

We're Making Progress





The Burt Lake Trail



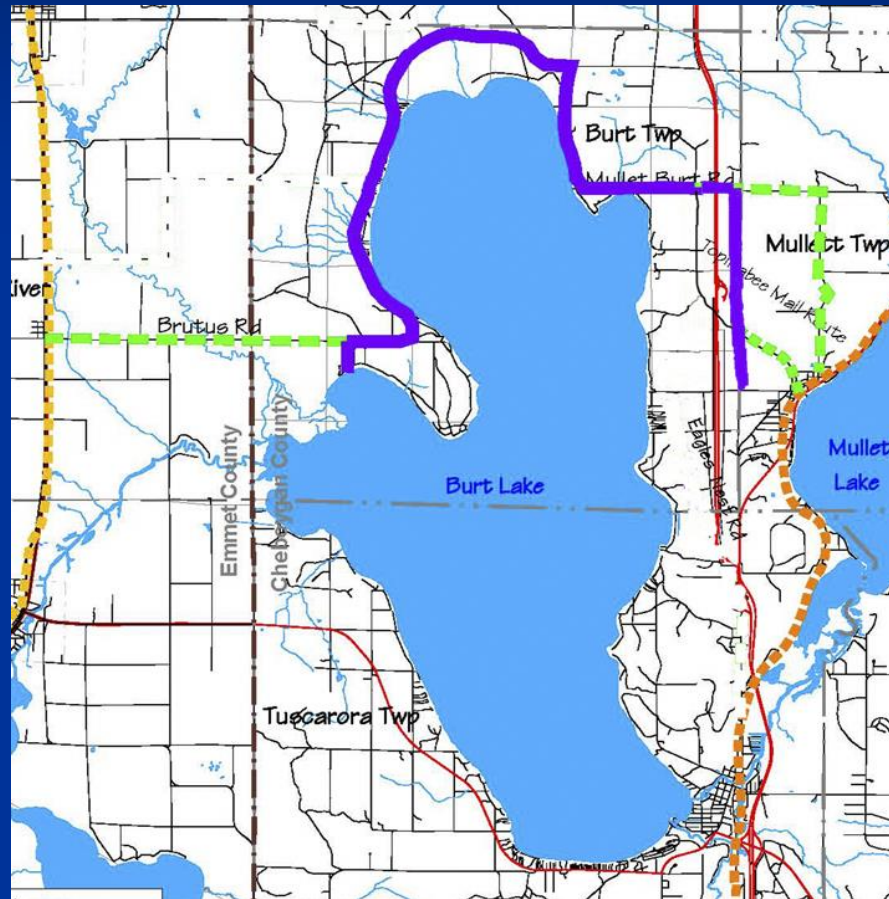
18 scenic miles around the North end of Burt Lake



Connecting Burt Lake and beyond...

North
Western
State Trail

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Seven good reasons for a trail





1. Safer walking, running, riding

2. Facility for healthy outdoor recreation
3. Exposure to the area's natural beauty
4. Improved property values
5. Support of economic development
6. Opportunity to meet your neighbors

Phase I Completed August 2013



Five miles, Maple Bay to Hogsback Roads. Heavily used.
Combination of off-highway and paved shoulders.

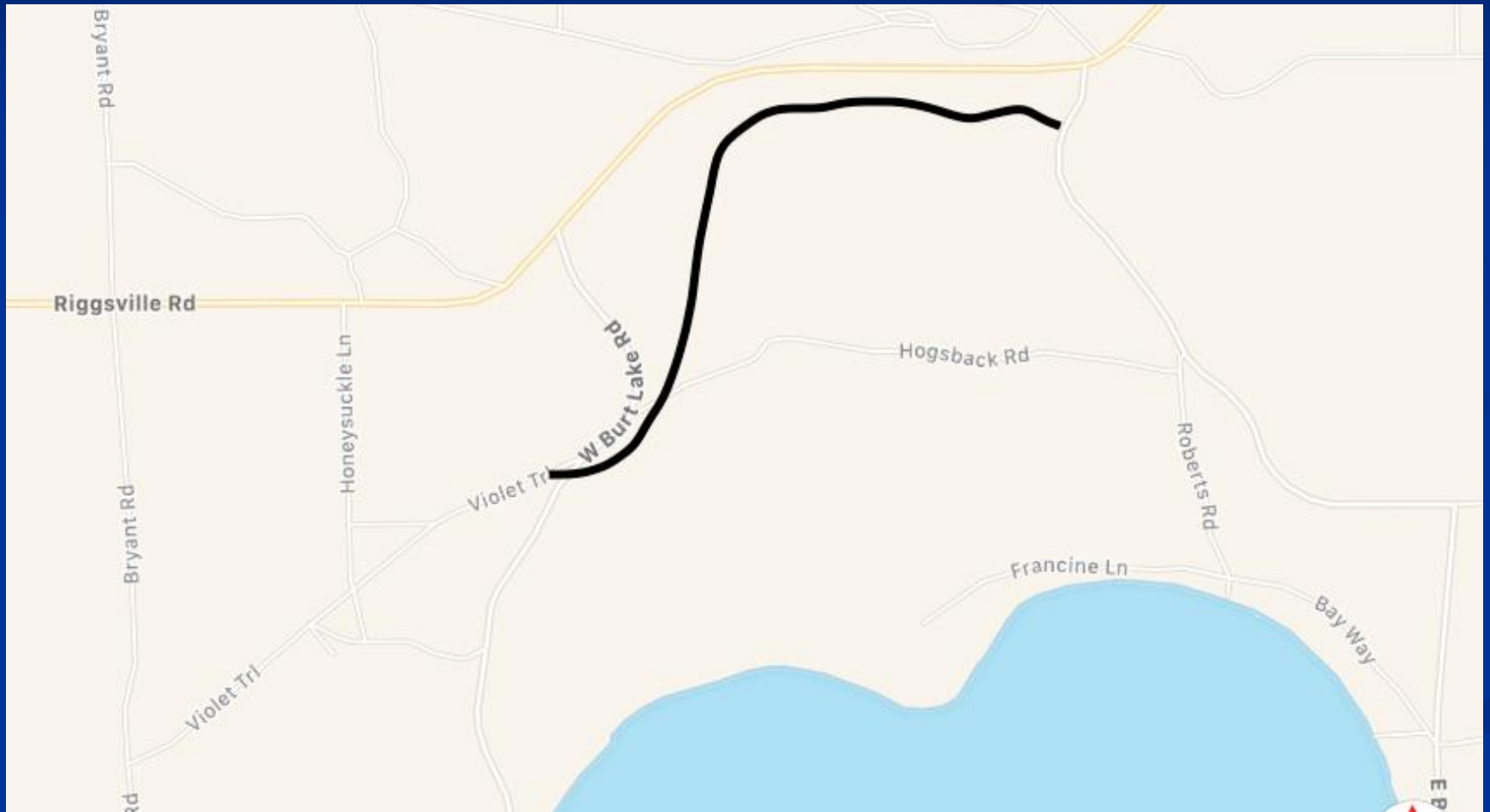
Phase I Financing

- \$398,500 MNRTF grant
- \$473,325 MDOT grant
- \$183,000 from individual and organization donors
- Parks and Recreation maintenance budget \$34,000 one time erosion correction
- Safe recreation bargain

Phase II Implementation

- Hogsback/West Burt Lake to East Burt Lake/Riggsville Roads
- Paved off-the road 10- foot wide path through U. of M. easement
- Connects with The Gorge parking lot
- 2017 Design/Engineering
- Spring/Summer 2018 Construction

Phase II North Trail



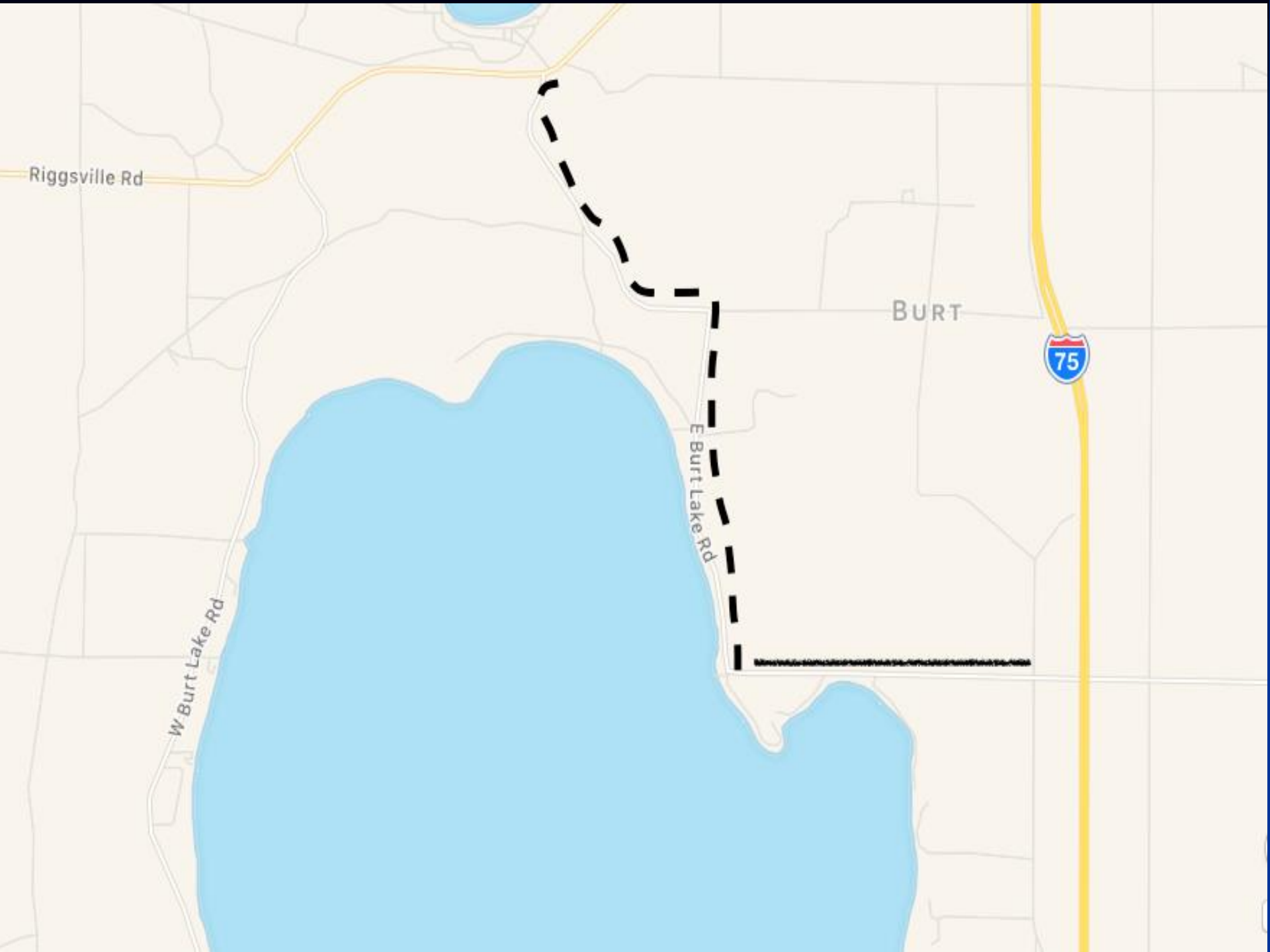
Funding Phase II

- MNRTF Grant Approved Dec 2016 for \$295,000
- MDOT TAP Grant Conditional Commitment Approved May 2017, for \$374,500
- Need to raise \$75,000 “Matching funds” from individuals and organizations

Phase III and IV plans

- East Burt Lake Road from Riggsville to Birchwood
- Separated Trail Riggsville to Birchwood
- Birchwood to Mullet-Burt Rd
- Six foot paved shoulders when resurfacing is done. Target: 2020
- Mullett-Burt Road near Hoppies to Topinabee Mailroute

Five foot paved shoulders added by Road Commission during resurfacing, 2017



Riggsville Rd

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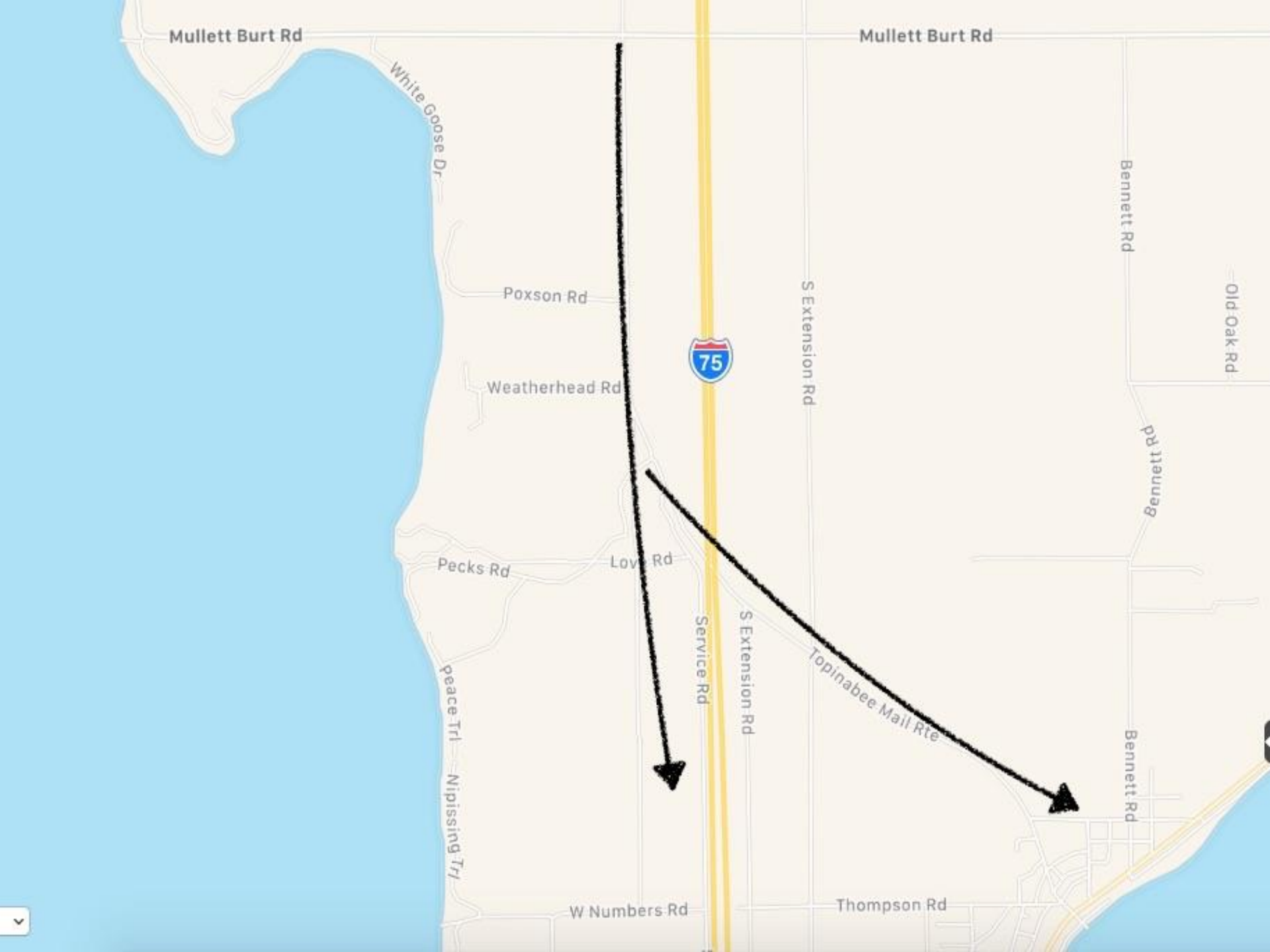


E Burt Lake Rd

W Burt Lake Rd

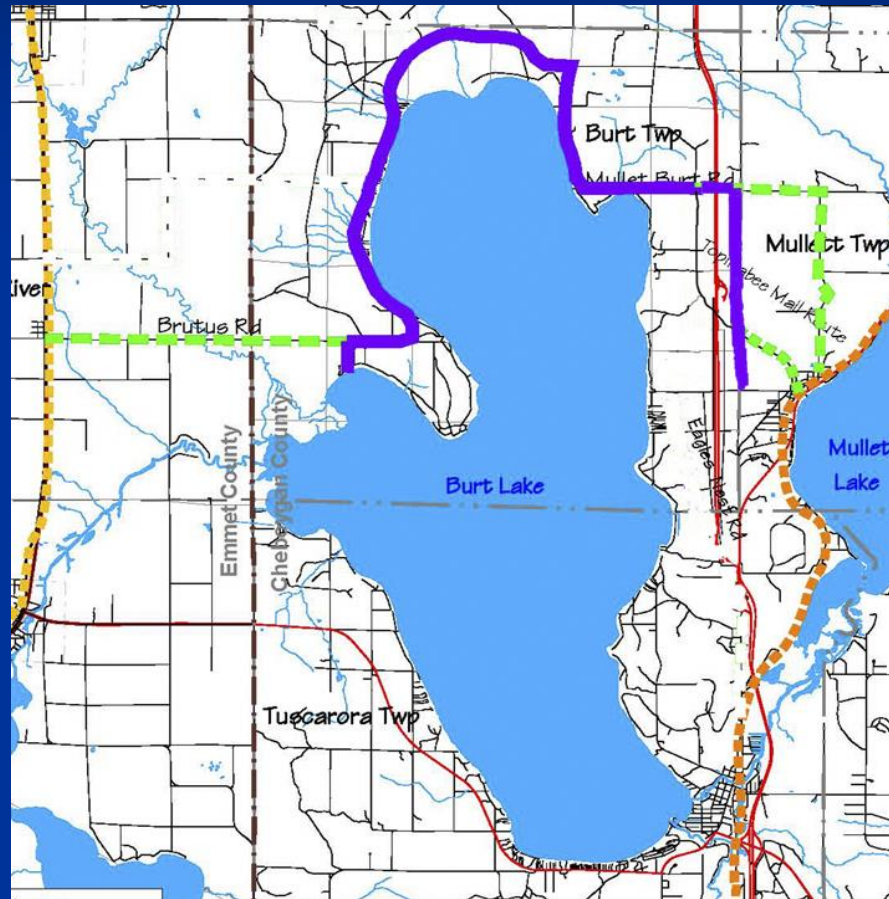
Phase V plans

- Topinabee Mail Route Road to Topinabee Trail Head
- Service, Eaglesnest, Numbers Roads, M-27 to Indian River (Already have paved shoulders except part of Eaglesnest)
- Paved shoulders on Brutus Road when it's eventually resurfaced (2020?)



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Frequently Asked Questions

- Whose idea was this?

Burt Township recreation survey, master plan, recreation plan, public input

- Do trails have economic impact?

MDOT study: Bicycling in Michigan provides \$668 million economic benefit. Trail visitors spend money locally and are potential home buyers.

Who's responsible for maintenance?

Road Commission for paved shoulders.

Townships for off highway separated trails.

Can it be used for snowmobiling?

No. Non-motorized use only.

What's the advantage of paved shoulders?

Don't require easements

MDOT TAP money available

Improve the road's longevity

Where will the money come from?

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Oil and gas lease revenue devoted to recreation projects.

Michigan Department of Transportation.

Transportation Alternative Program grants devoted to non-motorized travel.

Burt, Munro, Mullet Townships.

Parks and Recreation maintenance budgets

Generous donors like you

Safety Check



Please help extend the trail by writing one to:

Top of Michigan Trails Council - Burt Lake Trail

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Petoskey, MI 49770

Thanks for helping

