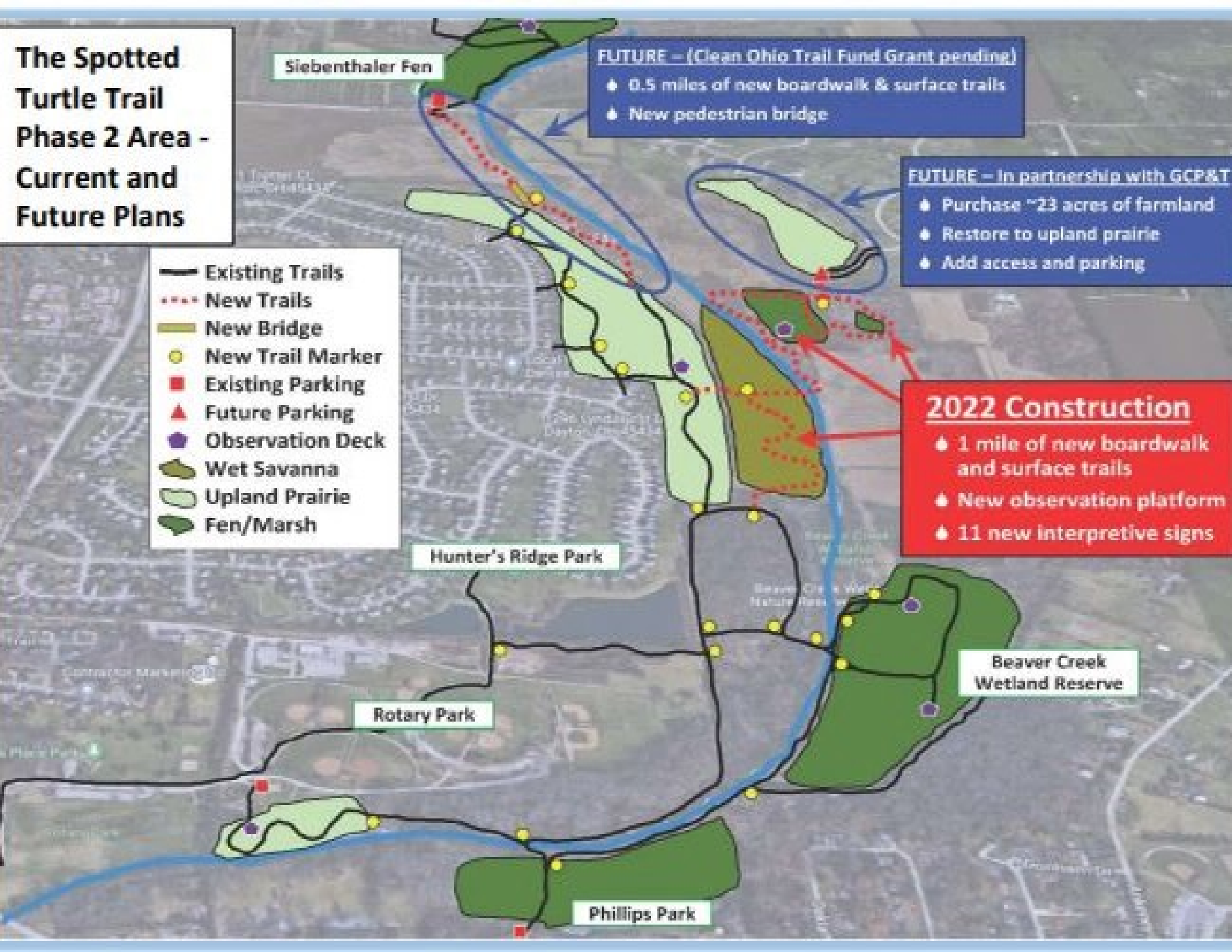
The Spotted Turtle Trail Phase 2 Area - Current and Future Plans
Existing Trails
New Trails
New Bridge
New Trail Marker
Existing Parking
Future Parking
Observation Deck
Wet Savanna
Upland Prairie
Fen/Marsh
Siebenthaler Fen
FUTURE – (Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant pending)
0.5 miles of new boardwalk & surface trails
New pedestrian bridge
FUTURE – In partnership with GCP&T
Purchase ~23 acres of farmland
Restore to upland prairie
Add access and parking
2022 Construction
1 mile of new boardwalk and surface trails
New observation platform
11 new interpretive signs
Hunter's Ridge Park
Beaver Creek Wetland Reserve
Rotary Park
Phillips Park

Spotted Turtle Trail – Phase 2 is in High Gear

Dayton Hikers *volunteers installing raised kick rails to make the new boardwalk safer.*

Adventure Chicks *volunteers installing eco-friendly boardwalk decking.*

Adventure Chicks *Volunteers*

So much is happening, I hardly know where to start! First off, BCWA members and partners showed exactly how incredible you are by volunteering with construction, clearing woody growth for new trails, and donating almost $30,000 in just the first 8 months of 2022! We've also received approximately $160,000 in the form of grants and sponsorships from 9 new businesses and foundations: The Dayton Foundation, Kettering Family Philanthropies, McCabe Lumber, TC Energy Foundation, Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's Outdoor Fund, Cresco Labs, CenterPoint Energy, James Investments, and UFP Industries. All this tremendous support has allowed us to kick our Phase 2 plans into high gear.

As of this newsletter, we've already built 1,900 feet of boardwalk, cut and cleared 1,000 feet of new surface trail, spread 140 tons of trail gravel, and begun designing 11 new interpretive signs. In the next couple of months, we will complete another 2,300 feet of boardwalk, build an additional observation deck, repair a bridge over the Beaver Creek, and get all those wonderful new signs installed (see "2022 Construction" on map.)

But we're not stopping there! With your help and generous support, we've been developing plans for other enhancements which we hope to begin in late 2022 and complete in 2023. These include completing another ½ mile of trail/boardwalk, building a new pedestrian bridge, providing a safe way to cross over (or go under!) Fairground Road to Siebenthaler Fen. We plan to purchase 23 acres o farmland to restore it back to an upland prairie and to provide access and parking to the Dave Nolin Wetland Reserve (see blue "Future" areas on map.)

Finally, based on your feedback we've also gone back to make further improvements to the Phase 1 area of the trail, we will add 13 directional signs at key trail intersections, 4 additional benches, and 3 more large interpretive signs. I'm almost bursting with pride at ou collective accomplishments this year. I hope each of you have a chance this fall to see the changes and enjoy the additional wetland areas now accessible. In our next newsletter I'll be outlining our plans for Phase 3 of the Spotted Turtle Trail. Wait 'til you see what we hav in store next!

– Ken Mora

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