




Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

August 12, 2025

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
 - 2. Minutes from May 14, 2025**
 - 3. Presentation – East Coast Greenway**
 - 4. CRCOG Updates and News**
 - 5. What's New in My Town**
 - 6. Other Business**
 - 7. Adjournment**

Welcome and Introductions



Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting – Minutes

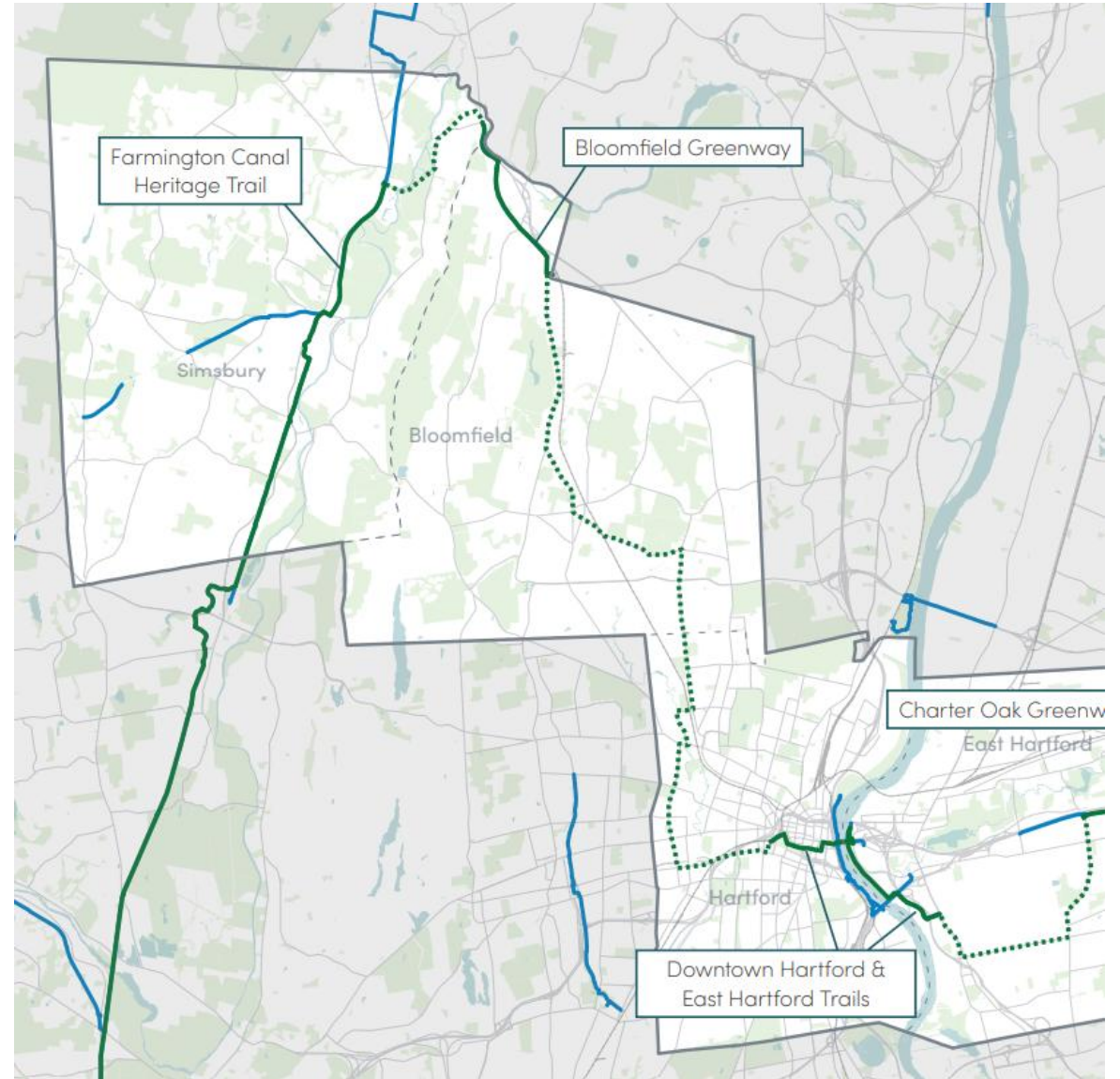
TIME: 12pm
DATE: Wednesday May 14, 2025
PLACE: Zoom Call

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Amy Watkins	Watch for Me CT
CJ Gandza	City of New Britain
Dan Amstutz	VHB
Eric Anderson	Town of Andover
Kevin Sullivan	Bike Mansfield
Lon Hultgren	Bike Walk Wethersfield
Martha Conneely	Riverfront Recapture
Michele Lipe	Town of South Windsor
Nathaniel Jarvie	Town of Canton
Norm Berg	Town of Southington
Patrice Carson	Town of Bolton
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EAST COAST GREENWAY GAP CLOSURE STUDY

Caitlin Palmer, AICP
Director of Regional Planning and Development





East Coast Greenway

CRCOG Transportation Committee

July 21, 2025

The 3,000-Mile Vision

The East Coast Greenway, a 3,000-mile off-road route from Maine to Florida

15 states 🌲 25 cities 🌲 450 communities

Nearly 200 miles in CT

12-mile “gap” in the Capitol Region



The 3,000-Mile Vision

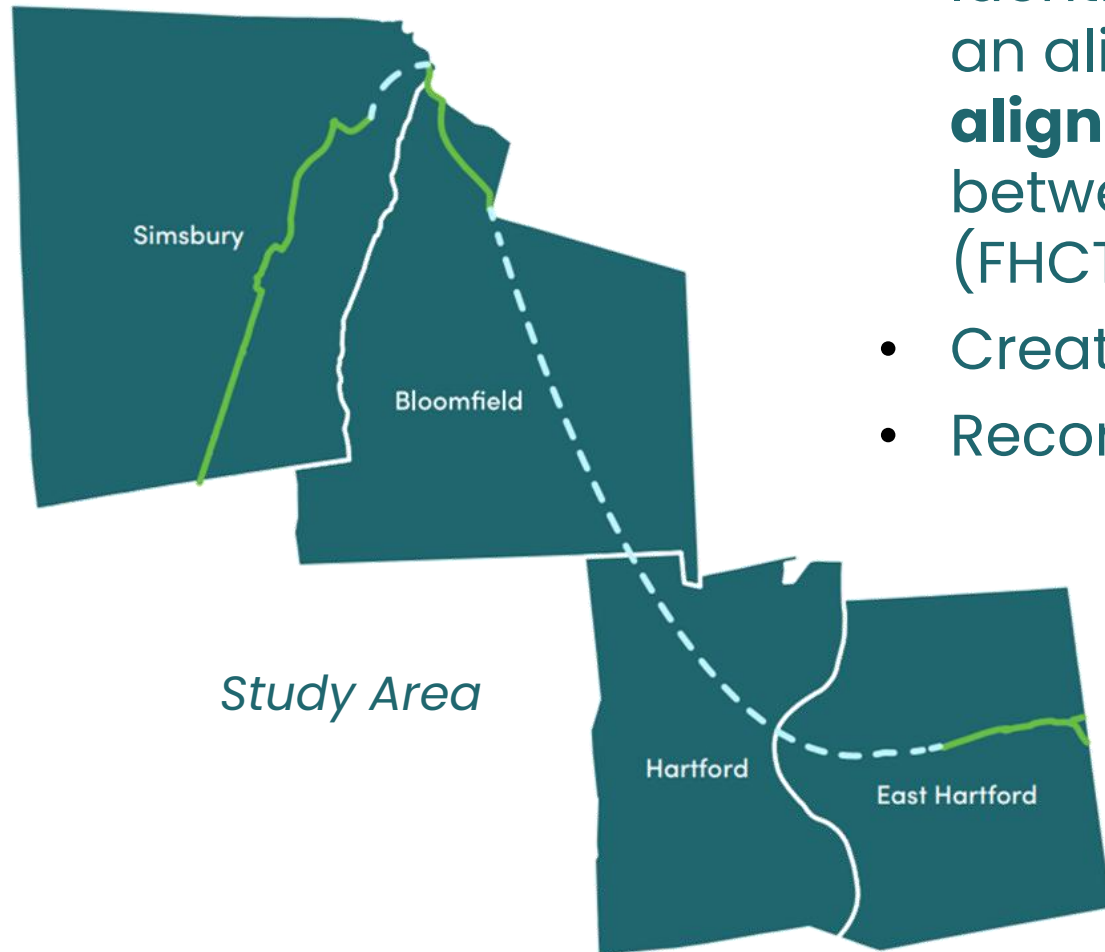


Conde Nast Traveler, The Circuit Trails, East Coast Greenway Alliance



Study Area + Goals

- Identify and secure **municipal endorsement** on an alignment to **close the gap** with an **off-road alignment** designed for **all ages and abilities** between Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FHCT) to Charter Oak Greenway
- Create **local connections**
- Recommendations that are **design ready**



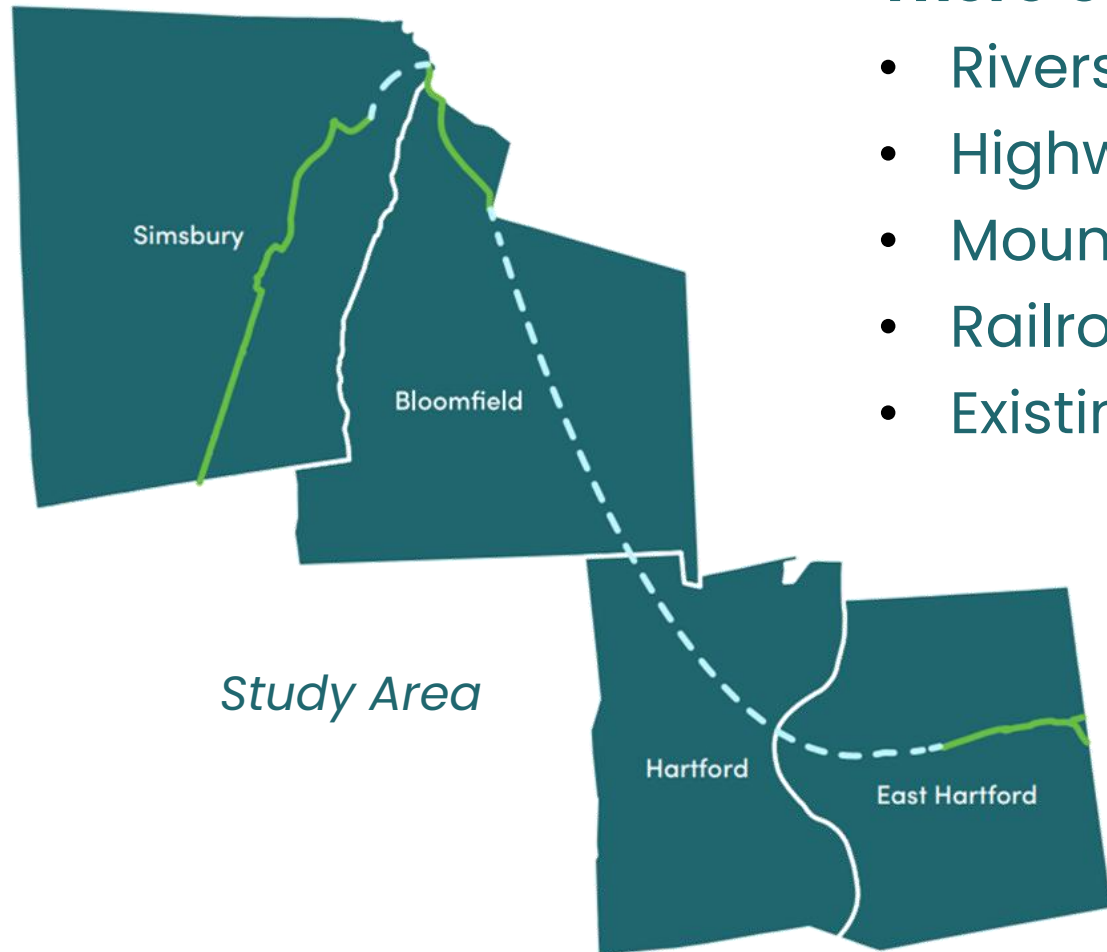
Reminder... this is a study for the ECG but many other local, regional, and state initiatives will tie into this greenway to create a connected network!



Study Area + Goals

There's a reason for the gap...

- Rivers
- Highways
- Mountains
- Railroads
- Existing development



Process

- Data / Existing Conditions
- Public engagement on route ideas
- “Desktop” Screening
- Additional Analysis
- Finalize preferred alternatives
- Draft Final Report
- **Public feedback**
- Finalize study documents
- Local endorsements

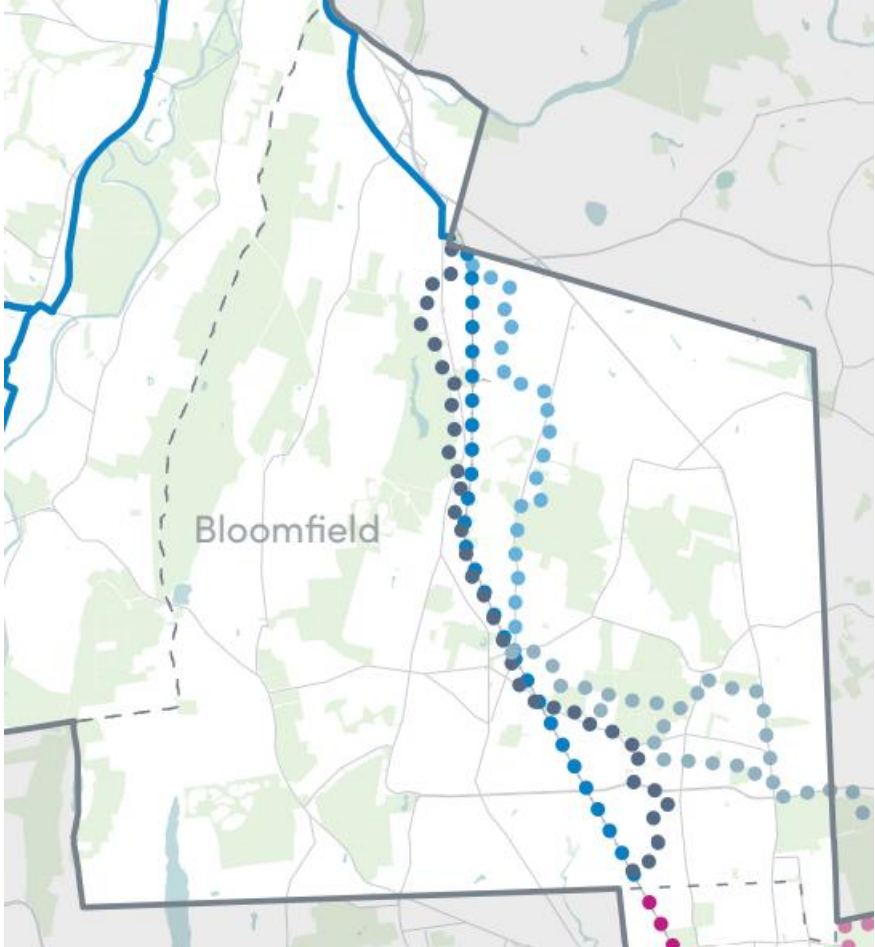


Criteria	Griffin Line Segments?	Southern Alignments (West End)			Central Alignments (Griffin Line South of Route 44)						Northern Alignments (via CT River Trail)	
		Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
		HB-S1	HB-S2a	HB-S2b	HB-C1a	HB-C1b	HB-C2a	HB-C2b	HB-C3a	HB-C3b	HB-N1	HB-N2
Available Points	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	Score	
Off-Road	30.00	22.0	22.5	22.3	26.3	25.9	25.4	25.2	25.2	25.0	25.1	24.9
Traffic Safety	30.00	10.0	1.9	0.3	26.0	26.4	18.0	18.4	16.4	16.8	28.1	26.6
Connectivity	30.00	24.3	22.2	22.8	23.8	16.7	22.3	15.8	22.2	15.8	8.2	8.4
Equity	30.00	8.0	25.0	25.0	6.2	11.2	25.8	29.4	25.9	29.5	12.6	12.6
Environment	20.00	14.2	13.7	13.5	14.5	11.2	14.0	10.6	13.8	10.5	4.4	4.2
Personal Security	10.00	6.8	8.9	8.5	6.3	5						
Right-of-Way	10.00	10.0	9.7	2.3	8.4	7						
Cost	10.00	5.8	0.0	0.2	8.8	7						
Economic Opportunity												
Total Score	170.00	101.1	103.9	95.0	120.2	112						





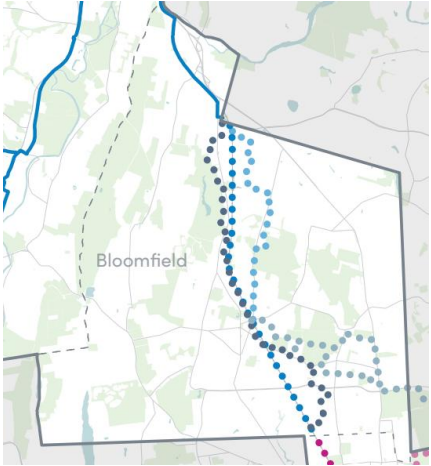
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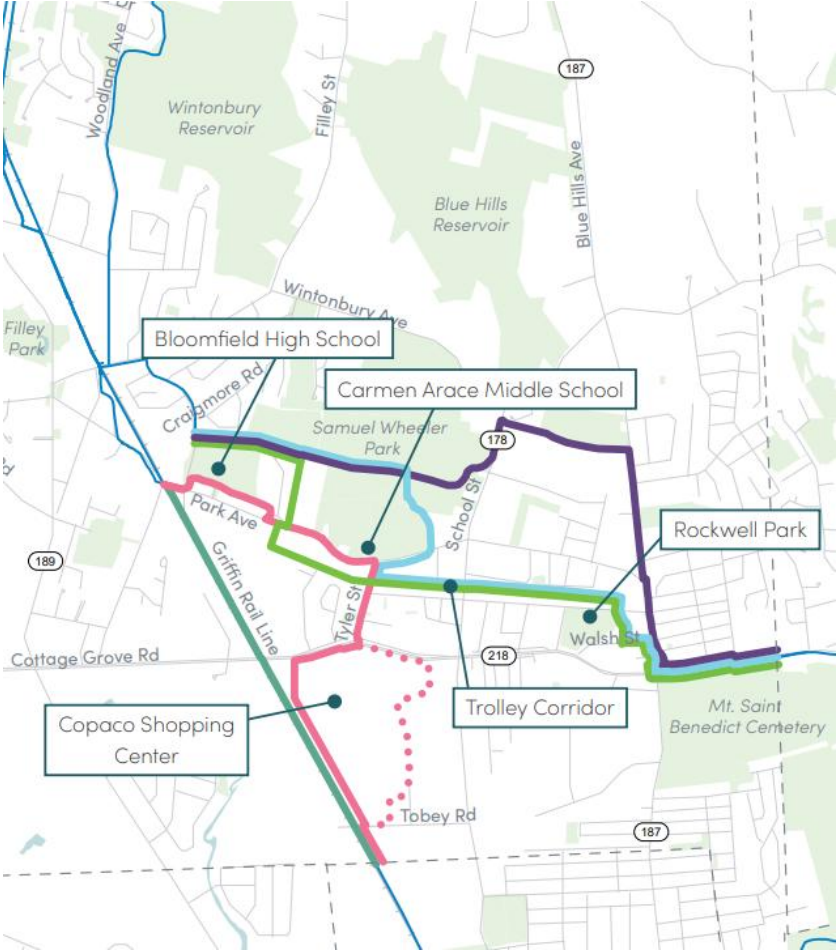
Preliminary Alignments



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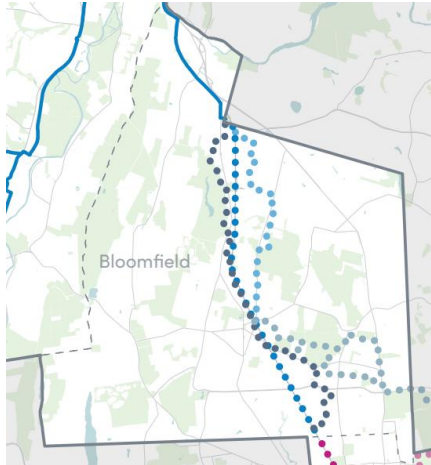


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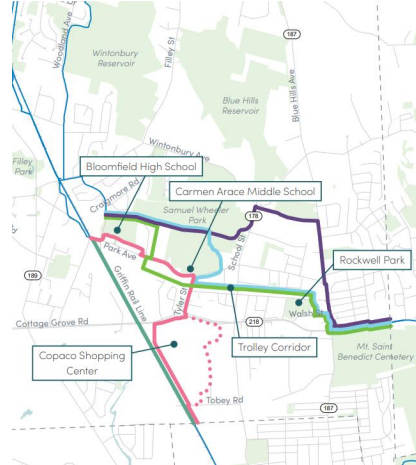


Identified Alternatives

General Process



Preliminary Alignments



Identified Alternatives



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3. Connectivity (30 points)

4. Equity (30 points)

5. Environmental Impact (20 points)

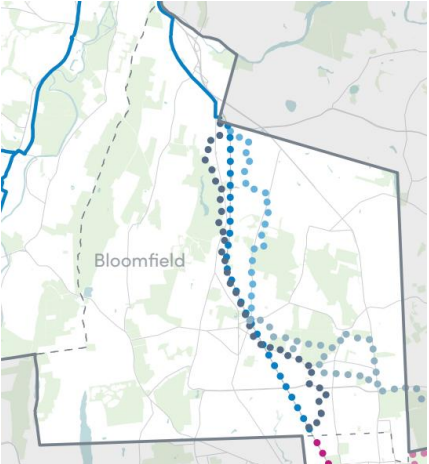
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7. Right-of-Way (10 points)

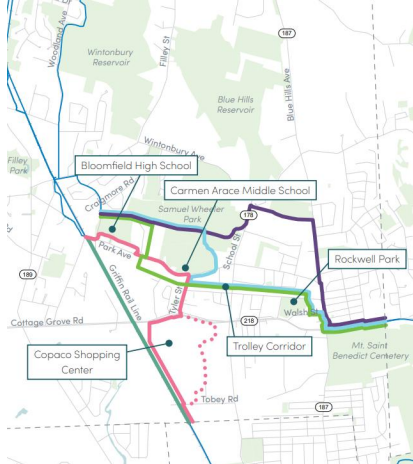
8. Cost (10 points)

Screening Process

General Process



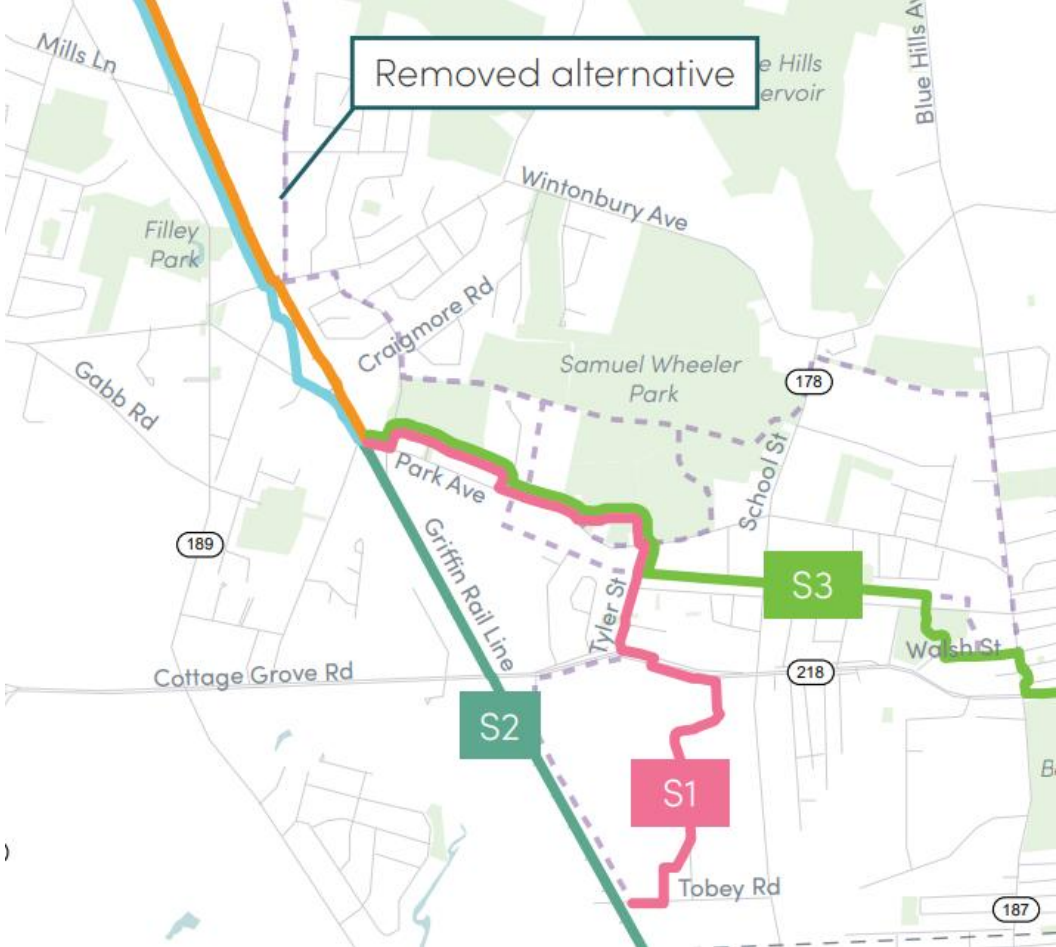
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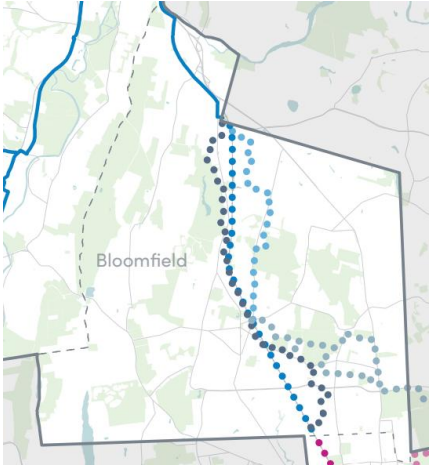
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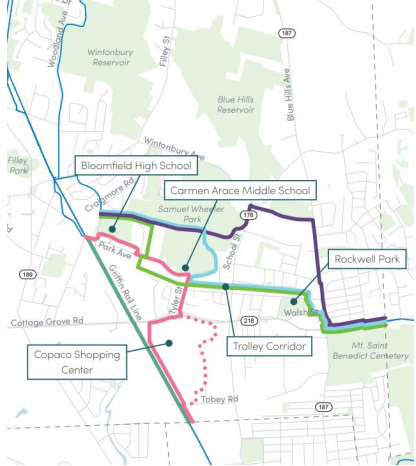
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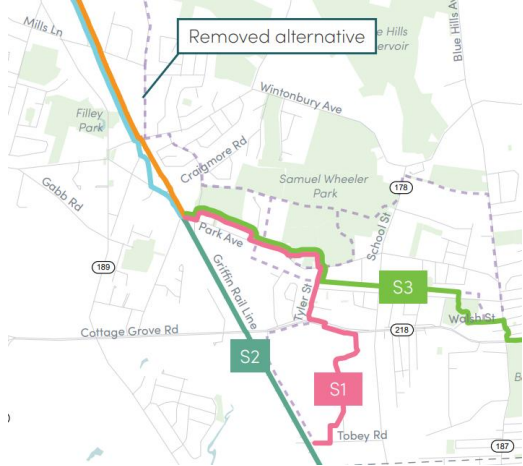
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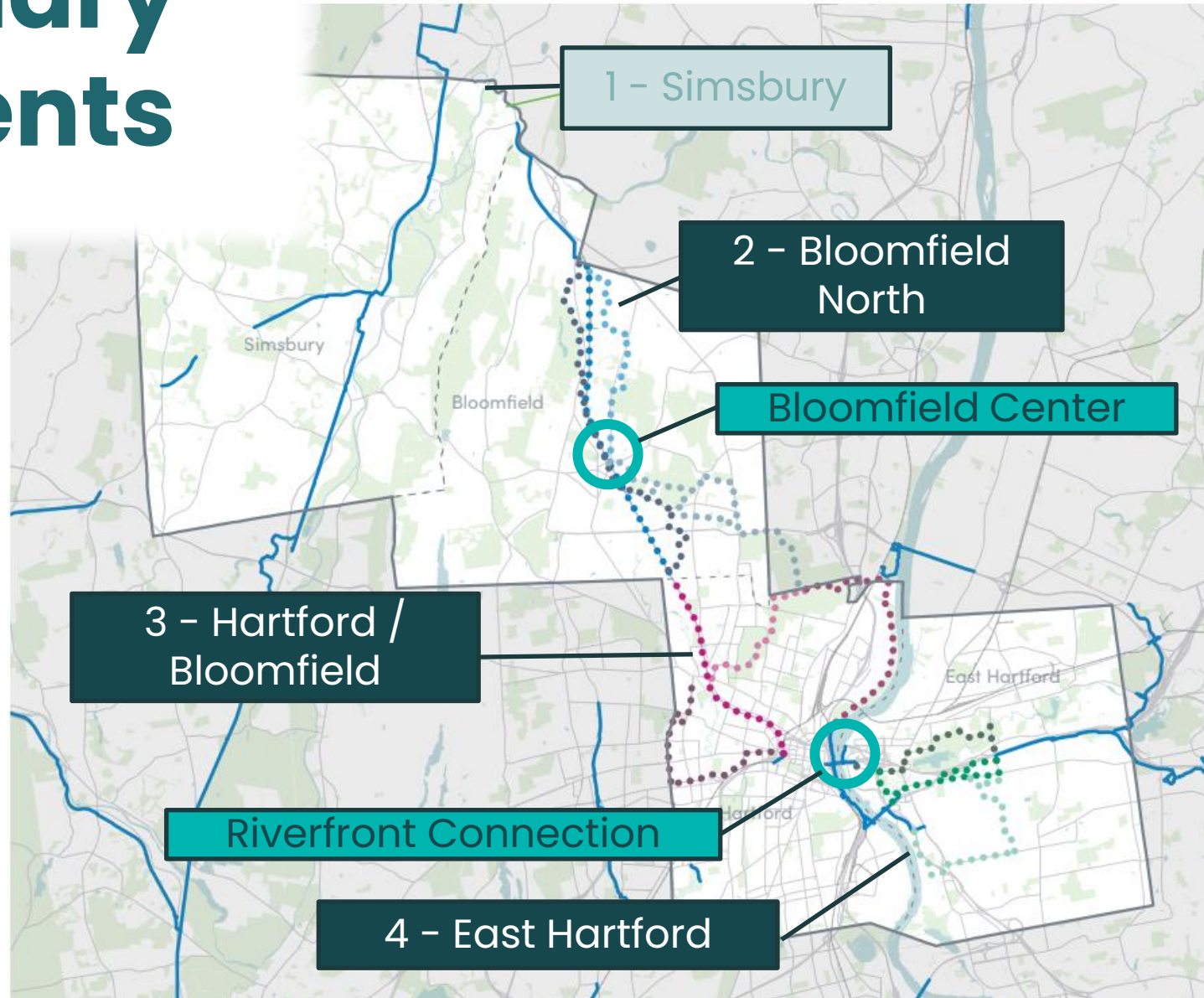


PREFERRED ALIGNMENT!



Preliminary Alignments

3 “gaps” to be screened
Bloomfield Town Center and Riverfront crossing natural “endpoints”



- Study Area
 - - Municipal Boundary
 - Bloomfield**
 - Reservoir #3 / Park Avenue
 - Griffin Line
 - Griffin Road / Wintonbury Reservoir
 - Samuel Wheeler Park / Keney Park
 - Hartford**
 - Keney Park Corridor
 - Griffin / Homestead Corridor
 - Connecticut River Corridor
 - Western Corridor
 - East Hartford**
 - Hockanum River
 - Silver Lane Corridor
 - Brewer Street
 - Trails**
 - Complete
 - - In Construction
 - In Concept
- 0 1.5 3 Miles

Bloomfield

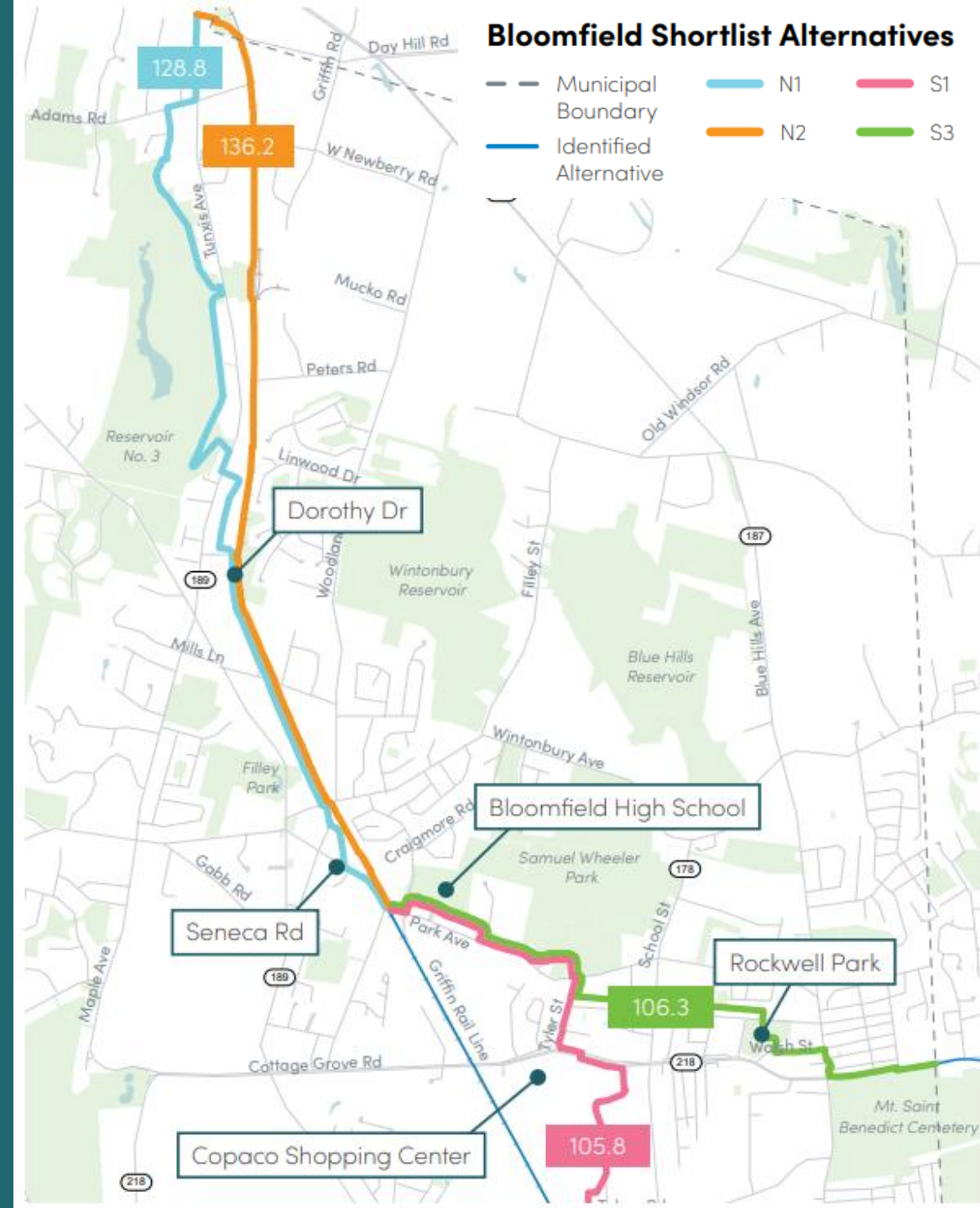
Northern and southern gap with Town Center as nexus:

Northern Shortlist looked at:

- N1 – Reservoir Option
- N2 – Rail with Trail

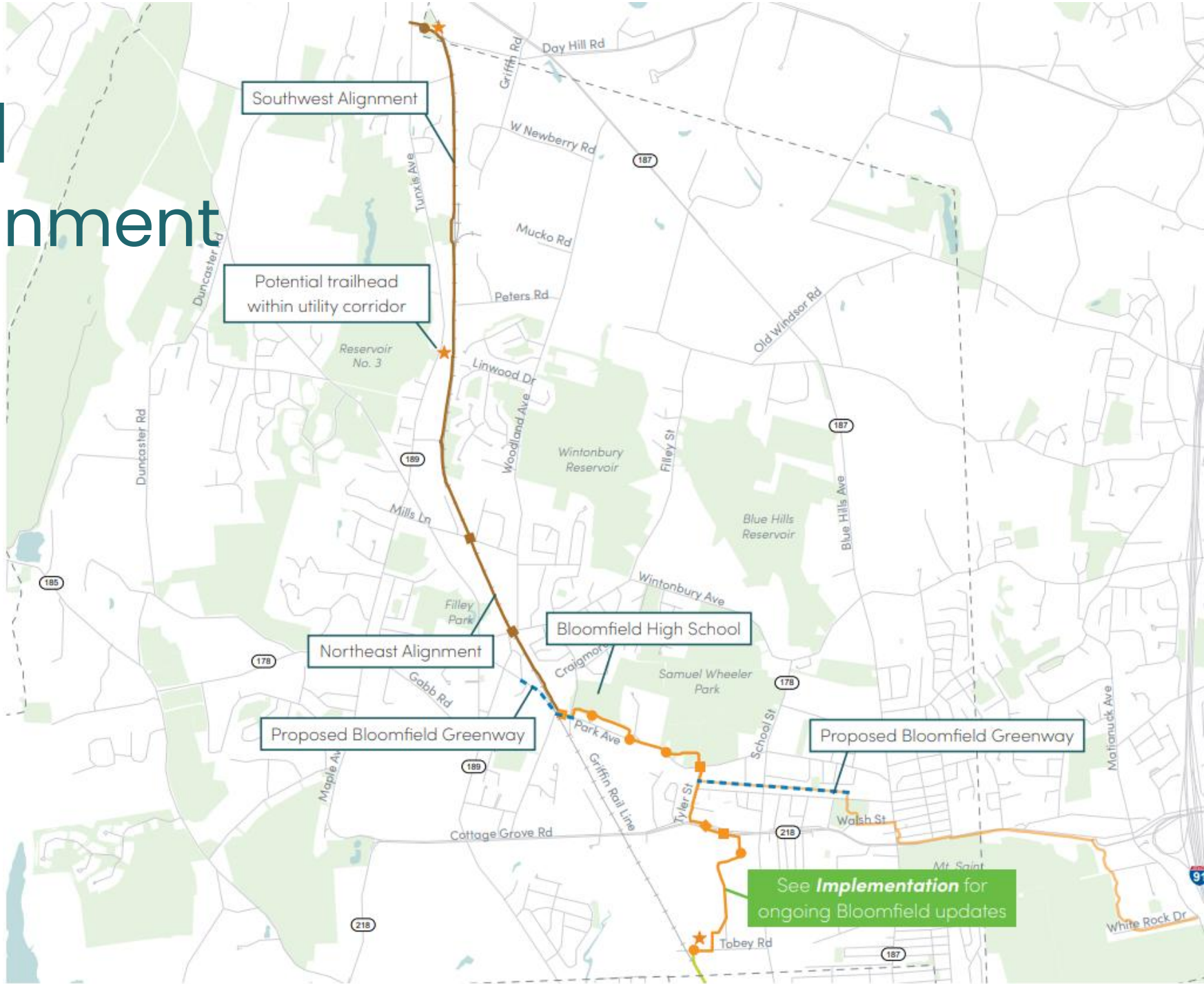
Southern Shortlist looked at:

- S1 – South at Tobey to Copaco/RWT
- S3 – East past Rockwell Park to Windsor



Bloomfield Preferred Alignment

- Municipal Boundary
- Existing Trail
- - - In Design Trail
- ★ Proposed Trailhead
- Key Parcel
- Preferred Alignment
 - North
 - South
 - Alternate South
 - Hartford Griffin Line
 - Unsignalized Crossing
 - Signalized Crossing



See **Implementation** for ongoing Bloomfield updates

Hartford

Gap between Bloomfield/Hartford town line and Founders Bridge

Looked at options:

- South (Capital/Prospect)
- Central (Griffin/Homestead, Keney)
- North (Riverwalk)



Hartford

Griffin Line Feasibility Study

Q: Can a trail be built alongside the active rail line?

Also considered Homestead Ave

Yes... recommended:

Route north of Albany Ave - \$4-6M

Route south of Albany Ave - \$26-33M



GRIFFIN LINE RAIL-WITH-TRAIL FEASIBILITY MEMORANDUM

April 2024 DRAFT















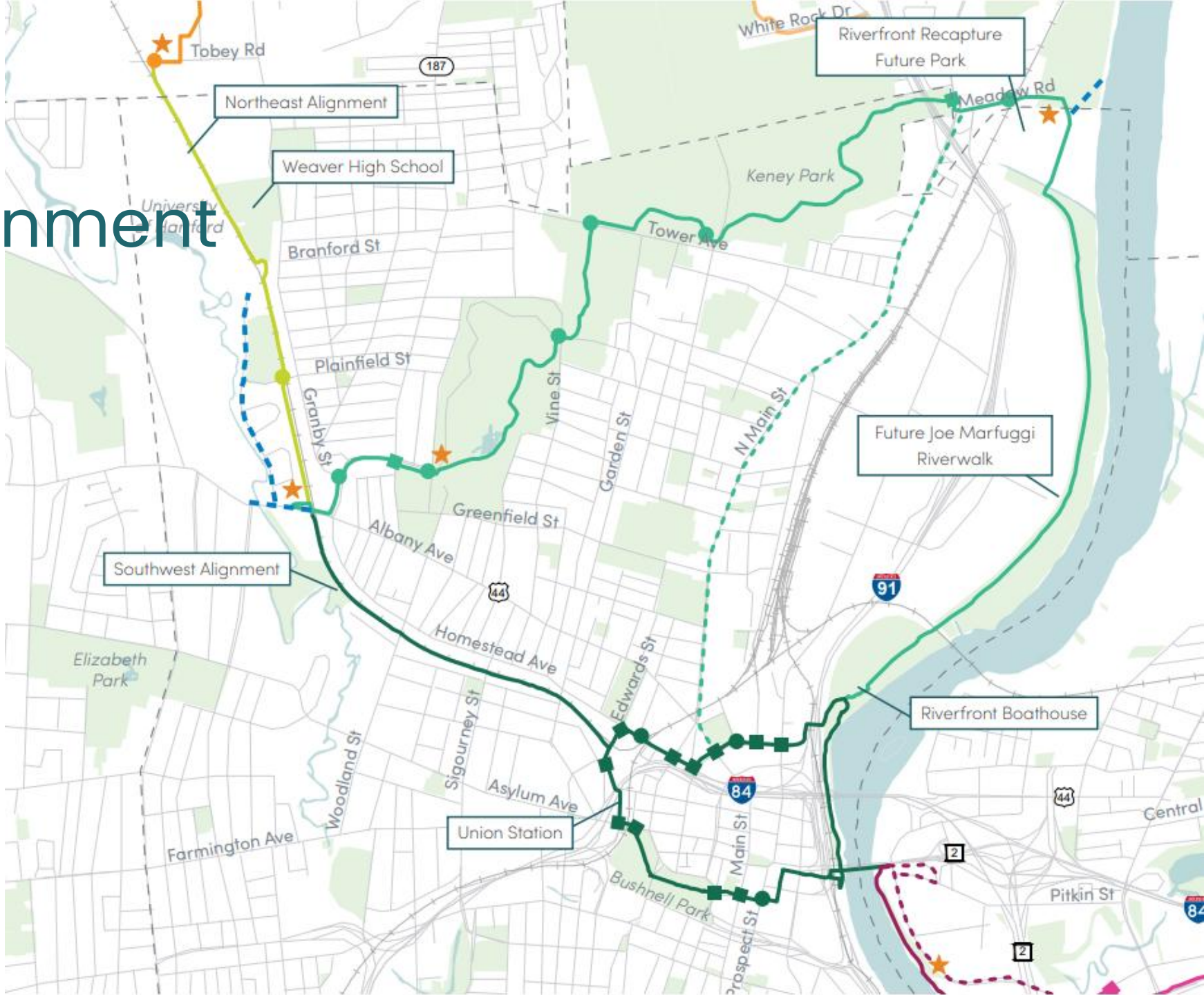
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GREENWAY STUDY

SIMSBURY — BLOOMFIELD — HARTFORD — EAST HARTFORD



Hartford Preferred Alignment

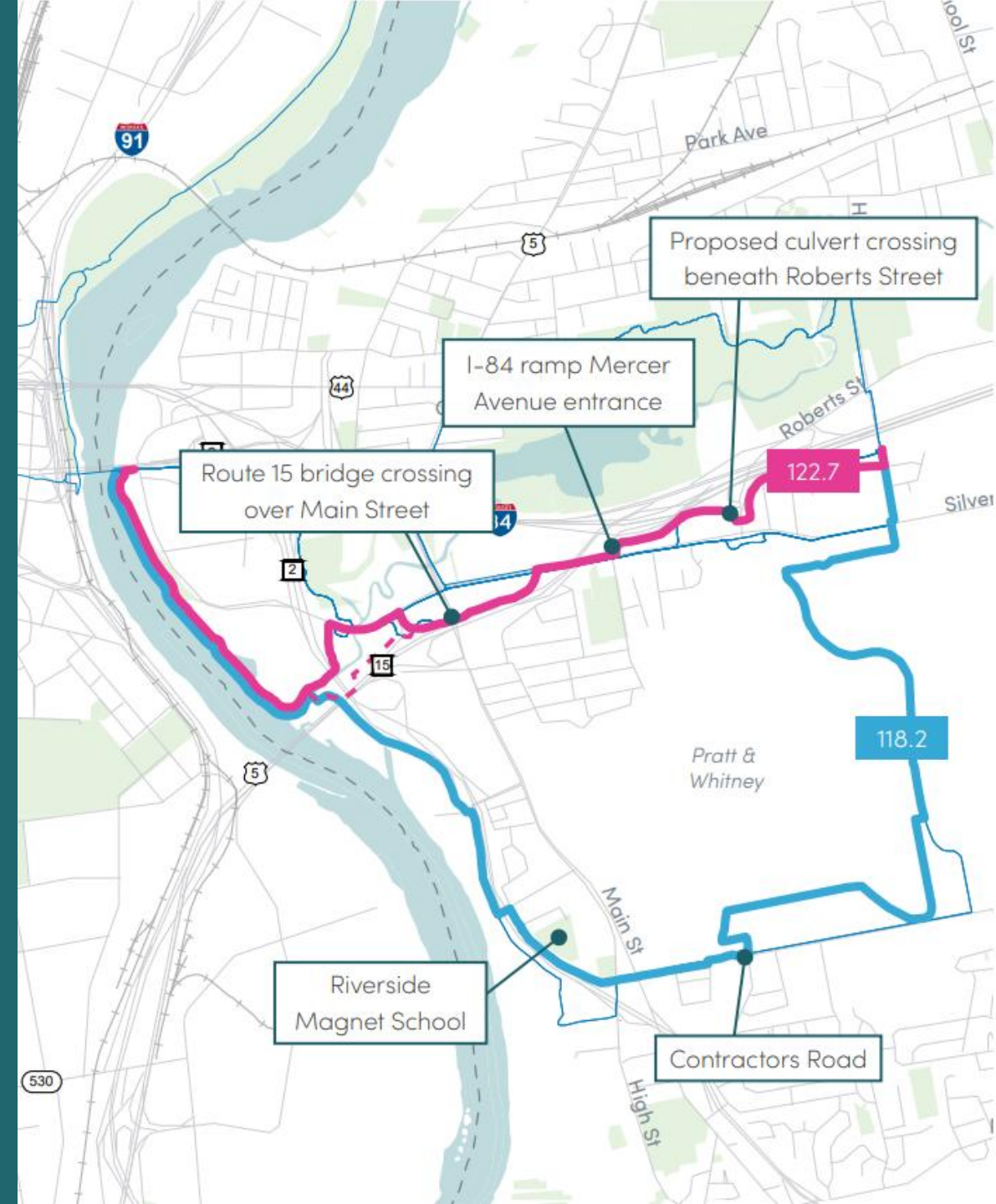
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-  Proposed Trailhead
-  Key Parcel
- Section
-  Griffin Line
-  Park
-  Park Interim Route
-  Downtown
-  Bloomfield South
-  East Hartford Riverfront
-  Unsignalized Crossing
-  Signalized Crossing



East Hartford

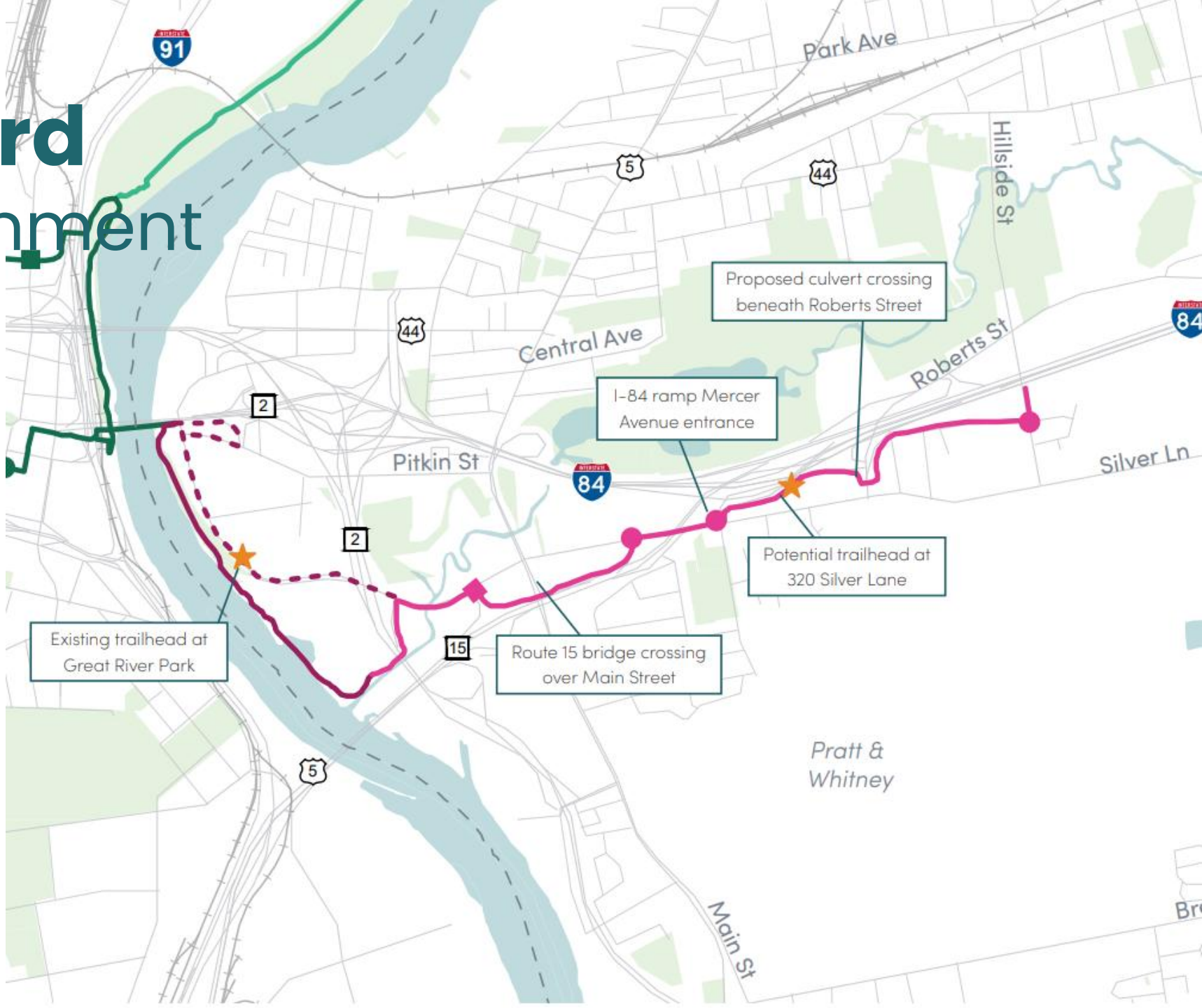
Gap between Founders Bridge and Charter Oak Greenway

- South (P&W / Brewer)
- Central (Silver Lane)
- ~~North (Hockanum)~~



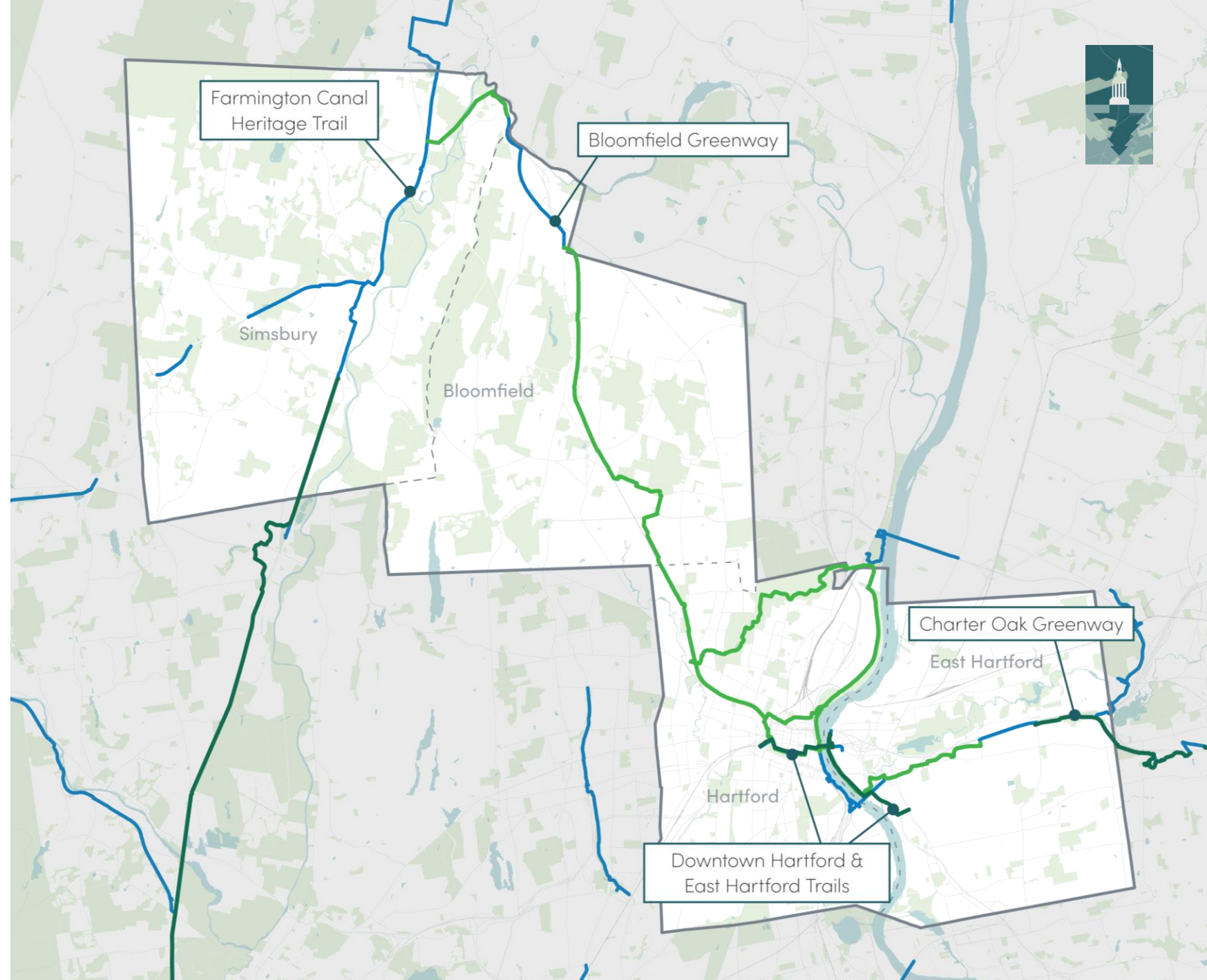
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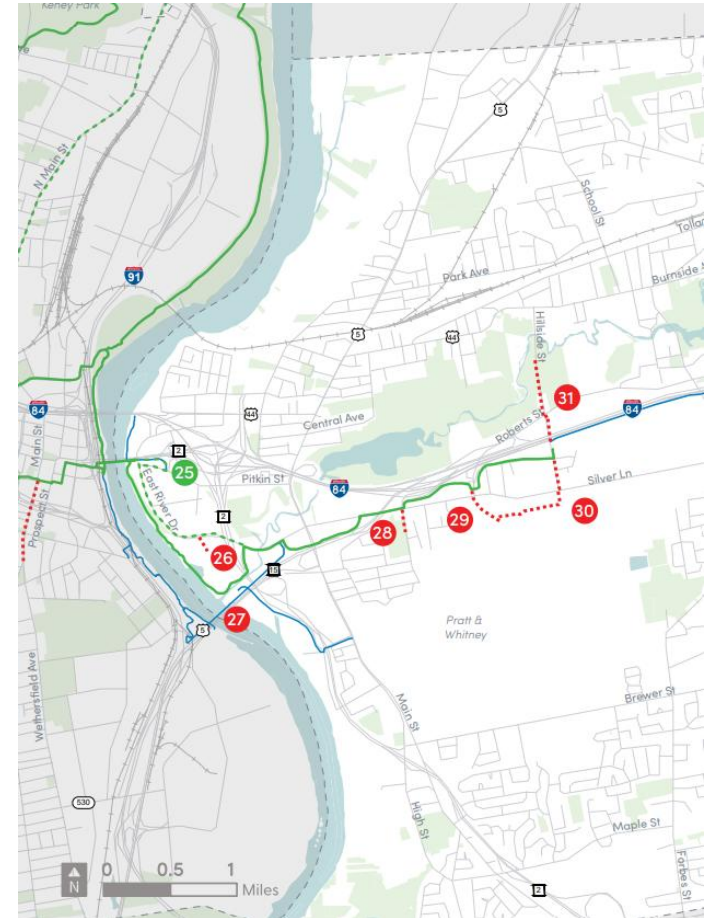
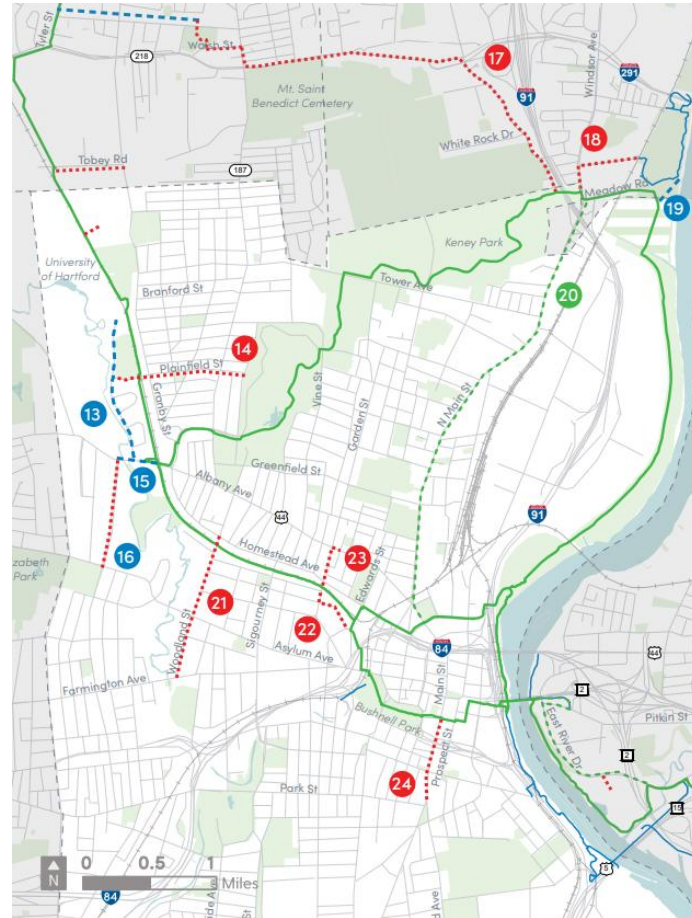
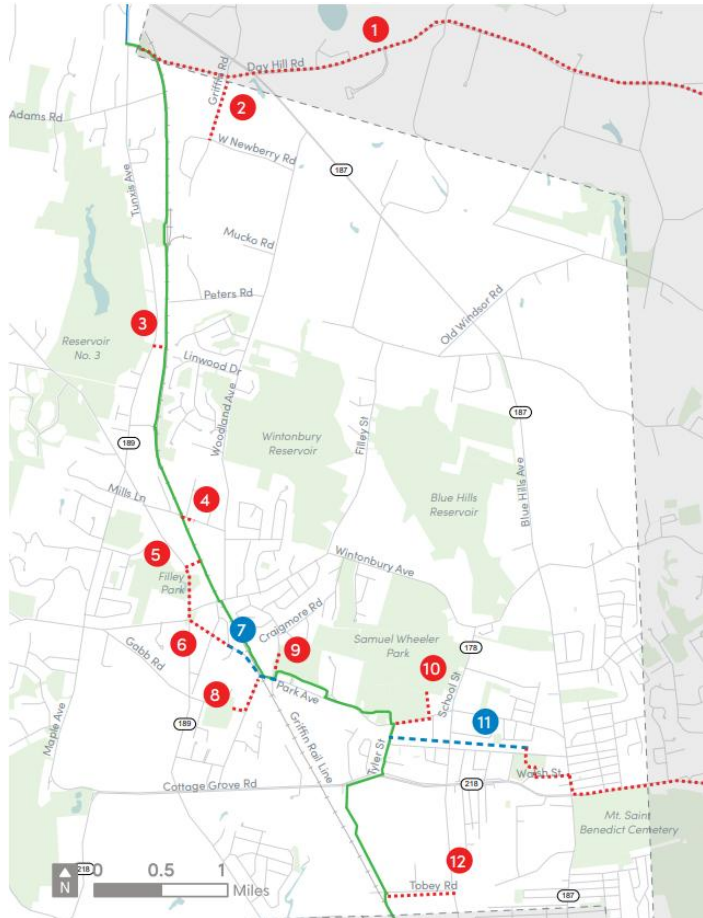
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Community Connections

- Municipal Boundary
- Existing Trail
- Potential Trail Link
- Preferred Alignment
- In Design Trail
- # Key





Closing the Gap

Renderings + Costs

1 Bloomfield High School

Before



2 Union Station

Before



2 Adjacent to On Ramp

Before



3 Human Services

Before



(Griffin Line Feasibility Study)



4 Robert Street Culvert

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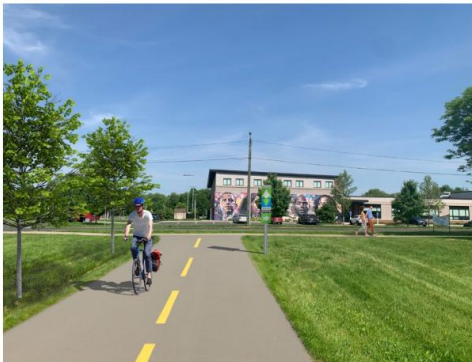
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Closing the Gap

Renderings + Costs

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Bloomfield - North of Town Center	3.8	\$ 9.9	\$ 2.6
Bloomfield - South of Town Center	2.4	\$ 7.1	\$ 3.0
Total	6.2	\$ 17.0	\$ 2.7

Segment	Miles	Cost (\$M)	Avg. \$/Mile
Hartford - Tobey to Plainfield (RWT)	1.3	\$ 4.9	\$ 3.8
Hartford - Plainfield to Garden (RWT)	1.7	\$ 29.5	\$ 17.4
Hartford - Garden to Founders	0.5	\$ 2.6	\$ 5.2
Hartford - Downtown North	0.75	\$ 4.0	\$ 5.3
Hartford - "Park" Route	2.7	\$ 6.9	\$ 2.6
Hartford	6.95	\$ 47.9	\$ 6.9

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Total	16.75	\$ 78.2	\$ 4.7



Next Steps

Draft Final Study Published – **Comment Period Ends August 15**

► **Public Engagement**

Local Municipal Endorsement on Final Draft

CRCOG Endorsement

"Pitch" Meeting with CTDOT



Next Steps

PRESENTATIONS

Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday, July 22 at 6pm

Hartford Public Info Session (IN-PERSON)

August 6 at 6:30pm @ Hartford Public Library Albany Branch, 1250 Albany Avenue

Public Info Session (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, August 7 at 7pm

East Hartford Planning & Zoning Presentation (HYBRID)

Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00pm @ Town Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 740 Main Street

Bloomfield Trails Committee

September 11, 2025

POP-UPS

- ✓ East Hartford – Farmer’s Market @ Town Green
- ✓ Bloomfield – Summer Concert Series @ Town Green
- East Hartford – Sounds of Summer, 7/24
- Hartford – 86GO Meet Up @ Bushnell Park, 7/29
- East Hartford – Back to School Backpack Rally, 8/6

More Coming Soon!



Follow up questions?

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Thank you.

Updates and News

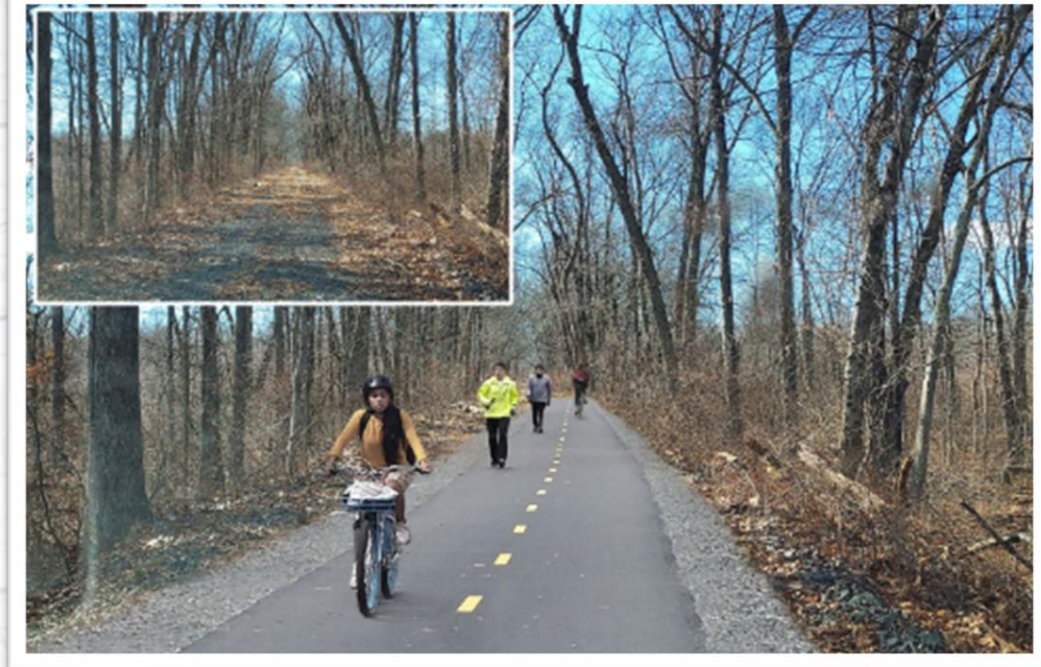
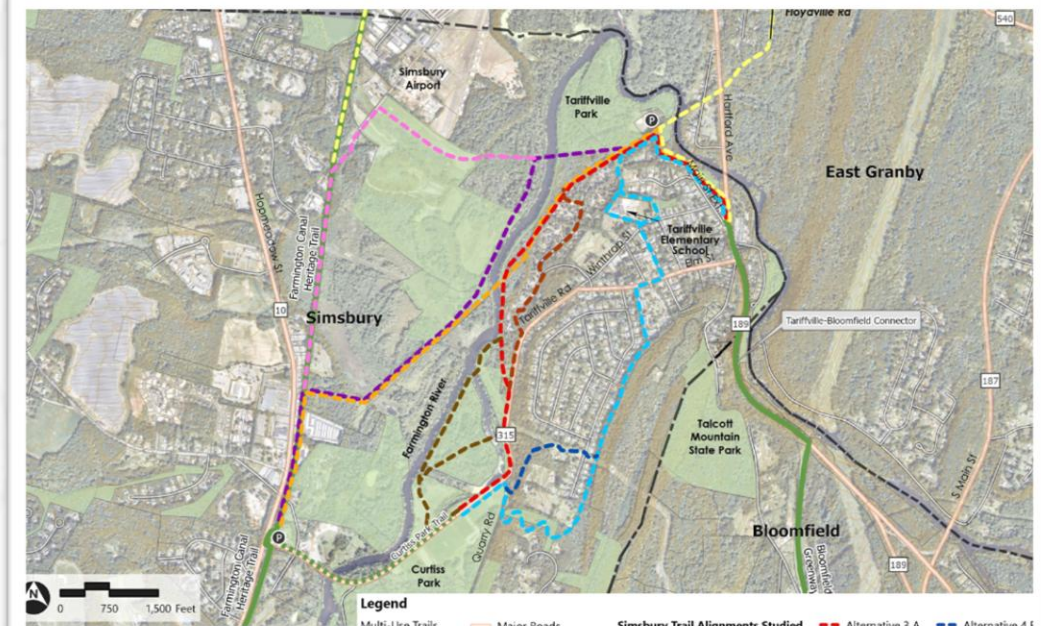
Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study

- Extra Work – Simsbury
- Public Comment Period through August 15
- Past Events

- **East Hartford** - Farmers Market @ Town Green - Tuesday, July 15, 2025 from 2 - 4:30pm
- **Bloomfield** - Summer Concert Series - Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 7 - 9pm
- **Hartford** - Planning & Zoning Commission - Tuesday, July 22, 2025
- **Bloomfield** - Alvin & Beatrice Wood Center - Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 1 - 3pm
- **Hartford** - Mortensen Riverfront Plaza - Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 11:30am - 1:30pm
- **East Hartford** - Sounds of Summer - Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 6 - 8pm
- **Hartford** - 86GO Meet Up @ Bushnell Park - Tuesday, July 29, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:30pm
- **East Hartford** - Back to School Backpack Rally - Wednesday, August 6 from 3:30 - 5:30pm
- **Hartford** - Public Info Session @ Albany Library - Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30pm
- **Hartford** - Public Info Session (virtual) - Thursday, August 7 at 7pm

- Upcoming Events

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Town Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 740
Main Street



Questions? Email cpalmer@crcog.org

Updates and News

Priority Pathways

Recent Events

- Advisory Committee #3 – June
- Walk Audit Discussion – Windsor, Day Hill Road – June
- Finalized the Existing Conditions Memo – July
- Pop-Up Events
 - Wethersfield – Bicycles on Main Street – May 27
 - Trails Day – June 8
 - Bloomfield - Juneteenth event, June 22
 - Indian Notch State Park – July 2
 - Coventry Farmers Market – July 13
 - Manchester Off-Main Street – July 19
 - Taste of the Caribbean – August 2

Upcoming Events

- Walk Audit – Berlin, Farmington Avenue
- Advisory Committee #4 – October

Next Up

- Network Identification

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Updates and News

Regional Shared Micromobility Program

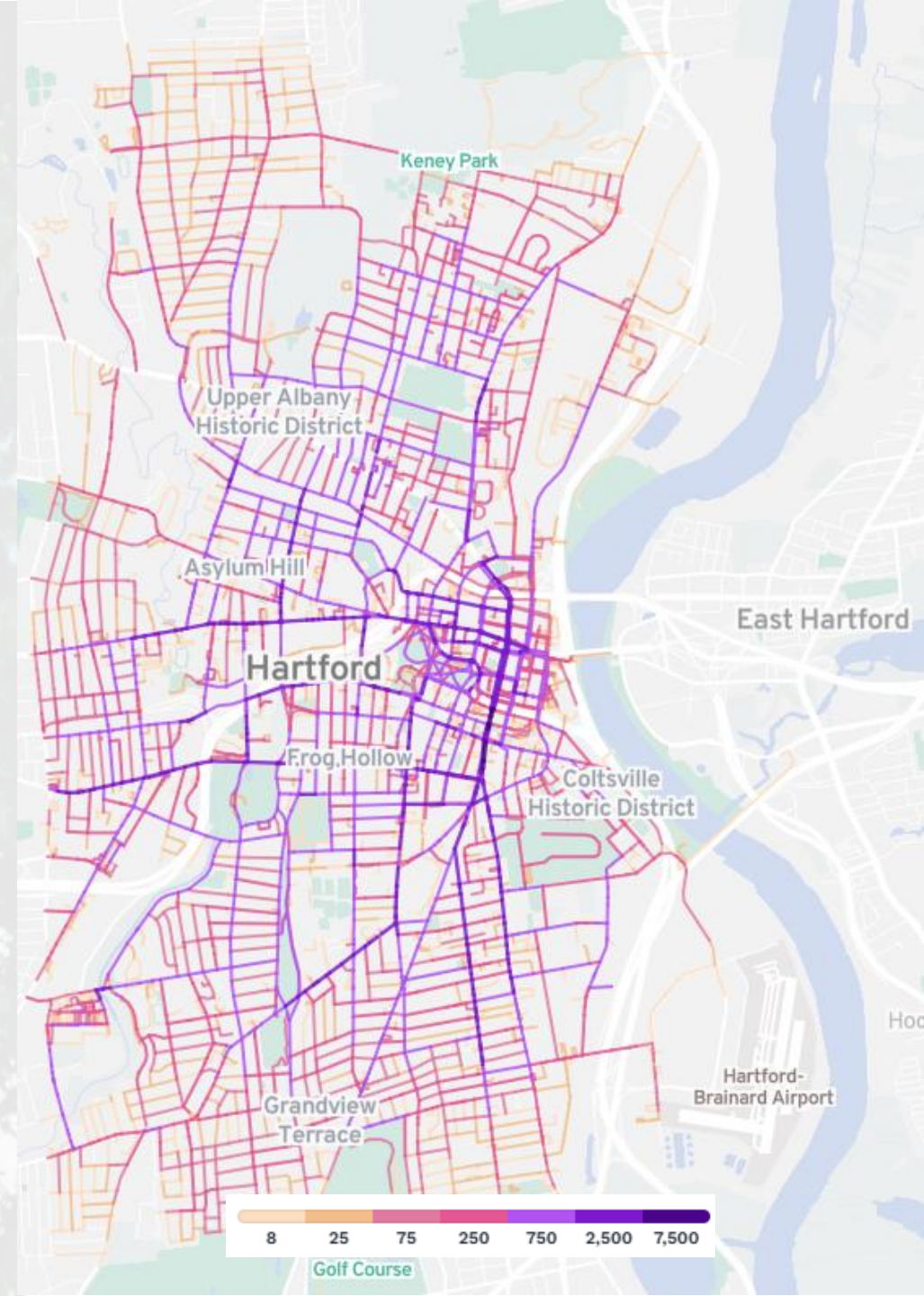
Hartford – inception 8/27/2024

- Over **190,000 rides**
- Close to **20,000 unique riders**

New Haven - inception 5/30/2025

- Over **41,000 rides**
- Over **10,000 unique riders**

Questions? Email mcipriano@crcog.org



Updates and News

CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program

2025

- \$5,000 per organization (up to 2 grants per calendar year)
- \$750,000 statewide funding
- Addition of Bike Racks and Bike Maintenance Stations
- **Q1 2025 – 10 Applications for close to \$50,000**
- **Q2 2025 – 14 Applications for close to \$70,000**

2025 Submission Due Dates

Q1: March 28

Q2: June 27

Q3: September 26

Q4: December 19

Questions? Email mcipriano@crcog.org



Updates and News

CRCOG Walk Audits:

Andover / Bolton E-Bike Audit – July 17

Focused on improving bike and ped connectivity across Route 6 and along the Hop River Trail (part of the East Coast Greenway). Members of CRCOG, the Towns, CTDOT, CTDEEP, Watch For Me CT, and local advocates in attendance.

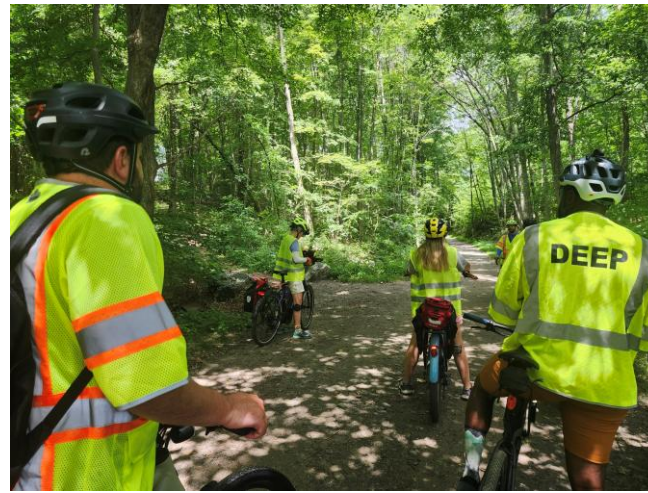
Communities are welcome to reach out to CRCOG anytime to organize a walk audit!

Past Walk Audit Locations:

Andover, Canton, Vernon, Wethersfield, Plainville, CCSU/Newington/New Britain

Questions?

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Updates and News

CRCOG Walk Audits: Storymaps Available on the [CRCOG Mapping & Data Website](#)

The screenshot displays the CRCOG Mapping & Data Website interface. At the top left is the CRCOG logo with the text "CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS" and "Working together for a better region." Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Dashboards", "Storymaps", "All Apps and Maps", "Data Download", and "CRCOG Home Page". The "Storymaps" link is highlighted with a blue underline. The main content area features six storymap tiles arranged in two rows. The top row contains two larger tiles: "LOTICIP StoryMap" on the left, which includes a grid of six small images showing various street scenes, and "Showcasing Drone Content and Use Cases" on the right, which features a large aerial photograph of a city at sunset. The bottom row contains four smaller tiles, each representing a different town's walk audits: "Canton Walk Audits", "Town of Planville Walk Audits", "Vernon Walk Audits", and "Wethersfield Walk Audits". Each tile includes a representative image and an "Explore" button at the bottom.

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Home Dashboards **Storymaps** All Apps and Maps Data Download CRCOG Home Page

LOTICIP StoryMap

Showcasing Drone Content and Use Cases

Canton Walk Audits

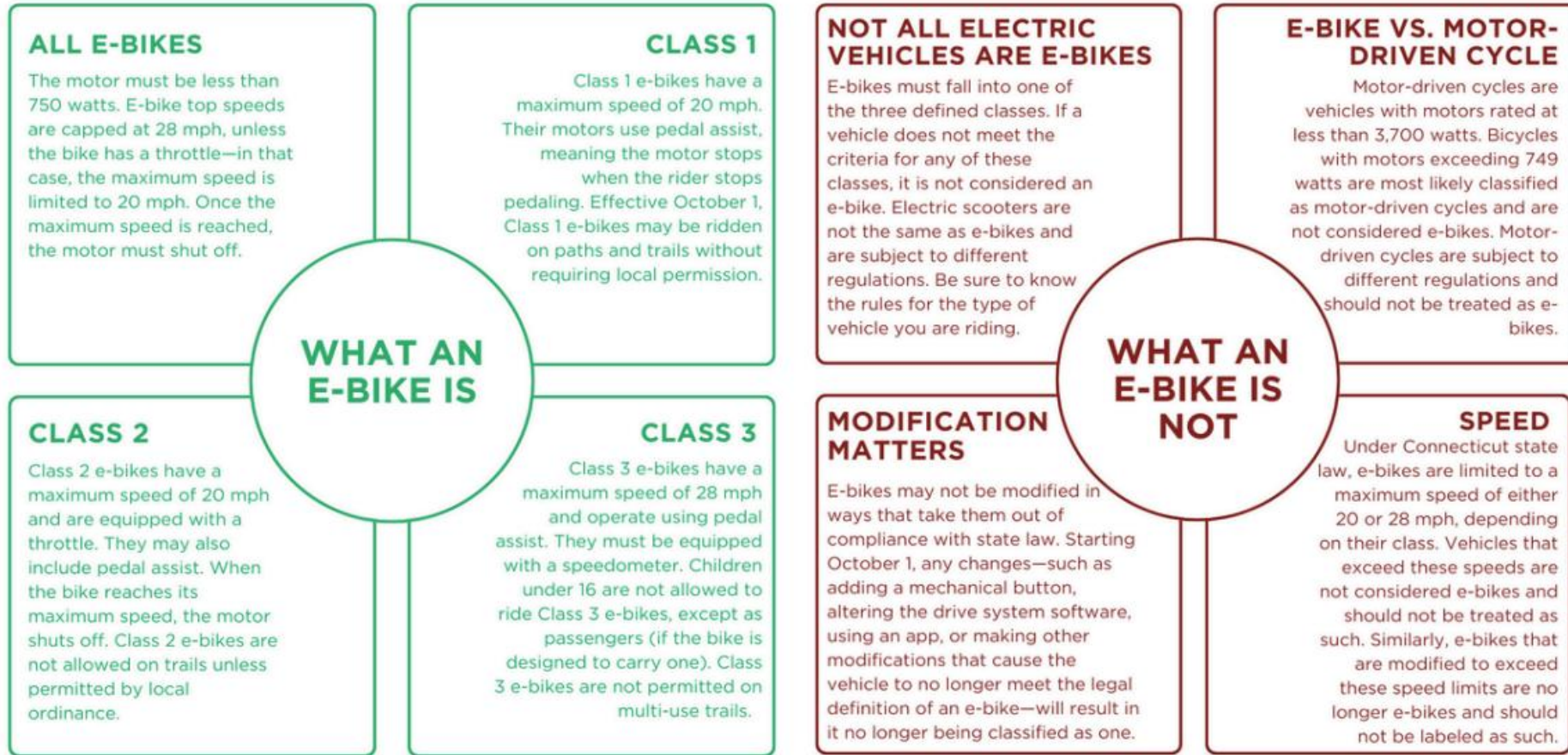
Town of Planville Walk Audits

Vernon Walk Audits

Wethersfield Walk Audits

Explore Explore Explore Explore

E-bikes: Know the Law



Per Connecticut state law, all e-bike riders are required to wear a helmet. It's important to choose one that is rated for the speed your e-bike can reach. Since e-bikes travel at speeds of 20 mph or higher, you should look for either a motorcycle helmet or one that meets the NTA-8776 certification, which was specifically designed for e-bikes. You can find more information about the NTA-8776 certification here: <https://www.met-helmets.com/en/bluegrass-stories/nta-8776/> or by scanning this QR code.



Updates and News

Labeling and Advertising Requirements for Manufacturers and Sellers

Labeling Requirements

- Show class, wattage & max speed in at least 9-point font
- E-bikes must be labeled correctly, especially after any modifications
- New laws impose fines for labeling violations

Advertising Requirements

- Only e-bikes can be advertised as e-bikes
- Sellers must update buyers with correct info *before* the sale if they advertised non e-bikes as e-bikes.

Updates and News

Bike Advocacy

1. Register with League of American Bicyclists
2. Register as a 501(c)(3)



How to Start a Bicycle Club or Advocacy Organization



This manual is intended to help you take the first steps in organizing a bicycle club or advocacy organization. It also aims to improve the organization of your existing group. In outlining these steps, we hope to take out some of the guesswork involved and make the process more enjoyable. Our affiliated clubs and organizations are vital for the League of American Bicyclists' success, and we are proud to support your current and future efforts for bicycling.

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What's New in My Town?



Other Business

Topics You're Interested In



Adjournment

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

Time: 12 – 1:30pm
