PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Plan

To establish a path forward for providing high quality, community-driven park facilities and recreation programs for Covington residents. The Plan will set goals and priorities for the City and recommend specific improvements for the next 6 - 10 years.

Primary Goals of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan

- Engage local residents to inform the plan update
- Conduct conditions assessment of parks, facilities, trails
- Examine levels of service and ongoing maintenance needs
- Strategize for future citywide improvements and upgrades

Project Timeline

The planning project started in April. A draft plan will be discussed by the Parks Commission in early fall, with review and adoption by City Council in late February 2016.

Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

Our mission is to build a great community together through people, parks and programs.

Place a Dot Where You Live...

PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Growing a Legacy of Parks, Places & Spaces for Active Living

How satisfied are you with your neighborhood park? Is there a demand for more park space in your neighborhood?

What outdoor recreation opportunities are too limited or missing in Covington?

Are there enough playgrounds available for younger kids? Older kids?

Are there enough outdoor recreational opportunities for teens? Seniors? Special needs groups?

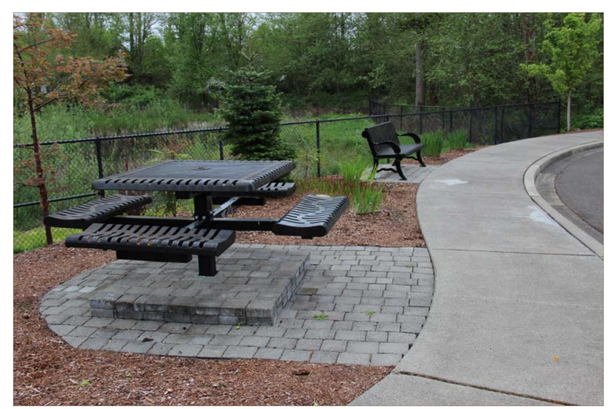
What do you want kids to remember about growing up in Covington?

Outdoor Events

Skatepark

Playgrounds

Walking Paths


Picnic Areas

Sport Courts

TRAILS & LINKAGES

Trails Connecting across Covington

What are the key routes you *would* take, but don't because of access restrictions or other concerns?

Where are the missing links?

What trail improvements would encourage you to walk or bike more frequently?

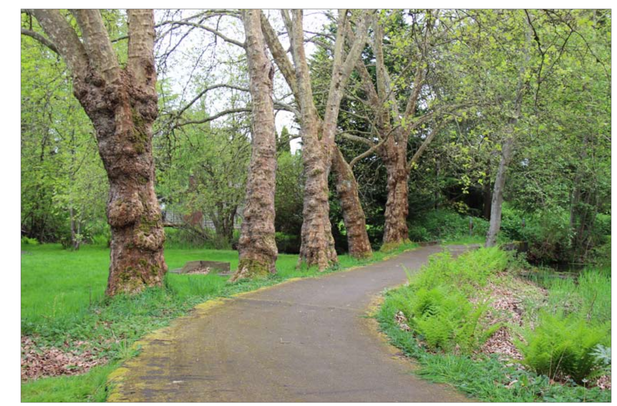
What other community destinations would be well served by direct and safe bicycle and pedestrian trails?

What is the average distance you prefer to cover when you use trails?

Park Pathways

Bike Lanes

Park Pathways



Park Pathways

Multi-Use Trails

Volunteer Trail Building

INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

What are your top priorities for Covington's parks facilities and amenities?

Please rank priority improvements for Covington over the next 6 years.

Facility Types	(place a dot on your priorities)
Water Spray Park or Splash Pad	
Additional or Synthetic Turf Sport Fields	
Multi-Use Community Recreation Center	
Land Acquisition for Future Parks	
Off-Leash Dog Areas	
Multi-Use, Paved Trails	
Expand and/or Renovate the Aquatic Center	
Picnic Shelters & Playgrounds	
Improve and/or Enhance Existing Parks	

Active & Activated Parks

Growing a Legacy for Parks, Places & Spaces for Active Living

From bike skills courses to accessible playgrounds to spraygrounds to natural play areas, the types of play experiences cities are providing are changing and diversifying.

Are there other types of experiences that you'd like to see in Covington?

EXISTING ASSETS

Neighborhood Parks

Pathways

Large Community Park

Private HOA Parks

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative Playgrounds

Shelters

Splashpad / Water Play

Plaza / Performance Space

Indoor Recreation

Exercise Classes / Stations

Community Gardens

All-Season Multi-Sport Fields

AQUATICS

Life-Long Recreation, Fitness & Water Safety

The Aquatic Center currently offers a lap pool and small party room. As the community continues to grow, are there other improvements you would suggest?

Are there other aquatic programs the City should offer or schedule more time slots for?

What blend of facilities would encourage you to visit more often or stay longer?

Swim Lessons

Water Exercise

Open Swim

Competitive Swim

Family Activities

Special Events

RECREATION PROGRAMS

A Variety of Programs for All Ages & All Seasons

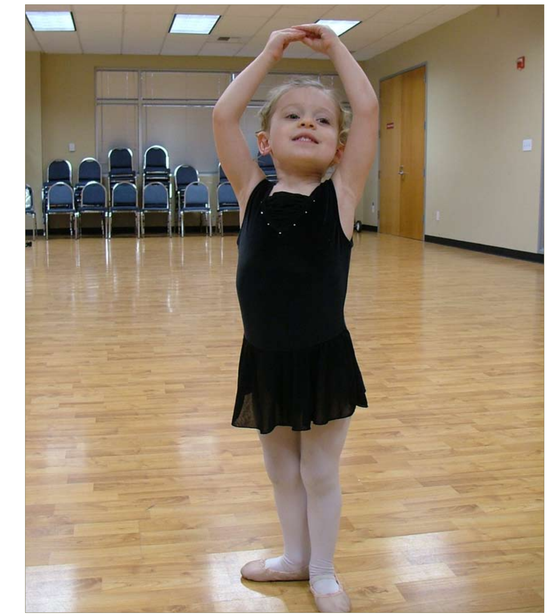
A wide array of activities exist today – from youth sports, to aquatics, to dance, to community events. What recreation opportunities are missing?

What kinds of recreation programs, activities or classes would you or your family use?

Are there specific programs or classes that Covington should offer?

Are there specific age groups that need access to additional programs? What types of activities or programs should be offered?

Zumba



Dance & Yoga

Youth Flag Football

Youth Soccer

Arts & Crafts

RECREATION PROGRAMS

What are Your Top Priorities for Covington's Recreation Programs?

Please rank priority programs for Covington over the next 6 years.

Facility Types	(place a dot on your priorities)
Before and after school programs	
Youth summer camps	
Youth sports	
Youth fitness and wellness programs	
Adult fitness and wellness programs	
Adult sports programs	
Gymnastics and tumbling programs	
Martial arts programs	
Outdoor education / nature programs	
Other?	

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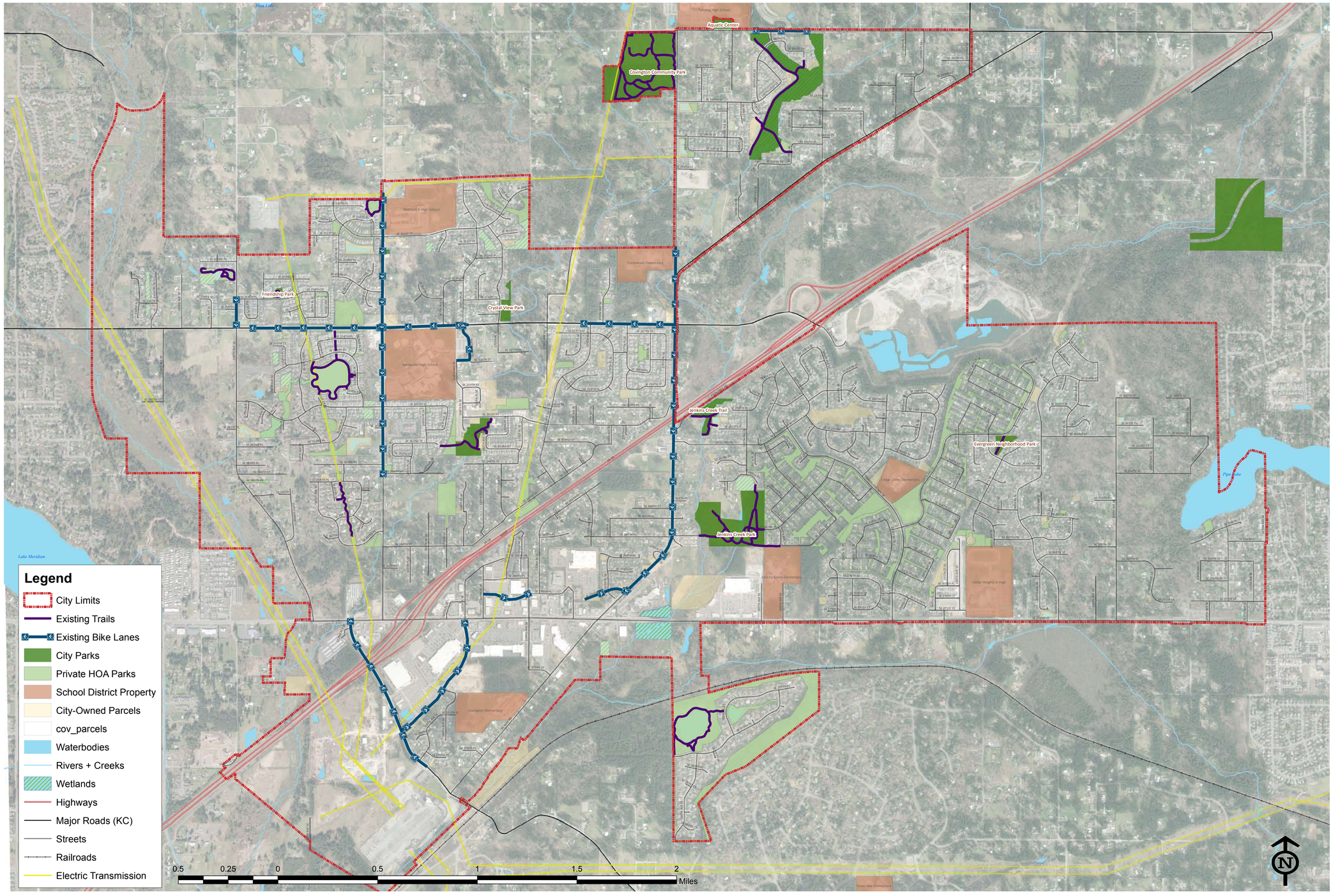

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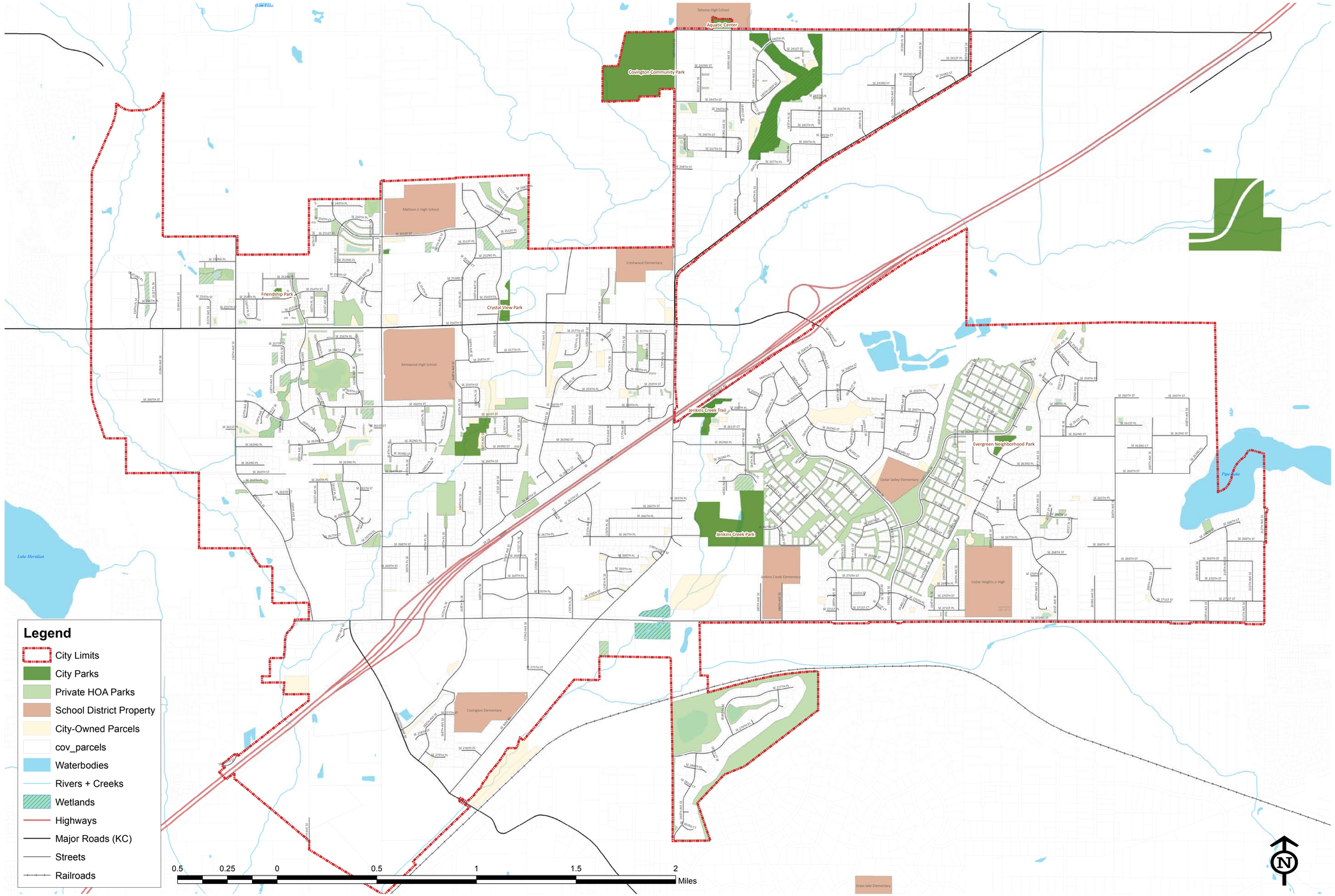

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