

## INTRODUCTION

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The City of Dayton approved a Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan in June 2007. This new plan is fully contained in Appendix B and will be used to guide the City's parks, trails, and open space development. The plan was developed with the assistance of the Open Space Advisory Committee. This committee worked to identify future parks, trails, and open spaces that are planned in locations based on the Natural Resource Information (NRI) and Conceptual Greenway Corridors Map. The plan identifies areas for future neighborhood, natural resource, and community parks along with extensive trail system and greenway corridor.

It is important to incorporate the Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan (Appendix B) into the Comprehensive Plan for implementation and coordination with other chapters such as Natural Resources, Land Use, and Transportation. The implementation section within the Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan will also be contained in Chapter 13 – Implementation, combined with all other execution efforts the City will be looking at during the next several years.

### ***This corridor offers opportunities to link and protect natural resources...***

This comprehensive Parks, Trails, and Open Space plan identifies a conceptual greenway corridor based on the NRI using the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS). This is an important feature not only to the Park, Trail, and Open Space plan but to the Future Land Use Plan as well. This corridor offers opportunities to link and protect natural resources, and where feasible, integrates parks and trails to become the organizing framework for the overall system. The plan outlines objectives for this corridor while the Future Land Use Plan identifies it as a Multi-Purpose Greenway Corridor which will result in a zoning overlay or environmentally sensitive ordinance to create standards of protection of these areas while still allowing development. This corridor crosses property lines, as future subdivisions often do, thus the overlay

or other future zoning ordinance will provide the regulatory tools to provide protection while stating guidelines on how remaining areas can be developed.

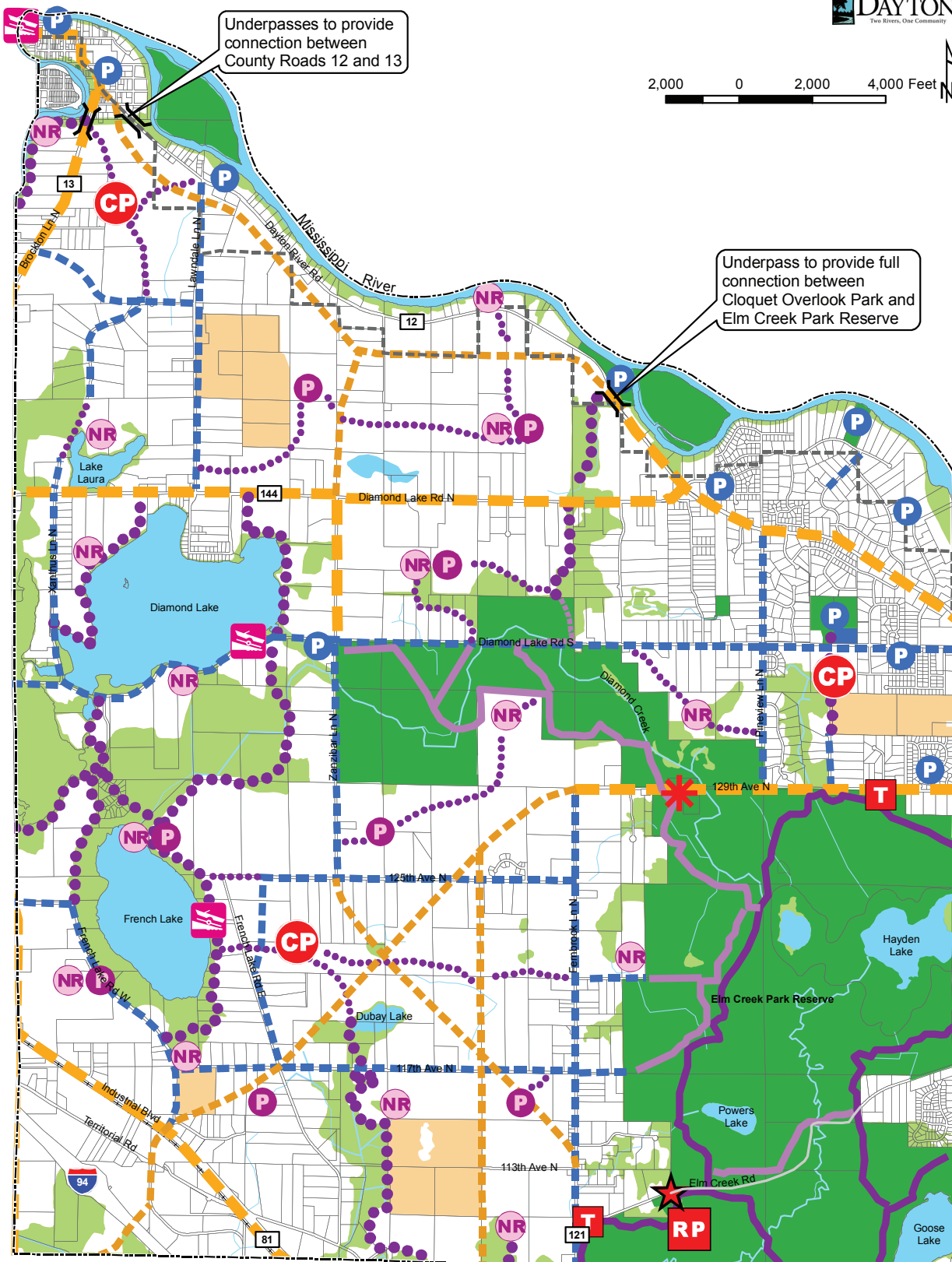
The Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan includes an extensive system of trails including those adjacent to local roads and new independent trail corridors. These trail plans were reviewed against the updated Northwest Hennepin County I-94 Sub-Area Transportation Study which was drafted in January 2008. Dayton will be using much of this study as their Transportation Chapter as it provides direction to the future roadways and classification for Dayton. Updates to the trail plan have been made where new roadways have been identified. Through subdivision review the City will utilize both the Transportation Plan and Parks, Trails and Open Space plan to access the required elements to be included in all future developments.

The Parks, Trail and Open Space Plan contains a comprehensive implementation section that provides the City numerous tools for enforcement in order to implement this plan. These tools will be expressed in other sections of the Comprehensive Plan including the Implementation Chapter and will be fulfilled by updating the City's zoning and subdivision codes. It is through these regulatory methods such as park and trail dedication that the City will be most effective in building this system.

Refer to Figure 7.1 – Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan (City of Dayton 2007 Comprehensive Plan) and Figure 7.2 – Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan Legend (City of Dayton 2007 Comprehensive Plan) for plan layout.

Figure 7.1


























## Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan



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# Park, Trail & Open Space Plan Legend

City of Dayton 2007 Comprehensive Plan

	Existing Park
	Natural Resource Park & Neighborhood Park
	Neighborhood Park
	Community Park
	Natural Resource Park
	DNR Boat Launch
	Elm Creek Park Activity Area
	Elm Creek Park Entrance
	Elm Creek Park Activity Area
	Elm Creek Park Paved Trail Access & Parking
	Trail Connect Conceptual Park to City System (9.98 Miles)
	Conceptual Elm Creek Park Unpaved Trail (0.52 Miles)
	Trails Adjacent to Local Road (21.66 Miles)
	Trail Adjacent to Conceptual County Road (11.78 Miles)
	Conceptual Independent Corridor Trail (11.64 Miles)
	Trails Adjacent to County Road (13.99 Miles)
	Elm Creek Park Paved Trail (7.15 Miles)
	Elm Creek Park Unpaved Trail (6.51 Miles)
	City Limit
	Mississippi River
	Critical Area Boundary
	Existing Park
	Conceptual Open Space Planning Efforts
	School
	Multi-Purpose Greenway Overlay

