



**Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
February 6, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted virtually via Zoom**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the December 5, 2024 Meeting*
4. HRMPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustments (TAC Action Form #25-01)*
5. FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Overview (TAC Memo #25-01)
6. Presentation: RideShare Strategic Plan, Danielle Gannon, Transit Planner, CSPDC
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. February 20, 2025 - HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m., virtual
 - b. March 6, 2025 – HRMPO TAC Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjourn

* Action needed

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes December 5, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

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	City of Harrisonburg		VDOT		Staff
✓	Tom Hartman, Chair	✓	Adam Campbell	✓	Paula Melester
✓	Kyle Lawrence	✓	Don Komara	✓	Garreth Bartholomew
✓	Thanh Dang	✓	Jeremy Mason	✓	Zach Beard
✓	Cheryl Spain	✓	Shane McCabe		Others
✓	Jacob zumFelde		DPRT	✓	Kim Sandum, Shen. Alliance
	Rockingham County	✓	Grace Stankus	✓	Brent Finnegan
	Rachel Salatin		Non-Voting Members		
	Casey Armstrong		Kevin Jones, FHWA		
✓	Dylan Nicely, Vice Chair		Chelsea Beytas, FTA		
	Town of Bridgewater		Bill Yates, JMU		
	Alex Wilmer		Rusty Harrington, Aviation		
	Town of Dayton	✓	Valerie Kramer, JMU		
✓	Meggie Roche				
	Town of Mt. Crawford				
✓	Bobby Taylor				

Call to Order

The December 5, 2024, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairperson Tom Hartman. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, the HRMPO is allowed to hold up to two virtually meetings annually. The November 5, 2025 meeting was an all-virtual meeting.

Public Comment

Chairperson Tom Hartman opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

Minutes

Chairperson Tom Hartman presented the minutes from the November 7, 2024, TAC meeting.

Mr. Dylan Nicely motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Adam Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 HRMPO Meeting Calendar (TAC Memo #24-11)

Mr. Zach Beard presented the 2025 HRMPO meeting calendar for both the Policy Board and TAC. The calendar was approved by the Board at their November 21 meeting. The MPO is permitted to hold up to two virtual meetings per year, with February traditionally being scheduled as a virtual meeting. Staff announced

that the January 2 meeting will be canceled due to its proximity to the New Year holiday. To improve scheduling coordination, staff will begin sending Microsoft Outlook calendar invites for all meetings. This was presented as an information item only and required no action.

2025 Safety Targets (TAC Action Form #24-06)

Mr. Bartholomew presented the 2025 Safety Performance Targets, explaining that the Federal Highway Administration established these requirements in 2016 to ensure a data-driven approach to reducing fatalities and serious crashes. The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment develops statistical models using five-year trends, and new federal requirements mandate that the CTB adopt safety performance targets supporting either zero change or improvement.

The presentation covered five safety performance measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. While fatalities in the region have been increasing since 2021, the numbers are still below the annual targets. For 2025, the proposed HRMPO targets are 7 fatalities, 51 serious injuries, and 6 non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Mr. Don Komara motioned to approve the targets; seconded by Thanh Dang. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Adam Campbell reported the following:

- Smart Scale validation is complete and scoring is underway, with the district office currently conducting QA/QC for congestion and safety scoring. The staff recommended funding scenario is expected to be released in early January.
- Approximately 35 recommended Travel Demand Model Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) adjustments have been submitted to MPO staff, with a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to review these adjustments. The localities will review the adjustments in the coming weeks.
- The Vine Street Study continues to progress, with the kickoff meeting having been held in early October. Data collection was completed before Thanksgiving, and the framework document is being finalized. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of January at the Harrisonburg Residency Office.

Jeremy Mason provided updates on several construction projects.

- The Route 33 projects are progressing well with an upcoming deck pour. The I-81 Harrisonburg portion is scheduled to be advertised next year.
- The Weyers Cave truck climbing lanes project has been awarded, with a pre-construction conference scheduled after the New Year.
- The Route 33 Mountain project is almost complete, with final paving, striping, and guardrail work completed in spring.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Grace Stankus reported the following:

- Tiffany Robinson is now serving as director of the agency effective November 10. FY26 grant applications opened in WebGrants on December 1, and recordings from grant application workshops are available for those who missed the live sessions.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Cheryl Spain reported the following:

- Spring route changes will take effect on January 6, with changes posted on the HDPT website and in bus shelters. HDPT will host a community open house on December 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to unveil new transit buses, with City Council and the Mayor scheduled to attend.

Localities

City of Harrisonburg

Mr. Tom Hartman reported on several ongoing projects:

- The city has managed recent winter weather events and is monitoring the 33/247 project, particularly the timing of an upcoming deck pour.
- The Chicago Avenue/Waterman study is nearing completion
- The Erickson Avenue/Pear Street study has kicked off with traffic data collection complete and existing conditions analysis beginning.
- The University Boulevard relocation construction plans are being finalized, with advertisement aimed for early 2025. A construction review was recently completed with engineers.

Other Business

Mr. Bartholomew reported that the Travel Demand Model base year demographic statistics have been approved following locality review. The Port Republic Road Study group meeting is scheduled for December 17 at 2:00 p.m., with VHB having completed data collection and existing conditions review. They are now beginning work on 2045 horizon year projections.

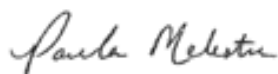
Upcoming Meetings

Chair Hartman noted that the next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The January 2, 2025 meeting has been cancelled, and the next TAC meeting will be held virtually on February 6, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Melester
Director of Transportation



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Zach Beard, Program Manager
MEETING DATE: February 6, 2025
RE: **TAC Action Form #25-01: HRMPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustments**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend that the Policy Board approve VDOT's proposed HRMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary adjustments based on the 2020 Census urban area delineations.

BACKGROUND

VDOT completed a review of Metropolitan Planning Organization Area boundaries to comply with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements following the 2020 Census. This update incorporates new Census-designated urban areas and includes areas anticipated for urbanization within the next 20 years through a smoothing process which adjusts boundaries to follow natural features and infrastructure like roads and rivers for the planning area.

The VDOT proposed HRMPO boundary adjustments are minimal and expand the current MPA by only about 0.0436 square miles (27.9 acres). The proposed adjustments incorporate the following:

- Riverbanks of the North River at:
 - The Northwest of Bridgewater near W. Bank St to Hill Gap Rd.
 - The South of Bridgewater from Southwest of North Shore Dr. to the water bank off Vista Heights Rd.
- Portion of Pleasant Run outside the MPO to the southwest of the intersection of Creekside Drive and Route 257
- Portion of Old Turnpike Road at the intersection of Norfolk Southern Railroad and US 33

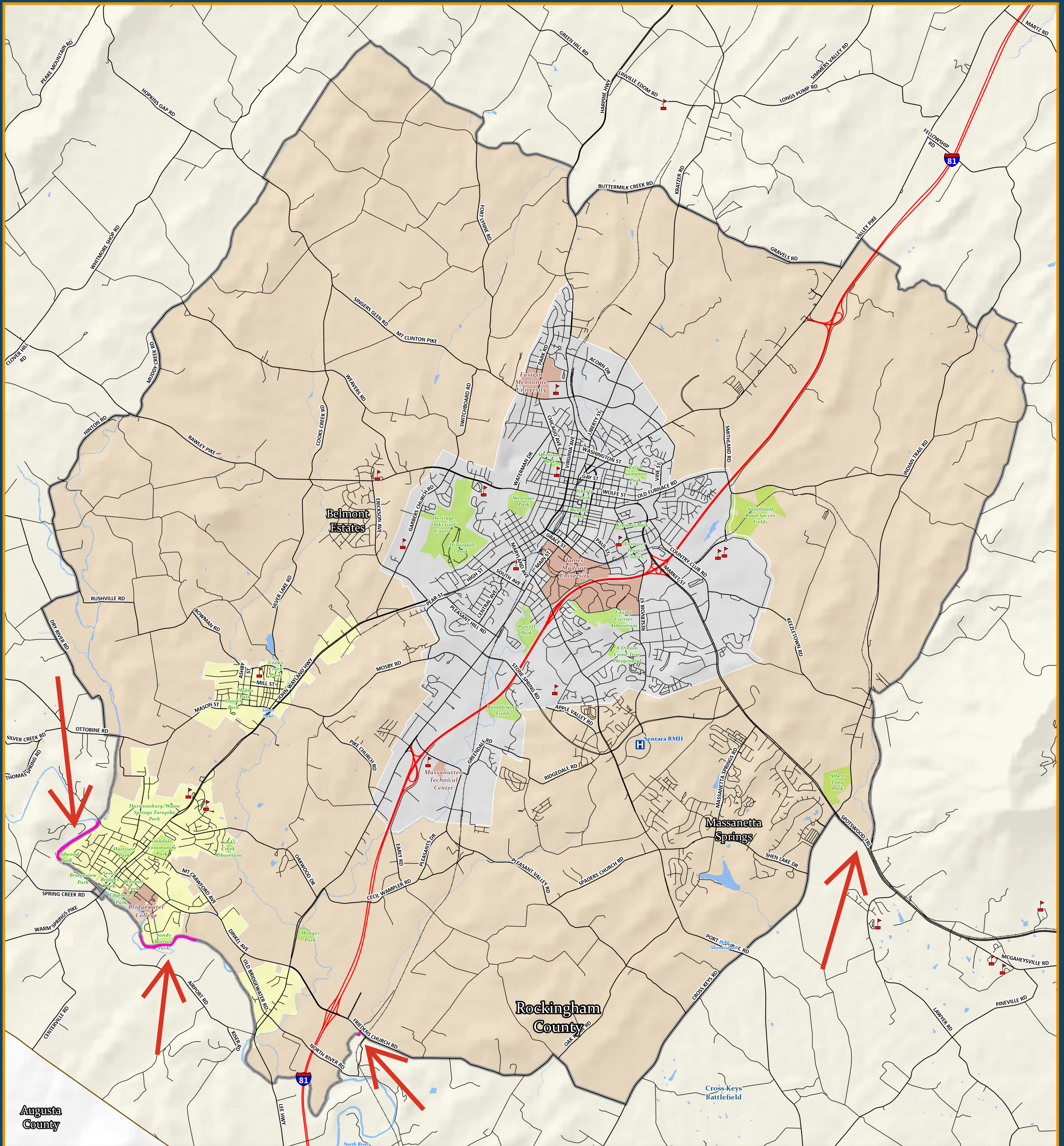
NEXT STEPS

Following TAC review and recommendation, the proposed boundary modifications will be presented to the Policy Board for final consideration. Upon approval, the revised boundaries will be submitted to FHWA through VDOT as part of the official 2020 Census update process. The final boundary must also be approved by the Governor of Virginia.

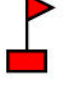




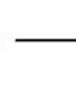


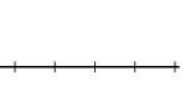

ATTACHMENT

- Proposed HRMPO Boundary Adjustment [Basemap](#) and [Location Specific Maps](#)
- [Proposed HRMPO Boundary Adjustment – ArcGIS Online](#)
- [Federal Code § 450.312 Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries](#)

HRMPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustment 2025



HRMPO Base Map

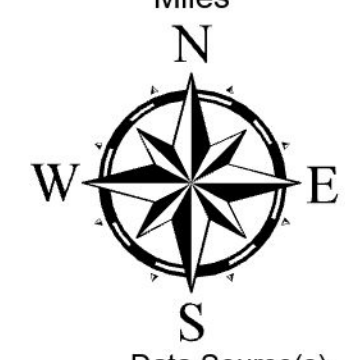
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-  HRMPO Boundary
-  Railroads
-  Proposed HRMPO Boundary Adjustments



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Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

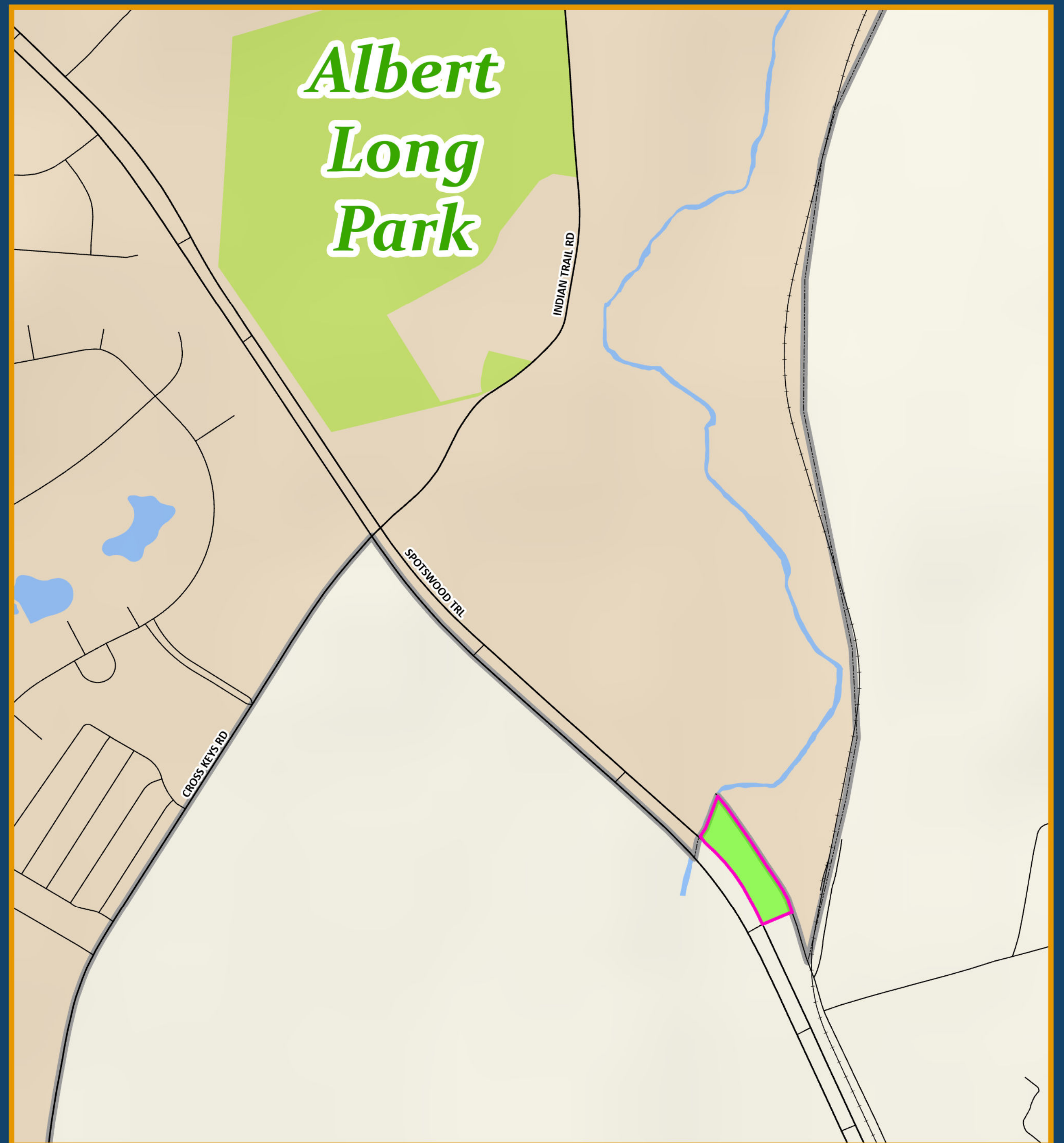
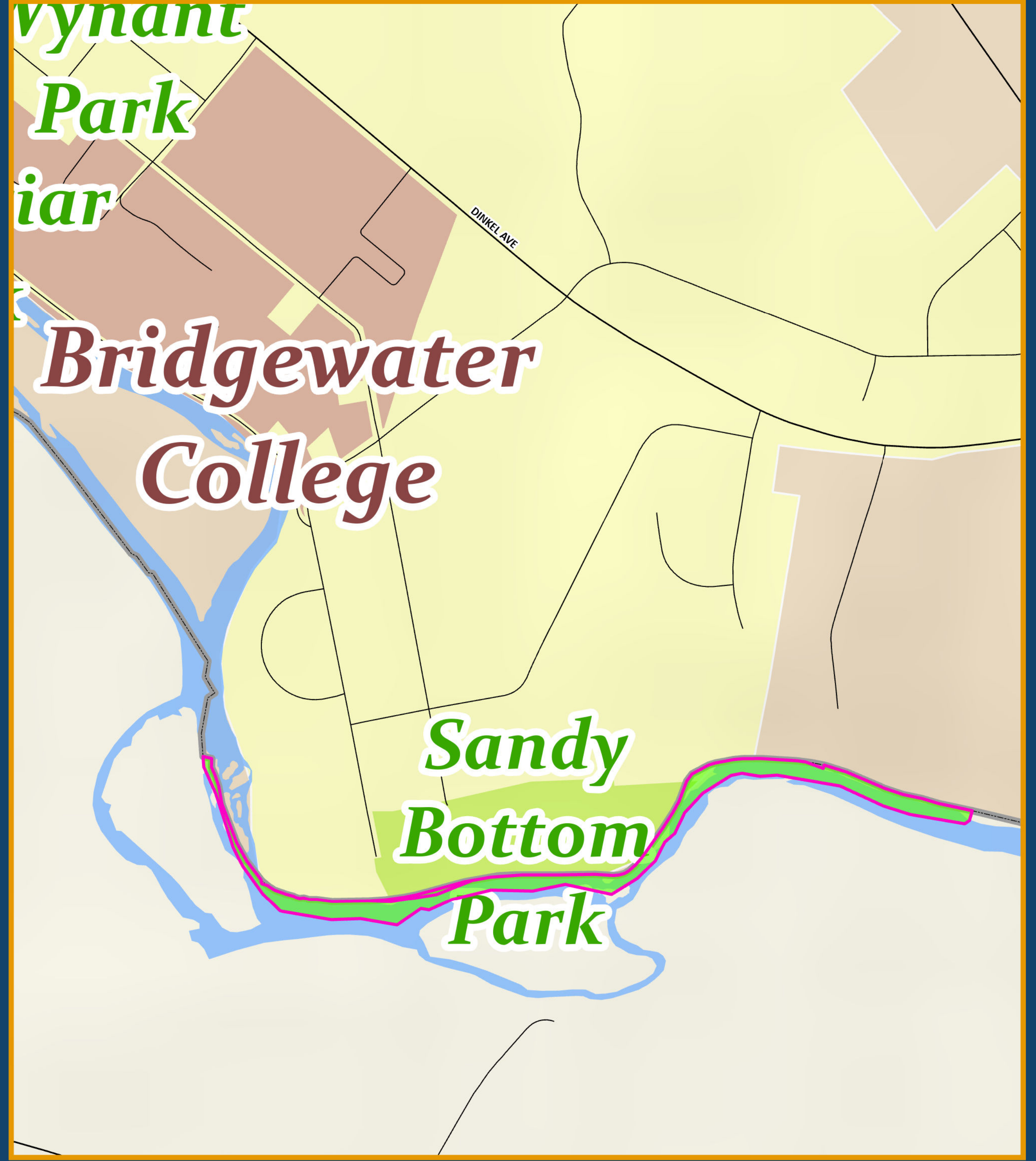
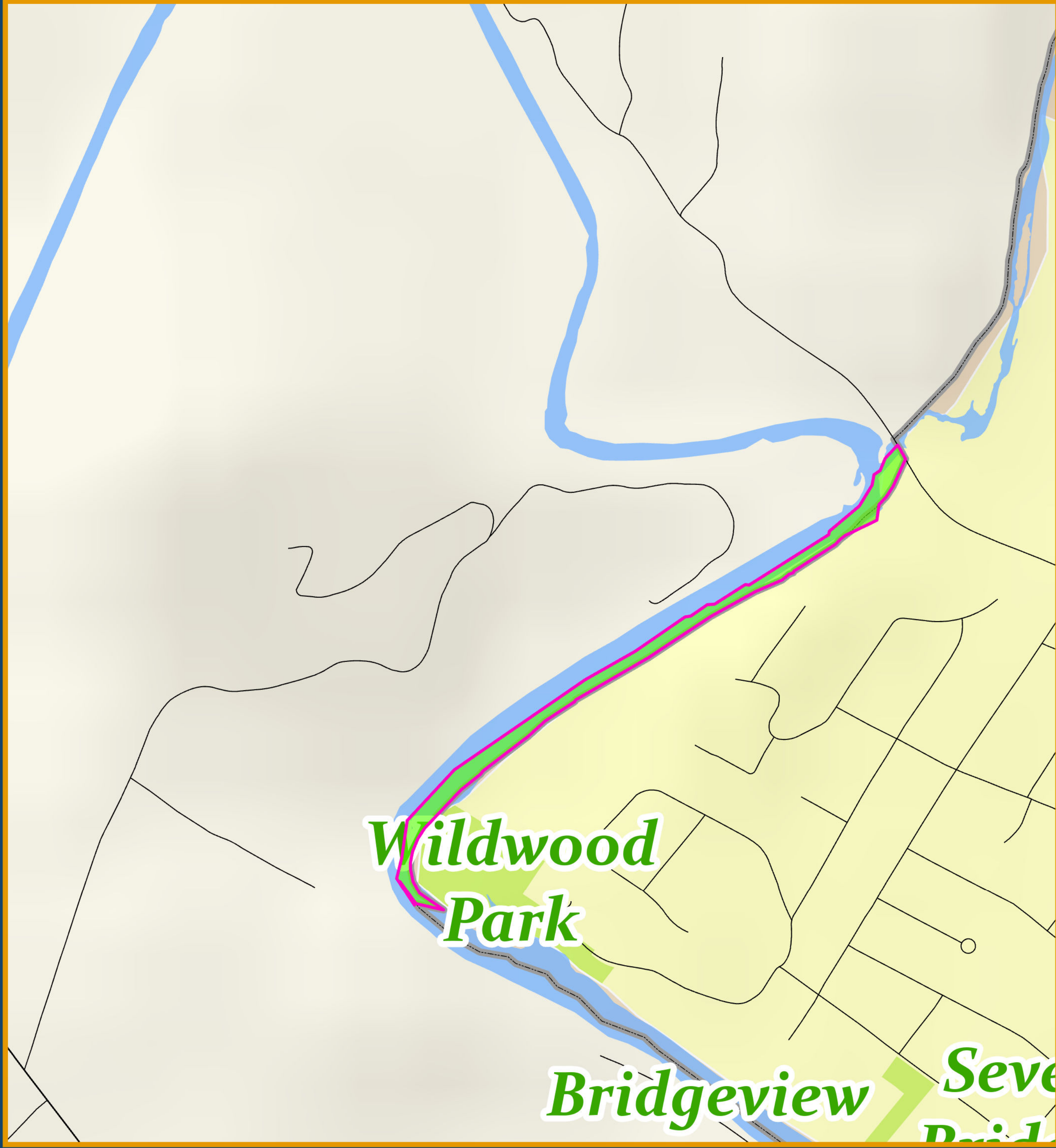
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January 2025

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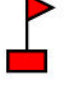





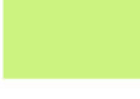
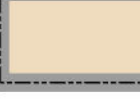




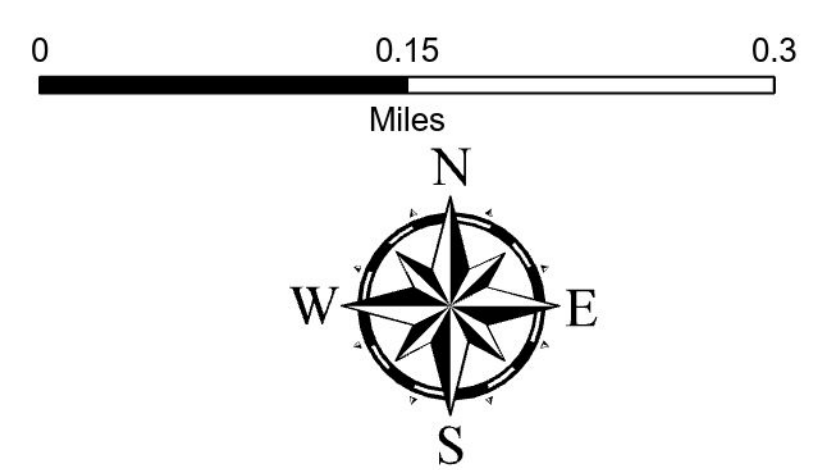
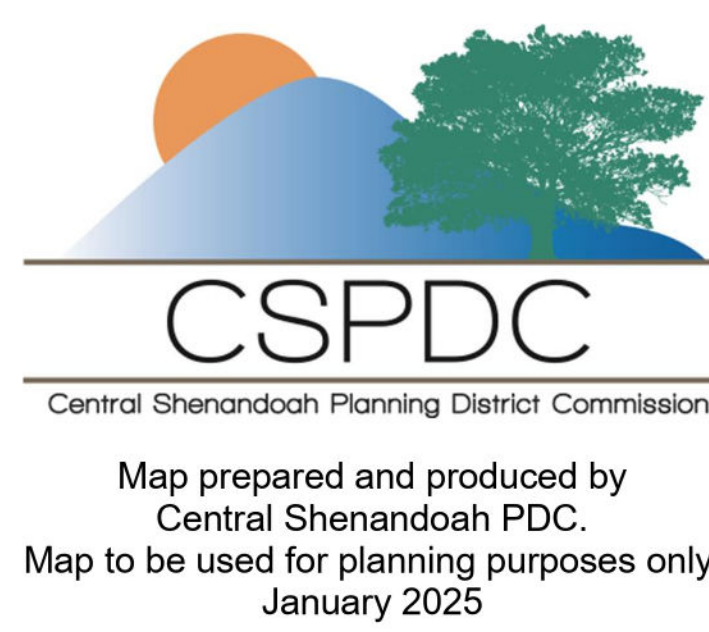
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HRMPO Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Adjustment 2025



HRMPO Base Map

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TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Zach Beard, Program Manager
MEETING DATE: February 6, 2025
RE: **TAC Memo #25 -01: HRMPO FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is updating the FY26 HRMPO Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP), which is the HRMPO annual work plan and budget. Work in FY26 will focus on beginning a new small area study, updating the HRMPO travel demand model, and grant assistance.

FY26 UPDATE

The UPWP is the MPO's annual work plan and budget. The document details the upcoming fiscal year administrative and planning activities, and the federal, state and local budget funding. VDOT and DRPT provide the MPO with annual planning funding every spring.

FY25 work focused on developing the Port Republic/Neff Avenue/Peach Grove Small Area Study. In FY26, the MPO will conduct a new small area study, update the HRMPO Travel Demand Model, and provide grant writing assistance. The TAC can make recommendations to MPO staff on the activities and funding for different tasks in the UPWP during the annual update process.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will develop the draft FY26 UPWP in the next two months. Staff will present the draft document at the April TAC and Policy Board meetings, and request that the Board release the document for a 21-day public comment period. The Board will consider approval of the document at the May Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT

[HRMPO FY25 UPWP](#)