

## Former Rail Bed - Existing Conditions



## Proposed Trail Node

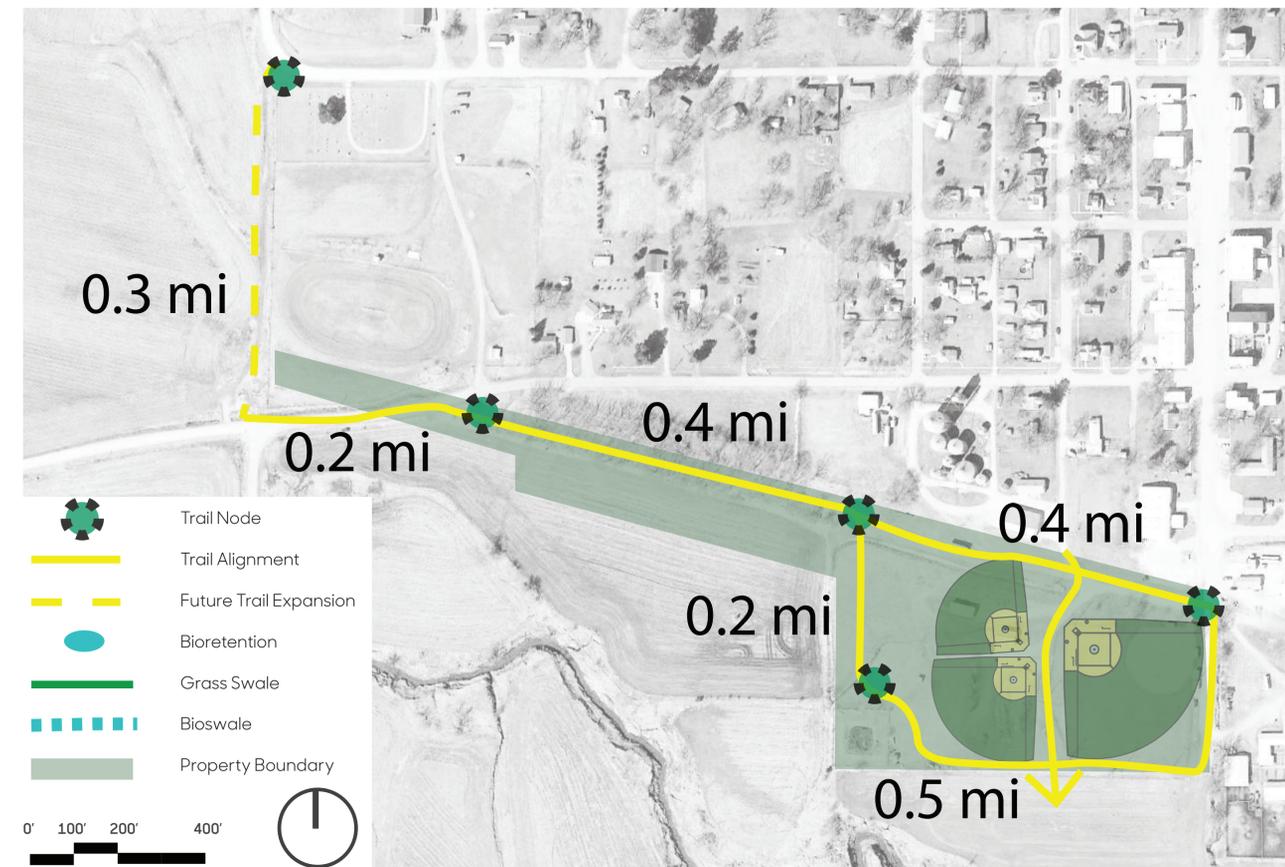


## Massena Recreational Trail

During the special places mapping assessment, committee members noted that there are no existing trail routes in the community. Creating a dedicated trail that connects to the community is a top priority. The proposed trail would connect from the southern area of town to the western edge and circle back to the downtown.

The creation of a smaller defined recreational trail loop allows for continuous access for community members. The loop trail would utilize existing city property around the existing baseball/softball/tee ball complex and the former rail bed leading to the west of town. The trail maintains an opportunity to connect to Massena to the north through an abandoned street ROW with the creation of an easement with an existing property owner. This trail connection would need to have protective bollards installed at each roadway entrance to prevent vehicles from driving on the trail or adjacent properties. Trail nodes are proposed for opportunities for rest and use of the relocated exercise equipment from City Park.

## Proposed Fitness Trail



## Massena Recreational Complex

Massena has the desire to expand their recreational complex to include additional fields for tee ball and softball for youth and high school age groups. Re-orienting the existing ball field to have all the infields in the same location, reduces sun glare for the players, offers the ability to share concessions, condense the distance to parking, and allows fans to interact with multiple events that might be happening at the same time.

The additional ball fields require relocating the community gardens to just north of the old rail line and the proposed ball fields. The new site offers better soil conditions and easier access for community members.

## Signage and Branding

Massena has unique character and attributes that make their community stand out in southwest Iowa. They are considered the "home of friendly people" and the current signage does not echo the characteristics of their motto or the town's aesthetic.

Creation of sign panels for the existing signs highlight Massena's motto and showcase the identifying character of the community. The blue color is consistent with their previous branding efforts and can be carried through the proposed streetscape banners, website, and materials if desired. Trail markers could utilize the same type of branding to help people determine the distance traveled on the proposed trail loop.

## Existing Sign at 750th Street



## Proposed Welcome Sign



## Proposed Banner and Welcome Sign



# Massena Trails & Signage

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