DEVELOPING REGIONAL TRAILS

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS' BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

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Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

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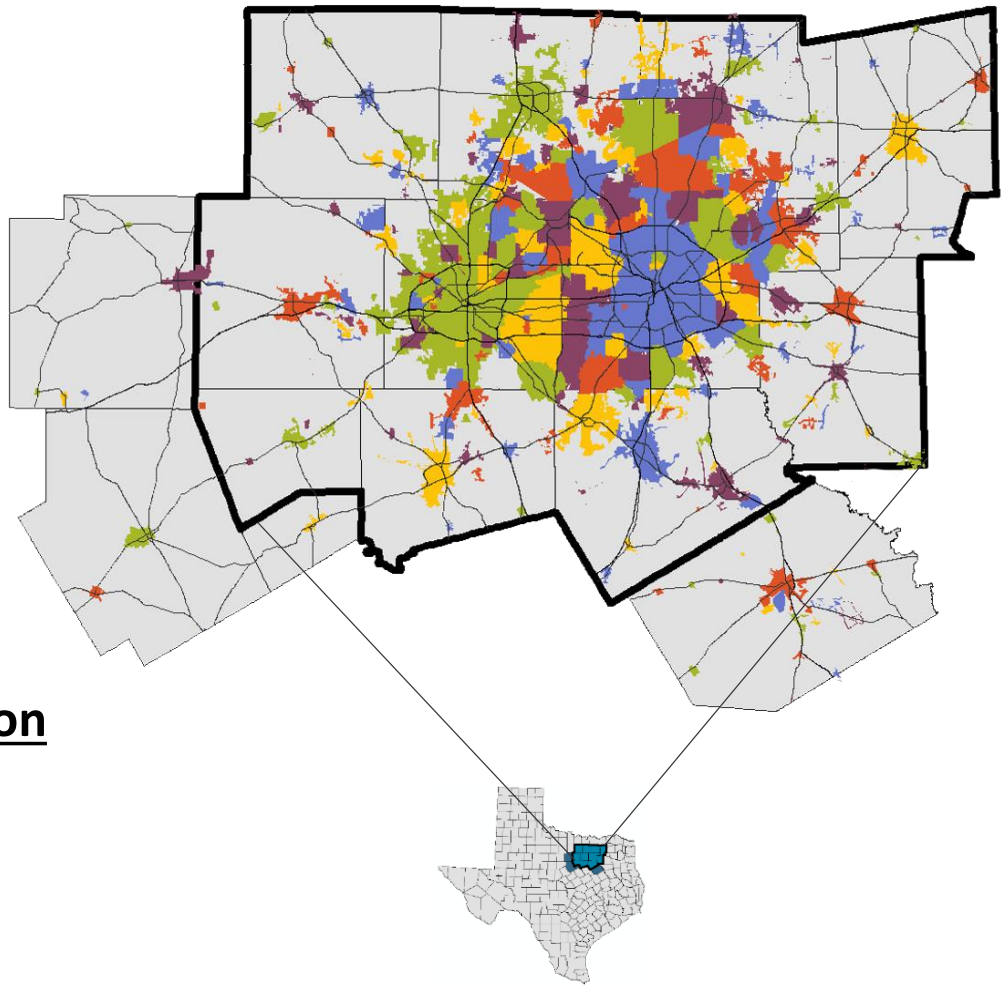

Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

12 Counties = 9,441 sq. mi.

209 cities

2015 Population Estimate = 7 million

2040 Population Forecast = <u>10.6 million</u>

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        - Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
        - Planning and Infrastructure Program
        - Transit-Oriented Development Program
  - Workforce Development

NCTCOG Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities

Planning for a Range of Users

Regional 'Veloweb' Overview

- ***Regional Expressway for Bicycle Transportation***

- ***Off-street shared-use paths (trails)***
  Designed for use by bicyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized forms of active transportation

- ***Transportation Mobility***
  Provides access to neighborhoods, schools, transit stops, employment centers, shopping, entertainment, parks, and other common daily trip destinations

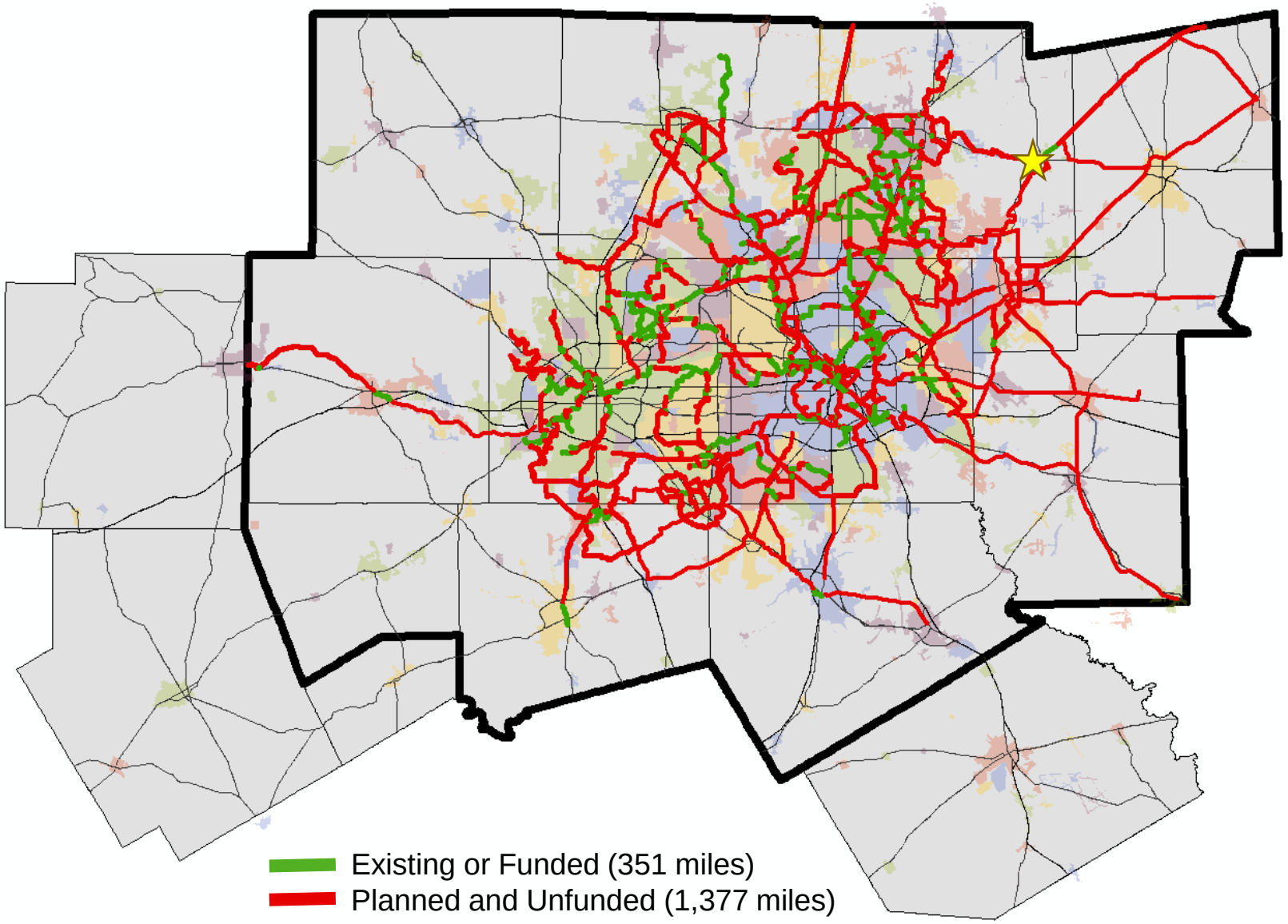
Regional Veloweb Overview

Design Considerations

- Off-street shared-use paths
- Long-lasting impervious surfaces
- Recommended width of 12’ (min)
- Easy access from roadways, especially on-street bikeways
- Easy access to common trip destinations
- Few, if any, signalized stops or intersections

Photo: Cotton Belt Rail Trail, North Richland Hills

Regional Veloweb 2035



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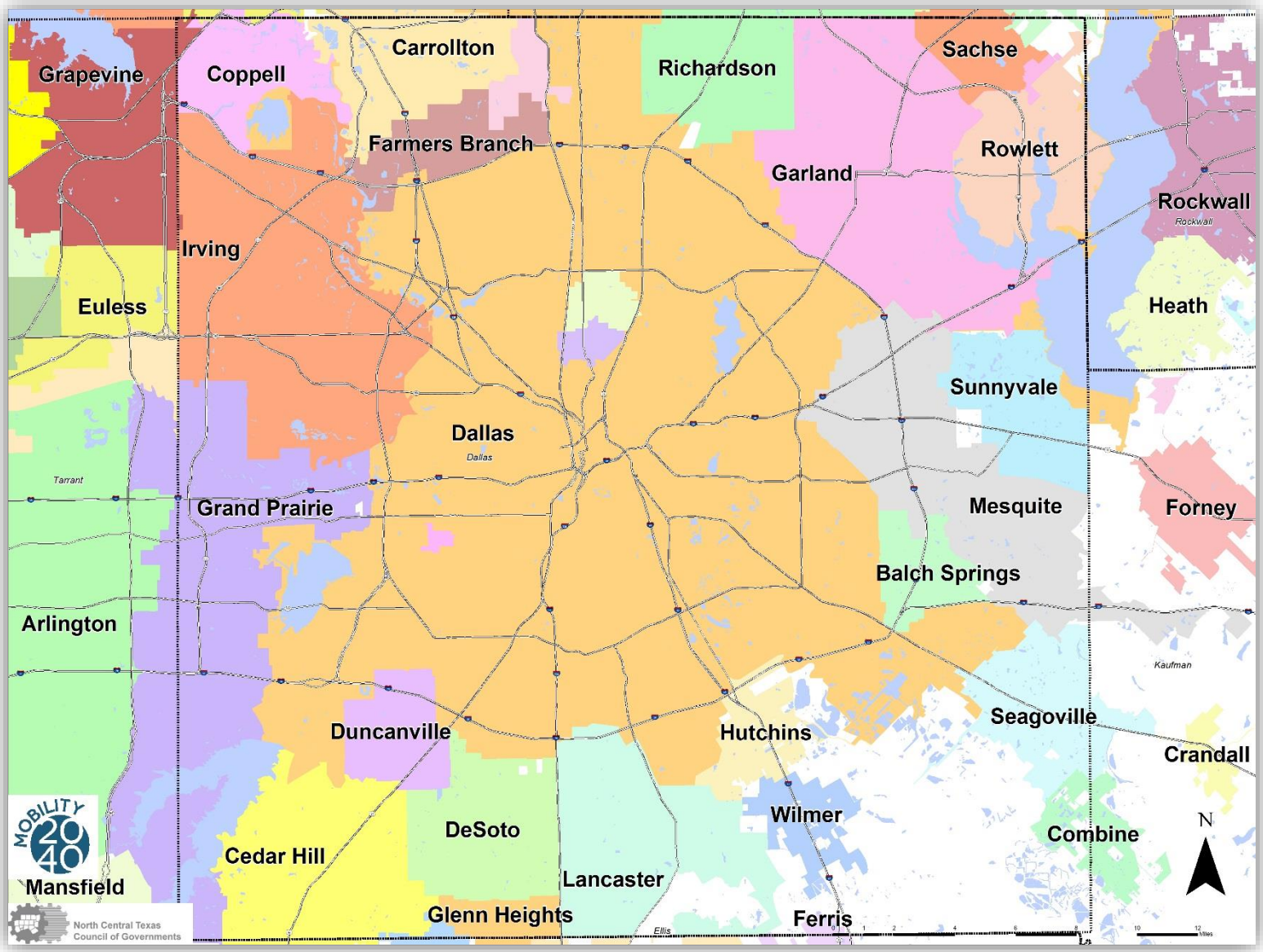

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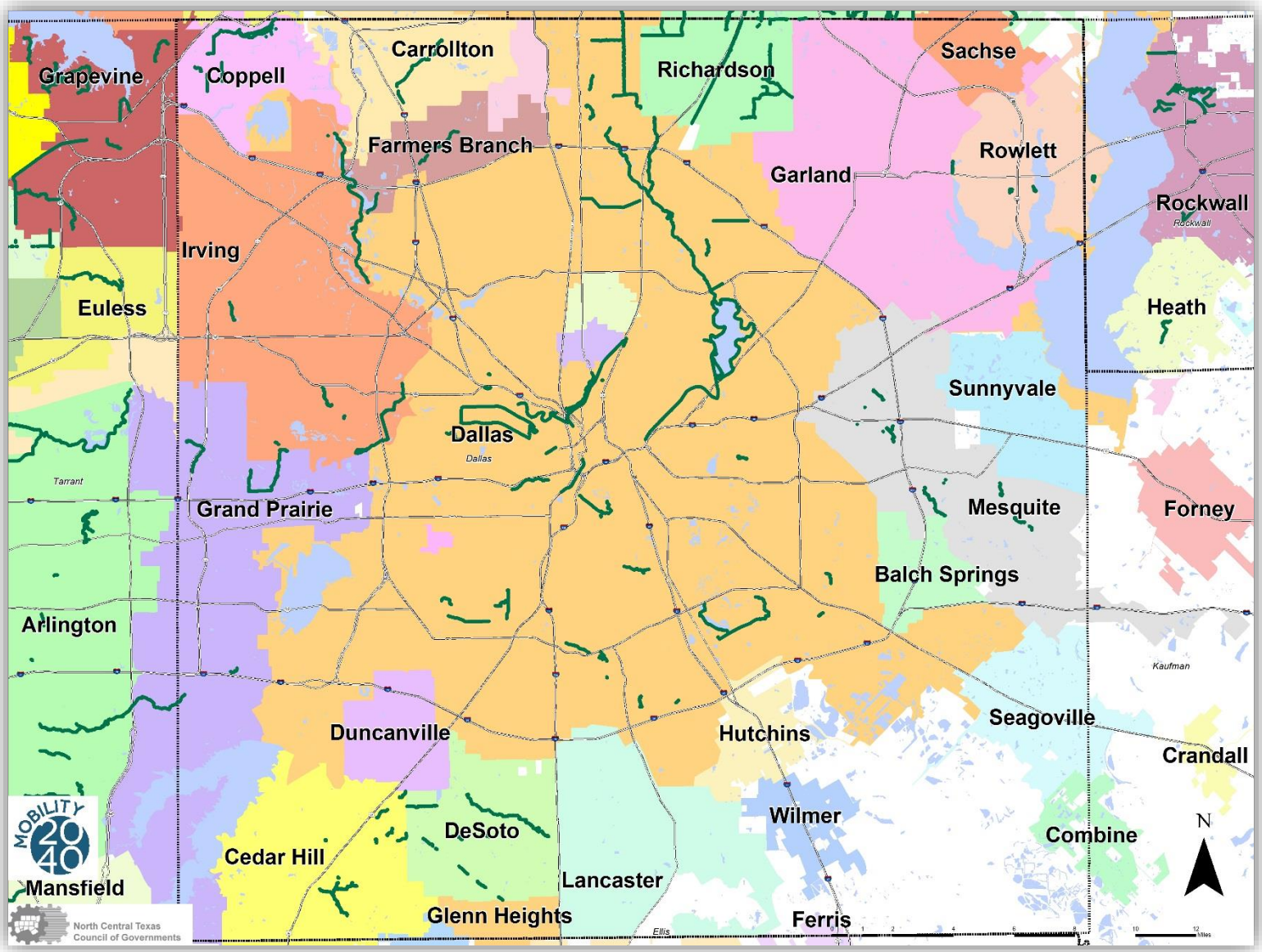

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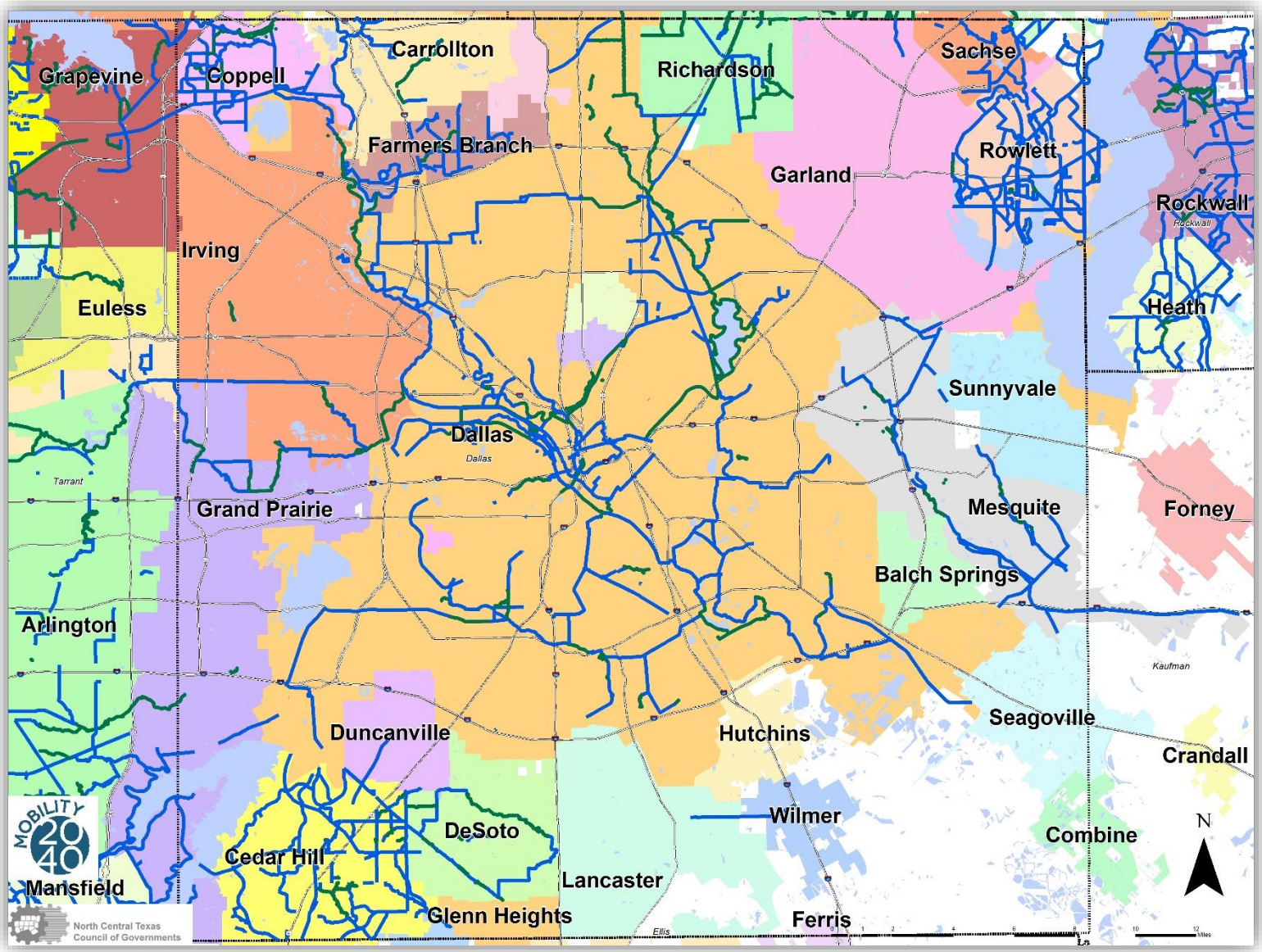

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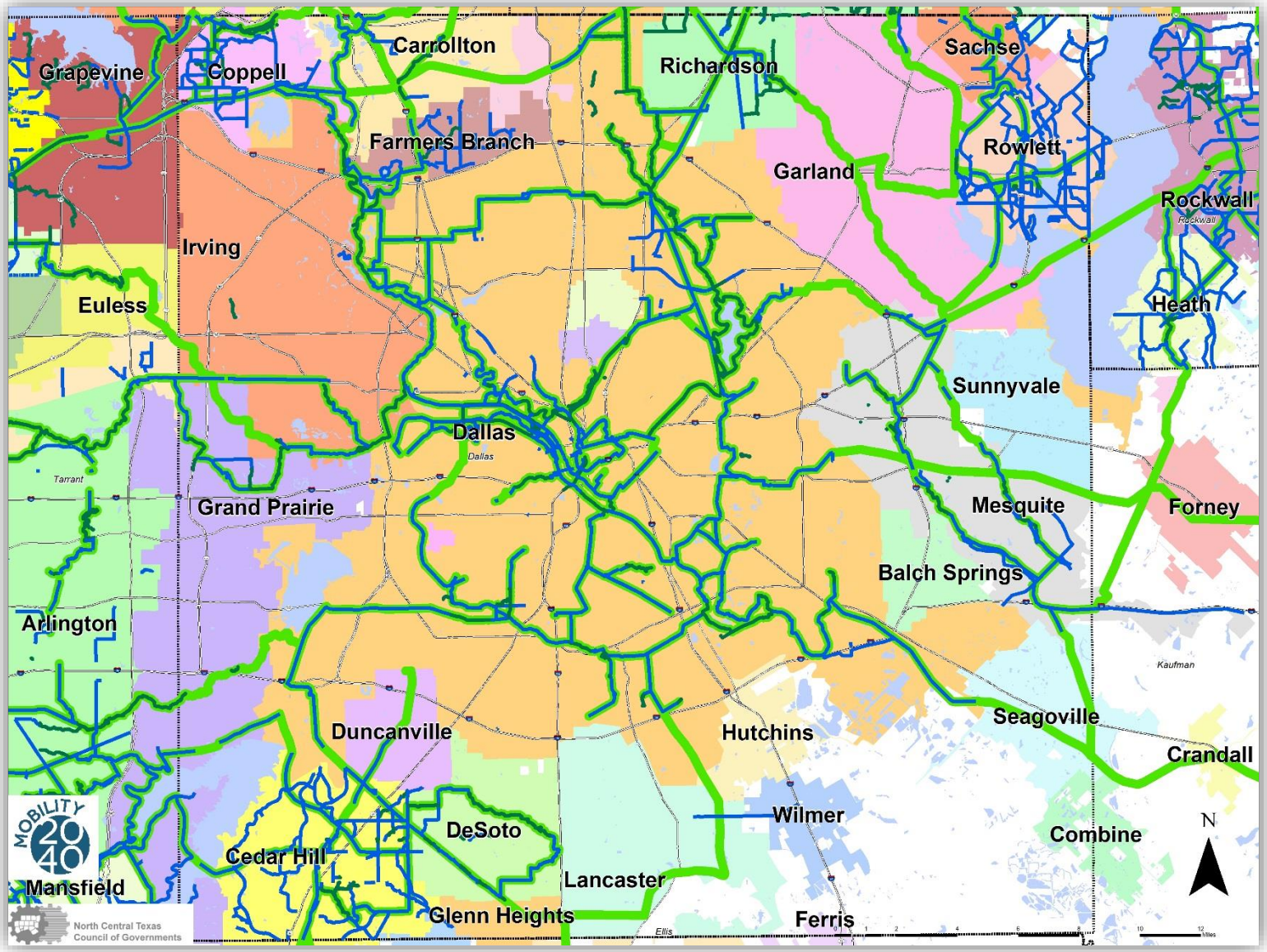

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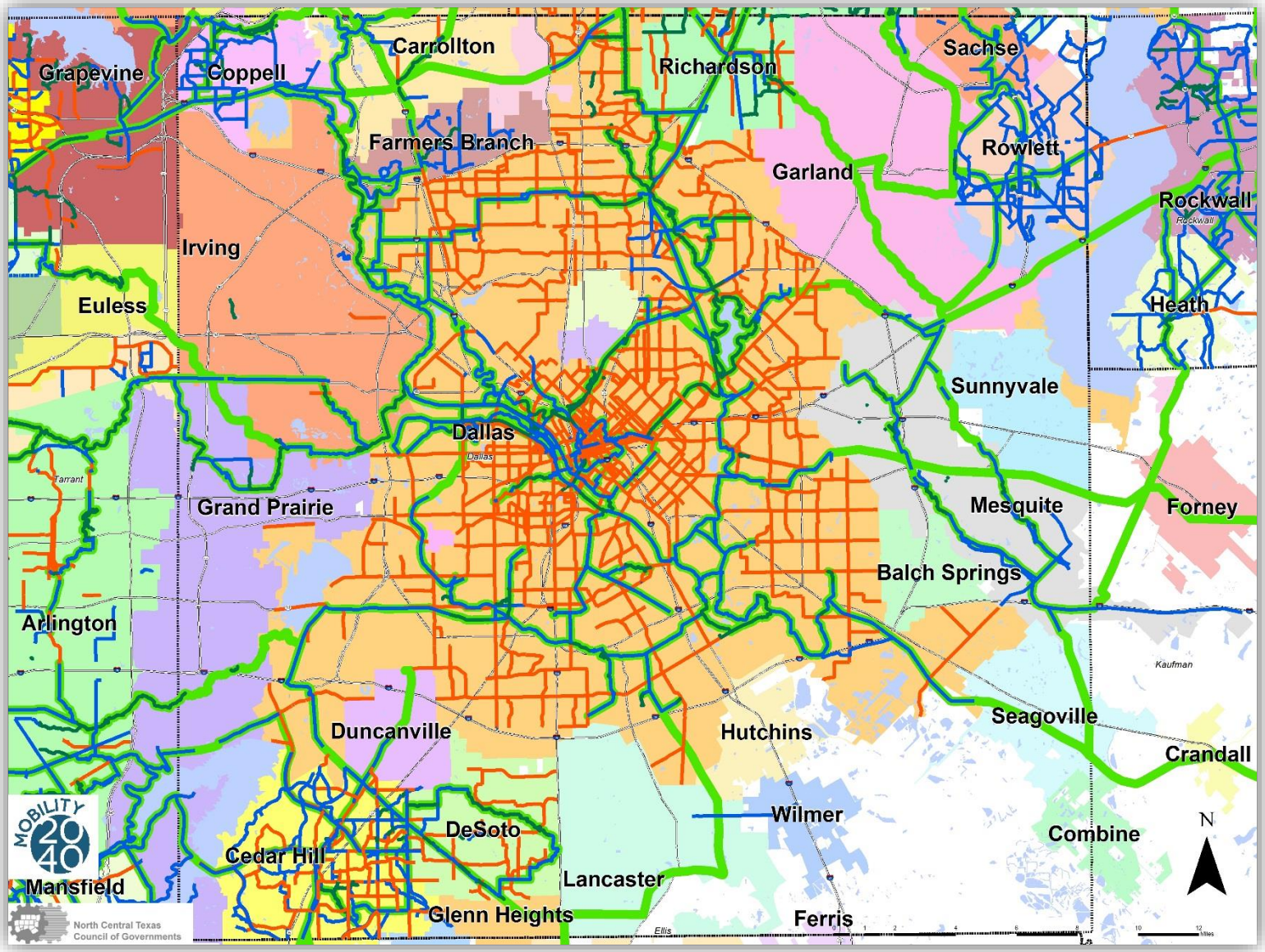
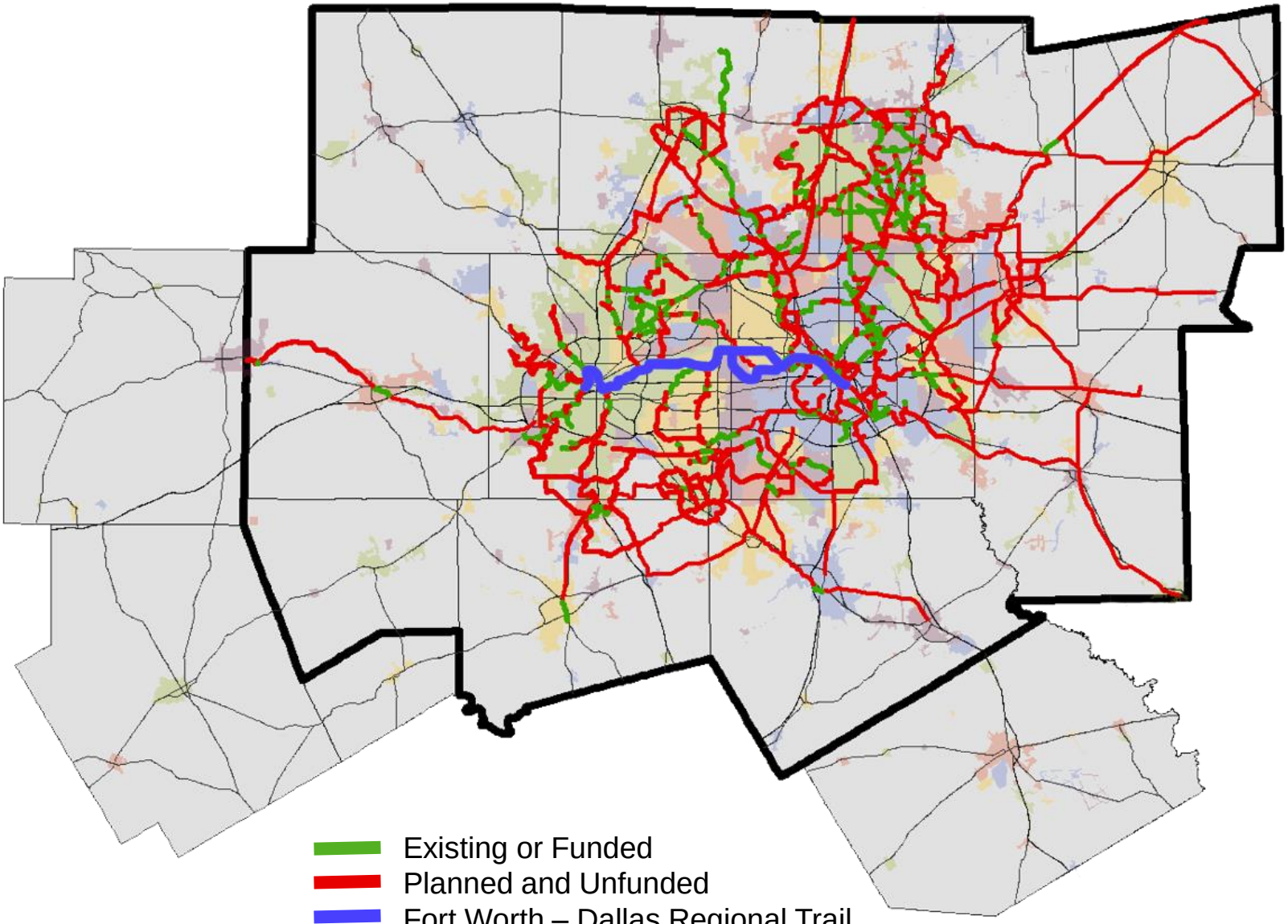
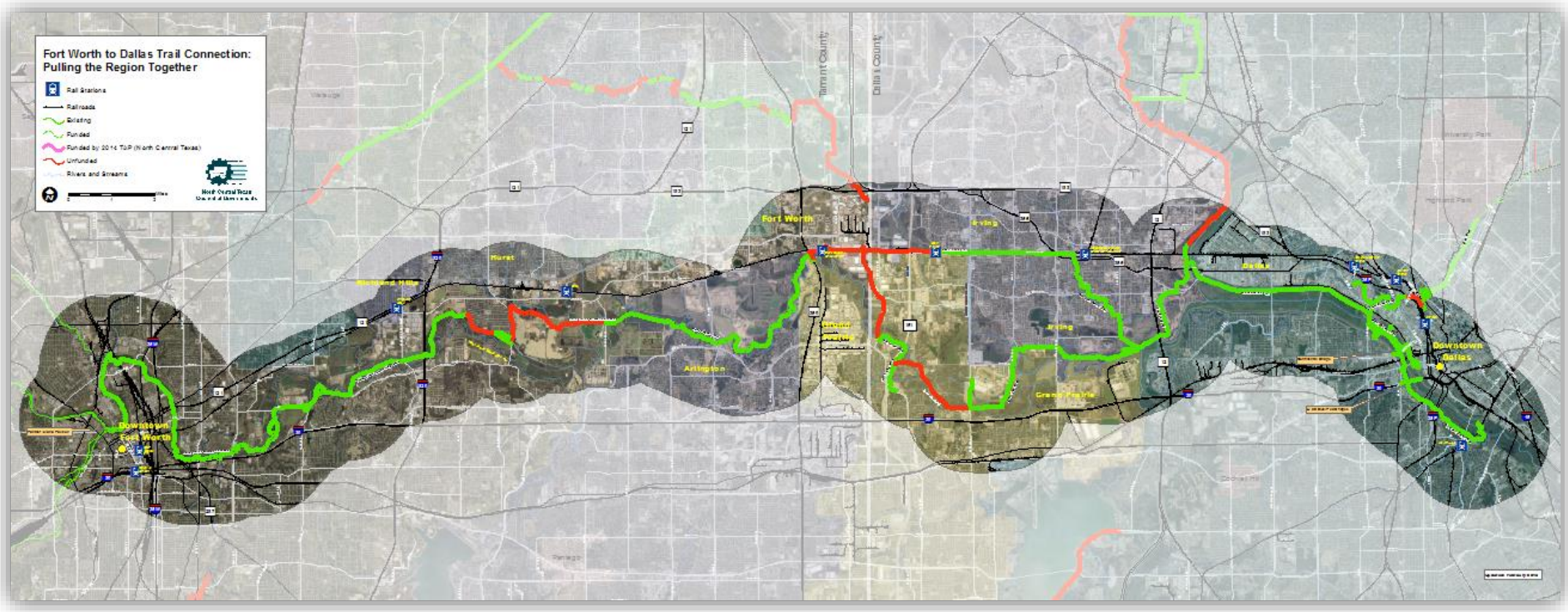


Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail



Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Corridor



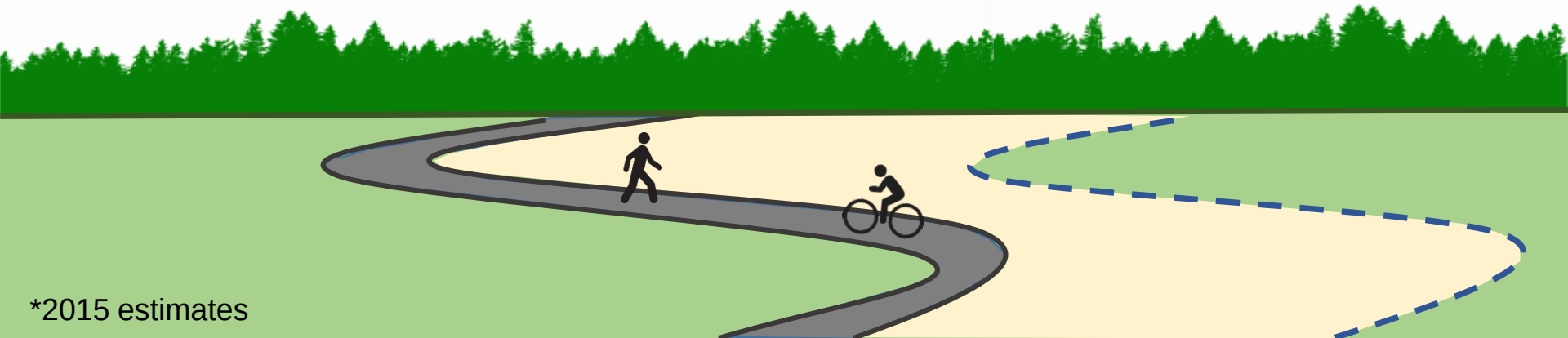
- Downtown Fort Worth to Downtown Dallas
- Five Cities - Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Dallas
- Combined route total distance - <u>64 miles</u>

Within Two Miles of the Trail…

Households
213,996

Population
592,585

Employment
822,061



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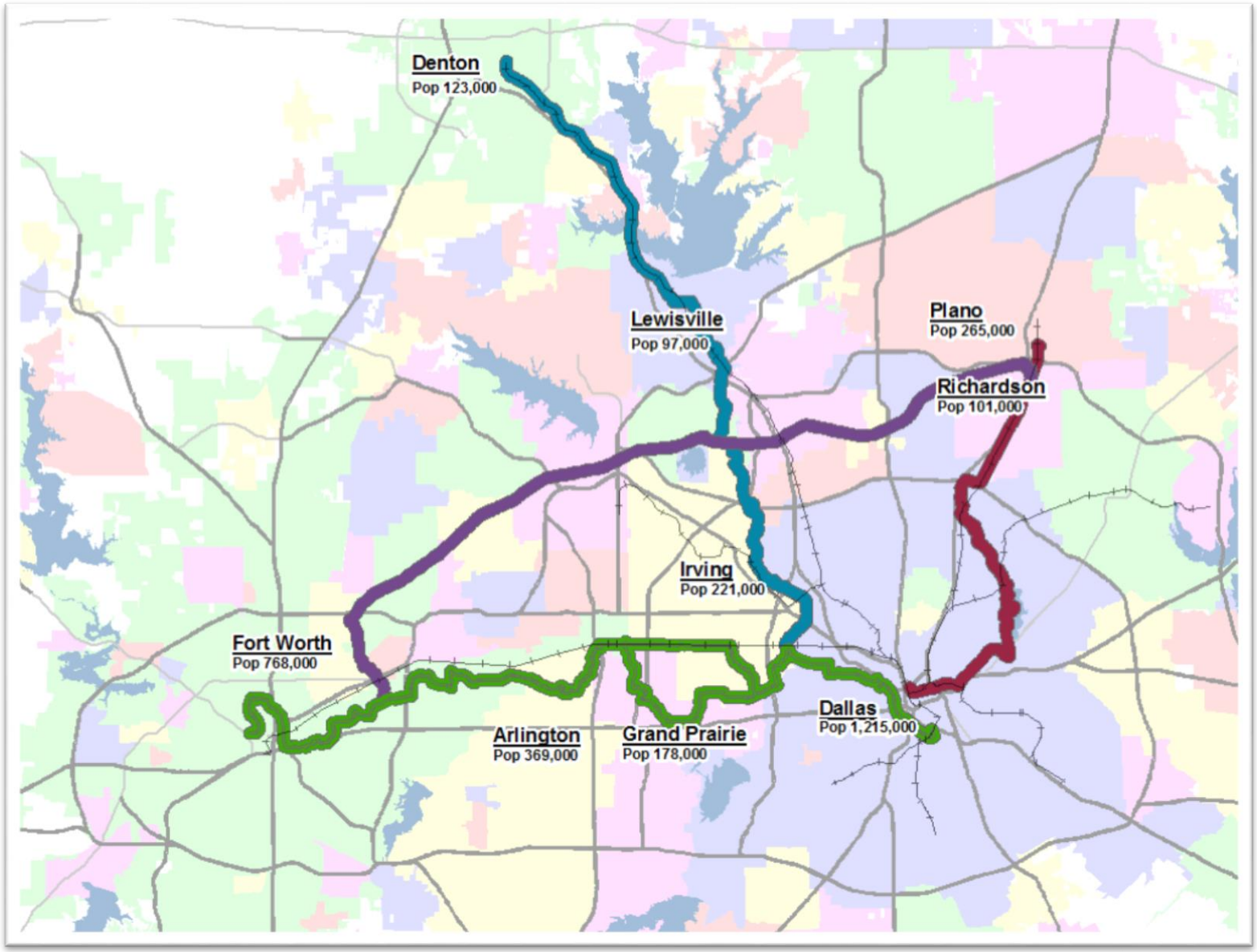
Making Connections for People

Jobs, Schools, Retail, Transit, Recreation and Natural Space

Showcasing Regional Assets

Four Regional Trail Corridors



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