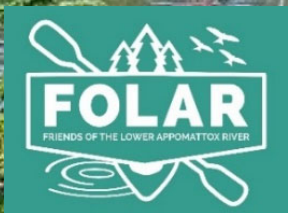


Friends of the Lower Appomattox River

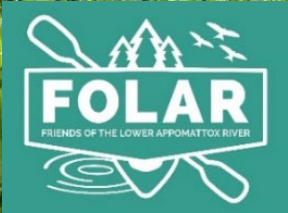
PROGRESS ALONG THE

# Appomattox River Trail





# A Vision and Mission that Benefit All



FOLAR envisions a pristine river and a world-class Appomattox River Trail that will improve river access and conservation, provide opportunities to increase health and wellness for individuals and families and advance the economic vitality of the region.





## A Strategy That's Working

- *Resolutions of Support* unanimously passed by all six member localities
- *Virginia Outdoors Plan* lists the ART as a Featured Project in the Crater Region
- *Conserve Virginia plan* - Entire ART project within Conserve Virginia map
- *Virginia State Scenic River* - Entire ART project is along a designated scenic





# COLLABORTION and PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK!





## BEFORE THE CULTURAL TRAIL

Success Story  
—  
Indianapolis



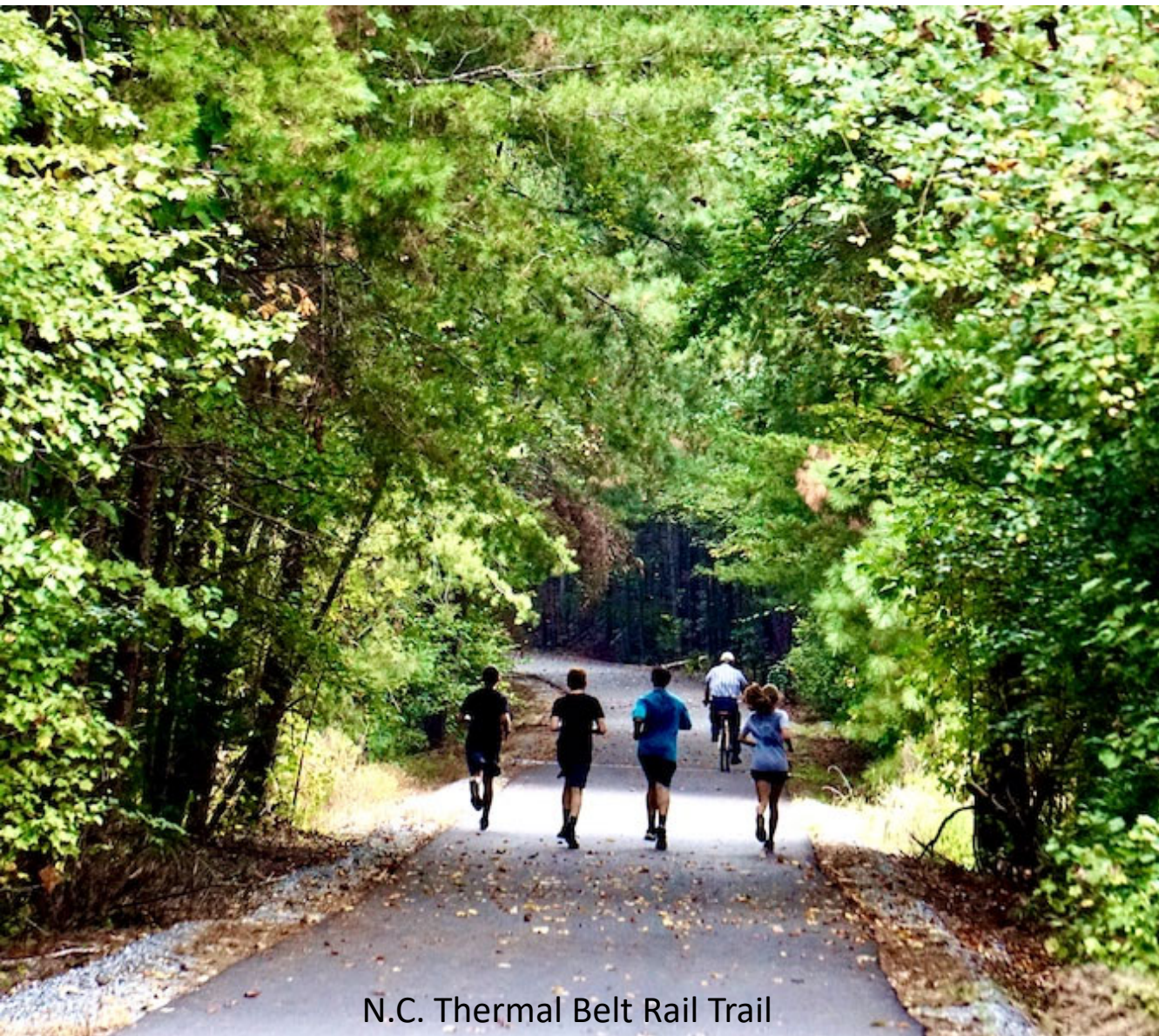


# A CITY TRANSFORMED By Building a Trail



INDIANAPOLIS  
**CULTURAL  
TRAIL**™  
A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick





N.C. Thermal Belt Rail Trail

## WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS!

Just like other communities around the nation.

“This is something that created a common bond. It really pulled us all together. It really connects us all.”

—Rutherford County Manager Steve Garrison

“[The trail] is very tied to the prevention of disease and healthy eating and an active lifestyle.”

— Jill Miracle, RHI Health Legacy Foundation

“We are creating a place where pedestrians feel safe.”

— Walker Harrison, Town of Spindale

“It brings in tons of people. People have read about it and come from far out of state.”

—Dana Bradley, Outdoor Programs Director, Rutherford Outdoor Coalition

<http://www.rutherfordoutdoor.org/trails/thermal-belt-rail-trail>





## POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- \$6.1 MILLION Visitor Spending
- 100 FTE JOBS Equivalent
- \$3.6 MILLION Wage & Salary
- \$613 THOUSAND State & Local Tax Revenue
- 3.7% More avg. Increase in assessed value of properties bordering the trail than similar properties not adjacent to the trail, 2014-2016

Institute for Service Research; VA Capital Trail  
Economic Impact Study: FY2018-19







## Virginia Outdoors POWERFUL ECONOMIC ENGINE

\$21.9 BILLION Consumer Spending

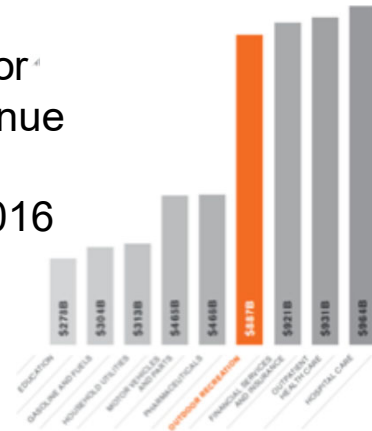
197,000 Direct Jobs

\$6.5 BILLION Wages & Salaries

\$1.2 BILLION State & Local Tax  
Revenue

\$13.61 Generated for  
every \$1 of tax revenue  
provided to  
VA State Parks in 2016

2017 Outdoor Industry  
Association







## Use is Increasing

Benefit is already being felt with just a portion of trail complete.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year-to-Year Counts along the Appomattox River Trail

	2018 USE	2019 USE	PERCENT INCREASE
FERNDAL PARK TRAIL*	65	122	88%
PATTON PARK TRAIL*	15	109	627%
ROSLYN LANDING TRAIL	62	323	421%
APPOMATTOX RIVER REGIONAL PARK TRAIL*	9	2	-78%
HOPEWELL RIVERWALK	31	800	2481%
<b>TOTAL TRAIL USE</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>624%</b>

Counts are taken on two days in Spring and Fall;  
In morning and evening, 2-hour shifts

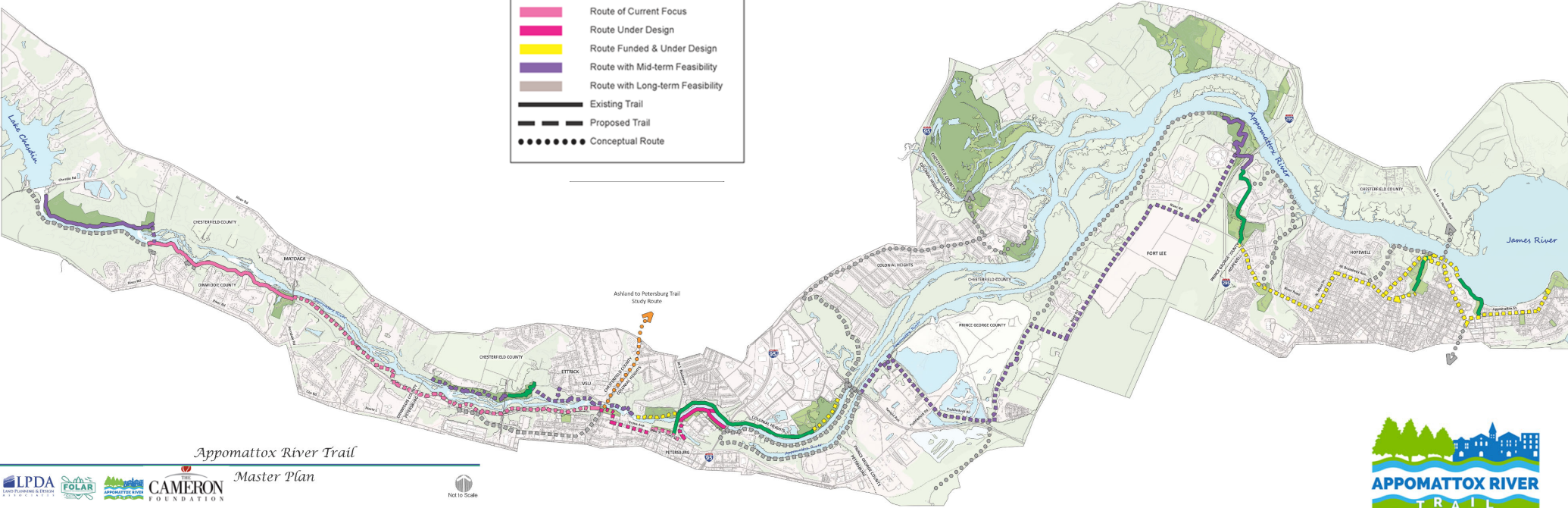
\*data for all days/times not available because  
volunteers not available for all dates/shifts

Photo Inset: Trax Automated Infrared Counter



# Details of on-the-Ground Progress & Activities Along the Appomattox River Trail

22+MILES



Appomattox River Trail

Master Plan



# Progress & Activities Appomattox River Trail - East Prince George - Hopewell





# Progress & Activities Appomattox River Trail - East

## City of Hopewell – 5.5 miles from City Point National Park to I-295 bridge complete by 2020

- Riverwalk
  - Phase 1 Funding from General Assembly, FOLAR, city of Hopewell Complete; 0.3 miles
  - Phase 2 Funding DCR RTP. Funded; Under design and readying for bid in June
  - TrafX Counter in-place collecting metrics
- TAP Funded bike/ped improvements along trail routes:
  - Phase I of new bike lanes (Design & Construction FY20)
    - Riverside Ave, N 21<sup>st</sup> St, W. Broadway and Mesa Dr; 1.6 miles
  - Phase II of new bike lanes (Design & Construction FY21)
    - Appomattox St to Cedar Ln to Pecan Ave; 0.85 miles
- Riverside Stormwater Greenway Complete
  - Funding from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Virginia DEQ and city of Hopewell; 0.2 miles





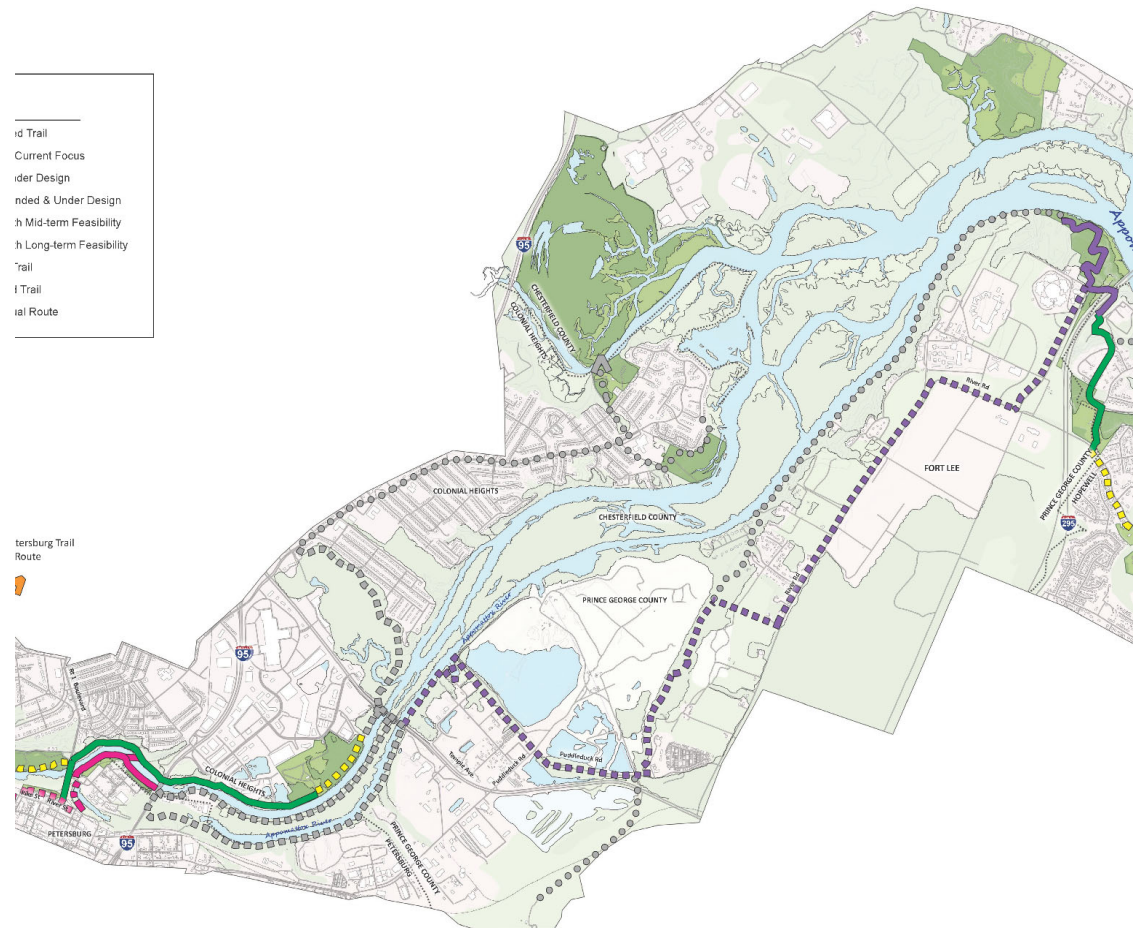
# Progress & Activities Appomattox River Trail - East

## Prince George County – 6.3 miles

- On road section, much like Capital Trail - Working to incorporate into Comp Plan; 3.5 miles
- Support from VDOT to cross under I-295 with permit from local district
- Feasibility Study to Connect Appomattox River Trail to Virginia Capital Trail – VDOT/CPDC Complete: Recommends bridge replacement; Roadway shuttle in short-term
- TrafX counter in-place collecting metrics at ARRP Trailhead

## City of Colonial Heights – 2-miles to be complete by 2022

- To be completed by 2022 – CMAQ and TAP
  - Phase IV extend trail west approximately 2,100' from Boulevard Bridge
  - Phase V extend east approximately 2,150' from Roslyn Park to Jennick Rd
- Potential bridge connection to Pocahontas Island using existing historic structures
- TrafX counter In-place collecting metrics at Roslyn Park Trailhead





## Trail Middle Pocahontas Island - Colonial Heights



*Rendering showing potential pedestrian bridge*

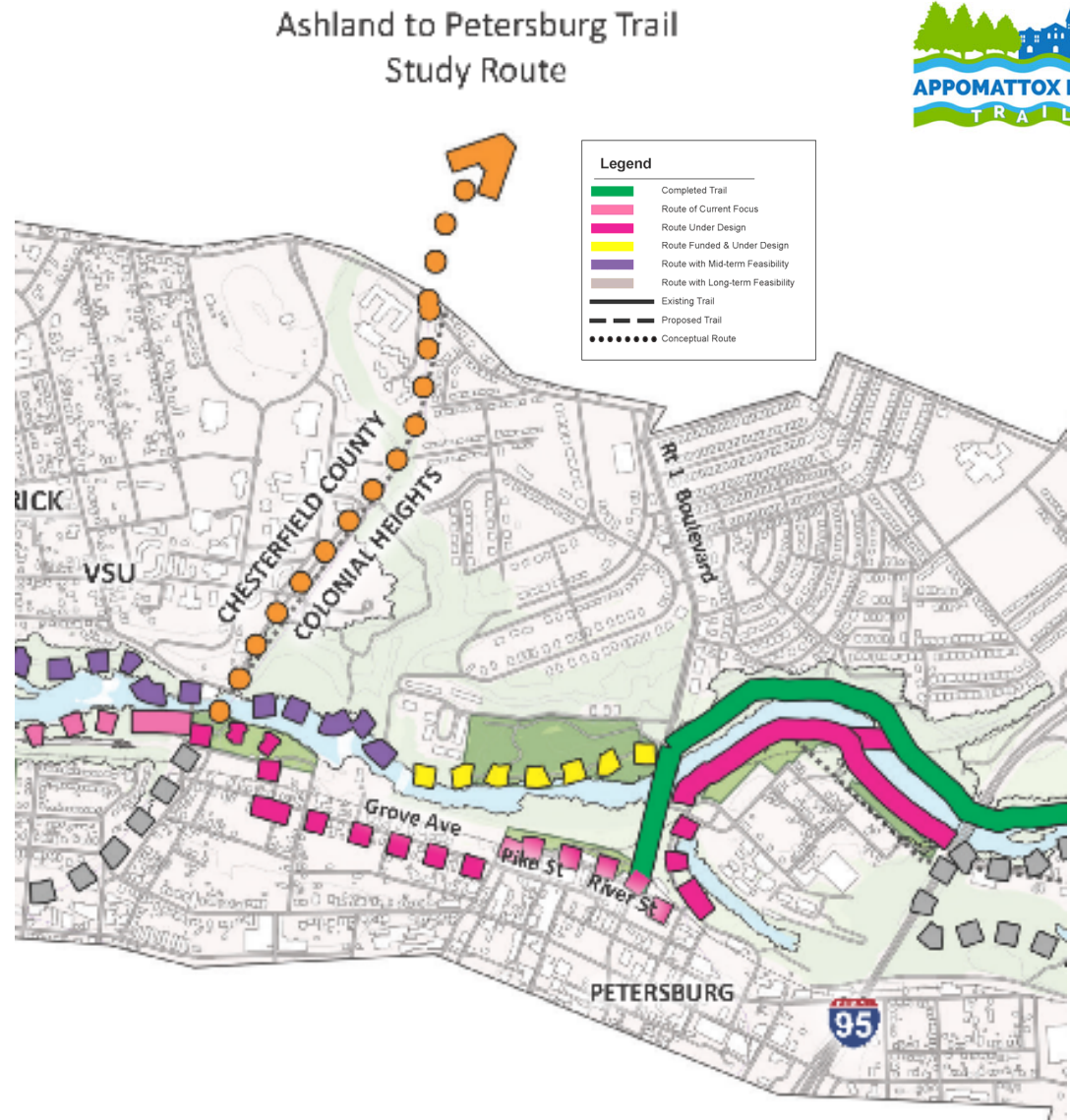




## 7 Mile Stretch - Current Activity

### City of Petersburg I-95 to Battersea Bridges

- VDOT Revenue Sharing/Cameron – Appomattox River Trail Way Project contract under development; 0.25 miles
- VDOT Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study. Complete. Recommends connection at Appomattox River Trail Way
- 2 miles of trail under engineering/design phase; Privately funded by Cameron, FOLAR managing
- .33 miles W. of University Blvd. Funded by Cameron/Mary Morton Parsons Foundation; Construction to be completed in 2020
- Support from Virginia Outdoors Foundation for land acquisition
- TrafX counter in-place collecting metrics at Univ. Blvd





# Trail Middle – Current Activity

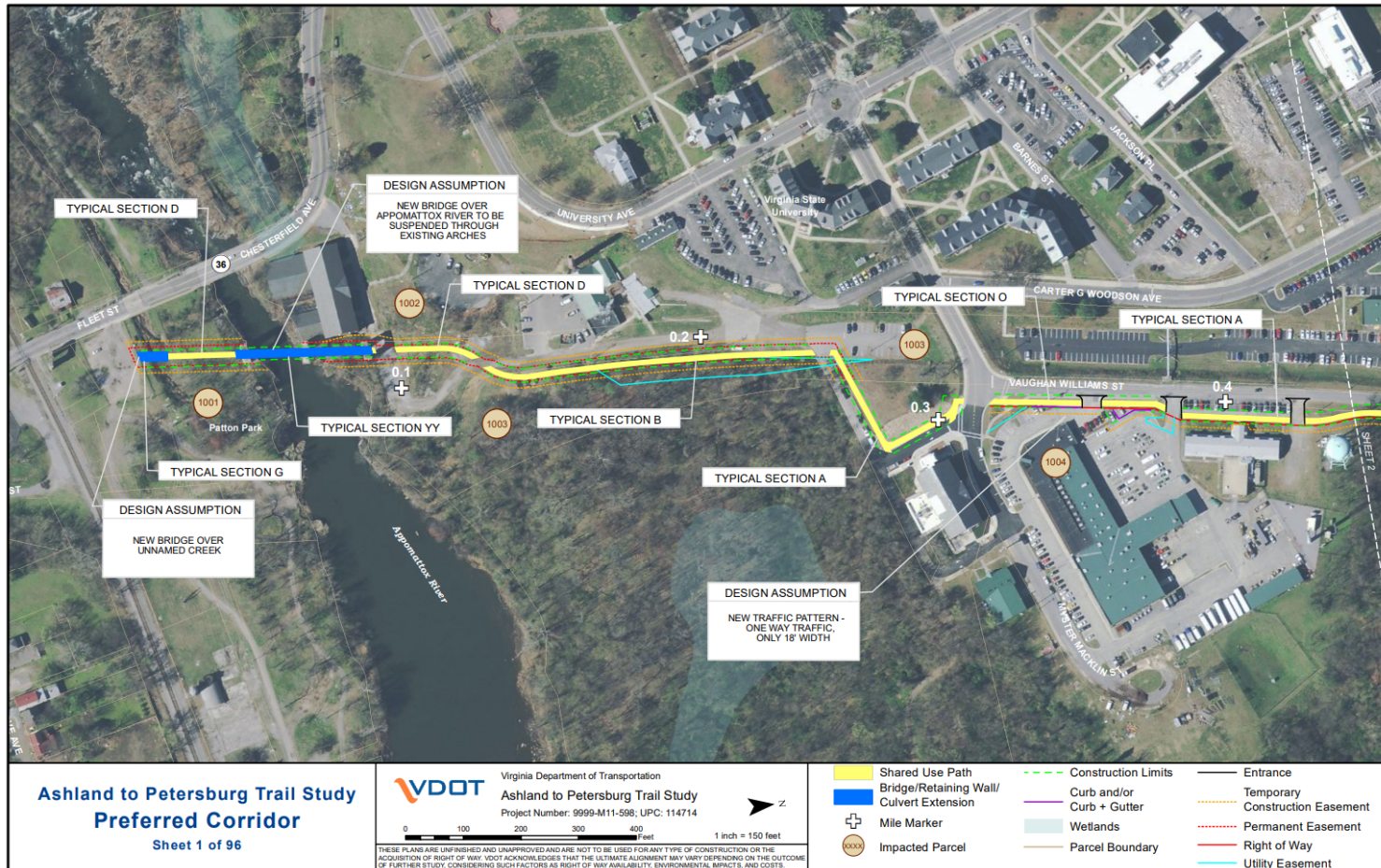
## Historic Petersburg – University Blvd







# Trail Middle - CURRENT Activity Proposed Ashland to Petersburg





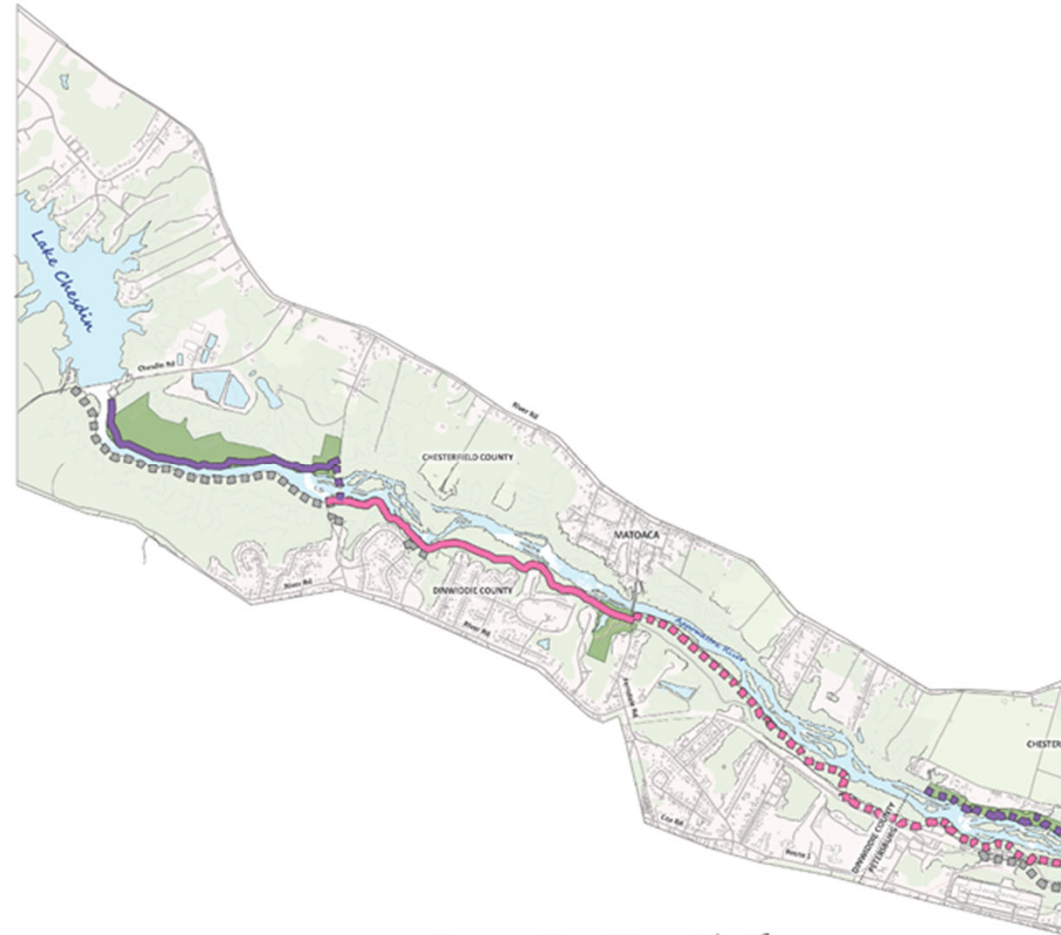
# Progress & Activities Appomattox River Trail - West

## Dinwiddie County – 3 miles

- Advance ROW work with private partners to fill in gaps and connect to Petersburg
- TrafX counter in-place collecting metrics at Ferndale Park/Canal Trail

## Chesterfield County – 3 miles

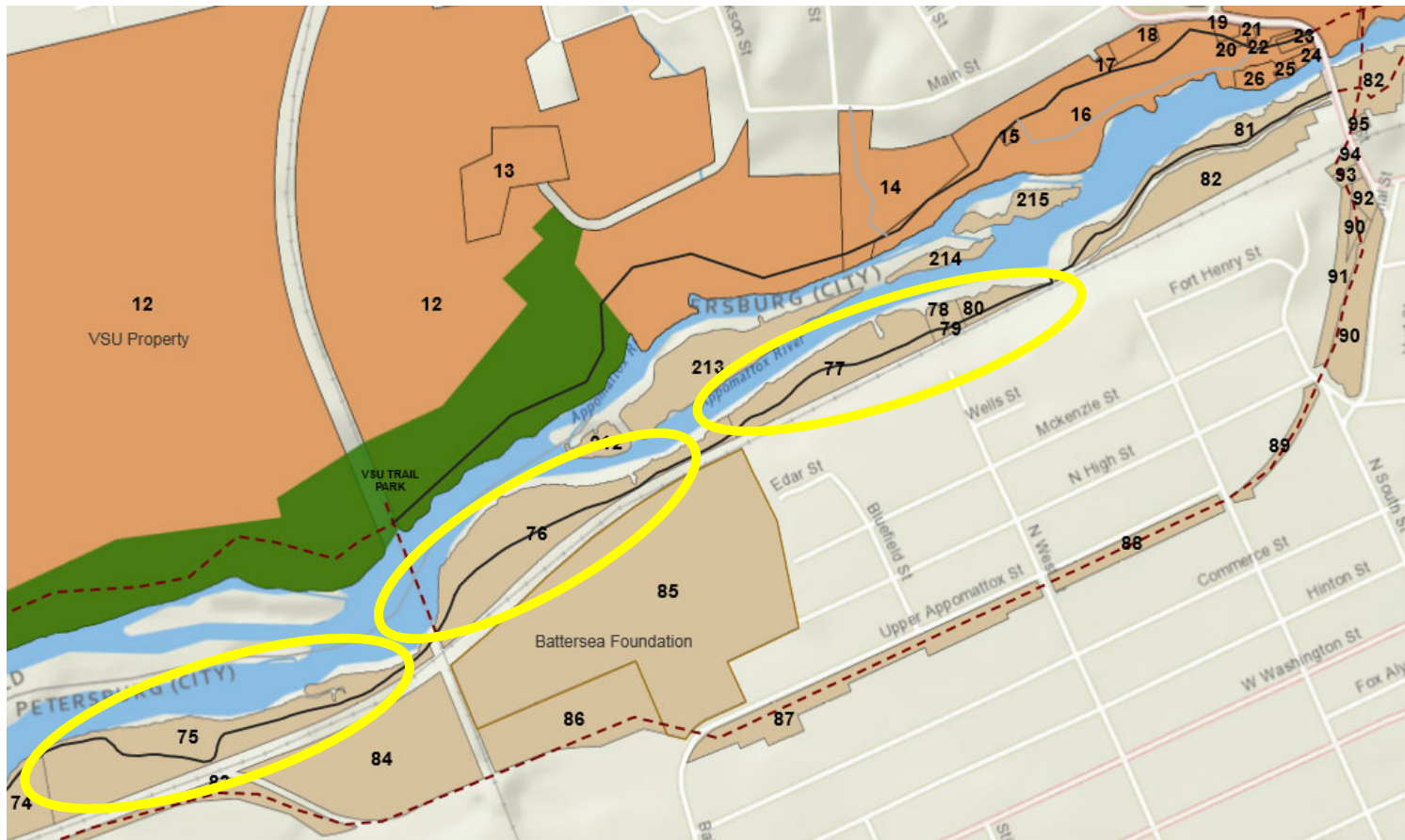
- Ettrick VSU trailhead and trail complete; 0.3 miles
- Funding strategy for western bridge to Dinwiddie as a regional public/private partnership; as well as ROW/land acquisition (Future CIP)
- TrafX trail counters in place at several trail locations
- VSU Appomattox Overlook and efforts toward more bike/ped friendly campus – and community connections



*Appomattox River Trail*

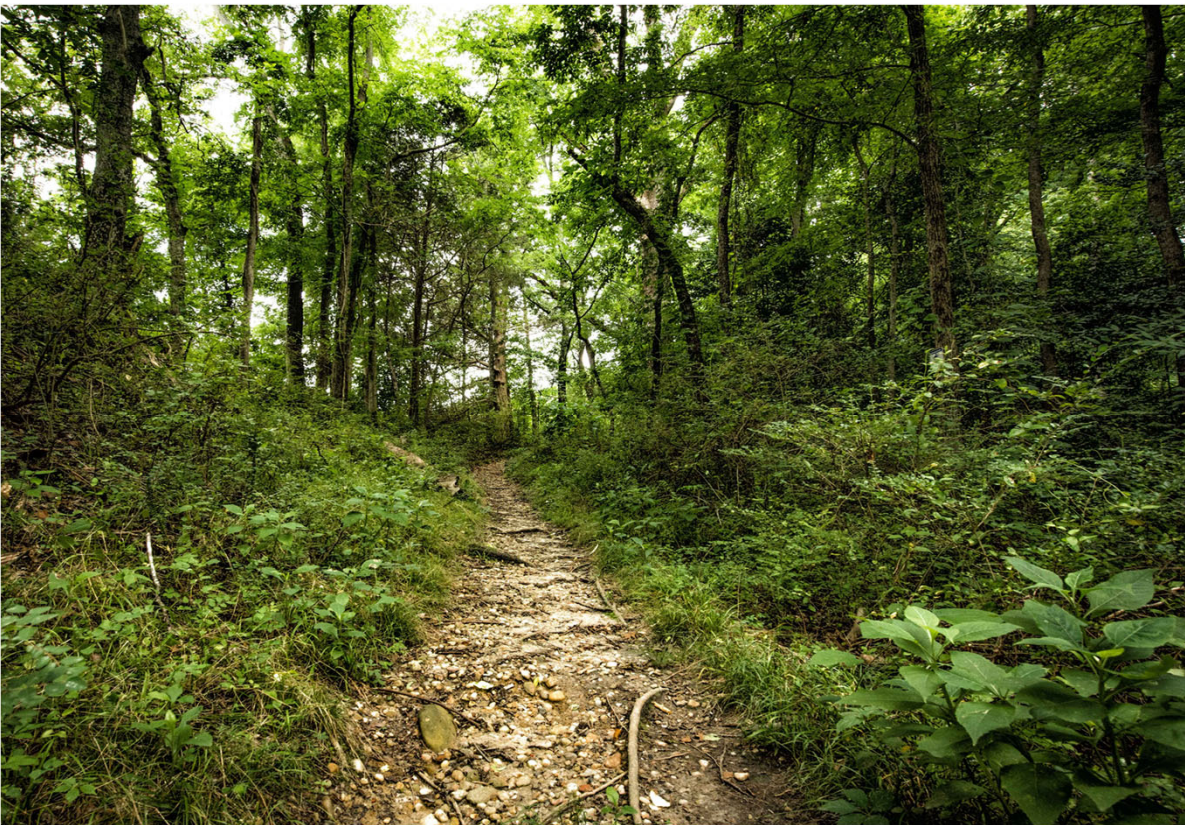


# Trail West - CURRENT Activity Property Acquisition-Easements





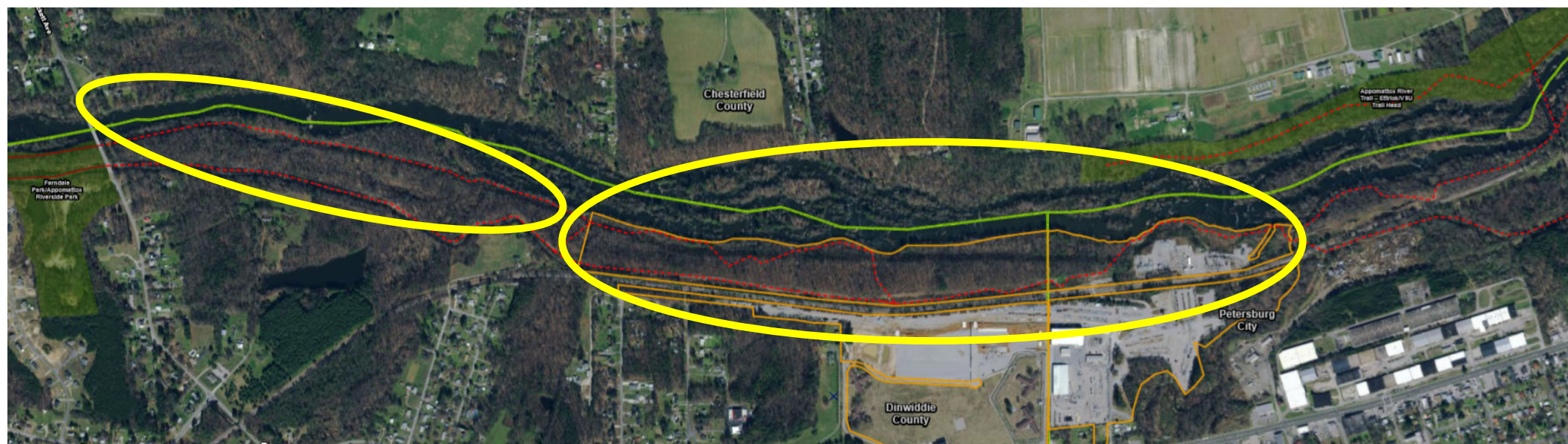
# Trail West – Future Plan Petersburg - Dinwiddie





# Trail West - FUTURE PLAN

## West of Battersea Bridges to Ferndale Park





# STRENGTHENING TOGETHER

Learning & Education

Conservation of Land & Water

Environmental Equity

Tourism

Business Growth

Job Growth –

Recreation/Conservation/Agriculture

Real Estate Values

COMMUNITY PRIDE



## ART WILL TRANSFORM OUR REGION !

