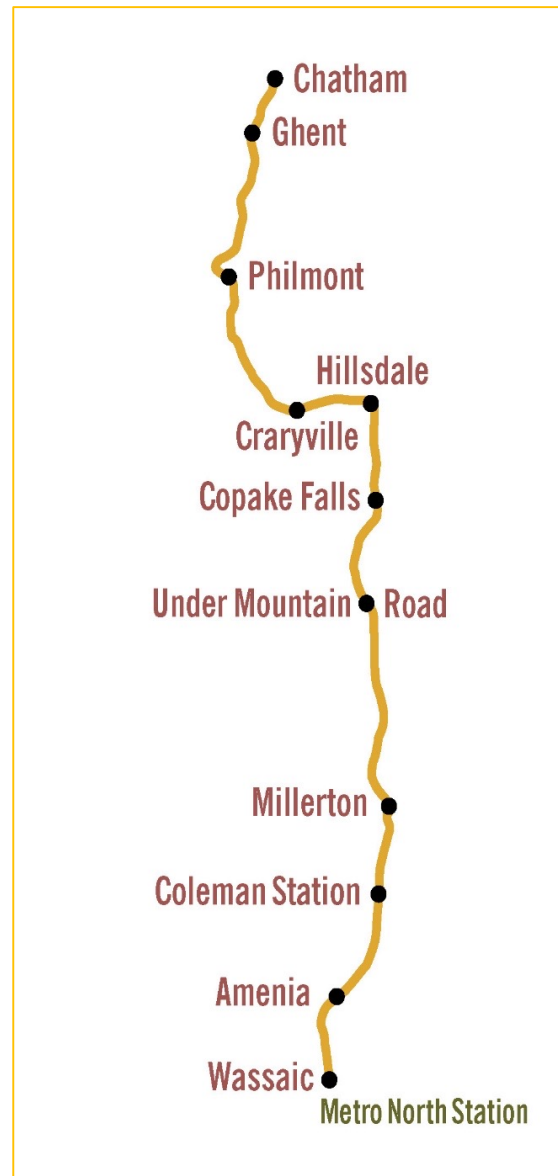


Harlem Valley Rail Trail...

Connecting our Communities Together



HVRTA Annual Meeting Agenda

- HVRTA: Who we are
- Looking back...what we have done so far
- What we plan to do in the future
- Why it matters
- Strategic partnerships
- Chatham, Ghent, Philmont extension
- Call to action
- Q & A



HVRTA at a Glance

Board of Directors

- *Phil Meeks, Chair-Ghent, 1 yr
- Jason Kahn, Secretary-Amherst, 16 yrs
- *Dick Hermans, Treasurer-Pine Plains, 37 yrs
- *Rich Stalzer-Millerton, 1 yr
- *Bart Ziegler-Hillsdale, 5 yrs
- Catherine Barufaldi-Ghent, newly elected
- Pamela Barr-Pine Plains, 2 yrs
- Tom Goldsworthy-Copake, newly elected
- Laura Friedman-Copake, 5 yrs
- Dan Haas-Copake, 34 yrs

Lisa DeLeeuw-Executive Director
Gallatin, 20 yrs

*Member Executive Committee

Board Responsibilities

- Financial oversight
- Government relations
- Corporate Governance
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Grant Applications
- Trail Maintenance
- Volunteers

1100 members
25 active volunteers
175,000 users per year
25 miles of trail complete
21 miles of trail undeveloped



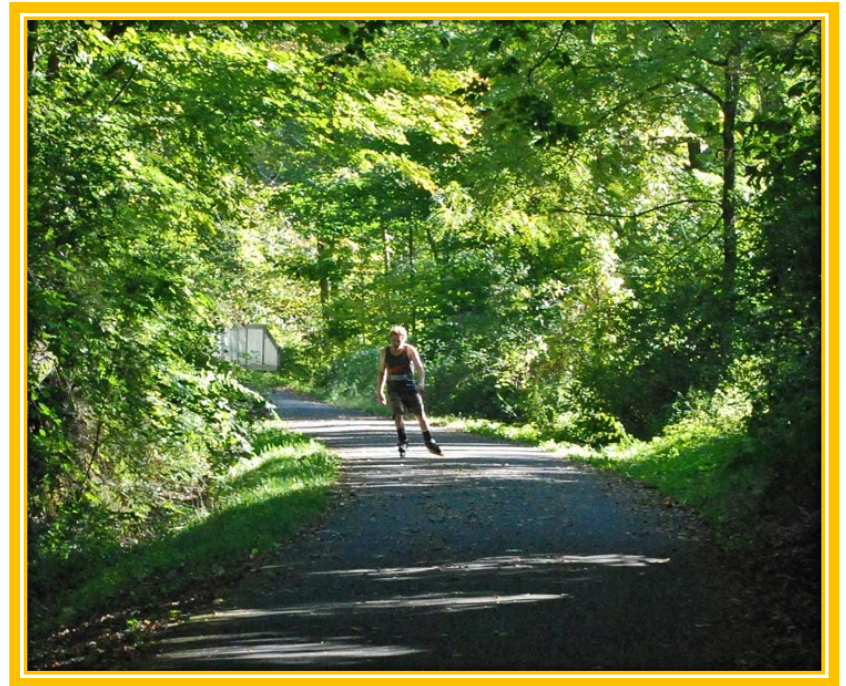
HVRTA History 1986-1997

- *1986*: HVRTA is founded.
- *1989*: Dutchess County Legislature purchases 20.38 miles of trail right-of-way, including 4.34 miles in Columbia County, on behalf of NYS Parks.
- *1992*: HVRTA volunteers begin clearing sections of trail in Columbia and Dutchess Counties.
- *1996*: The first section of trail opens – 4.5 miles from Amenia to Coleman Station.
HVRTA is incorporated.
- *1997*: 4.0 miles of trail opens from Undermountain Road in Ancram to Taconic State Park in Copake Falls.



HVRTA History 2000-2017

- **2000:** 3.6 miles of trail opens from Millerton to Coleman Station.
Bridge opens over the Bash Bish Brook in Copake Falls.
- **2005:** 2.6 miles of trail opens extending the trail from Amenia to Wassaic – the trail and train from NYC are now linked!
- **2010:** HVRTA and Columbia Land Conservancy receive an State grant for design and construction documents for the Copake Falls to Hillsdale section of trail.
- **2013:** HVRTA receives State grant for construction of 1.54 miles of trail from Black Grocery Rd to Anthony St, Hillsdale.
- **2015-2017:** Copake Falls to Orphan Farm meadow and Black Grocery to Anthony St. Hillsdale opens.



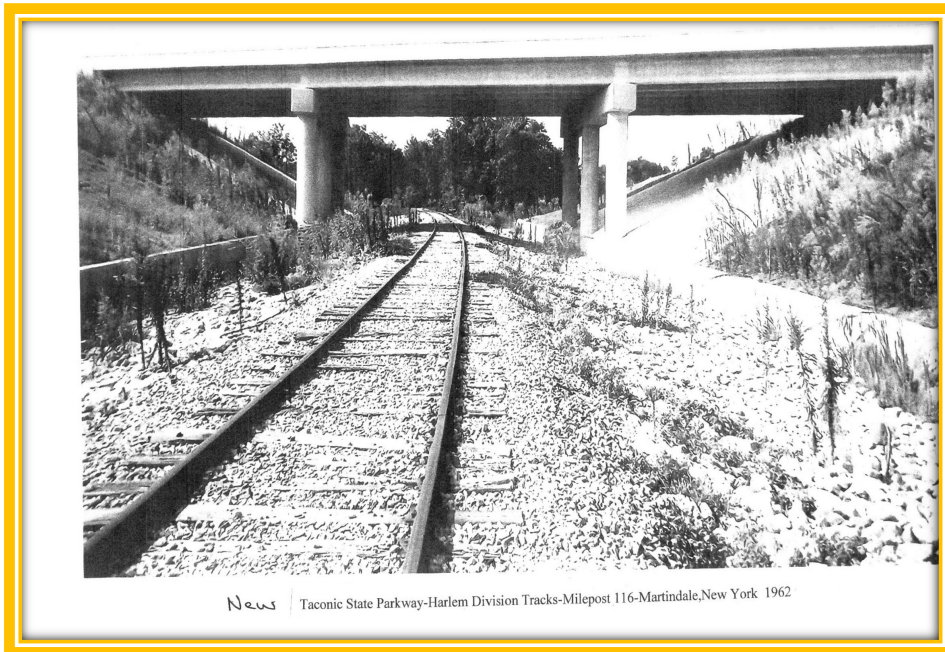
HVRTA Overview 2019-present

- **2019:** HVRTA in partnership with NYS Parks receives a \$1.9 M federal TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant to construct a bridge over State Route 22 in Copake connecting the east and west sides of the trail. Construction expected 2024.
- **2020:** Millerton north to Undermountain Rd Ancram, 8 miles opens.
- **2023:** HVRTA received a \$325,000 grant for the final design and construction documents on the 8 mile section from the Village of Chatham to the Village of Philmont.



HVRTA's Future Plans

- Phase I-Build the trail from the Village of Chatham to the Bartlett House
- Phase II- Build from Bartlett House crossing to the Village of Philmont
- Build out the Hillsdale section to the Taconic State Parkway
- **The Golden Spike!** Connect both sides of the trail with crossing of the Taconic State Parkway!



The Harlem

Valley Rail Trail



From Train to Trail...



“This is the finest trail I've found yet, the paved surface gave a super ride. Magnificent does not begin to describe the time you will have doing what ever activity you enjoy, mine is biking! I rode from Wassaic to Millerton and if I had the time I would have done the round trip several times! I'll be returning soon!”

Trail rider.



Millerton is Booming Again

One of the “Coolest Small Towns in America”
Arthur Frommer’s Budget Travel



Photo by Nathaniel Brooks, “The Harlem Valley Rail Trail,” New York Times, 25 May 2007.

“The Rail Trail brings people to the village.
They shop, they eat, they stay, they depend on our services.”
Jill Choma, Gilded Moon Frame Shop



Building Strategic Partnerships

- Town of Ghent
- Villages of Chatham and Philmont
- The business community of the village of Chatham, Philmont and the Town of Ghent
- New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
- Columbia Land Conservancy
- Shaker Museum
- Trust for Public Land



DRAFT ROUTING PLAN FOR HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL PHILMONT TO CHATHAM

MKM Landscape Architecture PC
271 North Avenue, #1006, New Rochelle NY 10801

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association

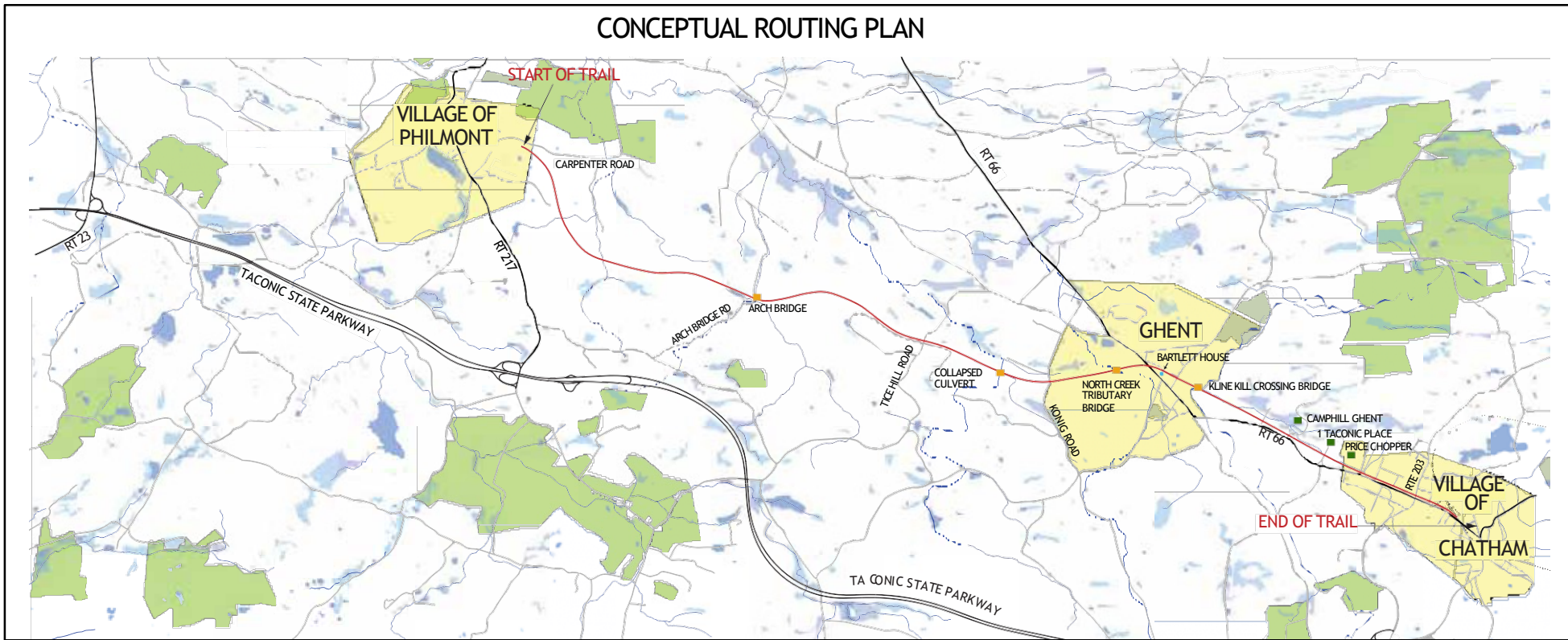
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THE VISION

- To create a naturalistic and sustainable recreational trail that celebrates the beauty of the Harlem Valley.
- To enhance habitat diversity through sustainable and ecologically responsible design and construction.
 - To offer safe and aesthetic interface to existing natural systems.
 - To provide regional visitor participation and the opportunity for educational exchange through interpretive signage and nodes.
- To integrate the Philmont to Chatham section of the trail with the developed and developing sections of the trail.

CONCEPTUAL ROUTING PLAN



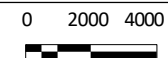
PHILMONT / CARPENTER RD TO KONIG RD
4.7 Miles

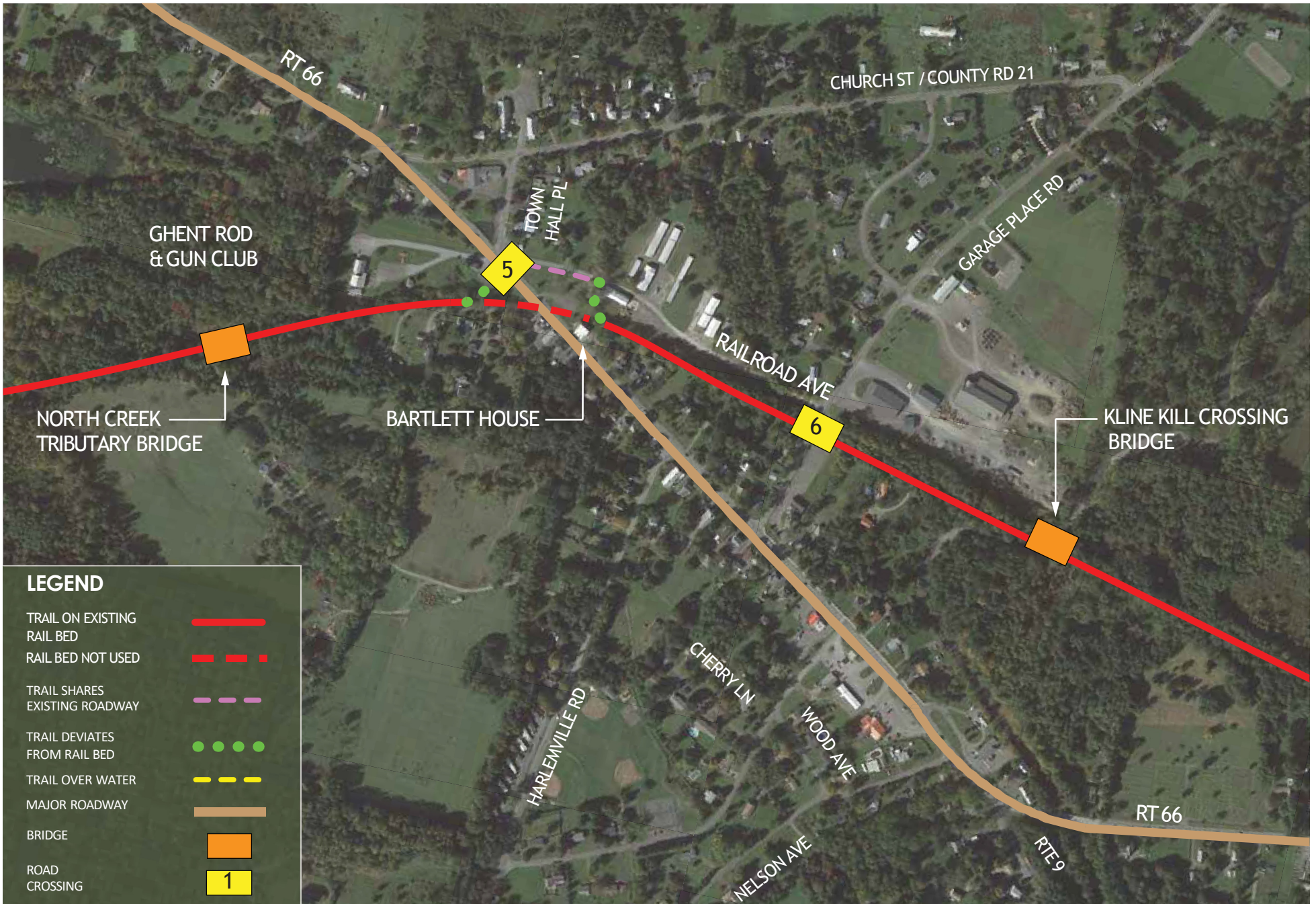
KONIG RD TO CHATHAM
3.5 Miles

Overall Site -Trail Length 8.2Miles

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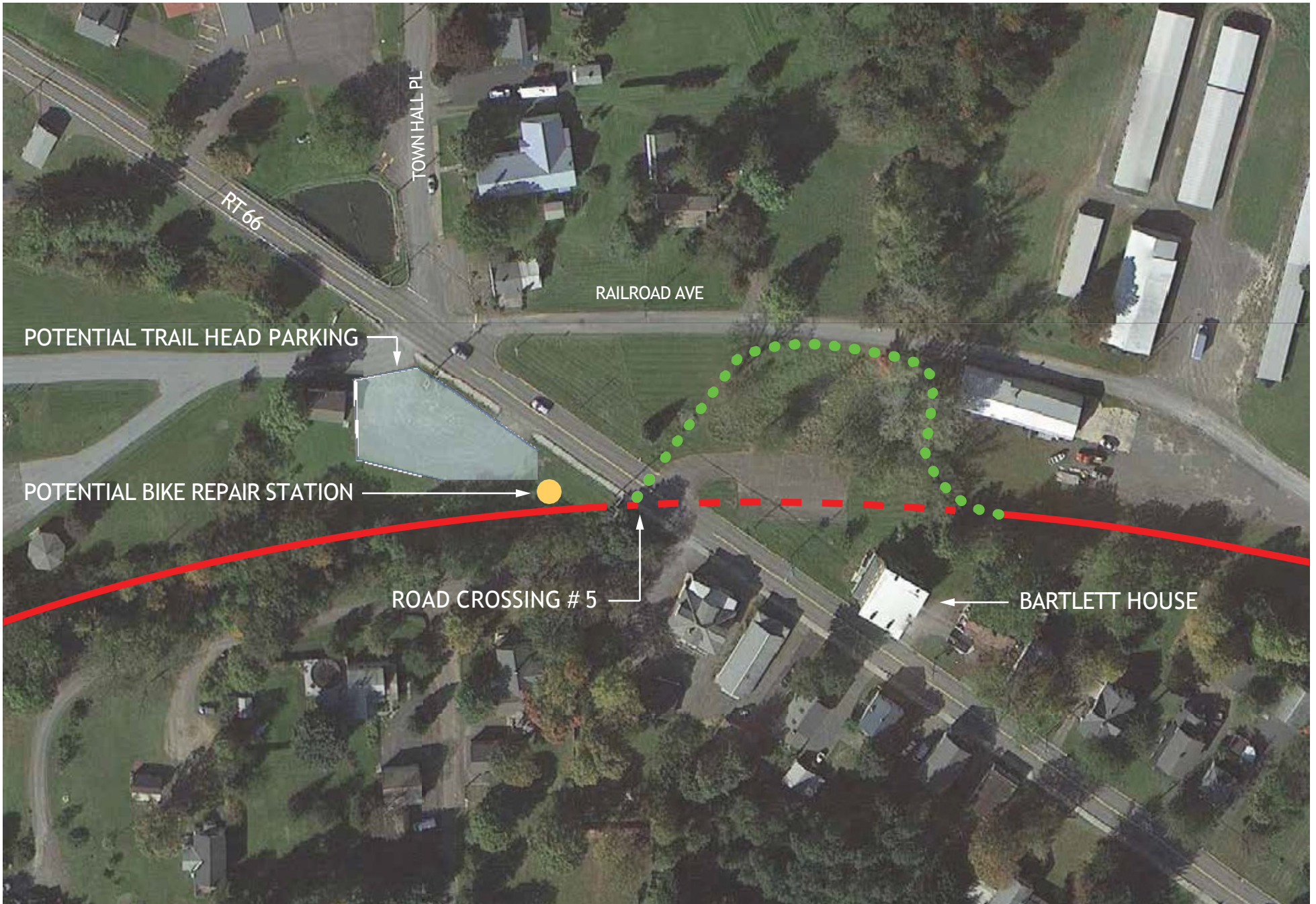


Ghent Routing Plan

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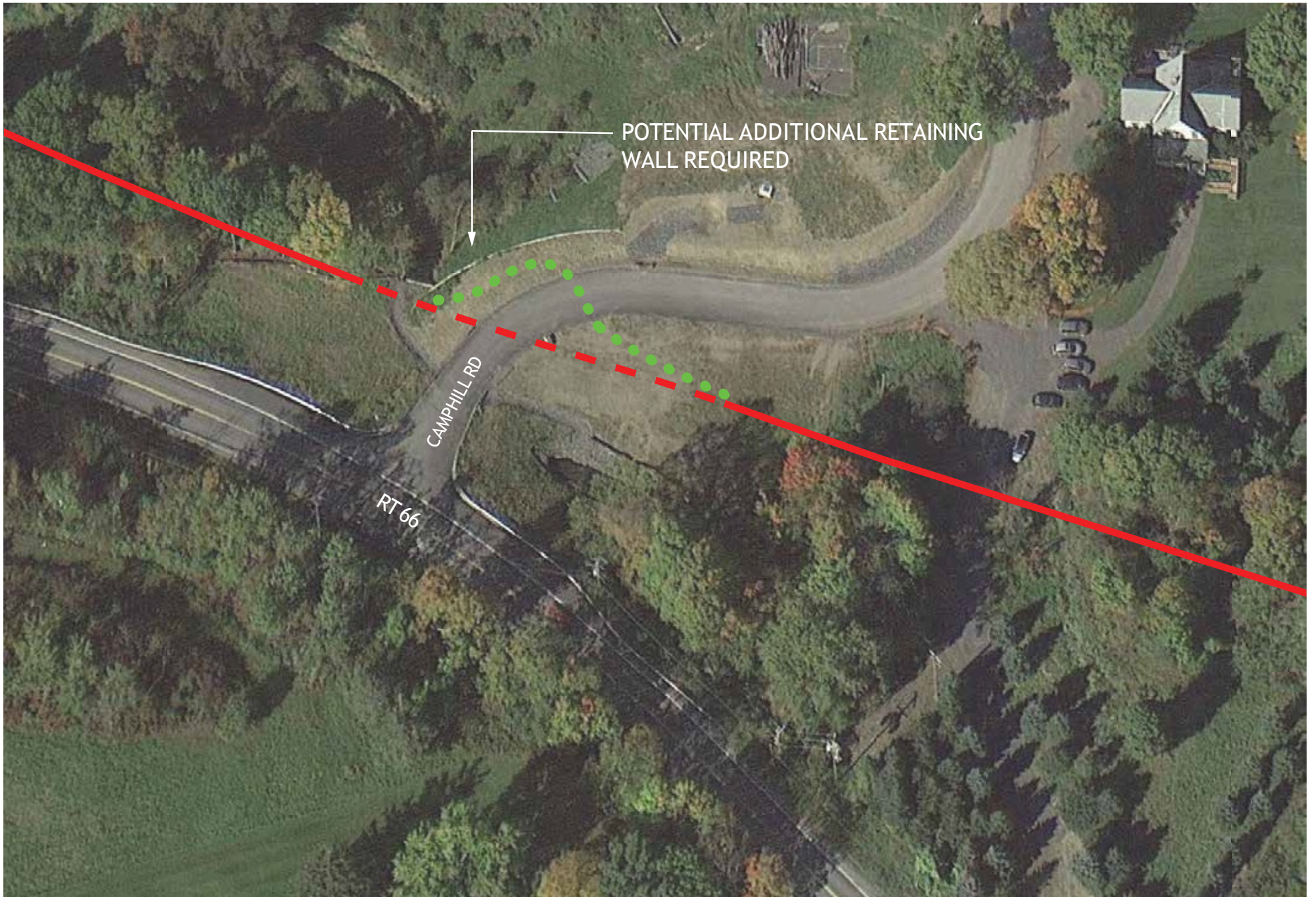


Ghent Routing Plan Enlargement

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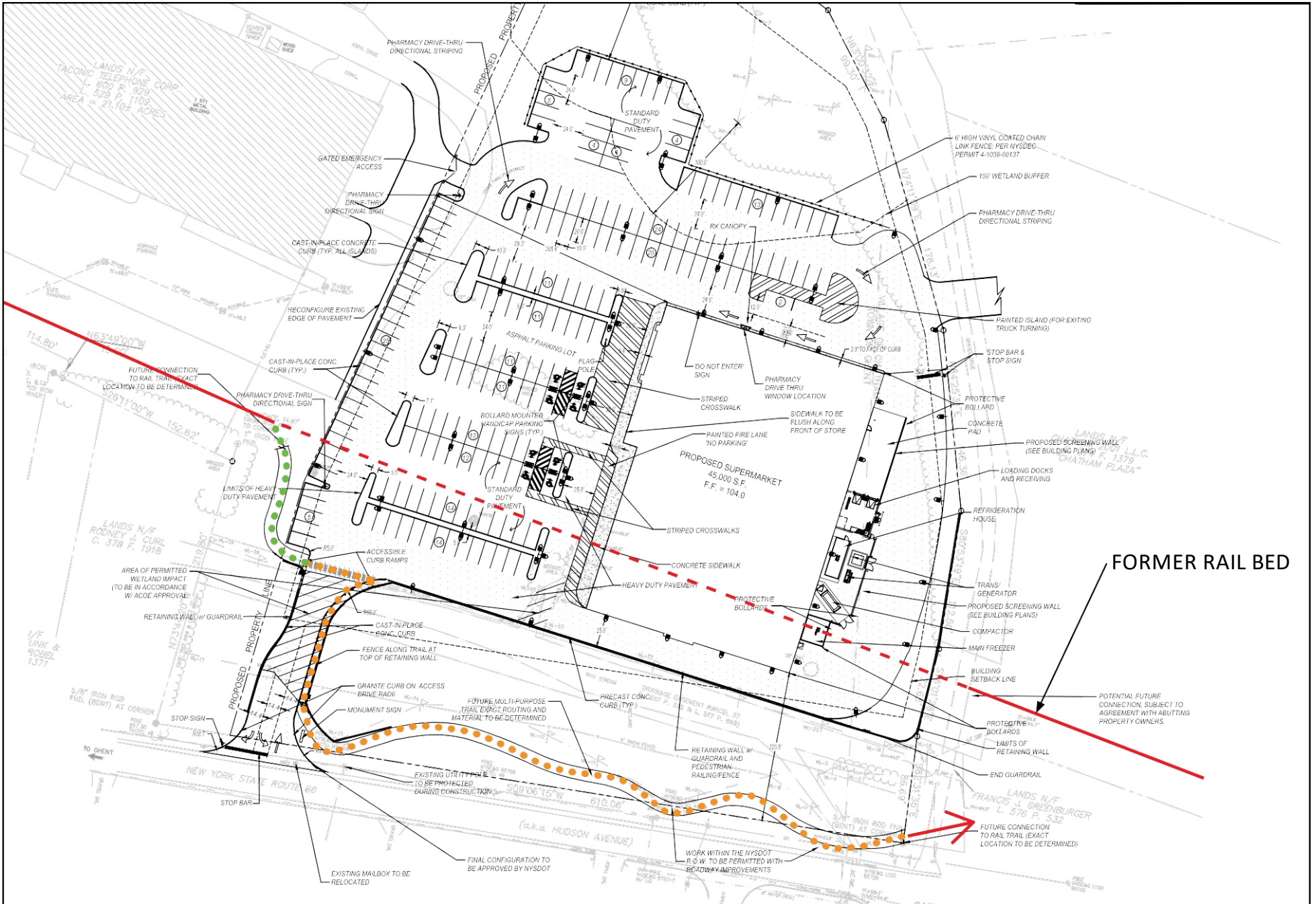


Camphill Road Routing Plan Enlargement

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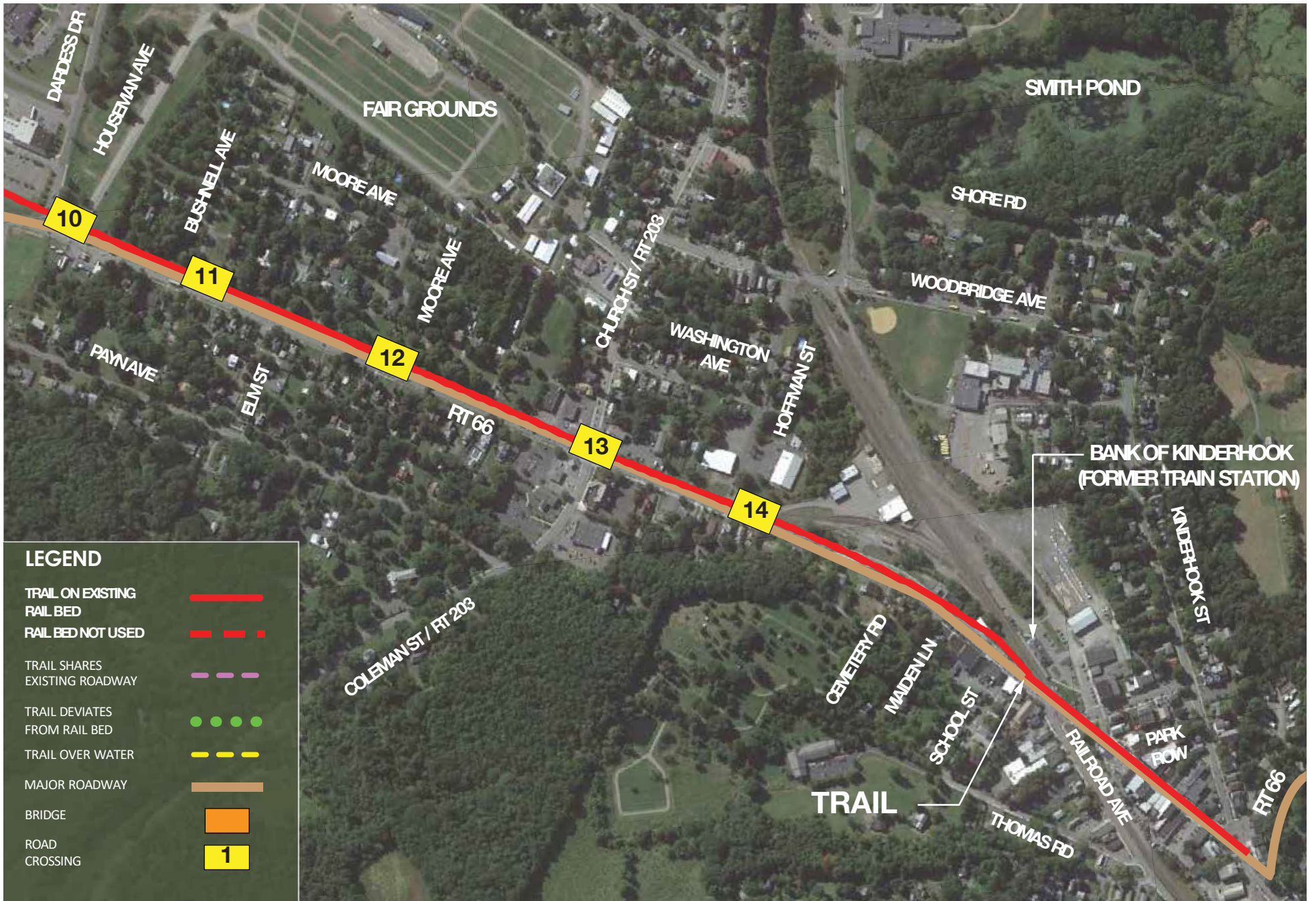


Price Chopper Plan

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Chatham Routing Plan

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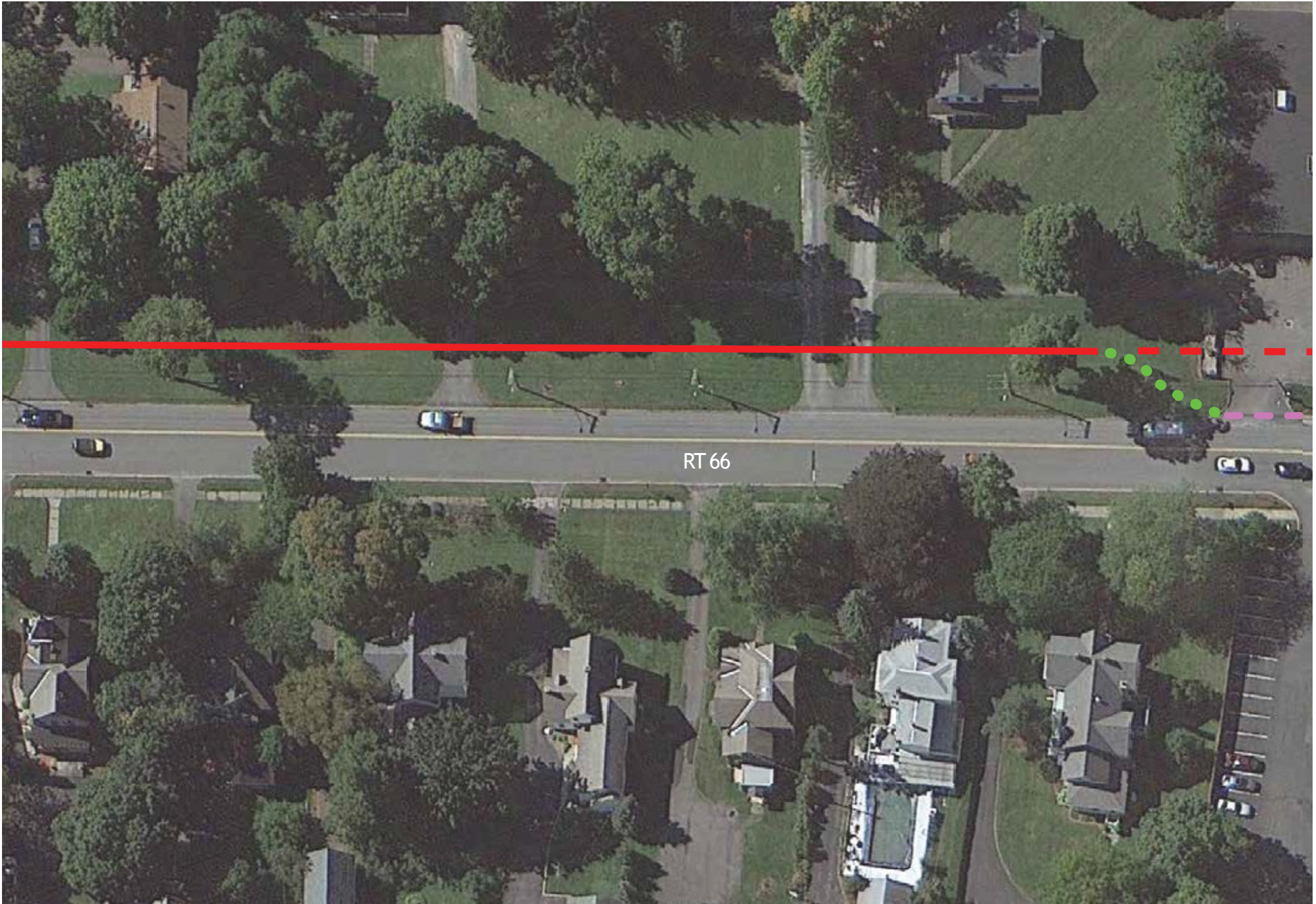
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Driveway Crossing (Typical) -Proposed

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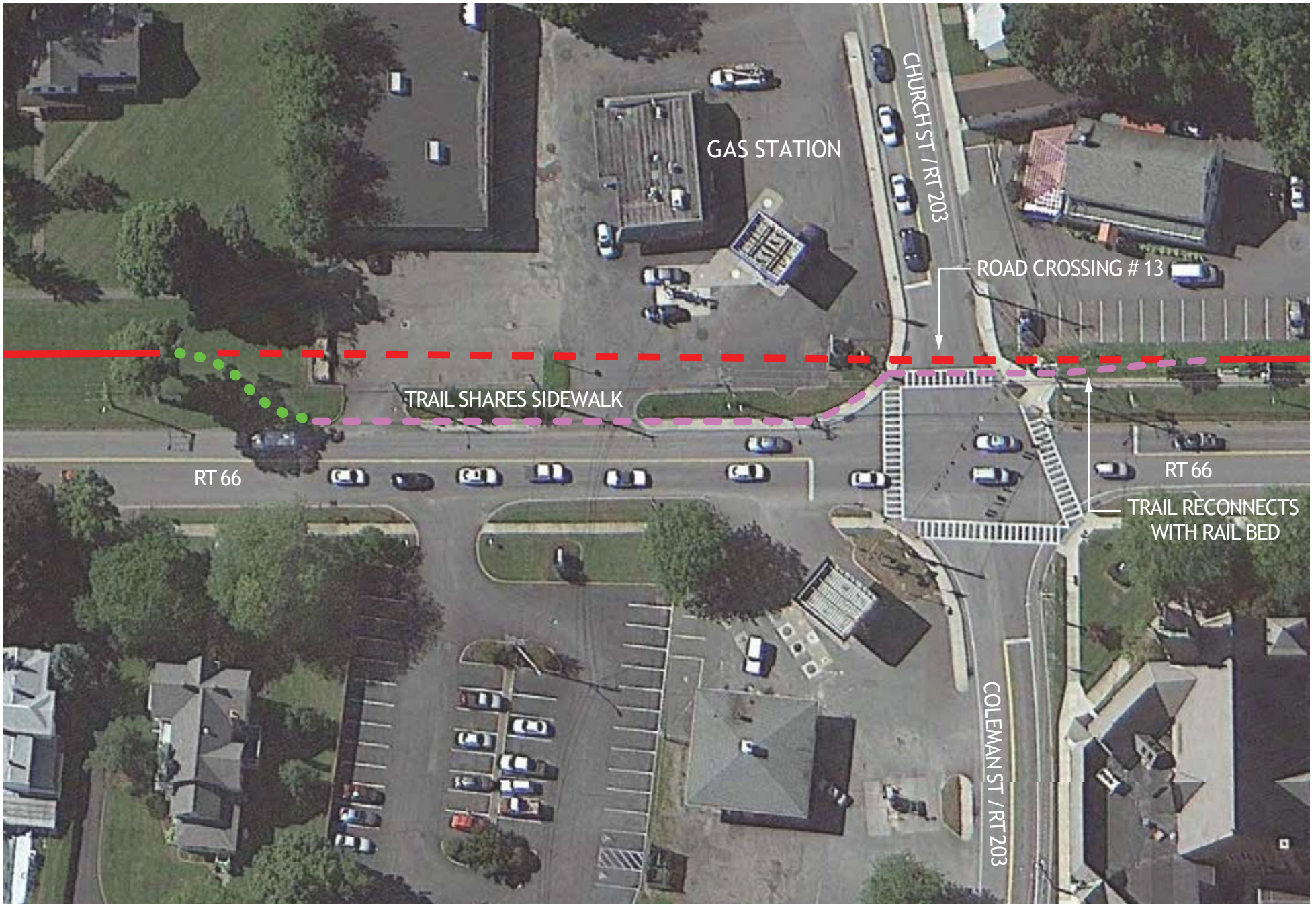


Chatham Routing Plan

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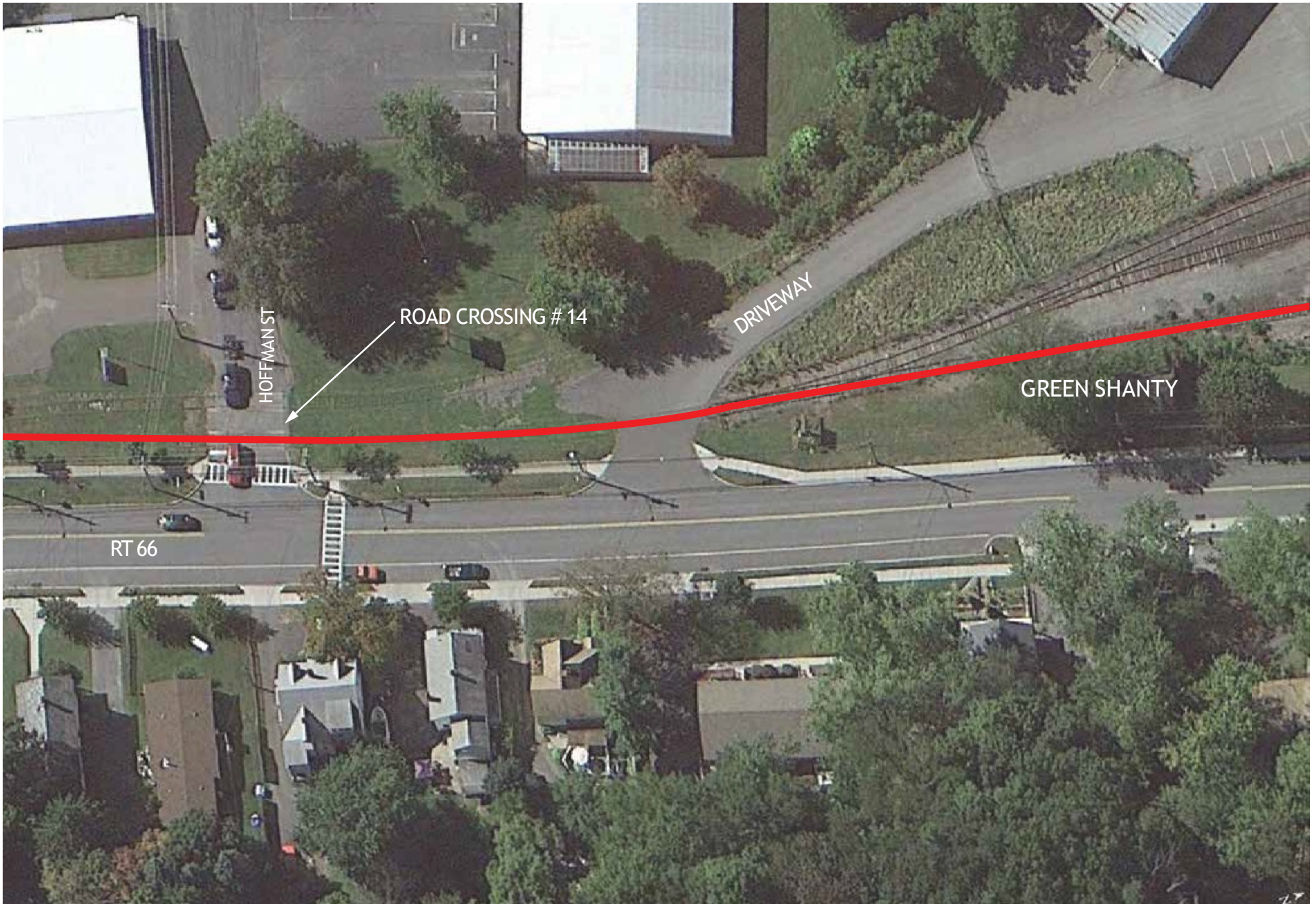


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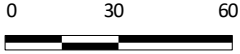




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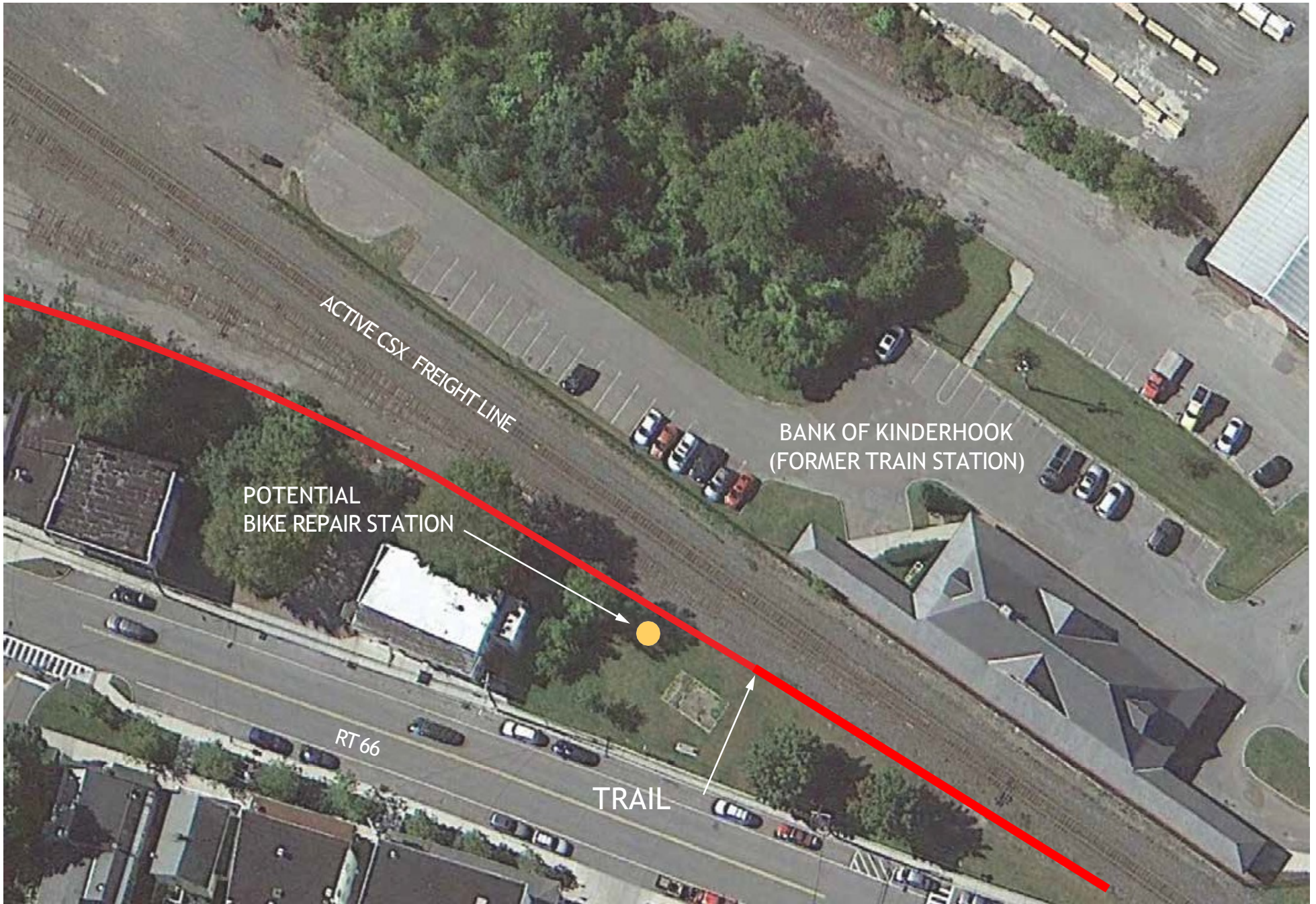


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Chatham Routing Plan –Shaker Museum - Proposed End of Trail

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Call to Action

This is what you can do



Community Participation
Community Support
Become a member
Volunteer!
Donate!

