In spring of 2003, Charlier Associates was hired to update the Multi-Modal Transit plan for the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (Wisconsin). A major task in this project was developing a strategic implementation plan for bicycle and pedestrian facilities for the nearby City of La Crescent, Minnesota. In the past, the City of La Crescent, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee, and local trail advocacy groups have struggled to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities in La Crescent. CAI worked with the public, members from each of the local interests, and Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop a set of strategic steps to address funding and construction details for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

The strategic implementation steps were condensed into three critical projects:
- Signing and striping five miles of bicycle lanes along local streets and roadways
- Constructing a 3.5-mile multi-use path through the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge to provide connection to the neighboring City of La Crosse
- Developing a local trail that will be part of the Mississippi River, the Great River Road, and the National Millennium trails

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