



ANNUAL TRAIL REPORT

FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLN

2025

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OVERVIEW

EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK
TRAIL COUNTS
CITY PLANNING EFFORTS

PLANNING + DESIGN

A STREET SIDEPATH
14TH ST. BRIDGES
BEAL SLOUGH TRAIL
CHRIS BEUTLER TRAIL
PRAIRIE CORRIDOR ON HAINES BRANCH
ROCK ISLAND + OLD CHENEY UNDERPASS
ROCK ISLAND WIDENING
WATERFORD TRAIL
WEST O SIDEPATH

CONSTRUCTION

DIETRICH TRAIL LIGHTING REPLACEMENT
HOLMES LAKE BIKEWAY

MAINTENANCE

DIETRICH TRAIL CONNECTOR BRIDGE APPROACH
TRAIL TRIP HAZARD REMOVAL
MOPAC TRAIL DRAINAGE 42ND-48TH



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EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK

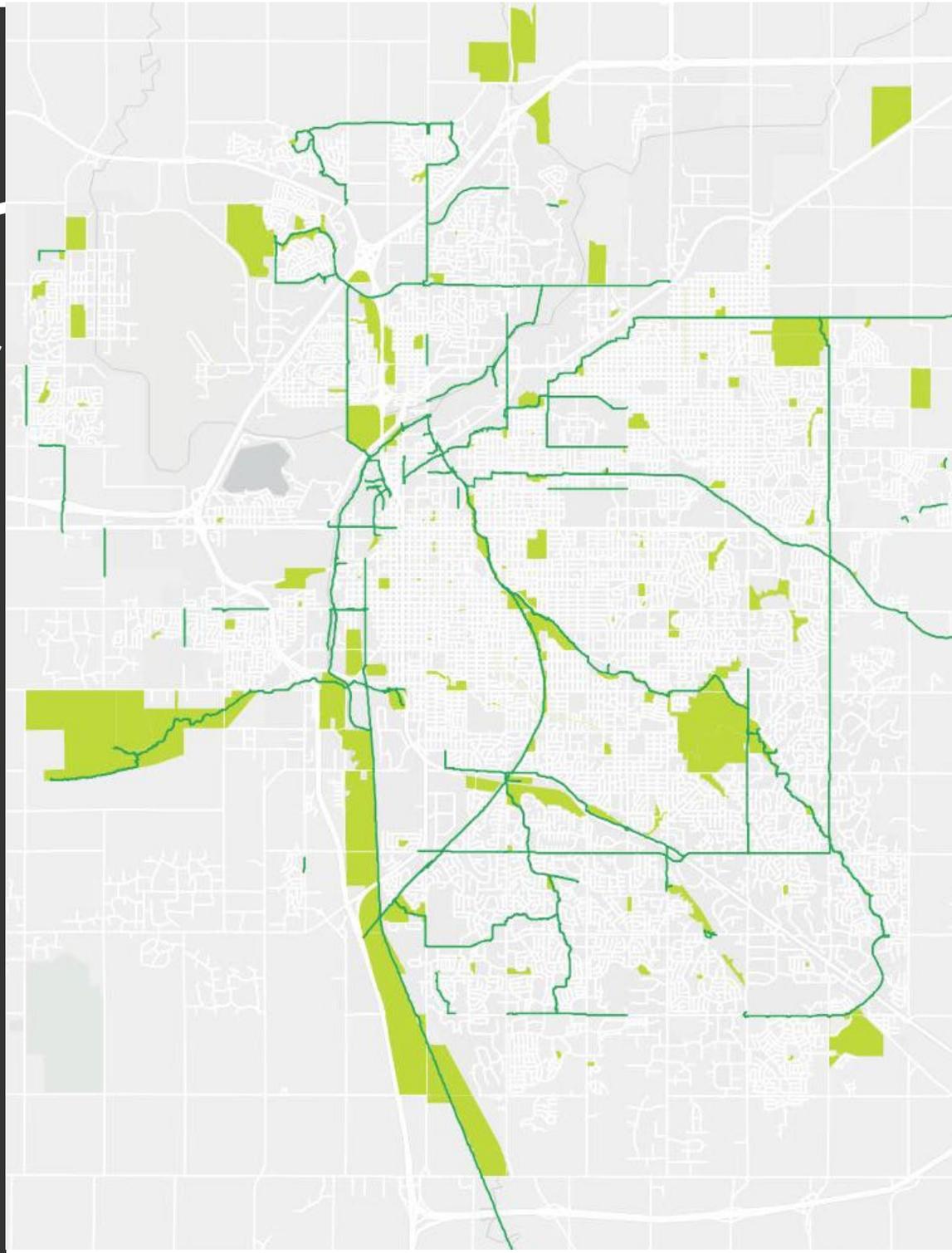
The city has over **187** miles of trail within its network for recreation and to get you where you need to go.

THIS NETWORK INCLUDES:

- 📍 **146** miles of hard surface (paved or crushed rock) trails
 - **119** of these miles create the spine of the system and link from one destination to another allowing for both recreation and utility-based trips
 - **27** of these miles are internal to parks such as walking loops
- 📍 **39** additional miles of natural surface trails (e.g. bare earth) are located primarily within natural areas such as Wilderness Park.

Over **10** additional miles of mowed trails are maintained by the City in natural areas such as those in the Pioneers Park Nature Center and nearly **50** additional miles of pathways connect the trail system to amenities within Parks.

These numbers reflect trails that are owned or managed all or in part by the City of Lincoln and are open to the public.



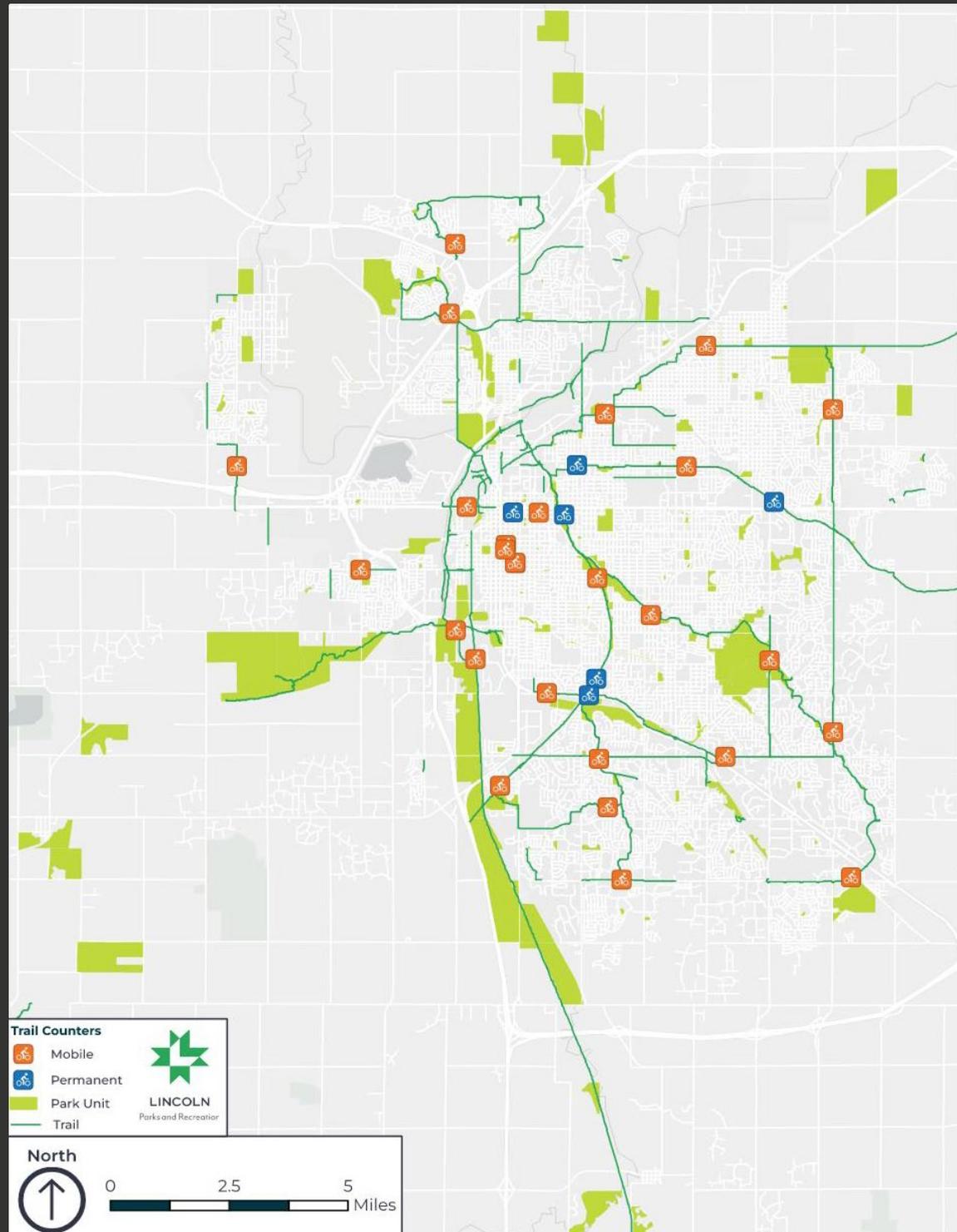
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PLANNING GOALS

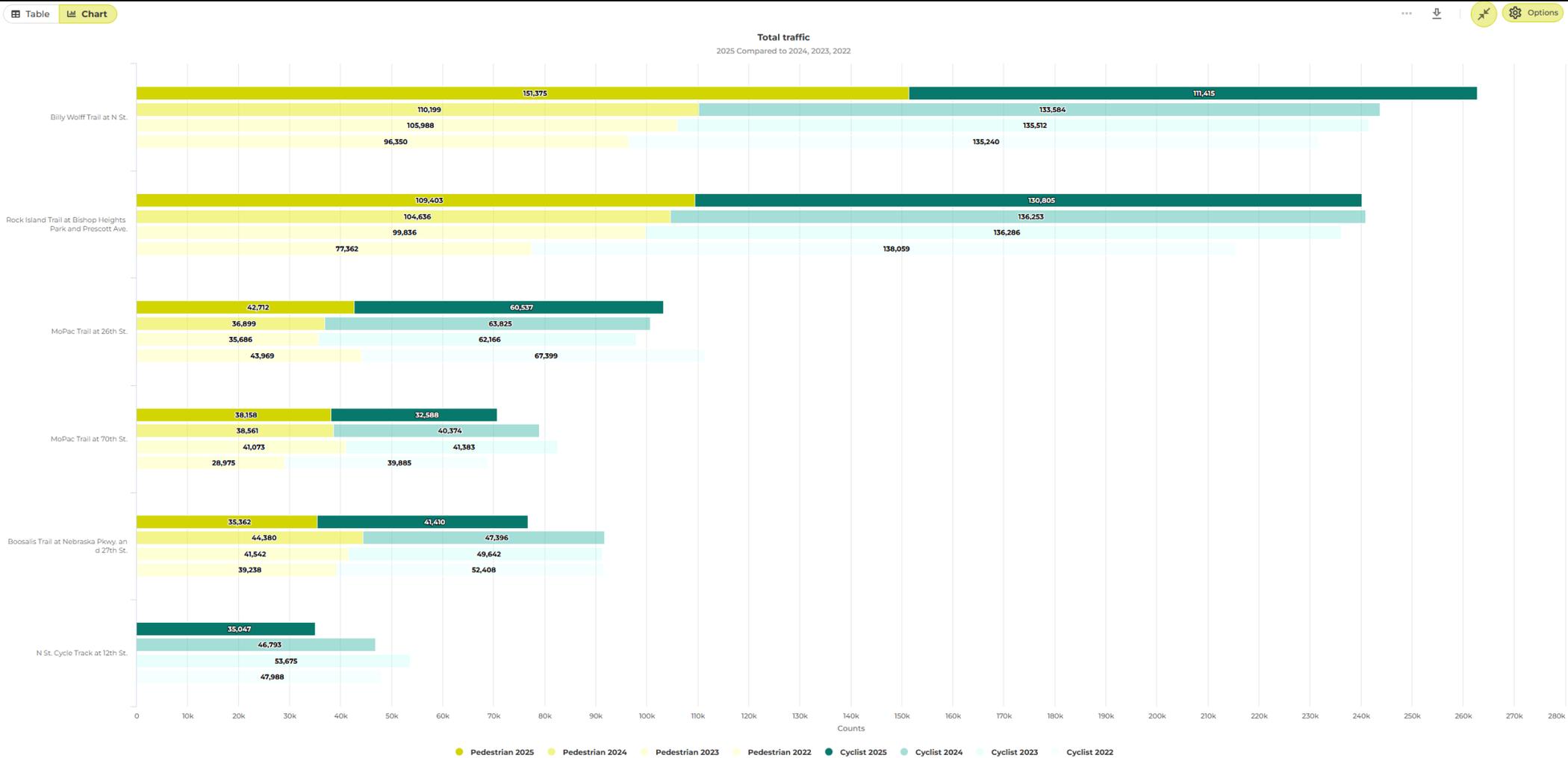
Since the adoption of the Lincoln Area Trails Plan in 1989, the City has strived for every resident to be within a mile of the trail network. Through a multi-departmental and multi-agency effort, the City works to expand the network into new growth areas and to create important linkages within the City by connecting to the growing on-street bicycle network. Currently over 95% of residents are within a mile of a public multi-use trail.

TRAIL COUNTS

The City maintains a system of 6 permanent trail counters and 2 mobile trail counters. **Lincoln trails saw over 1.5 million visits in 2025.** The mobile counters are placed in 24 different short-term locations as shown in the figure to the right. These counters take counts on 15-minute intervals and distinguish direction and mode of travel (bike or pedestrian). For more information go to www.lincoln.ne.gov and search "bicycle and pedestrian counts".



OVERVIEW – Permanent Counter Trail Visits



OVERVIEW

IN PROGRESS PLANNING EFFORTS

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

The Long Range Transportation Plan is a transportation planning effort that analyzes and coordinates transportation needs within the City and surrounding areas. The planning process facilitates coordination between departments and agencies in the development and maintenance of a comprehensive transportation network (including trails). With extensive public input efforts, priorities are identified, ranked, and paired with anticipated funding levels.

Mobility Plan

A separate but coordinated plan termed the Mobility Plan aims to comprehensively evaluate the City's multi-modal transportation network including its trails. Furthering findings from the 2013 Bike-Ped Plan and the 2018 Bike Plan, the Mobility Plan will expand to consider bus, scooters, bike shares and first- and last-mile analyses. Results from the study will be integrated into the LRTP.

Vision Zero Action Plan

Safe Streets Lincoln is a local initiative aligned with the national Vision Zero campaign, which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities. This project focuses on developing a comprehensive Vision Zero Action Plan, with a safety goal of eliminating all roadway fatalities and reducing serious injury crashes by 60% by 2045 on all locally maintained streets.



Safe Streets
LINCOLN

A Vision Zero Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The A Street sidepath will run from 5th Street (Jamaica North Trail) to 11th Street and will be constructed in conjunction with A Street roadway improvements. Future phases of this network link include the "B" Street bicycle boulevard from 11th Street to 26th Street and a sidepath link between 26th and 27th Streets.

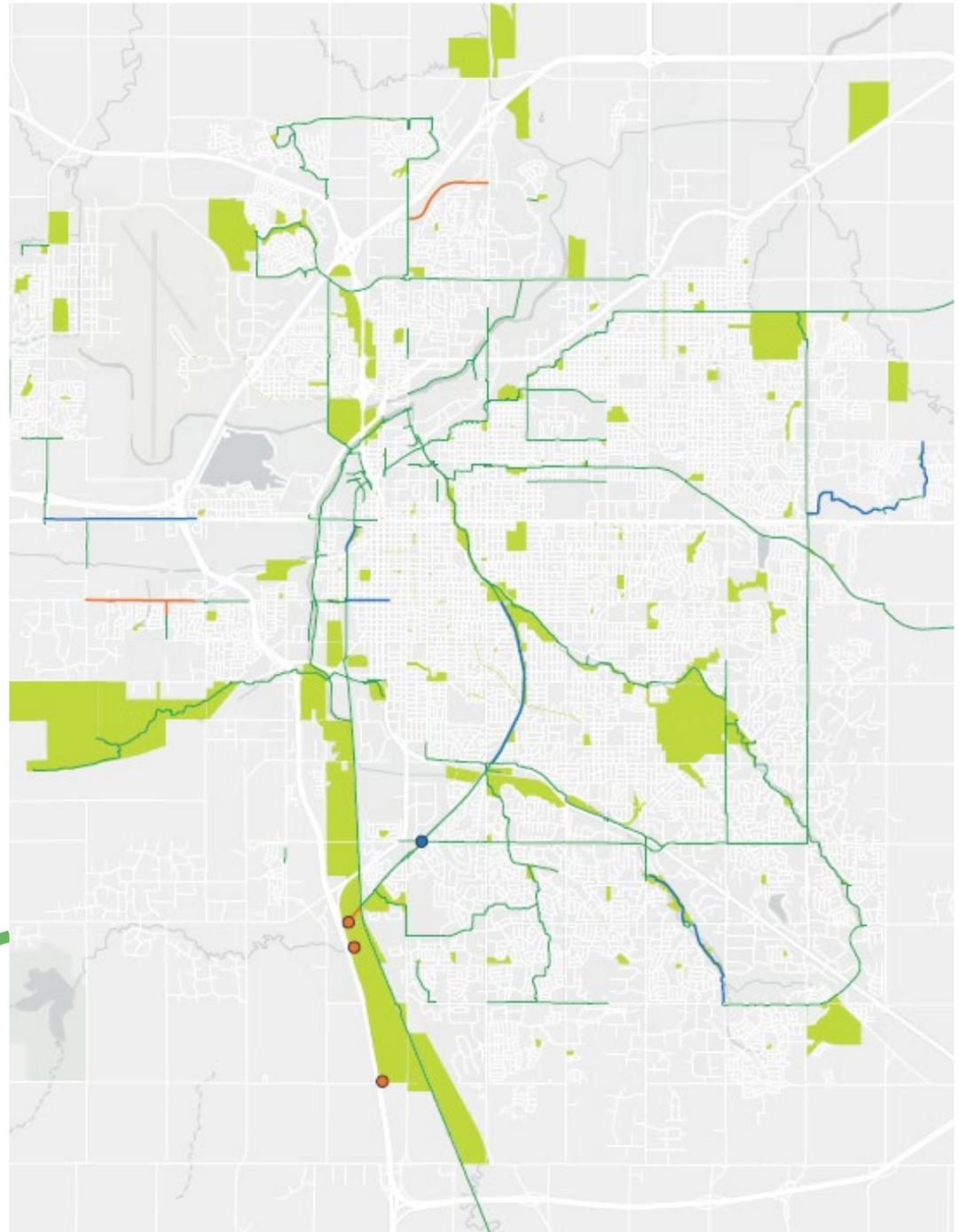
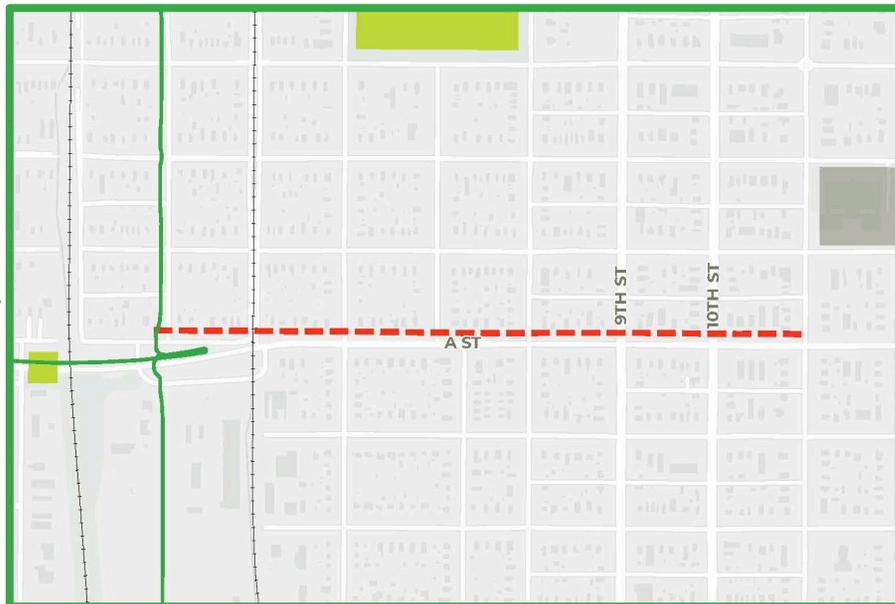
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : In Progress

Construction : 2027

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Transportation and Utilities



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This trail expansion will extend the trail network 2.2 miles southeasterly along the Beal Slough channel from S. 56th Street and London Road to 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road. The trail will pass through Beal Slough Greenway and Jonathan Gapp Park and will incorporate two existing under-crossings at 56th Street and Pine Lake Road. The project will also add one new bridge and an under-crossing of the railroad near 70th Street. The trail will create a link between the Yankee Hill Road Trail and the Boosalis Trail. Independent efforts in coordination with the City's Watershed department will aim to improve stream sedimentation at the existing Beal Slough Trail undercrossings. This project is in the final design stage with anticipated construction in 2027.

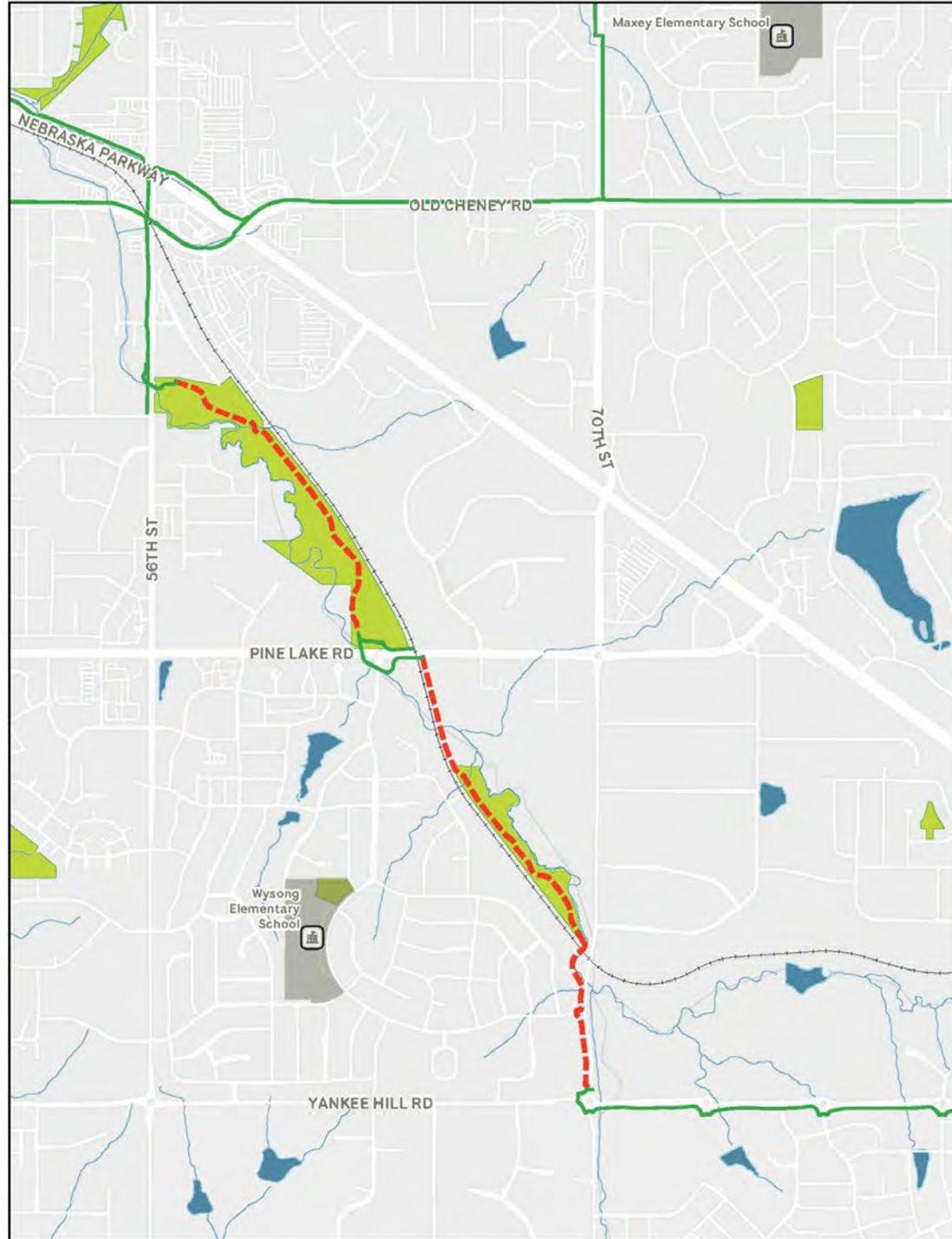
PROJECT TIMELINE

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Construction : 2027

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Parks and Recreation



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located within the new South Haymarket Park, this new trail will connect the N Street Cycle Track and Pinnacle Arena Trail to the southern end of the park at about 6th and L Street. The trail intends to be connected in the future to the Jamaica North Trail at 4th and J Streets with a future project as development in the area continues. The trail will include a trailside rest area in memoriam to Randy Gibson which will include trail maps and signage, a shade shelter, seating, and drinking fountain. Construction will occur in tandem with Park improvements. Trail project funded by GPTN.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : Completed

Construction : 2025-2027

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Parks and Recreation



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch is a tallgrass prairie passageway linking Pioneers Park Nature Center to Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center and including a multi-use trail. This project works with willing landowners and a combination of easements and publicly owned properties. Approximately 7 of the 10 “as the crow flies” miles of trail corridor from Pioneers Park to Spring Creek Prairie have been secured.

With the 2023 expansion of Spring Creek Prairie ½ mile to the north, the proposed extension of the trail been awarded by the Recreational Trails Program through Nebraska Game and Parks and Federal Highway Administration for design and construction. Other Prairie Corridor project activity includes continued work with willing landowners to secure trail rights.

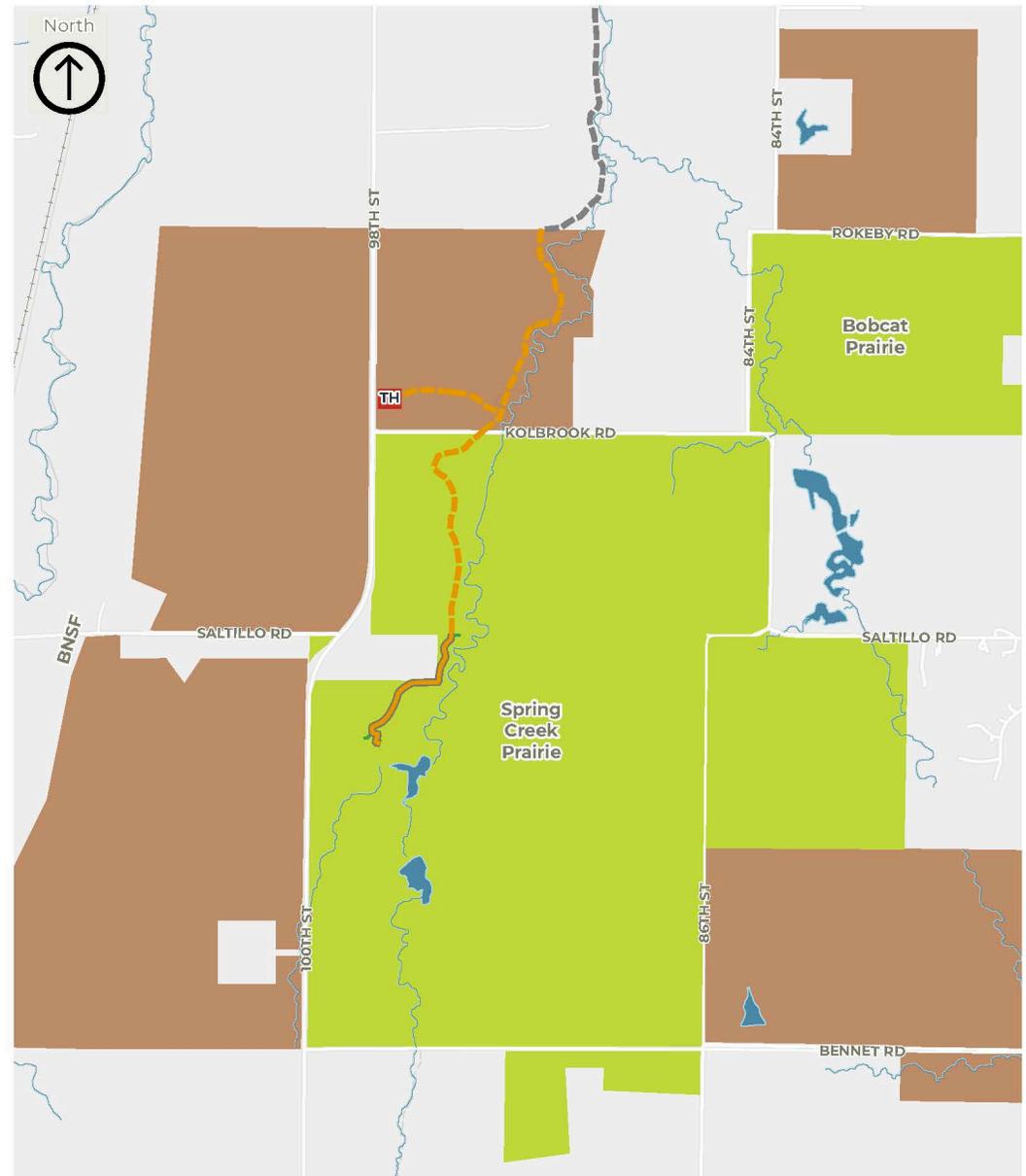
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : 2026

Construction : TBD

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lower Platte South NRD w/ Lincoln Parks and Recreation



- Project Partner Owned
- Conserved
- Existing PC Trail Segments

- Future PC Trail Segments
- Proposed PC Trail Extension



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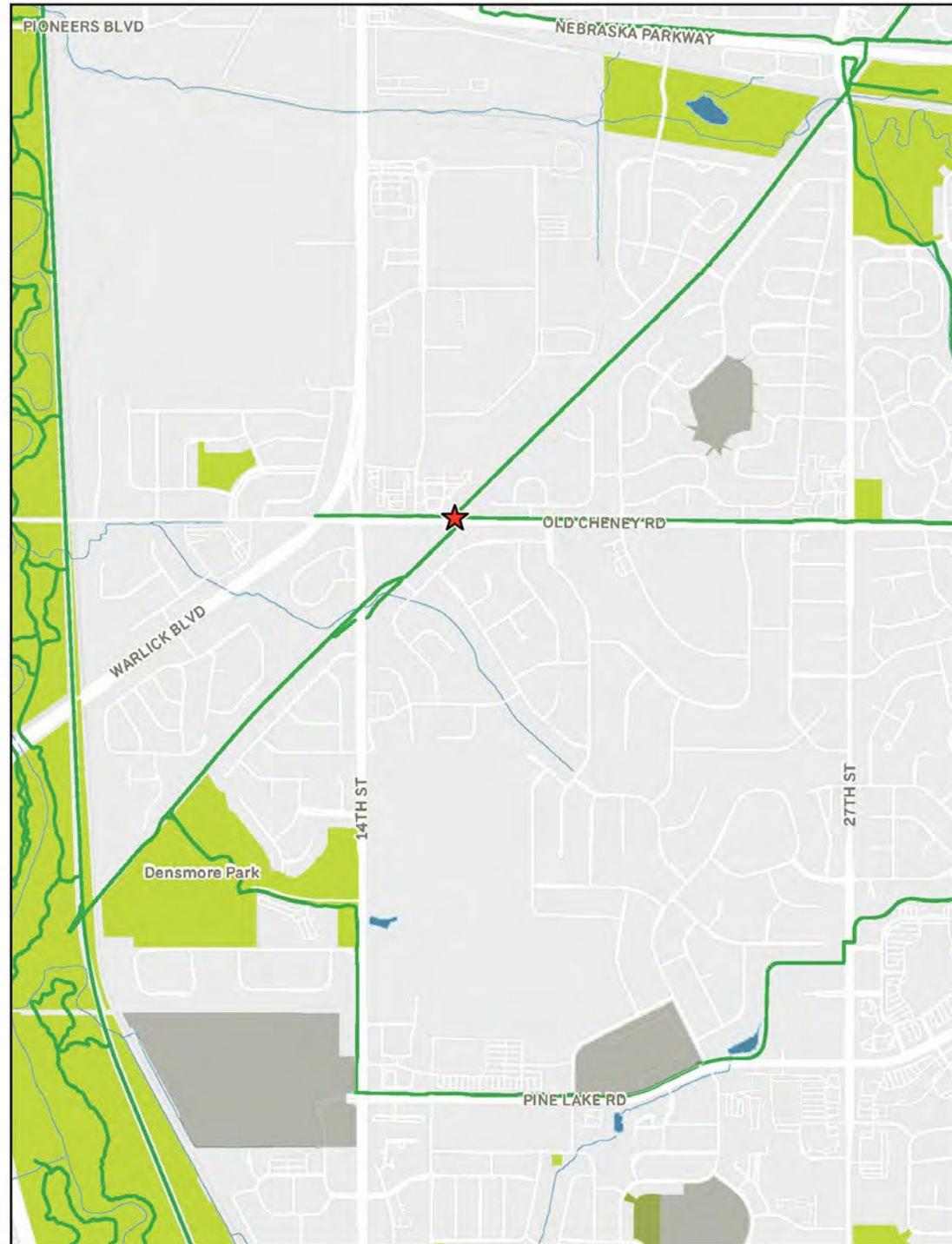
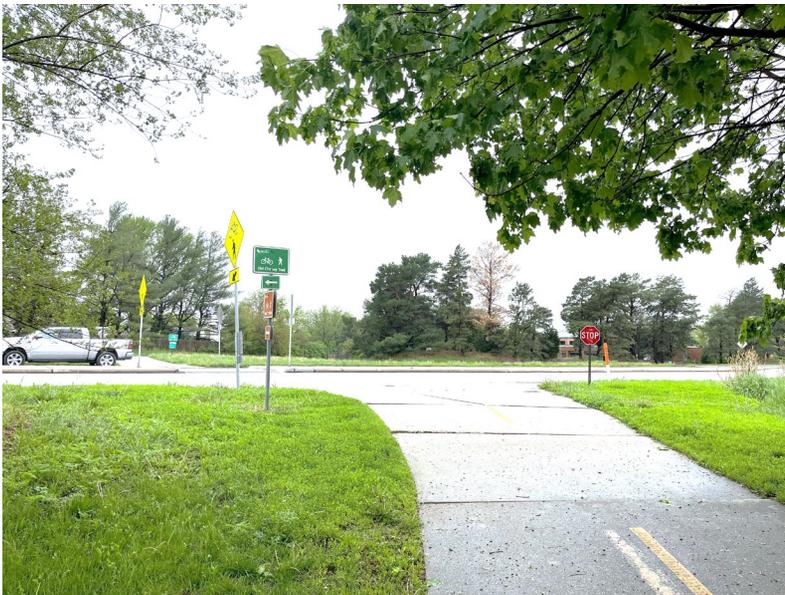
This project would provide an undercrossing for the Rock Island Trail at Old Cheney Road. This project was identified as a priority trail project in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : In Progress
Construction : Estimated 2027-2028

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Transportation and Utility



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will involve the removal of the existing 8-foot-wide Rock Island Trail from A Street south to the Boosalis Trail near Nebraska Parkway. This trail will be replaced with a minimum 10-foot wide concrete trail surface. The Rock Island Trail is Lincoln's busiest trail with a high proportion of pedestrian users and one of the few remaining 8-foot trails within the City's main commuter/recreation network. This project may include the replacement of the bridge over Garfield Street.

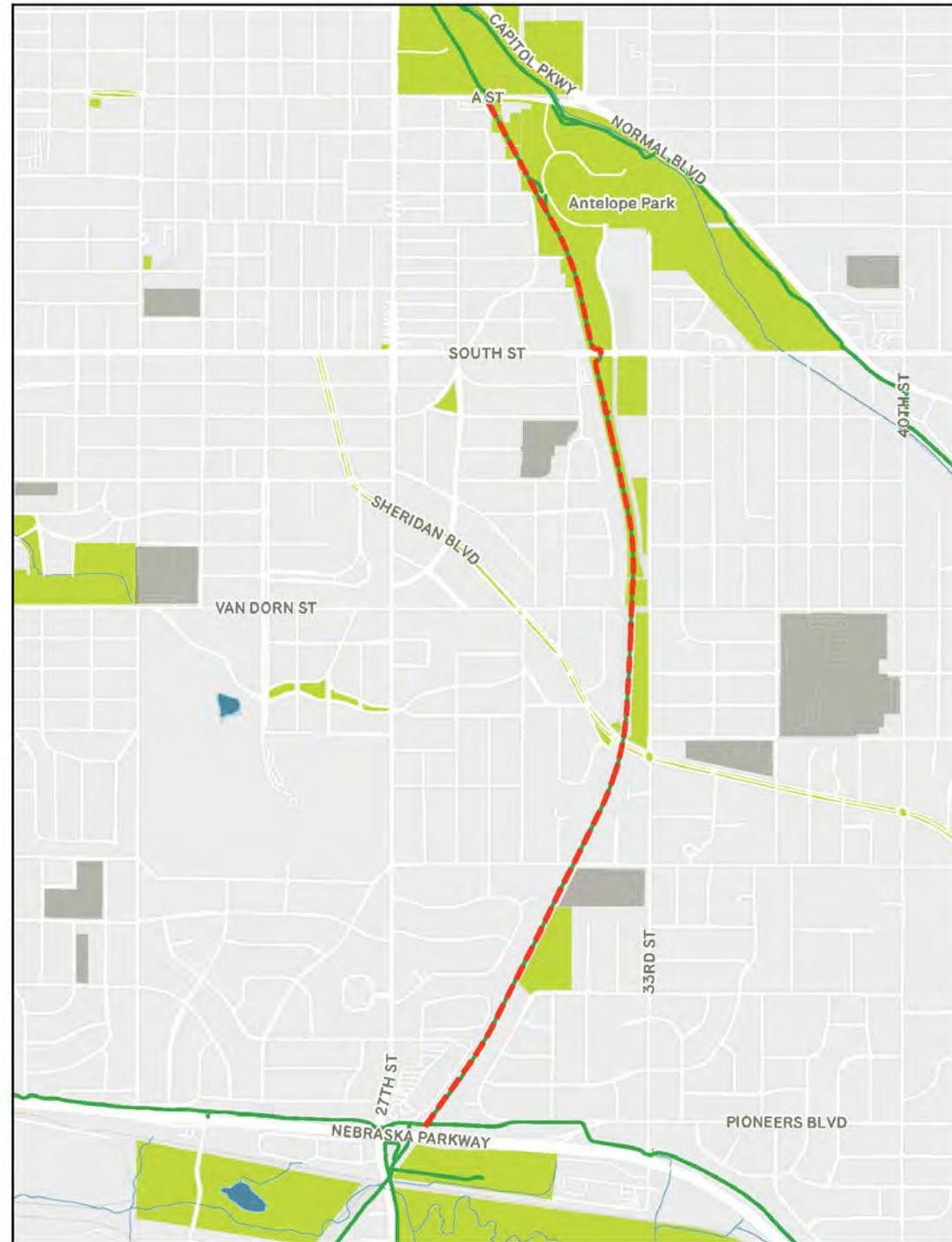
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : In Progress

Construction : Estimated 2027

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Parks and Recreation



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Starting with a connection to the 84th Street Trail at College Park Rd., this new 10-foot-wide trail will generally extend NE through Southeast Community College and Waterford Estates until reaching its terminus at 104th Street and Holdrege Street. Some sections of this trail have already been constructed as adjacent properties were developed.

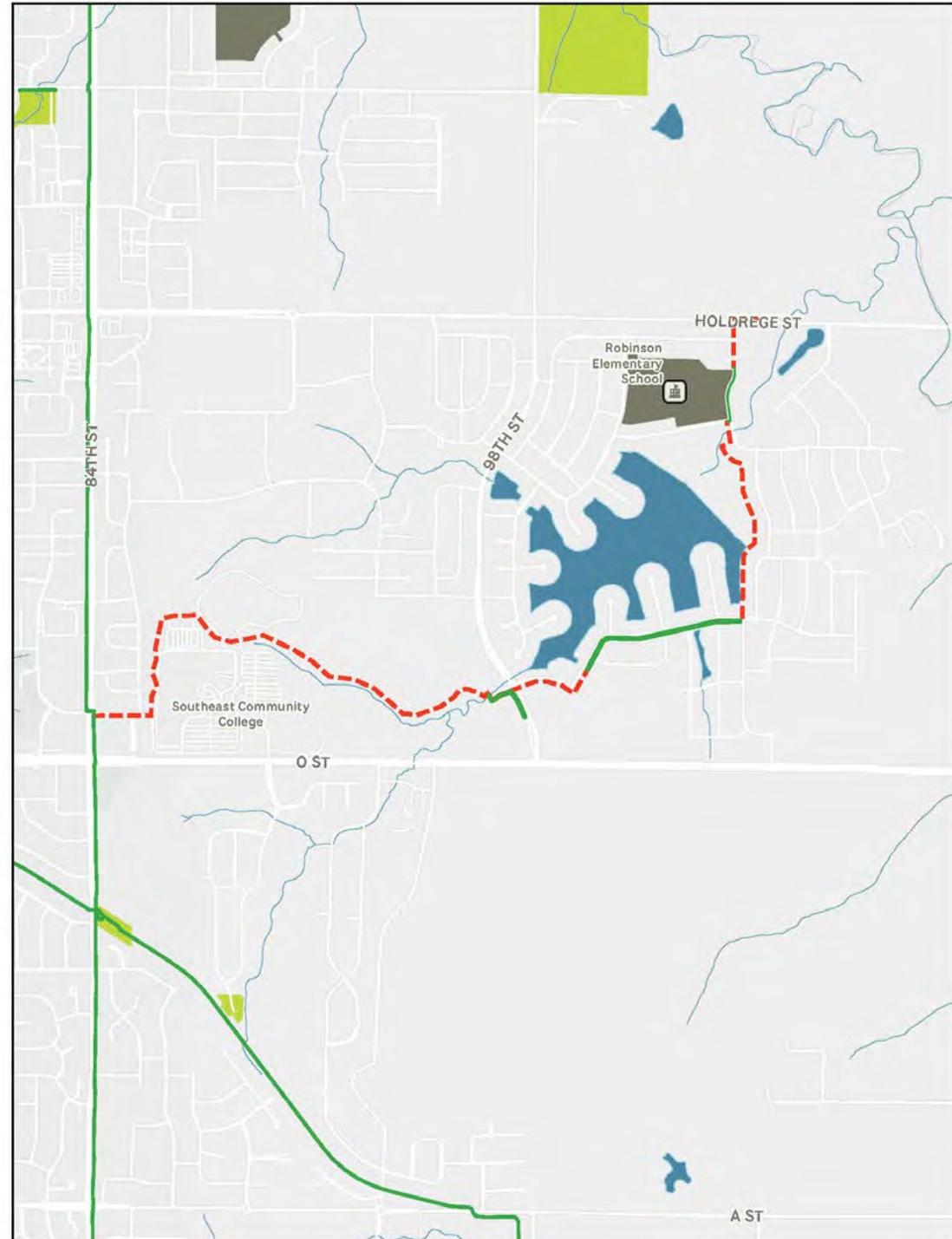
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : In Progress

Construction : Estimated 2027

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Parks and Recreation



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Approximately 1.9 miles of sidepath (red) and widened sidewalk (yellow) along the north side of West O Street between NW 48th and NW 22nd Streets. Project is funded through Tax Increment Financing generated from the West O TIF District.

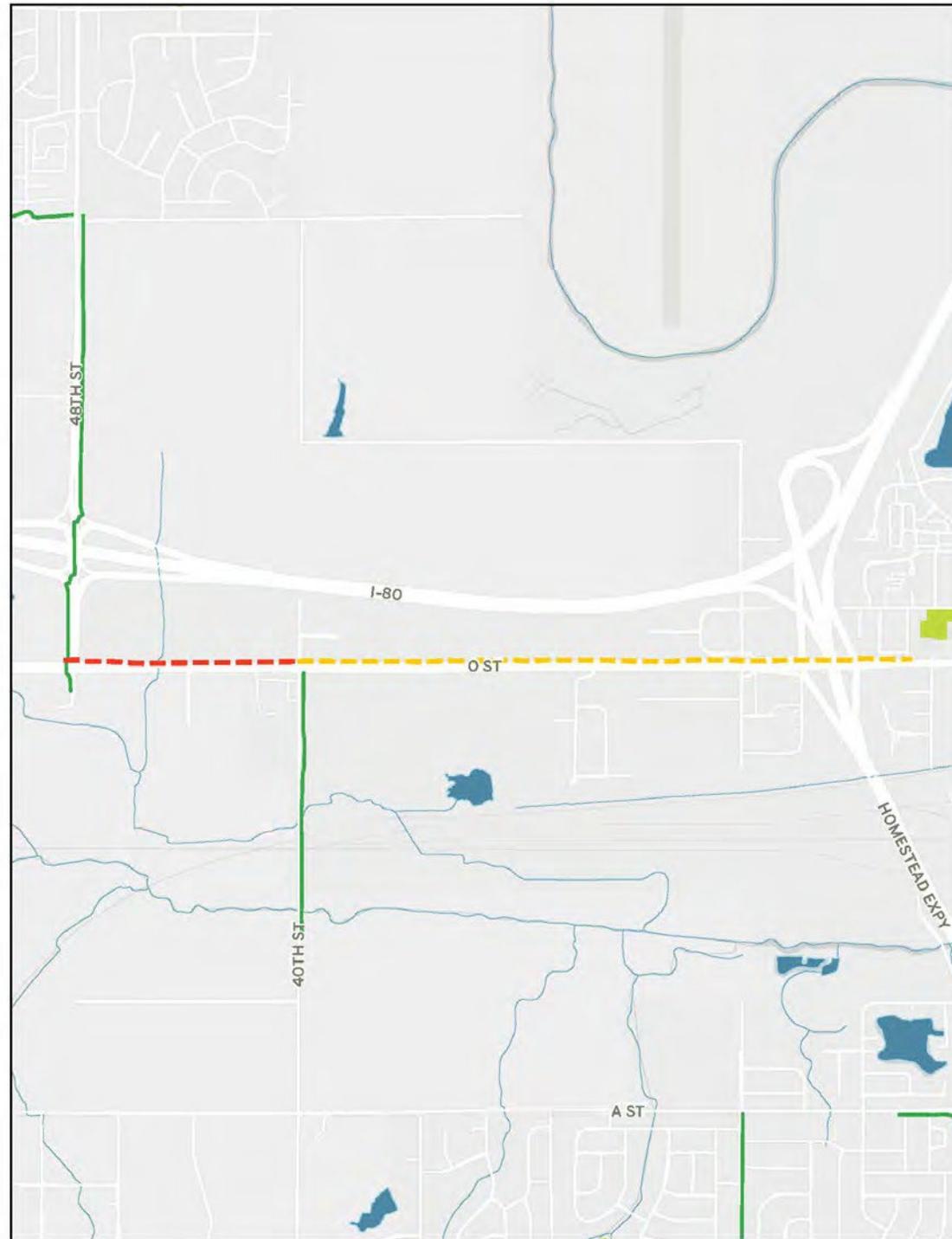
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning + Design : Completed

Construction : 2026

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Urban Development Department



CONSTRUCTION

West A Street Sidepath

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project included construction of an 8-foot-wide concrete trail extending from the western City limits along West A street to SW 23rd Street. The trail will eventually connect to the SW 40th Street viaduct and West O Street sidepath.

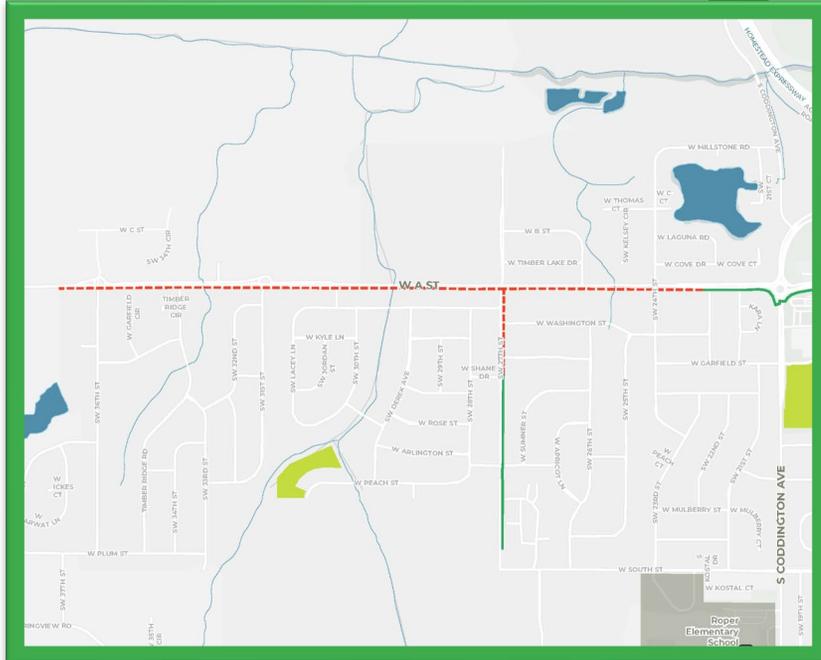
PROJECT TIMELINE

Planning and Design: Complete

Construction: Complete

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Transportation and Utilities



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

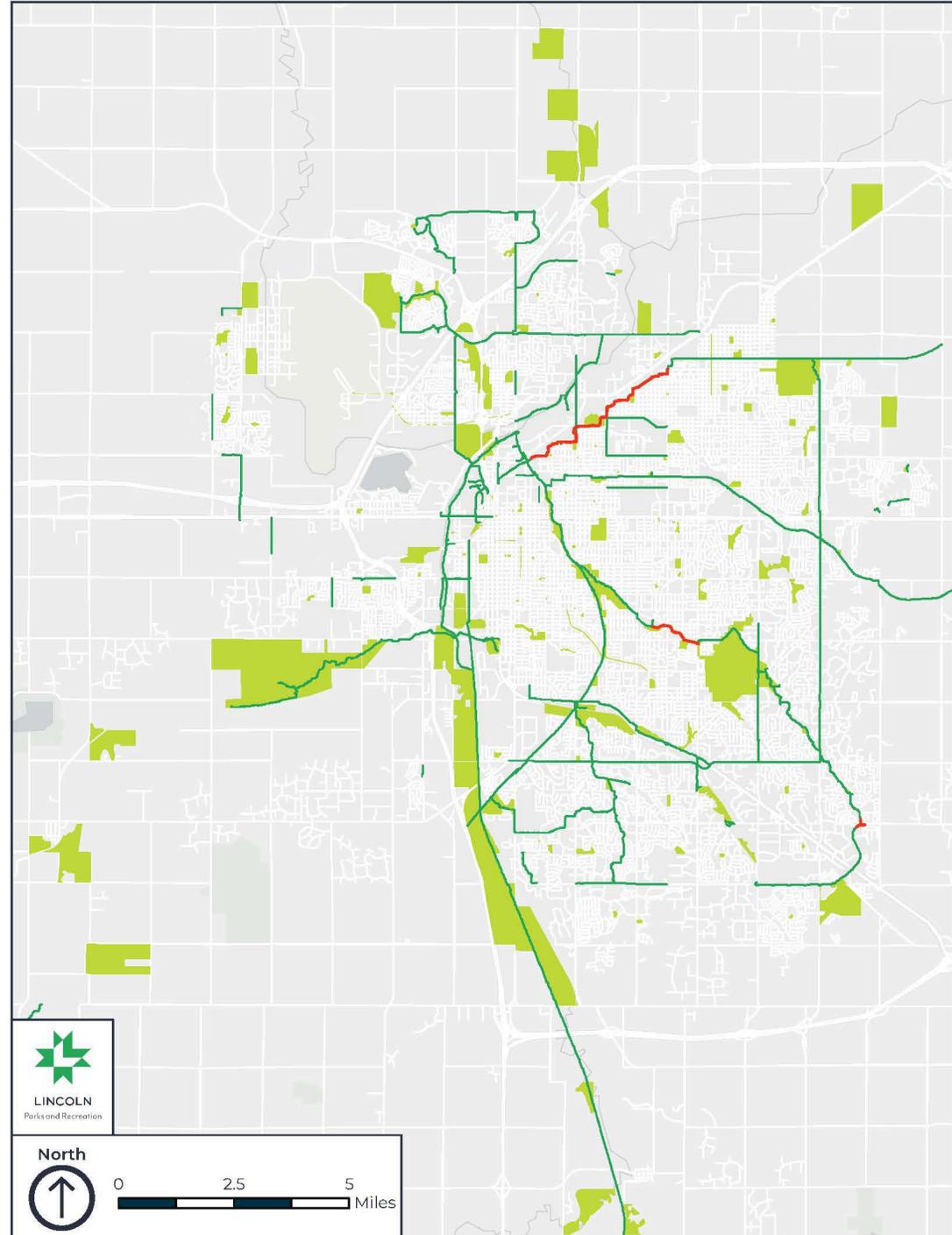
Concrete cracks, settles, and uplifts – it's the nature of the product, even when properly constructed (especially in the Nebraska climate). Over 7.8 miles of trail were surveyed for trip hazards of .125" or greater. The trip hazard cutting method was used to remove 1,200 lineal feet of trip hazards this year, resulting in a safer trail that extended the useful lifespan of the existing concrete with minimal disruptions to trail users.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Construction : Completed in 2025 (Ongoing Effort)

PROJECT LEAD AGENCY

Lincoln Parks and Recreation



MAINTENANCE

MoPac Trail Drainage near 44th St.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Address immediate drainage problem
- Identify long term solution

STATUS

- Immediate drainage problem fixed

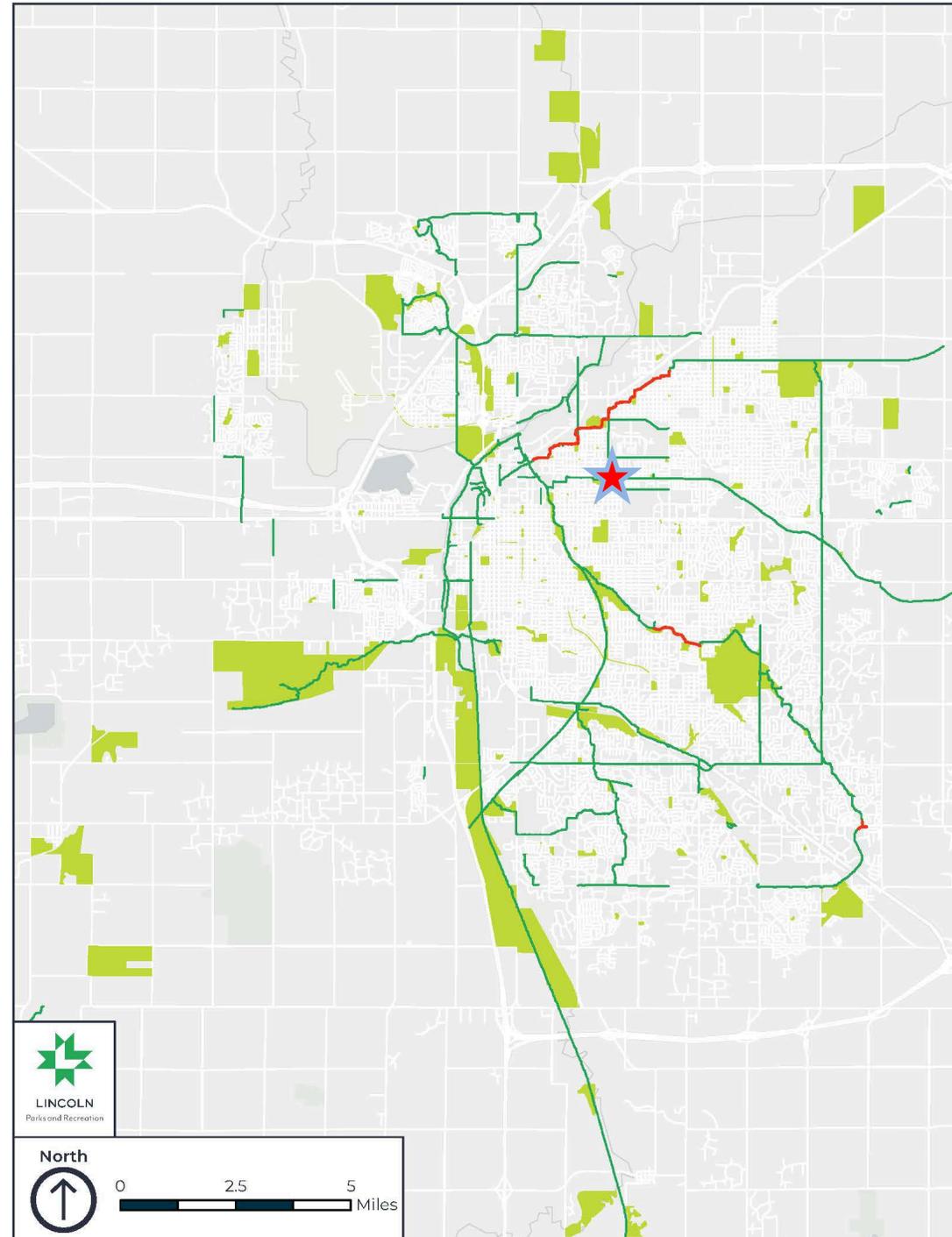
LEAD AGENCY

- Parks and Recreation

Before



After



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Description

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Disclaimer If this is an emergency, call 911. If the issue you are reporting needs attention right away including gas powered vehicles on the trail, Reckless activity or speeding, call 402-441-6000. Requests made to UPLNK are monitored M-F 8 AM-4:30 PM excluding holidays.

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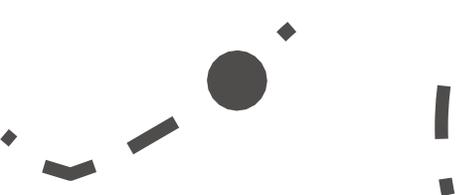
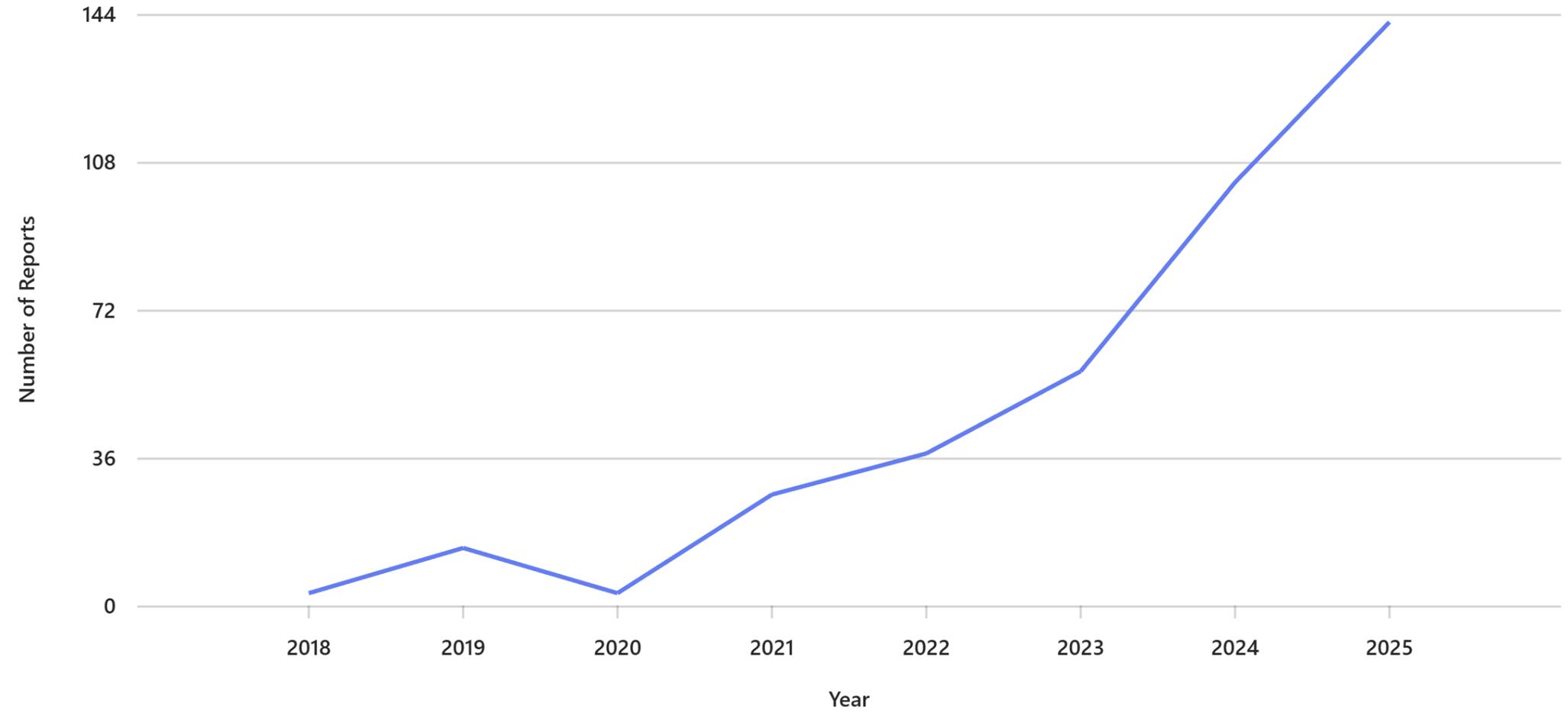
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Department - Trail Issue**

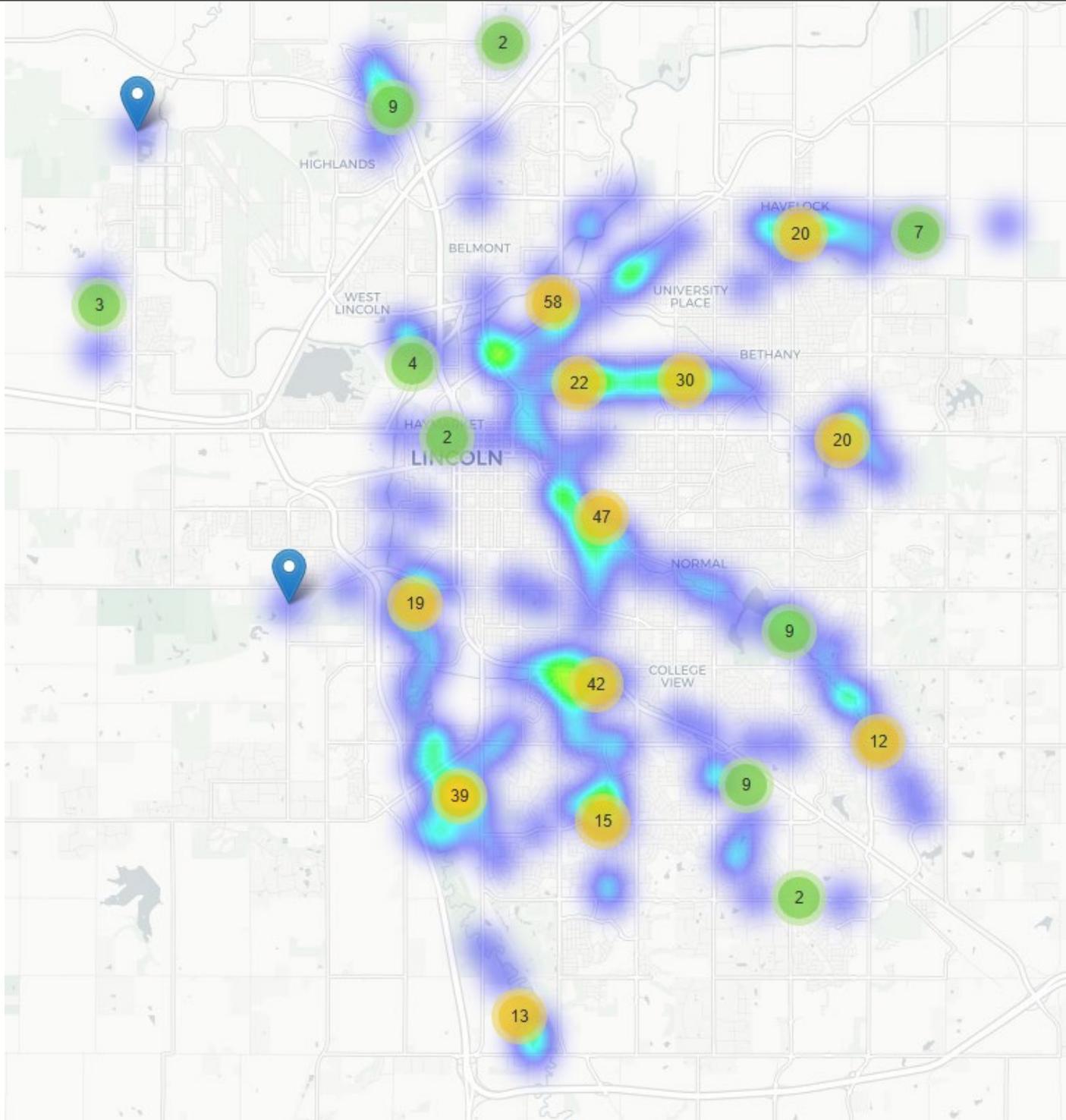
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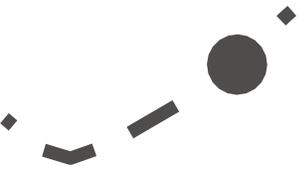
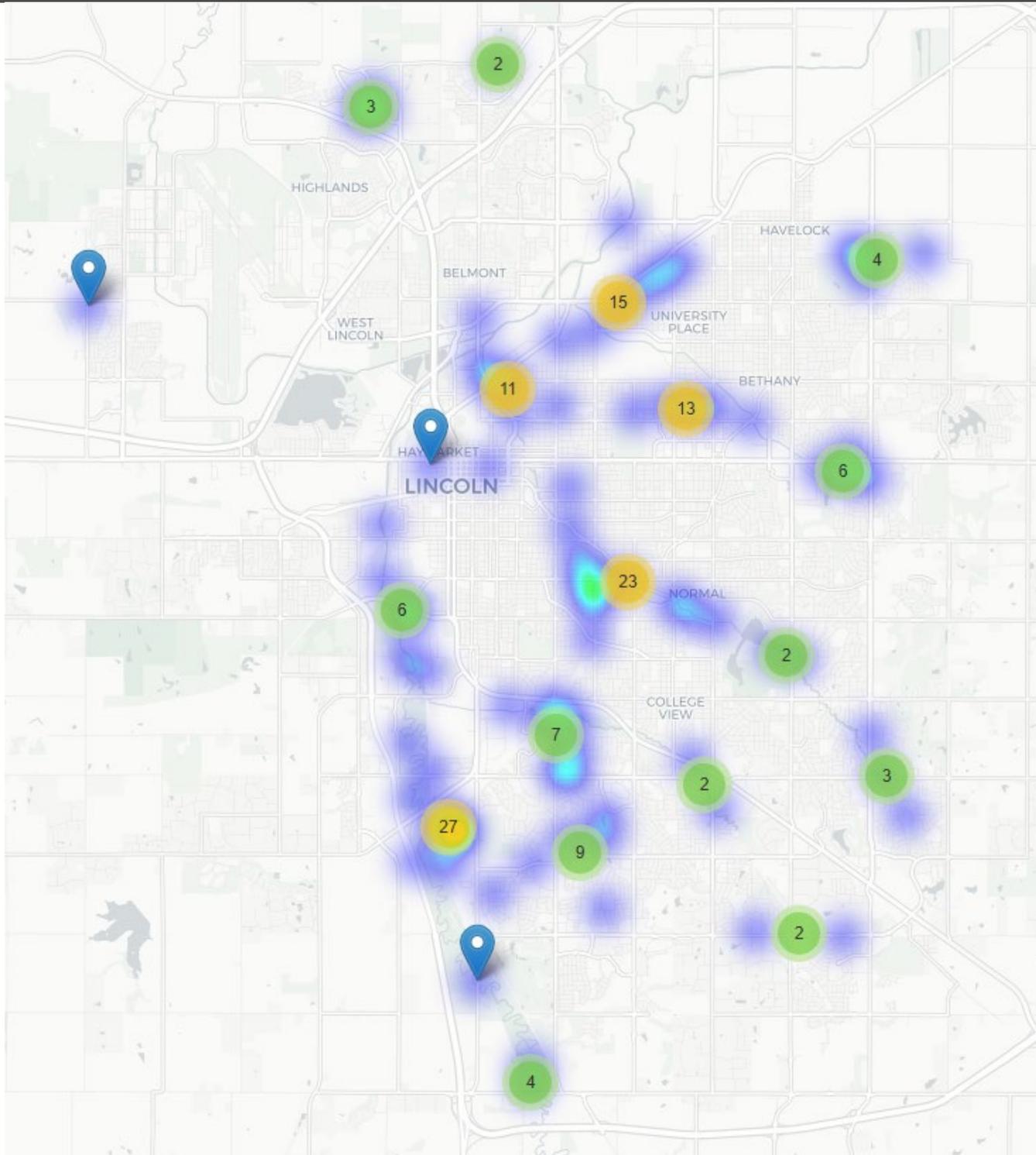


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