



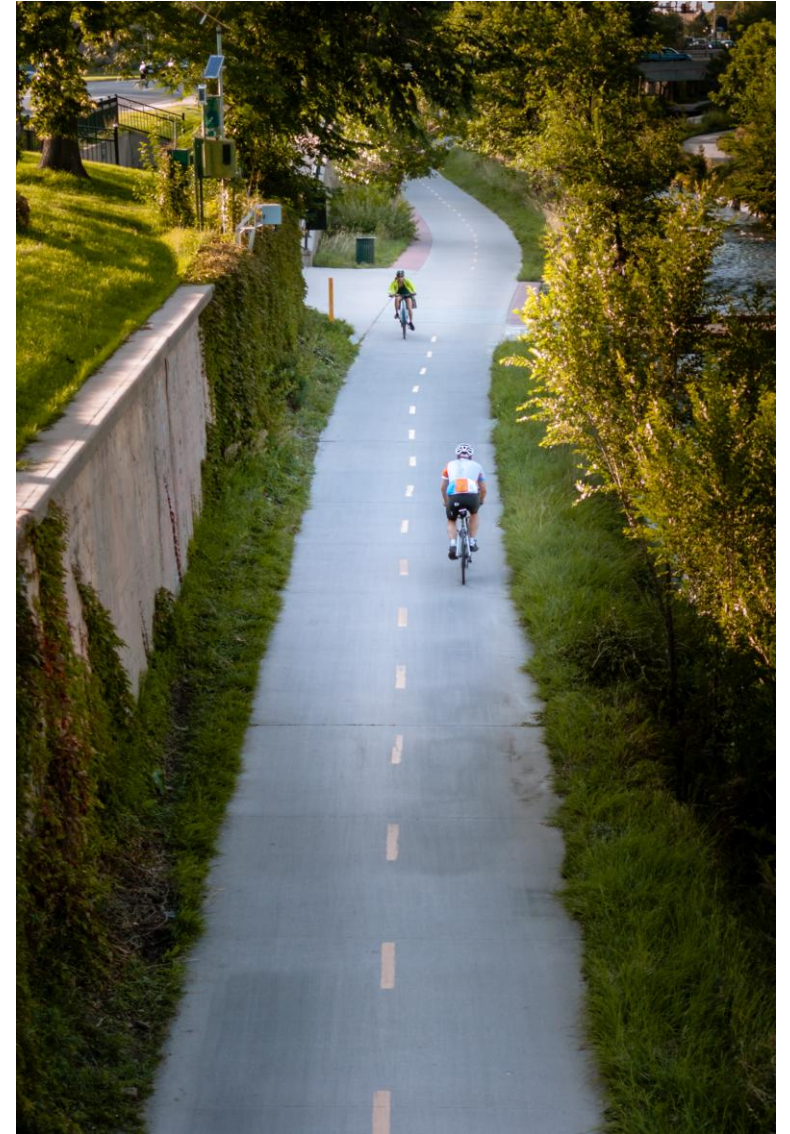
Three Notched Trail Shared-Use Path

MASTER PLAN

Agenda

- Project Background
- Community Input
- Evaluation Criteria
- Route Options
- Next Steps

Project Background



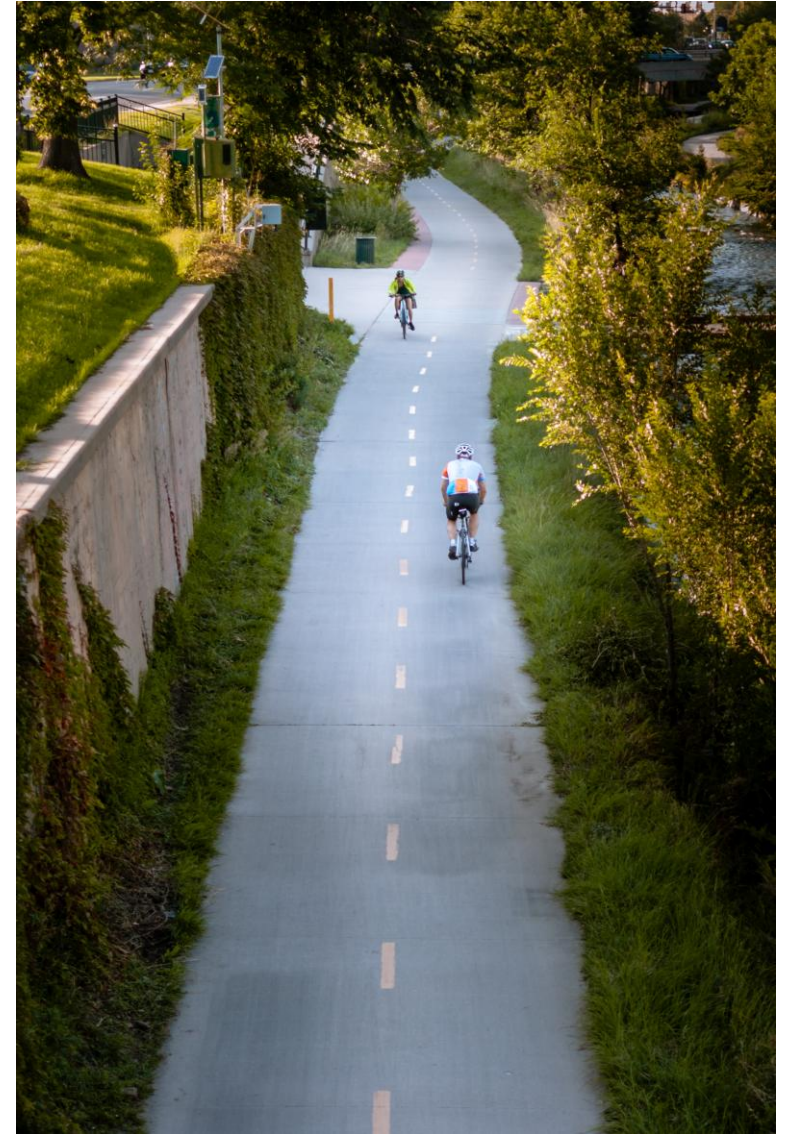
Three Notched Trail History

- Long-held local interest in the project – 20+ years
- Included in State and County plans since 2015
- Petition with over 4,000 signatures in 2021
- Albemarle County received a federal grant in 2022 to determine the preferred trail route
- Strong County-wide support for trail



Logo from Community Advocates' Website

Project Scope



What is a Shared Use Path?

- A trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, skaters, and others
- Physically separated from vehicles
- Usually at least 10' wide
- Usually paved with asphalt
- Provide community benefits
 - Transportation
 - Recreation
 - Tourism
 - Economic development



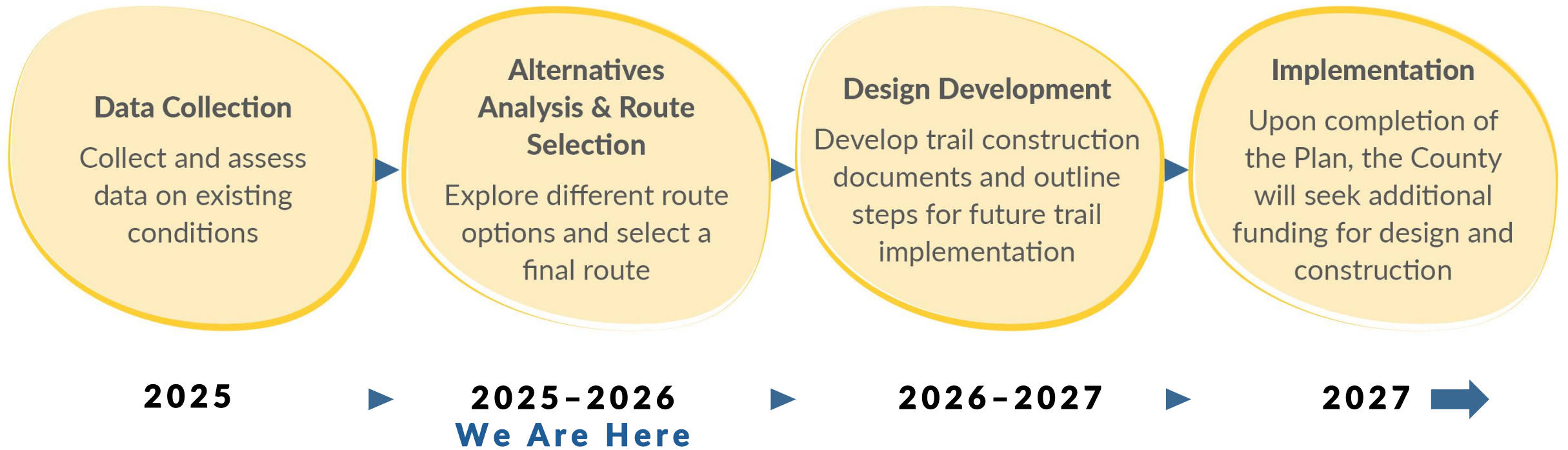
Project Purpose

What is a Master Plan?

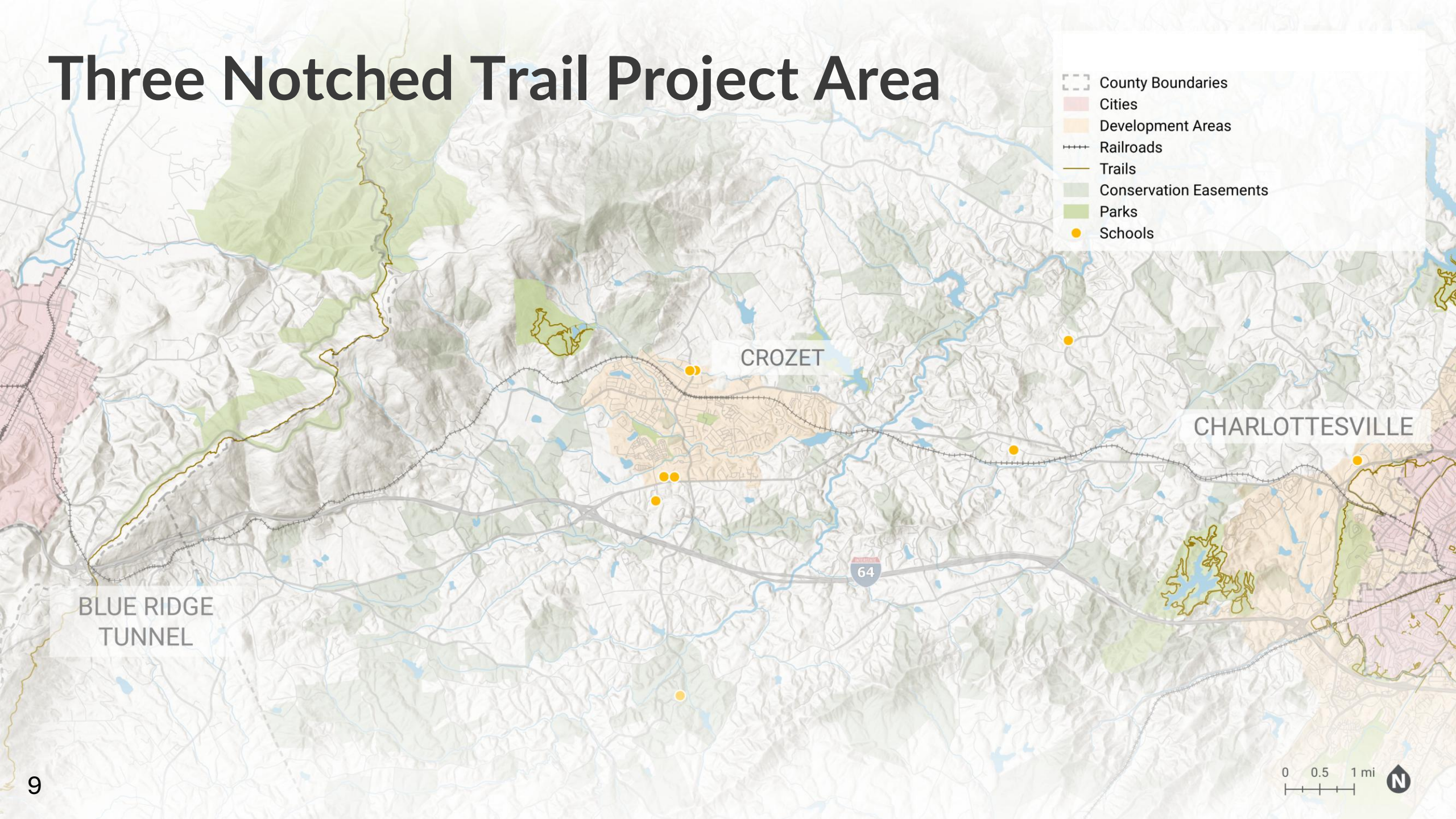
- Map the preferred trail route
- Identify trail segments for phasing of design and construction
- Show likely construction costs
- Outline steps to make trail a reality
- Deliver preliminary designs for priority segments

This is a planning effort – no property acquisition or construction at this time.

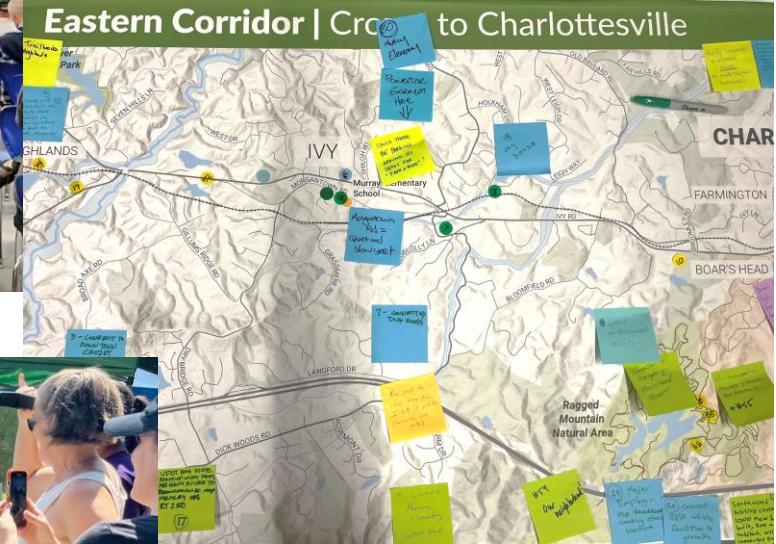
Project Process



Three Notched Trail Project Area



Community Input



WAYS PEOPLE LEARNED ABOUT THE THREE NOTCHED TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Engagement Round-Up for Phases 1 and 2



1060

Survey
Responses



835

Landowner
Postcards Sent



21

Partner
Organizations



12

Outreach
events



703

project email
subscribers



11,130

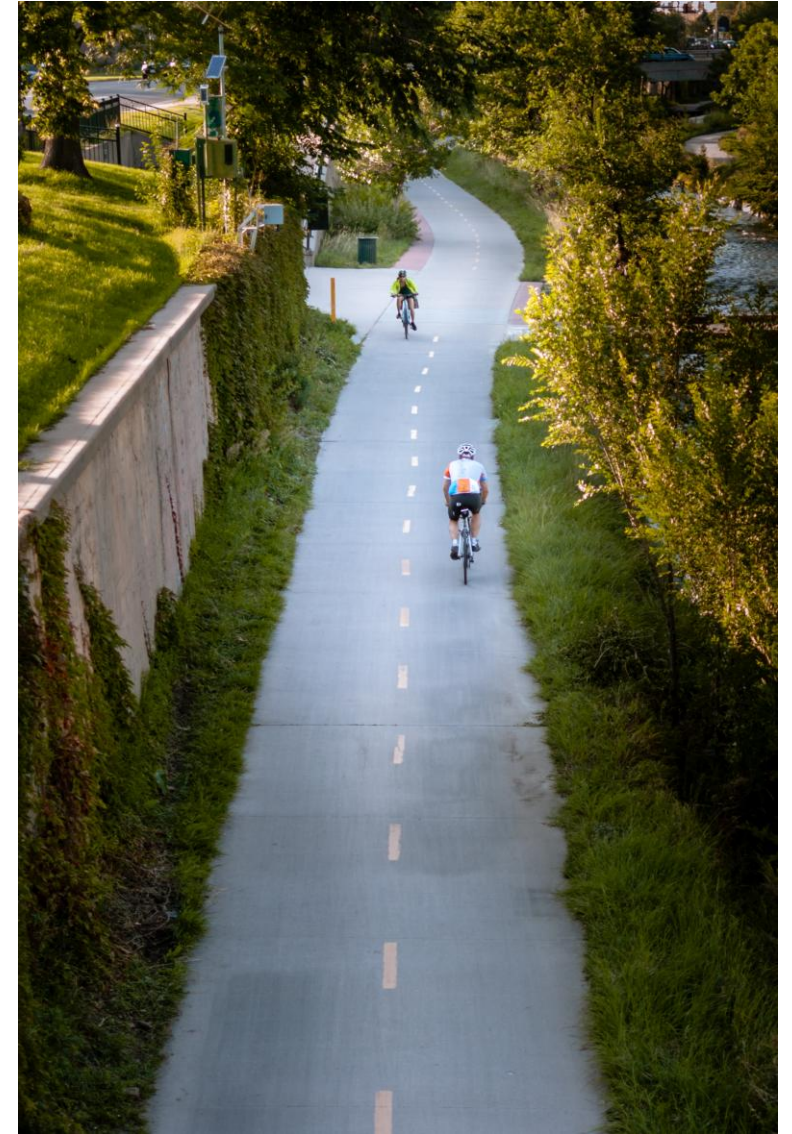
visits to the
project website



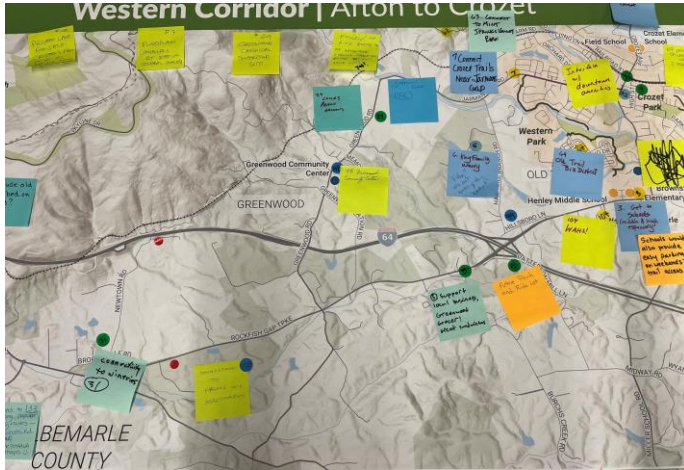
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**PUBLIC MEETING
ATTENDEES**

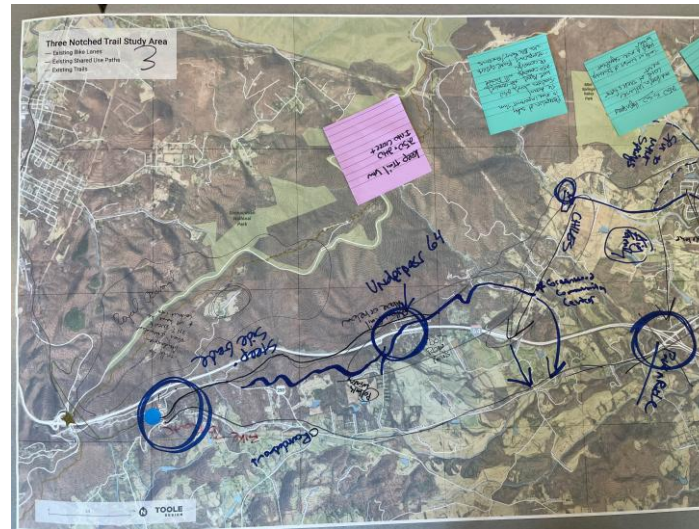
Route Options



May Open House and Survey Results



June Route Options Workshop



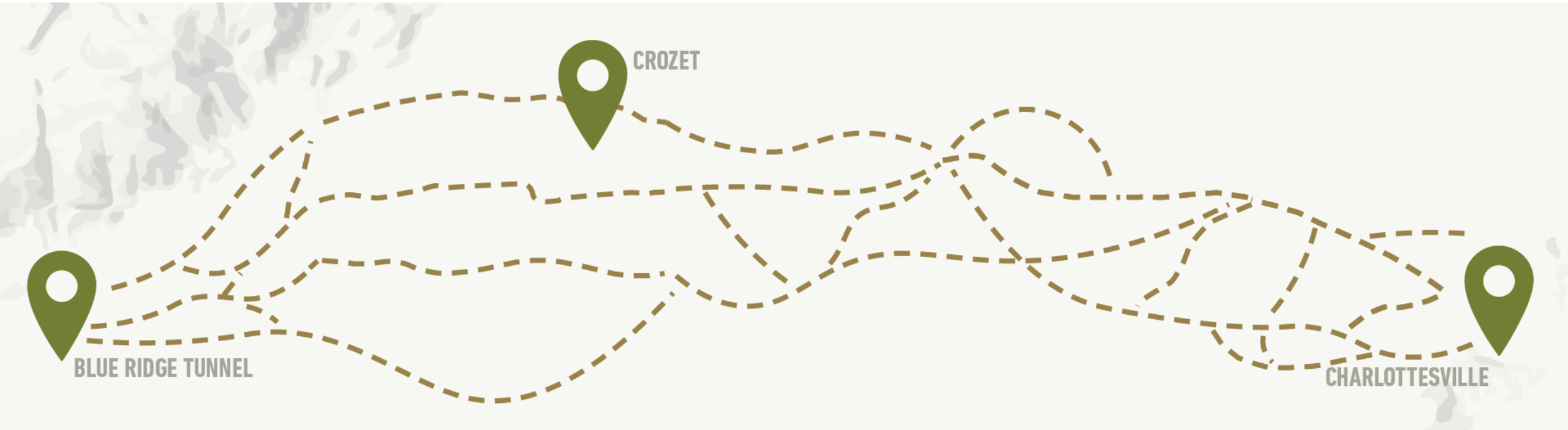
We Heard You – Key Themes for Route Development!

- Safety and Separation from Traffic (#1 priority)
- Connectivity to Key Destinations and Easy Access
- Health, Wellness, and Family-Friendly Design
- Scenic and Environmentally Sensitive Route
- Economic and Community Development
- Implementation Urgency

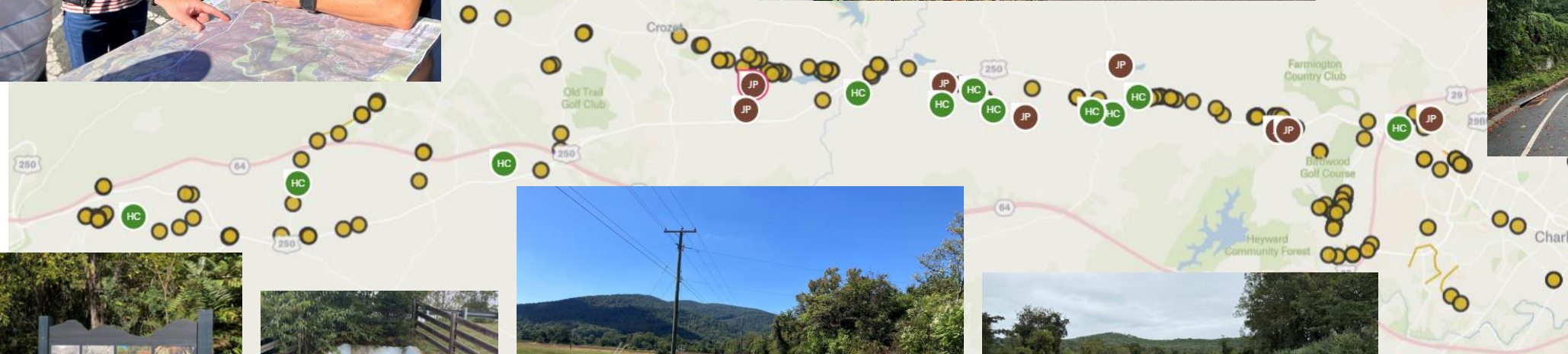


Challenges noted: property access, steep terrain, and safe highway crossings- especially near Route 250 and Ivy Road.

Route Options Development Process



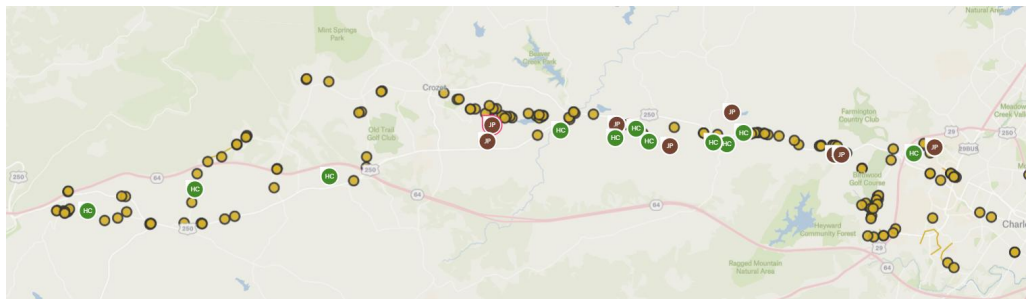
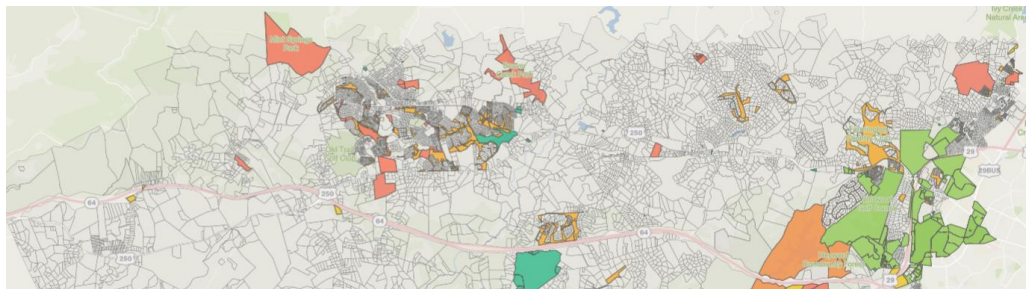
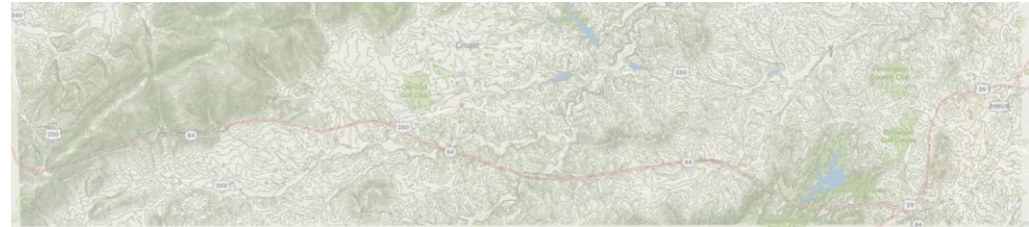
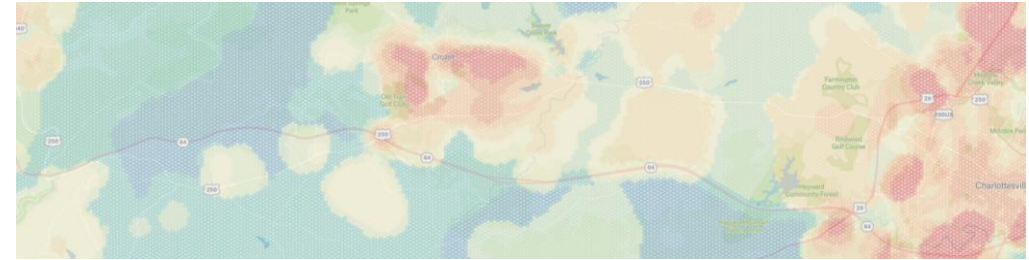
Field Visits



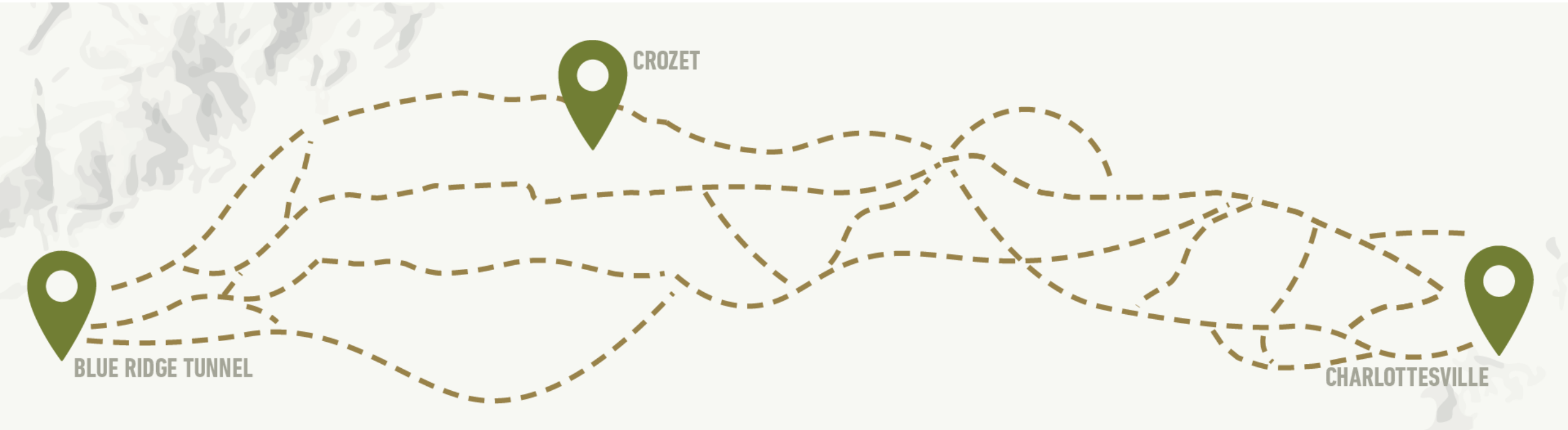
Narrowing Down

Narrowed and refined route options based on:

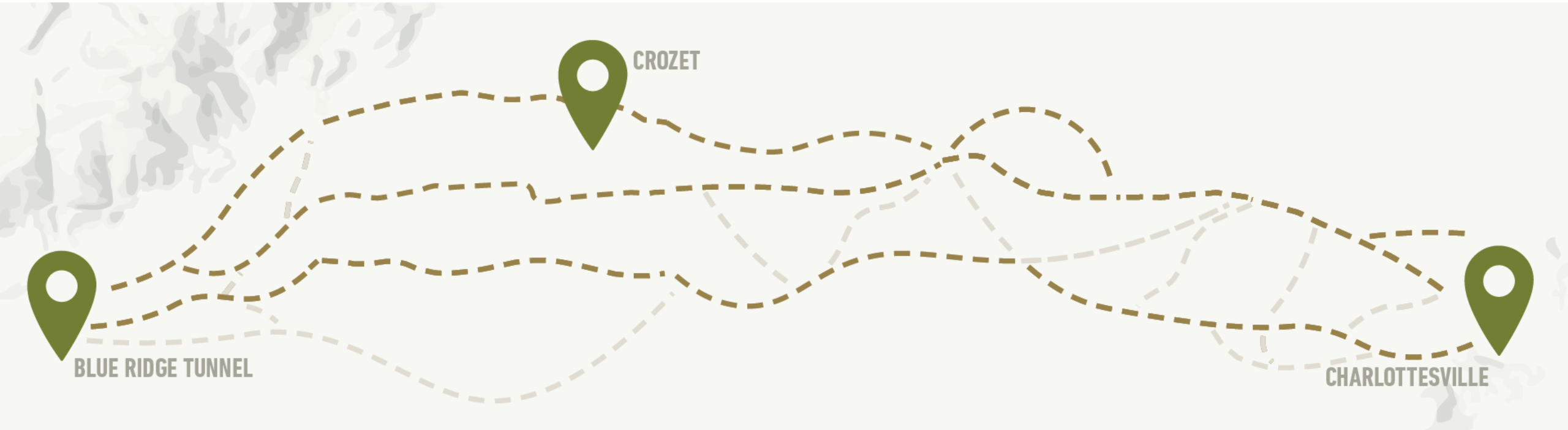
- Additional GIS analysis
- Trip Potential
- Community Input
- Site Visits
- Ownership and Right-Of-Way impacts
- Terrain
- Crossings



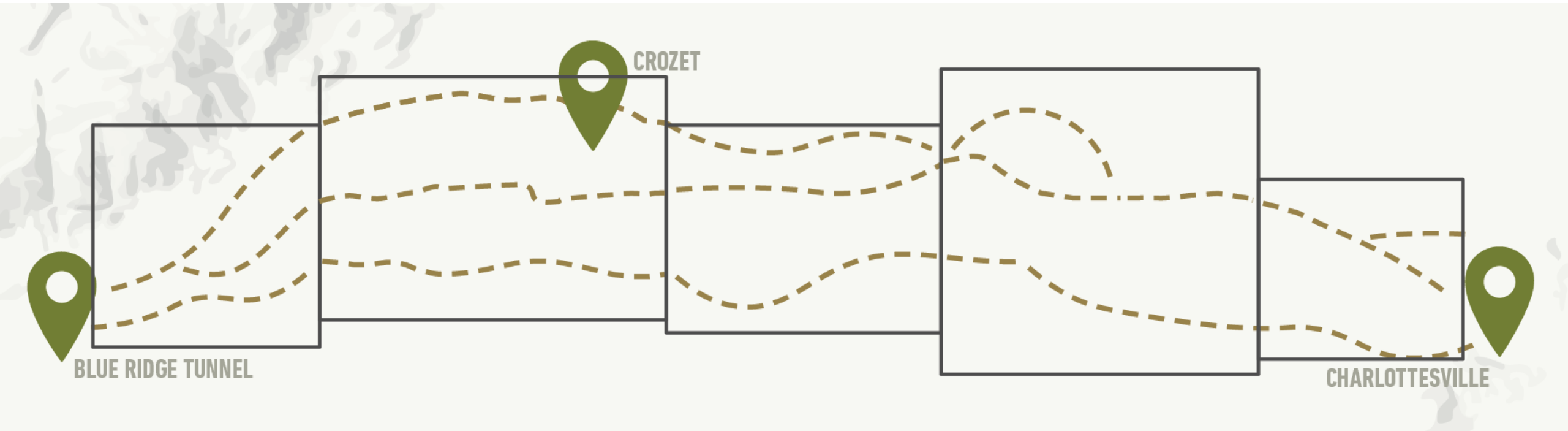
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Zones



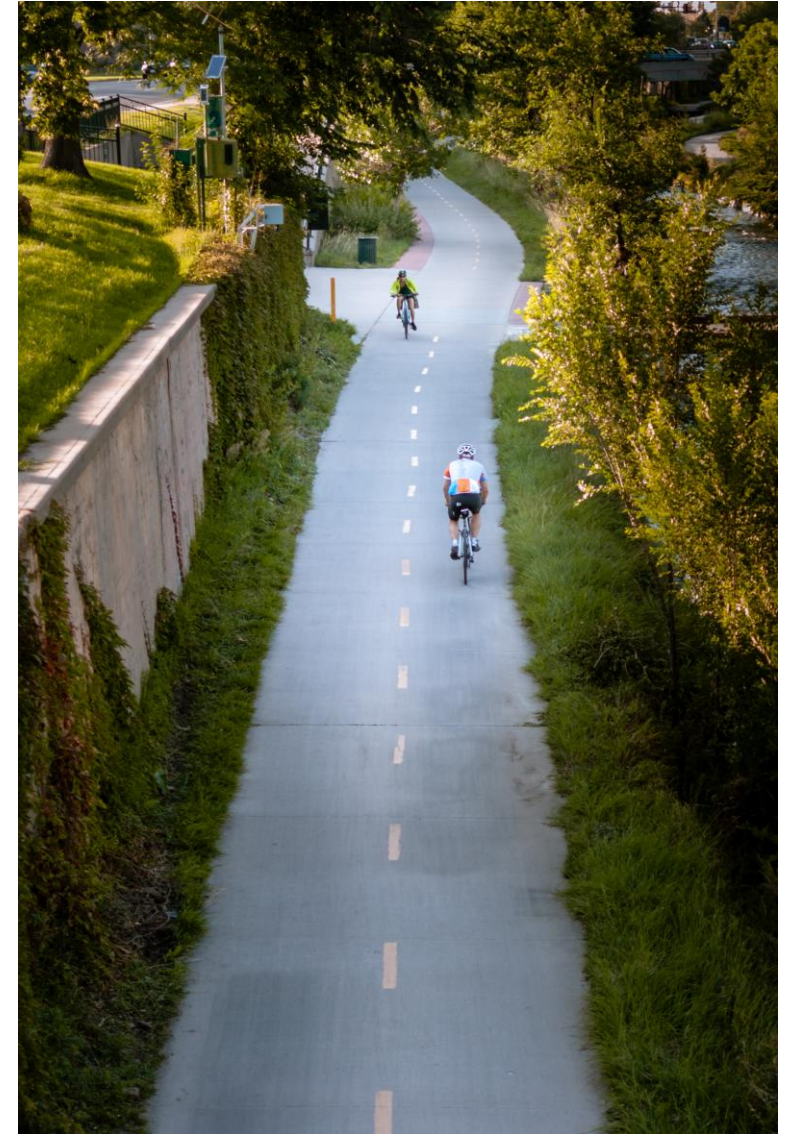
Zones



Open House



Evaluation Criteria



Evaluating Route Options

Rank the importance of factors in determining the trail route

1

Safety
when near cars

2

Most
scenic route

3

Minimizing environmental impacts

4

Shortest
timeline to
opening

5

Least
impact
on adjacent
property owners

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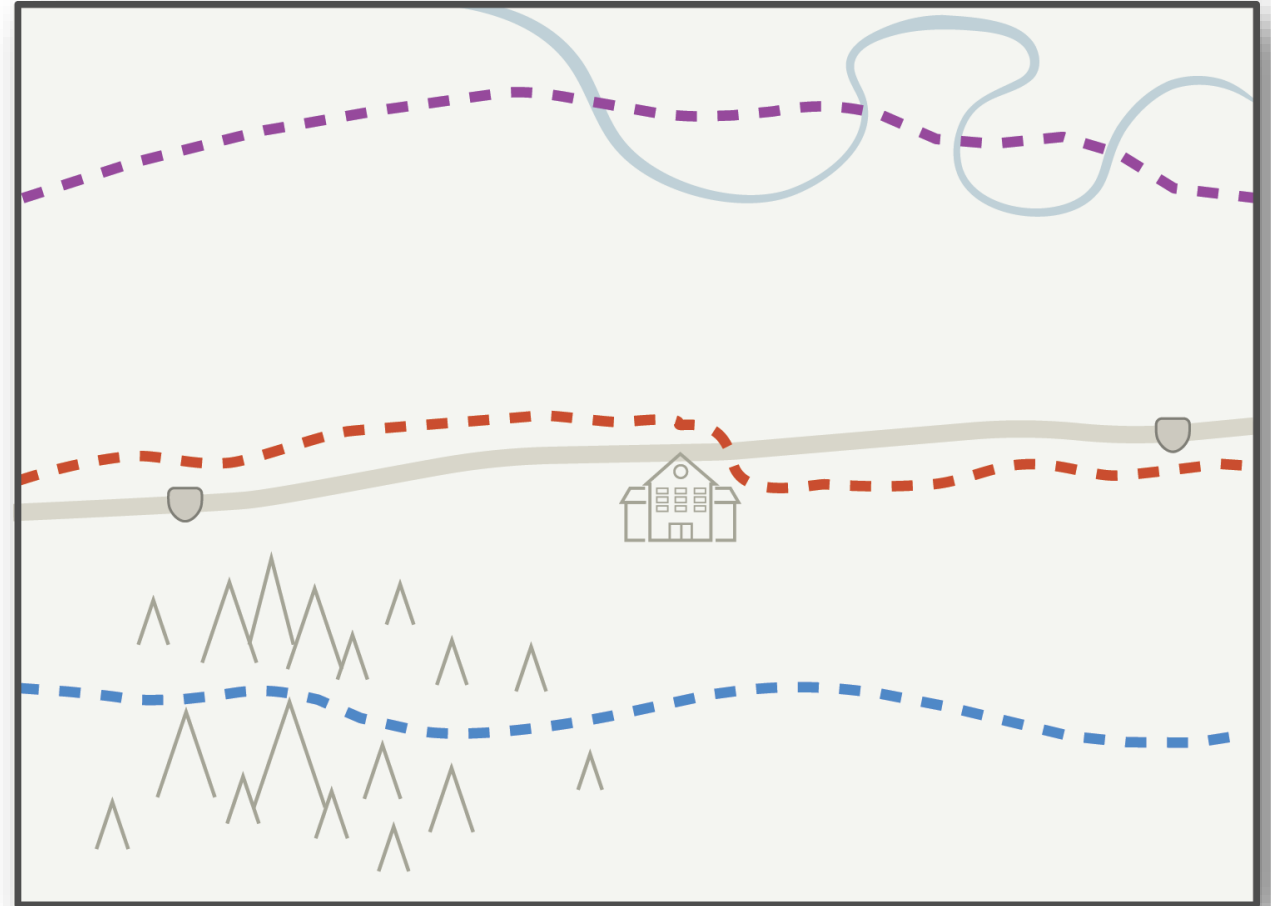
Lowest cost
of construction

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Flattest
route

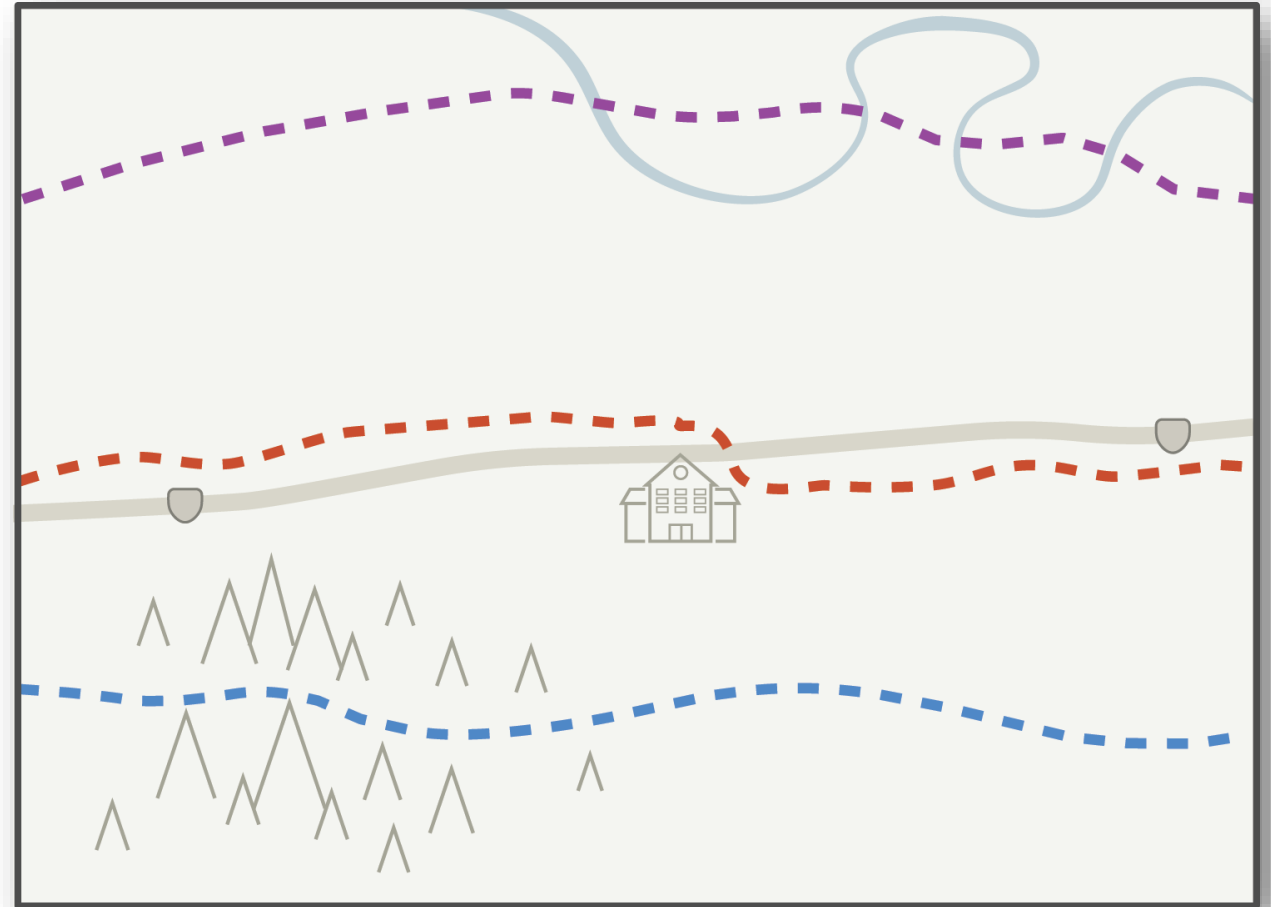
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Most direct route

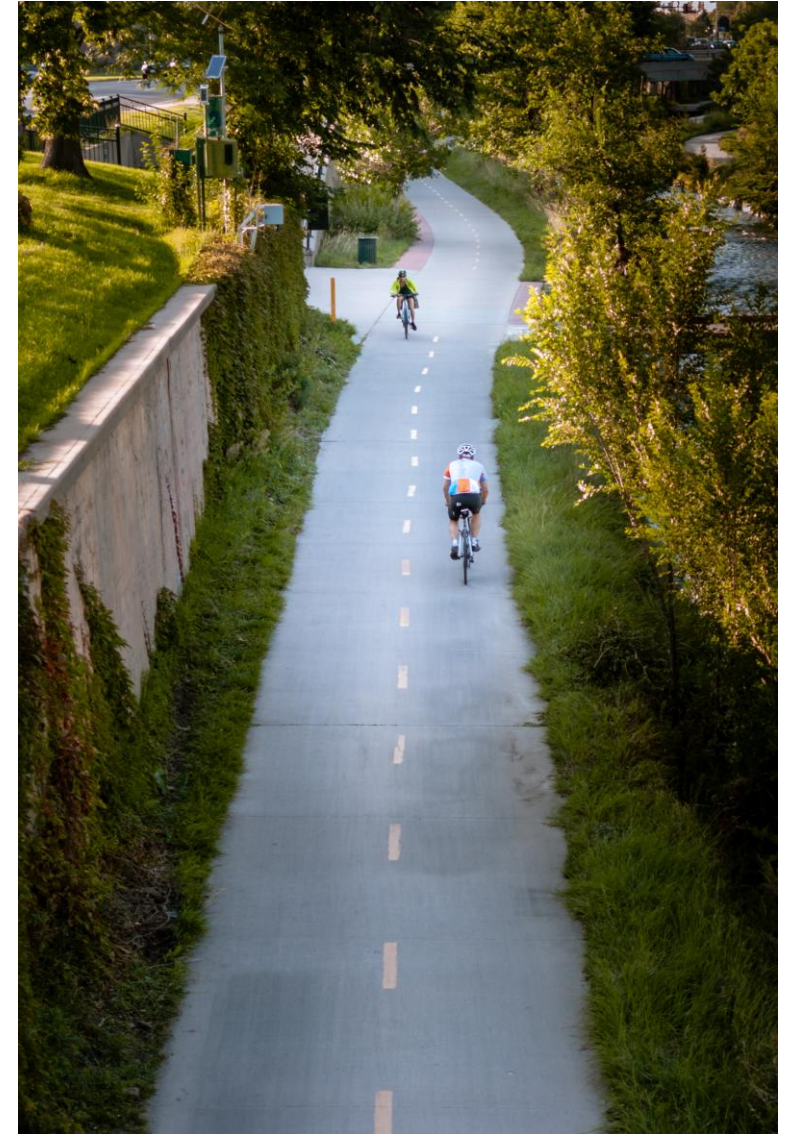


Draft Evaluation Criteria

- **Connectivity**
- **Accessibility**
- **Constructability**
- **User Experience**
- **Safety**
- **Community Support**



Next Steps



Next Steps

- Review community input
- Apply evaluation criteria
- Conduct environmental screening
- Develop one preferred route option
- Coordinate with property owners
- Seek input on priority sections
- Develop preliminary design plans
- Seek funding for priority sections



