

Bay Region

Mid-Michigan Road and Trail Bicycling Guide



Counties of:
Arenac - Bay - Clare
Gladwin - Gratiot - Isabella
Midland - Saginaw - Shiawassee

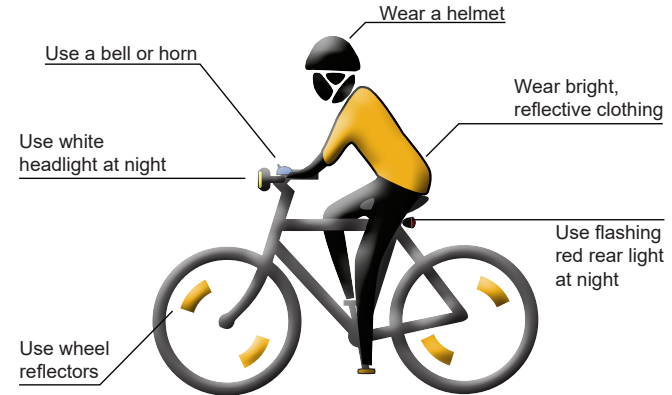
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Bicycle Safety

Rights and Responsibilities

In general, bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety observe these bicycling rules and safety tips.



Wear Appropriate Clothing

Wear light, bright and/or reflective clothing at all times of the day and night to improve your visibility. Dress in layers and bring gear for unforeseen changes in weather.

Ride as far to the Right as Practicable

Bicyclists should keep as far to the right as practicable, moving left to avoid hazards and to position themselves in the appropriate designated through or turn lanes.

Use Lights and Reflectors at Night

State law requires a white light visible for 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 600 feet at night. A flashing red light is recommended. More reflectors and stronger lights make you more visible.

Use Hand Signals

Hand signals tell pedestrians and motorists what you intend to do. It is state law that you use signals.

Carrying Items

If you plan on carrying any packages, bundles or objects, you must be able to keep both hands on the handlebars. A variety of racks, packs, and trailers can be fitted to your bicycle to transport goods.

Always Wear an Approved Helmet

Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly. Helmets should fit snugly so they do not move around while riding.

Be Courteous and Respectful on Trails

Show courtesy to all trail users. Adhere to trail hours and restrictions. Respect the privacy rights of adjacent property owners along the trail.

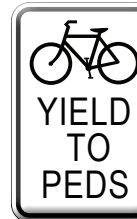
Safety Accessories

Water bottles, tire repair kits, mirrors, locks, and first aid kits help make each trip safer and the bicyclist more self sufficient.

Watch for Hazards

Watch out for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, snow and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. It is ok to leave a bike lane or paved shoulder if hazards such as debris and poor pavement conditions make it unsafe.

BIKES AND STATE LAW



Always Yield to Other, Slower Trail Users

When operating on a shared use trail or sidewalk, bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. When overtaking, announce your intentions by saying "passing on your left" or ringing your bell.

Keep to the Right and Ride Only Two Abreast

No more than two bicyclists should ride side by side in a public roadway.

Ride with Traffic

Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law requires that cyclists ride with the flow of traffic.

Bicycle Resources

Michigan Department of Transportation
MDOT provides maps and other information on safe bicycling as well as guidance on how to transport bicycles on ferries and major bridges.
www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
MDNR promotes the development of trail systems throughout the state. They work with local agencies in trail development, planning and design and administer a number of funding programs.

Parks and Recreation Division: (517) 284-7275.
www.michigan.gov/dnr

League of Michigan Bicyclists
LMB is a non-profit membership organization, which promotes bicycling for recreation and transportation in Michigan. The LMB organizes annual Shoreline Bicycle Tours, publishes an annual poster calendar of cycling events statewide, distributes general cycling information and educates children and adults on safe cycling. The LMB works with MDOT and other state and local agencies to improve conditions for bicycling in Michigan.
(517) 334-9100 or (888) MI-BIKES
www.lmb.org

Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance
MTGA is a non-profit organization that fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for recreation, health, transportation, economic development and environmental and cultural preservation purposes. MTGA works at both the state and local levels by assisting public and private interests in trail and greenway planning, funding, development and maintenance.
www.michigantrails.org

Michigan Mountain Biking Association
MMBA promotes responsible mountain biking and works toward the goals of common land access and natural resources protection.
www.mmba.org

Friends of the Pere-Marquette Rail Trail
PO Box 505, Midland, MI 48641
www.pere-marquetterailtrail.org

Bay Tri-City Cyclists
PO Box 1248, Midland, MI 4864
www.tricitycyclists.org

Bikes on Transit

AMTRAK: All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit www.AmtrakMichigan.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

SAGINAW TRANSIT AUTHORITY REGIONAL SERVICE: Buses are equipped with bike racks. For more information visit www.mtainfo.org.

BAY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: Bikes are not permitted. For more information visit www.baymetro.com.



Tourist Information

Vacation and accommodation information can be obtained from the following organizations. The same information can be obtained at Michigan's 13 Welcome Centers, located on major highways throughout Michigan.

Travel Michigan
www.michigan.org - (888) 784-7328

Au Gres Chamber of Commerce
www.augreschamber.org - (889) 876-6688

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
www.baycityarea.com - (889) 893-4567

Bay Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau
www.baycityarea.com - (889) 893-1222

Clare Area Chamber of Commerce
www.claremichigan.com - (989) 386-2442

Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce
www.frankenmuth.org - (989) 386-8696

Gladwin Regional Chamber of Commerce
www.gladwincountychamber.com - (989) 426-5451

Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce
www.gratiot.org - (989) 463-5525

Harrison Chamber of Commerce
www.harrisonchamber.org - (989) 539-6011 or (877) 539-6011

Midland Area Chamber of Commerce
www.macc.org - (989) 839-9801

Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce
www.mt-pleasant.net - (989) 772-2396

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
www.saginawchamber.org - (989) 752-7161

Standish Area Chamber of Commerce
www.standishchamber.org - (989) 846-7867

Where To Ride

On the Road:

Bicycles are permitted on all Michigan highways and roads EXCEPT limited-access freeways or unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are allowed on all road systems including those in state forests, state parks, national forests and national parks.

State Game Areas:

Bicycles are allowed on designated trails and areas in state game areas. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

State Forests:

Bicycles are allowed on most state forest trails. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

State Parks:

Bikes are currently allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in Michigan state parks. Bikes may also be ridden on designated bike paths. Mountain bikes are allowed only on trails designated for bicycle use. For general recreation questions, please e-mail DNR-ParksAndRecreation@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-7275 (517-284-PARK). www.michigan.gov/dnr

Wilderness Areas:

Bicycles are considered to be mechanical devices and are therefore prohibited in national wilderness areas.

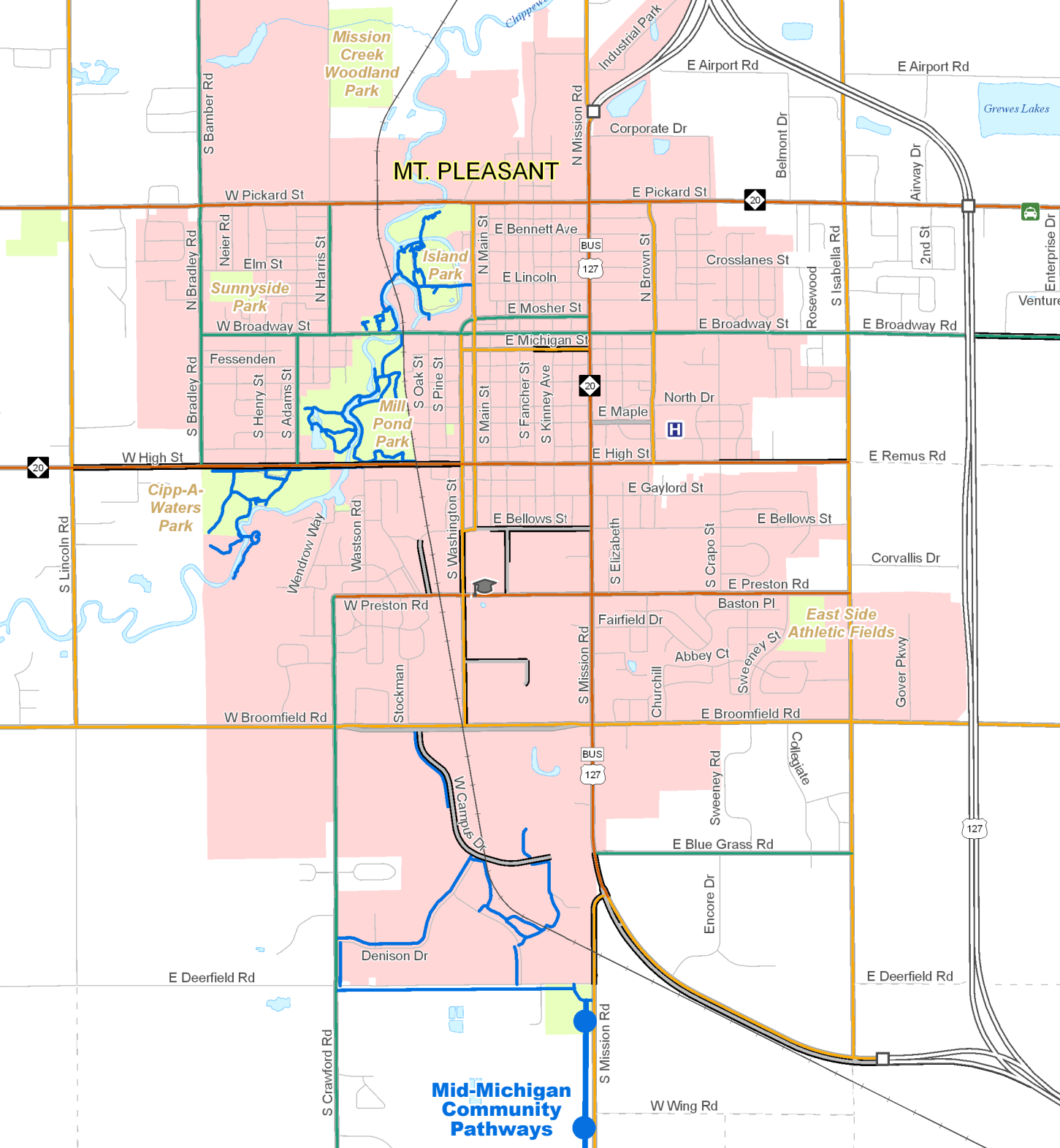
Local Trail Systems:

Many communities have developed their own trail systems. Rules and regulations vary by each individual trail and community. Contact the appropriate jurisdiction for more information.

Iron Belle Trail

The Iron Belle Trail - Bike Route travels from Ironwood to Belle Isle and includes trails in Saginaw, Bay and Arenac Counties. The bike route is currently under development. For information contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation division at (517) 284-7275. www.michigan.gov/ironbelle

Mt. Pleasant



Legend

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Vehicle Traffic Volume*

(Vehicles per day)

Minor Roads/No Data**

Light (under 2,500)

Medium (2,500 - 10,000)

Heavy (above 10,000)

Primary Roads/No Data

Limited Access Highway

Active Rail Line

Amtrak***

*Traffic volumes are estimated on an average 24-hour period. Rush hour (peak period) traffic volume can be much greater than at other times of the day. Traffic volume also varies by season and day of the week.

** Minor Roads/No Data generally have lower traffic volumes.

*** All Amtrak trains in Michigan accept carry-on bike reservations with some restrictions. Visit www.AmtrakMichigan.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for more information.

BICYCLE AND SHARED USE PATHS

Improved Shared Use Regional Path

Partial Shared Use Regional Path

Unimproved Shared Use Regional Path

Greater Use Path

Local Shared Use Path

Foot Trail

U.S. Bicycle Route

LAND USE

County Boundary

Incorporated City/Village Limit

Federal Land/National Forest

State of Michigan Lands

Park (Local or County), Preserve or Wilderness Area

Lakes/Water

Rivers/Streams

SERVICES

CITY/VILLAGE NAME

Full Service (Food and lodging)

City/Village Name

Some Services (Food or lodging)

POINTS OF INTEREST

Amtrak Station

Carpool Parking Lot

Hospital

Trail Head

Lighthouse

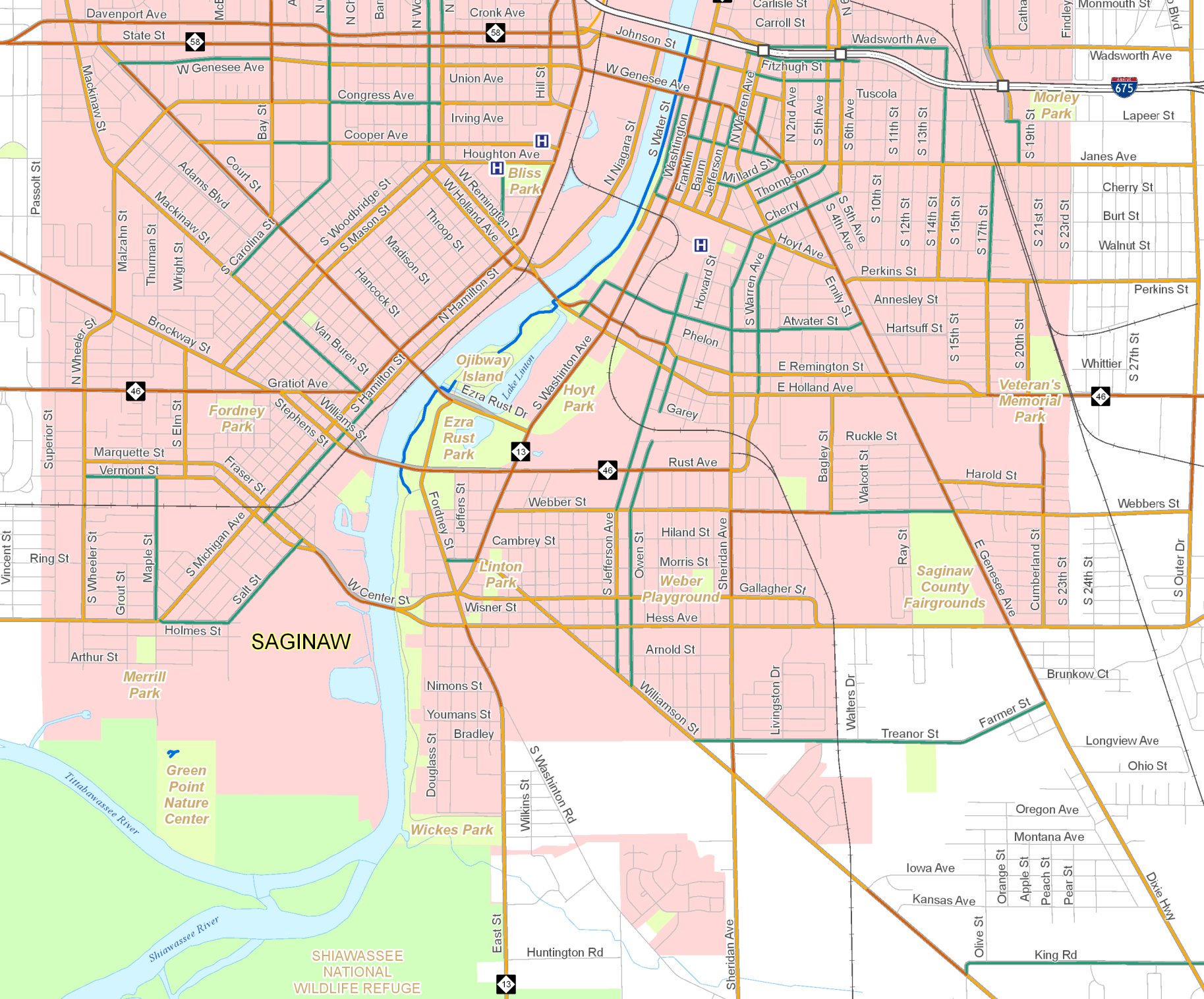
University

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

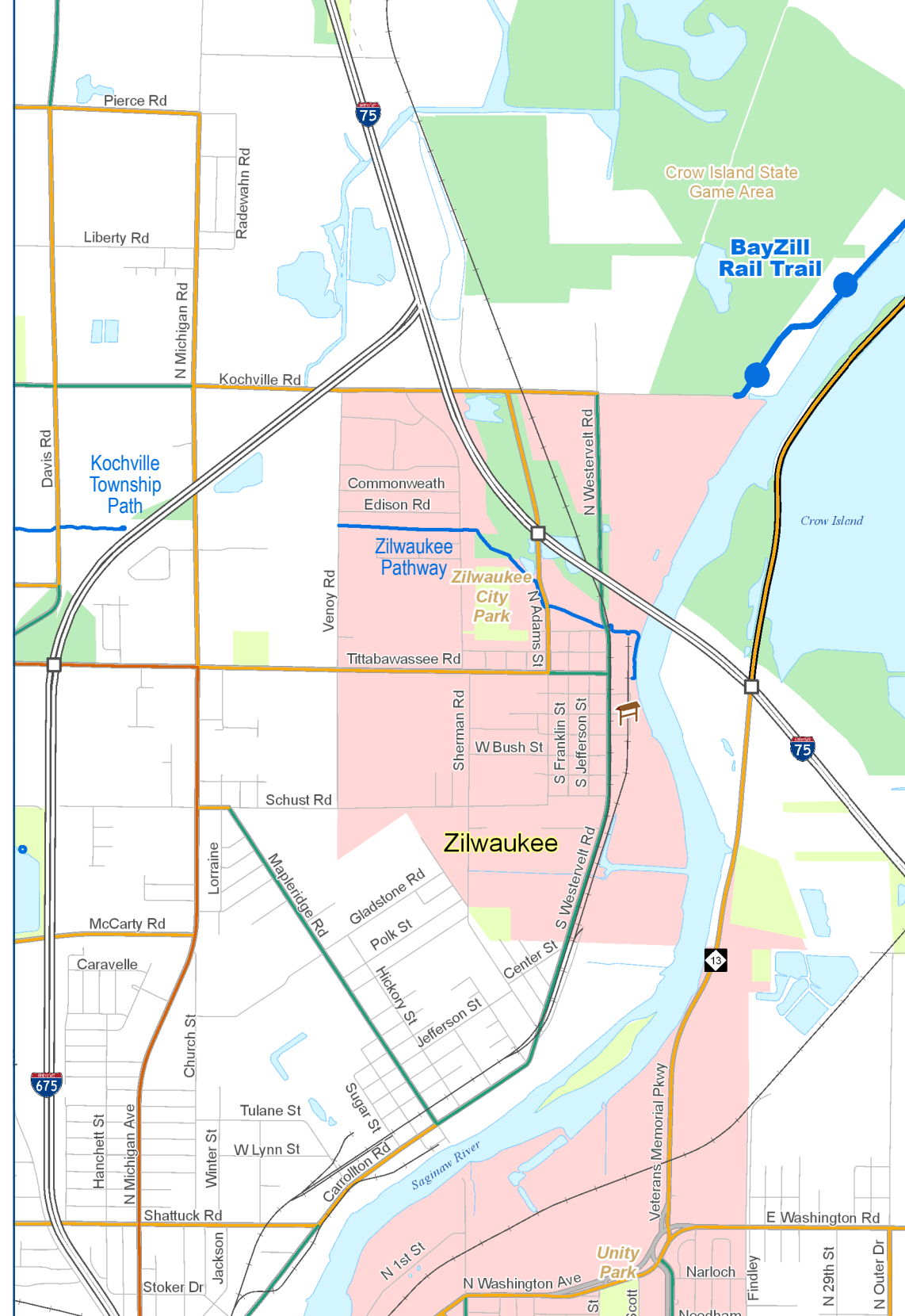
Mountain Biking

Campground

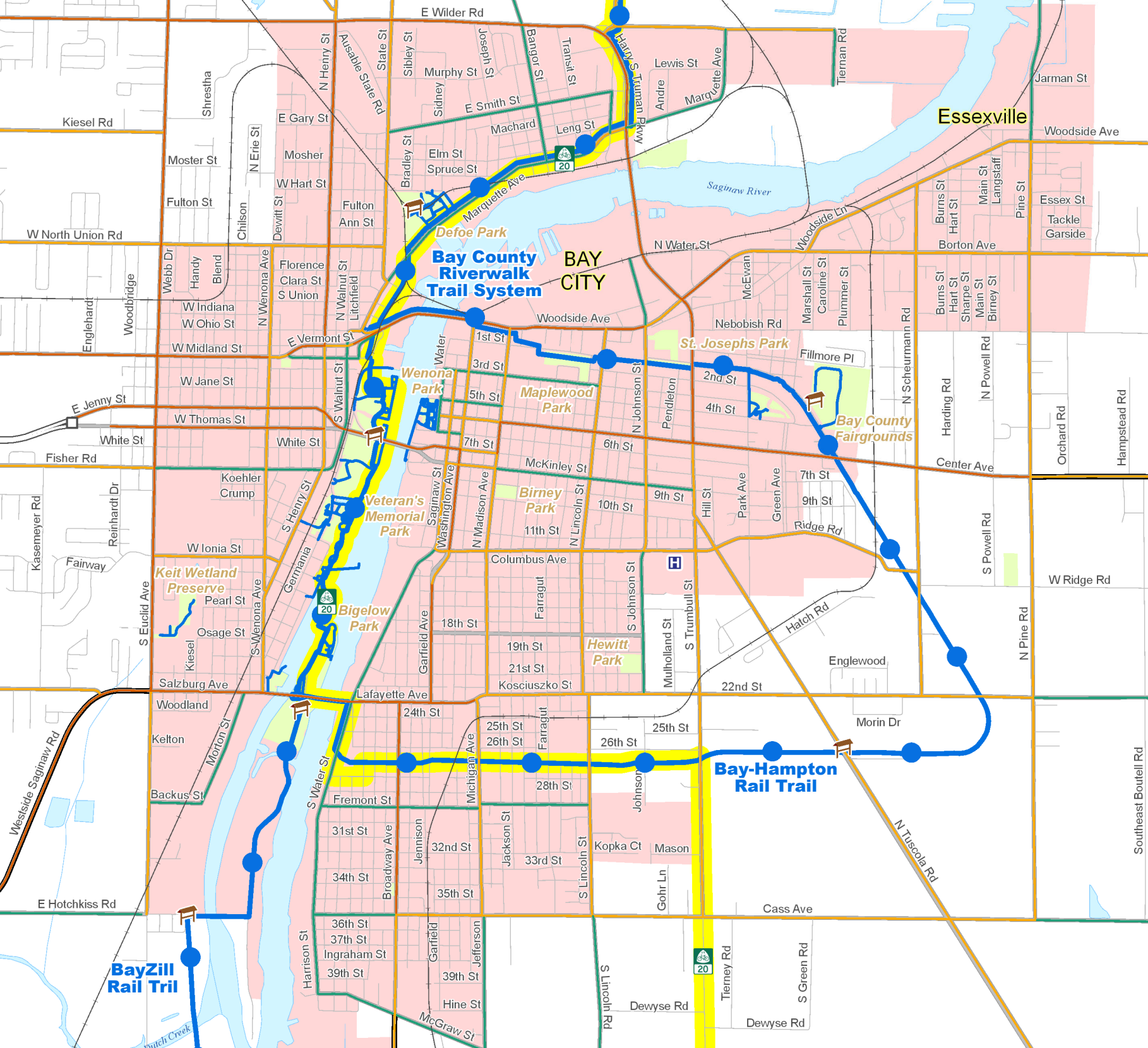
Restrooms



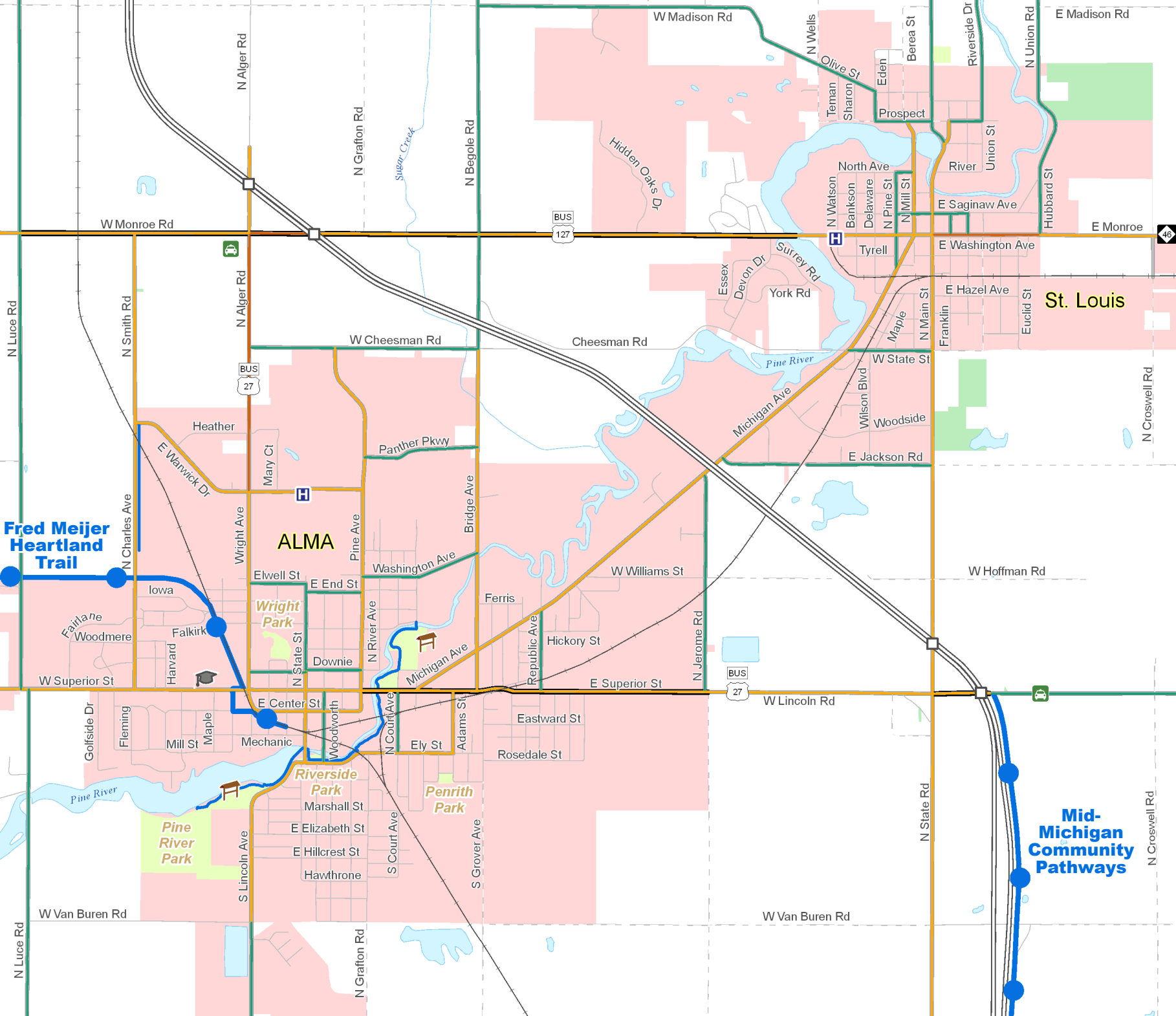
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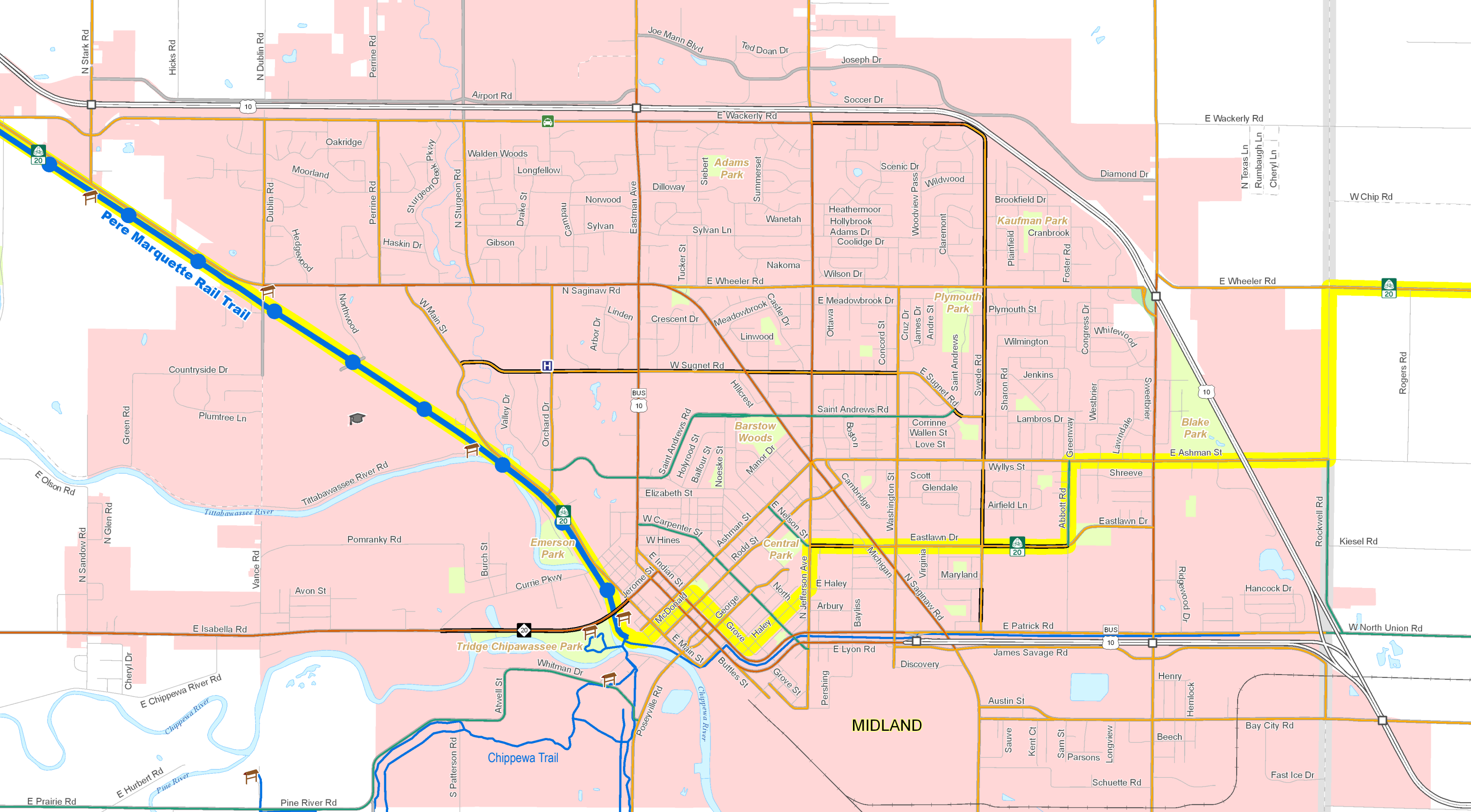
Bay City & Essexville



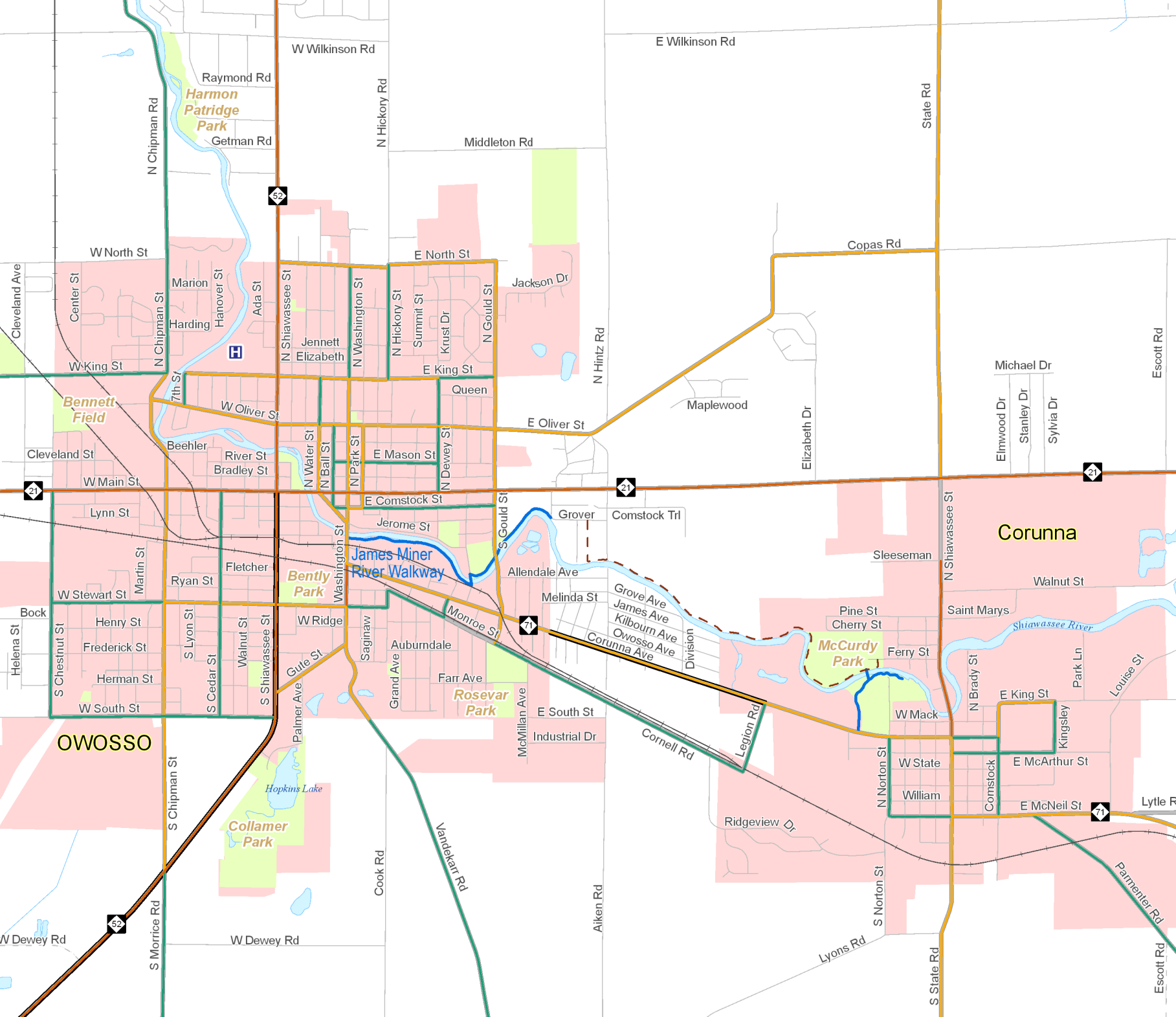
Alma & St. Louis



Midland



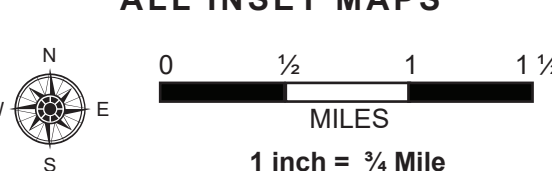
Owosso & Corunna



Frankenmuth



ALL INSET MAPS



1 inch = 1/4 Mile