

**NM-028 Columbia Trail 68**

State of Wisconsin  
 Department of Natural Resources  
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**Motorized Recreation Grant Application**

For: (choose all that apply)

Form 8700-159 (R 03/22)

**Due Date: April 15**

- ATV/UTV Trail Aid  
 Snowmobile Trail Aid

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**Instructions:** Applications may combine more than one source of funds. They may be submitted for consideration of traditional ATV, UTV, Snowmobile and Motorized Stewardship funding. Submit one copy of all forms and attachments. See Page 2 for necessary attachments. Send applications to your [Community Services Specialist](#).

DNR Use Only	
Category	Number

Section 1: Applicant Information					
Applicant / Organization Name Columbia Co LWCD/Columbus Fall River Sno Blazers			Check Recipient: Individual other than authorized individual to act on behalf of the applicant. <input type="checkbox"/> Select if the same as applicant.		
Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution Kurt R. Calkins			Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check) Columbia County LWCD		
Title Director - LWCD			Title		
Address 112 E. Edgewater Street. Room 244			Address 112 E. Edgewater Street, Room 244		
City Portage	State WI	ZIP Code 53901	City Portage	State WI	ZIP Code 53901
Telephone Number 608-742-9670		Email Address kelly.maginnis@co.columbia.wi.us			

Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects						
Project Title Connecting Trail #68				Current Funded Miles 0	New Miles (if applicable) 3.99 miles	
County Columbia	Township 10 N	Range 12	Section 26	¼ ¼ ¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. _____ Long. _____	

**Project Description Summary**  
 Request #1 - Connecting Trail #68 has been marked and maintained since 2009. This trail is located in two townships; two ranges, 11 and 12N; and Sections 26, 28, and 30. This East/West trail connects Corridor 11 and County Trail 31, both funded trails running North/South. Both trails 11 and 31 connect Columbia and Dane counties. The connecting trail provides two positive points: 1) Without the connecting trail, the rider must ride 15 miles north and east of Columbus to intersect with the other trail, then backtrack another 15 miles south to ride back into Dane County. 2) It provides a shorter option to the City of Columbus for a gas stop.

I certify that all maintenance land use agreements are on file.

Estimated Cost						
Maintenance \$1,162.50	Acquisition	Insurance	Development	Bridge Rehab.	Trail Rehab.	Total Estimated Cost
Leave Blank – DNR Use Only						

Applicant Certification	
Printed Name of Authorized Official Kurt R. Calkins	Official's Title Director-LWCD

As the applicant's authorized official, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

  
 Signature of Authorized Official

  
 Date Prepared

**Appendix B – Required for Trail/Qualified Troute Rehab, Reroute, or Development**

Trail Rehab       Qualified Troute       New Trail       Trail Reroute (Mandatory or Discretionary)

County Columbia	Township 11 N	Range 11	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Section 26	¼ ¼ [Dropdown]	¼ [Dropdown]	GPS Coordinates: Lat. Long.
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Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable) Trail #68	Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Year: _____ \$ _____
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Trail is located on: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Private property <input type="radio"/> Public property	Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement Perpetual years	Expiration Date
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Landowner Where Trail is Located Multiple landowners in Towns of Columbus and Hampden	Telephone Number 920-210-3675
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What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?

If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 6	Will this result in closure of a trail? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Is there a reasonable alternative? No
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Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Will this bridge require rehabilitation now or in the next few years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment? lbs.
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- Yes     No    Have you contacted your local [DNR Water Management Specialist \(WMS\)](#) regarding a permit?
- Yes     No    Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any intermittent or perennial waterway? [Surface Water Data Viewer](#)
- Yes     No    Will this project be located near or cross any wetland?
- Yes     No    Will this project involve land disturbance – including clearing and grubbing – of 1 acre or more of land? (Less than 4/10th mile for a typical trail) [DNR Storm Water Contact List](#)

**Trail Project Detailed Description**

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# New Trail Ranking and Certification Worksheet

County: Columbia

Segment Name/Trail #: Trail 68

Qualification – All items in this section must be completed for valid new miles request.

Gateways questions: Provide justification for selection below.

- 1. Trail provides primary access route through a county and connects with another county's trails.
- 2. Trail provides access from population centers to main access trail(s).
- 3. Trail supports a high volume of use.

- Maps attached
- Provide GIS file (shapefile, etc) of county trail system with the requested trail segments included.
  - Provide countywide trail system map (printed/PDF) with the requested trail segments identified.
  - Provide aerial map (printed/PDF) for each segment.
  - Provide topographical map (printed/PDF) for each segment. Include Town-Range-Section.

I certify that this trail meets or will meet all trail requirements in chs. 23 & 350, Wis. Stats. and ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code

1. Minimum graded width for one-way trails is 6 feet and maximum 8 feet.
2. Minimum graded width for two-way trails is 10 feet and maximum 12 feet.
3. Minimum turning radius is 25 feet.
4. Minimum cleared height above trail is 10 feet.
5. Sustained grades and slopes will be a maximum of 25%.
6. Approved, fully reflectorized snowmobile signs must be used.
7. **Night travel on or in the vicinity of highways must be in the direction of vehicular traffic in the nearest lane unless:**
  - **The snowmobile trail is located at least 40 feet from the roadway, or**
  - **is separated from the roadway by a head lamp barrier.**
8. Snowmobile trails shall not be routed over bodies of water. If stream crossings make bridging necessary, bridges should be at least 8 feet wide. If the bridge is located on an abandoned railroad grade, the bridge shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide free from obstruction.

Justification – Provide narrative description of the new trail with explanation for gateway qualification checked (#1, 2 or 3 above).

Trail 68 has been used for many years with the first request for trail funding submitted in 2009. This heavily used trail is located in two townships: 11 and 12N; and Sections 26, 28, and 30. This East/West trail 68 connects two funded North/South trails, Corridor 11 and County Trail 31. Both trails, Corridor 11 and County Trail 31, connect Columbia County to Dane County. If funded, trail 68 will provide a riding and grooming loop vs grooming up 15 miles North and West of Columbus to intersect with County Trail 31 and then groom 15 miles back down to Dane County. If funding is approved, this will be a shorter option to the City of Columbus for a gas stop.

Does the requested trail segment include any bridges or water crossings? Describe. Bridge structures should be added to the county's snowmobile bridge inventory if not already included.

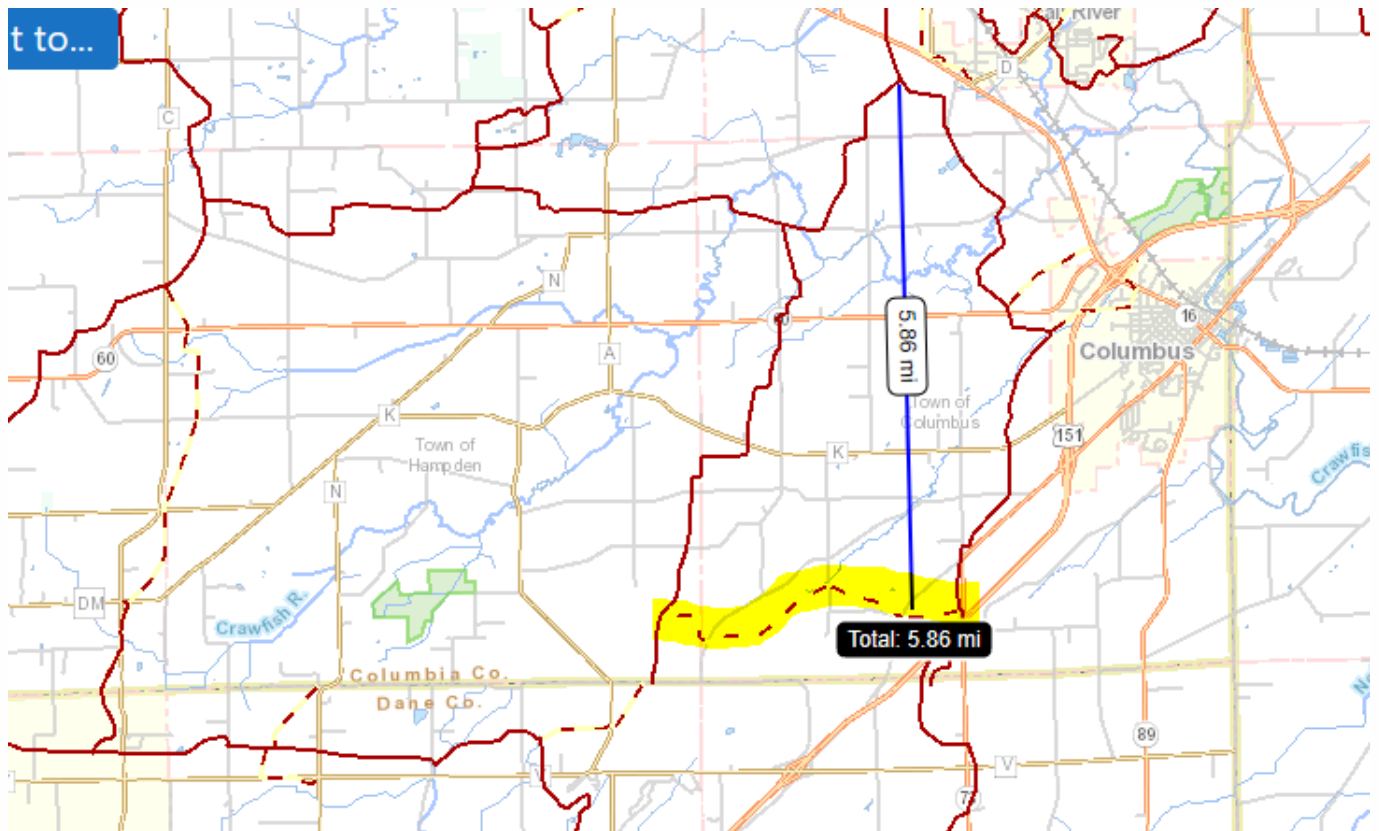
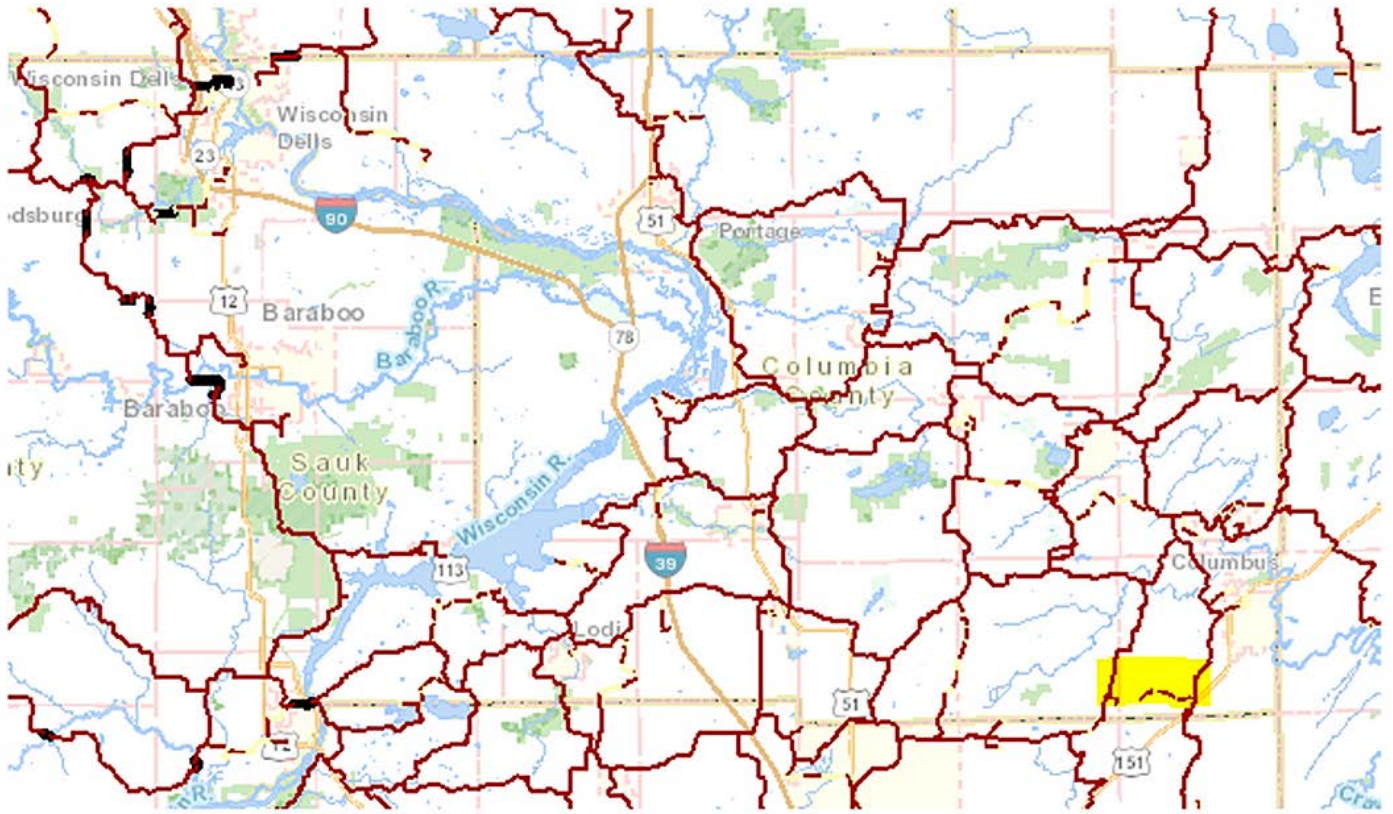


**Ranking**

	Category	Possible Points	Actual Points
1.	Trail Longevity ( <i>If multiple scenarios along the trail, lowest point situation applies. County must have a copy of said easements/LUA on file.</i> )	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment is located on public land or private land with permanent deeded easement.	3	
	Trail segment on private lands with land-use agreement (LUA) of 10 years or more.	2	
	Trail segment is on private lands with LUA of 5 to 9 years.	1	1 *
	LUA of less than 5 years.	0	
2.	Trail System ( <i>choose one</i> )	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment connects directly to one or more neighboring county or state trails.	3	
	Trail closes a gap between two existing funded trail segments, <b>or</b> extends existing funded trail 10 or more miles – excludes routes.	2	<del>X</del> X
	Trail segment is a part of the basic county trail system.	1	1
3.	The trail segment is in the following area of mean annual snowfall <a href="#">Mean Snowfall Map per County</a> (Source: Midwestern Climate Center)	Max points: 3	
	Greater than 60 inches	3	
	48 – 60 inches	2	
	Less than 48 inches	1	1
4.	The ratio of miles of trail to total square miles of land within the county: <a href="#">Snowmobile Trail Area Ratio per County</a>	Max points: 3	
	The ratio is within the grouping 01% - 30%	3	
	The ratio is within the grouping 31% - 40%	2	2
	The ratio is within the grouping 41% - 50%	1	
	The ratio is in a grouping of over 50%	0	
5.	Trail segment will be groomed with the following equipment. ( <i>choose one</i> )	Max points: 2	
	Class A-1, A-2 includes AAA and AA	2	2
	Class A-3, A-4 includes AAA and AA	1	
	Class B or C	0	
6.	County snowmobile trail coordinator priority points. <b>Note: County is allowed 2 points maximum for ALL trail segments submitted.</b>	Max points: 2	
	High priority.	2	2
	Medium priority.	1	
	No priority.	0	
7.	<b>Deductions if trail segment contains any of the following:</b> ( <i>check all that apply</i> )	Max deduction: -8	
	New bridge, major bridge rehab or major trail rehab	-3	
	Trail segment is parallel (within 5 miles) to another funded segment	-3	
	Trail runs to a body of water. ( <i>no deduction for use of a bridge to cross</i> )	-2	
(Maximum Points: 16) <b>TOTAL</b>			10

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***Please verify that all sections of this form have been completed,  
and all required attachments included prior to submittal.***



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Land Information

First address or place

Map

Department

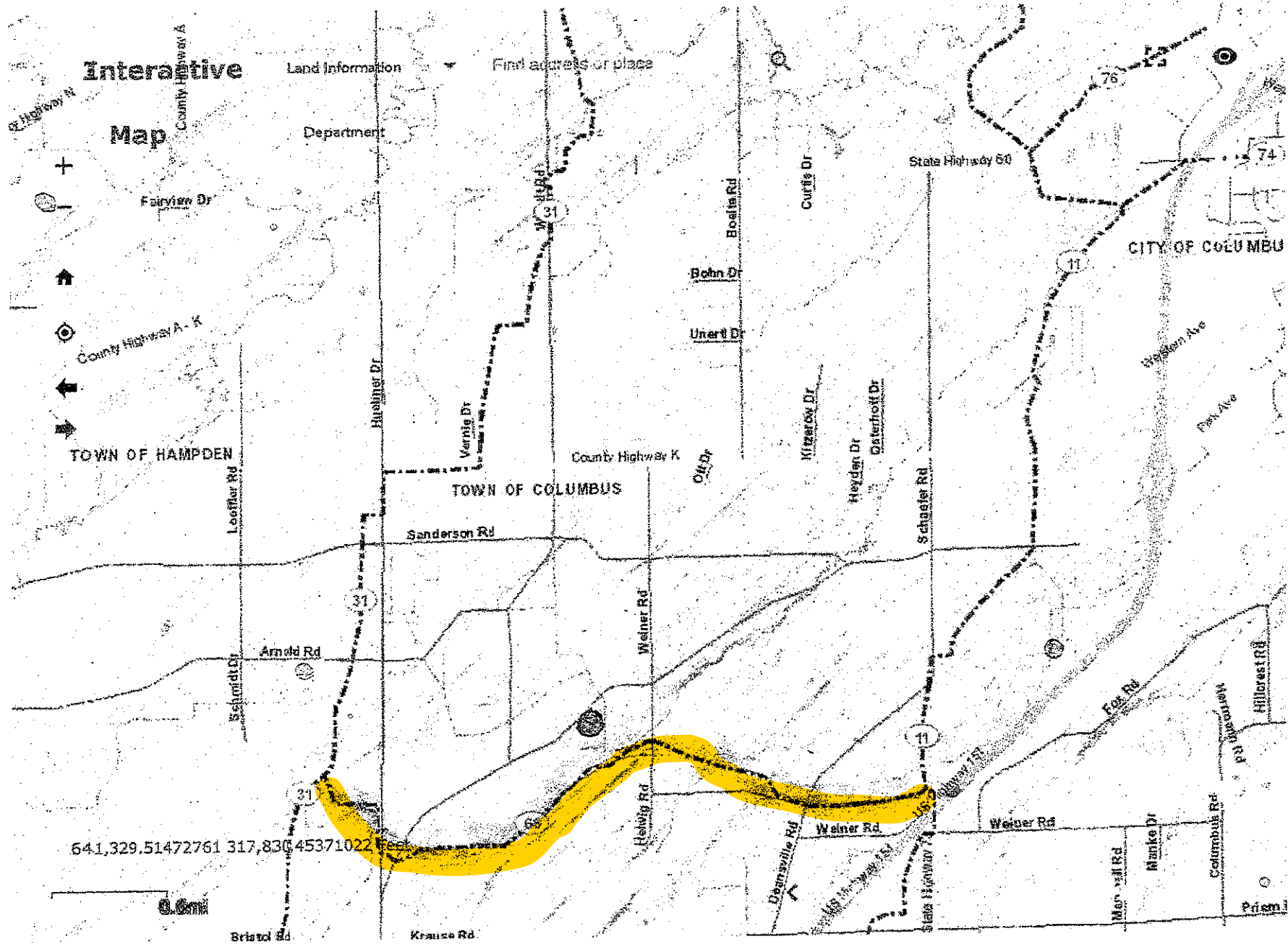
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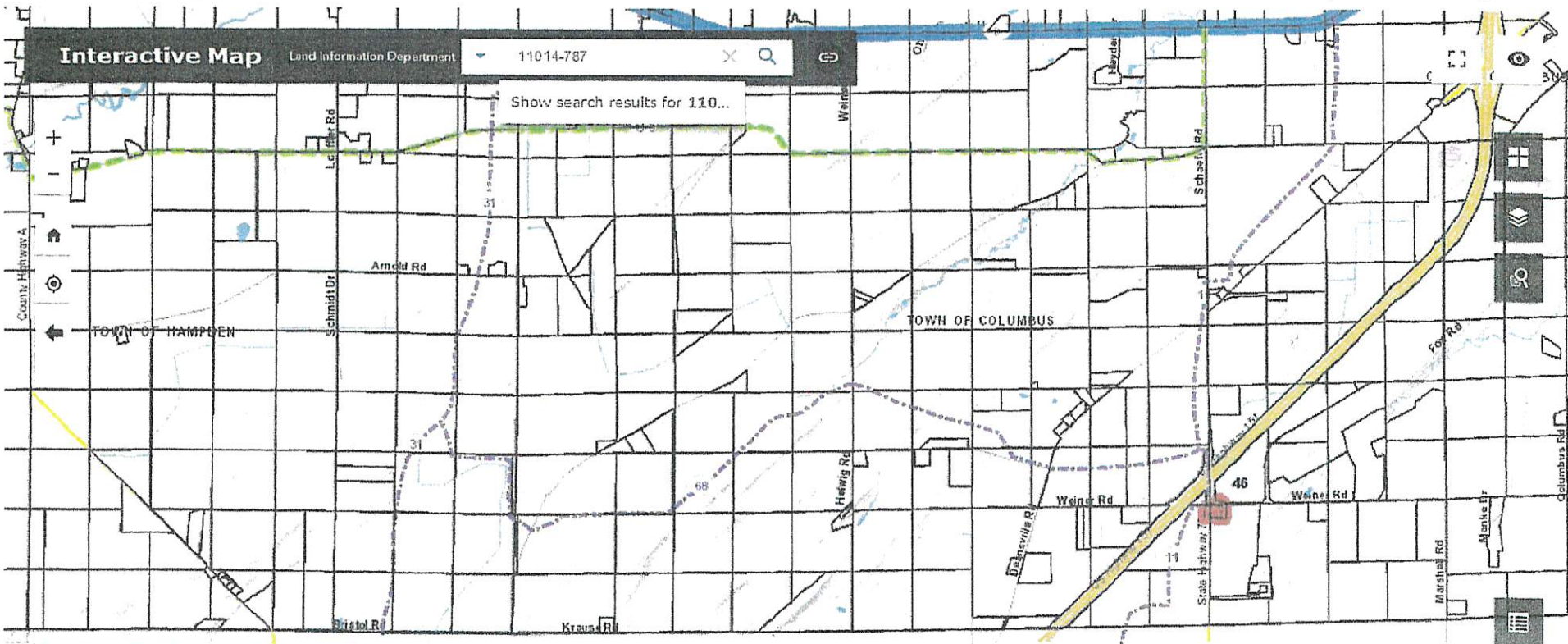
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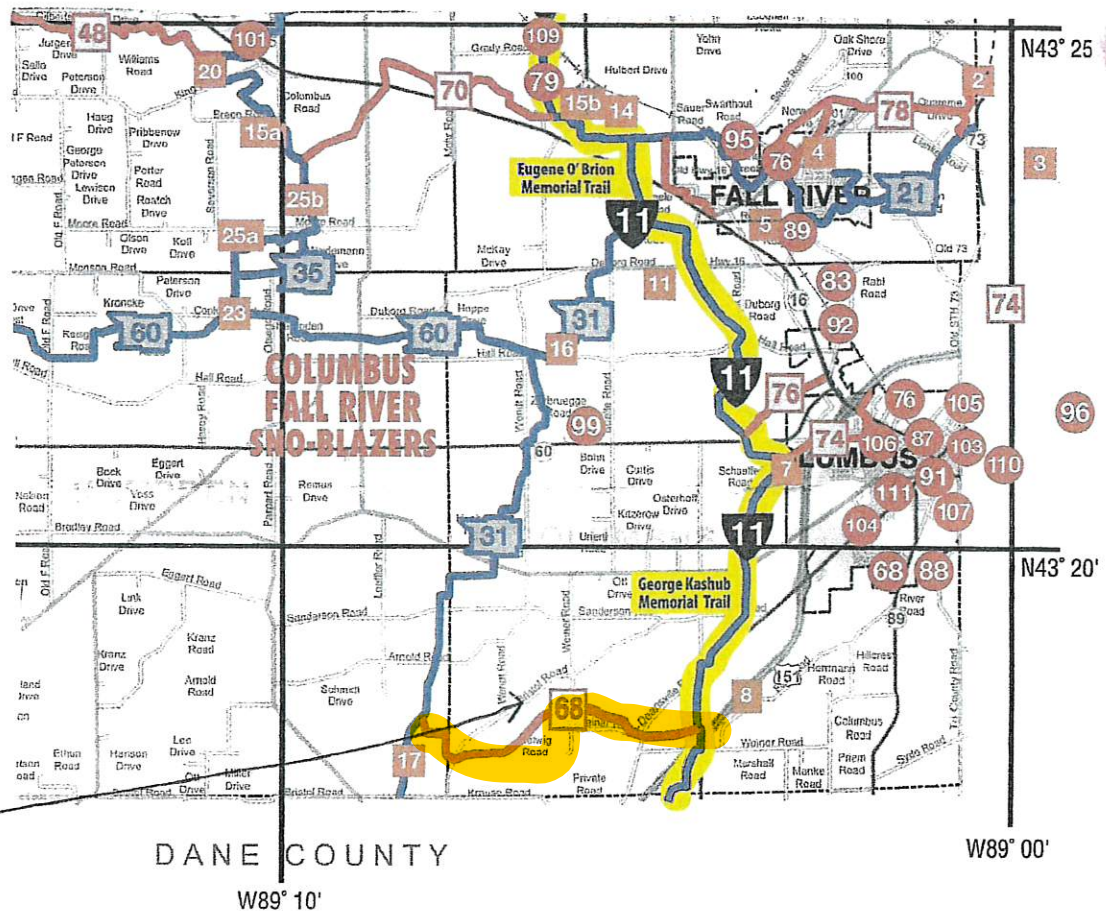




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Trail 68

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