

GRAND RIVER NETWORK BOARD

March 1, 2023



NEAR-TERM NEXT STEPS

- February 1: Grand River Network Board
 - Receive Project Catalogue & Review Method/Criteria
- February 16: DGRI Board of Advisors
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- February 28: Greenway Advisory Committee
 - Consider Initial Recommendation to Network Board
 - Overall Near-Term Strategy & Initial Funding Recommendations
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. 451. (1) From the funds in part 1 for ARP – local parks and trail infrastructure grants, a total of \$135,000,000.00 must be allocated as designated in the following subdivisions for catalytic park and recreation projects and facilities that provide and promote outdoor recreation opportunities for the public, promote the tourism industry and its recovery, and spur economic development and recovery in local communities across the state that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:

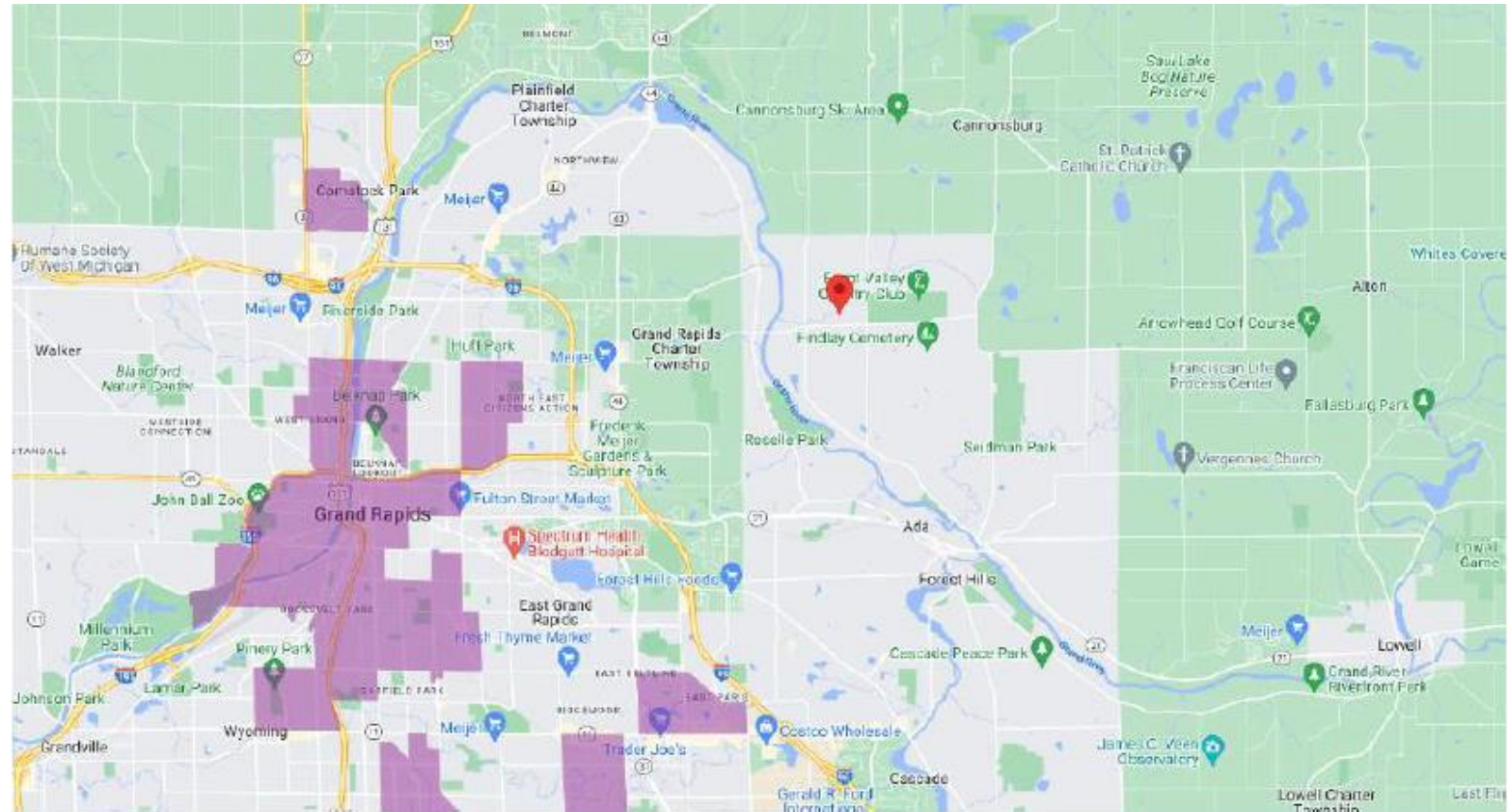
(a) \$60,000,000.00 must be allocated to a city with a population between 639,000 and 640,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census for a 29-mile recreational greenway project connecting multiple neighborhoods and municipalities that promotes and enhances public recreation, equity, tourism, and economic development and recovery.

(b) \$55,000,000.00 must be allocated to a nonprofit organization that is responsible for building and place-management in the urban core of a city with a population between 198,000 and 199,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census for a 28-mile recreational greenway project connecting multiple regional, city, and community trail and park systems that promotes and enhances public recreation, equity, tourism, and economic development and recovery.

(c) \$20,000,000.00 must be awarded to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity in a county with a population of between 14,300 and 14,400 according to the most recent federal decennial census dedicated to promoting recreation, sports, and tourism in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan for the development or improvement of facilities,

ELIGIBILITY: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

- **Pandemic Response**
- **Expenditure Category**
 - **Strong Healthy Communities:**
Neighborhood features that promote health & safety
 - Must serve disproportionately impacted communities



QUALIFYING GREENWAY PROJECTS

- **Key Considerations**

- Project Recommended in a Community Plan
 - Common Vision/Shared Mission
 - Connect People & Place
 - Deliver Exceptional Experiences
 - Expand Opportunities for All
- Engagement. Community-based approach
- Collaboration. Working together to achieve shared outcomes
- Inclusive process
- Budget
- Sustainability

GREENWAY PROJECT CATALOGUE

- 36 Total “Projects” Identified in Grand Rapids/Kent County
- 21 Can Be Completed by 2026, Potentially
 - Totaling an Estimated \$154,000,000 Investment
- 15 Future Priorities Identified
 - 6 w/ Prelim Budget Estimates Totaling \$135,000,000
 - 9 w/ No Design, Plan or Budget

CRITERIA FOR GREENWAY FUNDING

- **Compliance w/ ARPA Guidelines**
- **Component of Greenway Building**

Additional Criteria

- Potential to Establish “Backbone” Trail & Priority Connections (Transformational)
- Readiness/Timeline for Completion
- Funds Committed & Diversity of Funders
- Potential to Attract Other Funds
- Potential to Catalyze Other Projects

Values

- Public Safety
- Improved Community Health
- Impact on Underserved Communities
 - Eliminate disparity/gaps
- Expand Access to Outdoors
- Expand Recreational Opportunity
- Boost Tourism / Economic Impact

GRAND RIVER EQUITY FRAMEWORK

**Goal 1:
Equitable Economic Development**

**Goal 4:
A Healthy River and Community**

**Goal 2:
An Accessible River**

**Goal 5:
Engaged, Supported Youth**

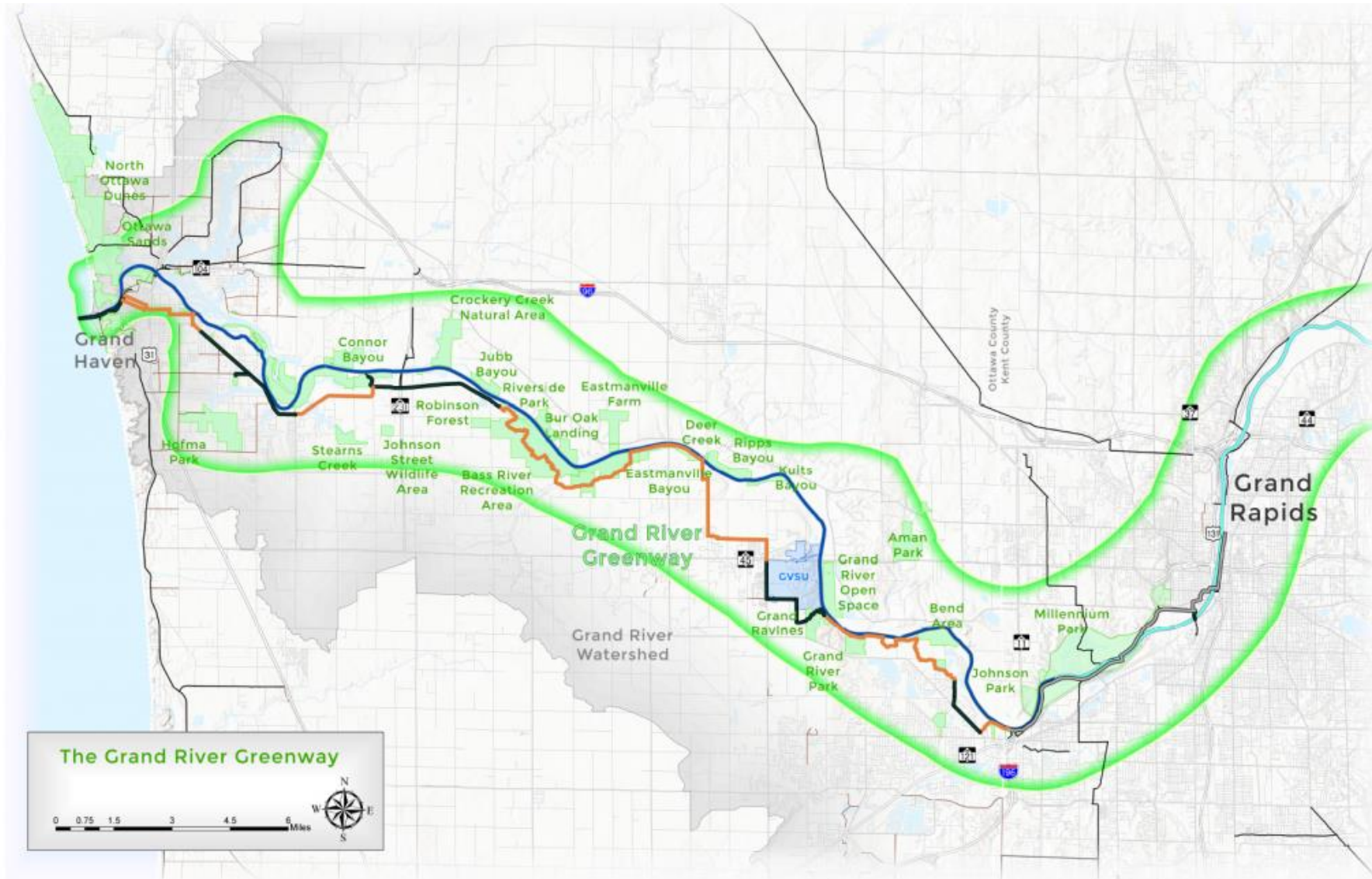
**Goal 3:
An Inviting, Inclusive River**

**Goal 6:
Implementation and Accountability**



GREENWAY PROJECTS OVERVIEW

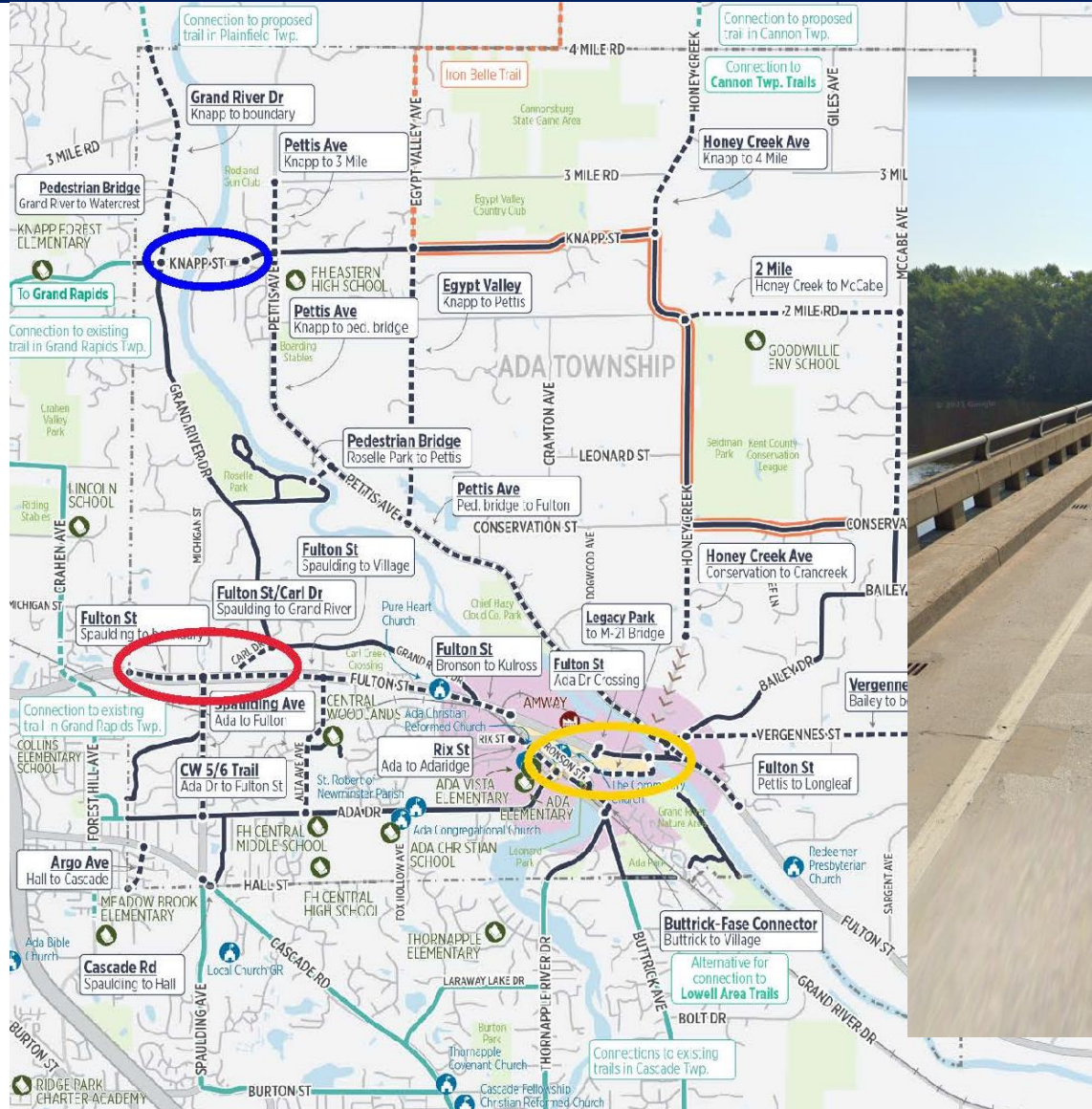
GROWING THE GRAND RIVER GREENWAY



GRAND RAPIDS-LOWELL TRAIL BLAZING



NON-MOTORIZED BRIDGE CROSSING



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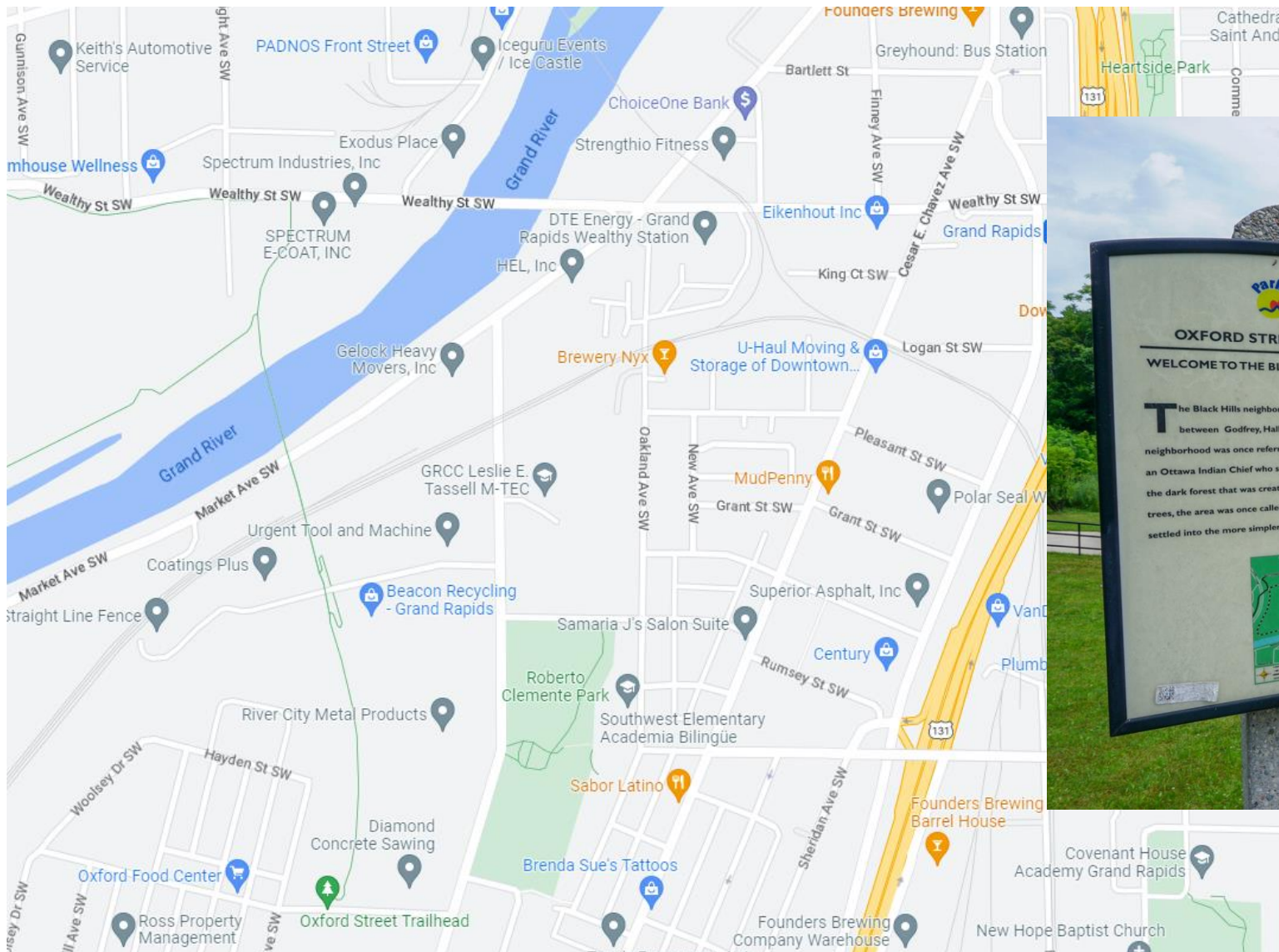
LEONARD-ANN TRAIL BLAZING



PUBLIC MUSEUM TRAIL & EDGE



REHABILITATING OXFORD TRAIL



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