

# Automotive Heritage Trail District

## Master Plan

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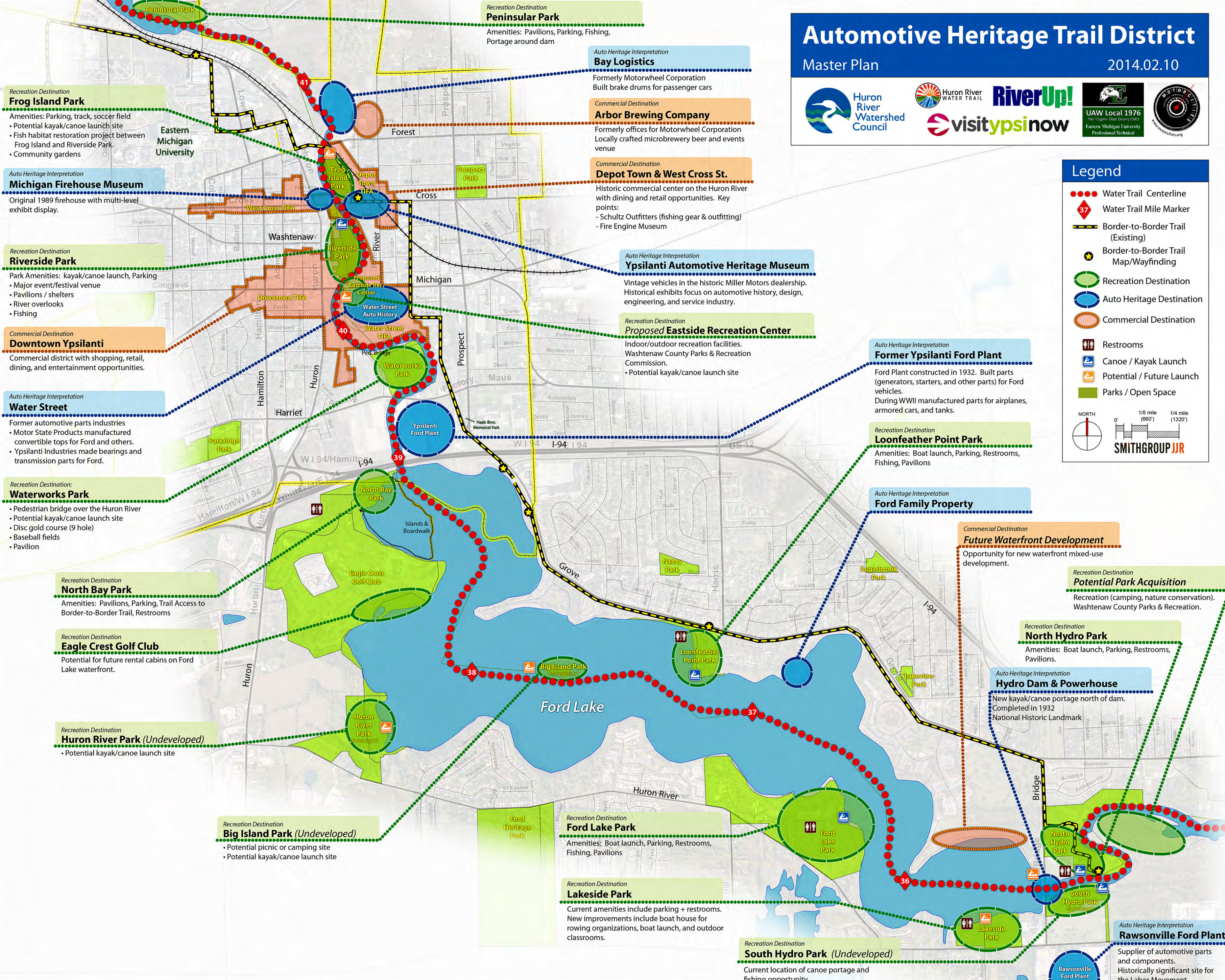
### Legend

- Water Trail Centerline
- ◆ 37 Water Trail Mile Marker
- Border-to-Border Trail (Existing)
- ★ Border-to-Border Trail Map/Wayfinding
- Recreation Destination
- Auto Heritage Destination
- Commercial Destination
- ♿ Restrooms
- 🚣 Canoe / Kayak Launch
- 🚧 Potential / Future Launch
- Parks / Open Space

NORTH

0' 1/8 mile (660') 1/4 mile (1320')

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**Recreation Destination**  
**Frog Island Park**  
 Amenities: Parking, track, soccer field  
 • Potential kayak/canoe launch site  
 • Fish habitat restoration project between Frog Island and Riverside Park.  
 • Community gardens

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Michigan Firehouse Museum**  
 Original 1989 firehouse with multi-level exhibit display.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Riverside Park**  
 Park Amenities: kayak/canoe launch, Parking  
 • Major event/festival venue  
 • Pavilions / shelters  
 • River overlooks  
 • Fishing

**Commercial Destination**  
**Downtown Ypsilanti**  
 Commercial district with shopping, retail, dining, and entertainment opportunities.

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Water Street**  
 Former automotive parts industries  
 • Motor State Products manufactured convertible tops for Ford and others.  
 • Ypsilanti Industries made bearings and transmission parts for Ford.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Waterworks Park**  
 • Pedestrian bridge over the Huron River  
 • Potential kayak/canoe launch site  
 • Disc golf course (9 hole)  
 • Baseball fields  
 • Pavilion

**Recreation Destination**  
**North Bay Park**  
 Amenities: Pavilions, Parking, Trail Access to Border-to-Border Trail, Restrooms

**Recreation Destination**  
**Eagle Crest Golf Club**  
 Potential for future rental cabins on Ford Lake waterfront.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Huron River Park (Undeveloped)**  
 • Potential kayak/canoe launch site

**Recreation Destination**  
**Big Island Park (Undeveloped)**  
 • Potential picnic or camping site  
 • Potential kayak/canoe launch site

**Recreation Destination**  
**Peninsular Park**  
 Amenities: Pavilions, Parking, Fishing, Portage around dam

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Bay Logistics**  
 Formerly Motorwheel Corporation  
 Built brake drums for passenger cars

**Commercial Destination**  
**Arbor Brewing Company**  
 Formerly offices for Motorwheel Corporation  
 Locally crafted microbrewery beer and events venue

**Commercial Destination**  
**Depot Town & West Cross St.**  
 Historic commercial center on the Huron River with dining and retail opportunities. Key points:  
 - Schultz Outfitters (fishing gear & outfitting)  
 - Fire Engine Museum

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum**  
 Vintage vehicles in the historic Miller Motors dealership. Historical exhibits focus on automotive history, design, engineering, and service industry.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Proposed Eastside Recreation Center**  
 Indoor/outdoor recreation facilities.  
 Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.  
 • Potential kayak/canoe launch site

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Former Ypsilanti Ford Plant**  
 Ford Plant constructed in 1932. Built parts (generators, starters, and other parts) for Ford vehicles.  
 During WWII manufactured parts for airplanes, armored cars, and tanks.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Loonfeather Point Park**  
 Amenities: Boat launch, Parking, Restrooms, Fishing, Pavilions

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Ford Family Property**

**Commercial Destination**  
**Future Waterfront Development**  
 Opportunity for new waterfront mixed-use development.

**Recreation Destination**  
**Potential Park Acquisition**  
 Recreation (camping, nature conservation).  
 Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation.

**Recreation Destination**  
**North Hydro Park**  
 Amenities: Boat launch, Parking, Restrooms, Pavilions.

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Hydro Dam & Powerhouse**  
 New kayak/canoe portage north of dam.  
 Completed in 1932  
 National Historic Landmark

**Recreation Destination**  
**Ford Lake Park**  
 Amenities: Boat launch, Parking, Restrooms, Fishing, Pavilions

**Recreation Destination**  
**Lakeside Park**  
 Current amenities include parking + restrooms. New improvements include boat house for rowing organizations, boat launch, and outdoor classrooms.

**Recreation Destination**  
**South Hydro Park (Undeveloped)**  
 Current location of canoe portage and fishing opportunity

**Auto Heritage Interpretation**  
**Rawsonville Ford Plant**  
 Supplier of automotive parts and components.  
 Historically significant site for the Labor Movement.