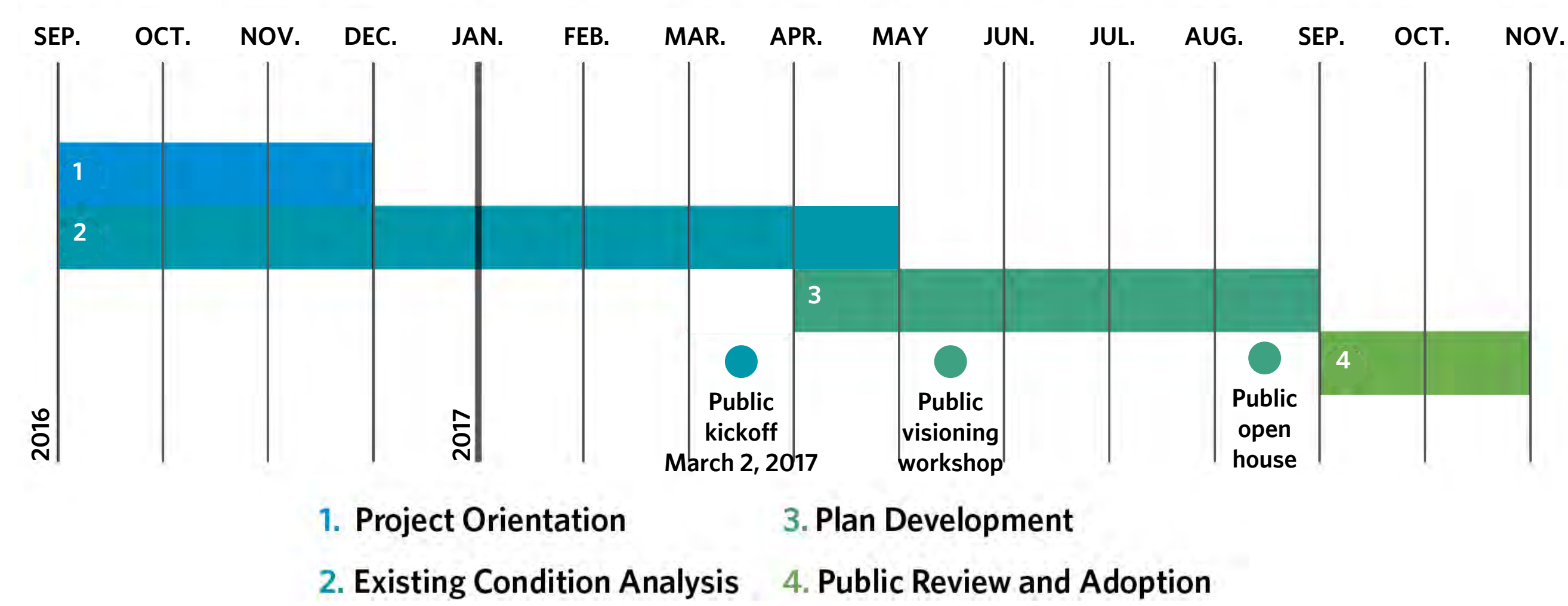


INTRODUCTION

McHenry County is embarking on a process to create a corridor plan for a portion of the Fox River. The Plan will outline strategies to increase access, improve environmental quality, and enhance recreational use and river-related commerce along the Fox River and the area surrounding it.

The study area extends from Route 176, in Burton's Bridge, to Cold Springs Road, in Cary. This area includes parts of the communities of Cary, Fox River Grove, Island Lake, Lake Barrington, Oakwood Hills, Port Barrington, Tower Lakes, and Trout Valley.

PLANNING PROCESS



WHO IS CMAP?

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning was established in 2005 to plan comprehensively for economic prosperity and improved quality of life within northeastern Illinois.

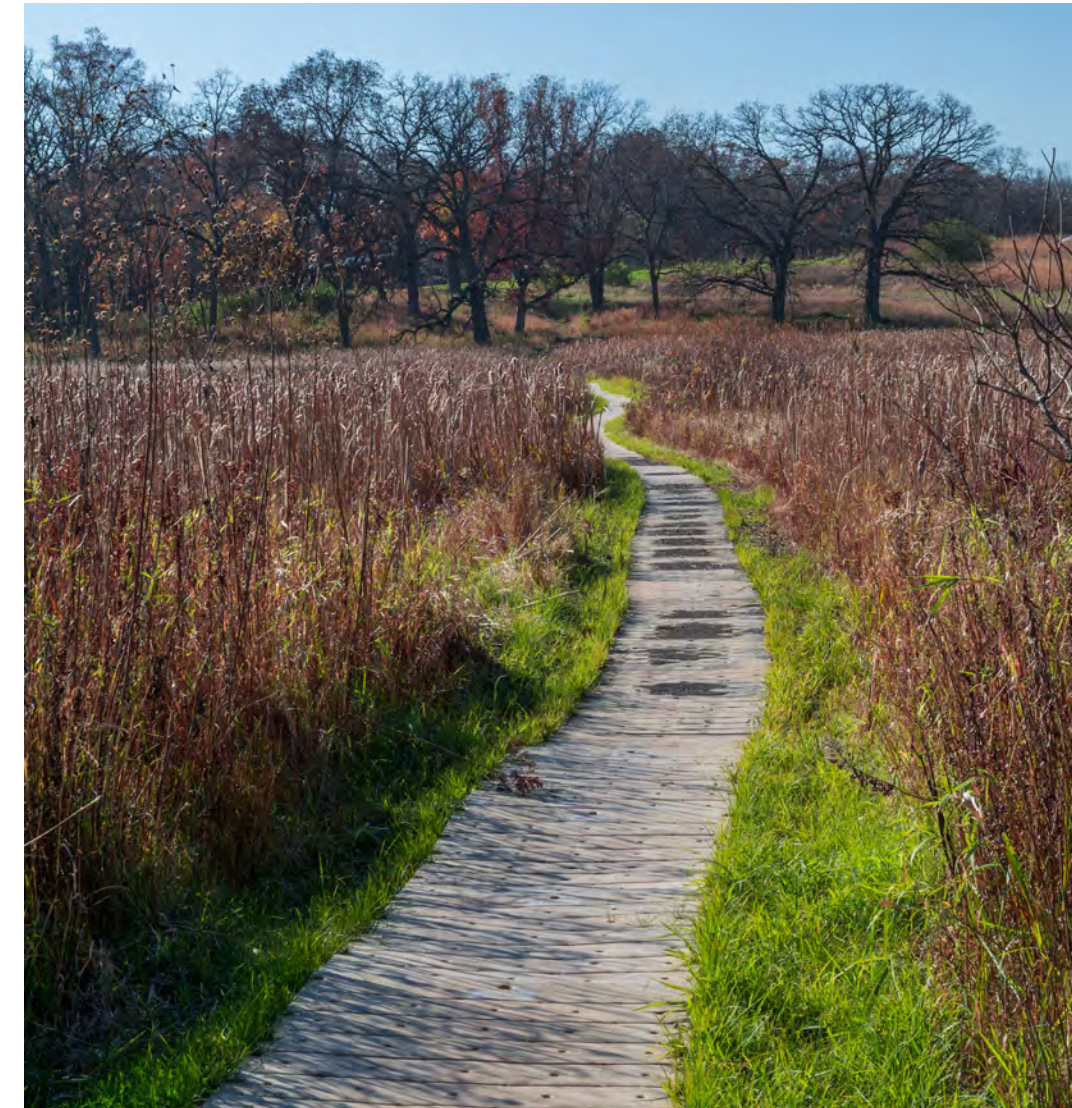
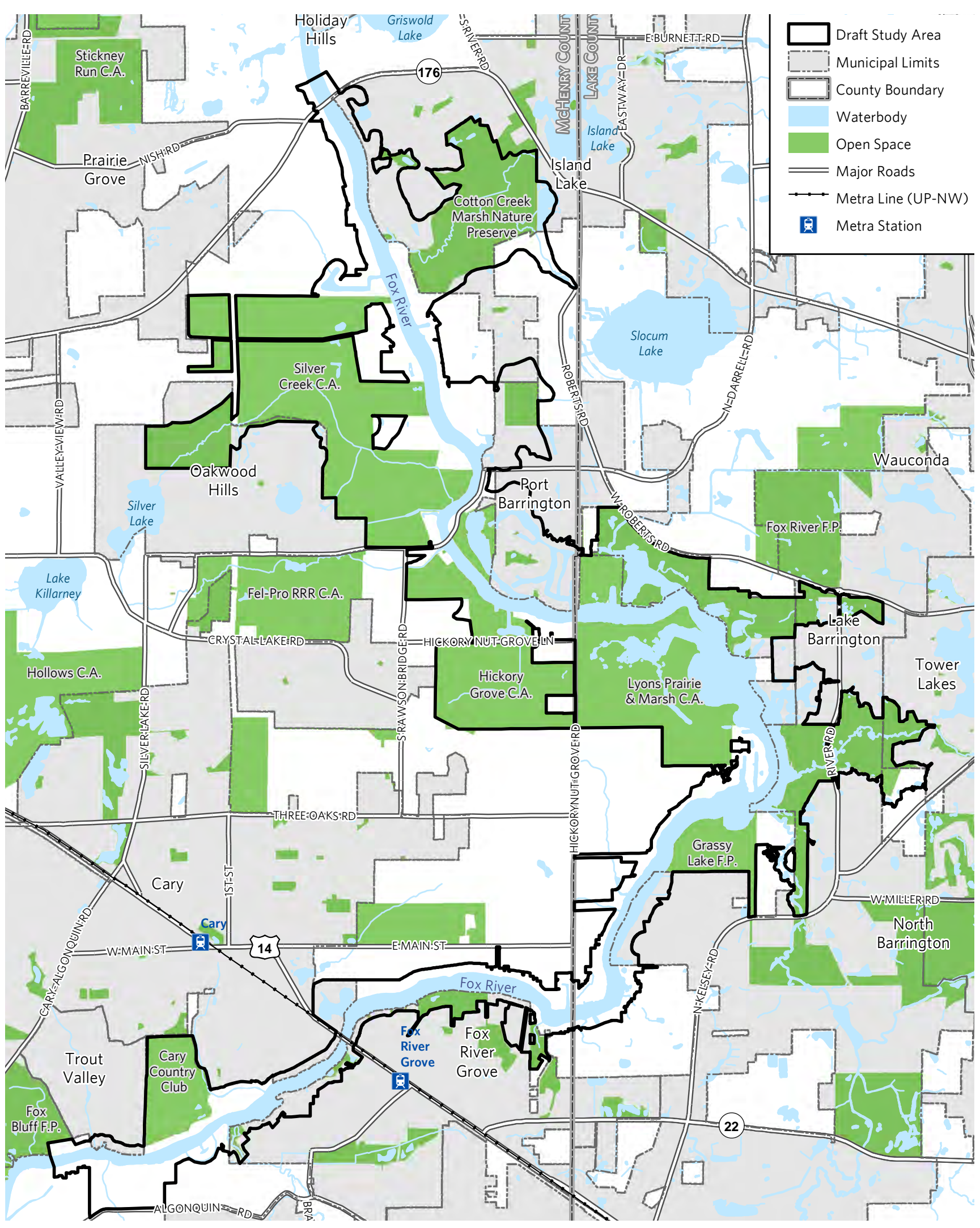
CMAP serves 7 counties, 284 municipalities, and over 1,200 units of government.

WHY IS CMAP FUNDING THE PLAN?

CMAP developed and now coordinates implementation of the GO TO 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan.

WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

- Build on Village, County, Conservation District, and Forest Preserve District plans
- Identify strategies to preserve natural resources
- Take advantage of unique connections between Villages and unincorporated areas
- Identify ways to improve connections
- Determine strategies to prepare for potential consequences experienced from extreme climate events
- Help obtain grants to make improvements
- Help set priorities and coordinate decision-making



In 2010, CMAP started the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program to provide technical assistance to communities. McHenry County Planning & Development received a grant for technical assistance to develop the Fox River Corridor Plan. CMAP will be working with County staff and leaders to develop the Plan.



PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Public engagement is vital to developing a plan for the Fox River Corridor that reflects the vision of the community.

McHenry County Planning & Development and CMAP are working to engage the public in the planning process through public workshops, interviews with community leaders and stakeholders, steering committee meetings, and on-going communication with residents, businesses, and river user and environmental groups.

FOX RIVER STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee will provide guidance on the project and review steps in the process. Members include:

Jim Anderson, Lake County Forest Preserves
Jodie Auliff, Illinois Paddling Council & Water Trailkeepers
Jaki Berggren, Visit McHenry County
Lynn Caccavallo, Cary Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
Tom Chefalo, Lake County Building and Development
Donna Erfort, Village of Port Barrington
Joseph Gottemoller, McHenry County Board
Joseph Keller, Fox Waterway Agency
John Kremer, McHenry County Conservation District
Kerry Leigh, Village of Oakwood Hills
Michael Murphy, Village of Trout Valley
Robert Nunamaker, Village of Fox River Grove
David Raica, Cary Park District
Nancy Schietzelt, Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
Carolyn Schofield, McHenry County Board (former position)
Nancy Schumm, Spring and Flint Creek Watershed Group
Brian Simmons, Village of Cary
Cynthia Skrukud, Fox River Study Group and Sierra Club
Thomas Vanderpoel, Citizens for Conservation
Eberhard Veit, McHenry County Bicycle Advocates
Mike Warner, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
Nancy Williamson, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

ONLINE SURVEY

Public Kickoff:

Tonight’s public kickoff is designed to:

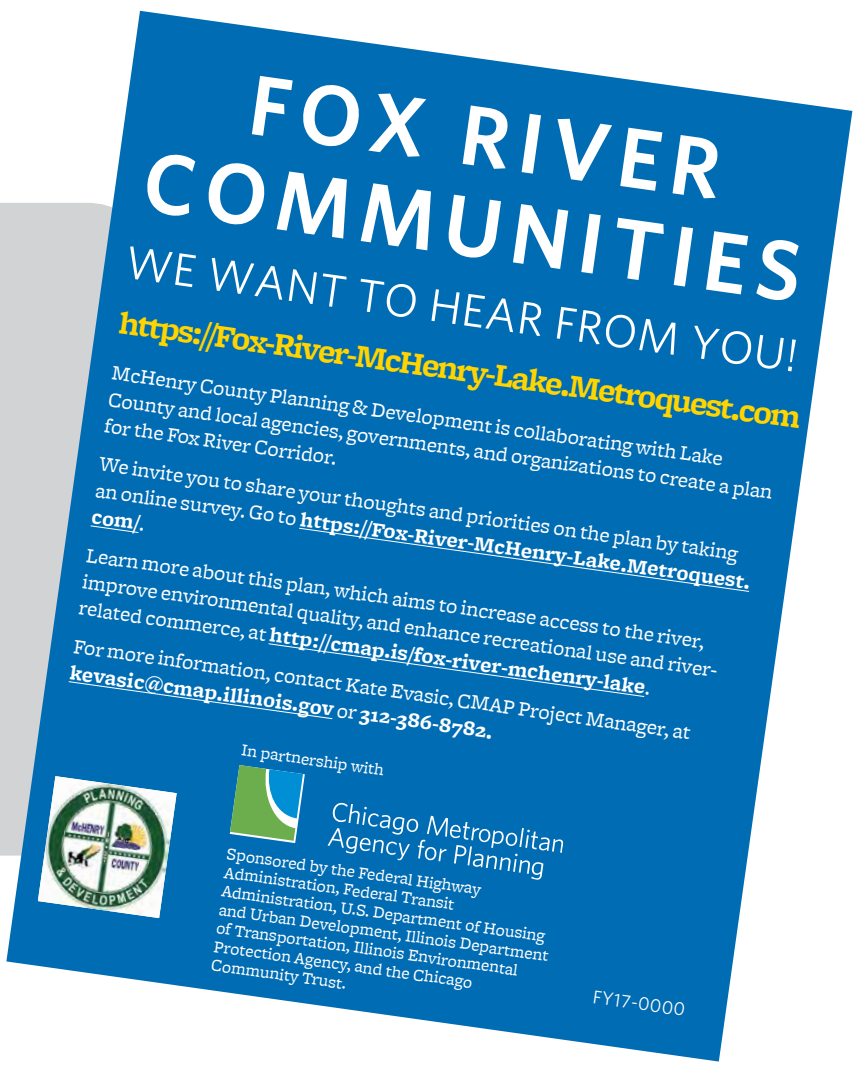
- Introduce you to the planning process,
- Get input on your priorities, and
- Learn about challenges or opportunities you would like the plan to address.



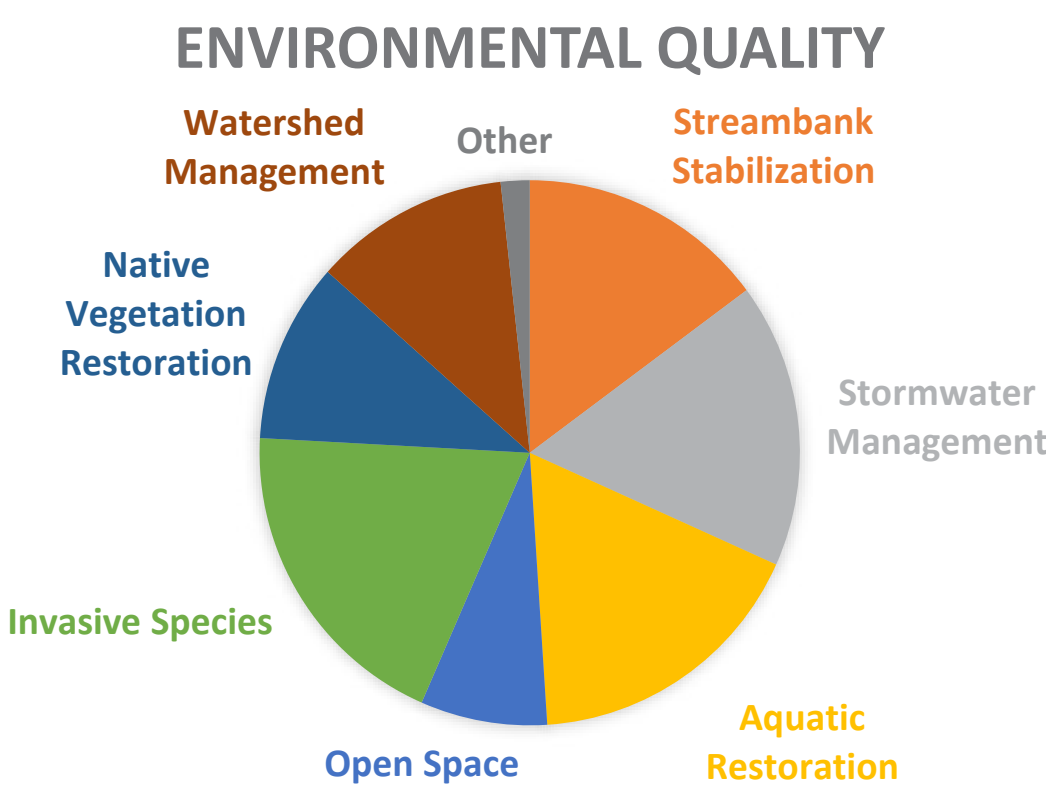
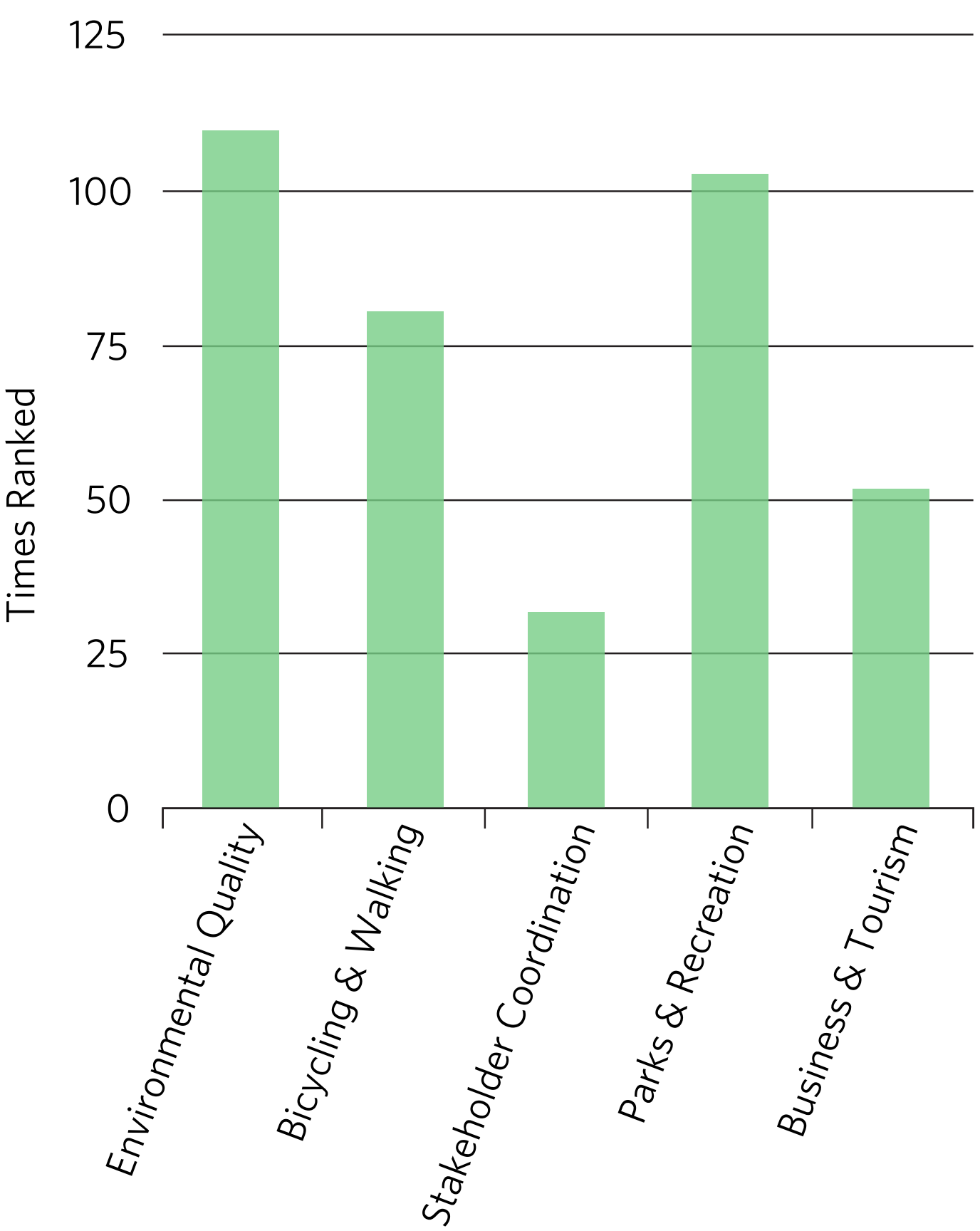
WHAT WE’VE HEARD SO FAR...

The online survey is beginning to inform us on the priorities of residents, business owners, river users, environmental groups, and other stakeholders in the Fox River Corridor.

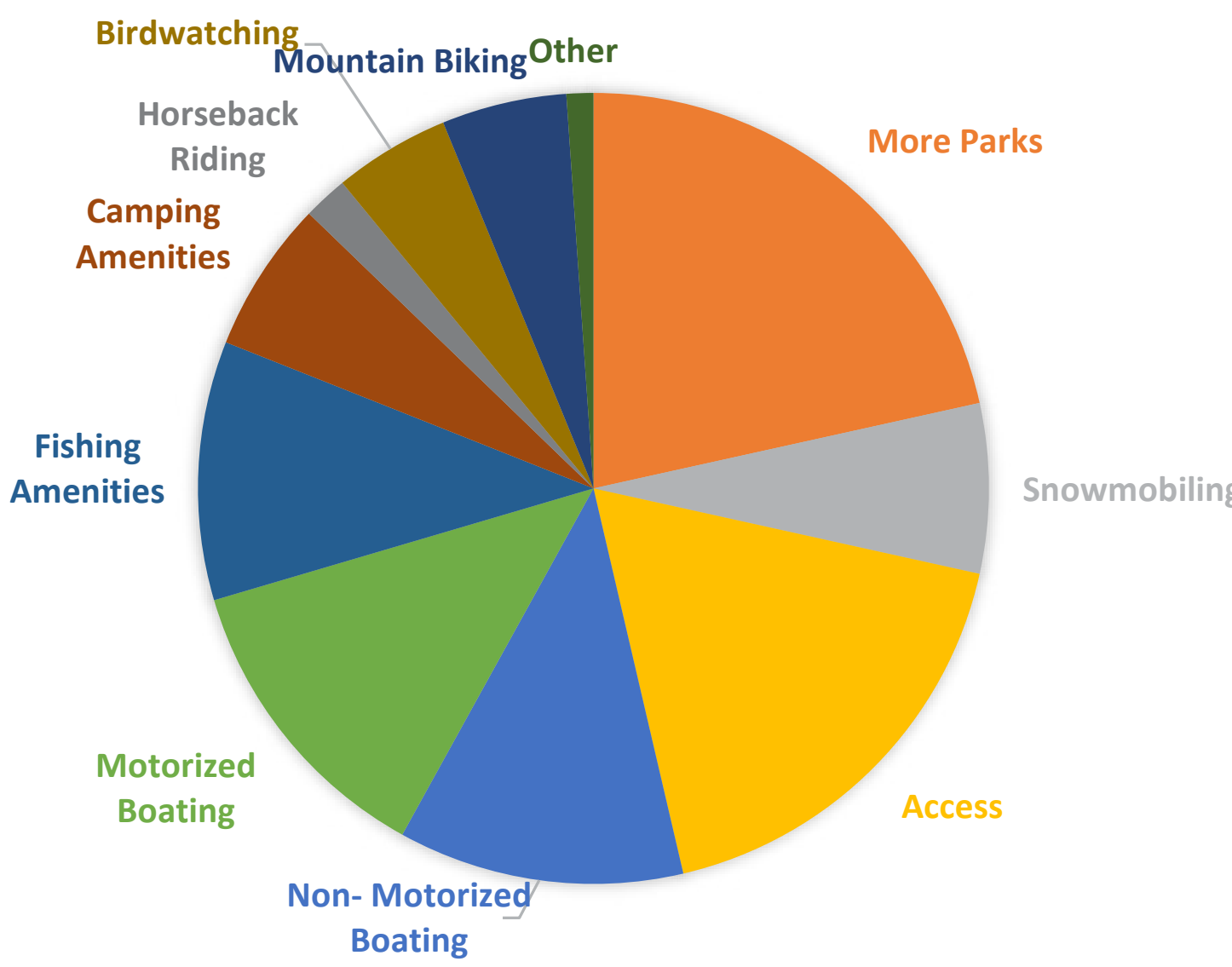
There is still time to take the survey!



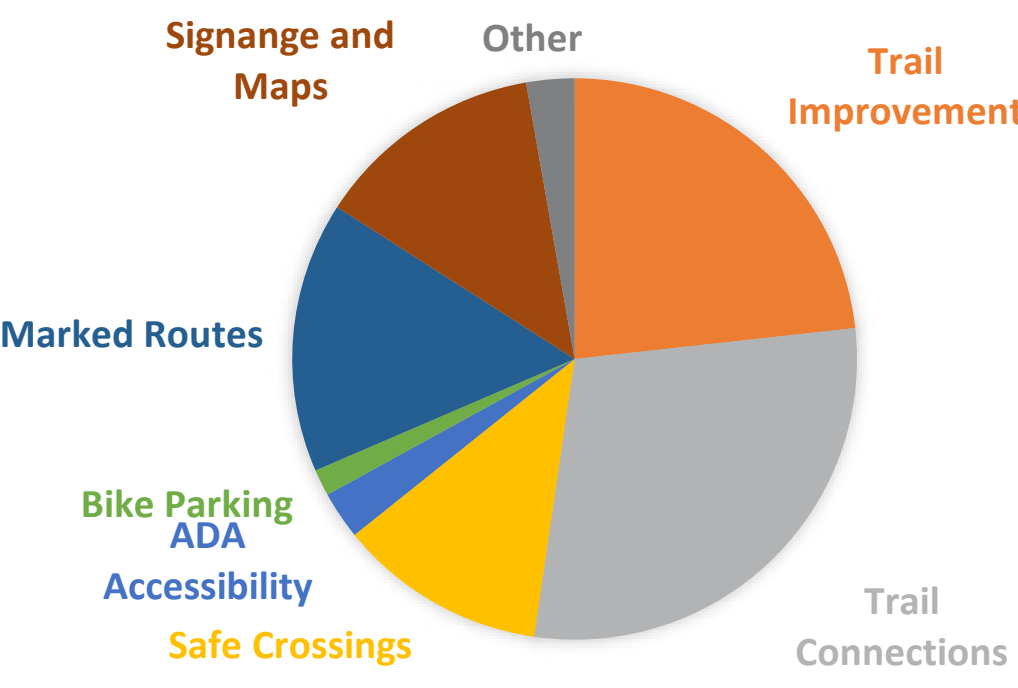
Priorities



PARKS & RECREATION



BICYCLING & WALKING



TELL US ABOUT YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES IN THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR

STEP 1: Place a DOT in the GREEN BOX below your top THREE priority topic areas.
STEP 2: Place a DOT in the GREY BOX next to your top THREE specific priorities.
STEP 3: Write down OTHER priorities on a Post-It note and place on table (optional).

BUSINESSES & ACTIVITIES



- Business retention and attraction
- Wayfinding
- Events and tournaments
- Guided tours

BICYCLING & WALKING



- Trail improvements
- Trail connections to parks/preserves or other regional trails
- Safe crossing
- ADA accessibility
- Bike parking
- Marked routes
- Signage and maps

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



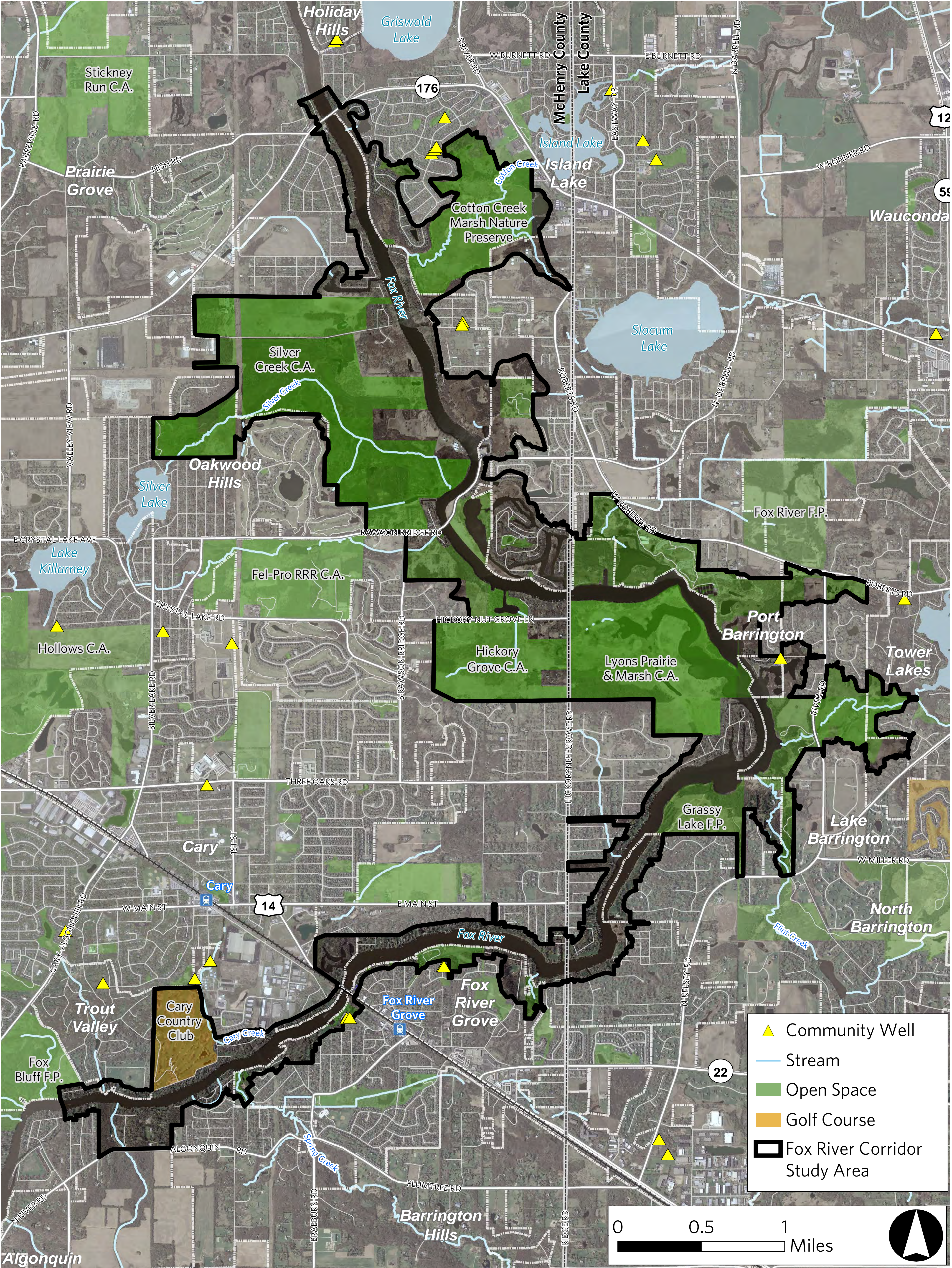
- Streambank stabilization
- Better stormwater and flood control
- Aquatic habitat and restoration
- More open space
- Invasive species management
- Native vegetation restoration
- Watershed management and coordination

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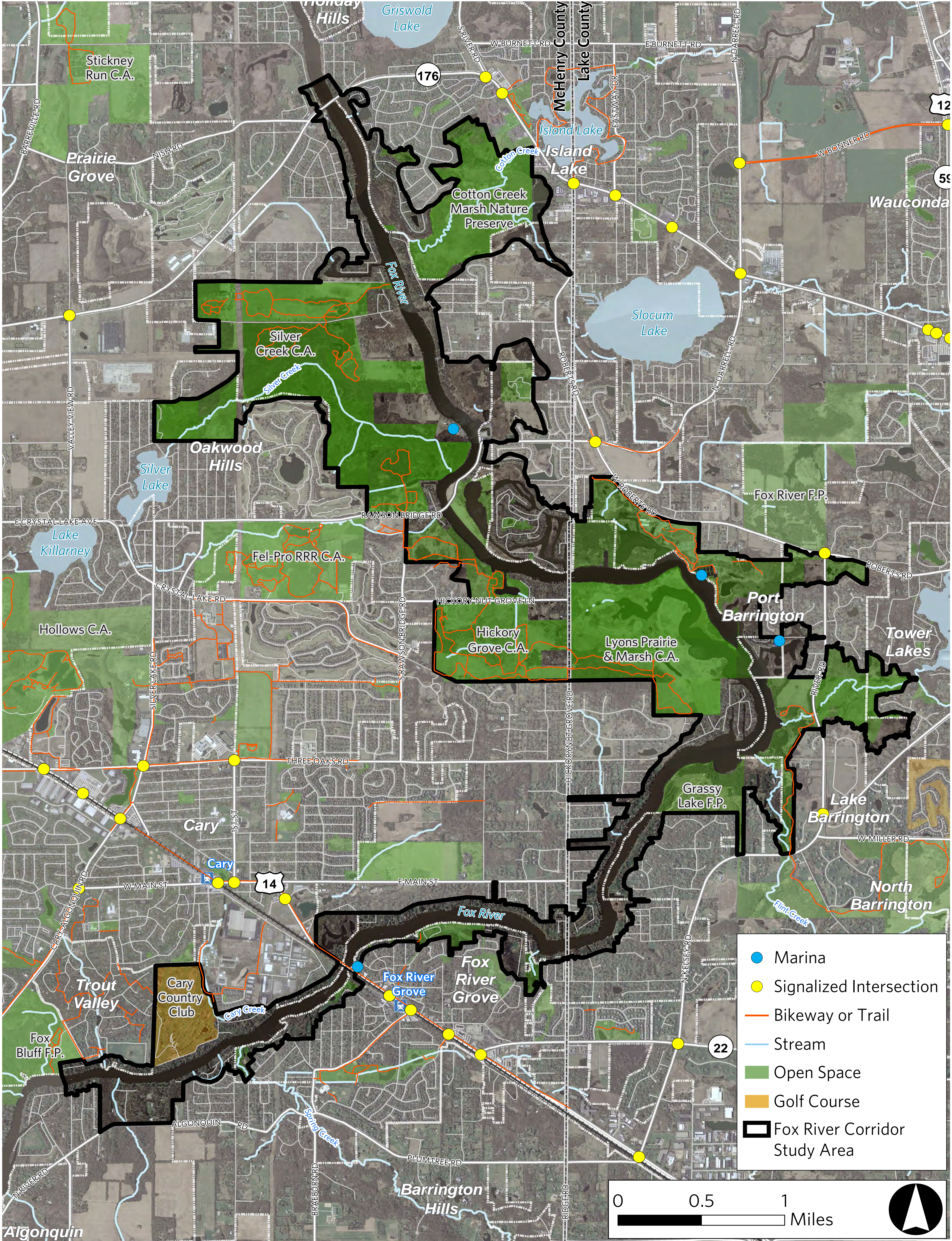
- More parks/preserves
- Better access to existing parks/preserves
- Non-motorize boating amenities
- Motorized-boating amenities
- Horseback riding amenities
- Birdwatching amenities
- Mountain Bike amenities
- Snowmobiling amenities

TELL US ABOUT THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR



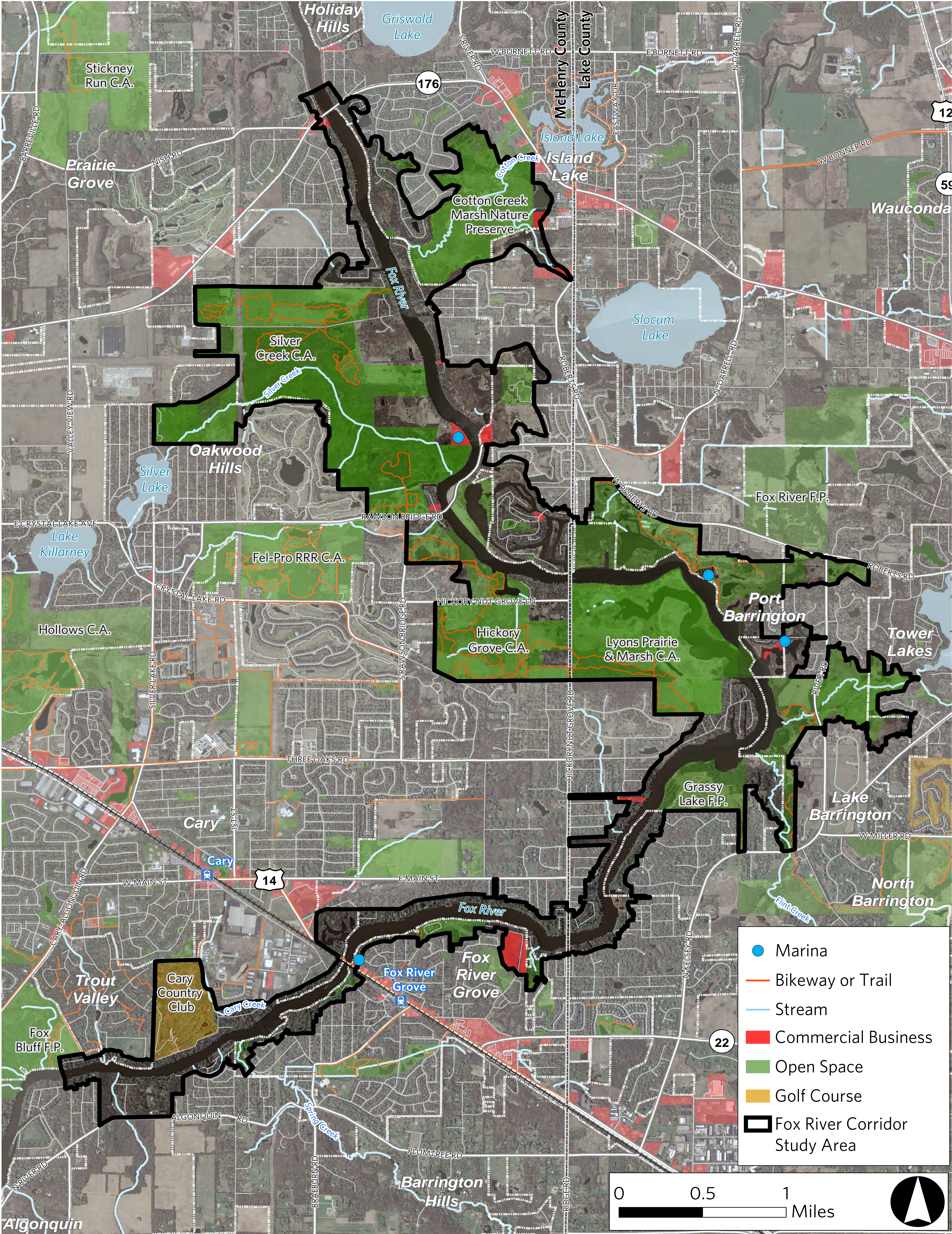
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TELL US ABOUT THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF GETTING AROUND THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR



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TELL US ABOUT THE STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES OF BUSINESSES, TOURISM, & RECREATION IN THE FOX RIVER CORRIDOR



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