

# Appendix G: Corridor Master Plan Recommendations

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### 1. Boating Basin Park

Located in a central location along the Wabash River in West Lafayette, the existing borrow pits were created with the construction of adjacent apartments.

**Recommendations:**

- Convert borrow pits to boating basins
- Create bladder dams to retain water during low water periods
- Relocate Purdue Boathouse to this site
- Extend the Wabash Heritage Trail through site

### 2. Levee Plaza Redevelopment

The 40-acre commercial site is currently underutilized and serves as a barrier between West Lafayette and the River. Prime for redevelopment, the site is strategically located at the intersection of two major streets and in close proximity to Purdue University and Lafayette's downtown.

**Recommendations:**

- Redevelop site to provide a mix of retail, service, entertainment, recreation, and residential uses
- Extend the Wabash Heritage Trail through site

### 3. Tappawingo Park

Located in a central location along the Wabash, Tappawingo Park includes a portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail and is the site of several community events throughout the year. The 20 acre park includes opportunities for both passive and active recreation.

**Recommendations:**

- Create an amphitheater
- Expand park to the north and south
- Provide connecting trails

### 4. New Residential and Commercial Development

Currently, this area is a mix of commercial and residential uses but significant gaps in the area's urban fabric limit circulation and discourage use.

**Recommendations:**

- Capitalize upon adjacent parks and create dense mixed-use development
- Create a better connected and logical network of complete streets



### 5. Water as a Resource

Located adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant and Wabash River, the site is located within the 100-year floodplain. The Wabash Heritage trail provides access through the site which is characterized by a wetland landscape.

#### Recommendation:

- Preserve and enhance existing wetlands to promote infiltration of cleansed wastewater from both treatment plants

### 6. Great Lawn

Currently a mix of agriculture and open space uses, the site is publicly owned and includes a portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail. Located in the 100-year flood plain, the site is susceptible to flood inundation.

#### Recommendations:

- Provide a setting to accommodate large civic gatherings
- Create a low-investment park design to accommodate flood events

### 7. Environmental Park and LLOW Site

Located at the central corridor's southern extent, the Environmental Park and LLOW site are currently in agriculture use. Within the 100-year floodplain, the site is susceptible to flood inundation.

#### Recommendations:

- Establish opportunities for environmental and cultural heritage education with an emphasis on best practices for stormwater, flood, and agricultural uses
- Create a low-investment park design to accommodate flood events and enhance water quality
- Extend the Wabash Heritage Trail



**8. Reconfigured Golf Course and Relocated Lyboubt Field**

Located in low-lying land adjacent the Wabash River, the golf course and 52-acre sports park are frequently inundated by flood waters. Flood inundation requires pumping water back into the river to keep golf courses operable.

**Recommendations:**

- Reconfigure golf course implementing best environmental practices (enhance riparian buffer, wetlands, and well field protection)
- Relocate course away from the river and extend the course south into McAllister Park

**9. North 9th Street Green City Development**

Bordered by McAllister Park to the west and a correctional facility to the north, the area is largely characterized by industrial uses with limited residential and open space uses.

**Recommendations:**

- Encourage a smart growth neighborhood of sustainable buildings with high ecological performance
- Establish both residential and office mixed use
- Develop a parallel street west of North 9th Street (behind the current development corridor) to create a new high value development corridor

**10. New Overlook Park and Related Commercial Sites**

Surrounded by a mix of industrial and residential uses, the area is currently the site of Lyboubt Fields Sports Park. Located within the 100-year floodplain and subject to flooding.

**Recommendations:**

- Remediate contaminated riverfront property
- Establish an overlook park with commercial recreation
- Create a "Kids Zone"



**11. Signature Park**

Located along the Wabash, the Signature Park area is currently a large tract of open space surrounded by parkland and utility uses.

**Recommendations:**

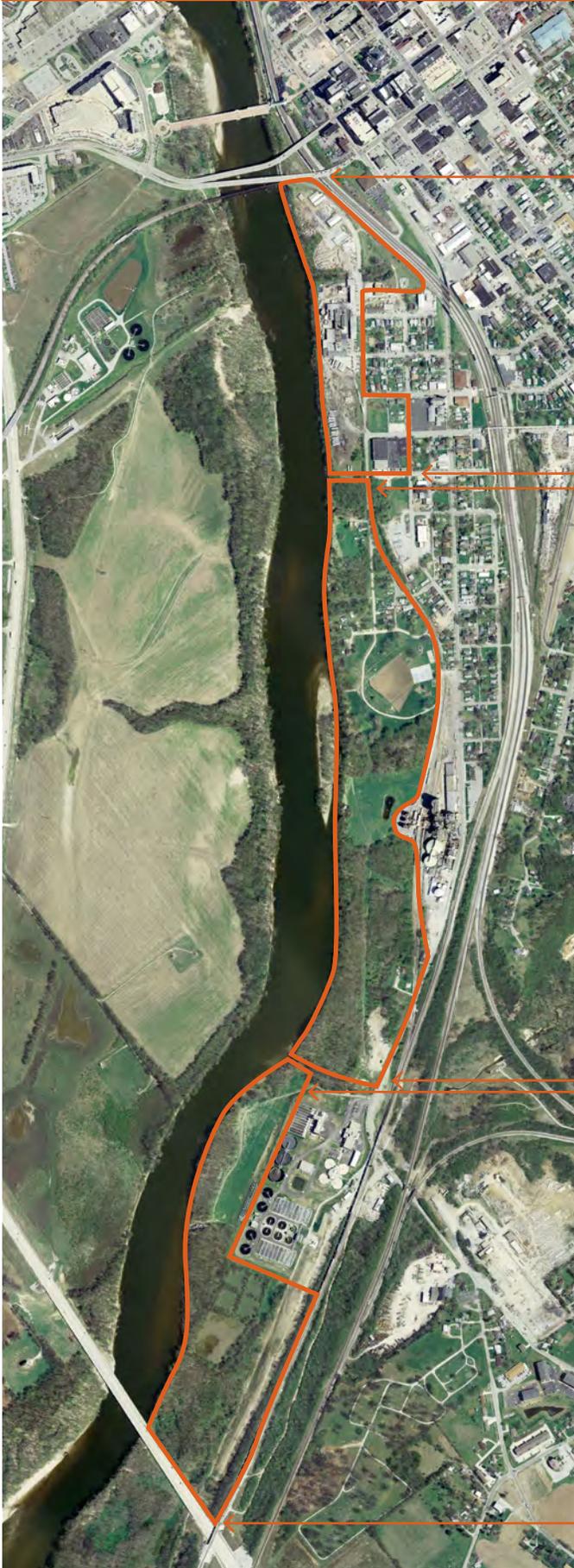
- Implement ecological enhancements
- Create downtown recreation opportunities
- Connect downtown Lafayette, North Lafayette, and riverside trails

**12. Riehle Plaza Urban Center and Related New Development**

A result of the Rail Relocation Project, Riehle Plaza was built over the Amtrak station and serves as an intermodal hub within Lafayette. The plaza is located adjacent to the primary station for CityBus. Riehle Plaza also supports important civic events such as the summer concert series. The plaza becomes congested at times with bus traffic. Physically handicapped riders can experience difficulties in gaining access to their bus.

**Recommendations:**

- Enhance this civic core
- Encourage denser development oriented to the plaza



### 13. Redevelopment of Boxboard Area

Located adjacent to the river, rail and street infrastructure create a barrier between Lafayette and the Boxboard site.

#### Recommendations:

- Connect Lafayette to the Wabash via a “Railroad Crossing” bridge
- Establish Wabash and Erie Canal interpretive feature within the wide right-of-way along Sycamore Street

### 14. Park Enhancement

Largely open space, the site is bordered by the Wabash to the west and railroad to the east. Rail and road infrastructure limited access points to the site present an obstacle to the surrounding community accessing the area and existing Shamrock Park.

#### Recommendations:

- Expand parkland along Old Tow Path Road to connect Shamrock Park and Lafayette’s Wabash Neighborhood
- Establish opportunities for interpretation of historical features and activities
- Improve and/or re-create wetland/greenspace within the 100-year flood plain

### 15. Water as a Resource Area

Located adjacent to the Wastewater treatment plant and Wabash River, the site is within the 100-year flood plain and includes wetlands.

#### Recommendations:

- Feature reuse and infiltration of treated water from both sanitary water plants through wetlands and other features
- Preserve and enhance existing wetlands to promote infiltration of cleansed wastewater from both plants
- Provide opportunities for environmental education by integrating trails and passive recreation opportunities



**16. Route 52 Bike/Pedestrian Crossing**

Located at the northern border of the urban core, the roadway does not include designated travel routes across the Wabash presenting an obstacle for cyclists or pedestrians travelling across the river.

**Recommendation:**

- Explore options to establish a new pedestrian/bicycle connection across the Wabash

**17. Mascouten Pedestrian Bridge**

A popular boat launch site along the Wabash, Mascouten Park is located close to the Happy Hollow Park trail network and across the river from McAllister Park.

**Recommendations:**

- Construct a new bridge as a pedestrian connection across the Wabash
- Create a distinctive visual landmark

**18. Harrison Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

**Recommendations:**

- Reconfigure existing exit ramps to create new development on West Lafayette side of the bridge
- Modify ramps to provide boat access and allow boathouse development lining basins
- Improve bike/pedestrian safety on bridge



**19. Brown Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge**

While the Brown Street Bridge once provided a connection across the Wabash, an abutment remains in West Lafayette serving as an overlook area providing views of the Wabash and Lafayette.

**Recommendations:**

- Construct a new Brown Street Bridge to establish a pedestrian and bicycle connection between Tapawingo Park and the proposed CityBus Transit Plaza
- Provide a distinctive visual landmark and contemporary interpretation of historic feature

**20. Bike/Pedestrian Promenade and Rail Crossing Bridge**

Currently, the railroad serves as a barrier between Lafayette and the Wabash River.

**Recommendation:**

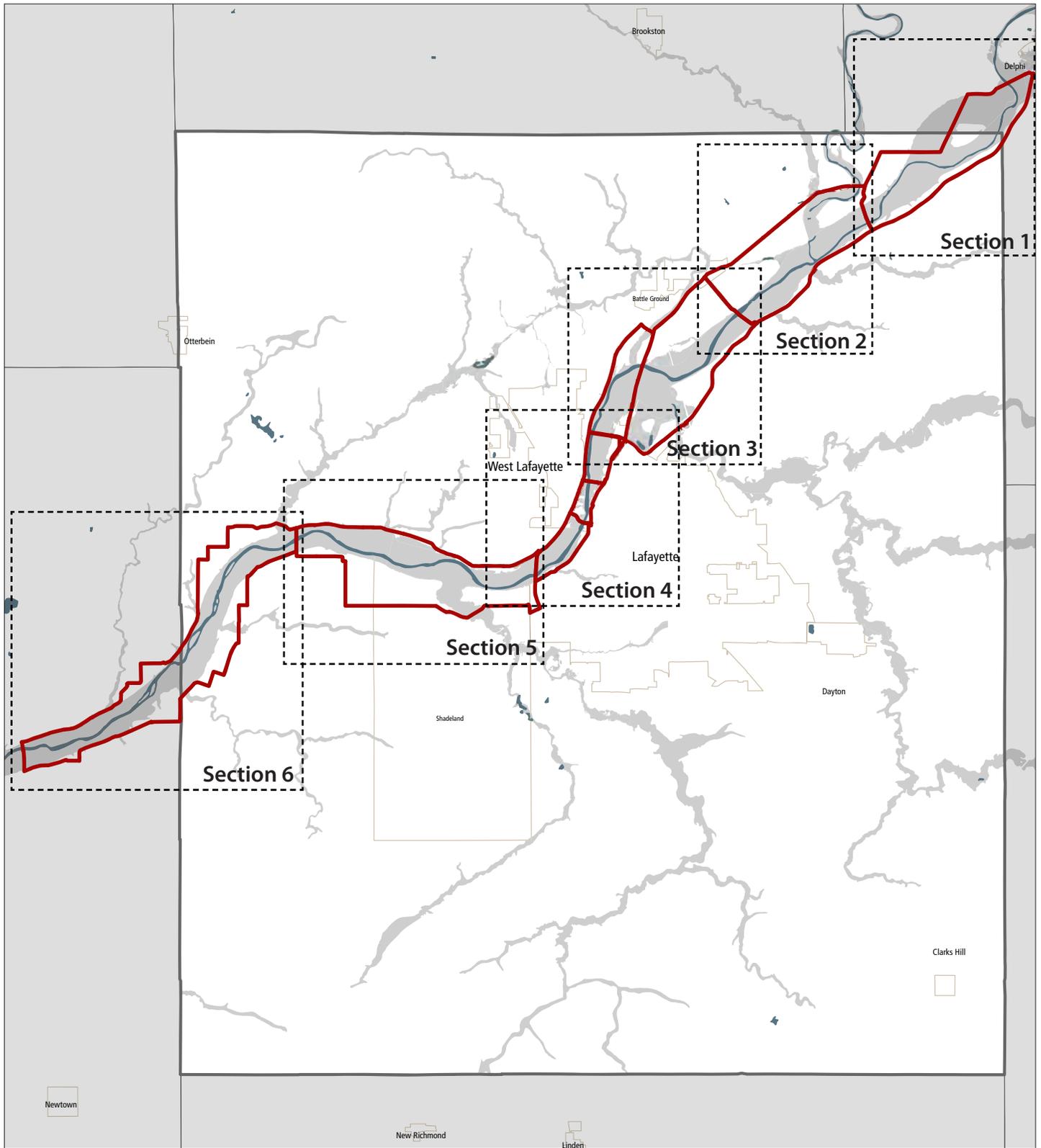
- Create upper level promenade over Amtrak tracks
- Develop a new bike/pedestrian promenade and rail crossing bridge connecting Rheile Plaza, Myers Pedestrian Bridge, and downtown Lafayette to Wabash Avenue neighborhood

**21. Improved Bike/Pedestrian use of 231 Bridge**

Currently, the 231 Bridge provides vehicular connections across the Wabash. The bridge's steel plate grinders present the opportunity to widen the bridge to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.

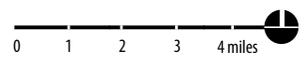
**Recommendation:**

- Widen bridge for pedestrian/bicycle access



Greenway Segments

- Segment Route
- 100-Year FEMA Flood Plain



## Section 1

### Experience (traveling clockwise from Canal Interpretive Park)

Departing from Canal Park, the route follows Route 25 through the Wabash River’s corridor. Several vantage points and potential roadside pull-off points along the route provide views of the river and islands. While this stretch of Route 25 is currently classified as a bike route, the soon-to-be completed Hoosier Heartland Highway may alleviate traffic volumes to enhance the Wabash corridor experience for both vehicles and cyclists. Those improvements would create a continuous route condition along the segment appropriate for a larger range of cyclists.

Route 25 parallels the historic canal route and several associated canal structure sites. Its proximity to ongoing interpretive efforts by the Wabash & Erie Canal Association in Delphi presents an opportunity to build upon current initiatives and provide a distinct interpretive experience of the canal’s significance to the region’s development. Delphi also includes a 10 mile trail network connecting parklands and other attractions.

The Route 25 greenway route continues south to the town of Americus and the J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area, crossing the Wabash on Americus Road. Initially platted as a canal port, Americus is a potential site for establishing a greenway park.

In contrast to the river left experience, on river right, travelers continue north along a series of less-traveled paved and unpaved rural routes through corn and soy fields. Historically prairie soils, the surrounding agricultural lands reflect the early European settlers’ discovery of the alluvial corridor’s productive agricultural soils.



### Section 1 Overview

**Length** 14 Miles

**Bike Route Condition** Shared Lane-Marked and Bike Route-Unmarked

**Potential Route Stops** Historic Canal Route, Delphi, J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area

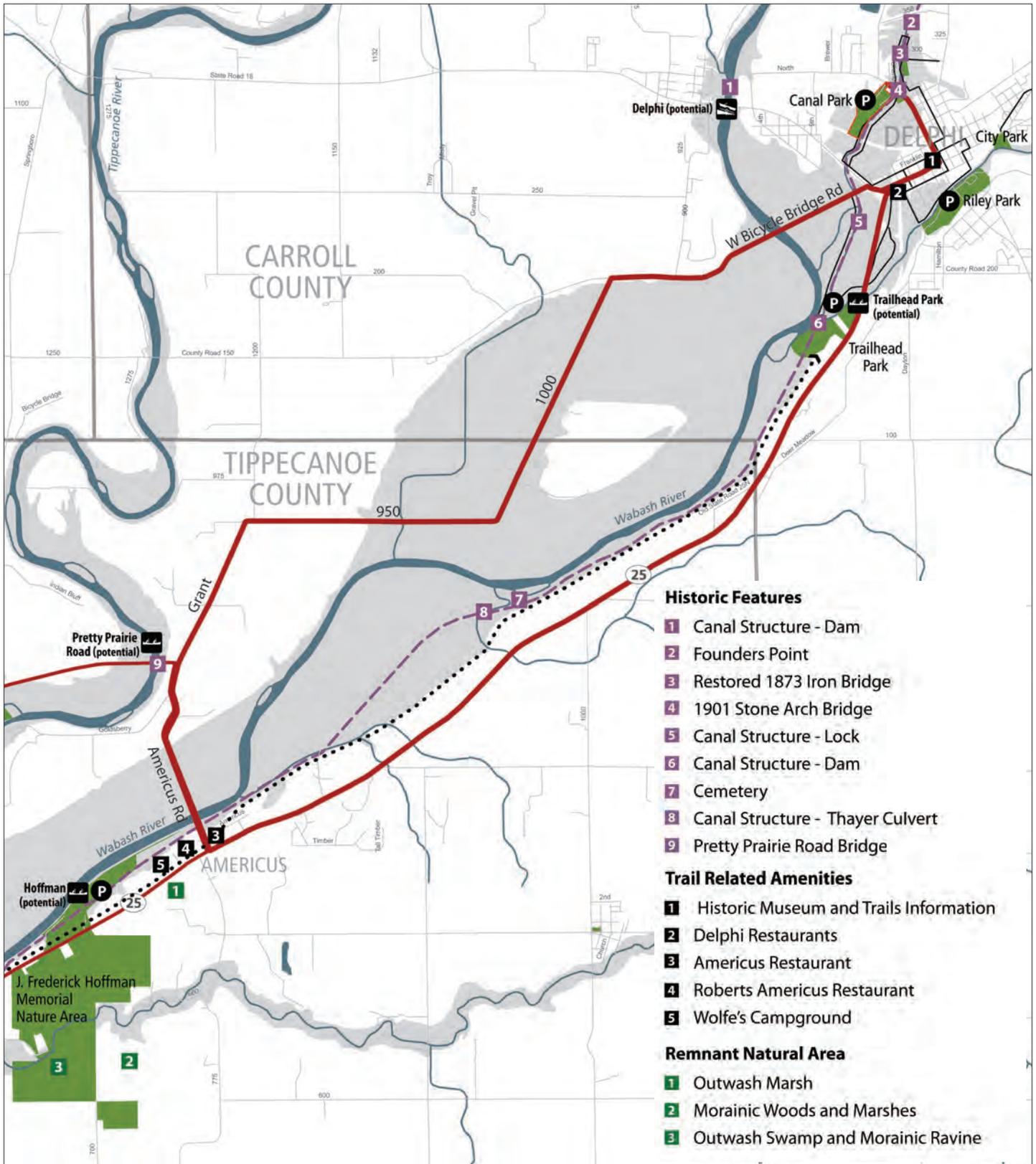
### Greenway Development Sites

- Existing
- Potential

Greenway Development Site	Parking	Restroom	Spur Trail	Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Concessions	Camping	Picnic Facilities	Interpretation	Play-ground
Canal Interpretive Park	●	●	●						●	
Trailhead Park	●		●	●						
J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●

### Canal Interpretive Park

Sites along the greenway, such as the Wabash & Erie Canal Association’s Canal Interpretive Park, present opportunities to build upon ongoing initiatives and collaborate with communities and organizations along the greenway. (image: WRT)



- Historic Features**
- 1 Canal Structure - Dam
  - 2 Founders Point
  - 3 Restored 1873 Iron Bridge
  - 4 1901 Stone Arch Bridge
  - 5 Canal Structure - Lock
  - 6 Canal Structure - Dam
  - 7 Cemetery
  - 8 Canal Structure - Thayer Culvert
  - 9 Pretty Prairie Road Bridge
- Trail Related Amenities**
- 1 Historic Museum and Trails Information
  - 2 Delphi Restaurants
  - 3 Americus Restaurant
  - 4 Roberts Americus Restaurant
  - 5 Wolfe's Campground
- Remnant Natural Area**
- 1 Outwash Marsh
  - 2 Morainic Woods and Marshes
  - 3 Outwash Swamp and Morainic Ravine

Section 1

- Greenway Travel Route
- Boat Ramp
- Canoe Launch/Landing
- Existing Park
- 100-Year FEMA Designated Floodplain
- # Historic Feature
- # Trail Related Amenities
- # Remnant Natural Area
- P Parking
- Historic Canal Route

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## Section 2

### Experience (traveling clockwise from J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area)

When opened to the public, the J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area will offer trails through its woodlands, marshes, and ravines. It includes a visible portion of the Wabash-Erie Canal. The natural areas, historic features, and habitat restoration projects will create numerous interpretive opportunities.

Continuing south along Route 25, travelers traverse a mix of woodlands and agricultural lands. For a two-mile stretch, the Stair Road serves as a scenic alternative to Route 25. A rural, less travelled route parallel to Route 25, it provides a more relaxed experience through the alluvial corridor and includes potential sites for roadside pull-offs.

Crossing the Wabash at Route 225 and the historic Jewettsport Ford Bridge site, the route loops north by Prophetstown State Park. In addition to its recreation facilities, visitors may observe Prophetstown's restored prairies, fens, and savannahs evocative of the pre-European settlement landscape. A water access site on the Tippecanoe River or another nearby location would be a desirable addition. Located within the state park, Historic Prophetstown operates as an early 20th century farmstead providing opportunities for learning about agriculture and horse powered farming.

The loop continues north along Pretty Prairie Road, connecting travelers to interesting historic sites and trails in Battle Ground, a pioneer settlement. The route follows Pretty Prairie Road, bordering the northern part of Prophetstown State Park and traversing agricultural fields.



### Prophetstown State Park

An important part of the greenway, Prophestown provides opportunities for picnicking, camping, playground activities, hiking and natural and cultural history interpretation. (image: WRT)

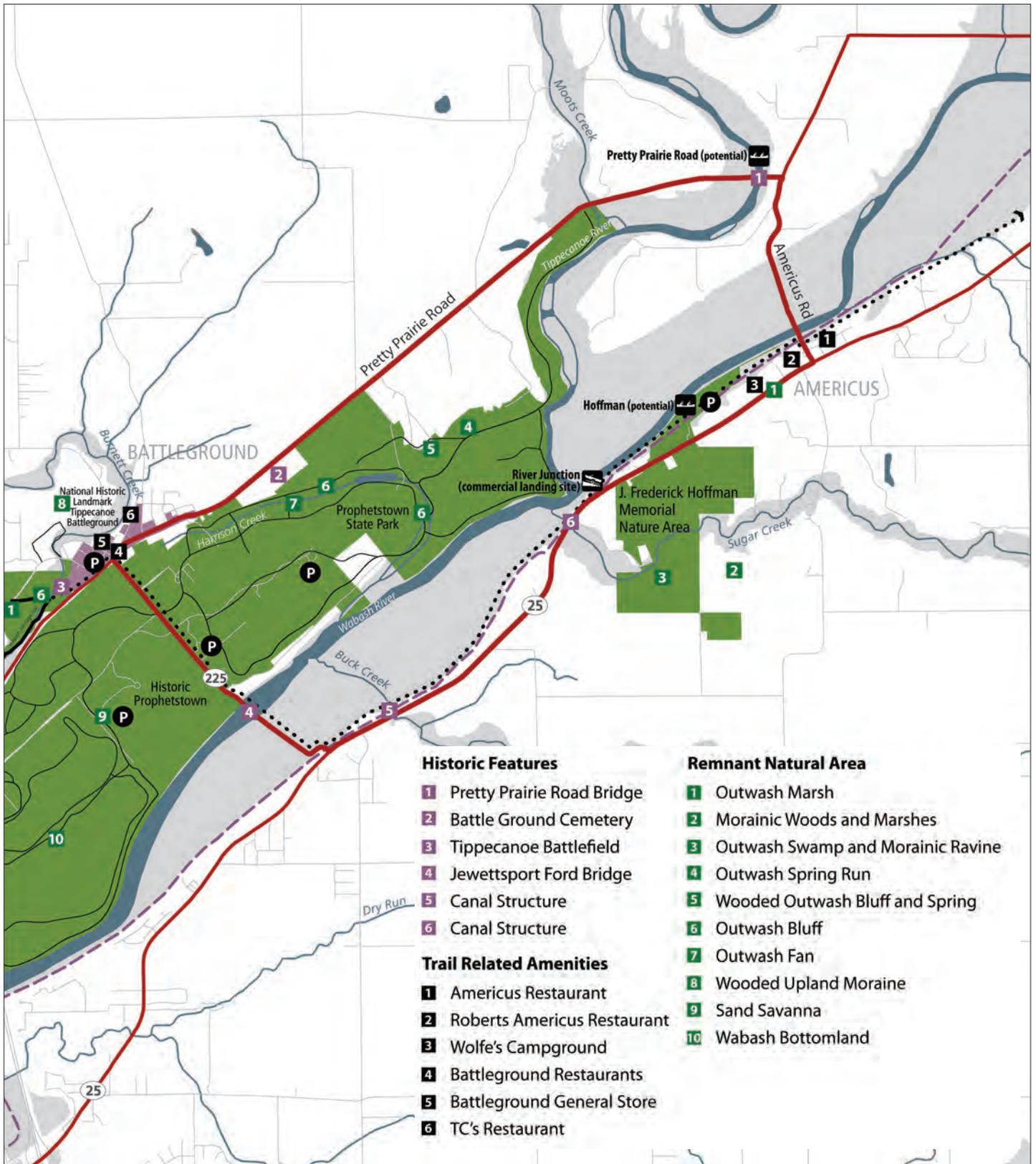
### Section 2 Overview

<b>Length</b>	12 Miles
<b>Bike Route Condition</b>	Separated Exclusive Bike Lane, Shared Lane-Marked, and Bike Route-Unmarked
<b>Potential Route Stops</b>	Prophetstown State Park, Historic Prophetstown, Battleground, Historic Canal Route, J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area

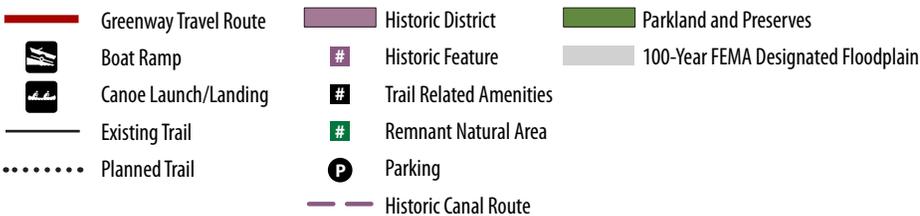
### Greenway Development Sites

- Existing
- Potential

Greenway Development Site	Parking	Restroom	Spur Trail	Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Concessions	Camping	Picnic Facilities	Interpretation	Play-ground
Prophetstown State Park	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
J. Frederick Hoffman Memorial Nature Area	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●



Section 2



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## Section 3

### Experience (traveling clockwise from Prophetstown State Park)

Traveling south along Route 25, greenway users transition from an alluvial corridor to an outwash terrace landscape. Typically out of the floodplain, the broad and gently sloping outwash terraces are in residential and agricultural uses.

Crossing the Wabash on Route 52, travelers overlook the future wetland restoration site north of Lafayette Memorial Golf Course and access site to the Wabash Heritage Trail. Travelers proceed north via North River Road, passing several remnant bluffs, prairies, and seeps.

Alternatively, travelers may cross the Wabash by taking the North 9th Street Bridge. That route provides access to the Wabash Heritage Trail and Wabash River at Davis Ferry Park, which has a boat launching site.

The alternative routes intersect at Burnetts Road and North 9th Street. Historic sites at Tippecanoe Battlefield and Prophetstown State Park offer interpretative opportunities. Battle Ground, a historic district, includes historic sites, restaurants and stores.



### Section 3 Overview

**Length** 13 Miles

**Bike Route Condition** Separated Exclusive Bike Lane and Bike Route- Unmarked

**Potential Route Stops** Prophetstown State Park, Battleground, Historic Canal Route, Tippecanoe Amphitheater

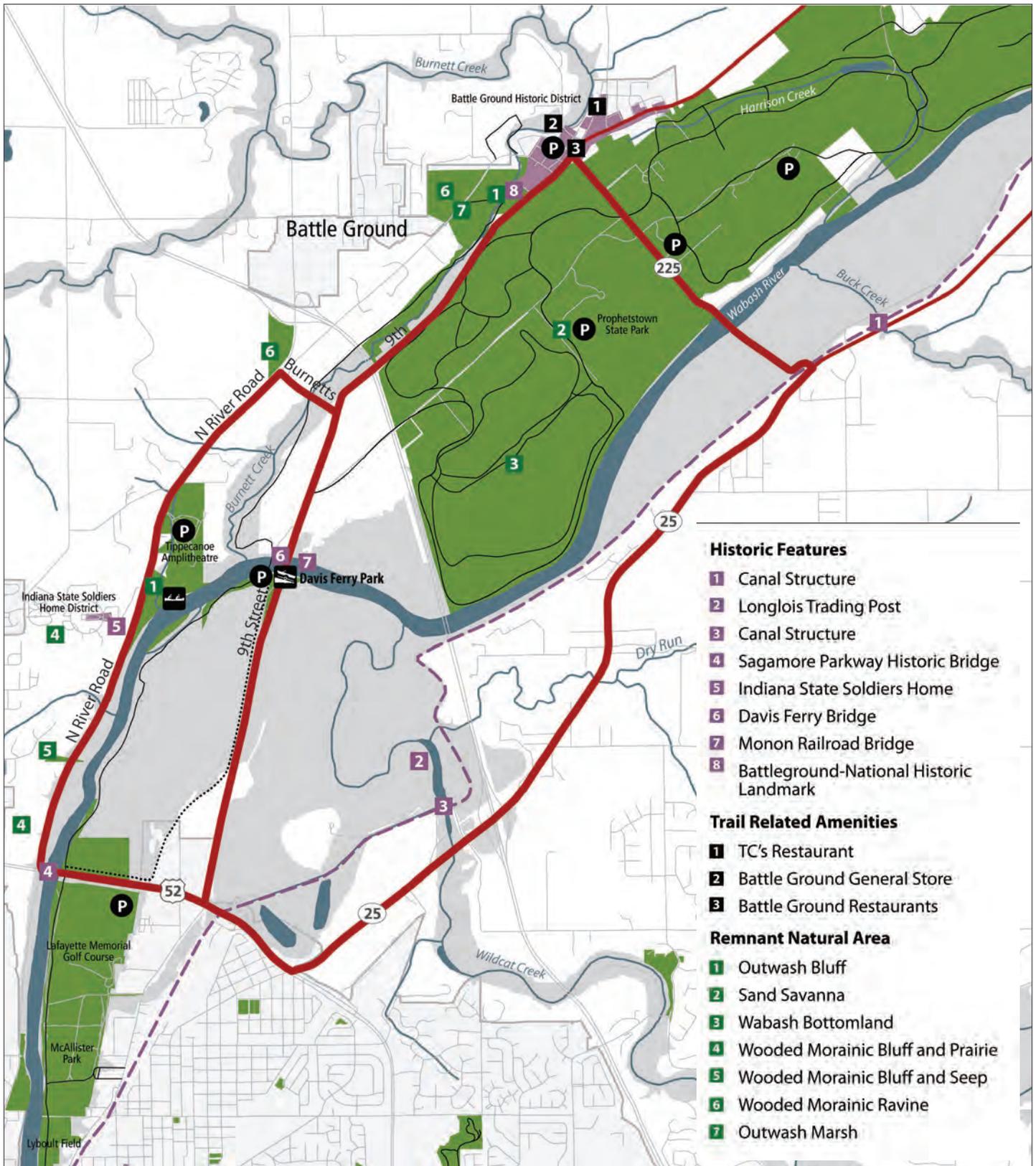
### Greenway Development Sites

- Existing
- Potential

Greenway Access Point	Parking	Restroom	Spur Trail	Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Concessions	Camping	Picnic Facilities	Interpretation	Play-ground
Prophetstown State Park	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
County Land	●	●	●					●		
Tippecanoe Amphitheatre	●	●		●			●			

### Monon Rail Bridge

Historic sites along the greenway, such as the Monon Rail Bridge, could be incorporated into a network of roadside interpretive markers highlight sites and their relation to the Wabash River and surrounding area. (image: WRT)



**Historic Features**

- 1 Canal Structure
- 2 Longlois Trading Post
- 3 Canal Structure
- 4 Sagamore Parkway Historic Bridge
- 5 Indiana State Soldiers Home
- 6 Davis Ferry Bridge
- 7 Monon Railroad Bridge
- 8 Battleground-National Historic Landmark

**Trail Related Amenities**

- 1 TC's Restaurant
- 2 Battle Ground General Store
- 3 Battle Ground Restaurants

**Remnant Natural Area**

- 1 Outwash Bluff
- 2 Sand Savanna
- 3 Wabash Bottomland
- 4 Wooded Morainic Bluff and Prairie
- 5 Wooded Morainic Bluff and Seep
- 6 Wooded Morainic Ravine
- 7 Outwash Marsh

**Section 3**

- Greenway Travel Route
- Boat Ramp
- Canoe Launch/Landing
- Existing Trail
- Planned Trail
- Historic District
- Historic Feature
- Trail Related Amenities
- Remnant Natural Area
- Parking
- Historic Canal Route
- Parkland and Preserves
- 100-Year FEMA Designated Floodplain

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## Section 4

### Experience (traveling clockwise from Lafayette Golf Course)

Distinct from other greenway segments, this section is in the greenway's more urbanized "central corridor" that has numerous historic sites, parks, cultural institutions and services. Proposed projects for the central corridor would significantly enhance the greenway experience (see Chapter 5).

Starting at Lafayette Golf Course, greenway travelers would proceed south on North 9th Street and connect with some of Lafayette's larger park facilities. While its northern stretch is a heavily travelled route lined with urban uses, the southern portion is bordered largely by lower density residential uses and open spaces. The route could connect to the proposed Farm Heritage Trail which would extend from Lafayette to Zionsville. A new river access site between Route 26 and 231 would be desirable.

Crossing the Wabash via Route 231, travelers would be on a section of the River Road Scenic Byway, offering several opportunities for access the Wabash Heritage Trail. It provides views across low-lying agricultural lands to the Wabash River. Continuing north, the route is lined with a mix of commercial, residential and other uses. The route connects to the Mascouten Park water access site and the Happy Hollow Park pathway network.



### Section 3 Overview

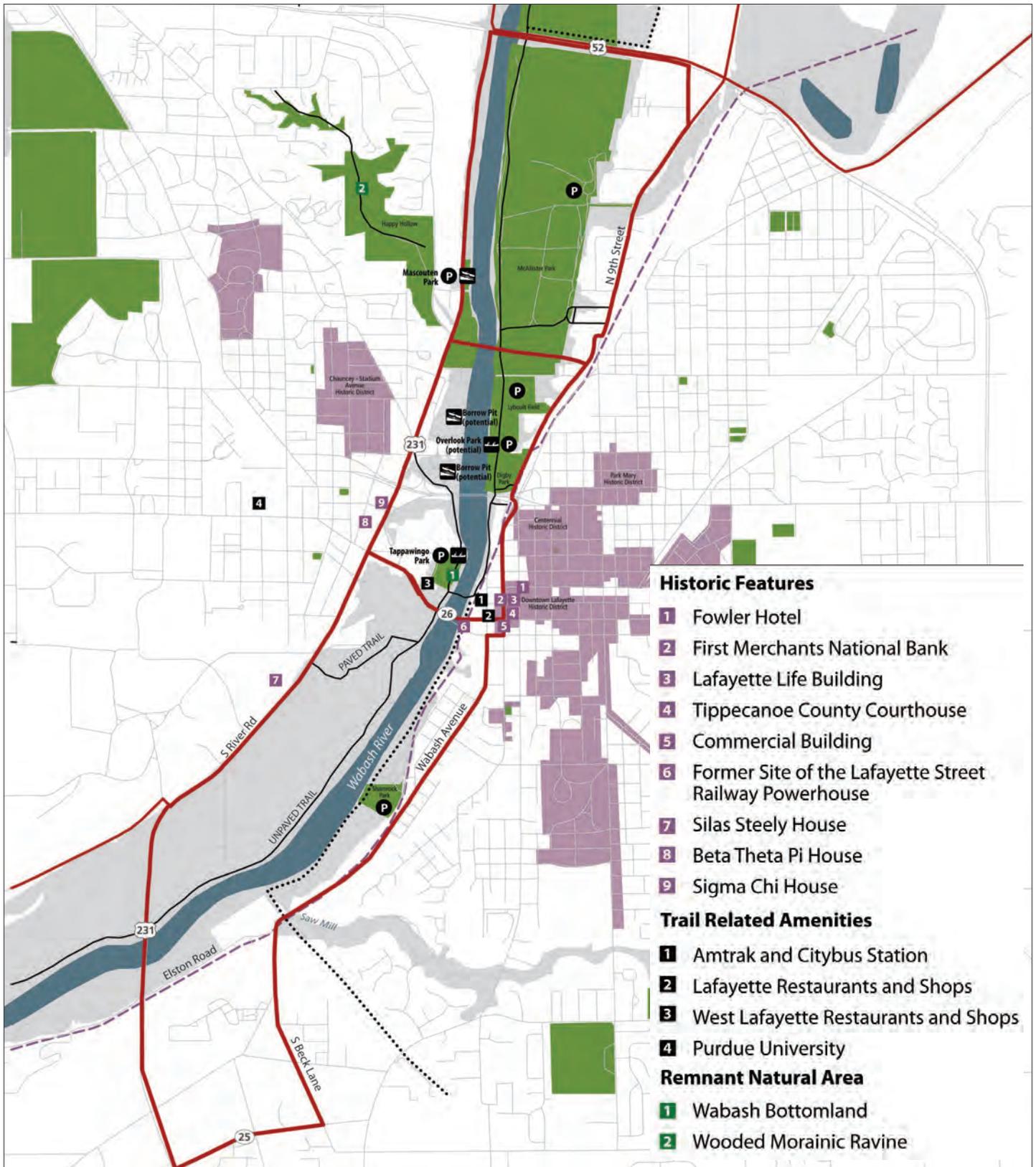
**Length** 13 Miles

**Bike Route Condition** Separated Exclusive Bike Lane, Shared Lane-Marked, and Bike Route-Unmarked

**Potential Route Stops** Riehle Plaza, Levee Plaza, Tappawingo Park, Mascouten Park, Happy Hollow Park,

### Myers Pedestrian Bridge

Within the central greenway, numerous existing and proposed river crossing will present opportunities for experiencing the river. (image: WRT)



Section 4



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## Section 5

### Experience (traveling clockwise from Tippecanoe Laboratories Wildlife Habitat Area)

Traveling west along Lilly Road, this section connects several remnant prairie areas once typical of outwash terraces. Both the Tippecanoe Wildlife Habitat Area and NICHE's Wea Creek Gravel Hill Prairie include interpretive programming and loop trails to explore those distinctive features.

The route follows a series of rural roads through agricultural and wooded landscapes. Tributary crossings, the Wea Plains and Granville present opportunities for scenic roadside pull-offs with interpretive media.

Crossing the Wabash at Granville Bridge Park, the route follows the Wabash Scenic Byway and parallels the planned extension of the Wabash Heritage Trail. Continuing along South River Road, the route generally follows the river's alluvial corridor and higher outwash terraces. It connects to Fort Ouiantenon Park, providing opportunities for recreation, interpretation, and water access.



### Section 5 Overview

Length 16 Miles

Bike Route Condition Separated Exclusive Bike Lane, Shared Lane-Marked, and Bike Route-Unmarked

Potential Route Stops Fort Ouiantenon, Granville Bridge Park, NICHES Preserves

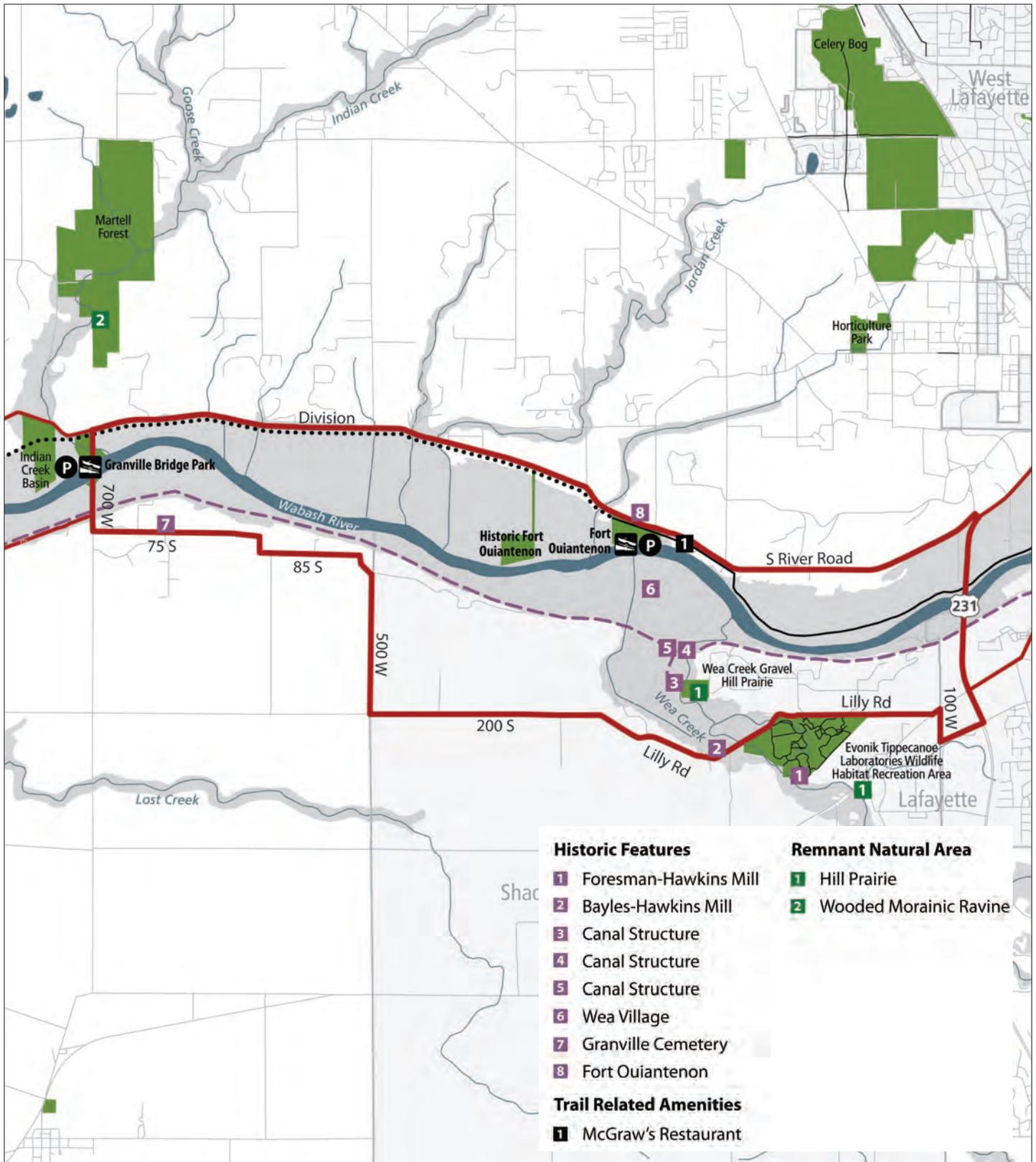
### Greenway Development Sites

- Existing
- Potential

Greenway Development Site	Parking	Restroom	Spur Trail	Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Concessions	Camping	Picnic Facilities	Interpretation	Play-ground
Fort Ouiantenon	●	●			●			●	●	
Granville Bridge Park		●	●		●			●		

### Granville

Existing roadside signage along the rural route, such as the Granville site, provides interpretive opportunities for travelers. (image: WRT)



Section 5



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## Section 6

### Experience (traveling clockwise from Granville Bridge Park)

Travelling southwest on scenic rural roads, the southernmost greenway section highlights unique plant communities and cultural resources related to early settlement. Remnant habitat areas and ongoing preservation and restoration efforts present greenway users with opportunities for viewing wildlife and experiencing the Wabash landscape. The Roy Whistler Wildlife Area and Granville Sand Barrens have loop trails through high quality sand barrens, prairie, and successional forests representative of the pre settlement Wabash landscape. Black walnut plantations also contribute to the experience along the southern travel route.

Continuing south along the Wea Plain, the route parallels the historic canal and canal structures. Structures related to early European settlement such as the Peter Weaver home present opportunities to build upon existing interpretive waysides. Minor tributary crossings and the Wabash's visibility provide opportunities for roadside pull-offs. A new water access site along this section would be also desirable.

Crossing the Wabash at Cicott Road, travelers continue northeast to Cicott Park and Black Rock Nature Preserve. The preserve has loop trails through rare sandstone/siltstone barrens and a unique sandstone outcrop.



### Section 6 Overview

**Length** 23 Miles

**Bike Route Condition** Shared Lane-Marked

**Potential Route Stops** Granville Bridge Park, Ross Hill Park, NICHES Preserves, Cicott Park

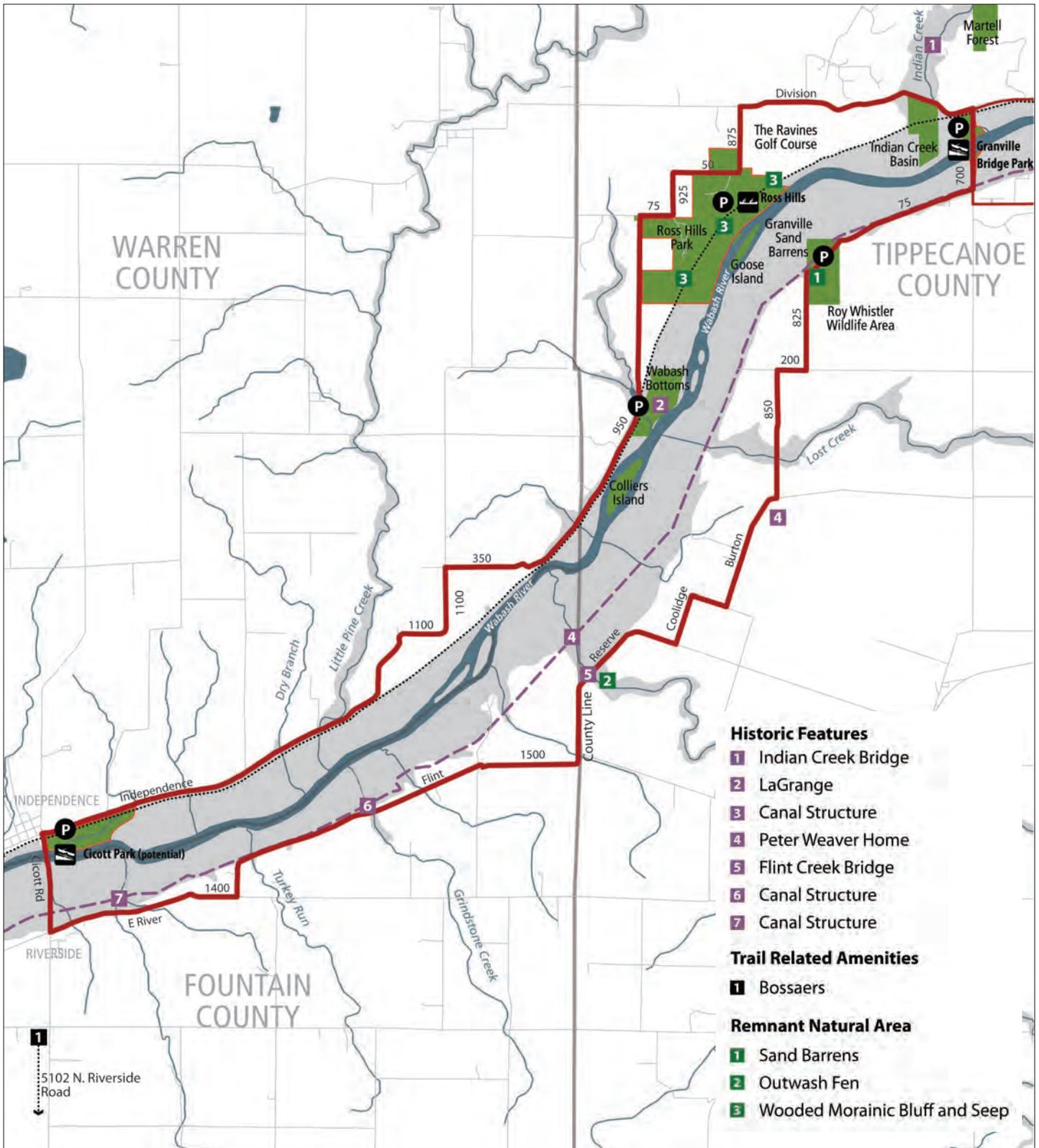
### Greenway Development Sites

- Existing
- Potential

Greenway Access Site	Parking	Restroom	Spur Trail	Boat Launch	Boat Ramp	Concessions	Camping	Picnic Facilities	Interpretation	Play-ground
Granville Bridge Park	●	●			●			●		
Ross Hill Park	●	●	●	●			●	●		
Cicott Park	●	●	●		●			●		

### Cicott Park

Located at a historic trading post site along the Wabash, Cicotts Park includes amenities related to recreation and interpretation. (image: WRT)



Section 6

- Greenway Travel Route
- Parkland and Preserves
- Historic Feature
- 100-Year FEMA Designated Floodplain
- Boat Ramp
- Trail Related Amenities
- Remnant Natural Area
- Historic Canal Route
- Canoe Launch/Landing
- Parking
- Existing Trail
- Planned Trail

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