

Improving Community Connectivity in South Benton County

Goal:

To analyze the suitability of potential routes to improve connections in South Benton County

Methods:

1. Identified potential routes to connect South Benton County.

2. Selected priorities for determining suitability of routes :

- **Safety**
- **Physical characteristics**
- **Feasibility**

3. Based on available data, chose factors such as road type, surface, and topography to quantify our priorities

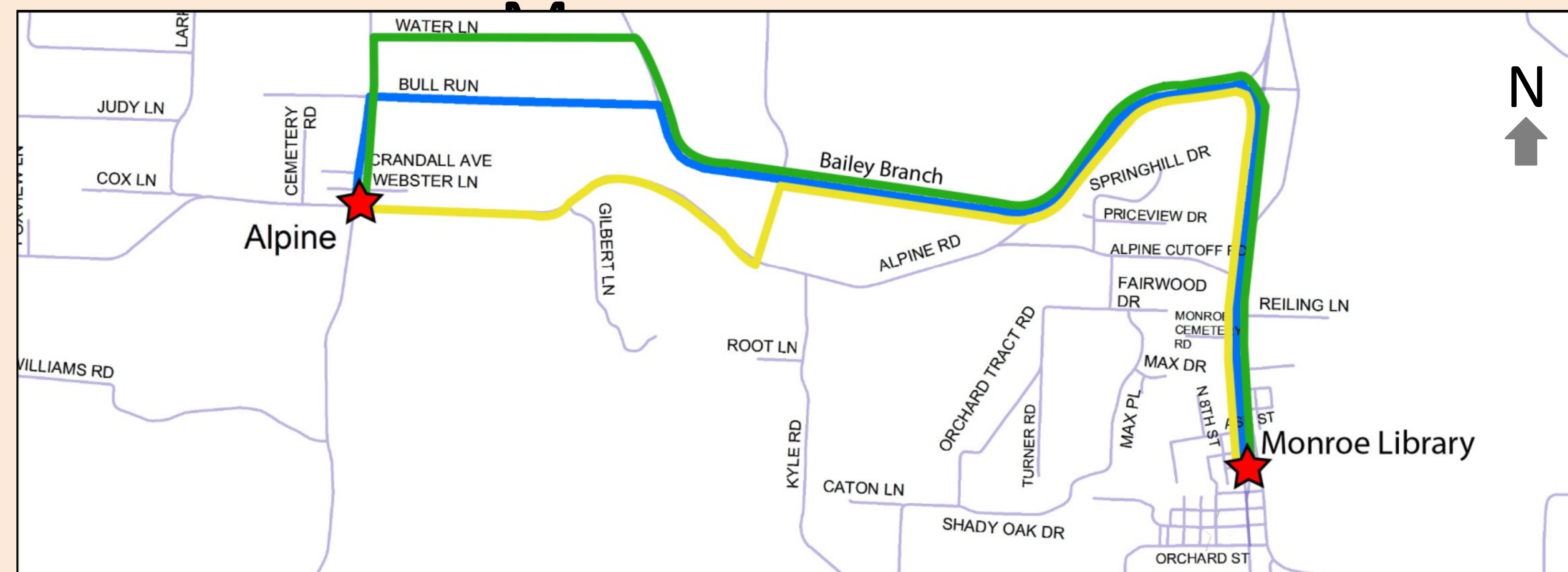
4. Developed a weighting scheme that reflected our priorities.

5. Created a model and ran a suitability analysis of potential routes

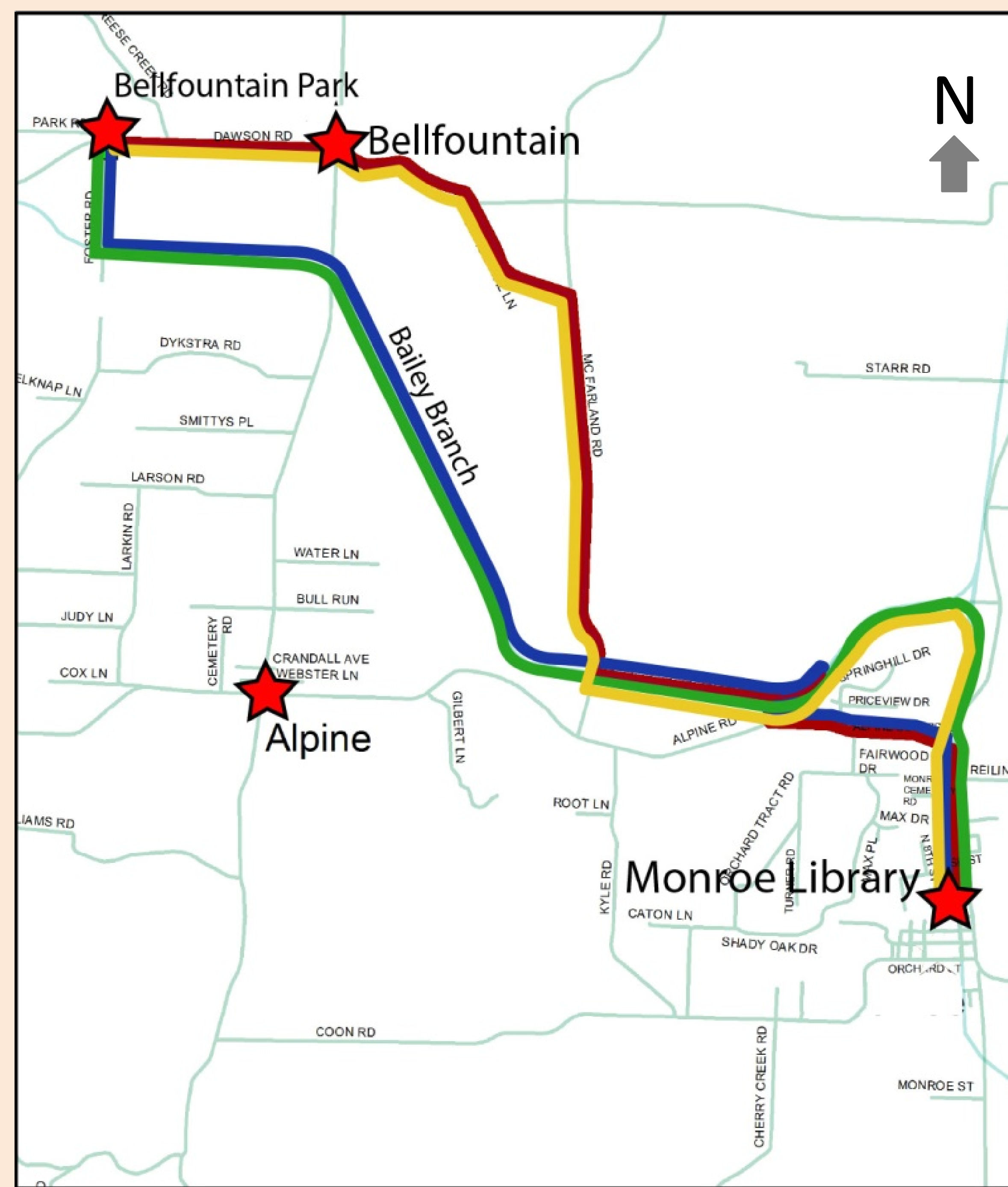
6. Determined rankings based on suitability analysis.

- More Suitable
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- Less Suitable

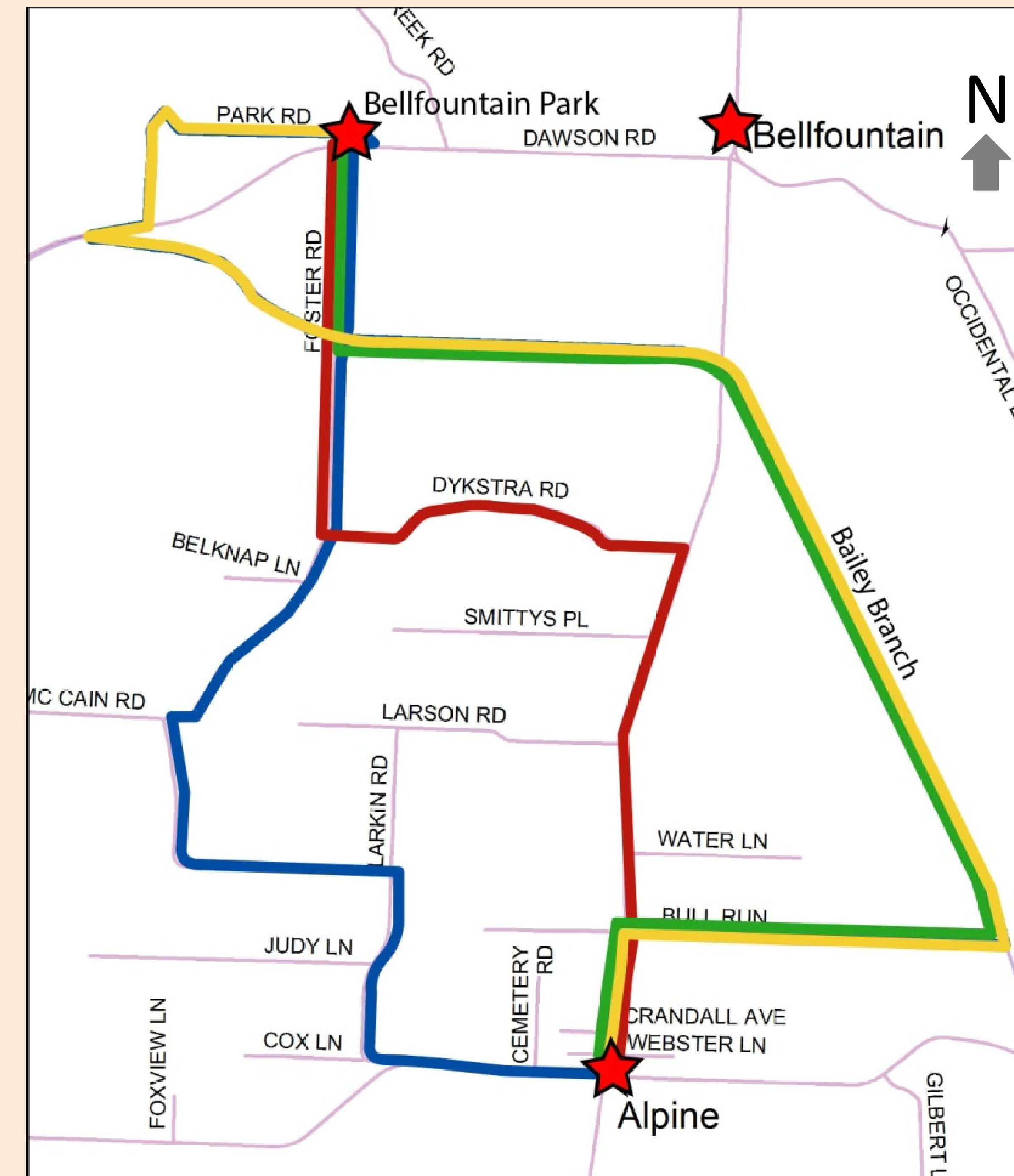
Alpine to



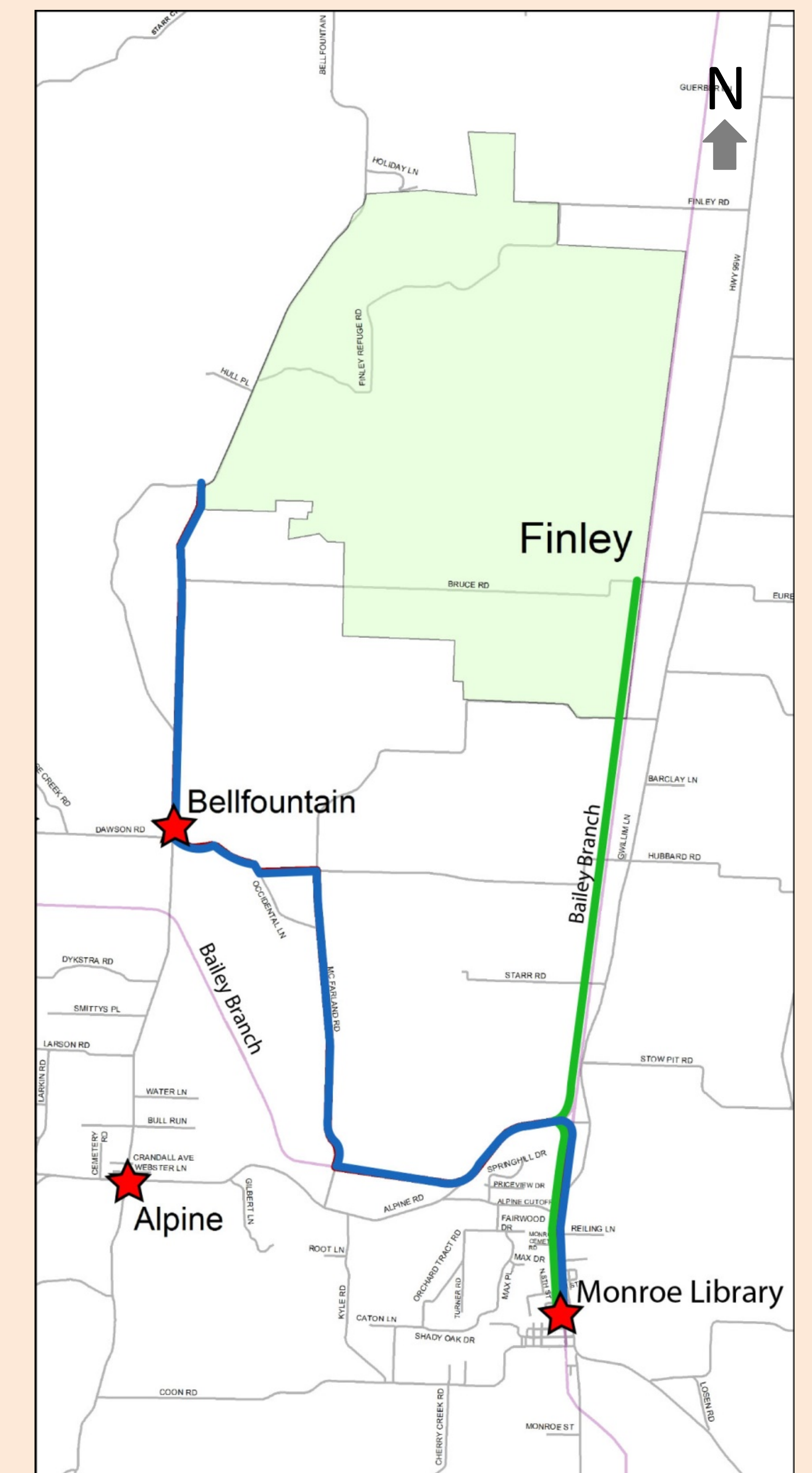
Bellfountain Park to Monroe



Bellfountain Park to Alpine



Monroe to Finley



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