

## HF 3574: Bonding Request to Complete the Glacial Lakes Trail

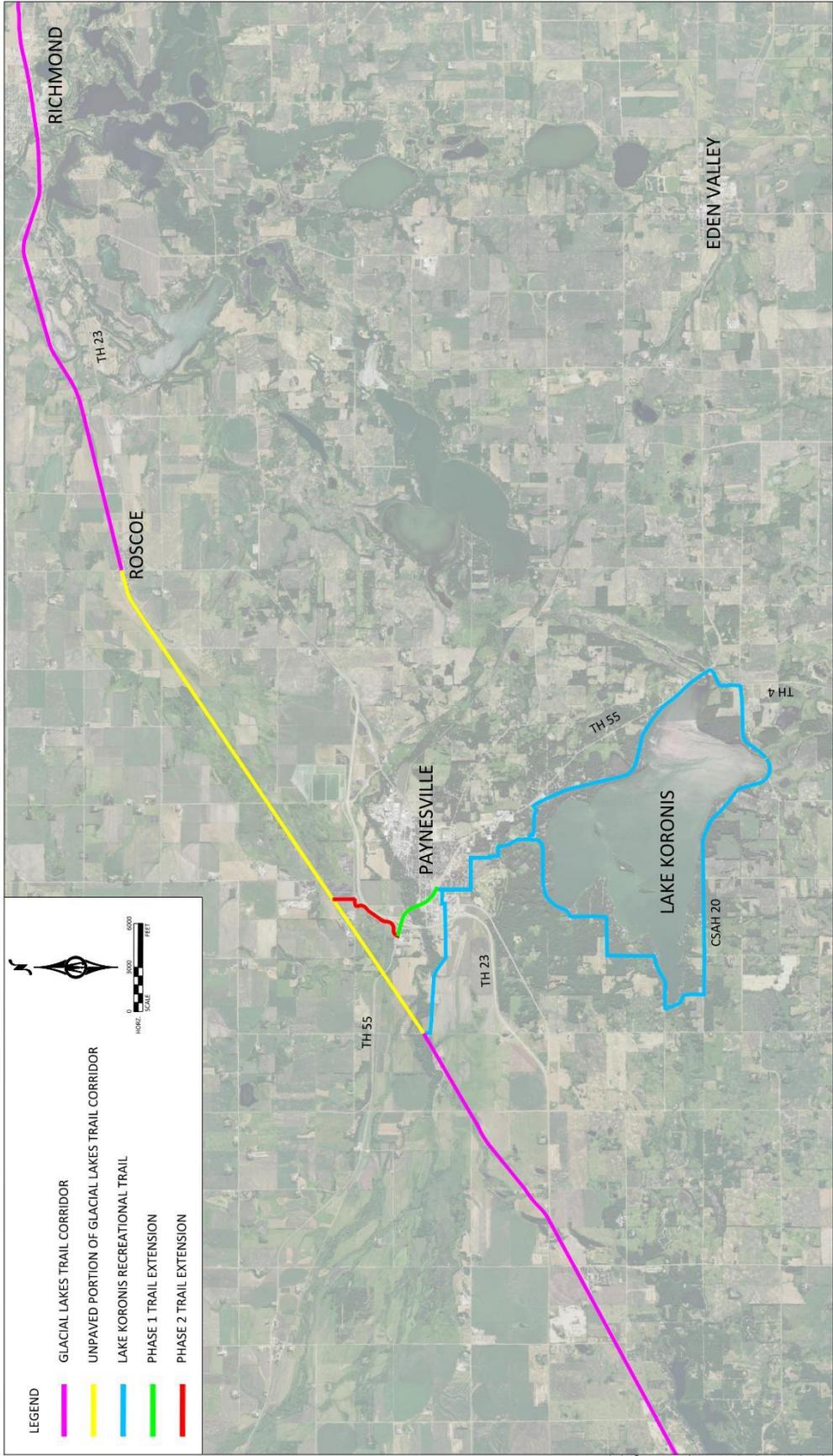
- Appropriations amount: \$2,800,000
- Funding will complete the final segment of the Glacial Lakes trail. Funds appropriated to MNDNR will complete the trail from North of Paynesville to Roscoe.
- MN DNR cost estimate: 7 miles, \$400K/mile, totaling \$2.8M. DNR will provide engineering (\$200K) if bonding is secured this session. Construction to be completed before 2027.

## Local Leadership Essential in the Completion of the Glacial Lakes Trail

- The Glacial Lakes Trail has been under development for decades since the abandonment of the Burlington Northern Railroad and MNDNR's assumption of ownership. Development stalled 10 years ago because the trail intersected an active Canadian Pacific Railroad north of Paynesville. CP Railroad opposed any trail development near this intersection.
- Over the past 4 years the Paynesville Area Joint Trails Board has worked with MNDNR & MNDOT to find a solution utilizing the Lake Koronis Regional Trail to bypass the railroad bottleneck. The first phase of this bypass will be built this summer with the second phase completed in 2027.
- The Paynesville Area Joint Trails Board will provide a \$220K match.
- The Rocori Trail Construction Board completed their portion of the Glacial Lakes Trail from Richmond to Rockville in 2023.
- The final seven-mile section included in HF 3574 completes the Glacial Lakes Trail vision conceived 25 years ago!

## Benefits

- E-bikes have revolutionized bike touring, advancing tourism across MN.
- The Glacial Lakes Trail joins a network of trails crossing the state. Plans include connecting the Glacial Lakes trail to the Lake Wobegon trail.
- The trail is active year-round with winter snowmobile use.



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