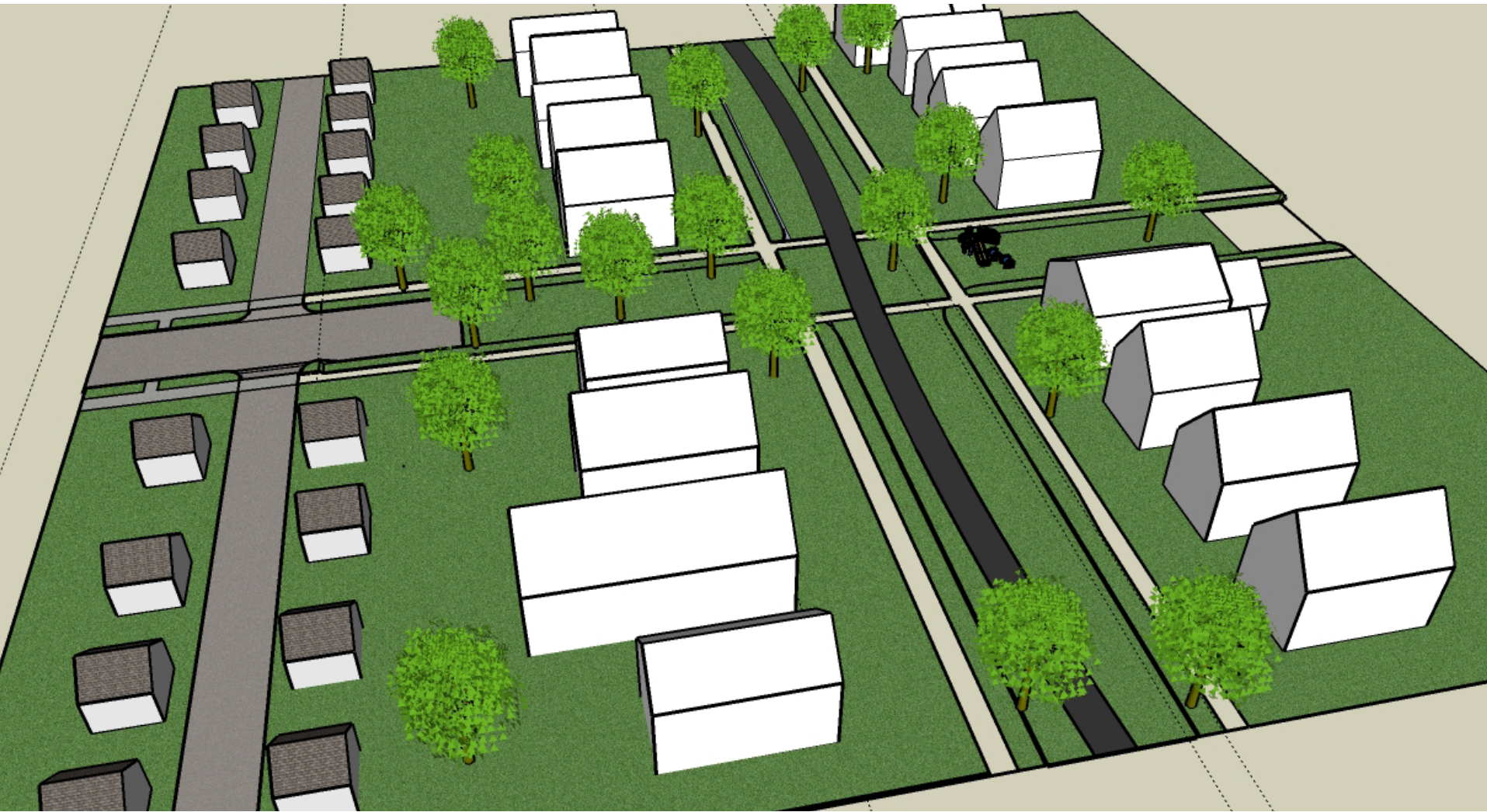
- Fast, safe, pleasant
- Minimal interaction with auto traffic
- Miles of continuous trail

Milwaukee Avenue

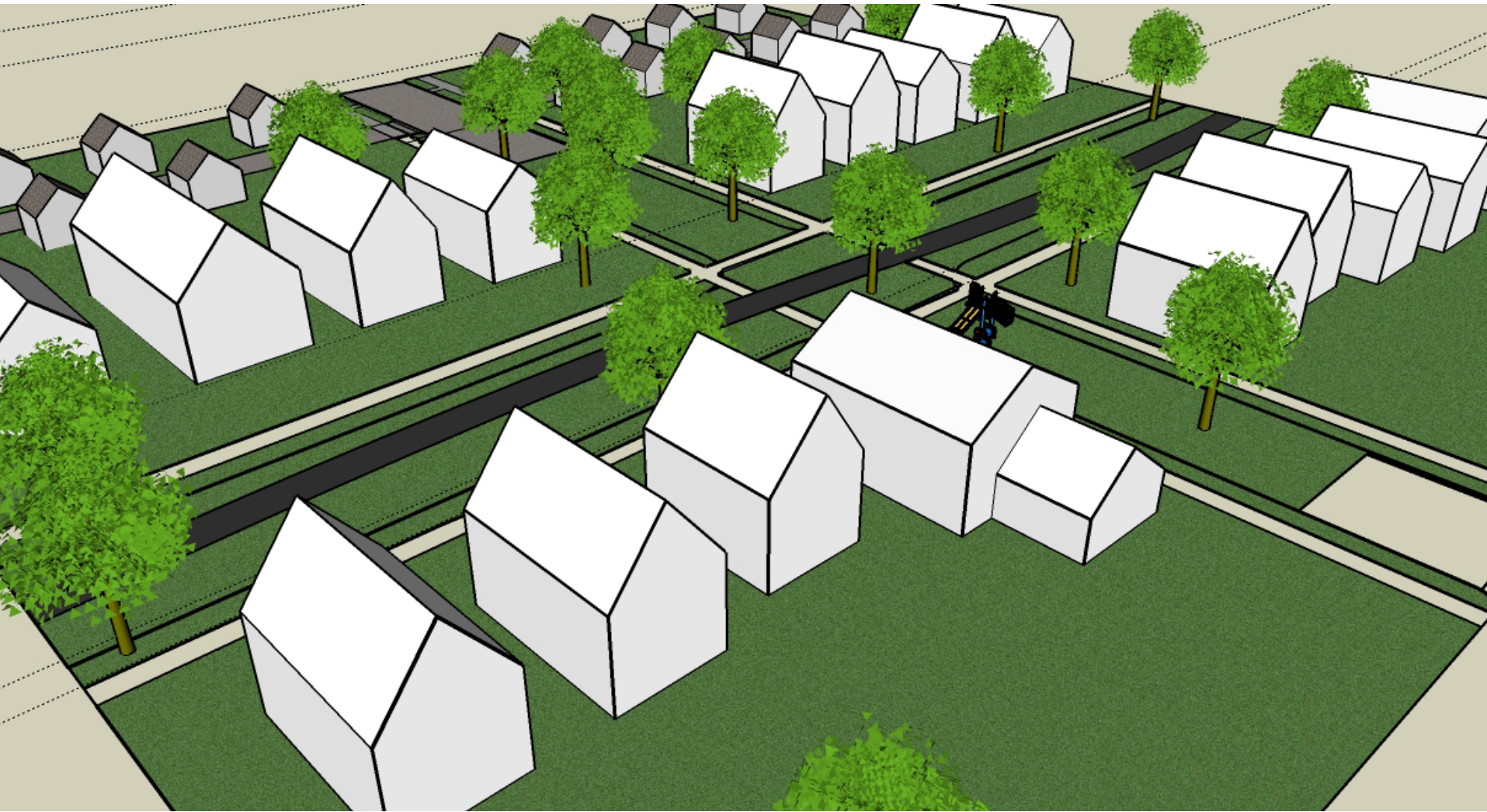
- “Eyes on the street” for security
- Expands route options – any quiet street can become a Greenway



Alley Access and Guest Parking



Pocket Parks at Crossings

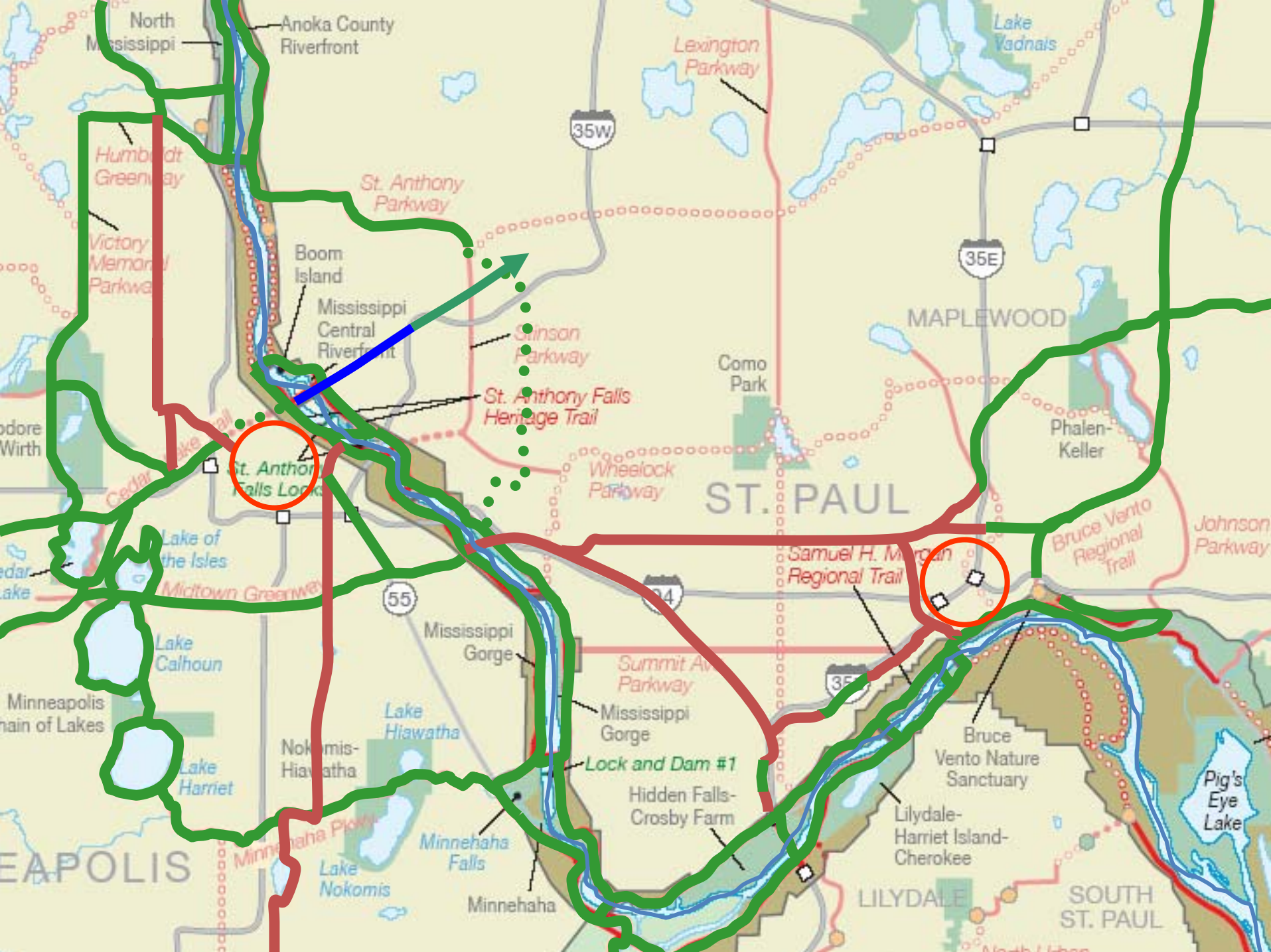


View from Living Room Window

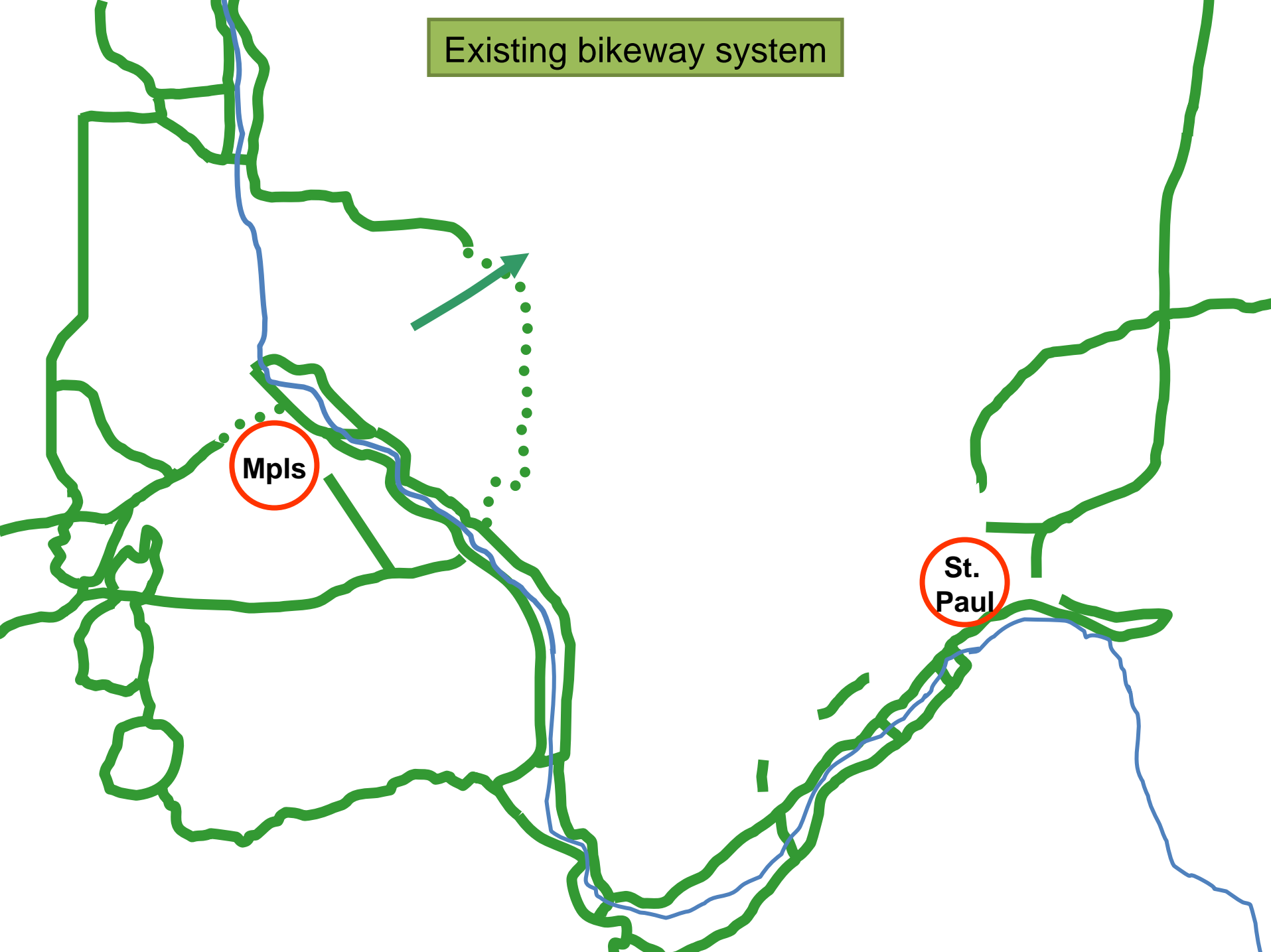


View Along Sidewalks and Trail

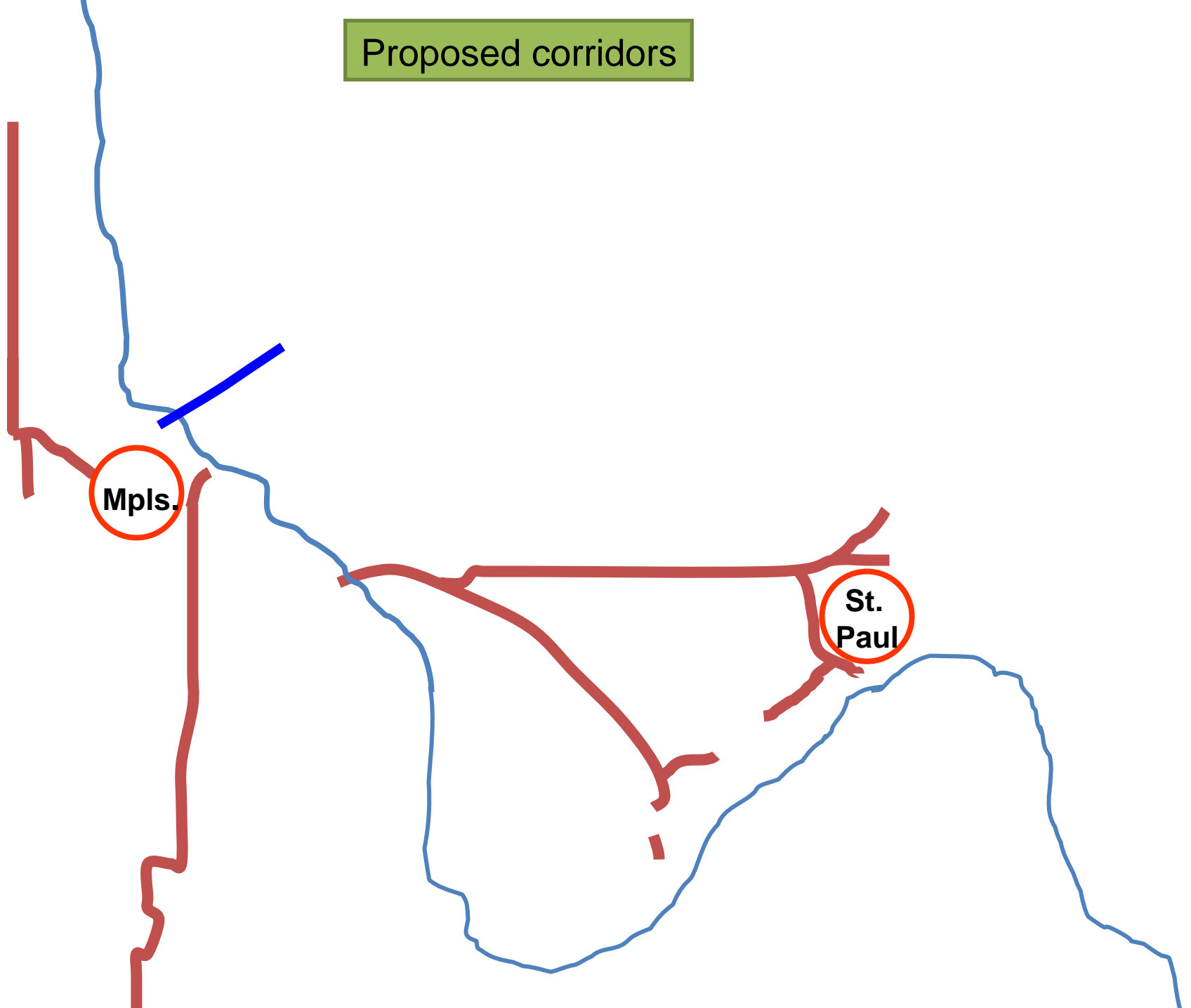




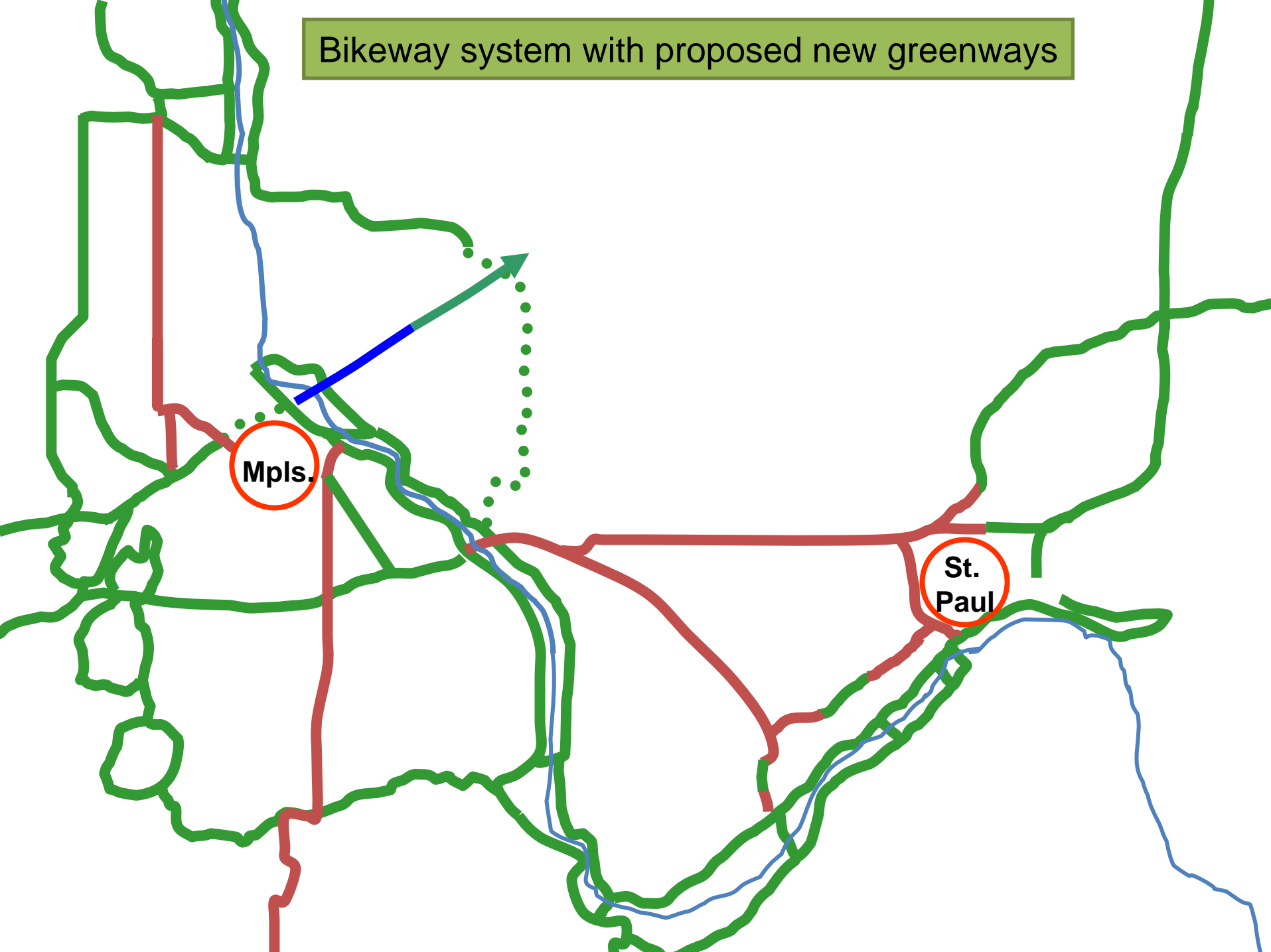
Existing bikeway system



Proposed corridors



Bikeway system with proposed new greenways



Making Connections:

North Minneapolis to Downtown Minneapolis

Downtown St. Paul to Downtown Minneapolis

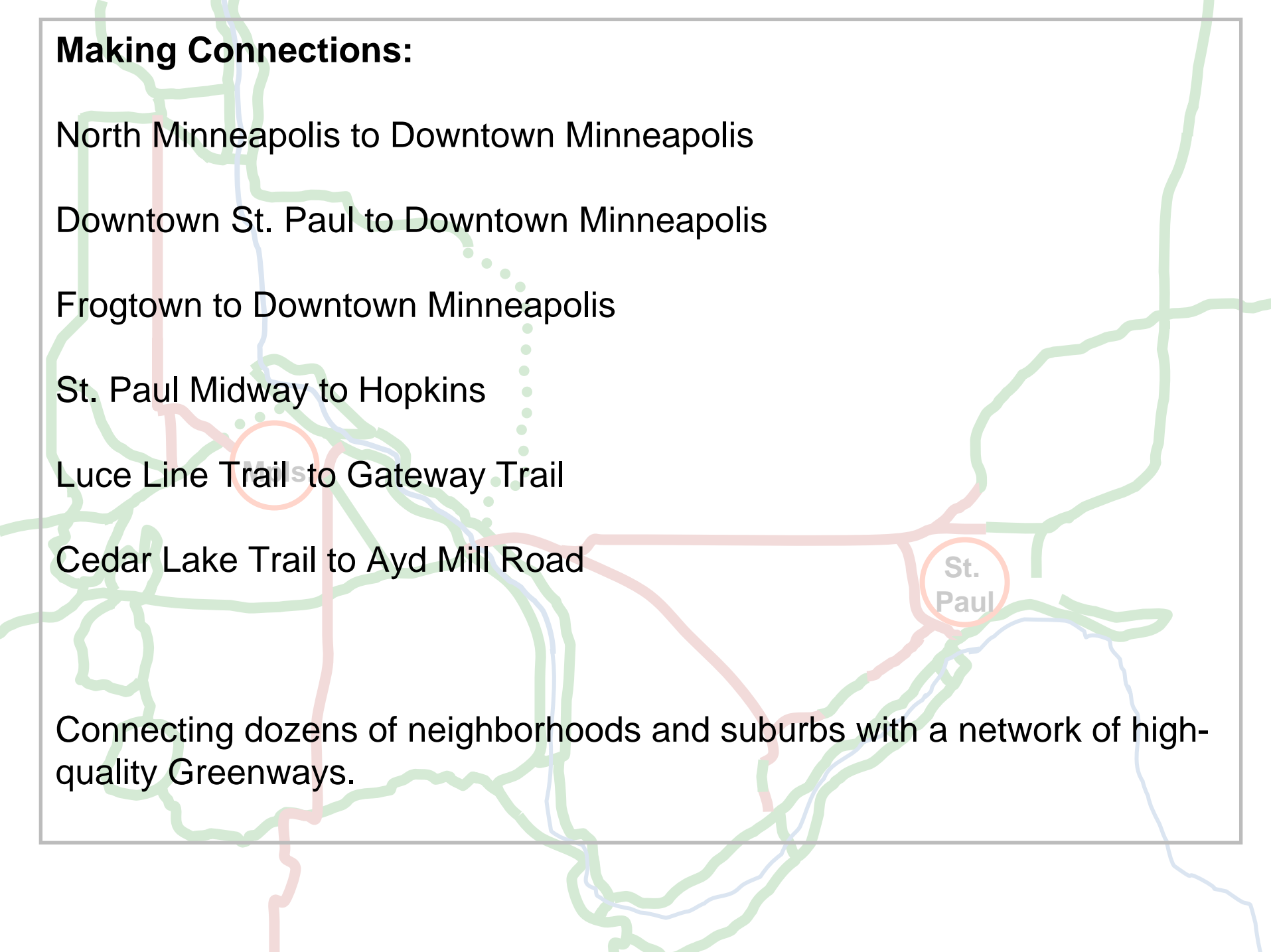
Frogtown to Downtown Minneapolis

St. Paul Midway to Hopkins

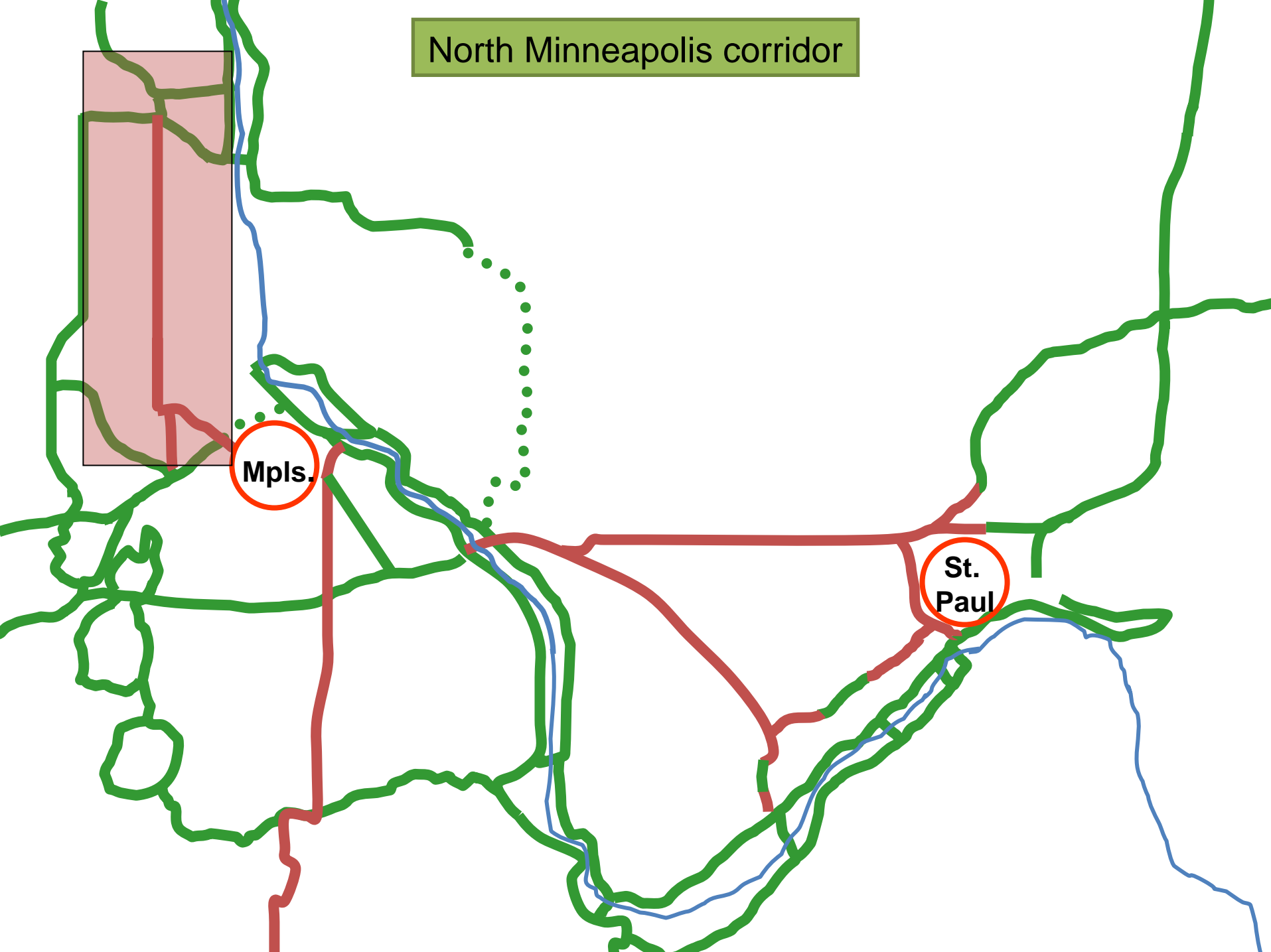
Luce Line Trail to Gateway Trail

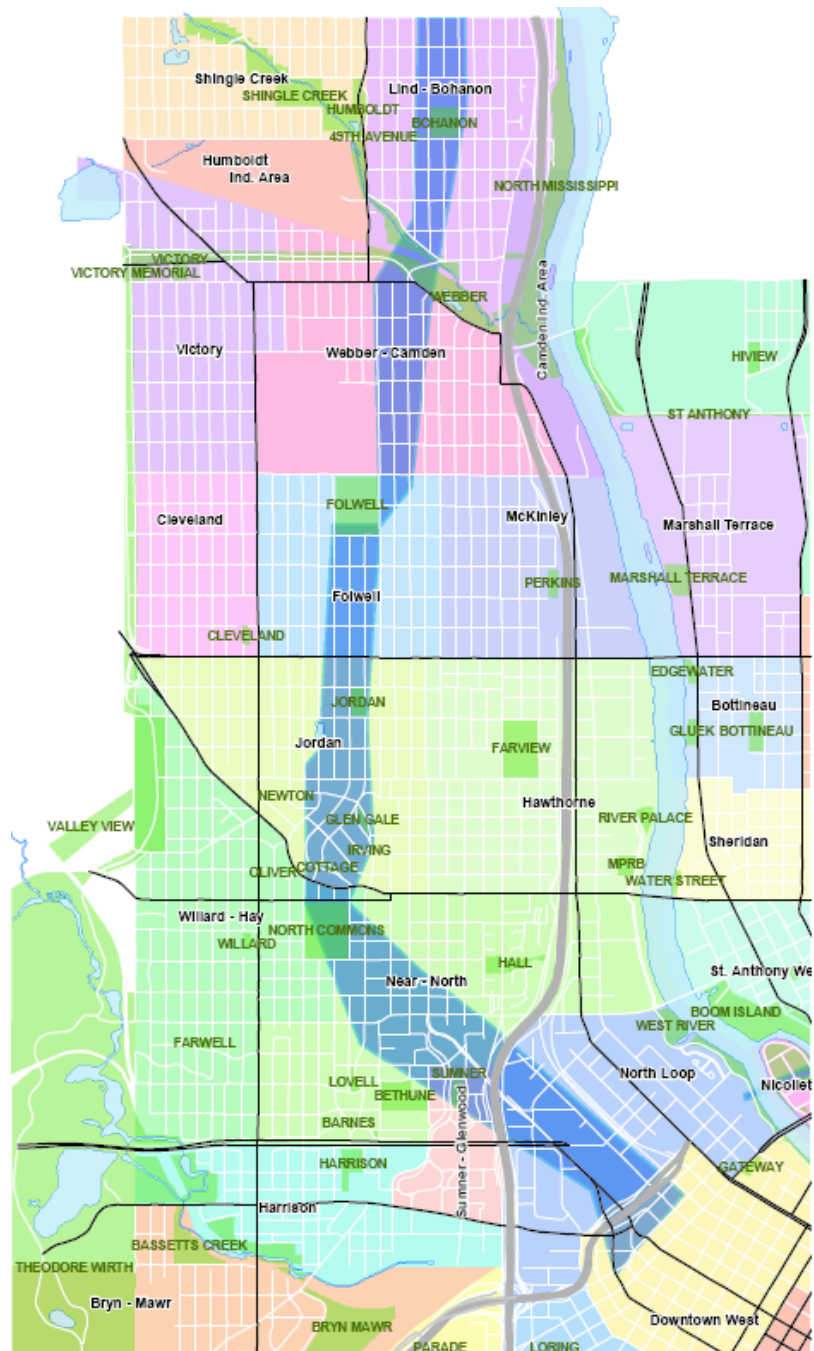
Cedar Lake Trail to Ayd Mill Road

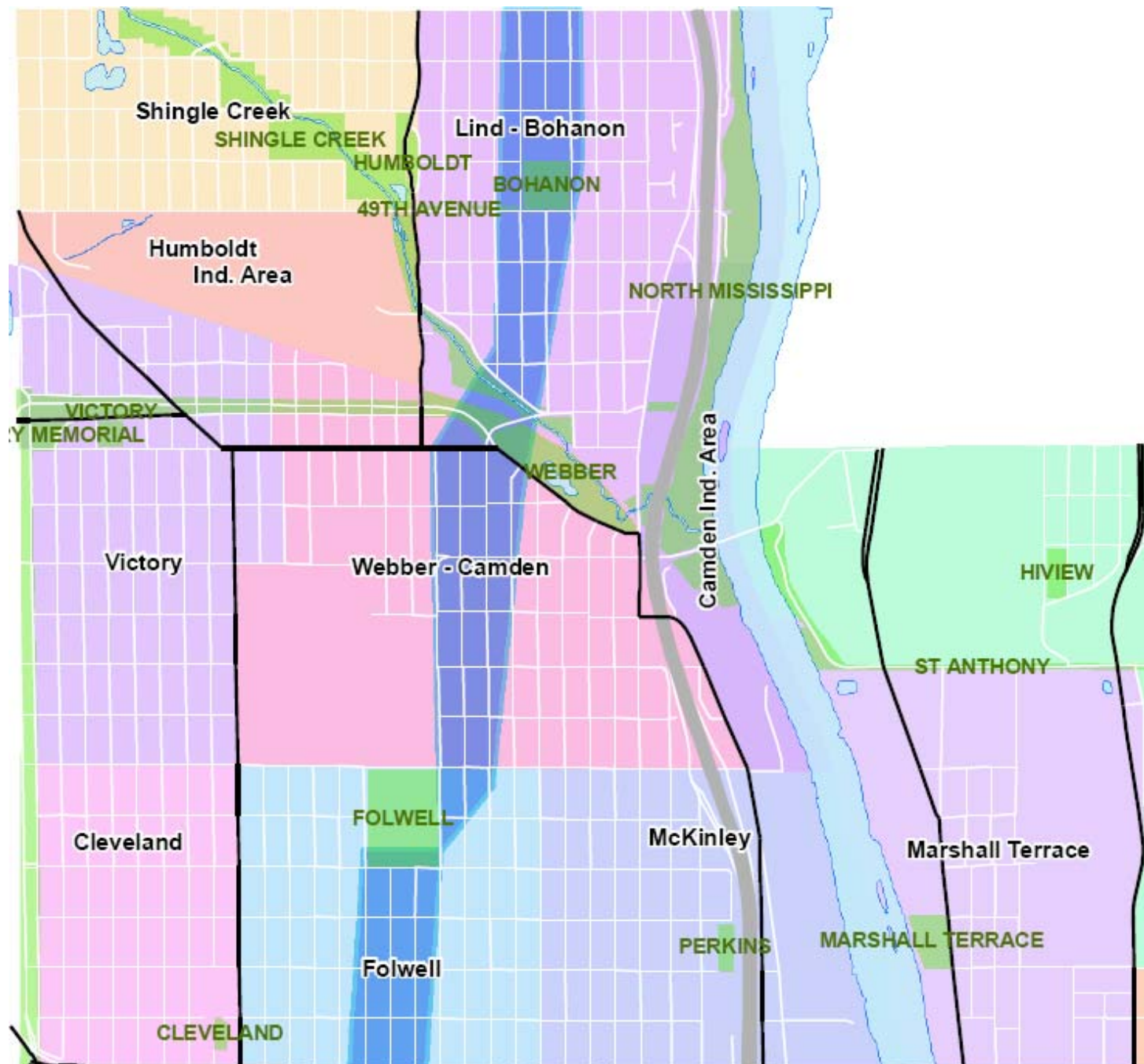
Connecting dozens of neighborhoods and suburbs with a network of high-quality Greenways.

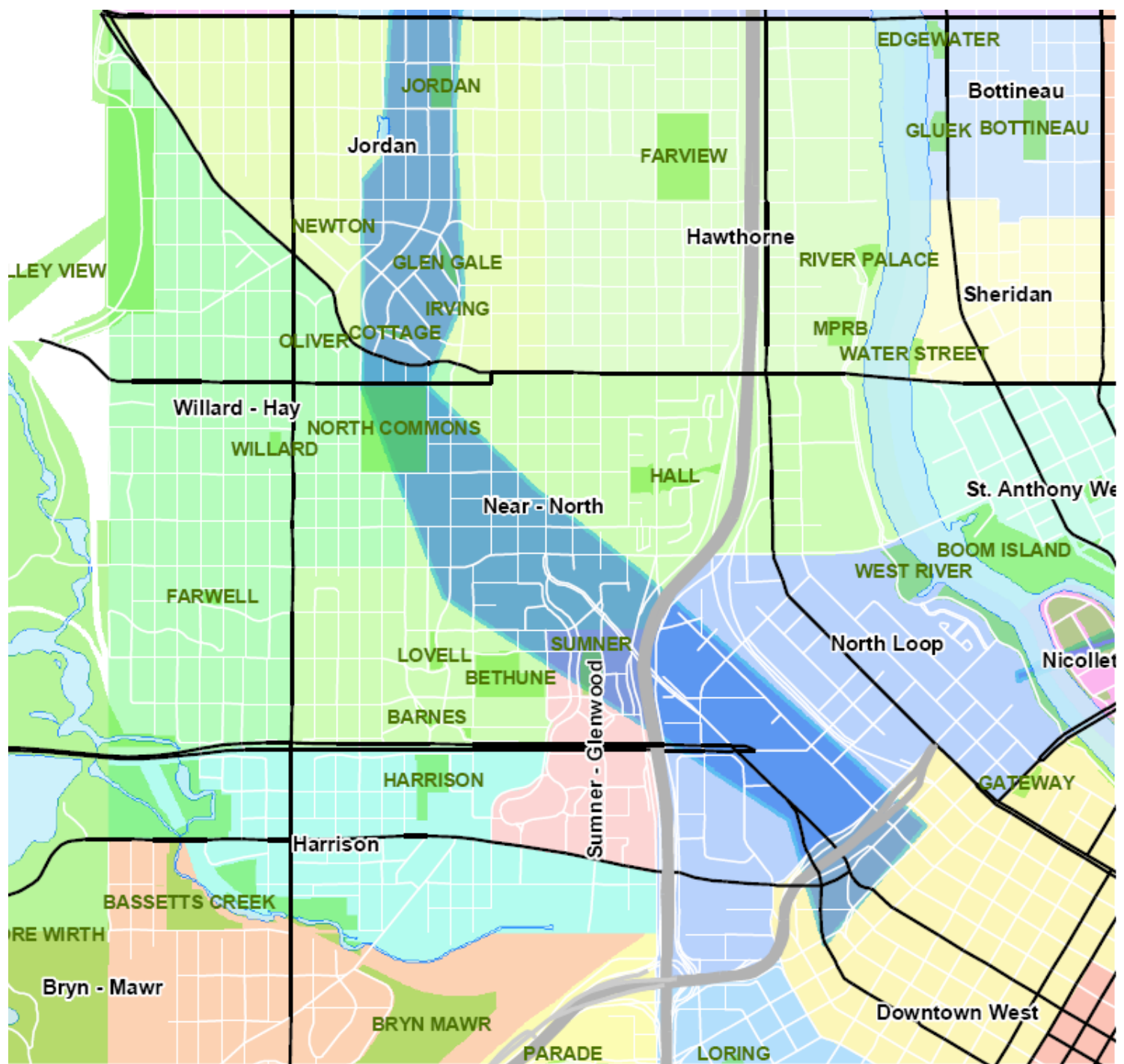


North Minneapolis corridor









The Greenway: an urban “multi-tool”

Catalytic investment in core Twin Cities neighborhoods – **stabilizing home values**

Addressing **climate change** by making walking and biking easier

Supporting **healthy lifestyles** by encouraging walking & biking

Keeping more money circulating in the **local economy**



Foreclosure

725 foreclosures in
North Minneapolis

7/15/07 through 12/31/07

(5-1/2 month period)



Leveraging neighborhood reinvestment

- From 2003 – 2008, over **1,000** new condos and apartments were developed along the Midtown Greenway
- The total new investment along the Midtown Greenway exceeds **\$165,000,000.**
- These new developments weren't just next to the Midtown Greenway, the Greenway was a major factor in marketing the projects.



Loop Calhoun
Lake Street and Excelsior Blvd
borders Midtown Greenway
138 units



Condos & Townhomes

Starting in the low \$200's

Gorgeous Open Floor Plans • Valcucine Kitchens

Private Access to the Greenway

612-929-LOOP

Midtown Lofts

Midtown Greenway and Bryant Avenue

Completed in 2004

72 units (all sold)





Blue
29th Street and Aldrich Avenue
LEED certified building
242 units

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RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THE GREENWAY



**ONE-LEVEL
LOFTS
UNDER
\$200K!!**



Murals of LynLake
Midtown Greenway and Lyndale Ave
109 units

Midtown Exchange

Midtown Greenway and 10th Ave

307 units (lofts, condos, and apartments)

Midtown Global Market



Midtown Exchange Condos
Greenway and 11th
52 for-sale condos



Sheraton Midtown Hotel
Midtown Greenway and Chicago Ave
136 rooms



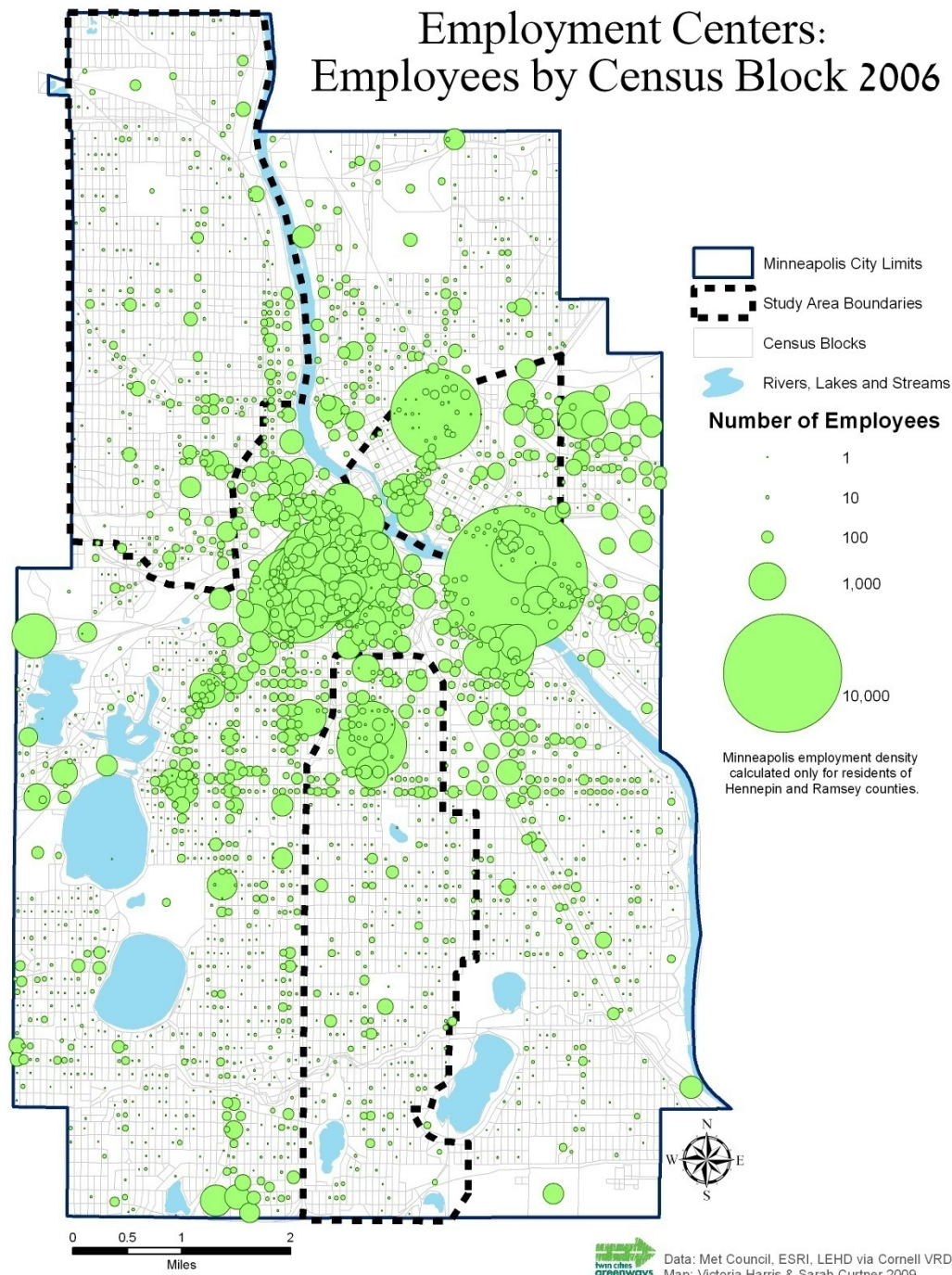


Freewheel Bike Center
on the Midtown Greenway near 10th Ave
Full-service bike shop and coffee shop
Contract and daily bike parking

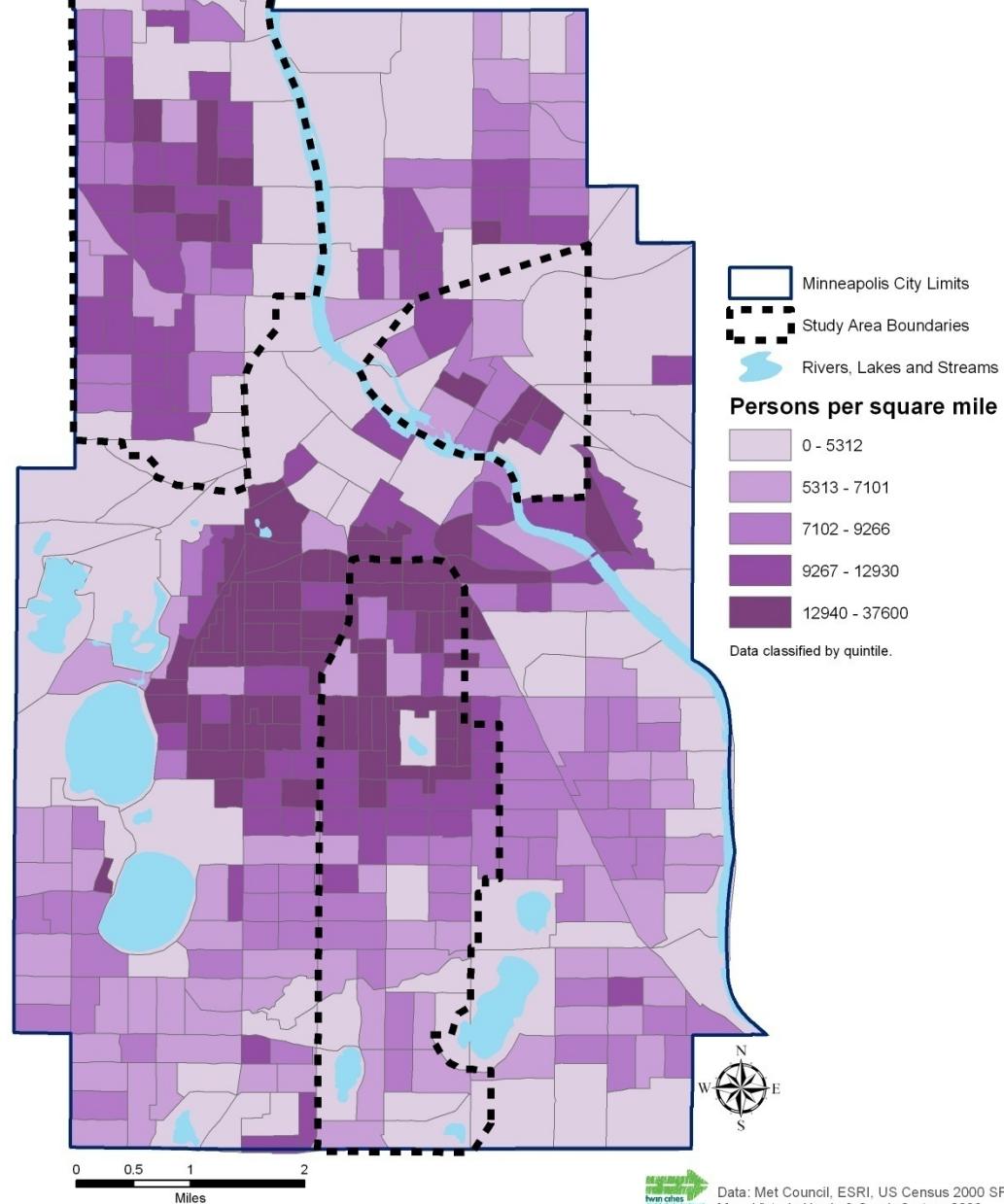
Catalytic Investment
creates more than a trail.



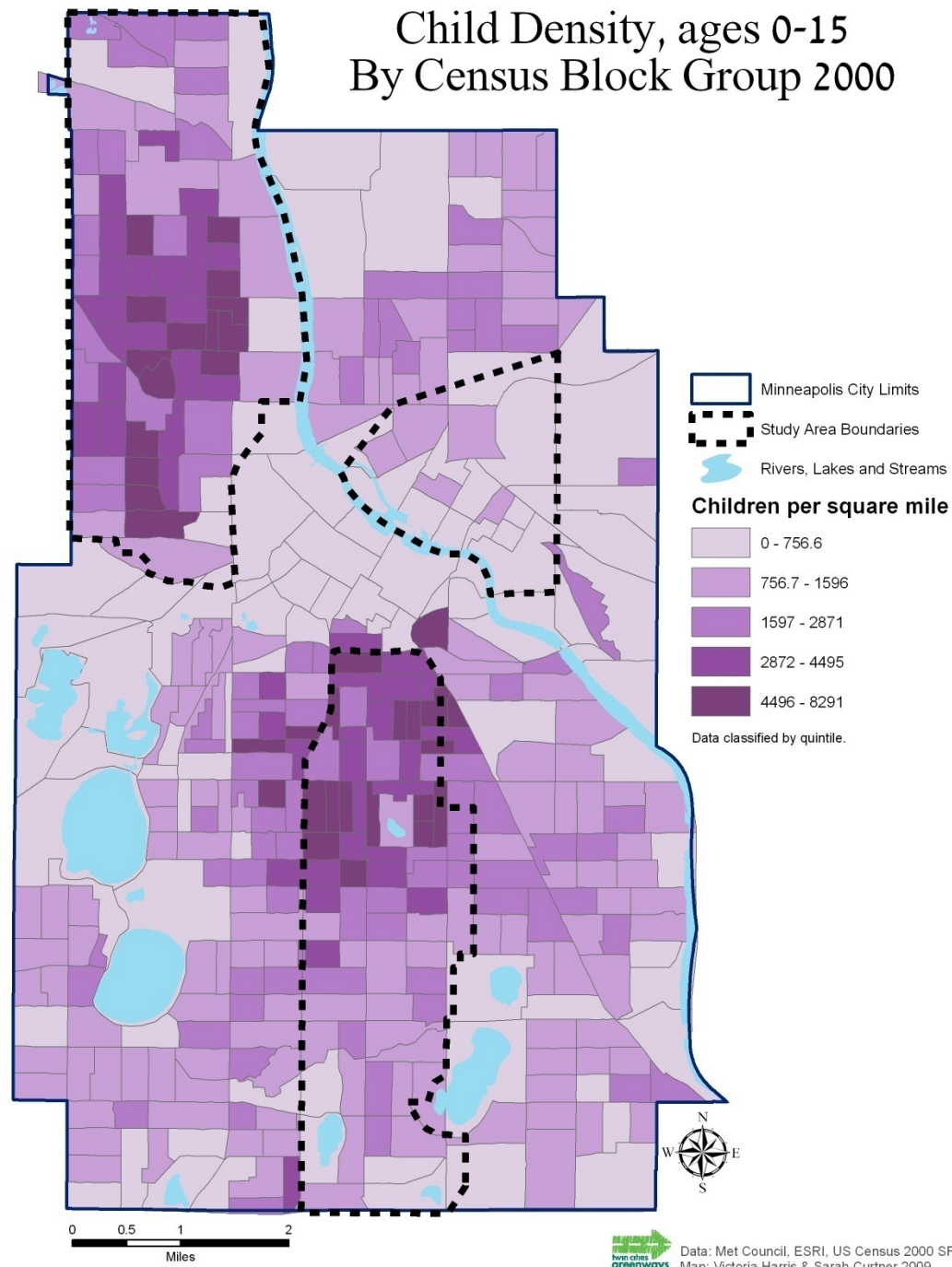
Employment Centers: Employees by Census Block 2006



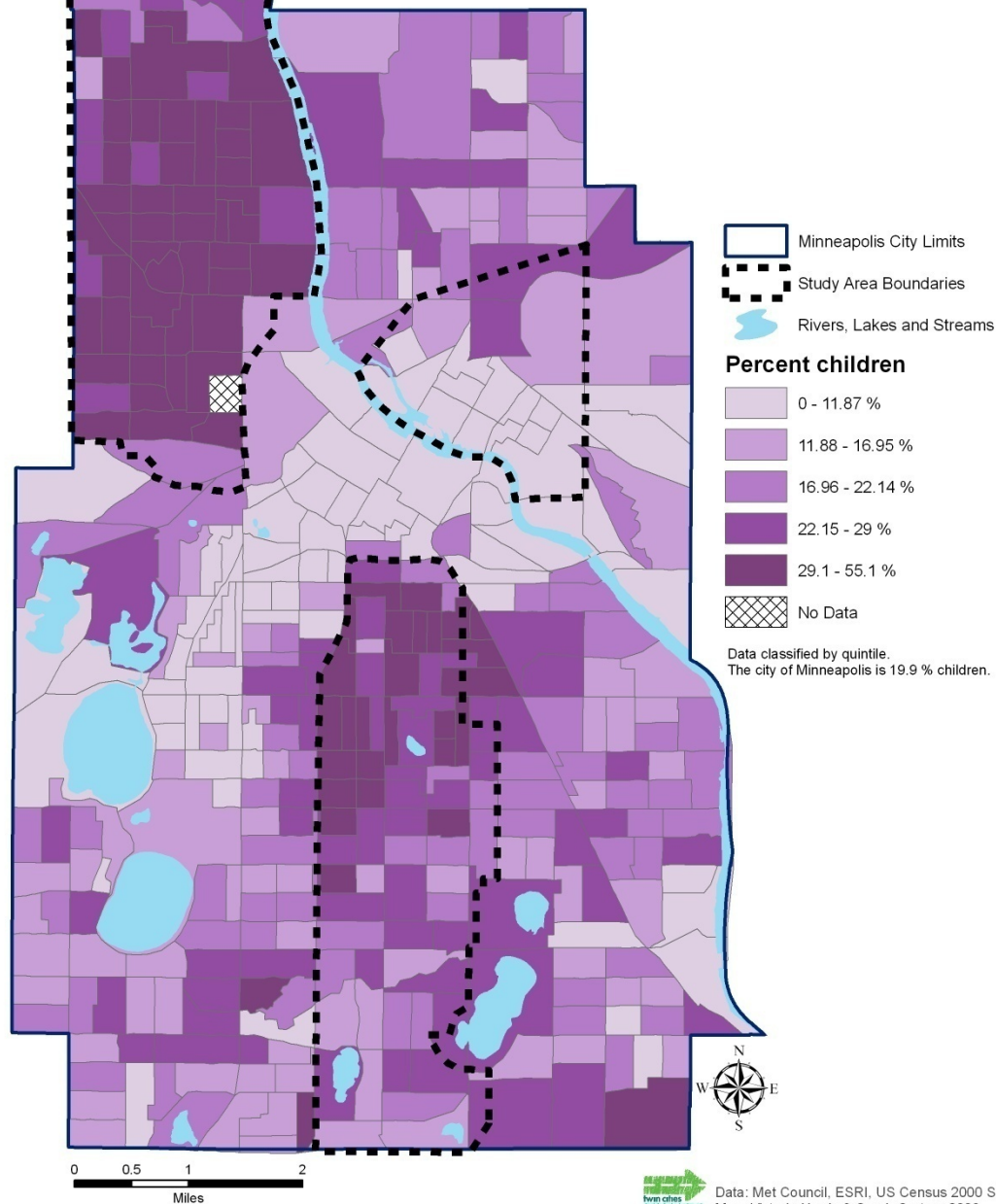
Population Density By Census Block Group 2000



Child Density, ages 0-15 By Census Block Group 2000



Percent Population Under age 16 By Census Block Group 2000



Next Steps

- 1. Community Planning**
- 2. Pilot Segments**
- 3. Route Completion**



Next Steps

1. **Community Planning**

- A. Raise funds for consultant
- B. Publicize concept
- C. Identify route options
- D. Identify pilot segments
- E. Create budgets for segments and
for completed route



Thank You

