

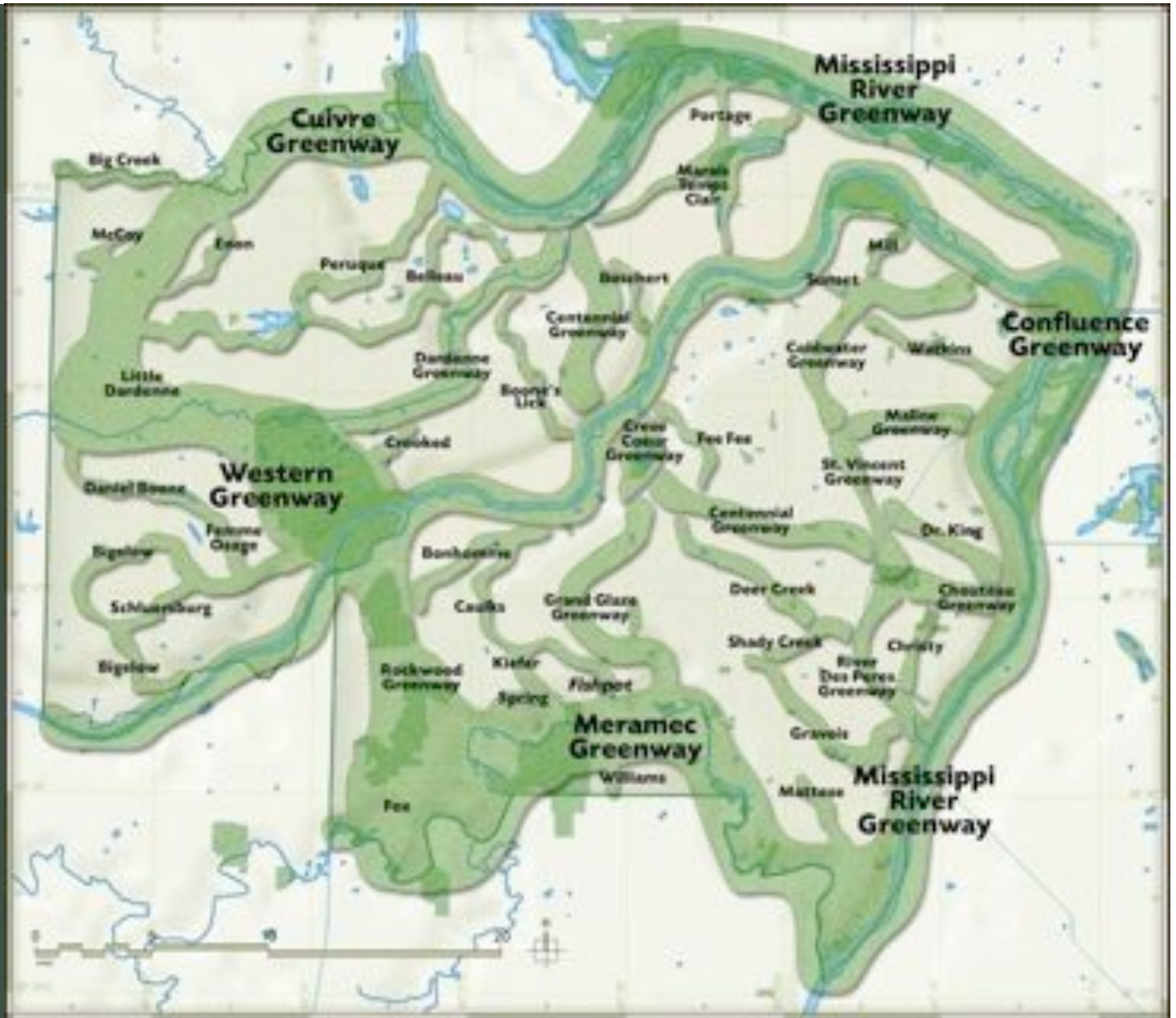
Linkages: Building a Regional Greenway and Trail System

Presentation Overview

- Overview of Great Rivers Greenway District (GRG)
- GRG projects along the Mississippi River Trail
 - Overview of Riverfront Trail and the McKinley Bridge Bikeway and Trestle

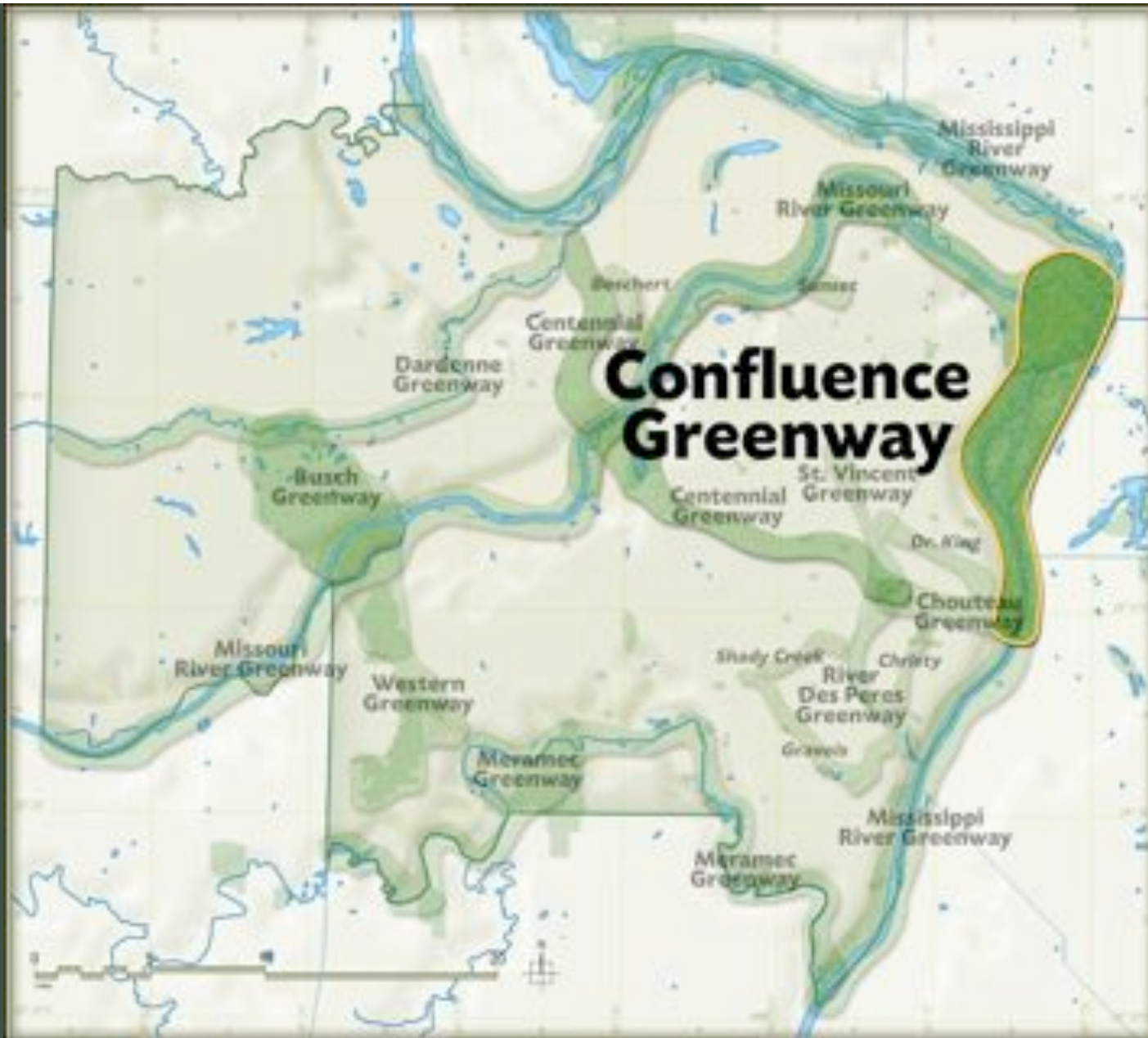


The long-term vision of the River Ring is a system of 40 greenways containing over 600 miles of trails connecting parks, communities and natural areas









Confluence Greenway



North Riverfront Trail improvements in partnership with the City of St. Louis and several non-profit agencies

\$1,425,000 of improvements to the existing trail and new looping trail at North Riverfront Park. City of St. Louis provided \$250,000

Resurfaced entire 11 mile (17.7 km) trail with new directional and interpretive signage with trailheads. Construction completed in 2007





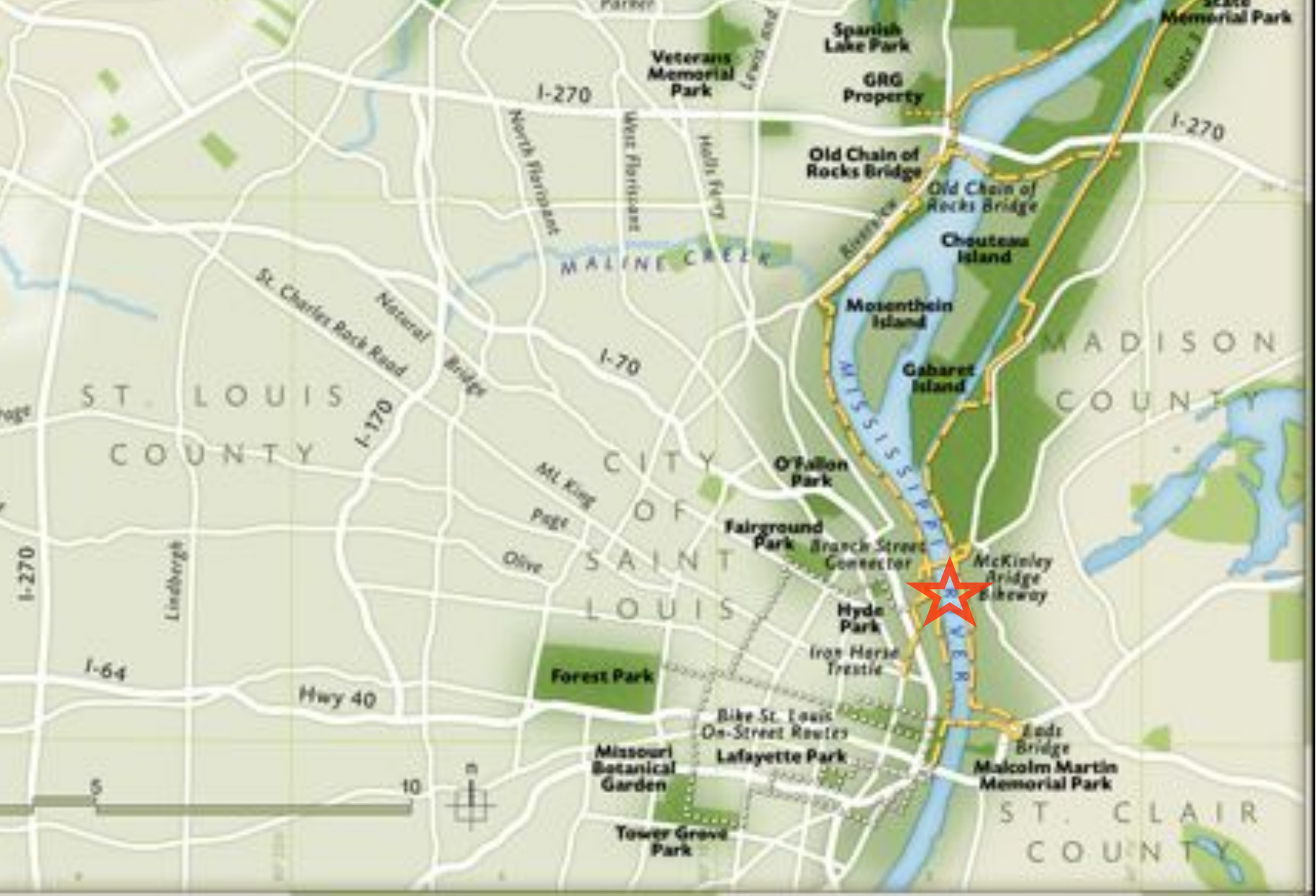






McKinley Bridge Bikeway





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The McKinley Bridge, as viewed from the south side, looking east. It had a heavier carrying capacity than any other Mississippi bridge at the time it was built. It was completed in September 1910.

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Looking from the front window of a Granite City-bound P.C.C., we see Granite City-St. Louis car 472 exiting the truss spans of the McKinley bridge in St. Louis just before we enter, on March 20, 1957. Originally the double tracks were unpaved and vehicular traffic used the roadways outside the spans, but as traffic increased, the tracks were paved.

Paul H. Stringham



The McKinley Bridge Bikeway is a collaborative project with GRG committing \$6 million and Metro East Park and Recreation providing \$590,000.

McKinley Bridge reconstruction began in 2005 and completed in 2008.

The Bikeway provides a direct connection to St. Louis Riverfront Trail and soon a connection to the Confluence Bikeway in Illinois in 2009.



The McKinley Bridge Bikeway includes a 14-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian route over the Mississippi River. The Bikeway is 2,600 ft long on the Bridge which connects to the Trestle, a 24 ft wide by 2,400 ft long trail connection to Branch Street and the Riverfront Trail.

Partnerships are Key!

Citizens and local residents

Public Organizations

City of St. Louis

Missouri Department of Transportation

Illinois Department of Transportation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Missouri Department of Conservation

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

Non-Profit Organizations

Confluence Greenway Partnership

Grace Hill Neighborhood Services

Old North St. Louis Restoration Group

City Business Associations

Neighborhood Associations



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The Great Rivers Greenway District

















June 7, 2008 Ribbon Cutting

