

**Motorized Recreation Grant Application**

For: (choose all that apply)

Form 8700-159 (R 02/2024)

**Due Date: April 15**

- ATV/UTV Trail Aid
- Snowmobile Trail Aid

**Notice:** Completion of this form is required under Wisconsin Statutes 23.09(26) and 23.33. Failure to complete this form will result in denial of financial assistance. Personally identifiable information found on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may provide this information to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Public Records law {ss. 19.31 – 19.39, Wis. Stats.}.

**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			Check Recipient: Individual other than authorized individual to act on behalf of the applicant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select if the same as applicant.		
Vilas County					
Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution			Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check)		
Todd Bierman			Todd Bierman		
Title			Title		
Vilas County Park & Recreation Supervisor			Vilas County Park & Recreation Supervisor		
Address			Address		
330 Court Street			330 Court Street		
City	State	ZIP Code	City	State	ZIP Code
Eagle River	WI	54521	Eagle River	WI	54521
Telephone Number		Email Address			
(715) 479-5160		tobier@vilascountywi.gov			

Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects								
Project Title					Current Funded Miles	New Miles (if applicable)		
Pioneer Creek/CTH K Culvert					497.8/42.9	N/A		
County	Township	Range	Section	¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates:		
Vilas	41 N	10	3	SE	SE	Lat.		
						Long.		


**Project Description Summary**  
 Due to pavement and shoulder damage to CTH K, Vilas County is proposing to construct a dedicated Recreational Trail in the CTH K ROW to connect the existing funded ATV/UTV & snowmobile trail. The project will include the adding of a 8' 0"x 20"0" culvert to coincide with the culvert replacement on CTH K. The Vilas County highway Department is replacing the existing culvert on CTH K East of Conover. They have approached the Forestry, Recreation, and land Department about partnership to move the current trail and route on CTH K to a dedicated trail. The trail is a shared use trail with snowmobiles and summer ATV/UTV use. This would keep the users safe and off CTH K. Future maintenance to be completed between the Landover ATV club and the Conover Sno-Buddies. 0.10 miles of funded trail would be added to both the snowmobile and summer ATV/UTV funded miles. Funding to be broken as follows: ATV- \$23,479.55 and Snowmobile-\$19,089.55. ATV/UTV funding is higher due to the \$1,000.00/mile maintenance and the gravel top coating of the trail.

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

Estimated Cost						
Maintenance	Acquisition	Insurance	Development	Bridge Rehab.	Trail Rehab.	Total Estimated Cost
\$130.00			\$37,889.10	\$4,550.00		\$42,569.10
Leave Blank – DNR Use Only						

Applicant Certification	
Printed Name of Authorized Official	Official's Title
Todd Bierman	Vilas County Parks & Recreational Supervisor

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

4/8/2026  
 Date Prepared

**Appendix A – Required for Bridge Rehab/Replace, New, or Reroute with New Bridge**

Bridge Rehab/Replace     New Bridge     Reroute with new bridge

County Vilas	Township 41 N	Range 10	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Section 3	¼ ¼ SE	¼ SE	GPS Coordinates: Lat. Long.
Water Body Name Pioneer Creek				Bridge Name CTH K/Pioneer Creek Culvert		County Inventory Number N/A	
Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable) Vilas County Trail 12				Has this bridge site ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Year: _____ \$ _____			
Bridge is located on: <input type="radio"/> Private property <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public property				Old Bridge/Culvert Size    8'x40" New Bridge/Culvert Size    8'x60'			
Landowner Where Bridge is Located CTH K ROW/Vilas County Forrest				Telephone Number (715) 479-5160		Length of Trail Use Agreement (5 year minimum) Perpetual	
Current maximum load    80,000    lbs.		Age of Bridge N/A		Bridge Material Steel Culvert			
Proposed maximum load    80,000    lbs.							
Sponsoring Club Name Sno-Buddies/ Landover				Club Contact Contact Me		Telephone Number (715) 479-5160	
Do you have your trail bridges posted as to maximum load? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No				What is the maximum load of the other bridges on the system if groomed with this bridge? 25,000 lbs			
What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment? 19,500 lbs							
What other recreational trail uses are planned for this bridge? This is a shared snowmobile and summer ATV/UTV trail							
If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the bridge cost will be paid for by non-snowmobile or non-ATV users? Not at this time.							
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Have you contacted your local <u>DNR Water Management Specialist (WMS)</u> regarding a permit? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Have you contacted your County Zoning Dept. regarding a floodplain determination? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Will an H & H (hydrologic and hydraulic) study be required?							

**Bridge Project Detailed Description**

Due to pavement and shoulder damage of CTH K, Vilas County is proposing the addition of a new recreation trail which would be crossing the Pioneer Creek. The current trail/route uses CTH K to cross the creek. The Vilas County Highway Department is replacing the current culvert at the Pioneer Creek and is willing to partner with the Forestry, Recreation and Land Department to use an extended length culvert that would provide a dedicated snowmobile and ATV/UTV funded trail crossing of the waterway. The existing culvert is an 8' diameter culvert and both the snowmobiles and ATV/UTVs have to cross Pioneer creek by using CTH K. We asking for the addition funds to create this new trail crossing.

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

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

County	Township	Range	Section	¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. Long.
Vilas	41 N	10	3	SE	SE	

Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable)	Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past?
Vilas County Trail 12	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Year: _____ \$ _____

Trail is located on: <input type="radio"/> Private property <input checked="" type="radio"/> Public property	Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement Perpetial _____ years	Expiration Date
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Landowner Where Trail is Located	Telephone Number
Vilas County Highway Department/Vilas County Forestry, Rec and Land	(715) 473-4641

What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?  
 This a shared snowmobile trail and summer ATV/UTV trail.  
 If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?  
 50/50 split except for the gravel.

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 0	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?
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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? 19,500 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**  
 The Vilas County Highway Department is replacing the existing culvert on CTH K at the pioneer Creek. They have asked the Forestry, Recreation and Land Department tp partner with them to add an additional 20' to the the new culvert to create a new trail crossing of the creek without using the CTH K roadway. The new trail would be 0.10 miles in length and would be located in the CTH K ROW. This is being requested due to pavement and shoulder damage from both snowmobiles and ATV/UTVs. Due to grade conditions, fill will be need to level the trail area and a fenced area at the culvert location for safety. 6" of gravel trail surface for summer ATV/UTV use is included in this grant.



Guidelines for Applicant

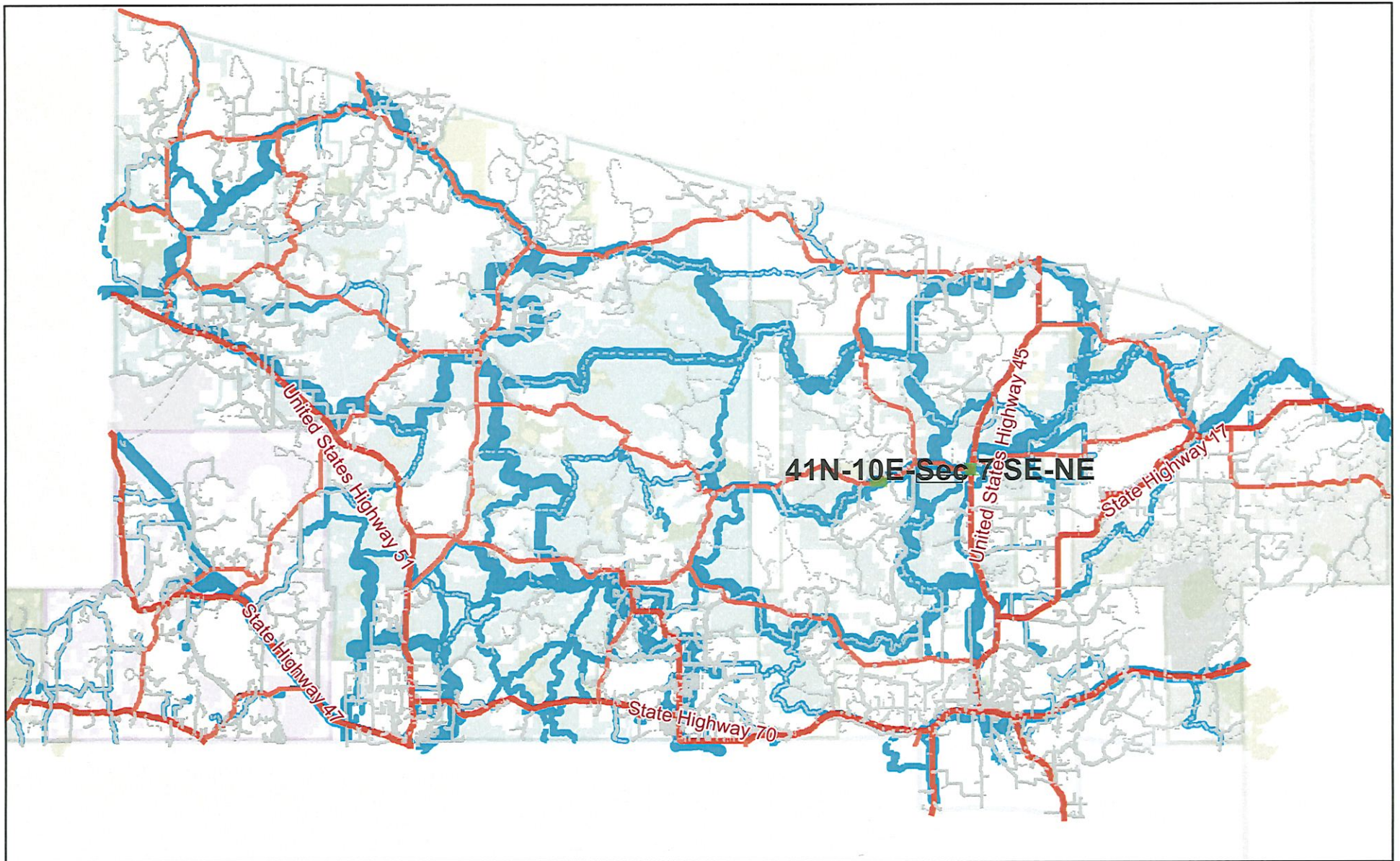
Complete this form for each relocation you are submitting a grant application for. Provide any additional documents not requested on application checklist to substantiate your points, including actual deeded easements.

<b>Mandatory or Discretionary?</b> (no points)			
A)	Trail is already closed or will be closed for the upcoming season. = <b>Mandatory</b>		
B)	Trail won't be closed for the coming season, but relocation is preferable for landowner request to avoid road use, etc = <b>Discretionary</b>		

Category		Possible Points	Actual Points
<b>1</b>	<b>Maintenance Increase Only</b>		
	New trail footprint has already been cleared/constructed, application is requesting only a maintenance increase	2	
<b>2</b>	<b>Dedicated Highway Rec Wing</b>		
	An opportunity to develop a dedicated rec wing on a highway will allow for increased safety of trail users by getting them off of a shared highway bridge.	2	
<b>3</b>	<b>Funding</b> (maximum points 2) Are other funds already committed?		
	50% or greater from other funding source(s)?	2	
	11% - 49% from other funding source(s)?	1	
	0% - 10% from other funding source(s)?	0	
<b>4</b>	<b>Length of Written Easements or Land Use Agreement</b> (max points 4) (ch. 23.09(26)(am)1 WI Stats)		
	On public land (County, State, Federal)	4	
	10 or more year <b>deeded easement</b> on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail segment to the nearest road on each side	3	
	3-9 year <b>deeded easement</b> on private land or other public land, for all portions of that trail to the nearest road on each side	2	
	10 or more year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land	1	
	3-9 year land use agreement (LUA, not deeded) on private land or other public land	0	
<b>5</b>	<b>Miles Impacted</b> – How many miles will need to rerouted if the trail is shut down? Measured from nearest intersection on both sides of lost segment. (max 4 points)		
	Less than 20 miles	1	
	20 miles or more	3	
	No other snowmobile trails connect. Explain:	4	
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>County Active Project Deduction</b> (maximum deduction 1 point) A snowmobile active project is one that has exceeded it's initial grant period.		
	Two or more active projects - deduct 1 point	-1	<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

**\*\* Only one project currently extended: S-5954 Plum Creek Bridge**

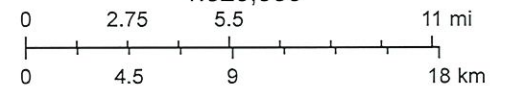
# Vilas County Snowmobile Trail System Map



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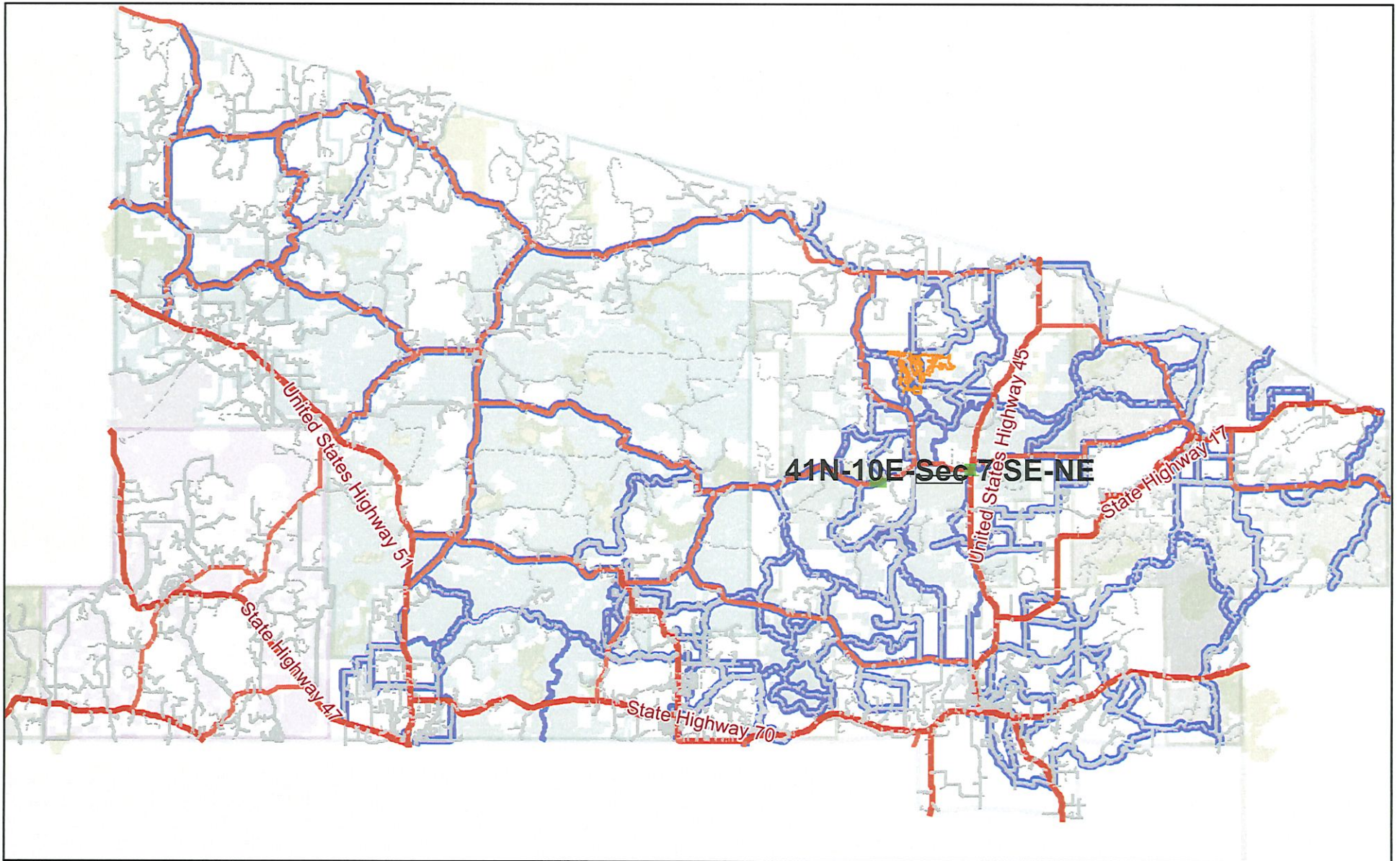
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|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Road Centerlines</b> | --- Service Road  | Funded                   | <b>Recreation Areas</b>  | <b>Forest/Tribal Lands</b> | Hillshade (2013 LiDAR) | County Boundary |
| US/State Highway        | --- 4WD Road      | Reservation Boundary     | Golf Course              | County Forest Land         |                        |                 |
| County Highway          | Runway            | <b>Forest Areas</b>      | Park                     | National Forest Land       |                        |                 |
| Collector Road          | Snowmobile Trails | County Forest Boundary   | State Natural Area       | State Forest Land          |                        |                 |
| Local Road              | Club              | National Forest Boundary | Wildlife/Wilderness Area | Tribal Land                |                        |                 |
| --- Resource Road       | Corridor          | State Forest Boundary    |                          |                            | High : 254 - Low : 0   |                 |

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# Vilas County Summer ATV/UTV Trail System

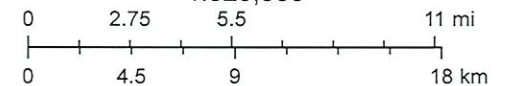


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Culvert location

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E County Highway K

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New Trail in Green

Sec. 3 T 41N R 10E



Culvert location

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E County Highway K

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New Trail in Green

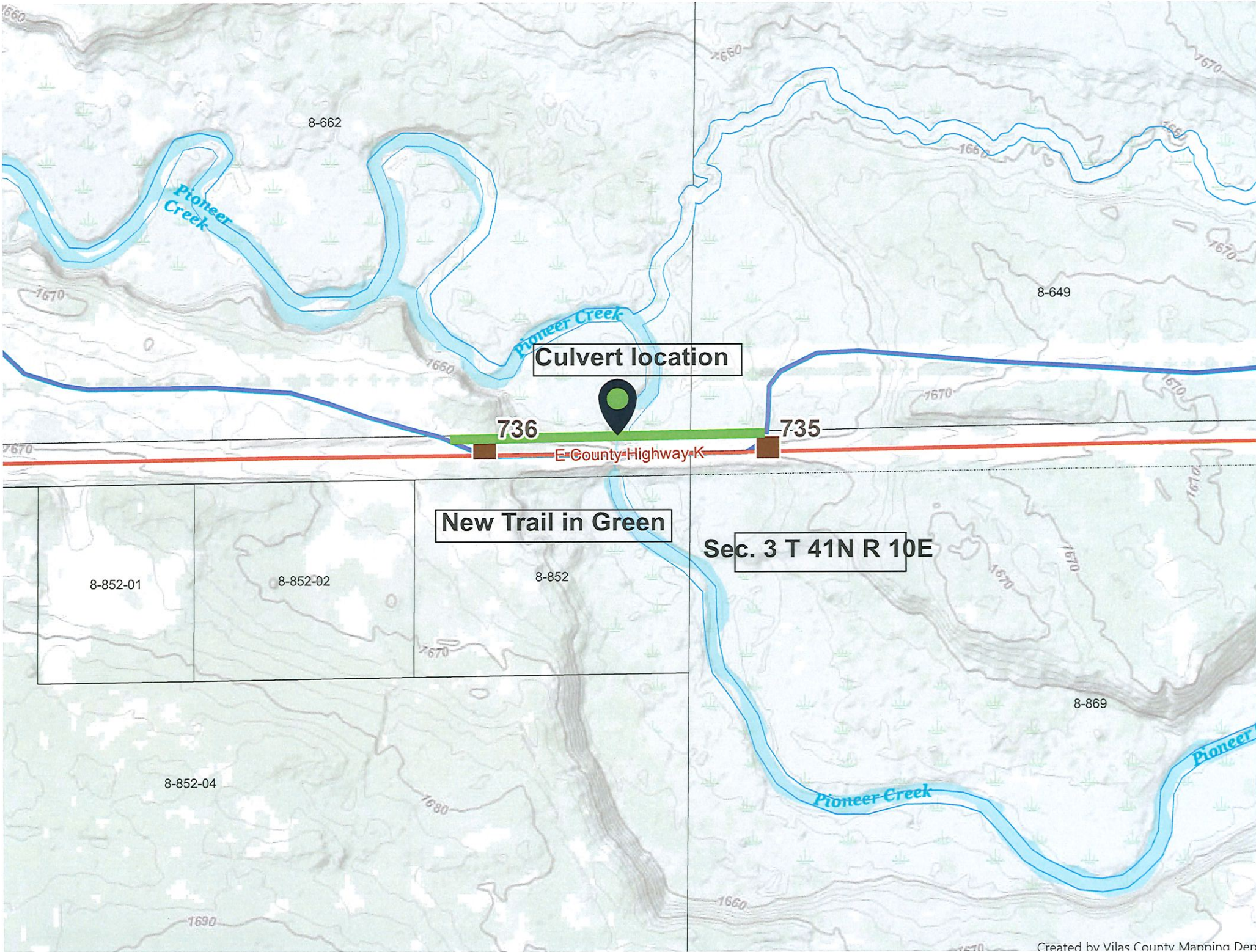
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Culvert location

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E County Highway K

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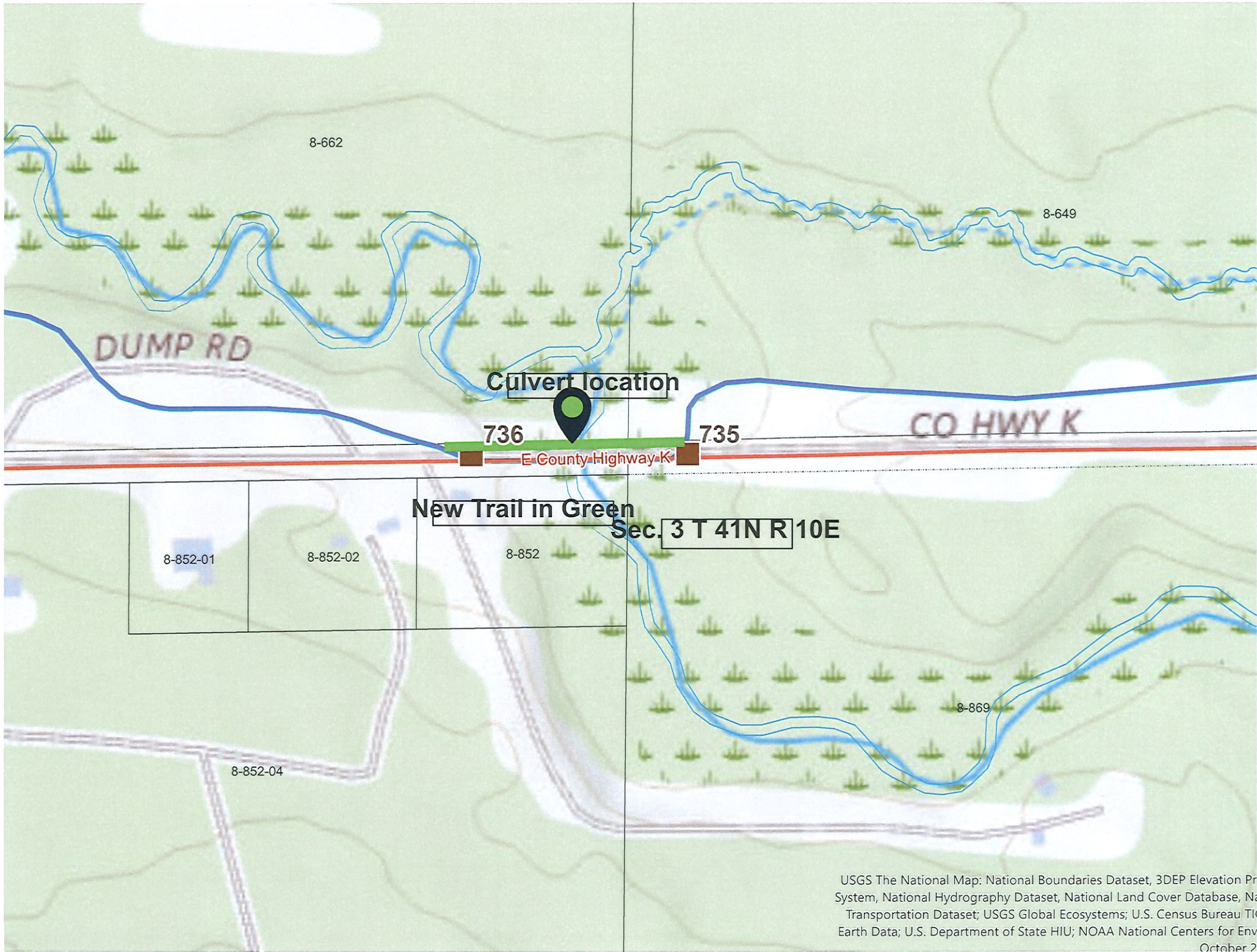
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**New Trail in Green**  
**Sec. 3 T 41N R 10E**

USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Pr  
System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, Na  
Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TI  
Earth Data; U.S. Department of State HIU; NOAA National Centers for Env  
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Vilas Pioneer Creek Culvert





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