



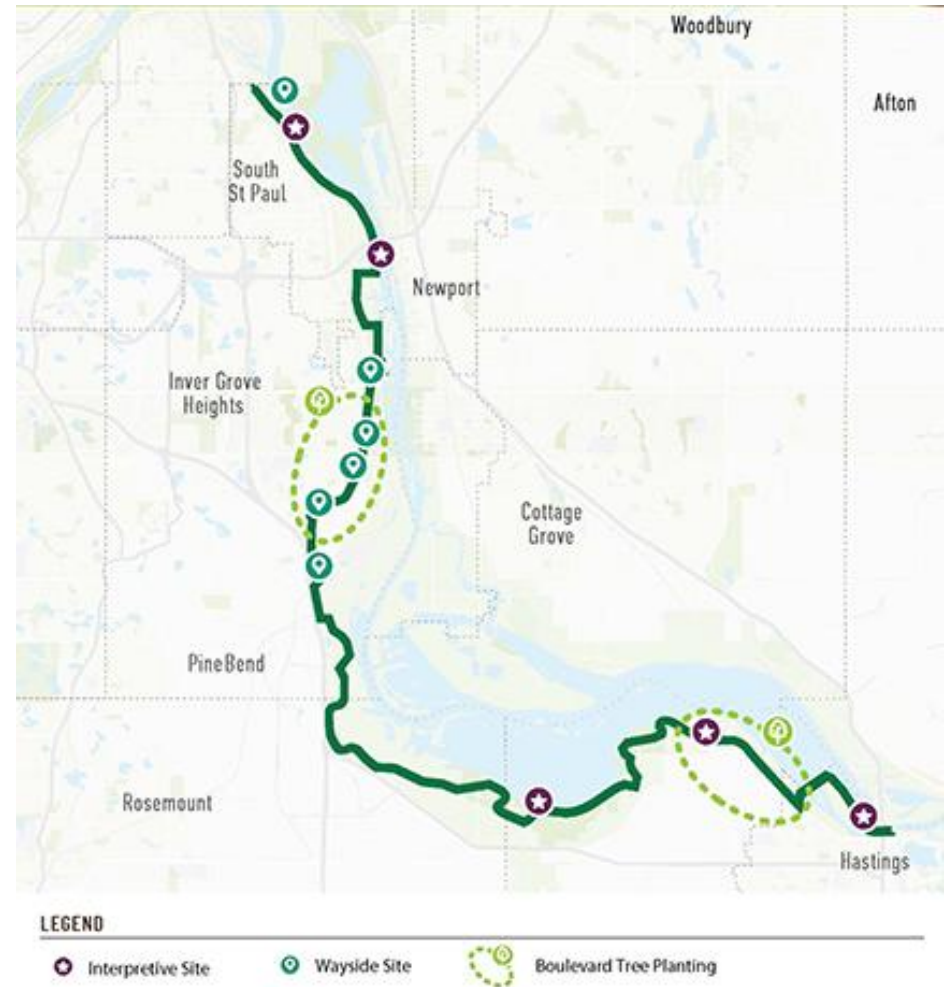
Dakota County Mississippi River Greenway Improvements

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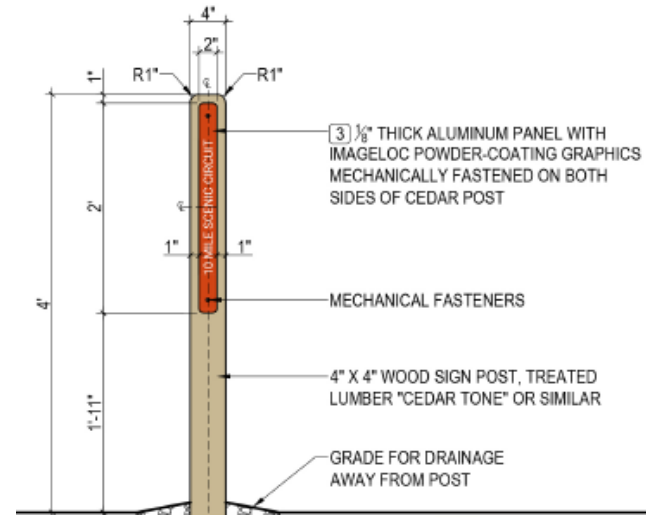
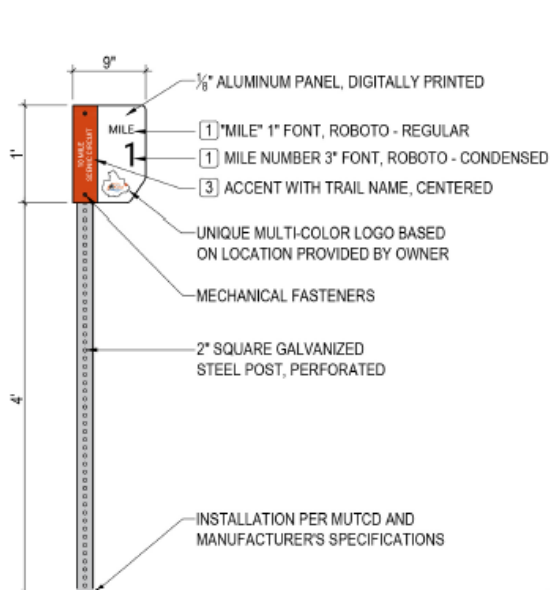
- Project outline and overarching theme
- Hastings specific improvements
- Obtain feedback from Council
- Discuss post-construction operations

Project Scope

- Additional landscaping
- 11 new rest areas and scenic overlooks
- 5 new interpretive exhibits
- EV charging stations
- Updated wayfinding
- Funds from RAISE grant, NPS, LCCMR, and MnDOT IIJA
- Public engagement was done in 2025



Wayfinding Array & Co-Branding



Existing Examples



MRG Interpretive Plan – Hastings Bridges

2014 INTERPRETIVE EXPERIENCE DESIGN PLAN

Subtheme: Connection / Pull of place

Why here? Why did it persist? (bridges, rail, steamer).
 Stories of transport to and from Hastings over time.
 Frame the landscape.

Design: Plaza / Gateway

Additional options for interpreting this theme should be explored, including those that are more subtle and integrated into the site.

Purpose: Framing the bridge

DAKOTA COUNTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL INTERPRETIVE - EXPERIENCE DESIGN

NODE 10. HASTINGS DETAILED SITE PLAN

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1. Large frames
2. Plaza
3. Seating
4. Lawn
5. Access path
6. Litter receptacles
7. Bike racks
8. Ornamental grasses along trail at node
9. Trail node indicators
10. Interpretive elements

KEY

- Structure or building
- Plaza
- Trail
- River
- Path



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NODE 10. HASTINGS INTERPRETIVE BENCHES: PUBLIC ART SEATING ELEMENTS

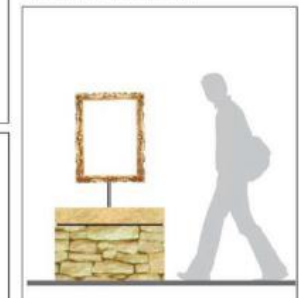
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BENCHES REPRESENT THE REASONS
 HASTINGS PERSERVERED:
 STEAMERS
 BRIDGES
 RAILROAD



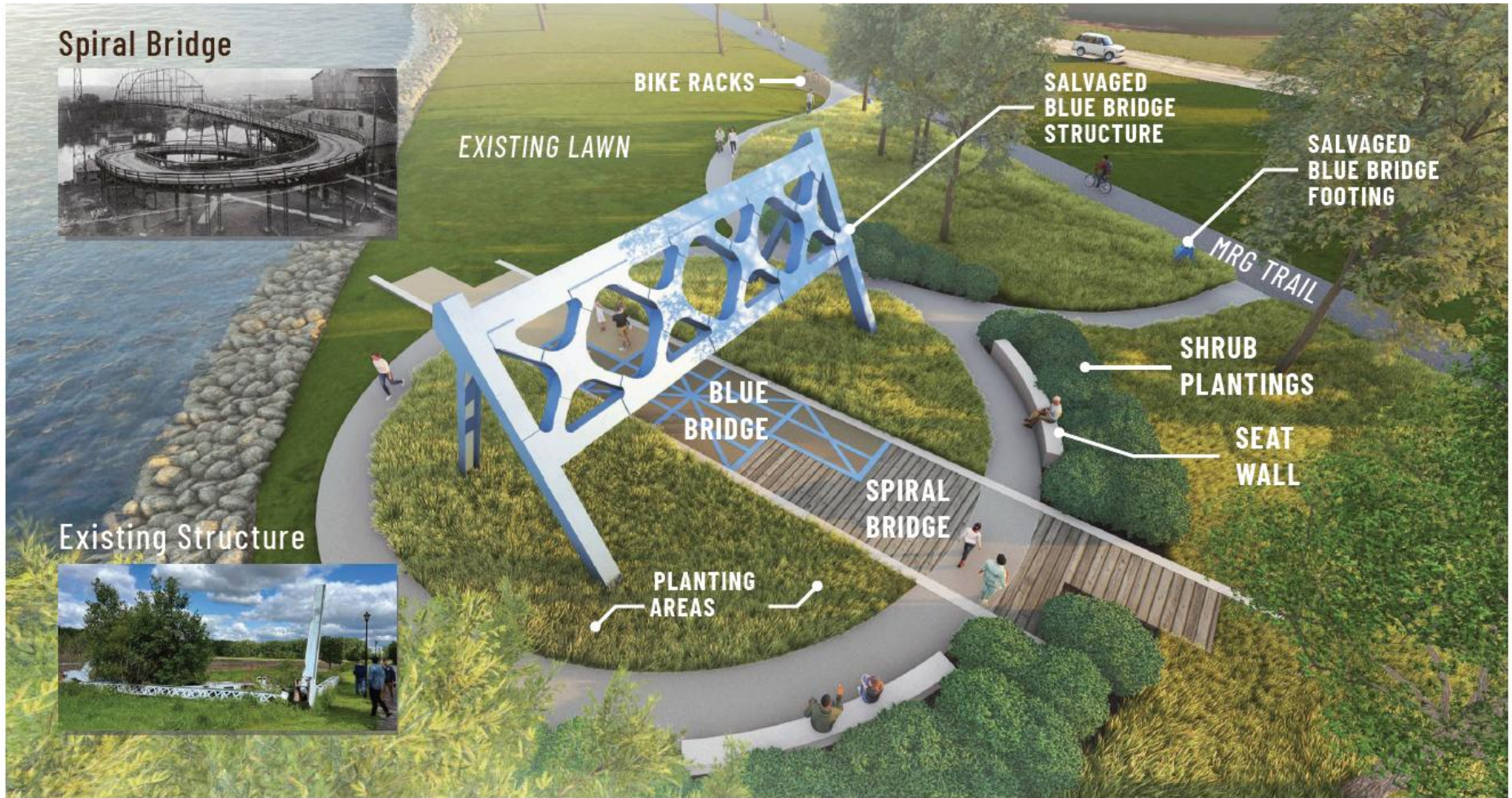
Interactive rotating frames allow user to frame various
 views of the river and nearby bridge.



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Concept design

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT | HASTINGS SITE A



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HASTINGS BRIDGES

THE THREE BRIDGES OF HASTINGS

The proposed design includes....

- + Salvaged "blue bridge" structure and footings
- + Interpretive representations of the three bridges
- + Bike racks
- + Pathway and seat walls

INTERPRETIVE THEME

As a river town, Hastings relies on its bridges. A spiral bridge was the first alternative to crossing the river by ferry. The nearly 400-foot-long spiral rose about 55 feet from street level to the bridge. Designed for horses, wagons, and people, its wooden deck was ill-equipped for faster and heavier cars and trucks. A blue painted steel through-truss bridge replaced the spiral bridge. Fondly called "Big Blue," it carried two lanes of traffic that eased into downtown.



SITE MATERIALS PLAN - HASTINGS BRIDGE INTERPRETIVE SITE



- Finalize environmental review
- Authorization/Bidding end of Q1 2026 and early Q3 2026
- Construction through summer 2026
- What is the level of service to be provided?

Questions

