

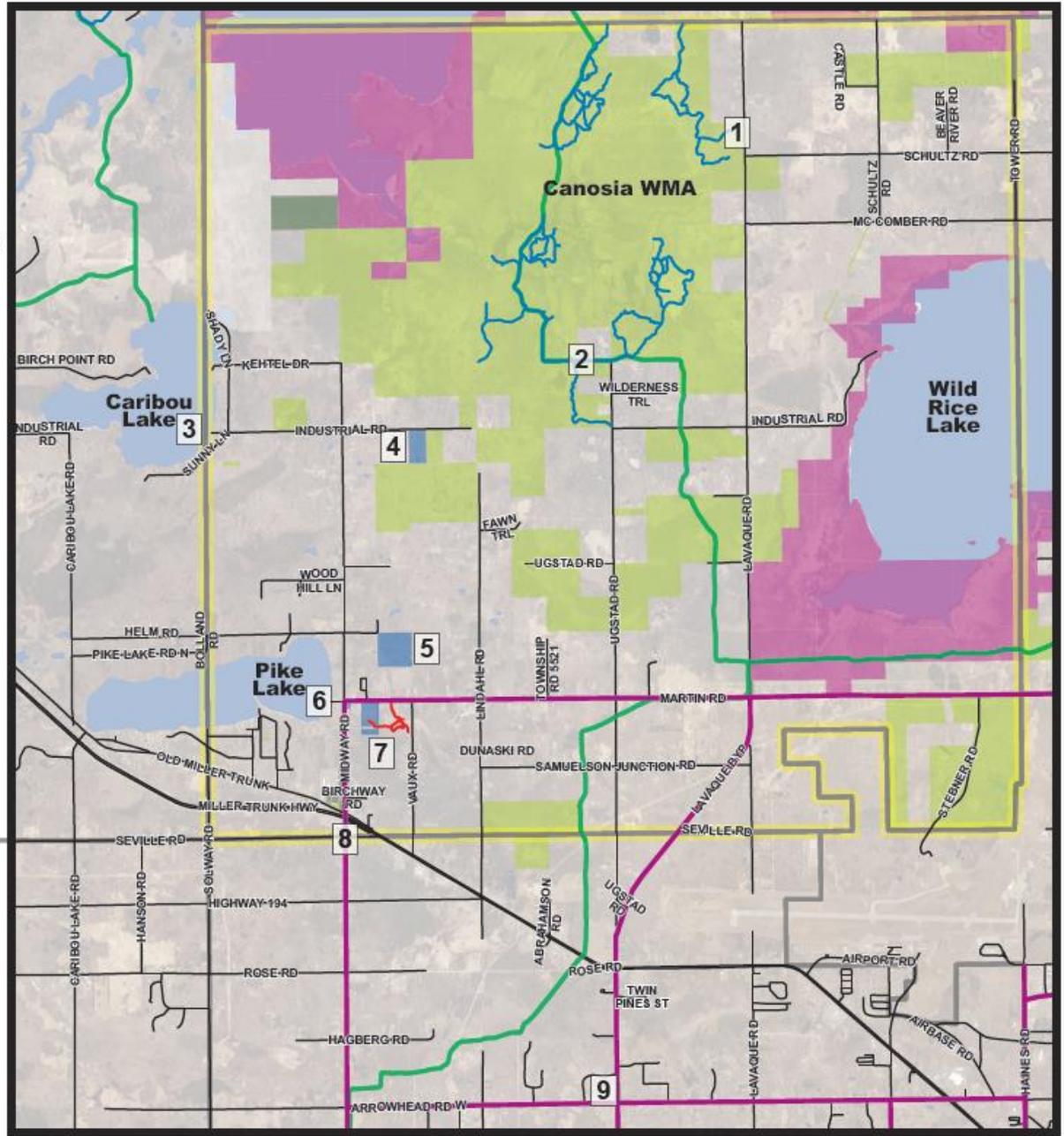


# Canosia Township Trails Plan

-Chris Belden

# Canosia Township Landmarks and Current Trails

- 1 - Canosia WMA Lavaque Access
- 2 - Canosia WMA Ugstad Access
- 3 - Caribou Lake Boat Access
- 4 - 20-Acres Industrial Rd.
- 5 - 40-Acres on Helm Rd.
- 6 - Pike Lake Boat Access  
Canosia Town Hall  
Golf Course  
AAA Auto Club
- 7 - Pike Lake Elementary  
School Forest Trail
- 8 - Four Corners Business District
- 9 - Hermantown Schools  
Future Munger Trail Spur  
Future Health and Wellness  
Center



**Legend**

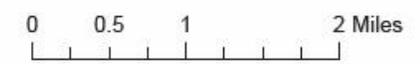
- Township Boundary

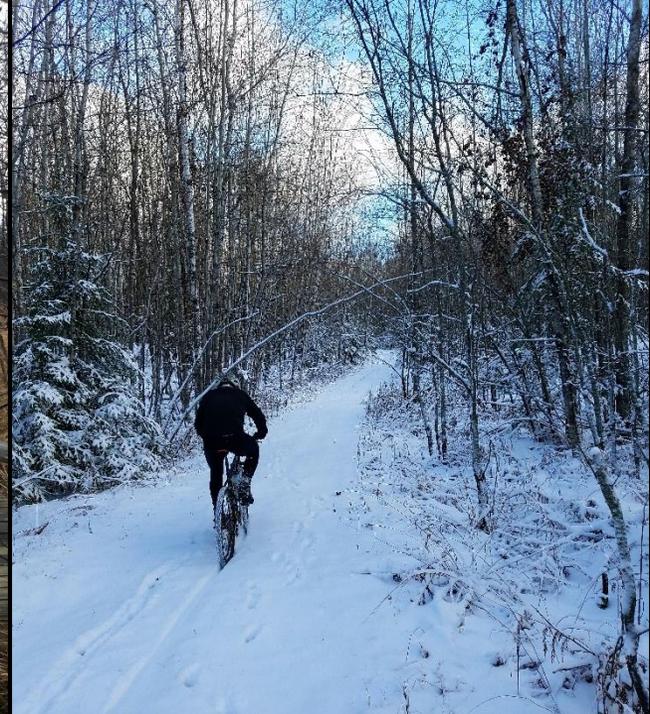
**Paths and Trails**

- On Street Bikeway
- Hunter walking trails
- Pike Lake School Trail
- Snowmobile Trails

**Public Land Ownership**

- MN Power
- St Louis Co
- State of MN
- Township





# Canosia Township Trails Plan Survey

84 Total Responses

October 3, 2016 – November 4, 2016

The 12 question survey was released at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting at Canosia Township Hall and promoted through the township newsletter, social media, the Proctor Journal, and more.

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**TRAIL SURVEY COMING SOON!**

The last town resident survey, conducted in 2014, identified an interest in expanding the hiking and biking trails in our township. Over the past several months there has been a small group of volunteers, assisted by the Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC), working to gather and discuss hiking & biking trail ideas. The group's goal is to help our township assemble a long term trail development plan. The plan will provide details on trail routes, trail types, development options, estimated costs and potential funding sources.

Trail types and routes discussed so far range from hiking paths through the woods between points of interest in the township, to loop trails on a designated 40 acre tract of land, to gravel or paved bike trails, on or off road, connecting with existing trails.

Input from all town residents is needed to create a plan that will meet the recreational and transportation needs & wishes that fit our township.

More details on the initial hiking and biking trail plan ideas will be shared at a public meeting. The meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Canosia Town Hall to present the range of trail types & development options, answer questions, and introduce a survey to gather ideas to shape the trails plan. Please take some time to help us in the planning for future trails by attending the public meeting and taking the survey. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, the survey will be available on the Canosia Township Website at <http://canosiatownship.qwestoffice.net> starting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A paper copy of the survey can also be obtained by calling Susan Krasaway at 590-6746.

By Kurt Brooks, on behalf of the Trails Planning Group

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council in Canosia Township.  
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Take the Canosia Township Trails Plan Survey to give your opinions on current and potential trails!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/canosiatrails>

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**Canosia survey deadline Nov. 4**

When Canosia residents were asked two years ago what recreation was needed in the Township, the top three of seven answers were trails.

Slightly more than 81 percent of respondents to a Comprehensive Plan survey said walking and biking lanes, and motorized and non-motorized trail connections were needed.

Canosia is now considering several options, including developing some self-contained trail loops on vacant township-owned properties

and trying to explore ways to connect all four lakes within the township via a trail system.

As part of the process, residents are being asked to take an online survey.

The survey, available until Nov. 4, will help provide details on trail routes, trail types, development options, estimated costs and potential funding sources.

Over the past several months, a small group of volunteers, assisted by the Metropolitan Interstate Council, has been working on a long term trail development plan.

Details of their ideas were shared at a public meeting Oct. 3, at the Town Hall.

Following the survey, the public will have an opportunity to review a draft plan and make final changes before a final draft is presented to boards and commissions for approval.

To take the 12-question survey, go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/canosiatrails](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/canosiatrails)

**Trail survey**  
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**INSIDE**  
◆ Hammering it home  
◆ Midway to discuss options today

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# Highlights of the survey

- 93.8% of respondents reported that they were supportive or very supportive of trail development or enhancements
- 81% of respondents reported that they lived nearest to Pike Lake or Caribou Lake
- Those who currently walk or bicycle do so mostly on township roads and not on existing trails
- The three highest reasons for not currently walking or bicycling more often were a lack of trails/pathways, lack of awareness of existing trails, and destinations are too far apart
- One of the most important goals to respondents was to **inform the community of already existing trails**

# Highlights of the survey

- Majority of respondents would like to use **trails for walking, hiking**, cross-country skiing, trail biking, and snowshoeing
- Majority of respondents would like **paths to be off-street** (not mixing with motorized vehicles) and prefer them to be natural surface or paved trails
- Out of all the destinations, landmarks, and goals – the respondents didn't have an overwhelming favorite. The responses indicated that they were **in favor of almost any trail** improvements or development within the township. There were a few ideas that seem to have a little more support than others – **Connection to the Munger Spur Trail/Schools/Future Health and Wellness Center** in Hermantown, utilizing existing trails and publicly owned lands, and connecting the township lakes by trail.



# For more information

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