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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
From: Andrew Fangman, City Planner
Date: July 9, 2015
Re: Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan

INTRODUCTION: The Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan is a dynamic map based plan. It depicts existing, planned, and needed improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: The City of Muscatine Comprehensive Plan set the following goal: "Members of the community should have the opportunity to travel safely to their destination by foot, bike, or by other non-motorized means. Children should be able walk or bike to their school safely. To achieve this goal, critical routes for non-motorized travel linking schools, parks, bus stops, most major employment and shopping centers, and located within 400 feet of most residences in Muscatine will be identified. These routes will be made safe and attractive for travel by foot, bike, wheelchair, and all other forms of legal non-motorized travel." The City of Muscatine Bike and Pedestrian Plan is a tool that will be used to achieve this goal by directing the location of investment in bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

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RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE: Staff recommends. The Bike and Pedestrian is necessary tool in planning future improvements to bike and pedestrian system in a manner that implements the vision set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. Draft Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan



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July 9, 2015 Draft





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Map Key

Following is an explanation of items depicted on the following maps that comprise the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Existing Sidewalks: Sidewalks existing or under active construction as of the date the map was prepared.

Existing Trails: Trails existing or under active construction as of the date that the map was prepared.

Nonmunicipal Public Trails: Trails open to public, but are owned and maintained by an entity other than the City of Muscatine.

2015 Sidewalk Construction Program: Sidewalks that will be constructed as part of the 2015 Sidewalk Program.

Planned Sidewalks: Locations in which the construction of new sidewalks to address gaps in the sidewalk network have been judged to be essential to meeting the goal for members of the community being able to travel safely to their destination by foot, bike, or by other non-motorized means this will be done by, linking schools, parks, bus stops, most major employment and shopping centers, and residences with safe and attractive routes for non-motorized travel.

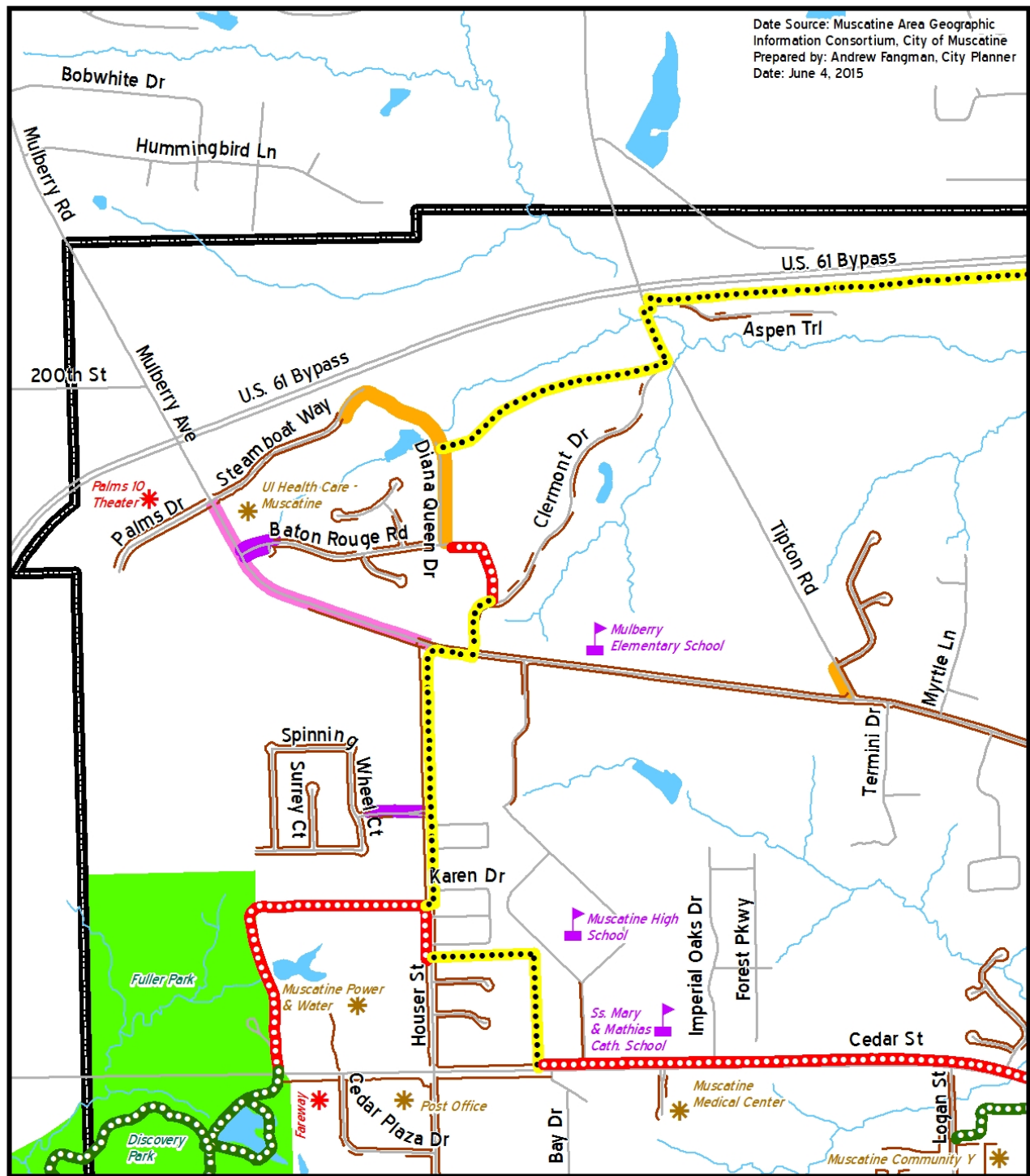
Future phases of the annual sidewalk construction program will comprised the locations identified as “Planned Sidewalks” in the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. The composition of each year’s sidewalk construction program will determined by available funds and the goal of crating networks of critical routes for non-motorized travel radiating outward from each school, which will then be linked together into a community-wide network of safe routes for non-motorized travel.

Future Complete Street Projects: Streets that will rebuilt, in the near future, in accordance with the adopted Complete Streets Policy, making them safe, easily accessible, convenient, comfortable, and visually appealing for users of all ages and abilities, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, mass transit, children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, freight carriers, emergency responders and adjacent land users.

Planned Bike Locations: Locations in which bike lanes will achieve the goals for bike mobility set by the Comprehensive Plan. After a determination if a bike lane meetisaccepted national standards for, the appropriate signage and markings will be installed.

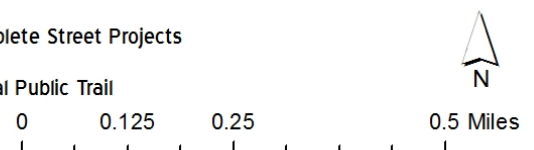


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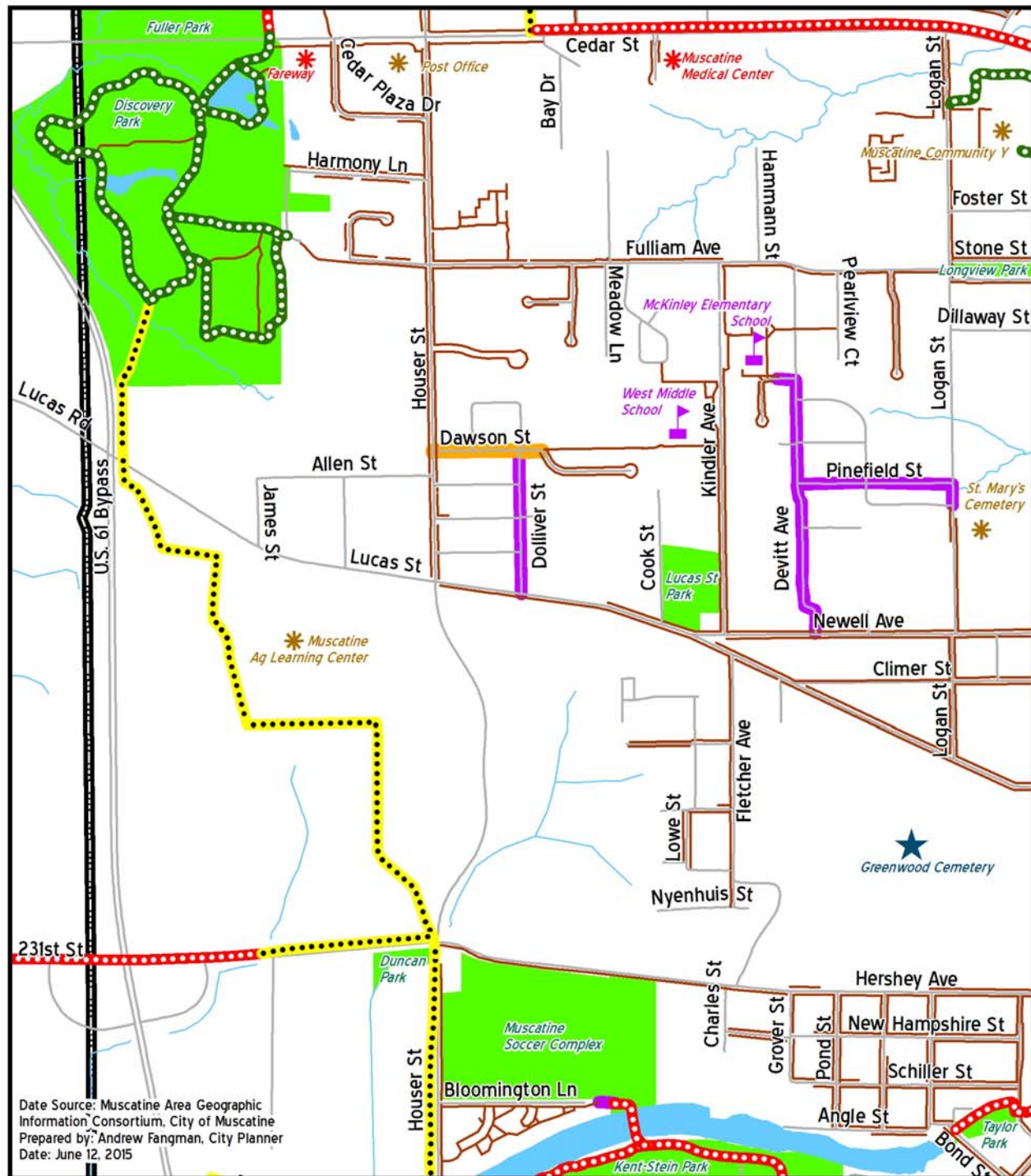
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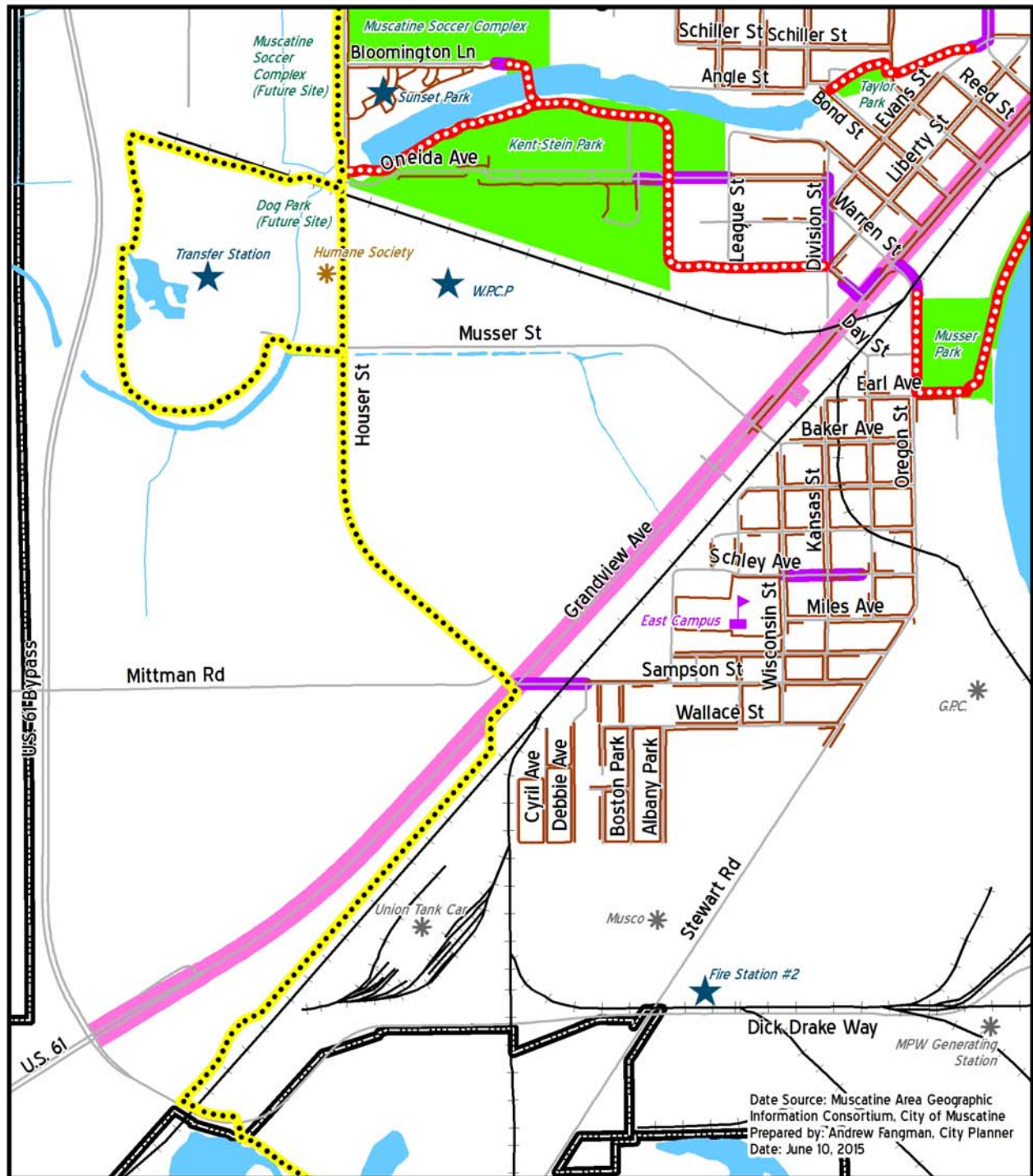


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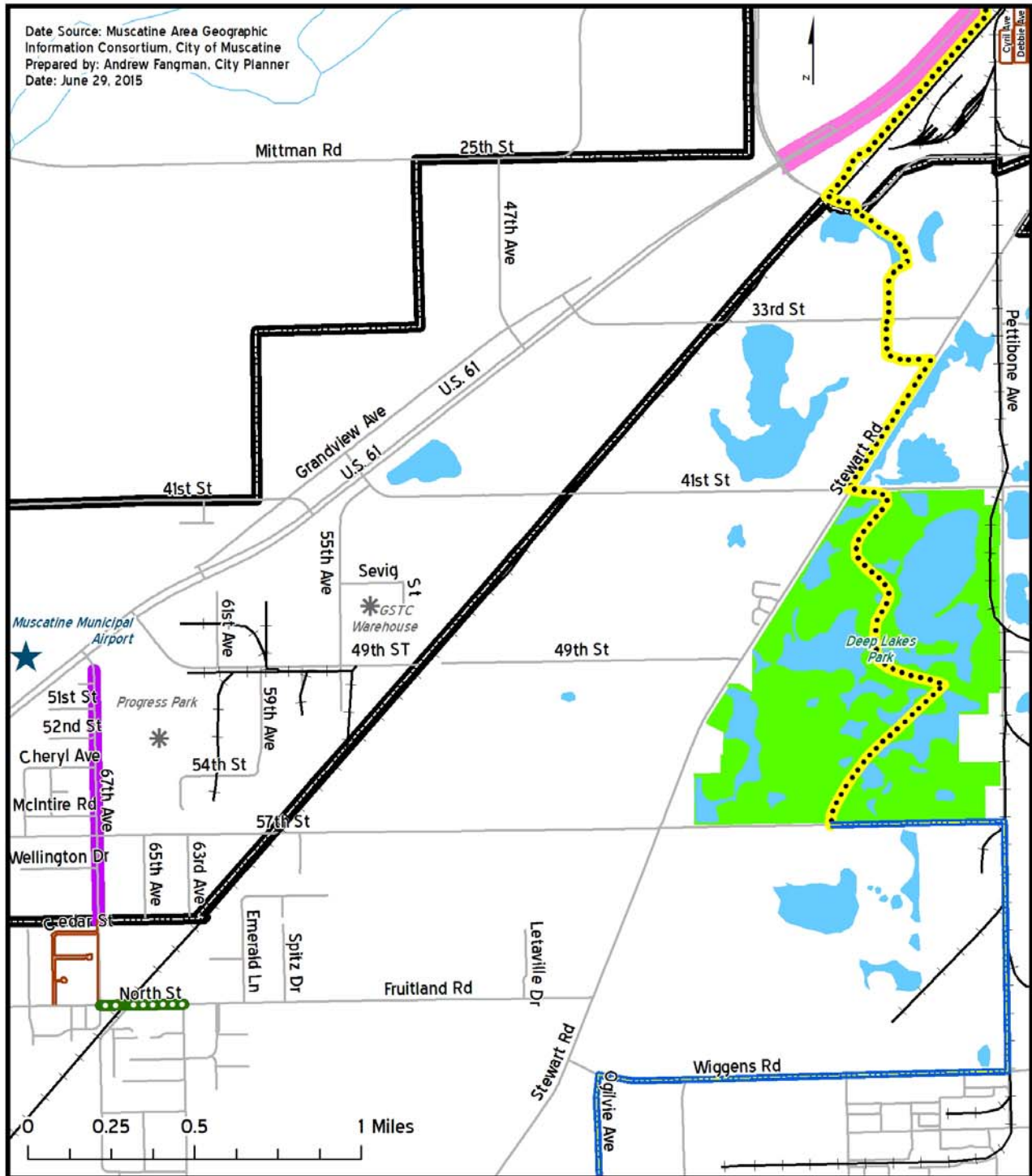
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Date Source: Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium, City of Muscatine
Prepared by: Andrew Fangman, City Planner
Date: June 29, 2015

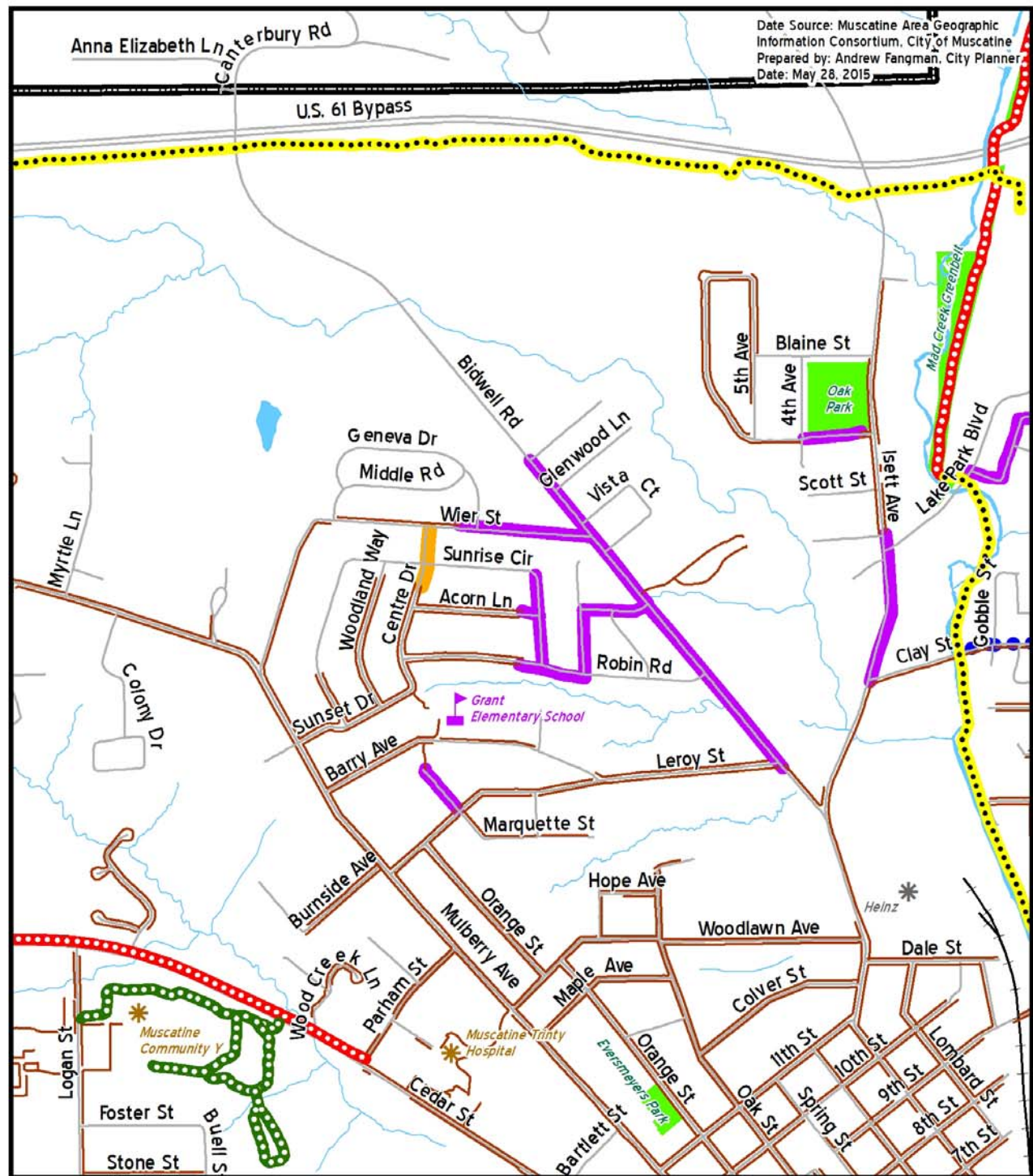


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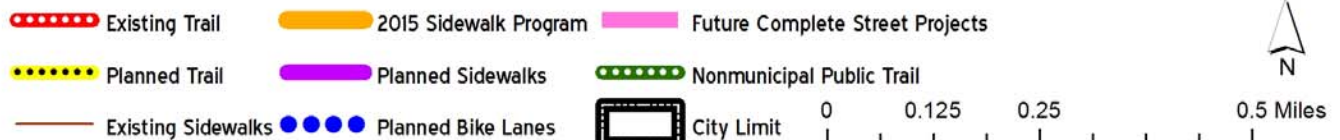
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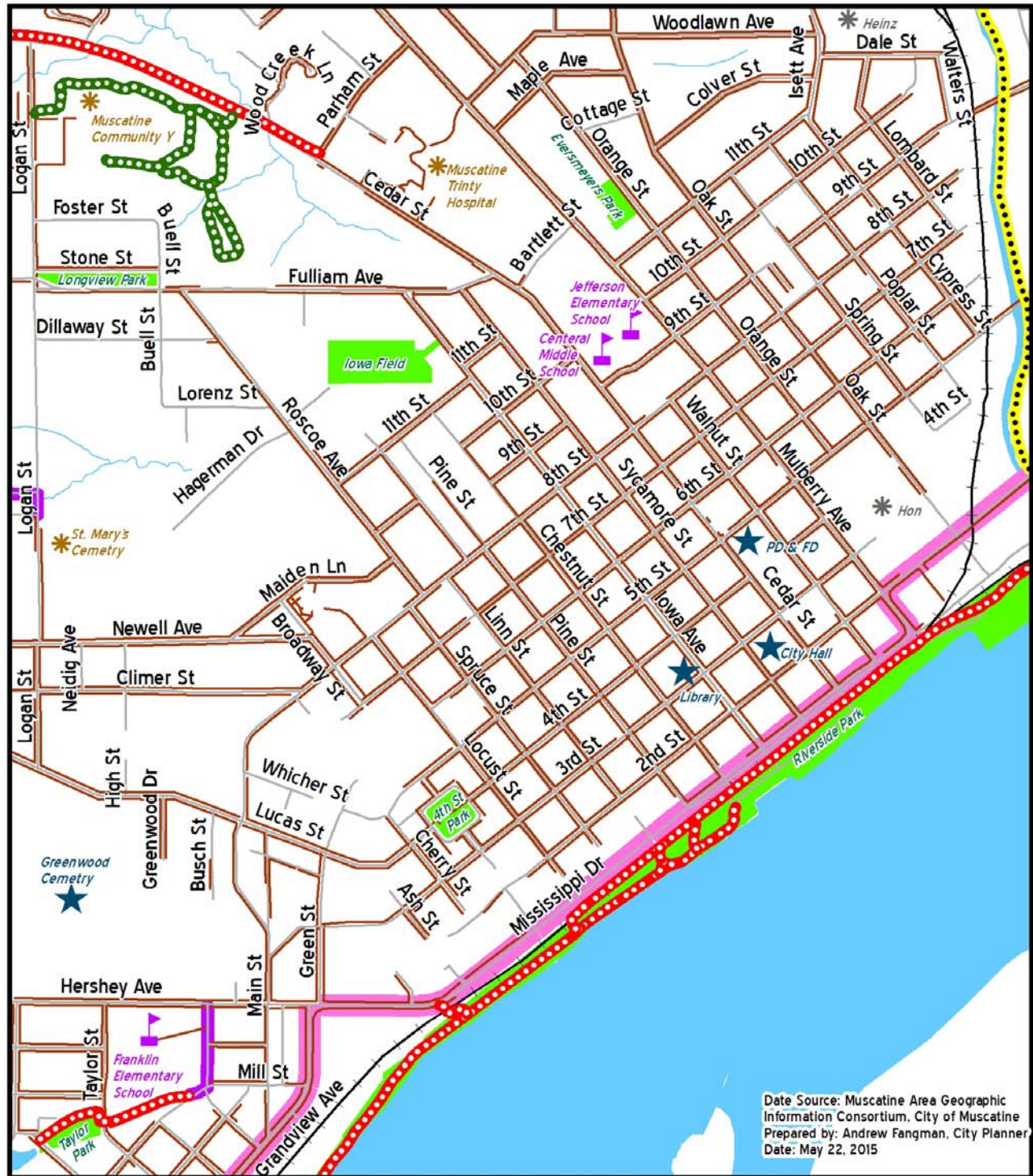


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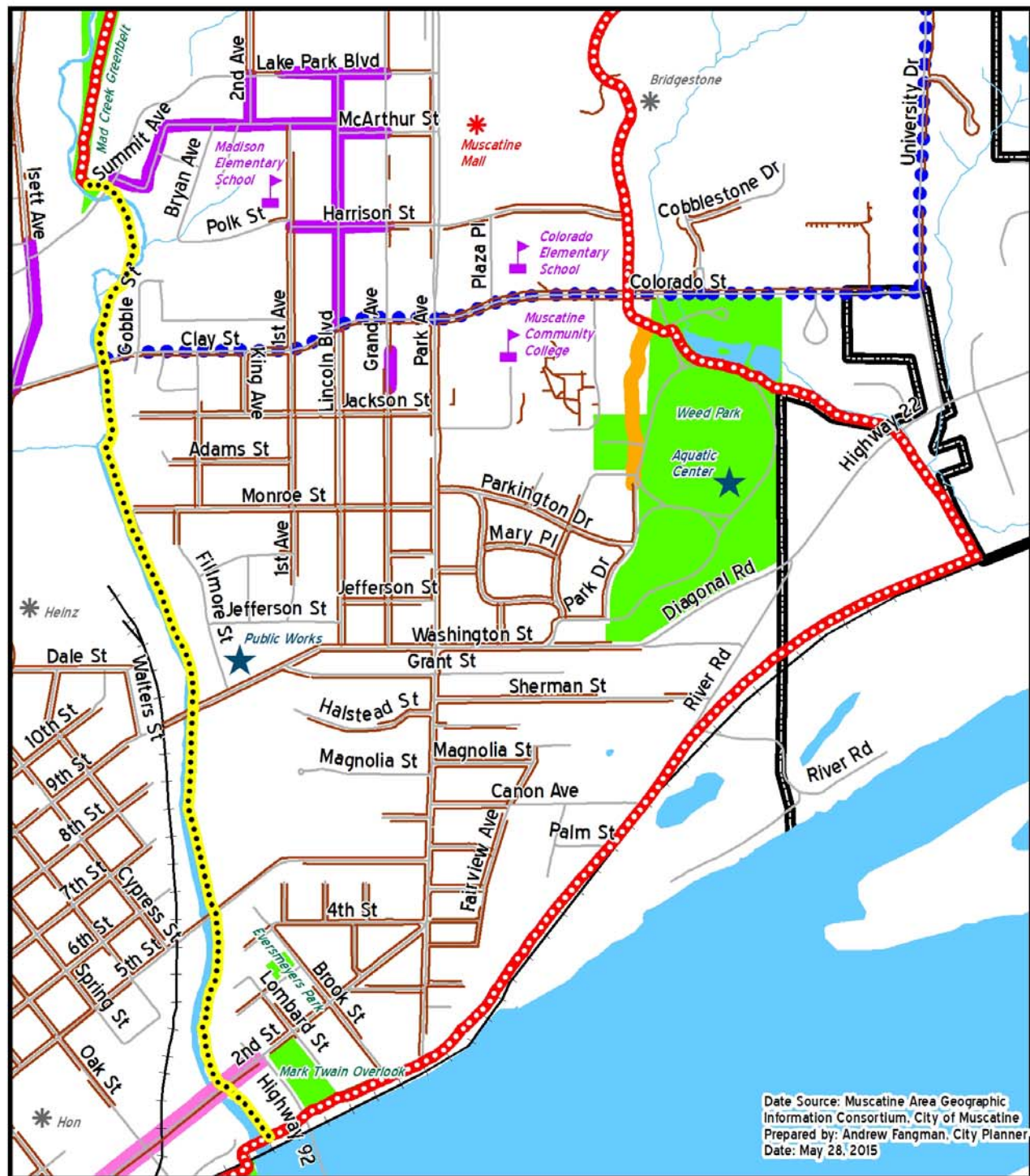
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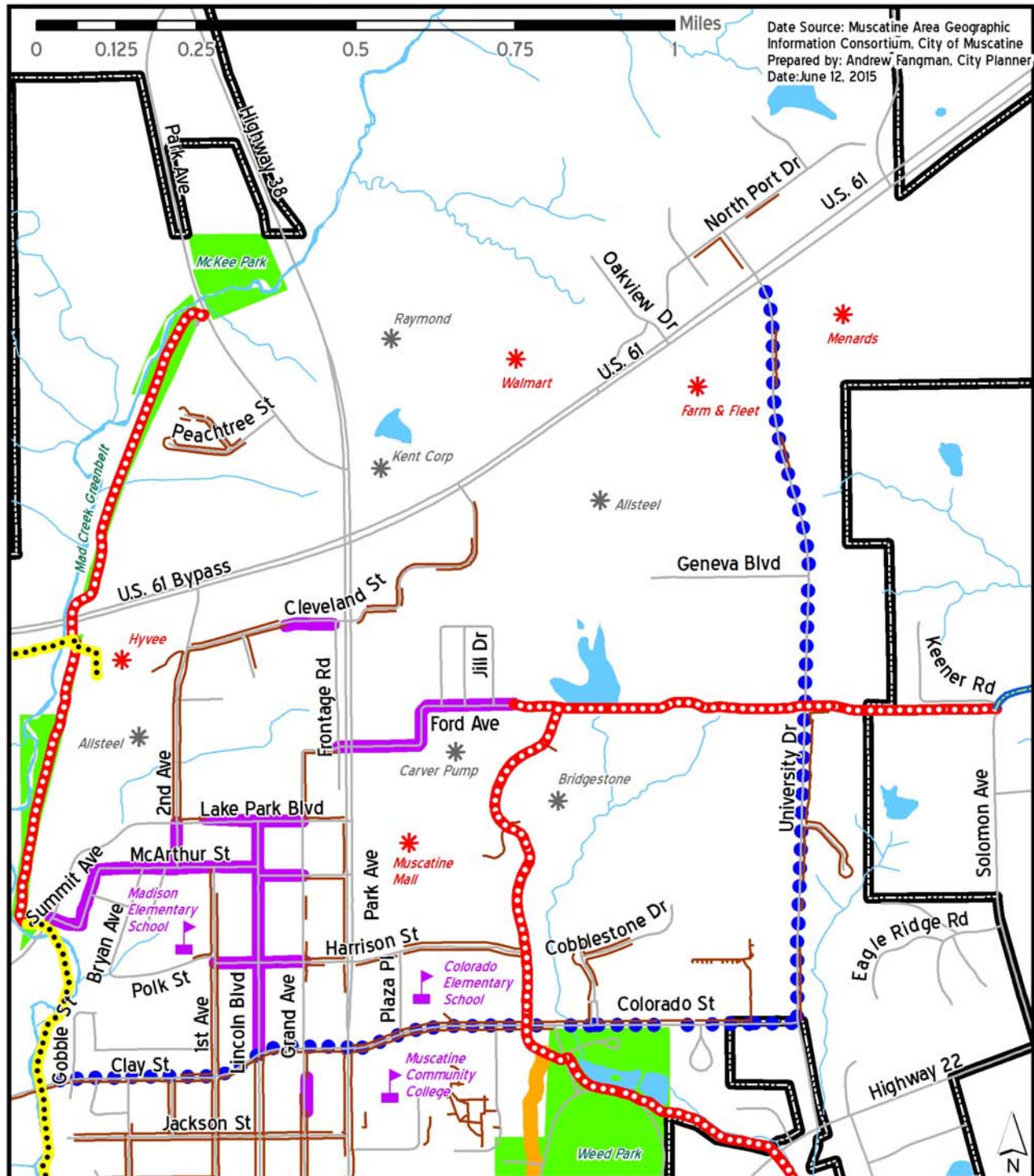
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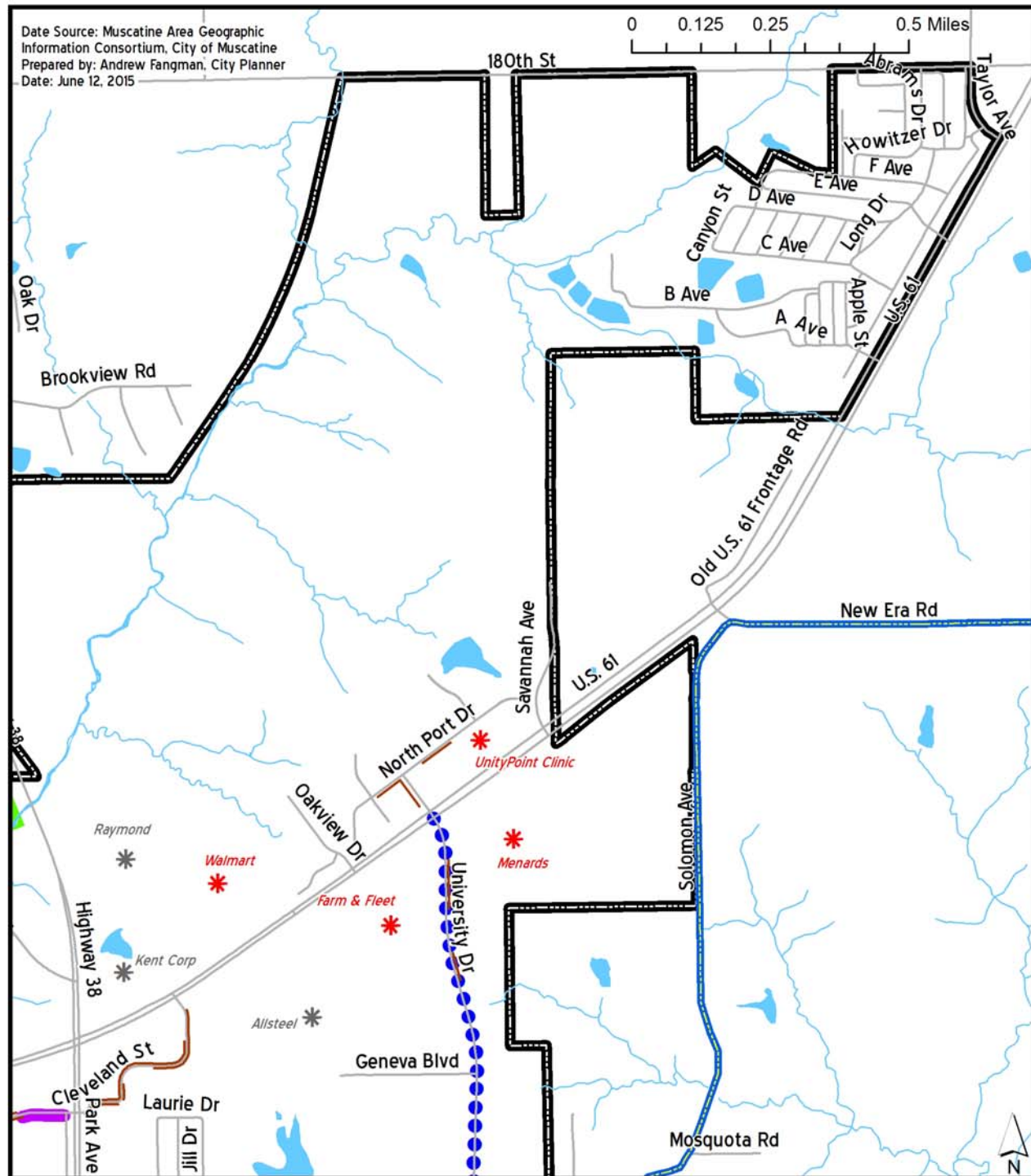


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