

Northshore Lake Superior Trail Development

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Northshore Trail Projects

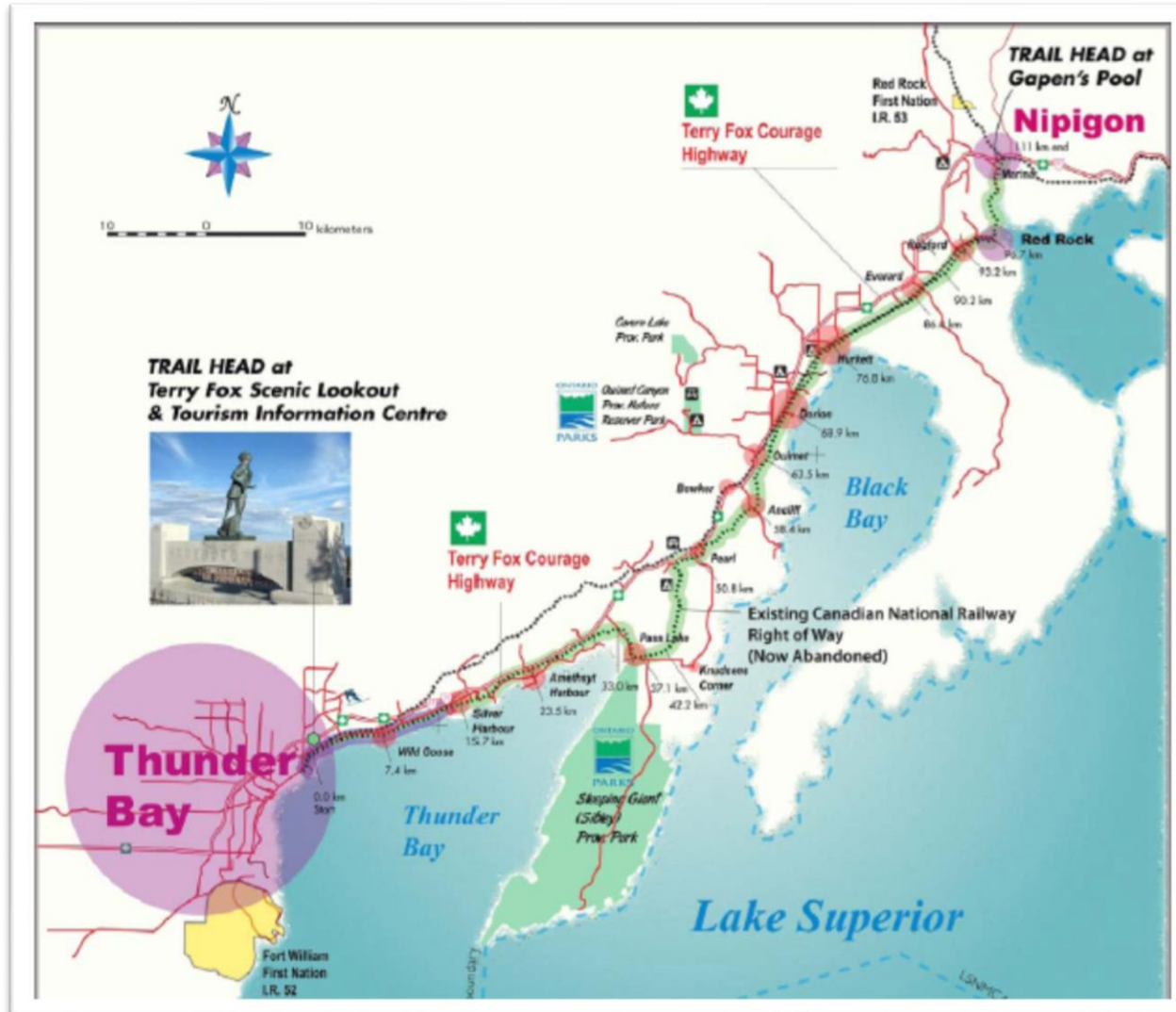


Other trails not included on this map – Path of the Paddle, snowmobile trails, Lake Superior Water Trail, municipal trails from Pass Lake/Thunder Bay west

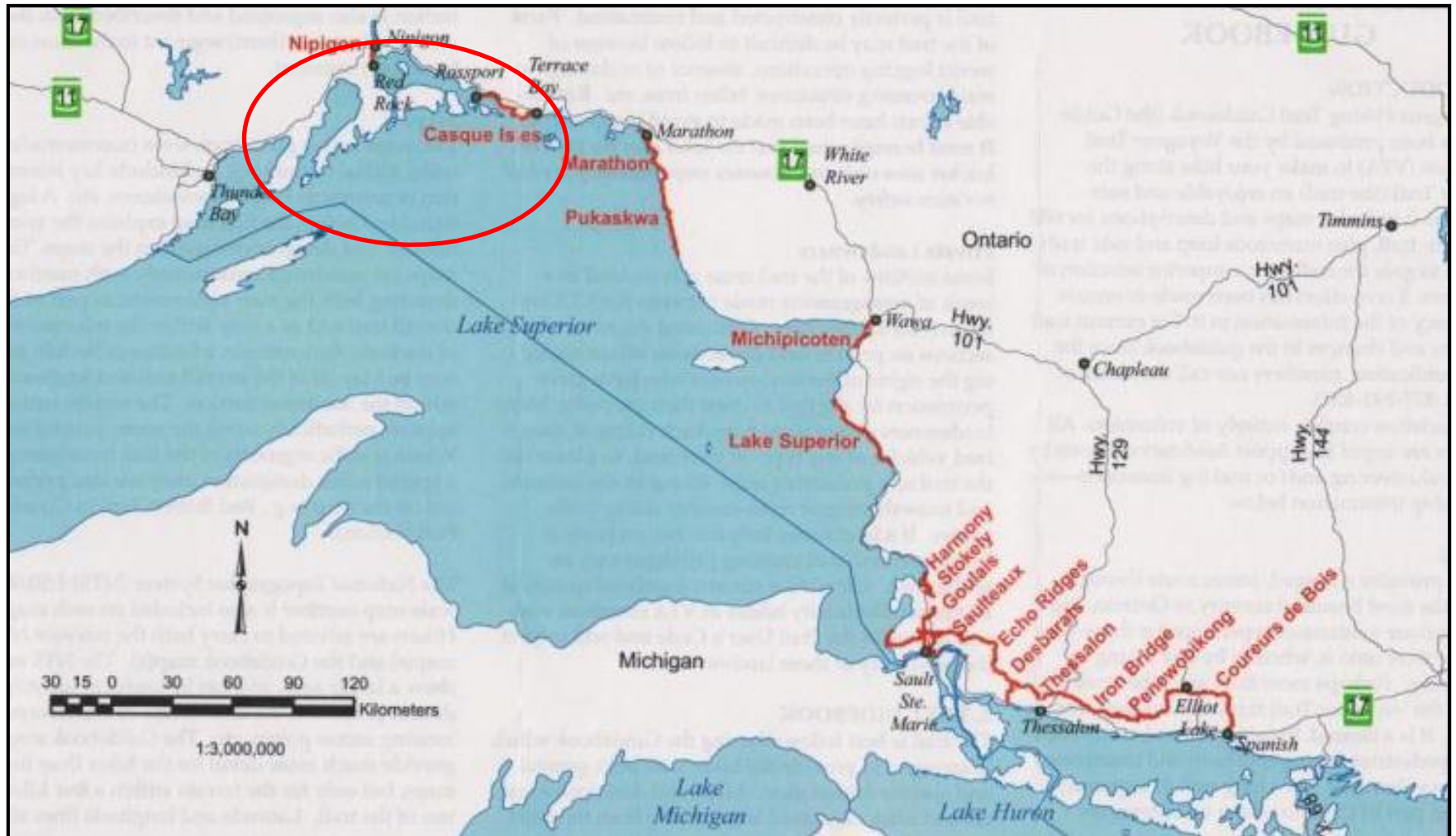
Group of Seven Lake Superior Trail



Kinghorn Rail Trail



Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area

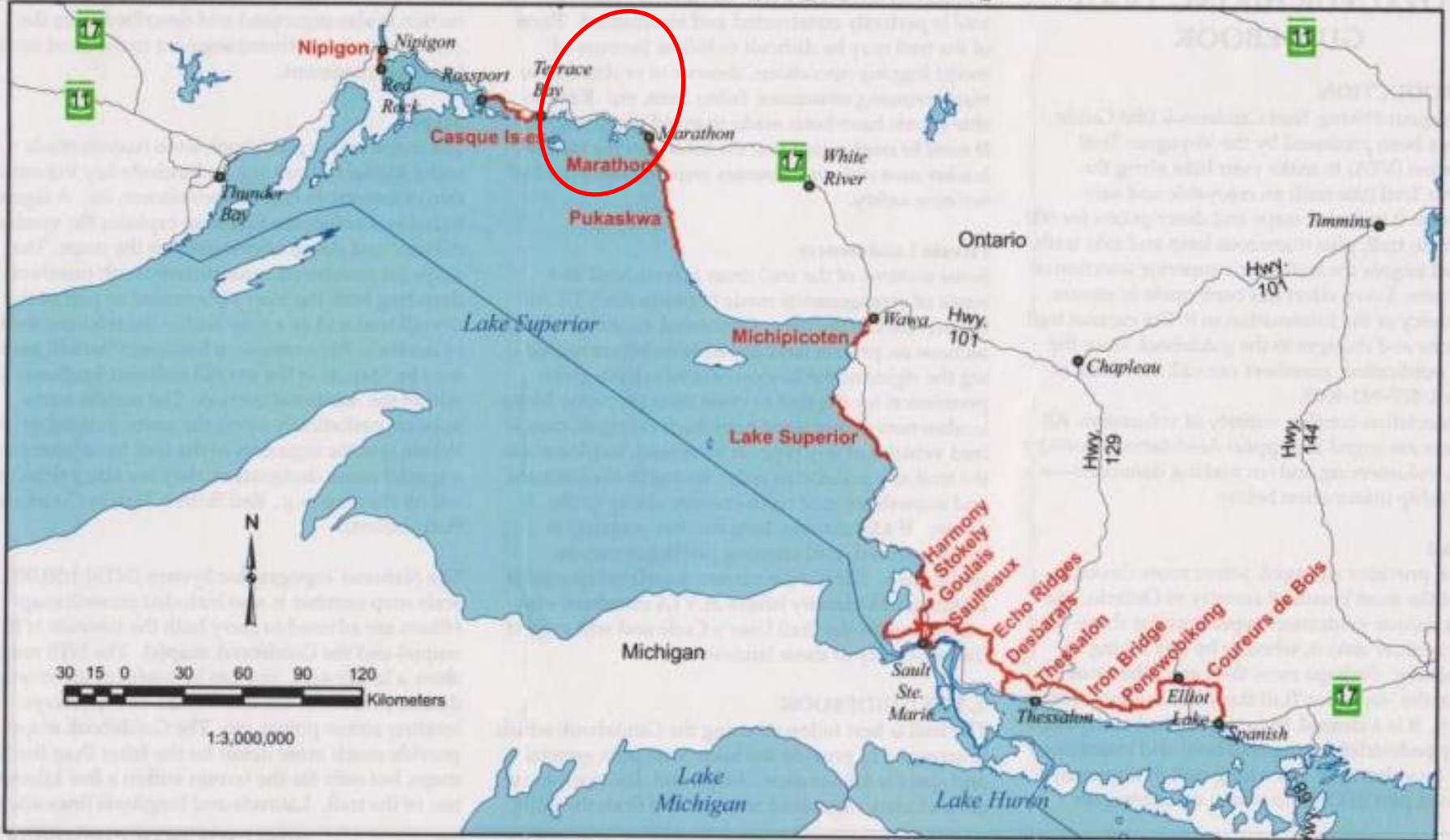


NMCA Inventory Spring 2014

- Inventory of existing trails within the viewscape of the NMCA – Dorion to Terrace Bay
- Rate trails against the Parks Canada's Trails Classification System
- Capture new trails that groups/communities are dreaming of developing
- Cost out new trail, maintenance requirements with costs, timelines etc
- Information for communities to prioritize future trail development
- Report was released to the communities - some have used for funding applications e.g. National Trails Coalition Funding & Great Lakes Guardian Funding

- NMCA will be using the information in the report to make investment decisions for signage, possibly supporting maintenance costs, promotions, and trail capital/infrastructure investment in key areas
- Assessed 46 existing trails within the study area
- 6 new trail opportunities identified
- Budgets \$202K short-term construction (1 year timeline)
 - \$5.7M long-term construction (multiple years)
 - Maintenance is estimated @\$120K for 411 kms of trail
- Additional 24 trails = 95kms that were captured by not assessed as they fell outside of the NMCA viewscape, TCT Water Trail wasn't included, snowmobile trails, inland trails

Overview of Voyageur Hiking Trail



Other Northshore Communities

- Superior North CFDC provided funding to Marathon, Manitouwadge, Terrace Bay & Pic River/Heron Bay to complete the trail inventory for rest of the region
- Focus of the report was different as trails weren't rated against the Classification System but focused on work plans, cost inputs and next steps to create a strong trail network in these communities in the next 10 years
- Identified 37 existing trails in the 4 communities
- 16 new trail opportunities identified
- Budgets
 - \$228K short-term construction (1 year timeline)
 - \$824K long-term construction (multiple years)
 - Maintenance is estimated @\$44K for 246 kms of trail

Common Themes From Regional Consultation

There were a number of topics identified in the meetings with various groups that they need help with.

- Investment in capital funding and signage
- Assistance with project planning
- Ongoing maintenance cost assistance
- Forum networking
- Promotions/branding
- Training of trail builders and planners
- Organizational capacity
- Insurance



Common Opportunities Identified

A number of opportunities were also identified:

- Northshore branding of trails
- Collaborative Funding Application opportunities
- Creation of a regional signage guidelines
- Mentoring under other trail organizations
- Coordination through a regional entity
- Regional interpretation of history, culture, geography
- Regional Trail Guidebook for visitors
- More tourism product for promotion

Provincial Trails Act

- Ontario Government is proposing a Provincial Trails Act
- Details not known
- Ontario Trails Council's executive has been asked to review the act and comment
- Take the needs/comments etc. into the process on behalf of the provincial trail stakeholders

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