



# Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail



## Park Overview

Currently, this trail exists in two unconnected segments, each less than six miles long. The northern segment does, however, connect seamlessly to the 19-mile Cannon Valley Trail via a short city trail connection in Red Wing. Meanwhile, the southern segment is anchored in the city of Zumbrota at the Covered Bridge Park, home to a historic covered bridge.

This trail passes through a scenic mix of tall grass prairies, maple and basswood forests, and oak savanna. Deer, fox, wild turkeys, beavers, pheasant, eagles and opossum can often be seen from the trail.

The trail is paved and used by bicyclists, hikers, in-line skaters, wheelchair users and snowmobilers. There's an adjacent natural surface treadway for horseback riders in the area around the Hay Creek Unit of a State Forest.



## Land Projects at a Glance

  
PROJECTS

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ACRES  
PROTECTED

71

  
LAND VALUE  
(capitalized cost)

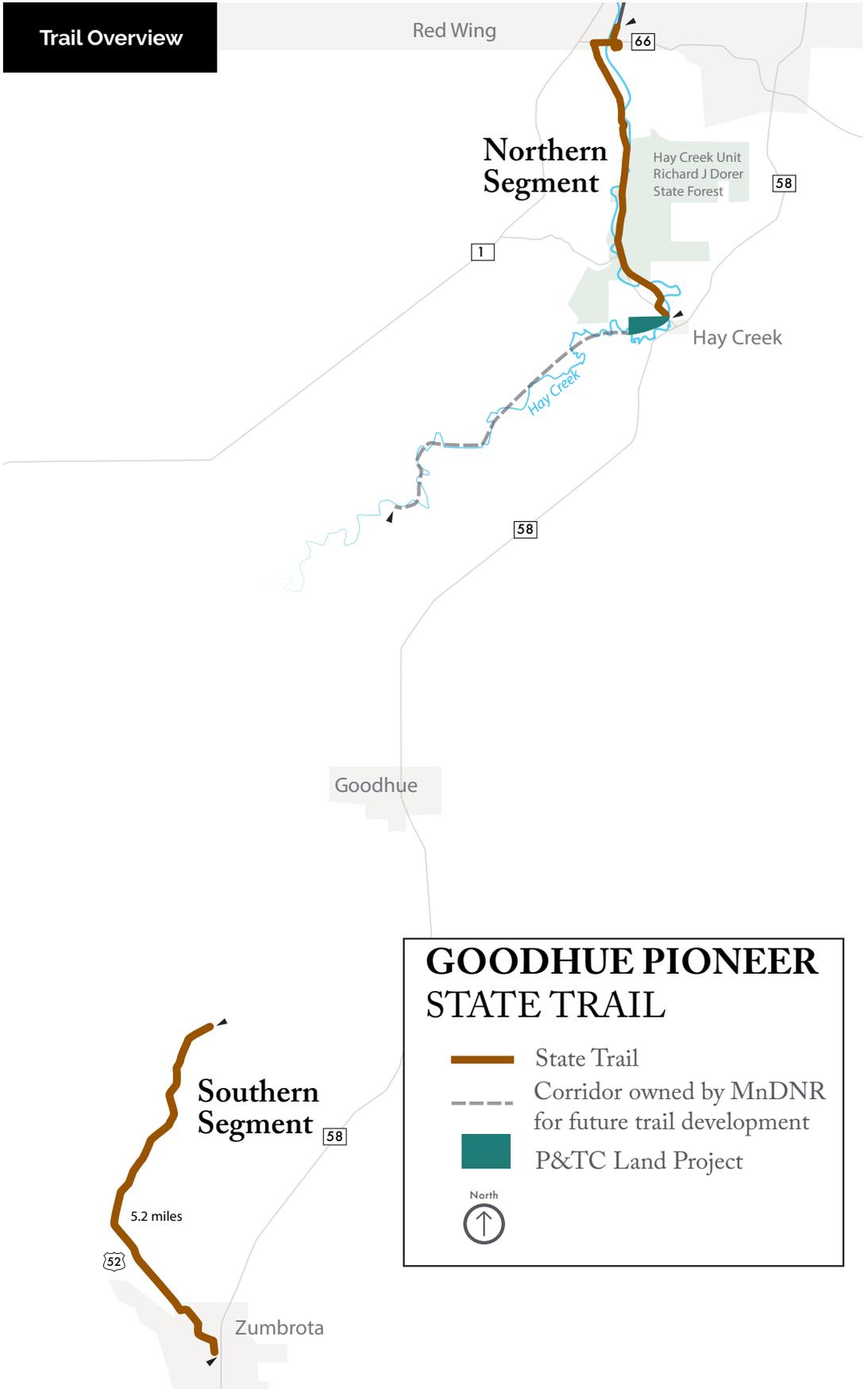
\$493K

  
LAST  
PROJECT

2022



## Trail Overview



## GOODHUE PIONEER STATE TRAIL

- State Trail
- Corridor owned by MnDNR for future trail development
- P&TC Land Project





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## 1) Farmland Easement

2010 - 2010 | 10 acres | 1.5 trail miles | \$4K

This project involved securing the legal permission to use land for a trail (i.e., an easement) through farmland from where the trail terminated at 180th Ave, through to other easements owned by the DNR for the trail.

As of March 2022, this segment has not yet been developed.



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## 2) Extension at Hay Creek

2020 - TBD | 61 acres | \$453K

For years, the northern segment of this trail came to an abrupt end at a dirt road in Hay Creek Township. Across the road lay an overgrown field marked with a private property sign. Knowing that just beyond this field, the State owned more than four miles of abandoned railroad corridor, we worked for over a decade to acquire the land and remove that gap, which held up development.

In 2020, after negotiating an agreement, we bought the property. Currently, we hold the land in trust and plan it to convey to the MnDNR once they are ready. This property offers scenic views with exposed rock outcrops and portions of Hay Creek, a waterway known as one of the best trout streams near the Twin Cities Metro.