



INDEPENDENCE PARKS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

SECTION XI:
RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION XI: RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 INTRODUCTION

The following park and trail recommendations combine input gathered from all of the sources of community outreach, national and statewide recreation research and city staff input, which is discussed more in depth in the previous sections of this system plan. To summarize, the various sources of input that have contributed to the following park, trail, and natural resource recommendations include:

- Community Involvement: Open Houses, Online survey and Intercept Surveys;
- City Staff Involvement: Input gathering sessions and one-on-one interviews;
- Focus Groups;
- Community Outreach Meetings;
- Level of Service Analysis: National recommendations for parkland acreage and trail mileage per resident and three possible approaches;
- City of Independence Adopted Planning Documents;
- OPRD's 2013-2017 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The park system recommendations are divided into five categories (See Section XII for a detailed review of improvements for the River Waterfront Park System).

11.2 OVERALL SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

11.3 EXISTING PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

11.4 PROPOSED PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

11.5 TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

First, there are overall park, trail, and natural areas recommendations that transcend individual site locations by helping to define the overall system. Second, there is an identified park needs list for existing parks, separated by each park on the following pages. These identified needs are meant to meet the existing population of Independence and future population demand on the existing infrastructure of the existing system. Third, there is a section on the community needs for additional park locations to meet gaps in the existing park system and to meet future demands of projected populations. Fourth, a detailed review of improvements for the River Waterfront Park System, Independence's crown jewel in its parks system, is provided. And finally Fifth, individual trail recommendations to meet existing and future needs for connectivity and off-street bicycle/pedestrian needs are presented.

11.2 OVERALL PARK SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a list of the identified recommendations that consider the comprehensive needs of the complete parks, trails, and open space system and transcend individual site locations by helping to define the overall system.

Recommendation - a: Continue to promote local routes and rides online and in coordination with statewide groups like Travel Oregon, Cycle Oregon and Travel Salem, as well as with local bicyclists, businesses and other organizations like the Chambers of Commerce.

Recommendation - b: Create a bicycle-centric facility in or adjacent to Downtown Independence, including an information kiosk about local routes and businesses.

Recommendation - c: Work with Polk County to address County concerns and improve safety on County roads (e.g., safety signage and wider shoulders, rather than bicycle lanes).

Recommendation - d: Coordinate parks projects with City transportation improvement projects to continue updating city sidewalk system for overall city connectivity and access.

Recommendation - e: Partner with the Central School District for continued cooperation and coordination for sharing school facilities for public recreation use. Consider partnership on Henry Hill Elementary (District offices) and area to the north of existing Elementary School for developing neighborhood park facilities.

Recommendation - f: Explore discussion of cooperation and expansion of Park District concept with mutually beneficial relationships with the Central School District, City of Monmouth, other governments, non-profit organizations and private businesses.

Recommendation - g: Partner with local organizations, community groups and non-profit organizations to enhance and improve parks, trails, and natural areas.

Recommendation - h: Partner with local churches for opportunities to create shared parks and recreation opportunities on church grounds.

Recommendation - i: Build on City of Independence Resolution #05-1146, January 25, 2005 to create a formal overall park naming policy to facilitate the naming of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Recommendation - j: Provide opportunities and areas for gathering for group activities within the park system.



Recommendation - k: Coordinate parks, trails and open space area projects with City infrastructure projects including water, sewer, and stormwater to meet multi-objective needs of the citizens of Independence.

Recommendation - l: Use universal design guidelines for the implementation of new parks and trails facilities.

11.3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXISTING PARKS

The following is a list of the identified park improvement needs for each park. The identified park needs list is comprehensive and represents review and comments by the Parks Advisory Board, community input, stakeholder interviews, community outreach meetings, intercept surveys and online surveys. A collection of identified high priority park improvement projects is presented directly after this list.

11.3A PFAFF PARK

Increased use of the park can be achieved with improved access and the installation of new amenities.

Recommendation Pf - a: Incorporate additional Nature Play Area adjacent to existing playground to increase active recreation opportunities and to improve children's relationship to nature.

Recommendation Pf - b: Create exercise loop into perimeter trail of park with six (6) fitness stations.

Recommendation Pf - c: Expand basketball court to full court play to provide game opportunities.

Recommendation Pf - d: Create Pedestrian/Bike Access to existing sidewalk on North Gun Club Road as well as internal as pathways within the park to enhance accessibility and improve the overall safety of the park.

Recommendation Pf - e: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation Pf - f: Provide park signage, park system information sign, and

interpretive signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation Pf - g: Incorporate seat walls and landscape berms to define program uses and areas for programming on site, create aesthetic landscape treatments and provide seating opportunities.

Recommendation Pf - h: Incorporate skate dot.

Section XI: Figure 1 - Proposed Park Improvements - Pfaff Park



11.3B WILDFANG PARK

Increased use of the park can be achieved with improved access and the installation of new amenities. Increased understanding and appreciation of natural areas can be achieved through interpretive education signage and exposure to unique habitats of Ash Creek.

Recommendation Wi - a: Provide restoration of Ash Creek Corridor and remove non-native species.

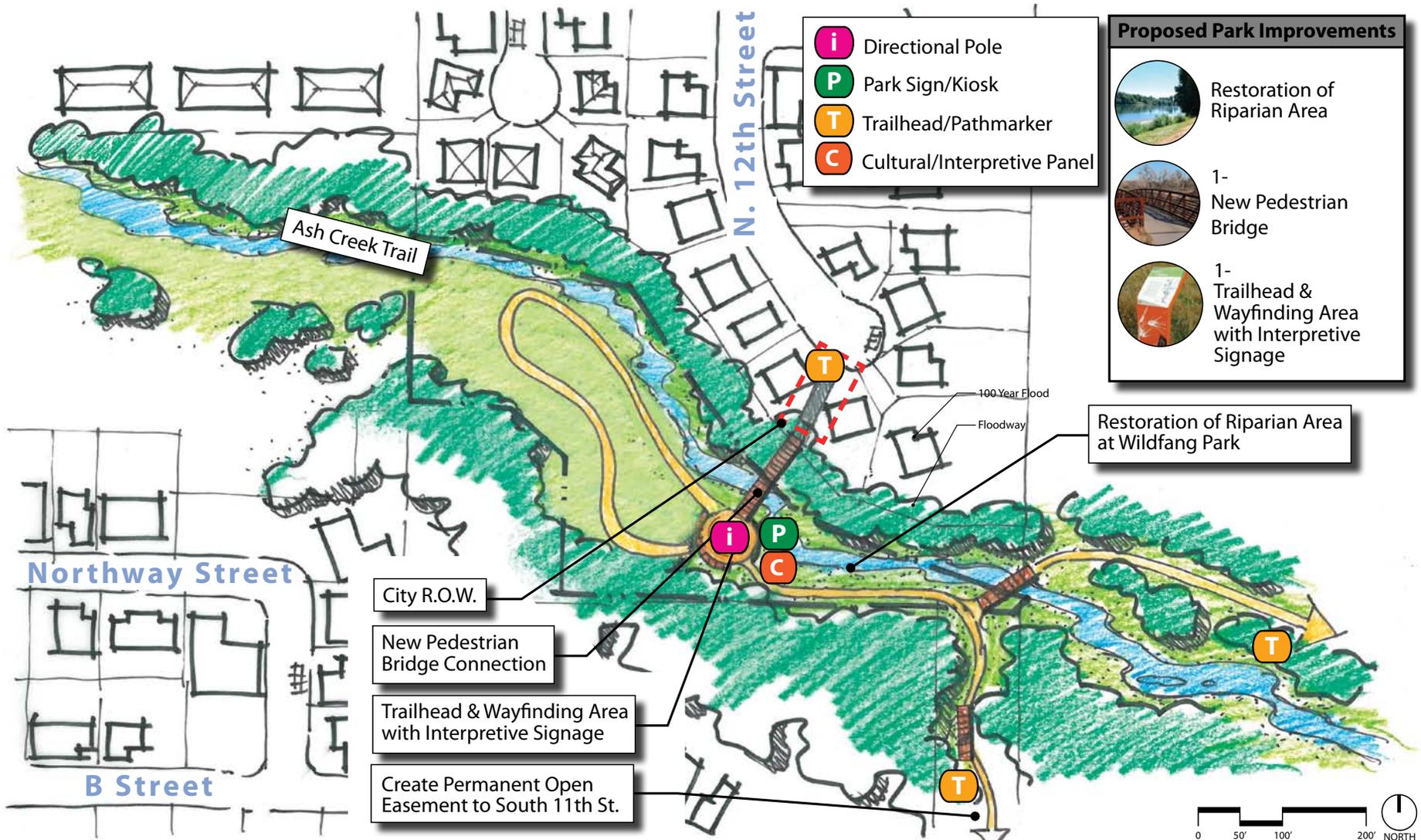
Recommendation Wi - b: Create permanent open easement with Pacific Power for access from Wildfang Park south to the intersection of South 11th and Monmouth Avenue.

Recommendation Wi - c: Provide pedestrian bridge crossing of Ash Creek to create crucial north south linkage between neighborhood to the north of Ash Creek (using City owned easement connection to North 12th Street) to neighborhoods to the south of Ash Creek.

Recommendation Wi - d: Create Pedestrian/Bike pathways within the park to enhance accessibility, improve the overall safety of the park and to provide interpretive opportunities.

Recommendation Wi - e: Create trailhead and wayfinding area to facilitate visitors understanding of the unique environment and orient them to adjacent connections. Provide park signage, park system information sign, and interpretive signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Section XI: Figure 2 - Proposed Park Improvements-Wildfang Park



11.3C PIONEER PARK

Increased use of the park can be achieved with improved access and the installation of new amenities.

Recommendation Pi - a: Provide restoration of Ash Creek Corridor and remove non-native species.

Recommendation Pi - b: Incorporate additional Nature Play elements adjacent to proposed loop path to increase active recreation opportunities and to improve children's relationship to nature.

Recommendation Pi - c: Create loop path into perimeter of park as an internal pathway to enhance accessibility and improve the overall safety of the park.

Recommendation Pi - d: Install group shelter with additional 3 picnic tables to create opportunities for gathering. Include utilities and outdoor grills.

Recommendation Pi - e: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation Pi - f: Provide park signage, park system information sign, and interpretive signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation Pi - g: Incorporate seat walls to define formal gathering area adjacent to group shelter to create aesthetic landscape treatments and provide seating opportunities. Provide 2- ADA accessible picnic tables in formal gathering area.

Section XI: Figure 3 - Proposed Park Improvements-Pioneer Park



11.3D MT. FIR PARK

Continued partnership of the City with the Master Gardeners will foster a unique community asset to help promote sustainable gardening practices, to encourage best methods for gardeners, and to partner with the OSU Extension Agents.

Recommendation Mt - a: Provide restoration of Ash Creek Corridor and remove non-native species.

Recommendation Mt - b: Incorporate additional Nature Play playground adjacent to proposed trail to increase active recreation opportunities and to improve children's relationship to nature.

Recommendation Mt - c: Create north-south trail connection as internal path with fitness stations to enhance accessibility, improve the overall safety of the park, to improve community health, to connect with adjacent trails/parks, and to connect to neighborhood street system.

Recommendation Mt - d: Install three (3) group shelters with minimum of 3 picnic tables per group shelter to create opportunities for gathering.

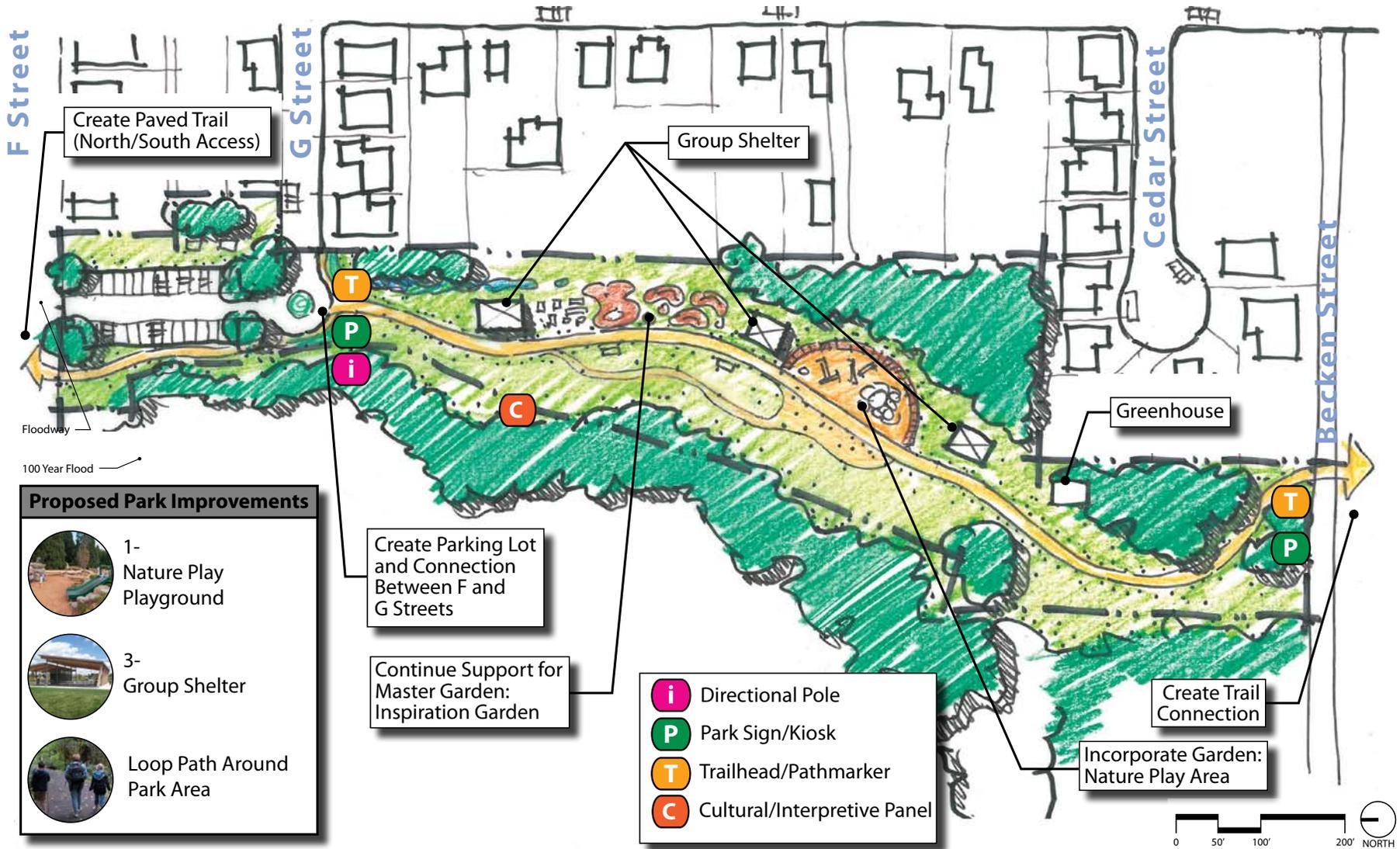
Recommendation Mt - e: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation Mt - f: Provide park signage, park system information sign, interpretive signage, and trail signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation Mt - g: Continue support and partnership with the Master Gardeners program for the Inspiration Garden.

Recommendation Mt - h: Create new formalized entrance to Mt. Fir Park with new entrance, parking lot, and turn-around. Strengthen connection to the adjacent neighborhoods with parking lot connecting F Street and G Street.

Section XI: Figure 4 - Proposed Park Improvements-Mt. Fir Park



11.3E HENRY HILL PARK

Continued partnership of the City of Independence with the Central School District and the YMCA will foster a unique community asset at Henry Hill Park as a neighborhood park.

Recommendation HH - a: Continue support and partnership with the Central School District to extend existing park with existing school facility to create overall recreation area for the neighborhood.

Recommendation HH - b: Continue support and partnership with the YMCA to manage the aquatic facility and facilitate aquatic programs for the community.

Recommendation HH - c: Install one (1) group shelter with minimum of 3 to 4 picnic tables to create opportunities for gathering. Include utilities and outdoor grills.

Recommendation HH - d: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation HH - e: Provide park signage, park system information sign, and interpretive signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation HH - f: Add a pickleball court adjacent to existing tennis courts.

Recommendation HH - g: Foster ability to use additional sports fields owned by the Central School District for casual neighborhood use and adult recreational groups. The playing fields are managed and scheduled by the Central Schools District and are generally at capacity during much of the year. Occasional, casual community use may be an option as long as such use does not become regular use which prevents other people or groups from using the fields and as long as the fields are able to get adequate rest for maintenance purposes. To the extent that there is additional capacity to meet other needs, priorities would include casual neighborhood use and use by adult recreational groups. Club sports group use would be the lowest priority, given the impacts of such use on the facilities.

Recommendation HH-h: Re-construct pool house adjacent to swimming pool at Henry Hill Park.

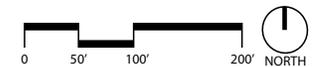
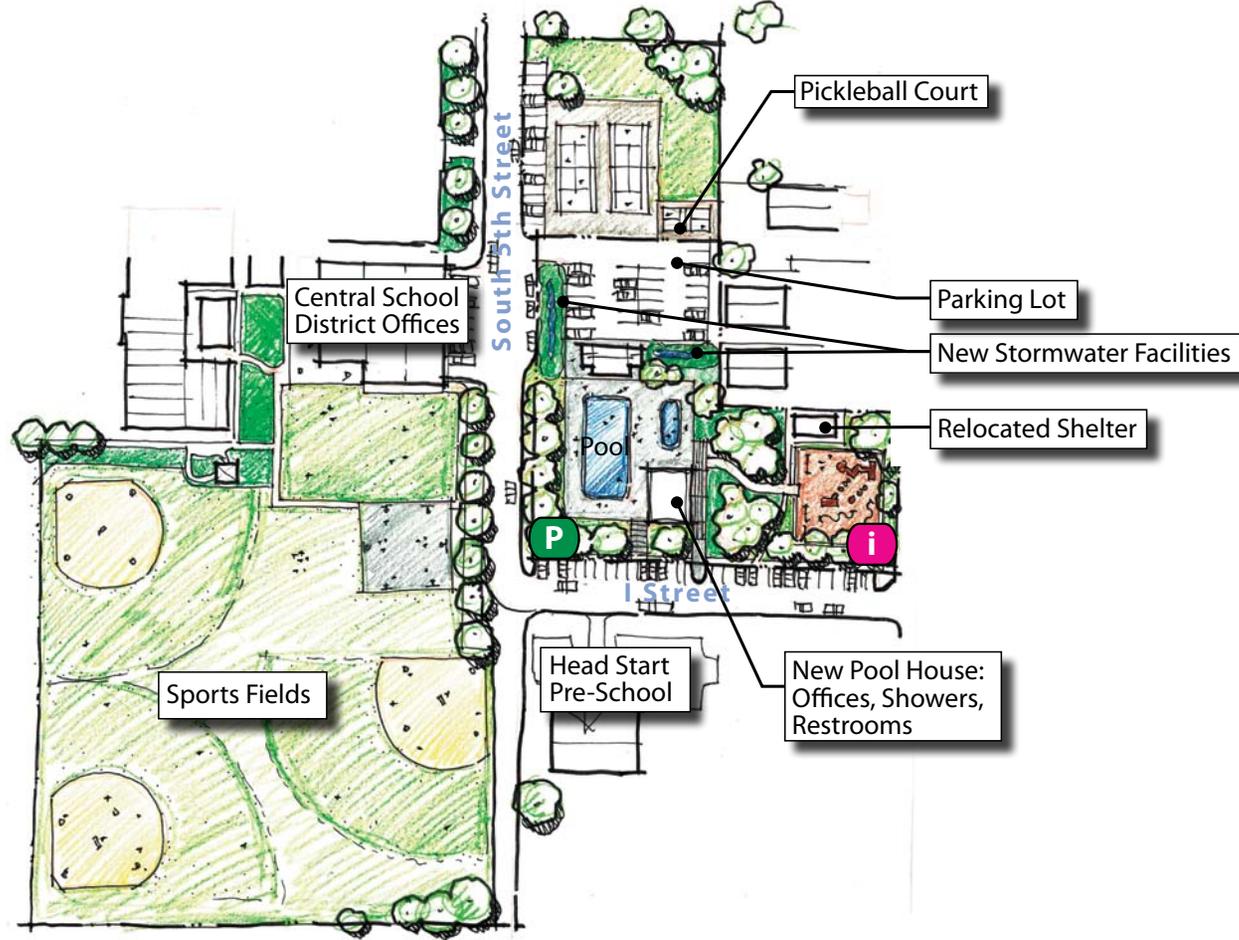
Section XI: Figure 5 - Proposed Park Improvements-Henry Hill Park

Proposed Park Improvements

-  1- Nature Play Playground
-  2- Stormwater Facilities
-  3- Pickleball Court

i Directional Pole

P Park Sign/Kiosk



11.3F INDEPENDENCE SPORTS PARK

Development of the Independence Sports Park will fulfill an overarching need of the community for recreational sports fields for programmed and casual play.

Recommendation ISP - a: Create seven (7) soccer sports fields for competitive recreational play and tournament venues. Create one (1) multiuse sports field to accommodate baseball, softball, kickball and soccer.

Recommendation ISP - b: Provide access road, parking, and circulation to accommodate sports tournaments.

Recommendation ISP - c: Install two (2) playground areas.

Recommendation ISP - d: Install one (1) nature play area.

Recommendation ISP - e: Install one (1) group shelter with minimum of 5 picnic tables to create opportunities for gathering. Include utilities and outdoor grills.

Recommendation ISP - f: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation ISP - g: Provide park signage, park system information sign, interpretive signage, trail signage, and Riverwalk Trail signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation ISP - h: Pave Riverwalk Trail from Boat Launch Area to Riverview Park to accommodate diversity of users, to provide ADA access.

Section XI: Figure 6 - Proposed Park Improvements-Independence Sports Park



11.3G UN-NAMED PARK

Development of this small park will facilitate access to park land for those residents in underserved park areas in South Independence. Increased use of the park can be achieved with improved access and the installation of new amenities.

Recommendation UN - a: Create naming opportunity for Un-named Park.

Recommendation UN - b: Create North/South Pedestrian/Bike Access connection through park from existing sidewalk on Birch Street to Chestnut Street with fitness stations in order to enhance accessibility, improve the overall safety of the park, improve community health, and provide neighborhood connections.

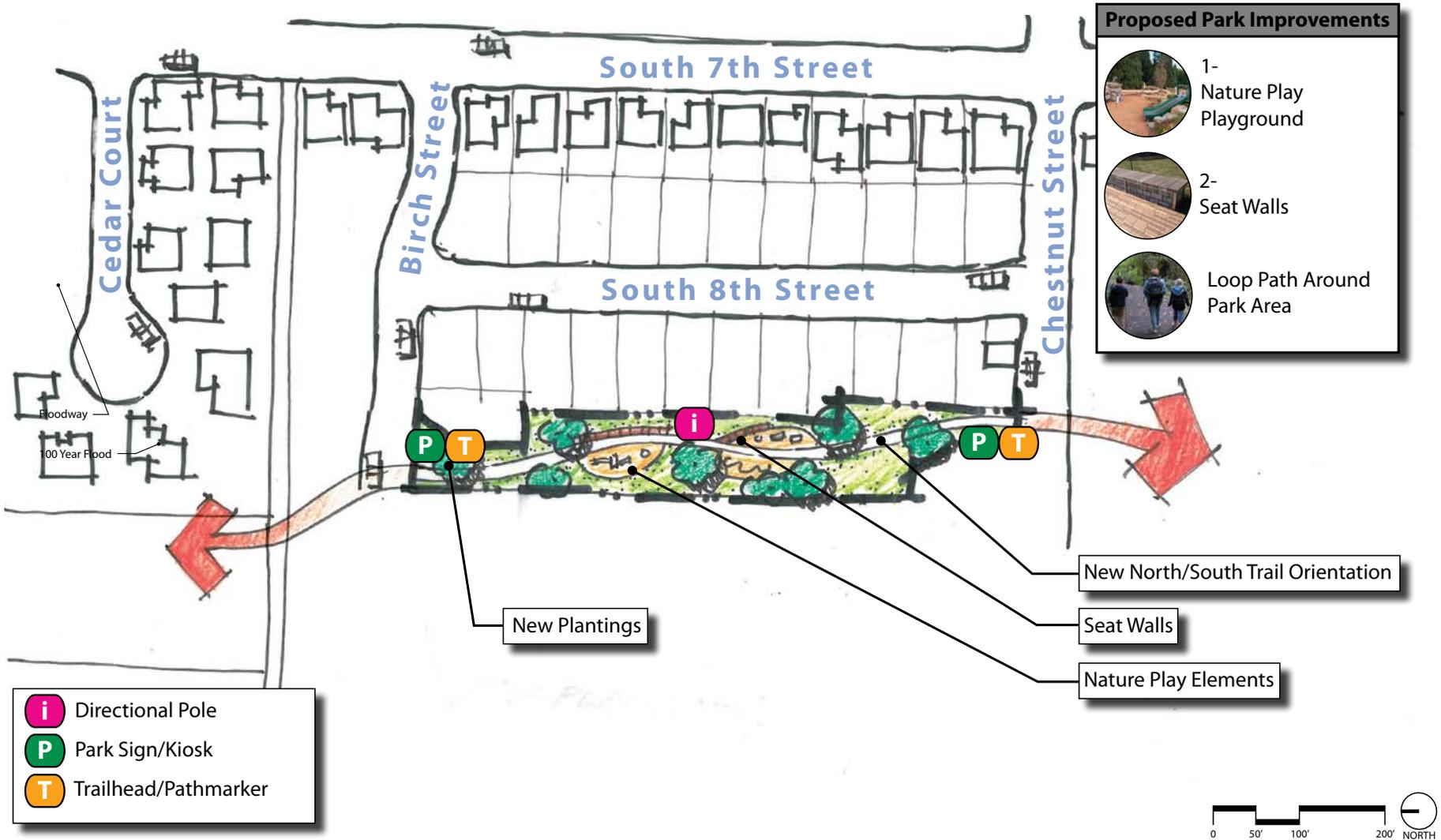
Recommendation UN - c: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation UN - d: Provide park signage, park system information sign, interpretive signage, and trail signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation UN - e: Incorporate seat walls to define program areas, create aesthetic landscape treatments and provide seating opportunities.

Recommendation UN - f: Incorporate additional Nature Play Area adjacent to proposed trail location to increase active recreation opportunities and to improve children's relationship to nature

Section XI: Figure 7 - Proposed Park Improvements-Un-named Park



11.3 H POLK STREET PARK

Development of this small park will facilitate access to park land for those residents in North Independence. Increased use of the park can be achieved with improved access and the installation of new amenities. Polk Street Park has been included in the 1.4 Recommendations for Individual Existing Parks based on the fact that it is currently owned and maintained by the City and its current level of development, lawn areas, sidewalks, tree plantings, and irrigation.

Recommendation PO - a: Create naming opportunity for Polk Street Park.

Recommendation PO - b: Enhance park landscaping to improve the aesthetics and the relationship to the natural environment. Incorporate innovative sustainable stormwater to manage water quality.

Recommendation PO - c: Provide park signage, park system information sign, interpretive signage, and trail signage at park to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation PO - d: Incorporate additional Nature Play Area adjacent to proposed trail location to increase active recreation opportunities and to improve children's relationship to nature.

Recommendation PO - e: Create Pedestrian/Bike Access to internal path system within the park to enhance accessibility and improve the overall safety of the park. Provide sidewalks to provide perimeter access around site.

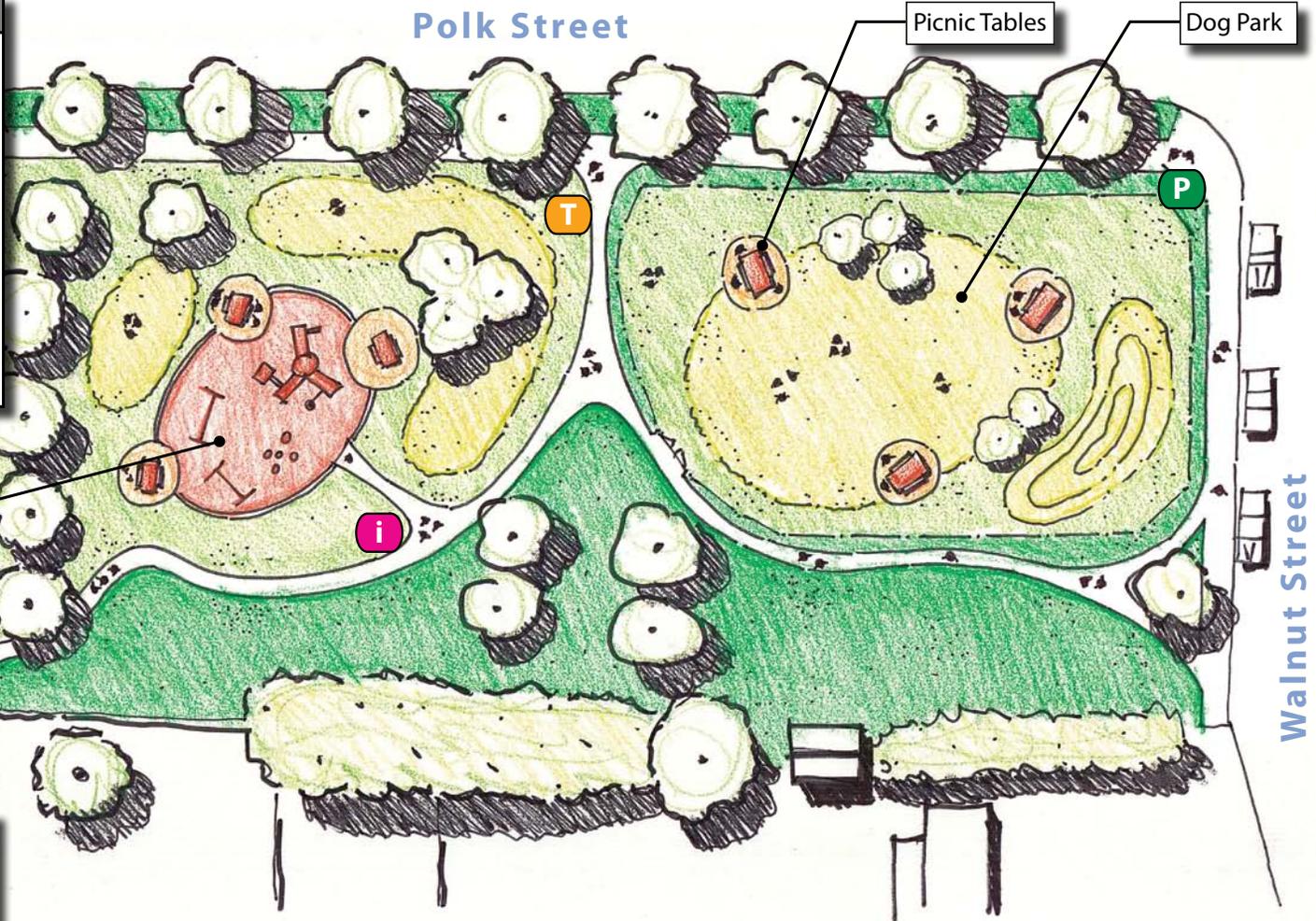
Recommendation PO - f: Provide small off-leash dog area.

Recommendation PO - g: Provide skate dot.

Section XI: Figure 8 - Proposed Park Improvements - Polk Street Park

Proposed Park Improvements

-  1- Traditional Playground
-  6- Picnic Tables
-  Designated Dog Park Area



New Playground

Picnic Tables

Dog Park

-  Directional Pole
-  Park Sign/Kiosk
-  Trailhead/Pathmarker

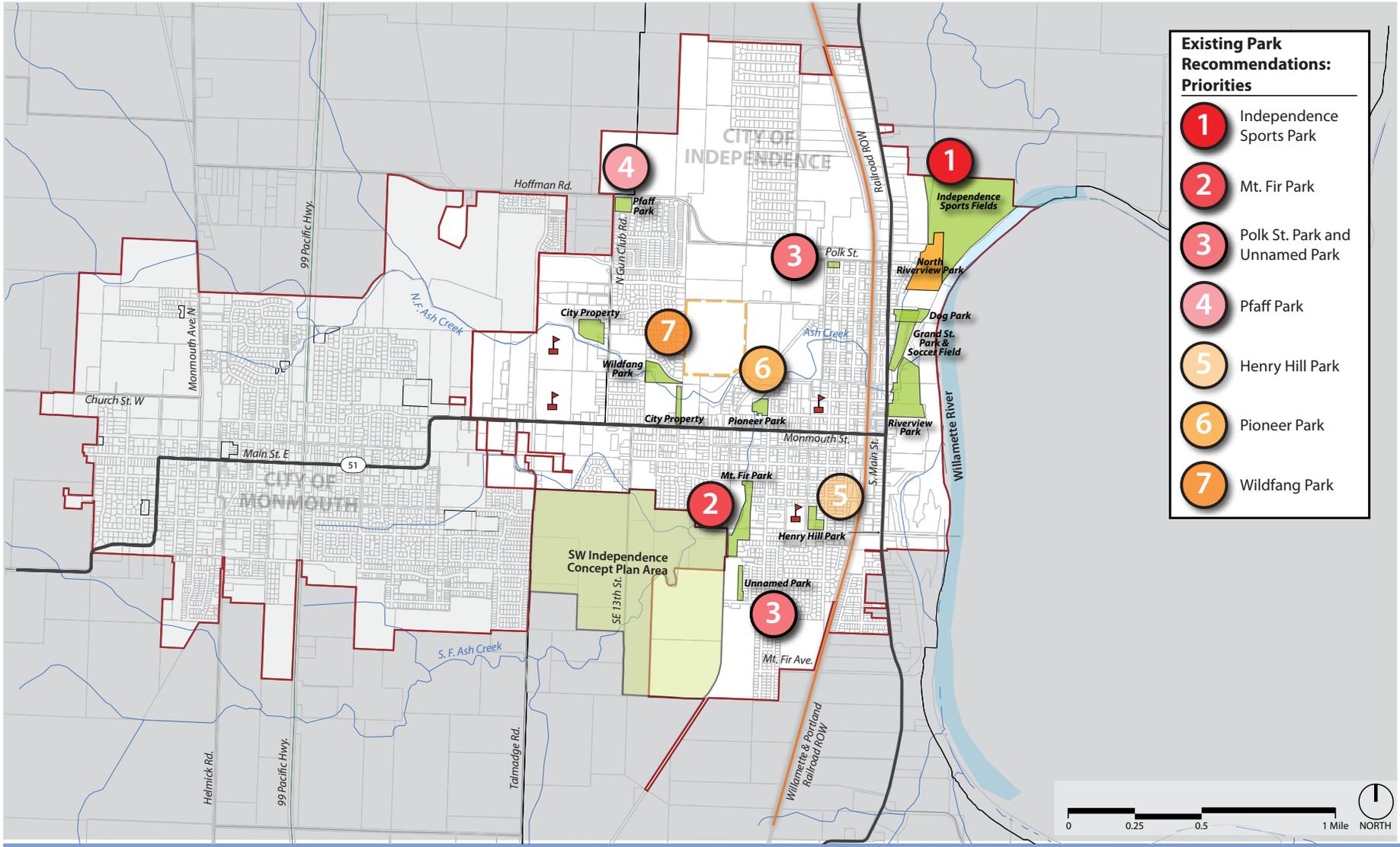


11.4 PRIORITIZED LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXISTING PARKS

These priorities have been developed by identifying shared themes throughout all sources of community outreach discussed further in Section IV: Community Involvement, statewide and countywide recreation trends research discussed in the Section I: Inventory and Section III: Trends, the level of service analysis and needs assessment in Section X: Level of Service, and input provided by city staff. List is presented in descending order beginning with priority number one:

1. **Independence Sports Park and Riverview Park**
2. **Mt. Fir Park**
3. **Polk Street Park and Un-Named Park**
4. **Pfaff Park**
5. **Henry Hill Park**
6. **Pioneer Park**
7. **Wildfang Park**

Section XI: Figure 8a - Prioritized List of Recommendations for Existing Parks



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RECOMMENDATIONS

11.4A PARK ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS

Park land acquisition recommendations are based upon community and staff input, and other City plans (i.e., the Ash Creek Trail Master Plan). Additional consideration focused on the need to address physical barriers, which may limit service in areas that appear to be served by the parks system. For example, Monmouth Avenue and Corvallis Road are examples of an access barrier for users based on the difficulty of crossing these busy connector/arterial roadways. The recommendations for park land acquisition are as follows:

Recommendation A - 1: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in North Independence. (Section XI: Figure 9 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development- North Independence) Note: The Neighborhood Park opportunity should be located outside of the Airpark boundaries.

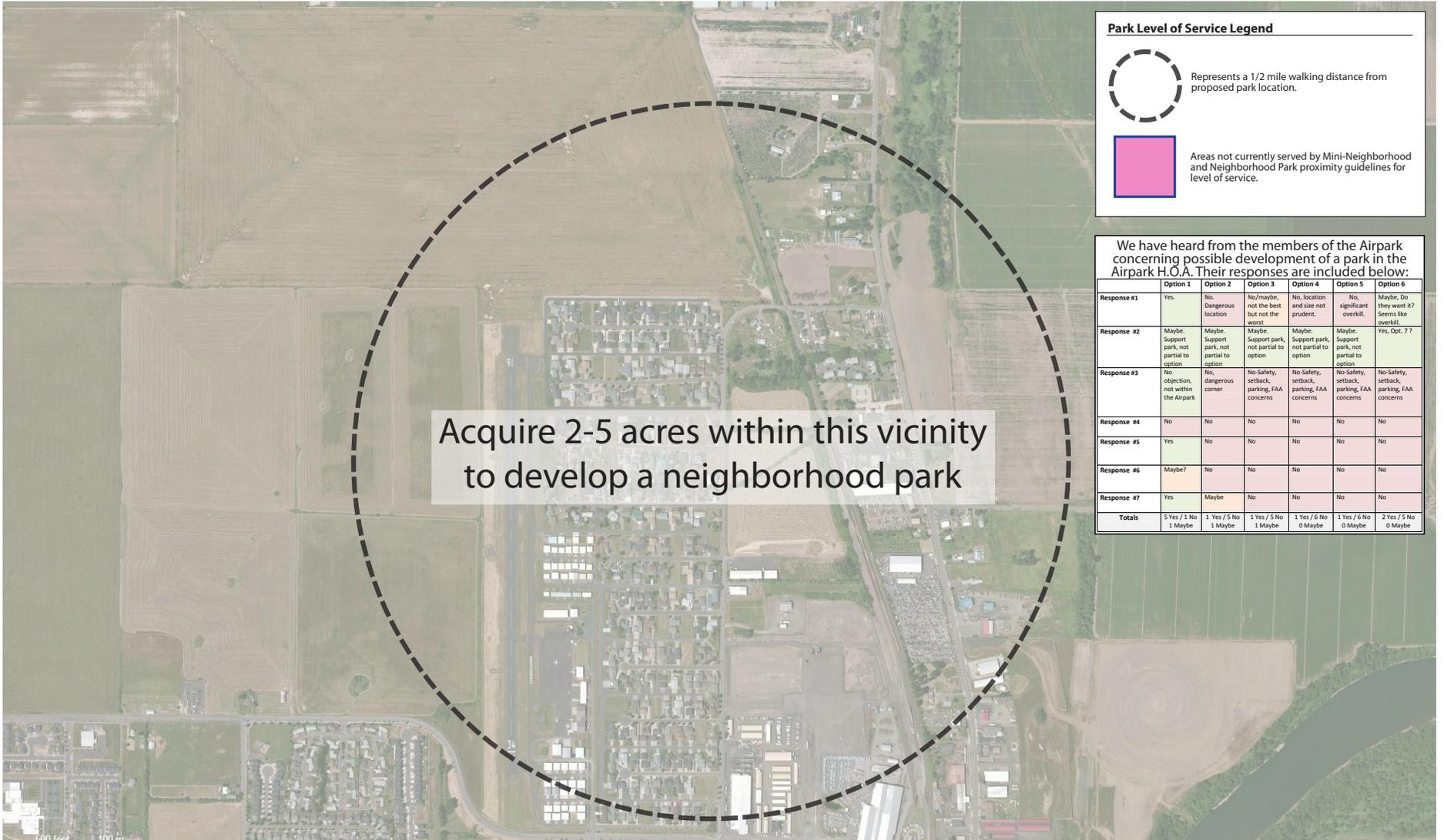
Recommendation A - 2: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in West Independence. (Section XI: Figure 10 - Location for proposed park development- West Independence)

Recommendation A - 3: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in the vicinity of 13th Street. (Section XI: Figure 11 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development- 13th Street)

Recommendation A - 4: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of Neighborhood park in South Independence. (Section XI: Figure 12 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development- South Independence)

Recommendation A - 5: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of neighborhood park in Southwest Independence.

Section XI: Figure 9 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development - North Independence. Areas in pink illustrate areas not currently by park space. Circle boundary indicates general vicinity of where targeted acquisition should occur.



Park Level of Service Legend

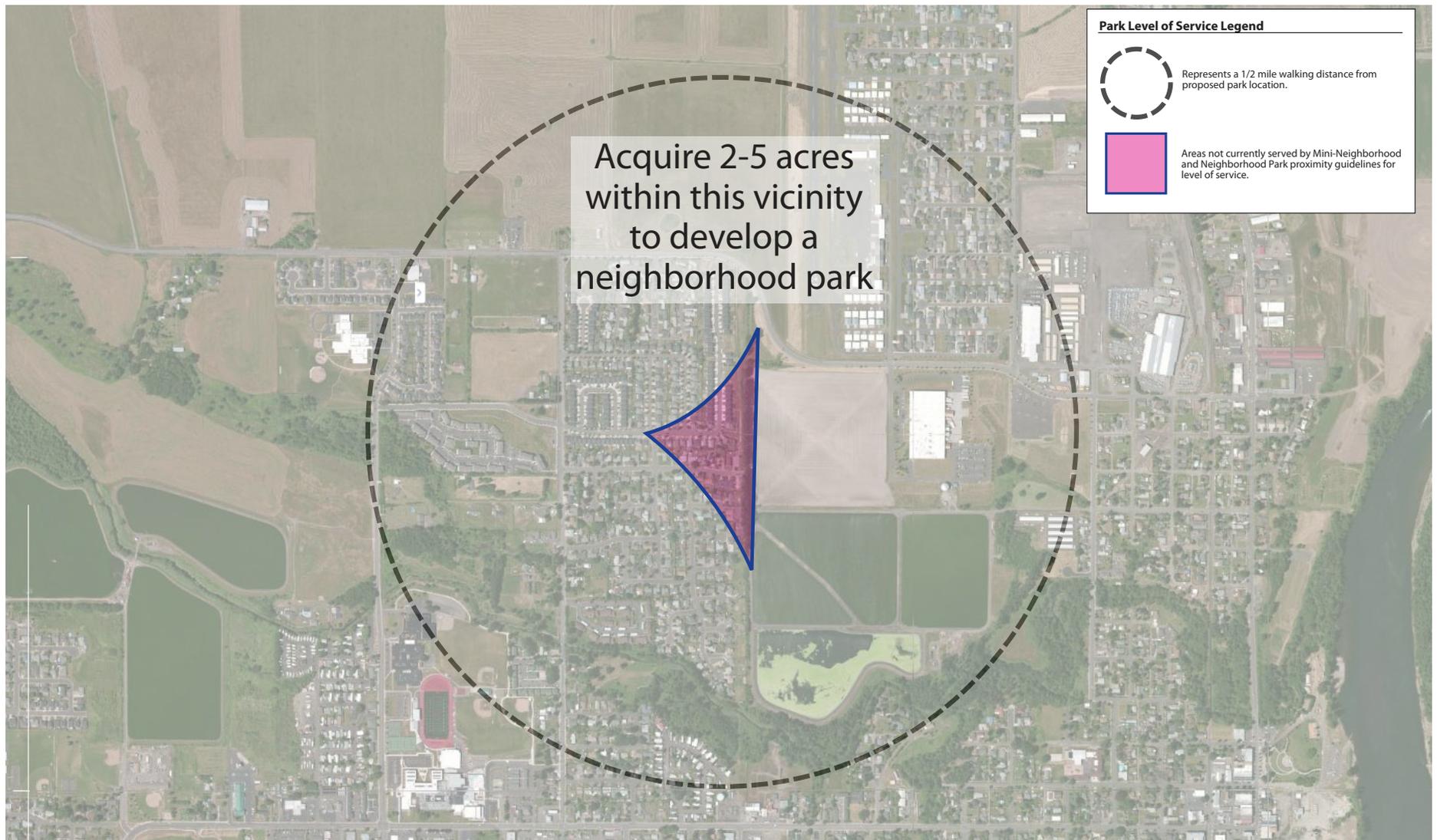
 Represents a 1/2 mile walking distance from proposed park location.

 Areas not currently served by Mini-Neighborhood and Neighborhood Park proximity guidelines for level of service.

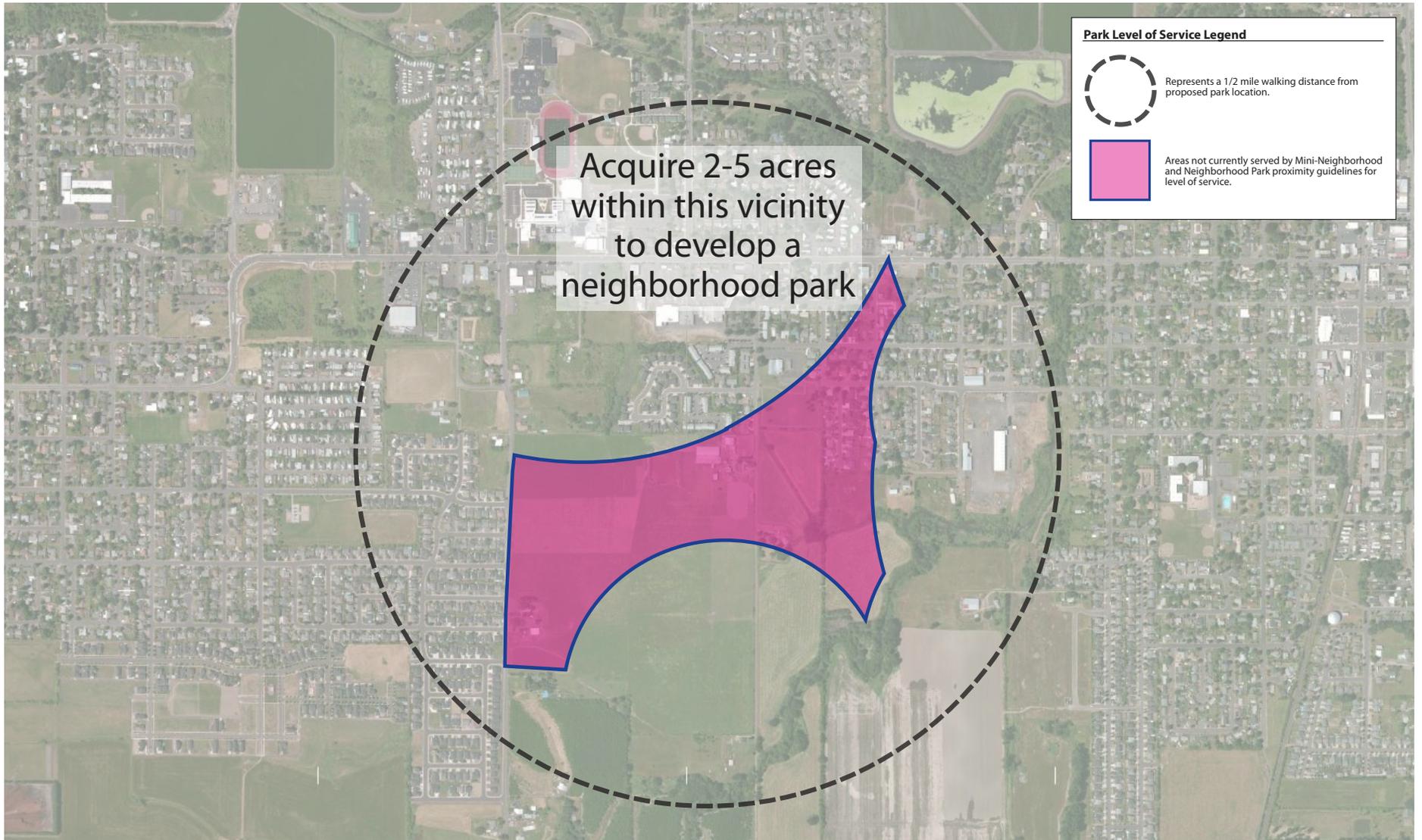
We have heard from the members of the Airpark concerning possible development of a park in the Airpark H.O.A. Their responses are included below:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6
Response #1	Yes.	No. Dangerous location	No/maybe, not the best but not the worst	No, location and size not prudent.	No, significant overkill.	Maybe, Do they want it? Seems like overkill.
Response #2	Maybe. Support park, not partial to option	Maybe. Support park, not partial to option	Maybe. Support park, not partial to option	Maybe. Support park, not partial to option	Maybe. Support park, not partial to option	Yes, Opt. 7.7
Response #3	No objection, not within the Airpark	No, dangerous corner	No Safety, setback, parking, FAA concerns	No Safety, setback, parking, FAA concerns	No Safety, setback, parking, FAA concerns	No Safety, setback, parking, FAA concerns
Response #4	No	No	No	No	No	No
Response #5	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Response #6	Maybe?	No	No	No	No	No
Response #7	Yes	Maybe	No	No	No	No
Totals	5 Yes / 1 No / 1 Maybe	1 Yes / 5 No / 1 Maybe	1 Yes / 5 No / 1 Maybe	1 Yes / 6 No / 0 Maybe	1 Yes / 6 No / 0 Maybe	2 Yes / 5 No / 0 Maybe

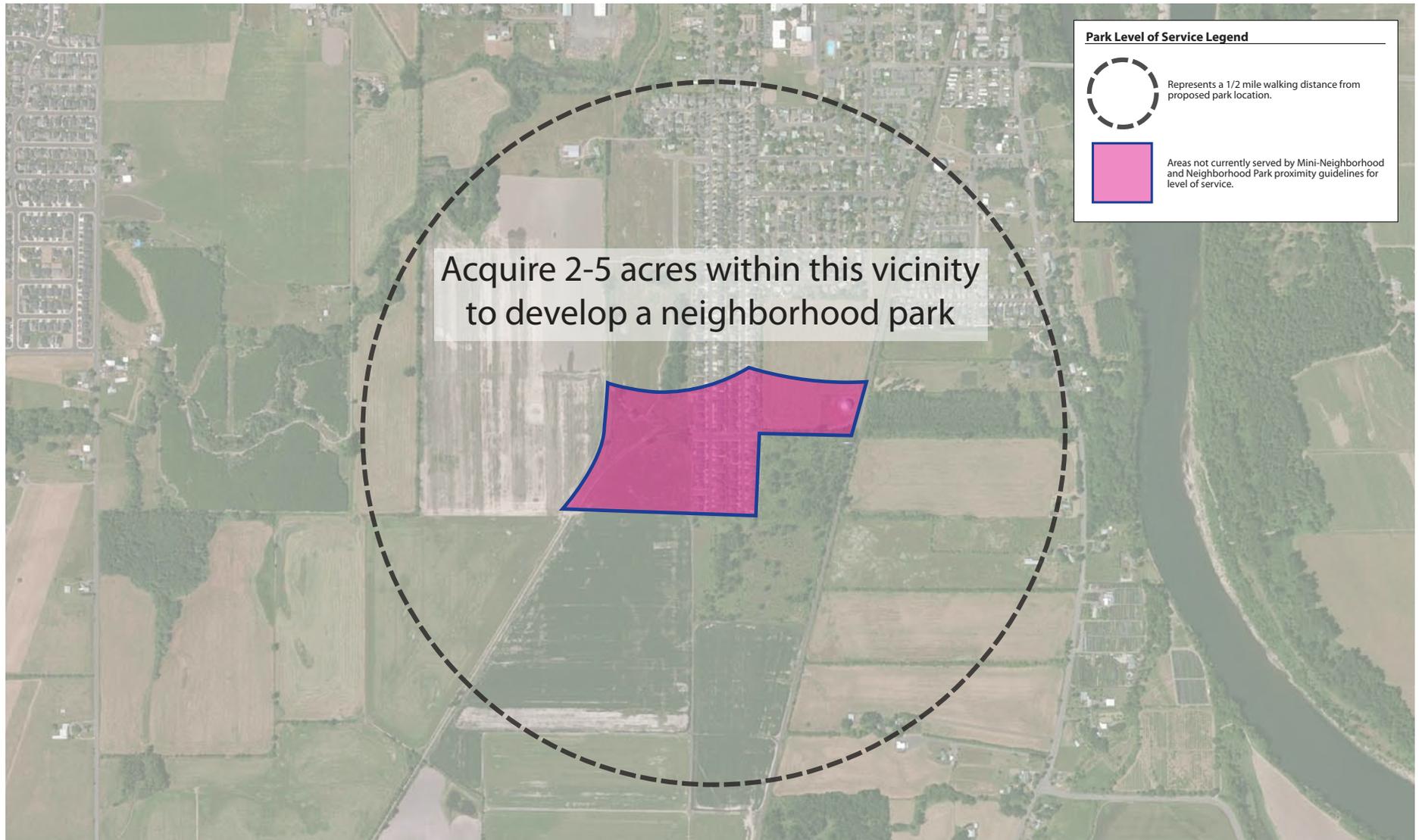
Section XI: Figure 10 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development - West Independence: Areas in pink illustrate areas not currently by park space. Circle boundary indicates general vicinity of where targeted acquisition should occur.



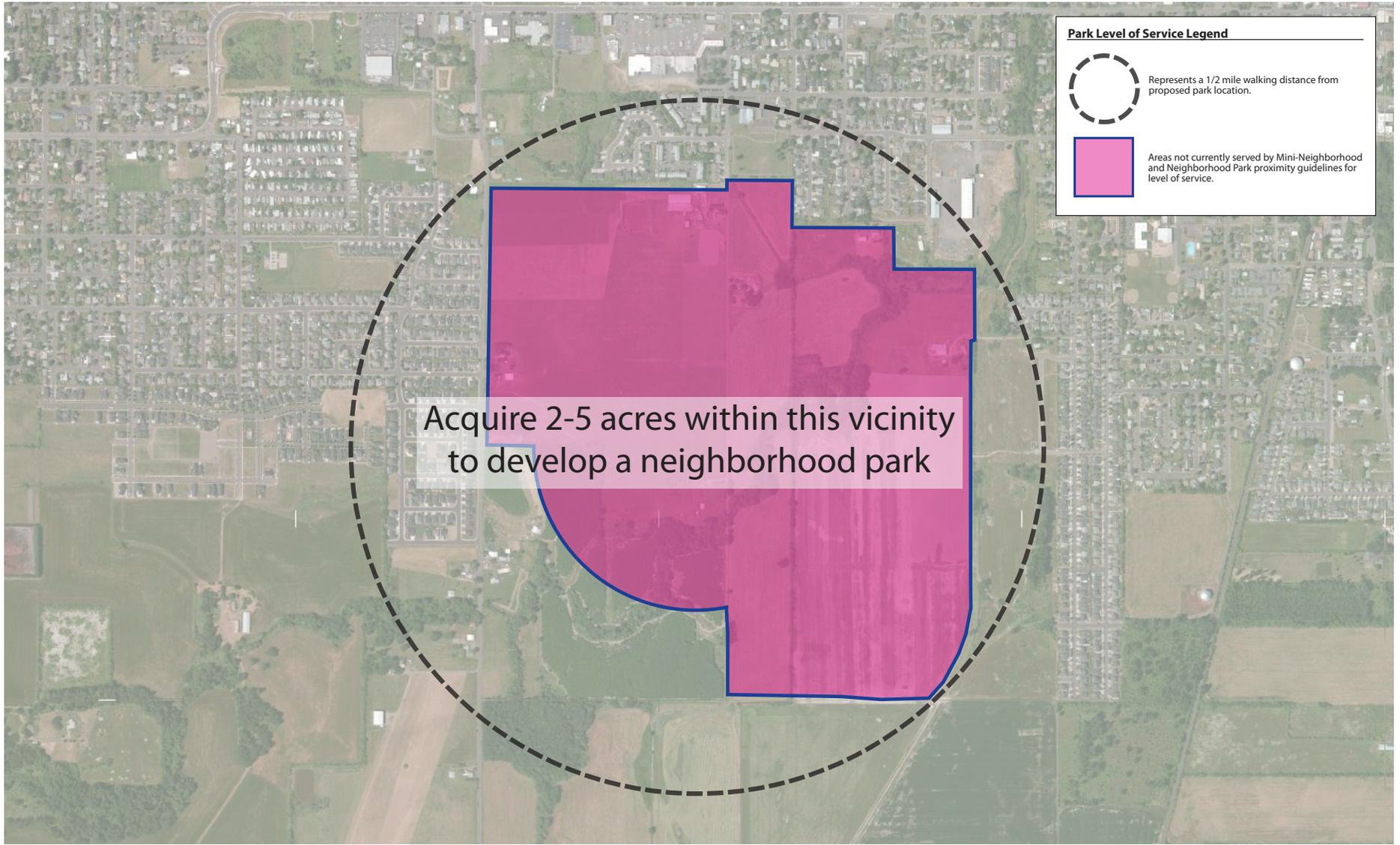
Section XI: Figure 11 Location for proposed park acquisition and development -13th Street - Areas in pink illustrate areas not currently by park lands. Circle boundary indicates general vicinity of where targeted acquisition should occur.



Section Xi: Figure 12 - Location for proposed park acquisition and development - South Independence: Areas in pink illustrate areas not currently by park space. Circle boundary indicates general vicinity of where targeted acquisition should occur.



Section Xi: Figure 12a - Location for proposed park acquisition and development - Southwest Independence: Areas in pink illustrate areas not currently by park space. Circle boundary indicates general vicinity of where targeted acquisition should occur.

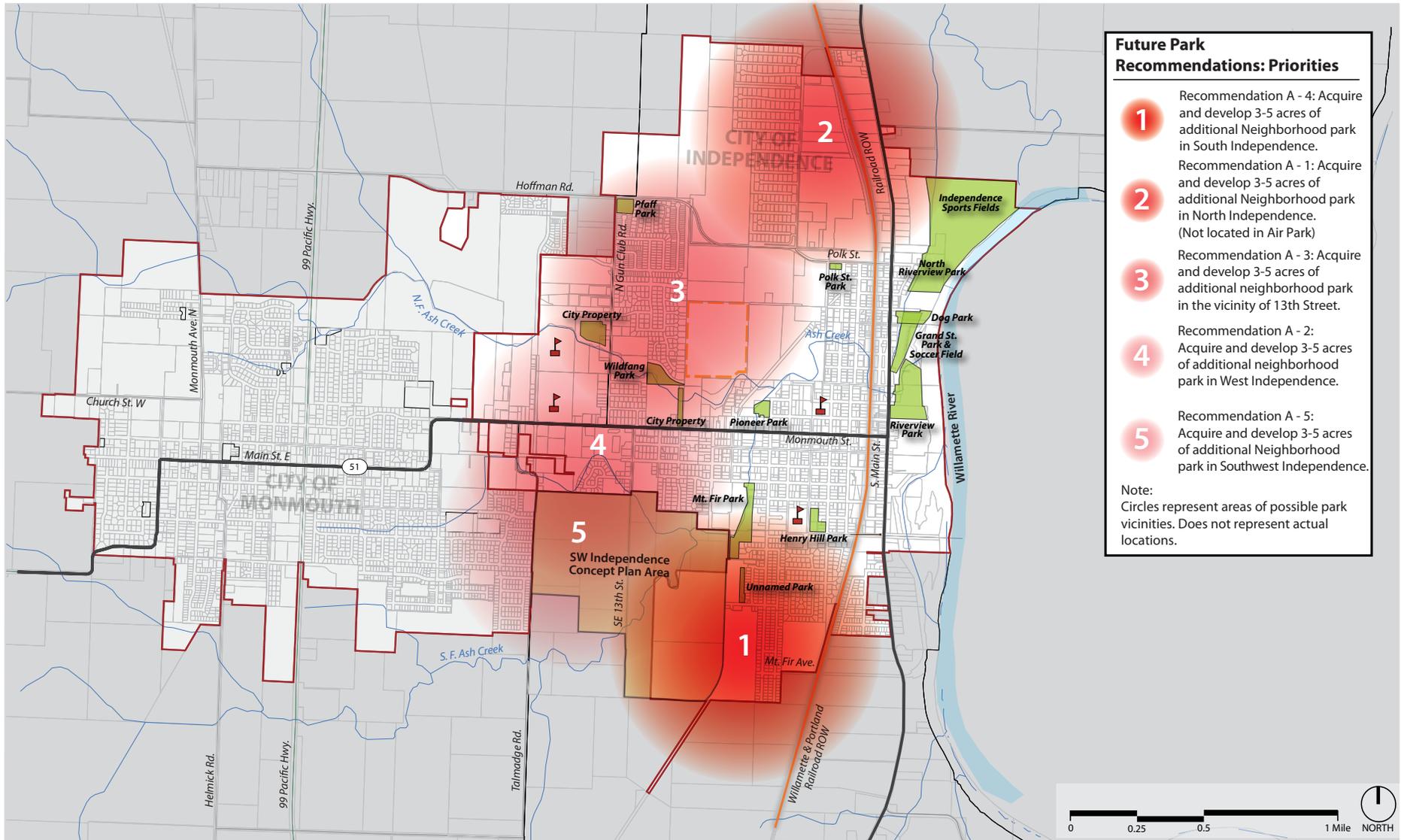


11.4B PRIORITY PARK ACQUISITION RECOMMENDATIONS

A list of priority park acquisitions has been extracted from the complete list of identified needs in Section II: 1.4 Recommendations for Individual Existing Parks. These priorities have been developed by identifying shared themes throughout all sources of community engagement discussed further in Section IV: Community Involvement, statewide and countywide recreation trends research discussed in the Section I: Inventory and Section III: Trends, the level of service analysis and needs assessment in Section X: Level of Service, and input provided by city staff. List is presented in descending order beginning with priority number one:

- 1. Recommendation A - 4:** Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in South Independence.
- 2. Recommendation A - 1:** Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional Neighborhood park in North Independence.
- 3. Recommendation A - 5:** Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in the vicinity of 13th Street.
- 4. Recommendation A - 2:** Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in West Independence.
- 5. Recommendation A - 5:** Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in Southwest Independence.

Section XI: Figure 13 - Priority Park Acquisition Recommendations



- Future Park Recommendations: Priorities**
- 1** Recommendation A - 4: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional Neighborhood park in South Independence.
 - 2** Recommendation A - 1: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional Neighborhood park in North Independence. (Not located in Air Park)
 - 3** Recommendation A - 3: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in the vicinity of 13th Street.
 - 4** Recommendation A - 2: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional neighborhood park in West Independence.
 - 5** Recommendation A - 5: Acquire and develop 3-5 acres of additional Neighborhood park in Southwest Independence.
- Note:
Circles represent areas of possible park vicinities. Does not represent actual locations.

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11.5 TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

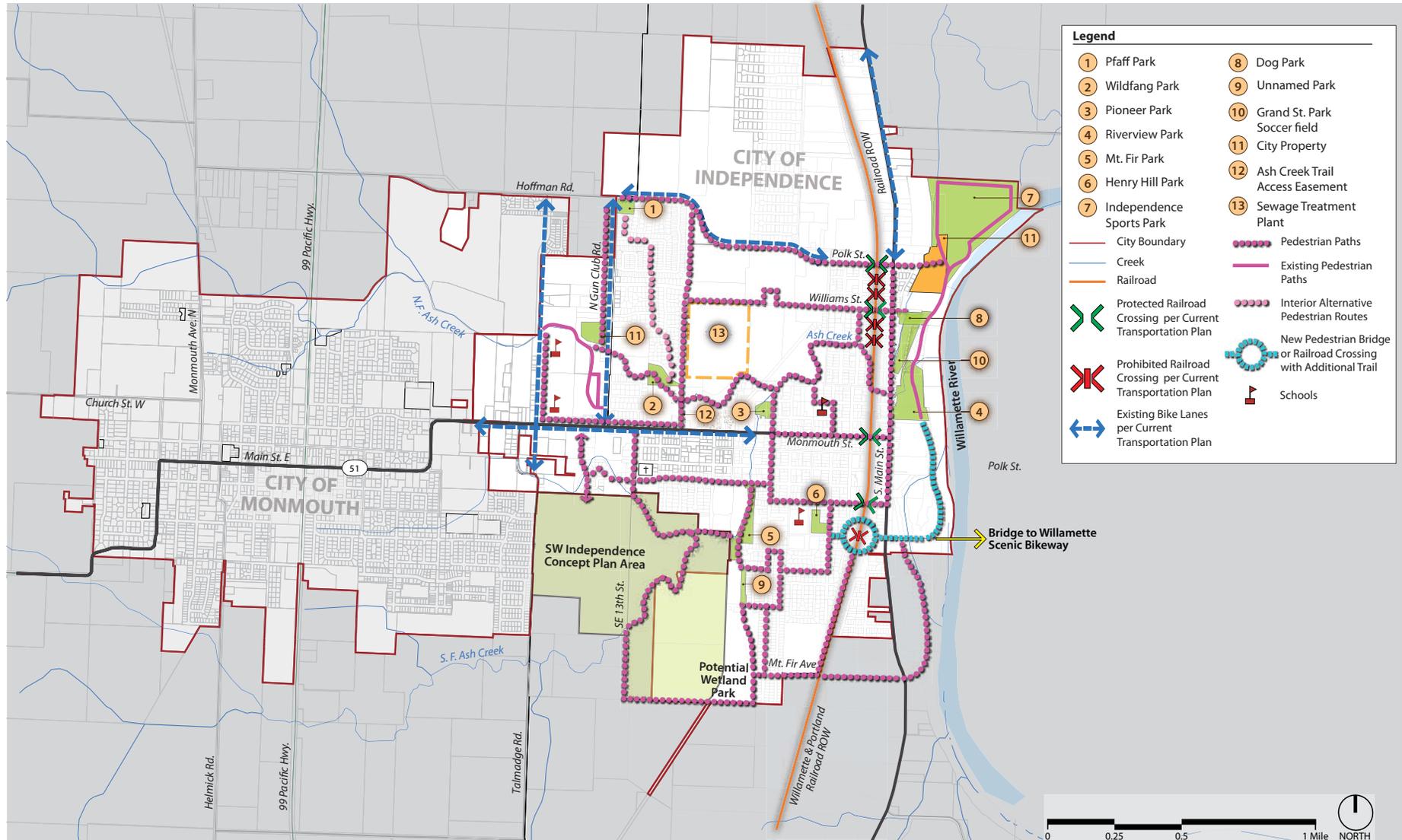
A well-connected bicycle and pedestrian network will reduce the distance bicyclists and pedestrians must travel to reach their destination. Such a network has many connections, direct and convenient routing, few dead-ends, and few physical barriers. In addition to unnecessarily long trips due to disconnected network, gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian networks can be a psychological or literal barrier to biking and walking. Greater bicycle and pedestrian connectivity can:

- Encourage physical activity and promote a healthy lifestyle
- Increase transit ridership
- Provide equal access to destinations for users of all modes
- Increase safety for bicycles and pedestrians
- Increase community involvement and activity in developing policy and promoting connectivity projects

An overall wayfinding plan is recommended for creating access and connectivity across the parks system as defined in Section VII: Wayfinding and Interpretation and provided on the next page for reference (Section XI: Figure 14- Wayfinding Plan- Pedestrian Routes).

The following is a list of the identified trail connectivity improvement projects to create connectivity and access across the city highlighting identified routes in the **Section VII: Wayfinding Plan and Interpretive Plan**. The identified trail connectivity improvement projects are comprehensive and represent review and comments by the Parks Advisory Board, community input, stakeholder interviews, community outreach meetings, intercept surveys and online surveys. The following trails are presented on the following pages:

Section XI: Figure 14 - Pedestrian Routes



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- Recommendation T - 1:** North South Connector Trail #1
- Recommendation T - 2:** North South Connector Trail #2
- Recommendation T - 3:** Ash Creek Trail
- Recommendation T - 4:** Mt. Fir Trail North/South
- Recommendation T - 5:** Mt. Fir Connector Trail
- Recommendation T - 6:** River Trail
- Recommendation T - 7:** Going to the River Trail
- Recommendation T - 8:** Central High School Connector Trail – A collection of identified high priority trail projects is presented directly after this list.

Section XI: Figure 15 - Location for trail connectivity improvement projects



Recommendation T - 1: North South Connector Trail #1
 Create a North South trail connection south of Hoffman Road and continuing south through the powerline corridor to meet Wildfang Park. Designated areas within the corridor provide stormwater treatment facilities. Trail would require linear trail corridor on western edge of City owned sewage treatment plant property and possible pedestrian bridge crossing of drainage ditch. Dependent upon alignment, trail could require possible easement on adjacent property owner.

Recommendation T - 1B: Build 10 foot trail

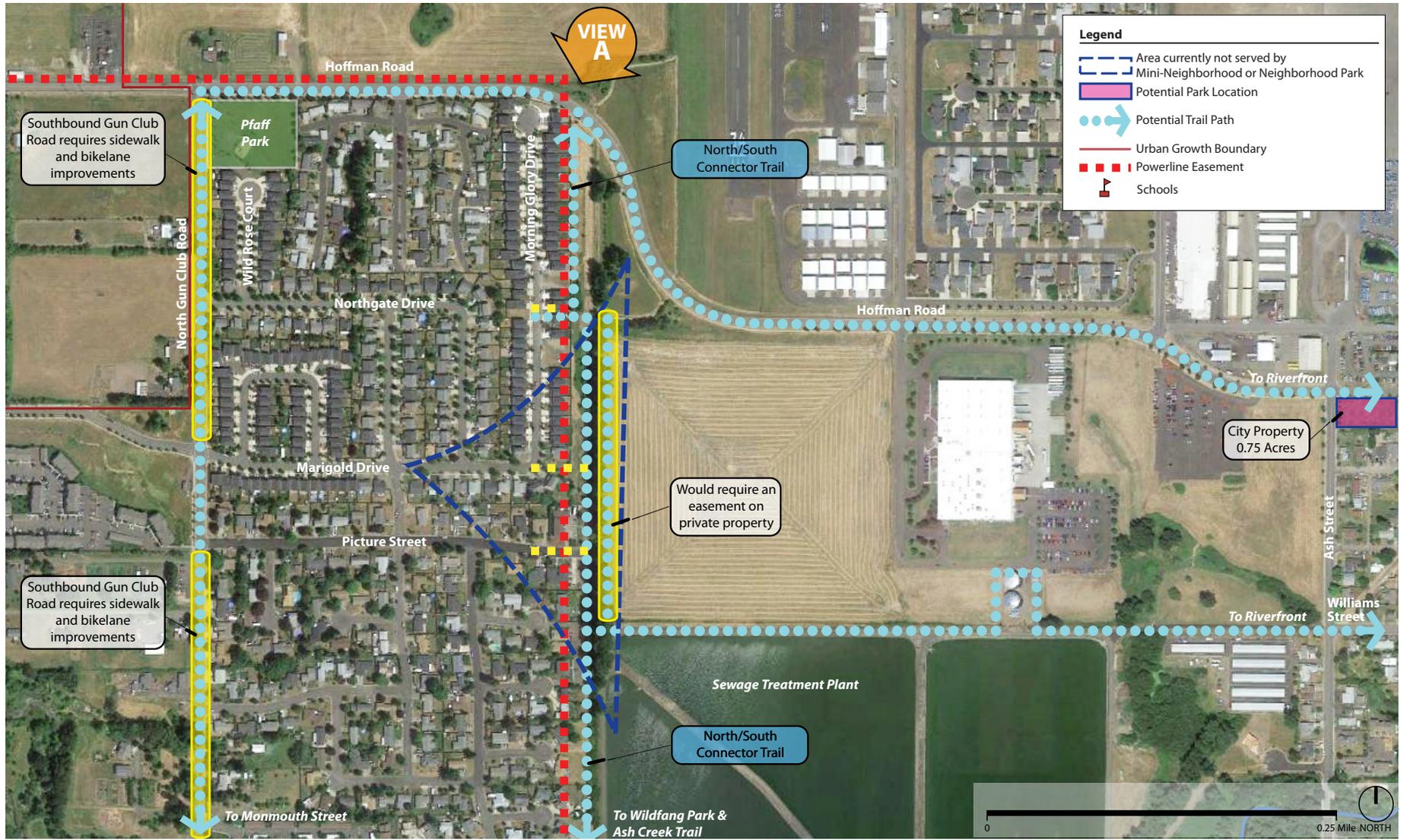
Recommendation T - 1C: Provide neighborhood trail corridor connections at Northgate Drive, Marigold Drive, and Picture Street

Recommendation T - 1A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trail to inform and orient visitors.



Section XI: Figure 16 - Trail Improvements, North/South Connector Trail #1

Section XI: Figure 17 - Trail Improvements, North/South Connector Trail #1



Recommendation T - 2: North South Connector Trail #2

Create a North South trail connection north from Monmouth Street to Wildfang Park to meet Wildfang Park. Trail would meet Wildfang Park, provide linkage to east west circulation of Ash Creek Trail. Trail would require permanent easement and agreement with PGE.

Recommendation T - 2A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 2B: Build 10 foot trail



Section XI: Figure 18 - Trail Improvements, View B

Section XI: Figure 19 - Trail Improvements, North/South Connector Trail #2



Recommendation T - 3: Ash Creek Trail- Phase I

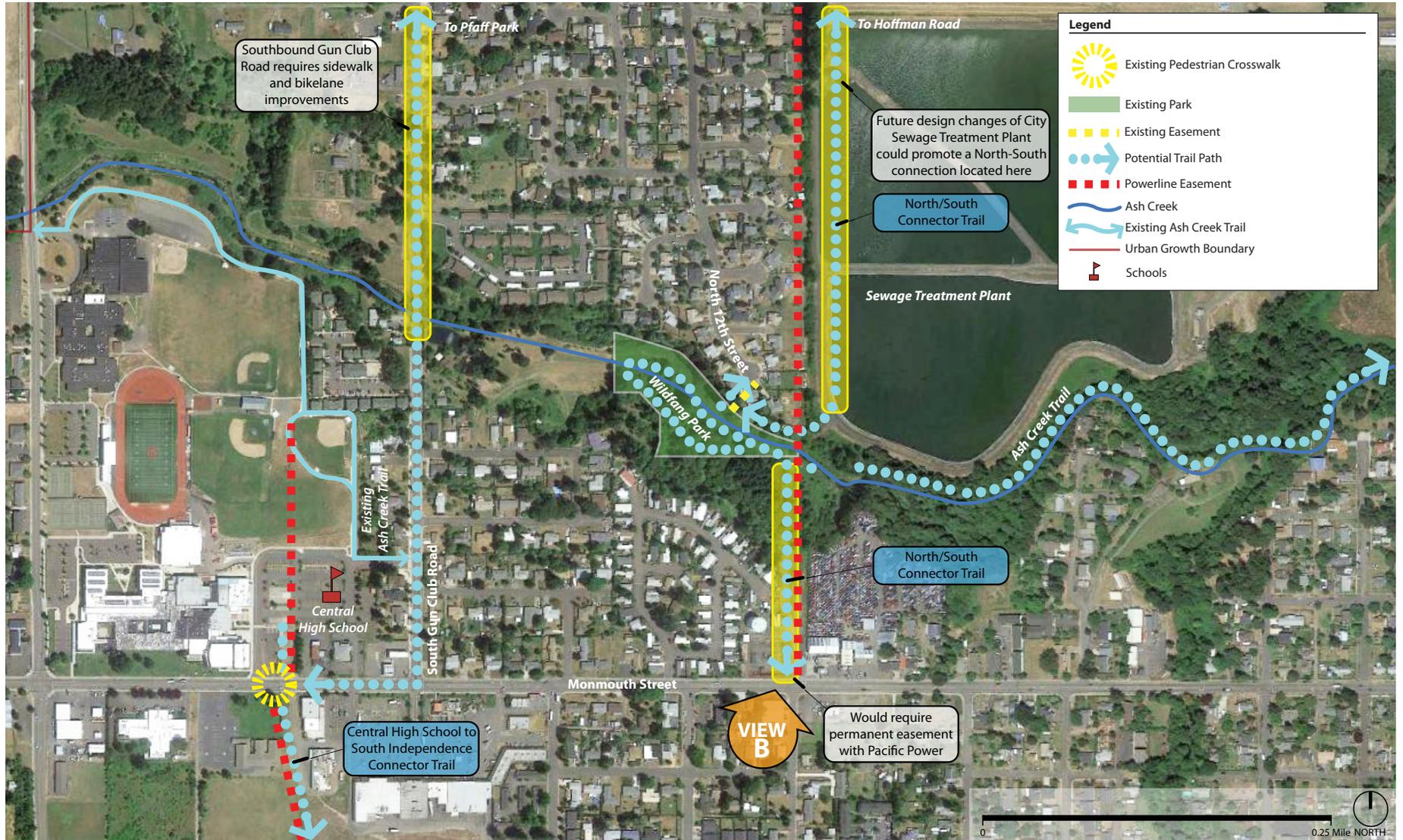
Create a East/West trail connection from Willamette River and Riverview Park to Wildfang Park.

Recommendation T - 3A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 3B: Build 10 foot trail

Recommendation T - 3C: Partner efforts with organizations such as the Luckiamute Watershed Council, Ash Creek Water Control District and other environmentally focused community organizations for restoration of Ash Creek during and after construction of Ash Creek trail. Minimize impacts to existing vegetation during construction of the trail to the greatest extent possible.

Section XI: Figure 20 - Trail Improvements, Ash Creek Trail



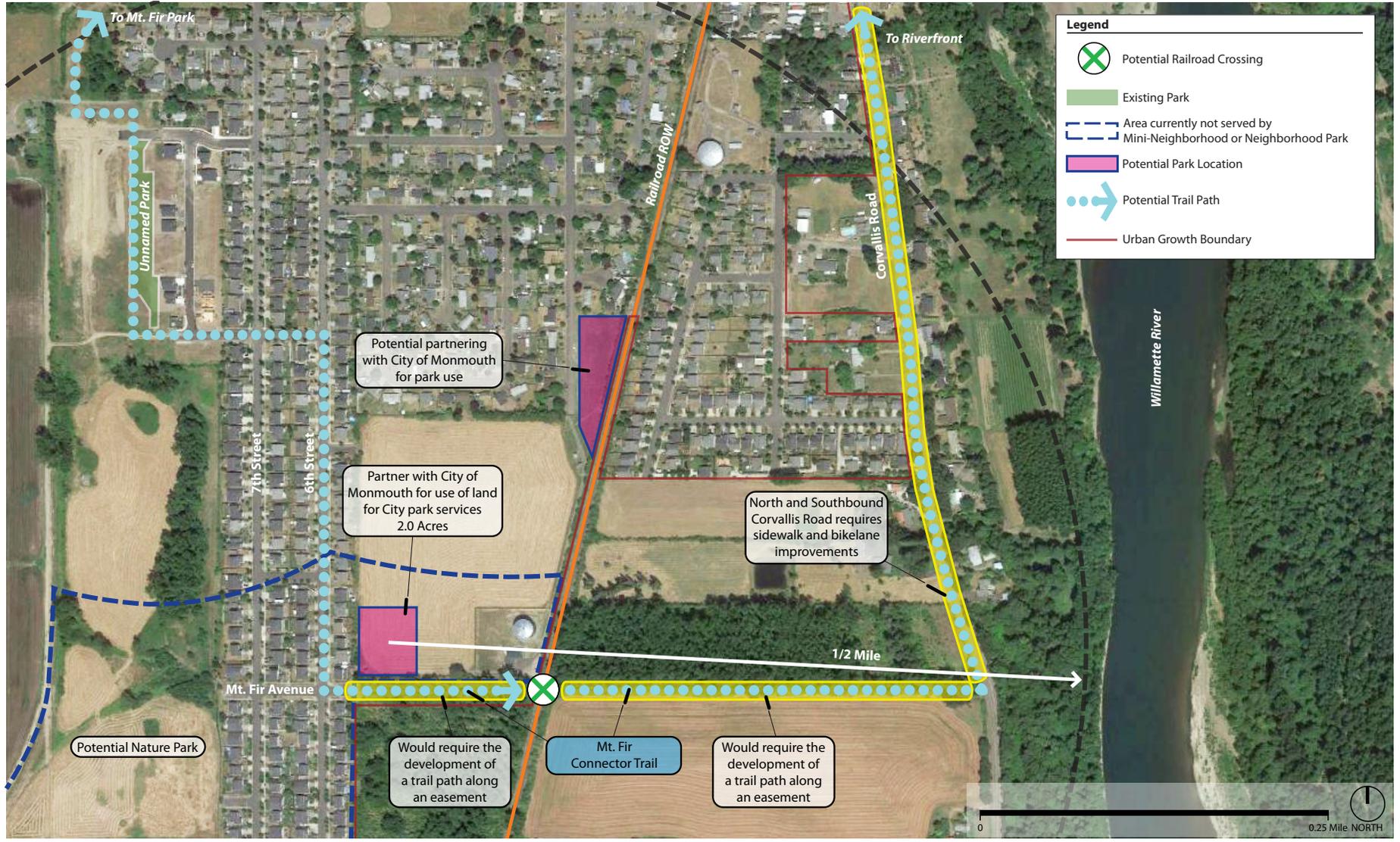
Recommendation T - 4: Mt. Fir North-South Trail

Create a North/South trail connection from F Street at Mt Fir Park to the south throughout the park to connect across Becken Road to reach pedestrian easement to Un-named Park.

Recommendation T - 4A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 4B: Build 10 foot trail

Section XI: Figure 21 - Trail Improvements, Mt. Fir North-South Trail



Recommendation T - 5: Mt. Fir Connector Trail

Create a East-West trail connection from Mt. Fir Street to the east to Corvallis Road. Connection will require a bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing of railroad tracks.

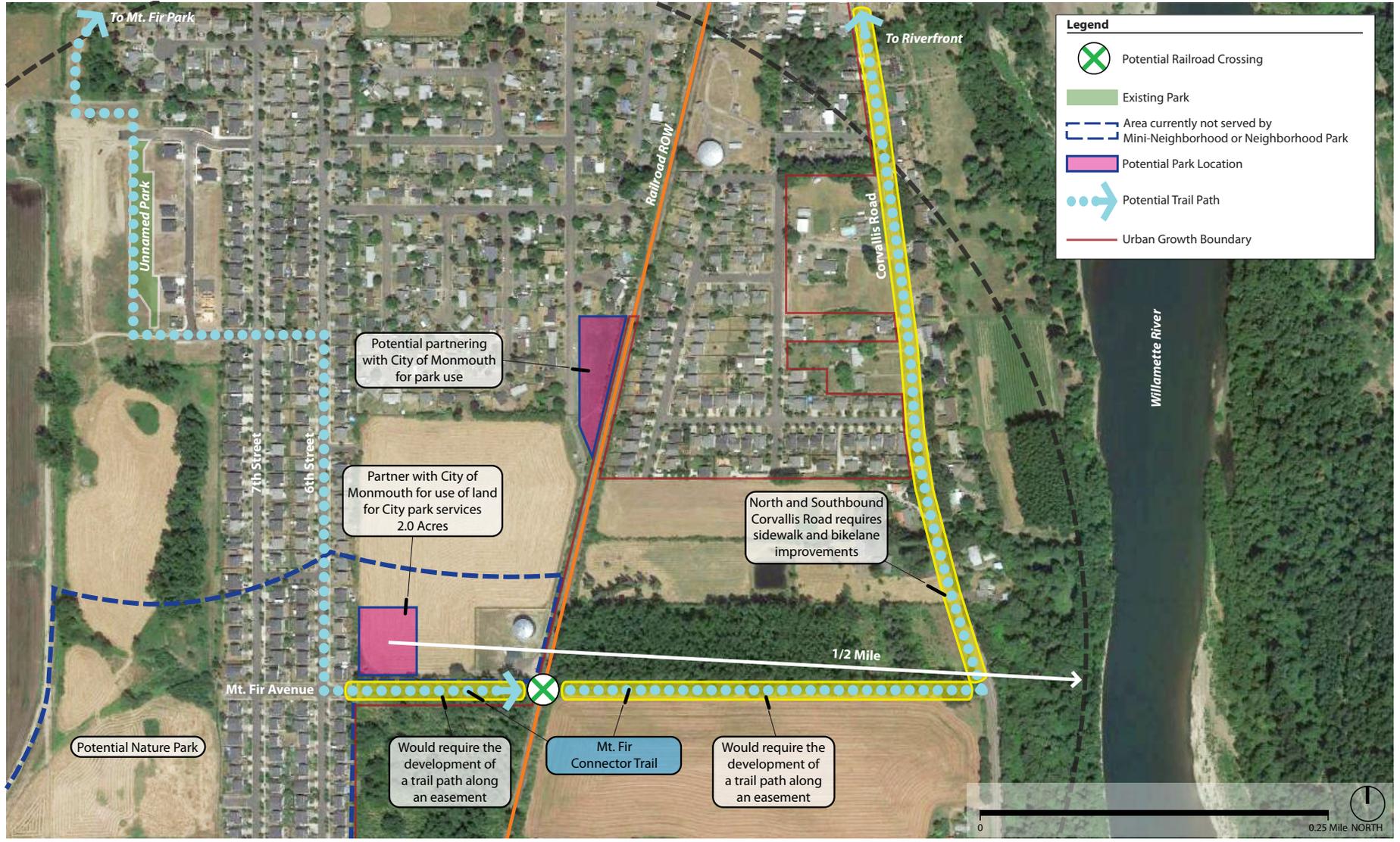
Recommendation T - 5A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 5B: Build 10 foot trail



Section XI: Figure 21 - Trail Improvements, View D: Mt Fir Connector Trail

Section XI: Figure 22 - Trail Improvements, Mt. Fir Connector Trail



Recommendation T - 6: River Trail

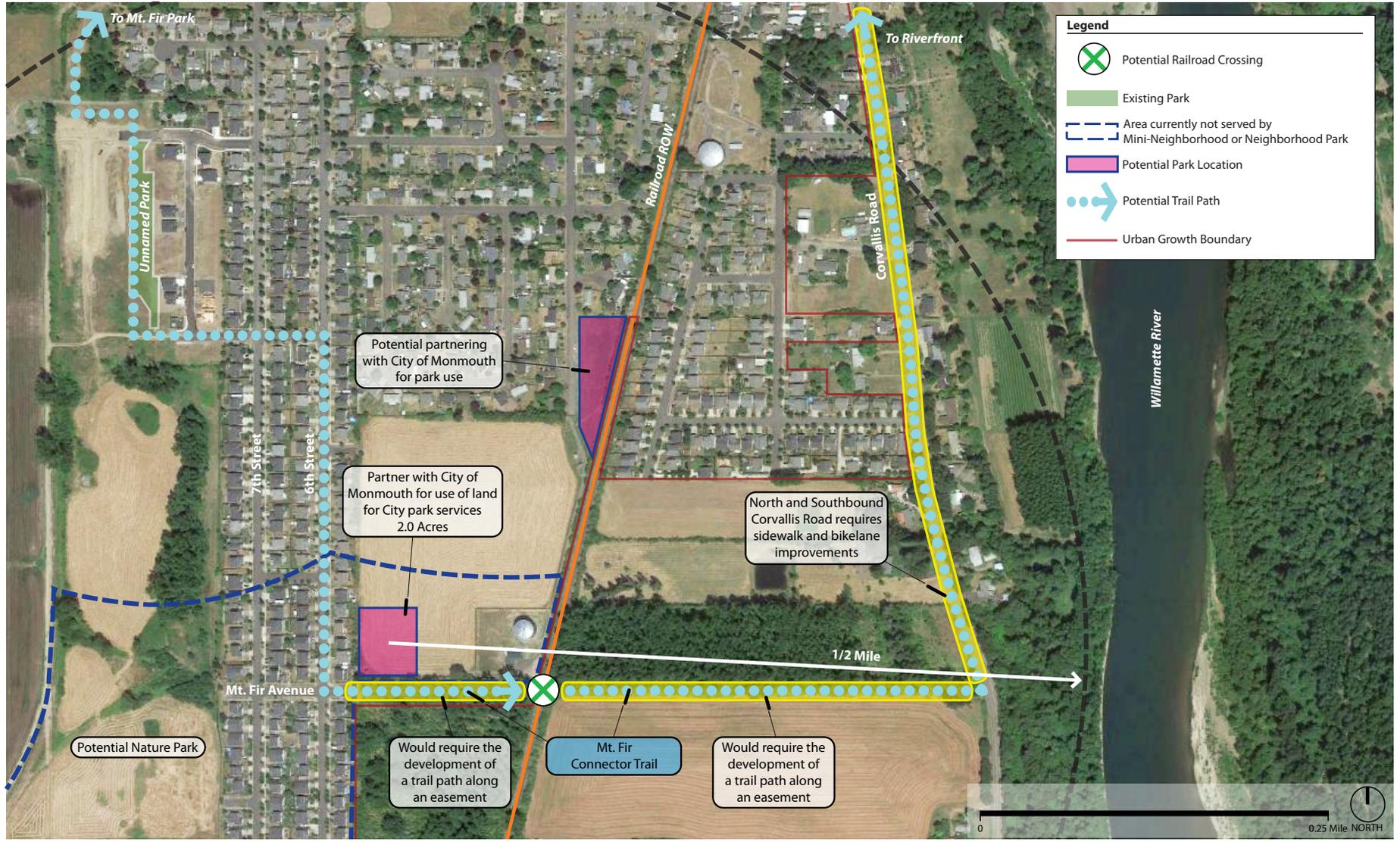
Create a north/south trail along Willamette Riverfront. Additional details for the River Trail are provided in Section XII: Riverfront Recommendations.

Recommendation T - 6A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 6B: Continue 12.0 foot paved trail north of Ash Creek Pedestrian bridge to the north to Boat launch area.

Recommendation T - 6C: Create 12.0 foot paved trail south of Riverview Park and continue south across Valley Concrete site to southern terminus and connection to Corvallis Road.

Section XI: Figure 23 - Trail Improvements, River Trail



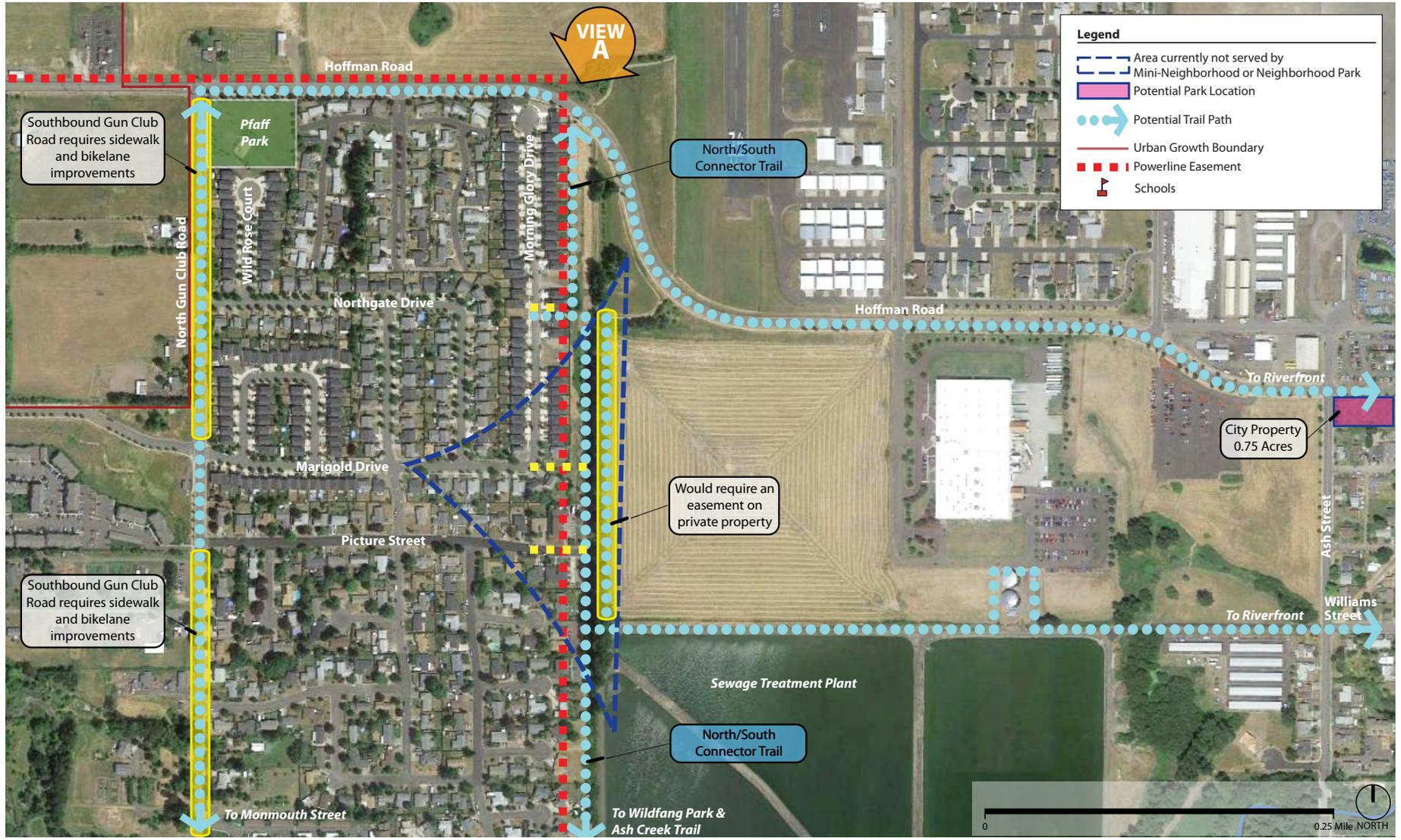
Recommendation T - 7: Going to the River Trail

Create an east-west connection from Williams Street extending west across the northern limits of the City's Sewage Treatment facility to connect with Howard Court.

Recommendation T - 7A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 7B: Create 10 foot wide paved trail.

Section XI: Figure 24 - Trail Improvements, Going to the River Trail

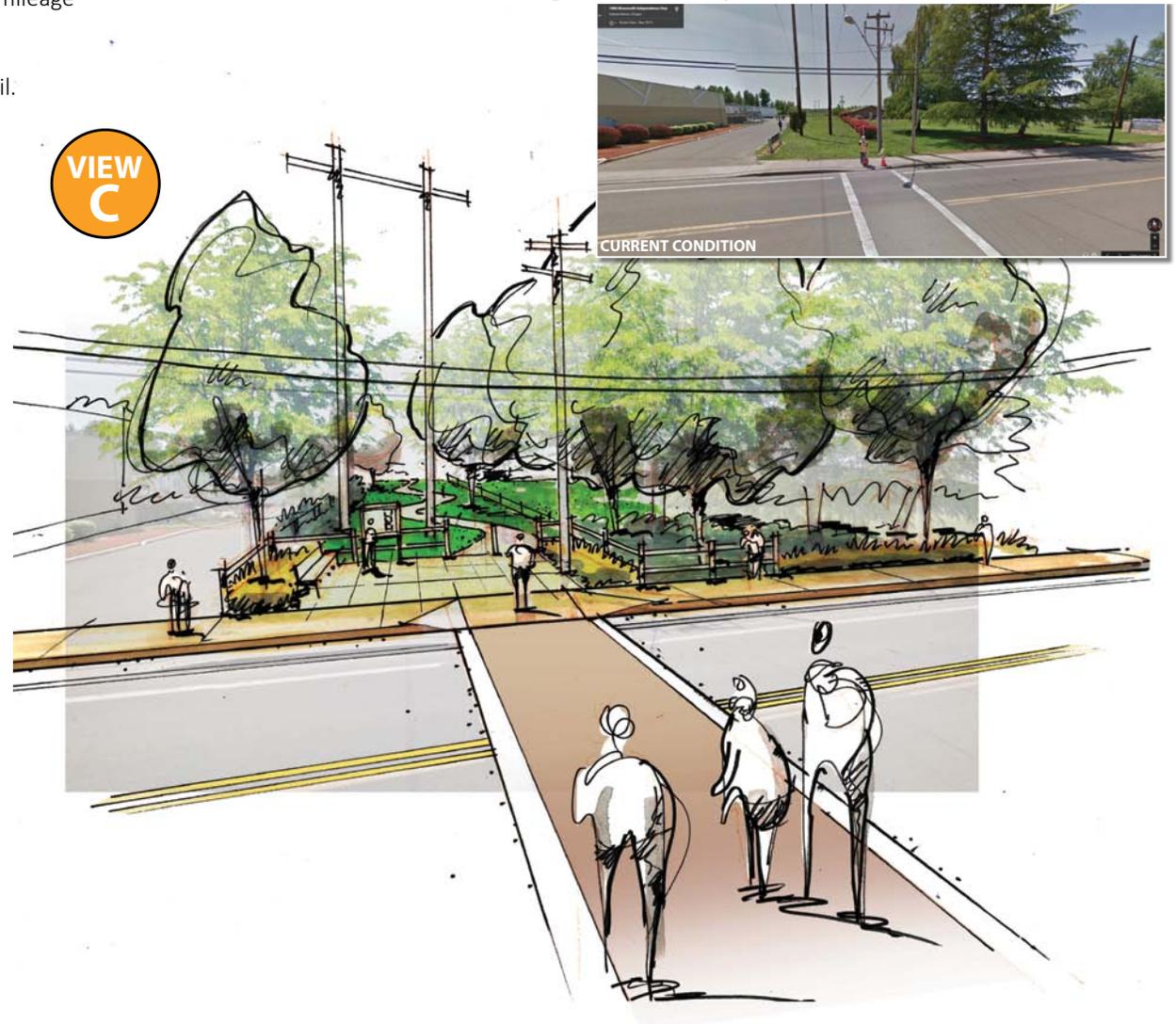


Recommendation T - 8: Central High School Connector Trail
Create a north south connection cross Monmouth Street to the south through powerline easement to reach neighborhoods south of Monmouth Street for students attending Central High School

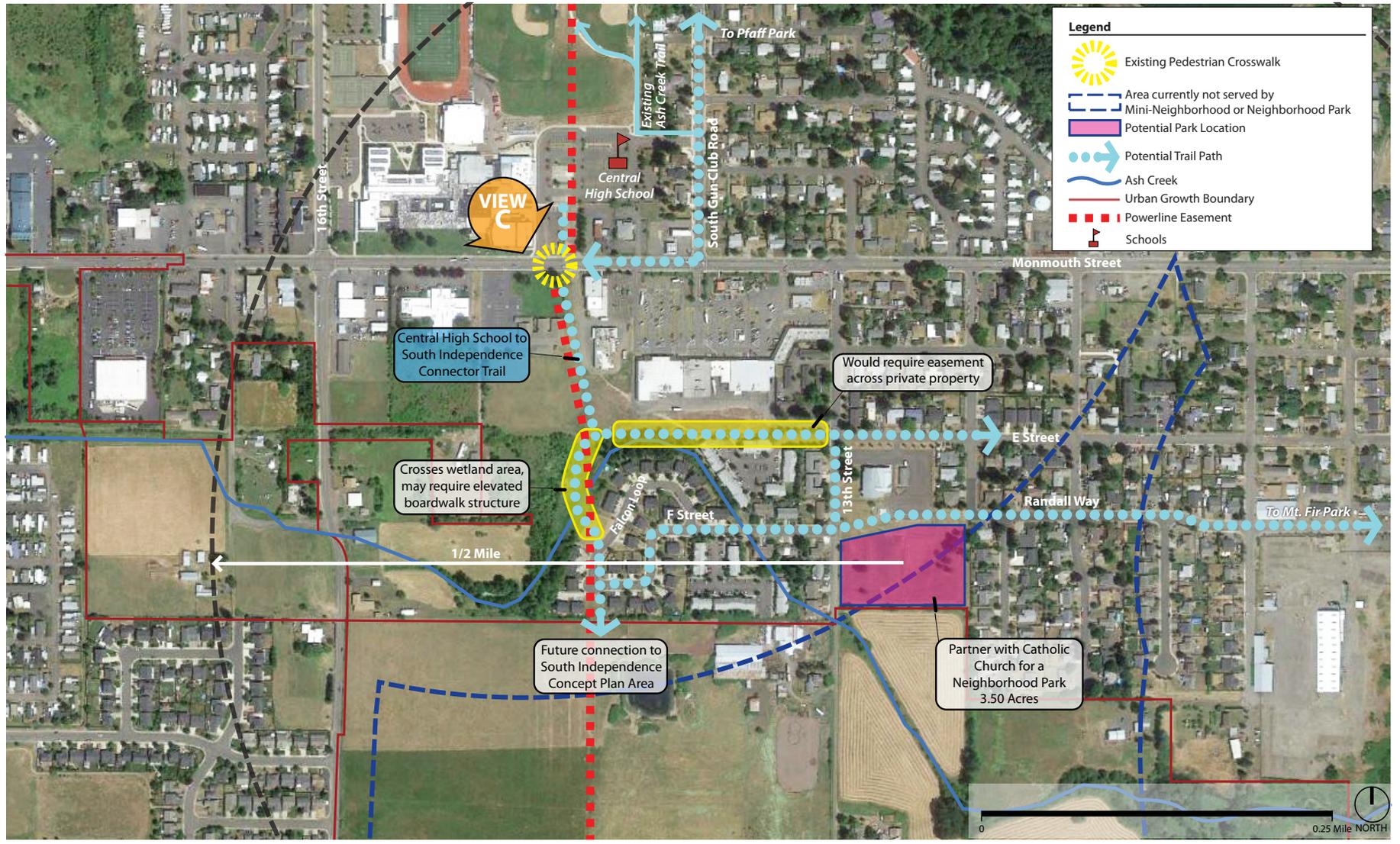
Recommendation T - 8A: Provide trail signage and trail mileage markers at trailhead to inform and orient visitors.

Recommendation T - 8B: Create 10 foot wide paved trail.

Section XI: Figure 25 - Trail Improvements, View D: Mt Fir Connector Trail



Section XI: Figure 26 - Trail Improvements, Central High School Connector Trail

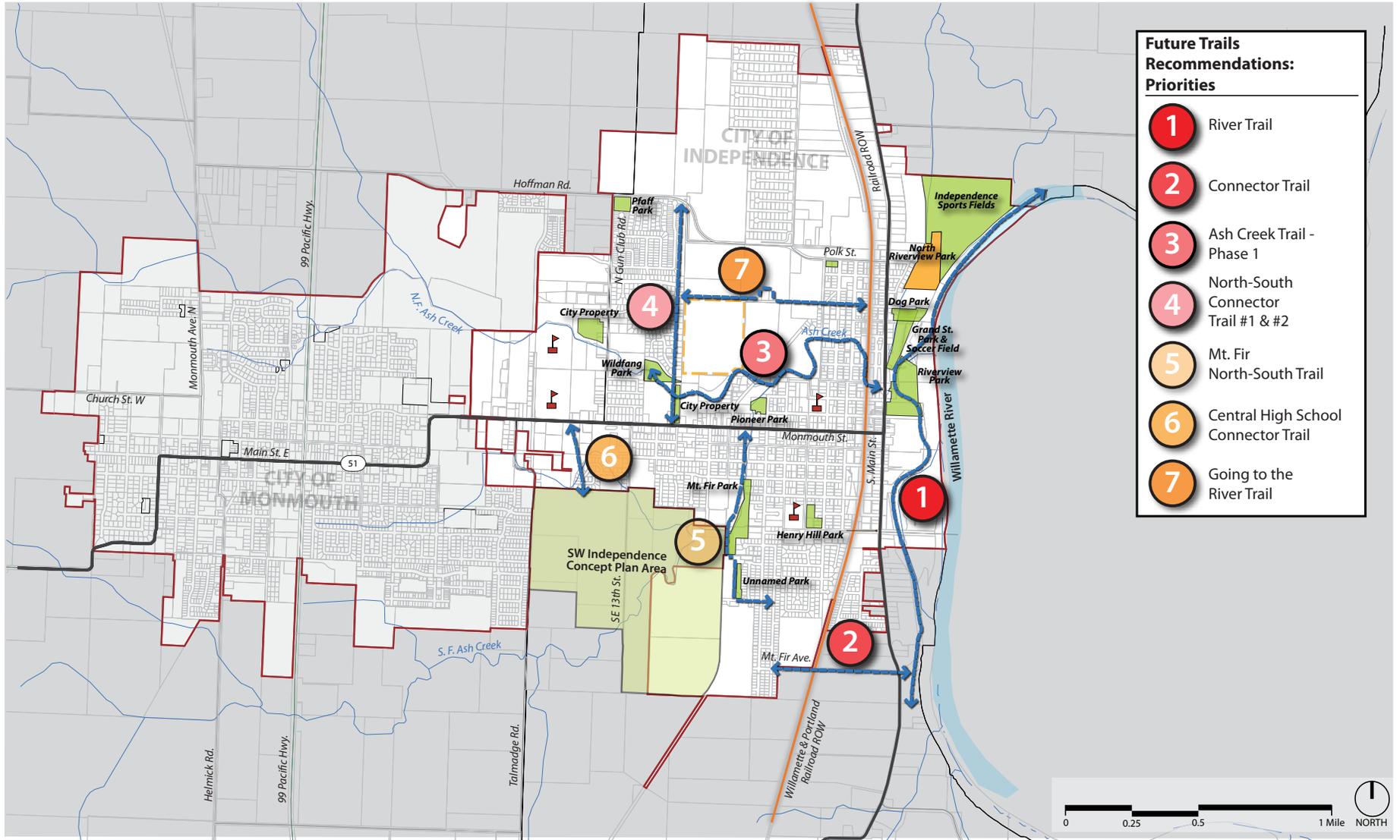


11.5A PRIORITY TRAIL CONNECTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

A list of priority trail recommendations has been extracted from the complete list of identified needs. These priorities have been developed by identifying shared themes throughout all sources of community engagement discussed further in Section IV: Community Involvement, statewide and countywide recreation trends research discussed in the Section I: Inventory and Section III: Trends, the level of service analysis and needs assessment in Section X: Level of Service, and input provided by city staff. List is presented in descending order beginning with priority number one:

1. **Recommendation T - 6:** River Trail
2. **Recommendation T - 5:** Mt. Fir Connector Trail
3. **Recommendation T - 3:** Ash Creek Trail- Phase I
4. **Recommendation T - 1 and T - 2:** North South Connector Trail #1 and North South Connector Trail #2
5. **Recommendation T - 4:** Mt. Fir North-South Trail
6. **Recommendation T - 8:** Central High School Connector Trail
7. **Recommendation T - 7:** Going to the River Trail

Section XI: Figure 26a - Priority Trail Connections Recommendations



- Future Trails Recommendations: Priorities**
- 1 River Trail
 - 2 Connector Trail
 - 3 Ash Creek Trail - Phase 1
 - 4 North-South Connector Trail #1 & #2
 - 5 Mt. Fir North-South Trail
 - 6 Central High School Connector Trail
 - 7 Going to the River Trail

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11.6 INTERIM WAYFINDING DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

A list of interim wayfinding development recommendations has been extracted from the complete list of identified needs.

1. **Recommendation Interim Wayfinding - a:** Consistency – Be consistent in the use of materials and designs for signage to reduce confusion or lack of identity for the city.
2. **Recommendation Interim Wayfinding - b:** Alternative Methods – Consider the use of paint on sidewalks or trails that give direction but are not permanent.
3. **Recommendation Interim Wayfinding - c:** Temporary vs. Permanent – Use methods and materials that are less expensive and temporary to avoid developing wayfinding signage that needs to be removed in a year or two when a new system is implemented.
4. **Recommendation Interim Wayfinding - d:** Testing – If budgets and time permit, test out different materials and methods to get user feedback. For example, does the use of an icon suffice vs. the use of words?
5. **Recommendation Interim Wayfinding - e:** Experimentation – Is there a design program at a local community college or university that might take on the development of a temporary wayfinding system and test out materials and designs as a class project or a senior project?

11.6A WAYFINDING AND INTERPRETATION RECOMMENDATIONS

A list of wayfinding and interpretation recommendations has been extracted from the complete list of identified needs.

1. **Recommendation - a:** Develop the City of Independence brand and graphic standards.
2. **Recommendation - b:** Develop a city-wide master wayfinding plan.
3. **Recommendation - c:** Develop a Park System Map.
4. **Recommendation - d:** Consider public art features as method for wayfinding.
5. **Recommendation - e:** Develop a Needs Assessment for Park Educational Use.
6. **Recommendation - f:** Create a graphic standards and a style guide for future interpretive products.
7. **Recommendation - g:** Create a Interpretive Classification System for individual park units.
8. **Recommendation - h:** Develop a functional Public Art Program.