Fannin County Regional Trails Master Plan

TETRA Presentation

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Introduction
- The Plan Itself
- Who Needs a Plan?
- Spotting the Opportunity
- Resources
- Building the Plan
- What's next

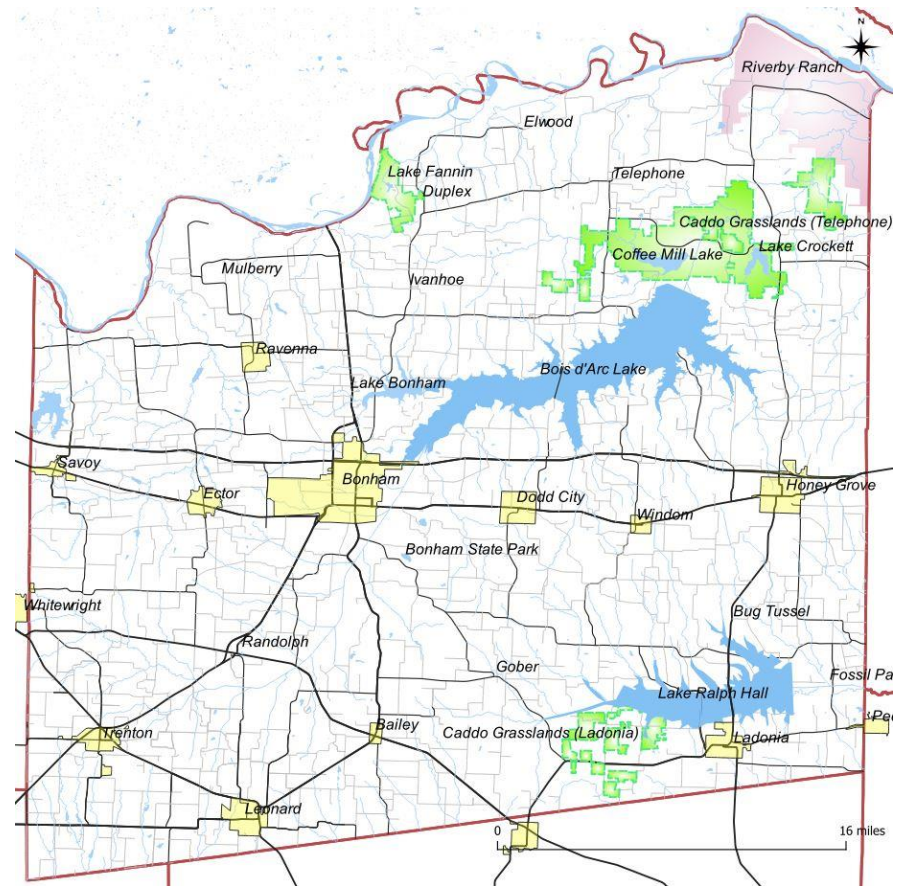Duke Monson – duke.fhollow@earthlink.net
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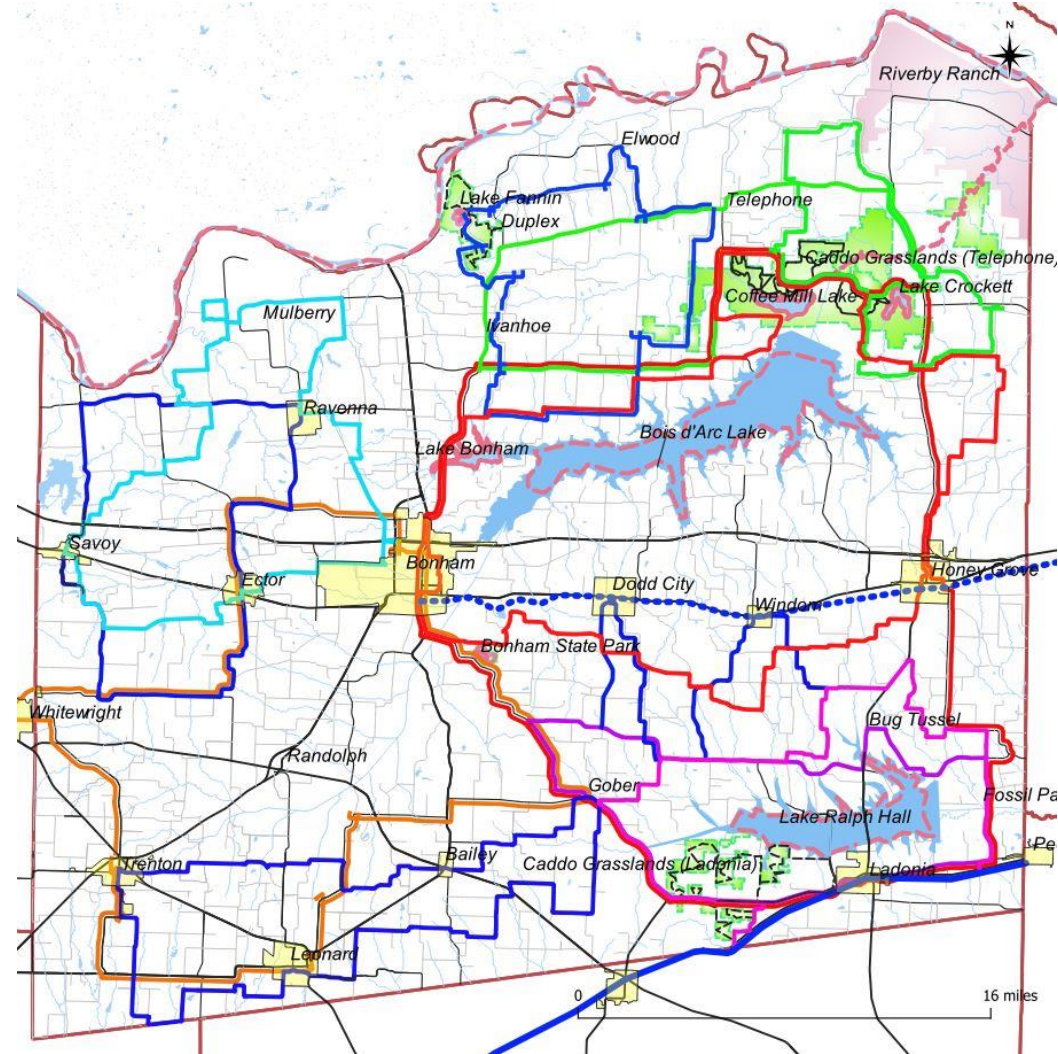
The Plan – Adopted Nov. 2, 2021

Fannin County – 900+ square mile, 34,000+ residents, 11 cities

- Current Trails – 72+ miles
  - Kayak/Canoe on Existing Lakes
  - Equestrian/Hiking
    - Caddo Grasslands (Telephone)
  - Gravel Bike/Equestrian/Hiking
    - NETT (Ladonia)
  - Mountain Biking
    - Lake Fannin
    - Bonham State Park
- Plan Addresses multiple trail types
  - Water
  - Bicycle (road/gravel/mtn bikes)
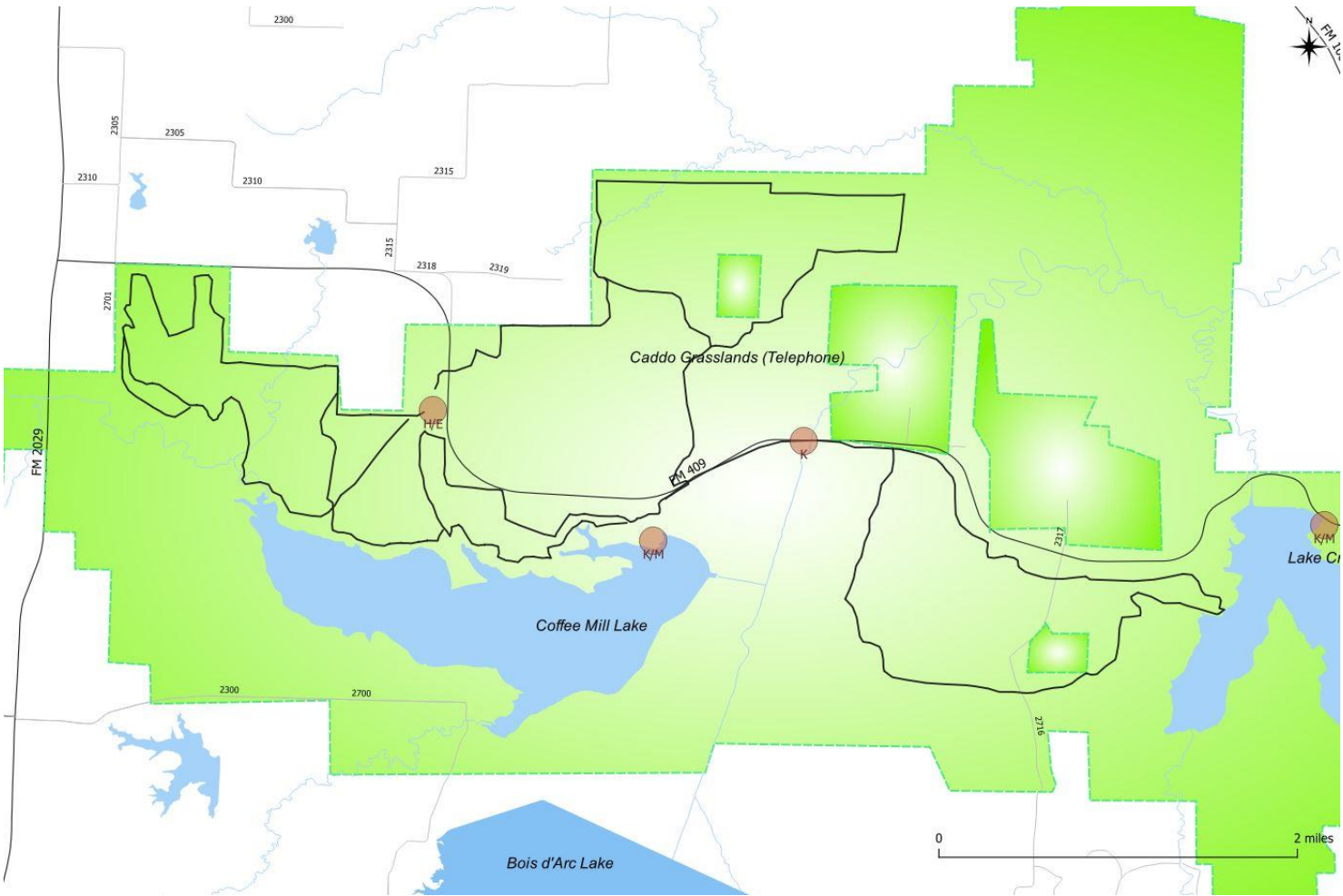 - Equestrian/Hiking
  - ADA
  - Carriage

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- Proposed Trails – approx. 800 miles
  - Kayak/Canoe
    - Red River/Bois d'Arc Creek
    - Existing Lakes
    - New Lakes
      - Bois d'Arc Lake
      - Lake Ralph Hall
  - Equestrian/Hiking
    - Caddo Grasslands
      - Lake Fannin
      - Telephone
      - Ladonia
  - Gravel Biking/Equestrian/Hiking
    - NETT
    - County Roads
  - Road Biking
    - FM Roads/State Highways
  - Mountain Biking
    - Lake Fannin
    - Bonham State Park
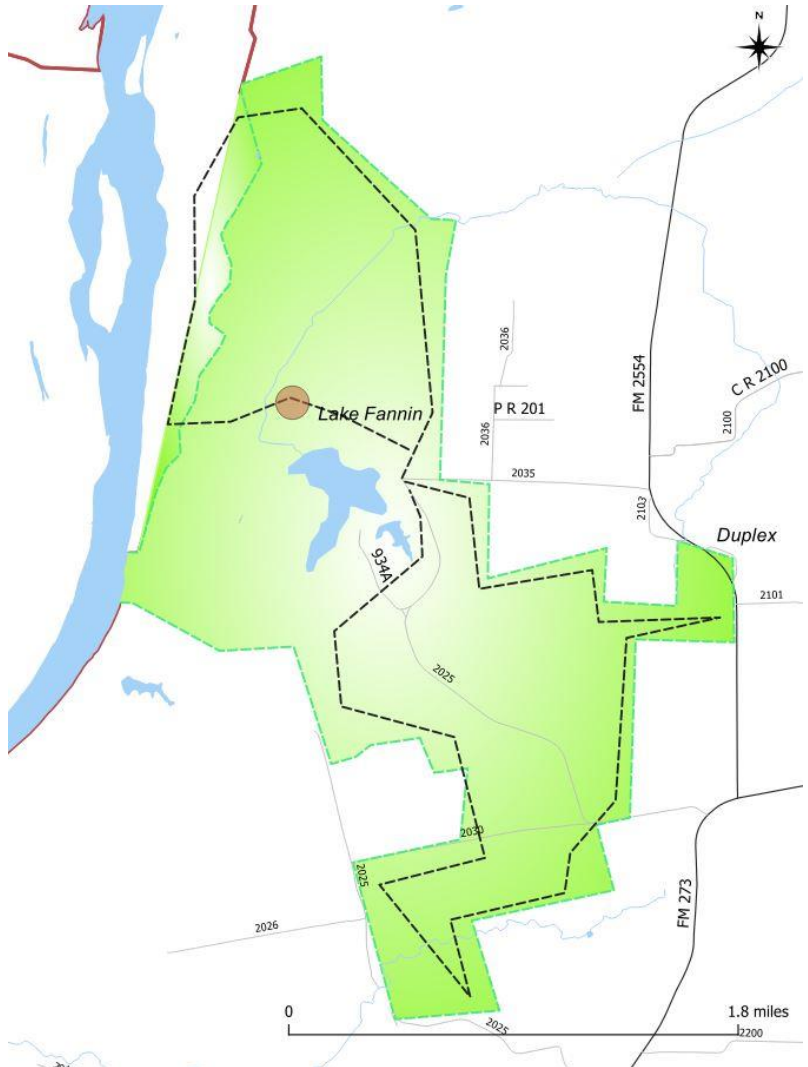 - ADA Trails – Lake Fannin
  - Carriage Driving – Riverby Ranch

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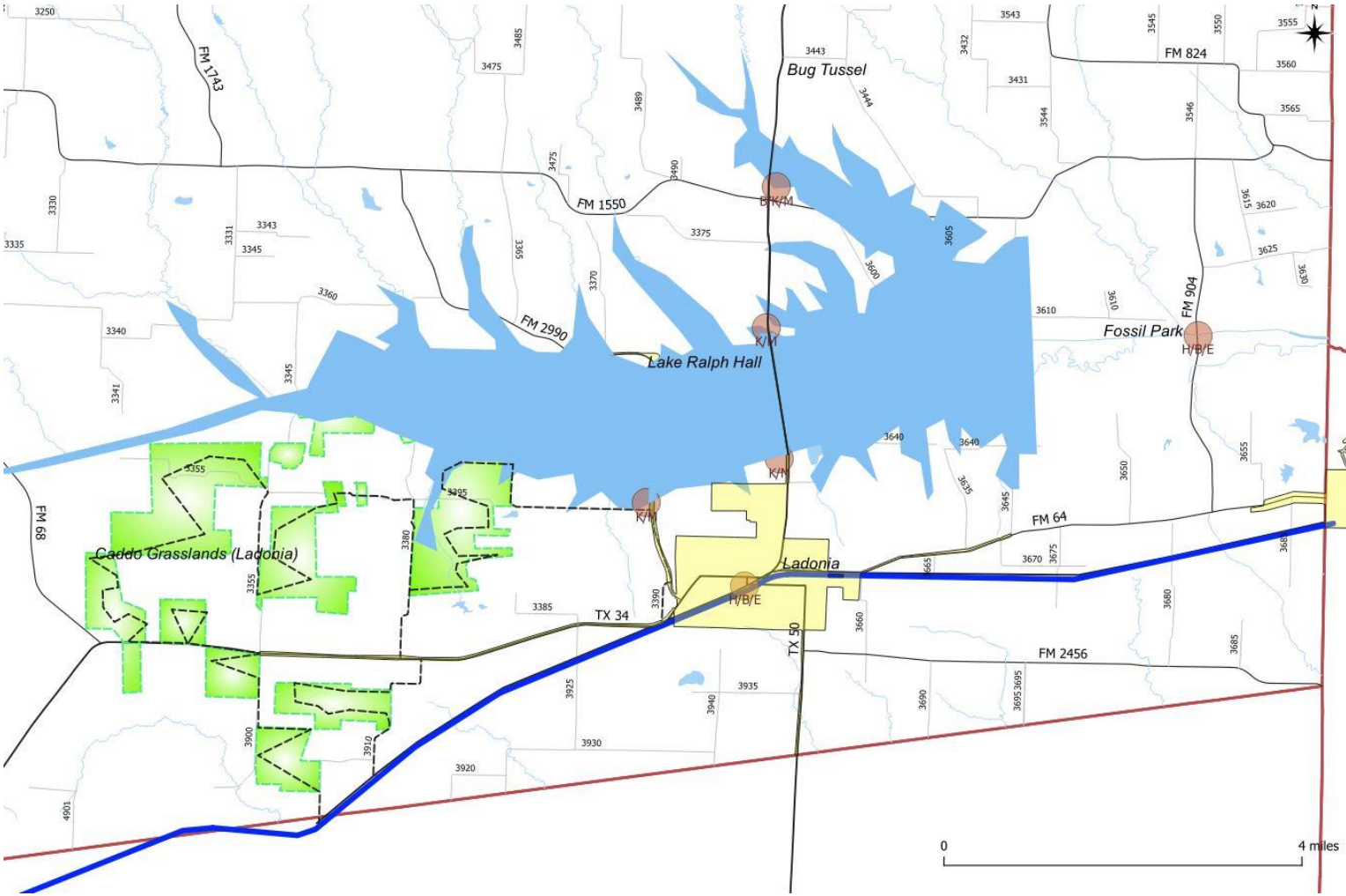
Caddo Grasslands – Telephone – 29+ miles

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Caddo Grasslands – Lake Fannin – 10+ miles

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Caddo Grasslands – Ladonia – 36+ miles

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- Who Needs a Plan?
    - Why is a plan useful
    - Who relies on the plan
    - What should the plan cover
        - Multi-jurisdictional, Multi-use, Shared Infrastructure
- Spotting the Opportunity
    - At a Trail building class
    - Advocated for trails in the Bois d'Arc Lake Zoning Plan
    - Volunteered to create the plan at no cost to the County
- Resources
    - I used the Collin County RTMP document as a base
    - Professional vs Amateur – Cost, Quadrants vs trail-specific
    - Content
        - TIGER line/shapefiles, Google Earth, Gaia GPS
- Building the Plan
    - Interview the land managers
        - County Commissioners and County Judge
        - Water Districts
        - TP&W
        - USDA Forest Service

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- Building the Plan - con't
  - Track down and Interview the enthusiasts
  - Select Tools – QGIS, Gaia GPS, Word
  - Identify trail locations by use type
  - Lay out the trail Routes
  - Hold Public Meetings – fielding the questions
  - Shake down all the inputs
  - Take it to the Commissioners Court for approval
- What's next
  - Staff the Trail Advisory Committee
  - Prioritize the trail projects
  - Build and execute each of the trail projects in turn
    - Design
    - Find Funding
    - Build the Trail
    - Use it – At LAST!!!!