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Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

Edina Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Agenda Item II. C.

Background & Process

- City Council Resolution: October 2000
 - “ The City of Edina supports the efforts of the Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District to implement a first tier system of trails, greenways and parks and endorses the development of a conceptual plan”

Background & Process

- City Council Resolution: December 2003

“ The City of Edina supports the efforts of the Three Rivers Park District to implement the Richfield/Edina Trail Corridor”

Background & Process

- City Council Resolution: July 2009
 - “City Council supports the efforts of Three Rivers Park District to direct completion of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet and use the results to determine a preferred route for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through the City of Edina”

Background & Process

- September 29, 2010 Joint Work Session suggested three alternatives (creek-based option, road-based option & no route option).
- City Council has asked Park Board for a recommendation.

Background & Process

- Public Hearing at City Council meeting Tuesday, December 7, 2010.
- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Edina Public Schools
- Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners

Benefits of Walking/Biking Trail

- 7 ½ additional miles of new biking/walking trails.
- 14 acres of new park amenities.
- Connects Edina to a greater regional trail system.
- Promotes & offers get fit activities (healthy life style) for all ages.

Benefits of Walking/Biking Trail

- Gives residents more access to enjoy nature and the out of doors.
- Provides additional safe off-road biking opportunities (vs. on-road bike lanes).
- Provides regional recreational facilities within the City of Edina.

Staff Recommendation – Creek Based Option

- 2006 Community Attitude & Interest Survey validates need & desire for walking/biking trails.
- Survey validates why residents want more trails (exercise and enjoy nature).
- Creek-based option is safer than road-based option (fewer driveway and road crossings).

Staff Recommendation – Creek Based Option

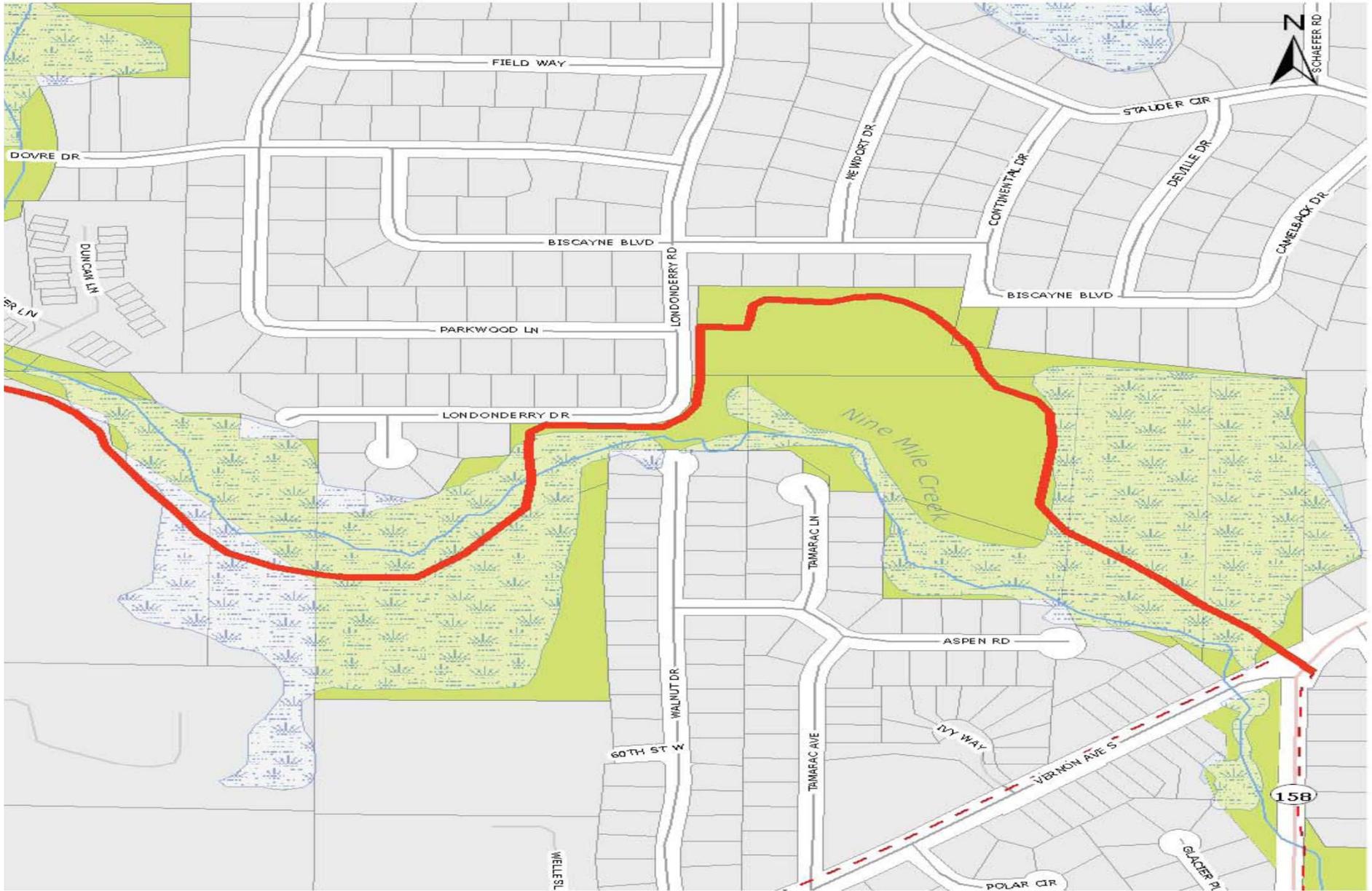
- Creek-based likely used more than road-based option.
- Creek-based more aesthetically pleasing for walkers and cyclists.
- Good use of public land for the public good (no private land).

Engineering Phase

- Complex balance of impact on adjacent homeowners, environment, wetlands, water quality, natural resources and construction costs.
- Exact trail location must be mindful of all consequences.

Proposed Conditions

- Minimize amount of boardwalks.
- Minimize boardwalk noise.
- Minimize height of boardwalks.
- Minimize impact on wetlands.
- Provide homeowners buffer options (landscaping and/or fencing).
- Easement deadline restrictions.
- Route 2 south side of park.



Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: Alternate Route 2



Staff Recommendation

- Recommend to the City Council:
Approval of a creek-based option with the stated conditions as a basis for the City Council's Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2010.



Questions?