



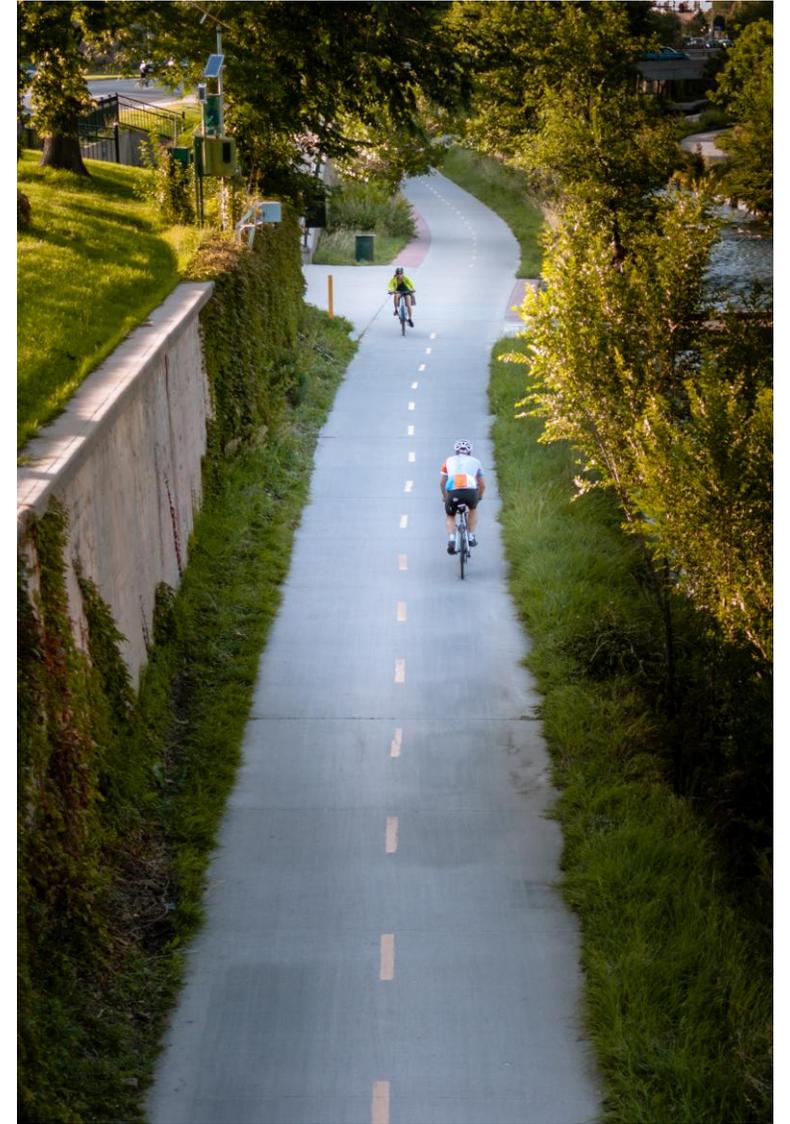
# Three Notched Trail Shared-Use Path

## MASTER PLAN

# Agenda

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

# Project Background



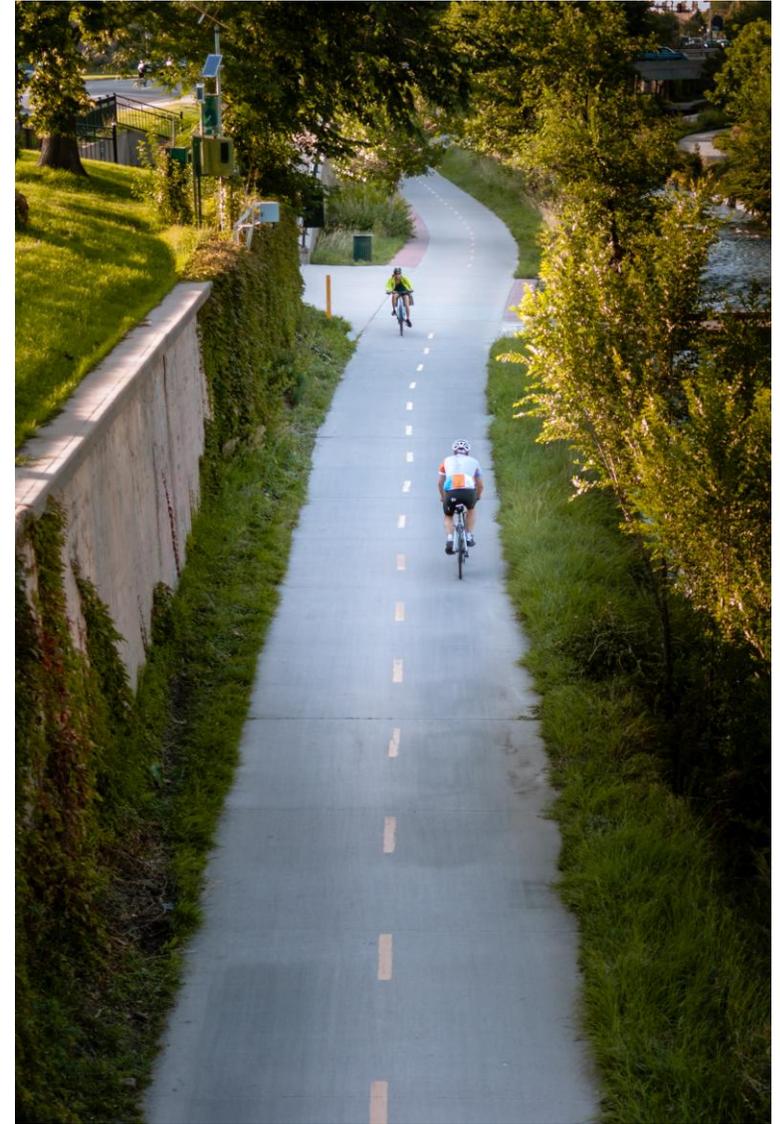
# Three Notched Trail History

- 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



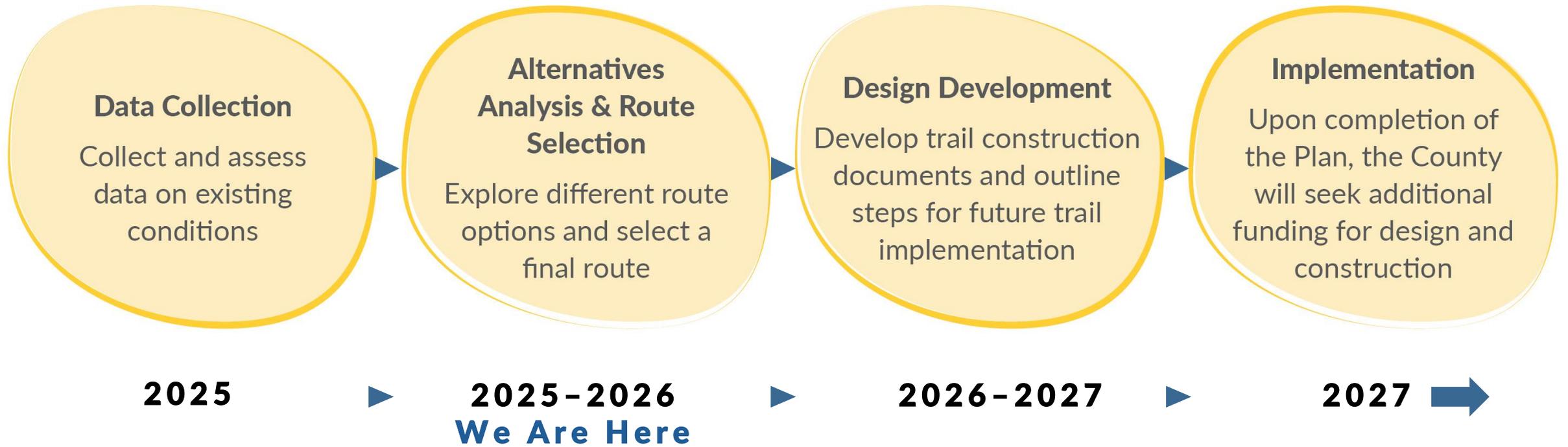
# Project Purpose

## 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

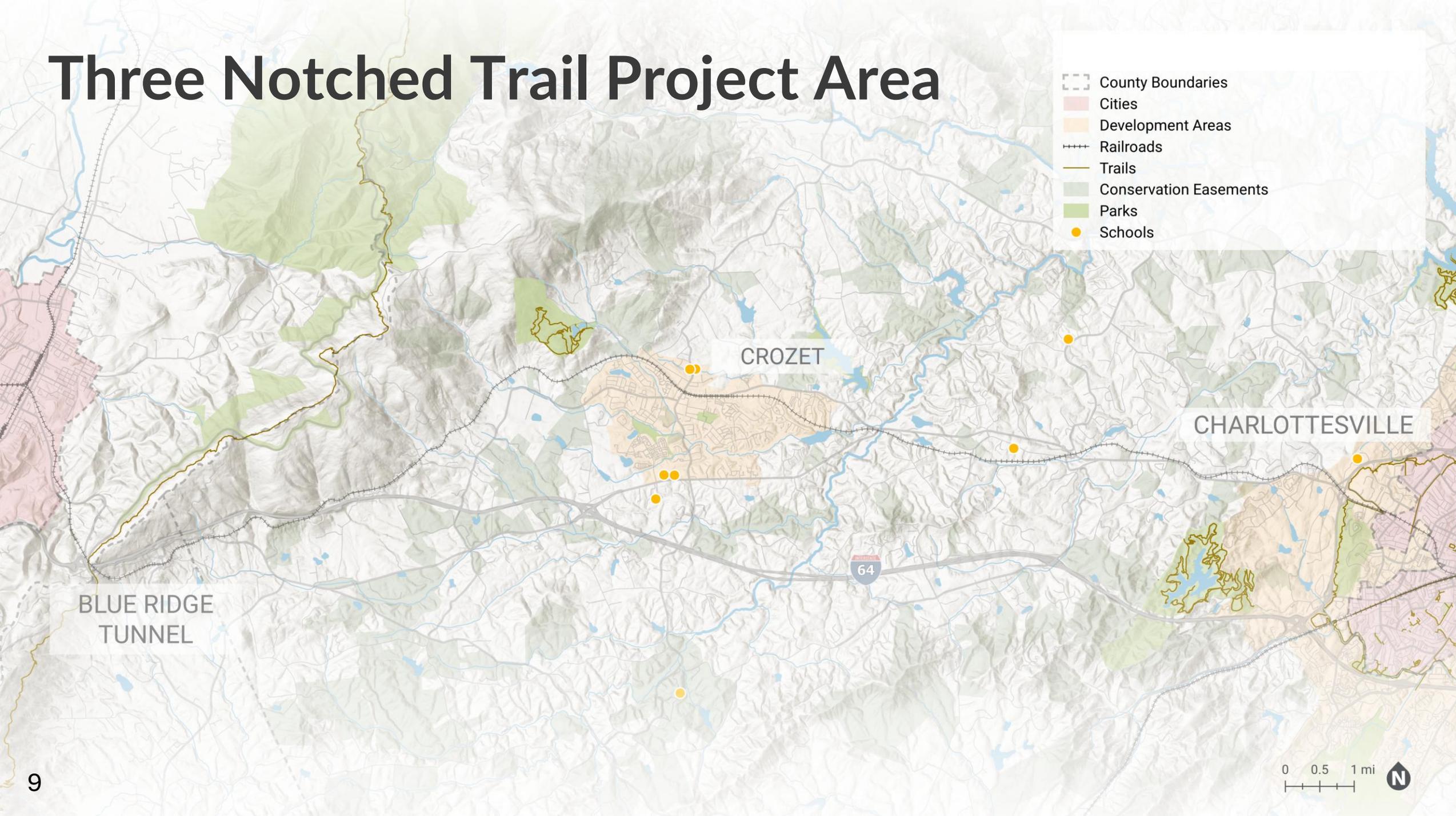
**This is a planning effort – no property acquisition or construction at this time.**

# Project Process



# Three Notched Trail Project Area

- County Boundaries
- Cities
- Development Areas
- Railroads
- Trails
- Conservation Easements
- Parks
- Schools



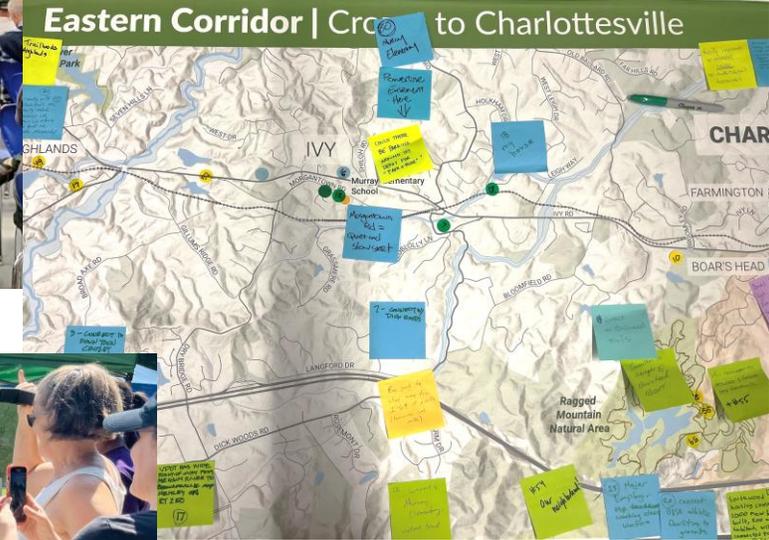
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# Community Input



# 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**

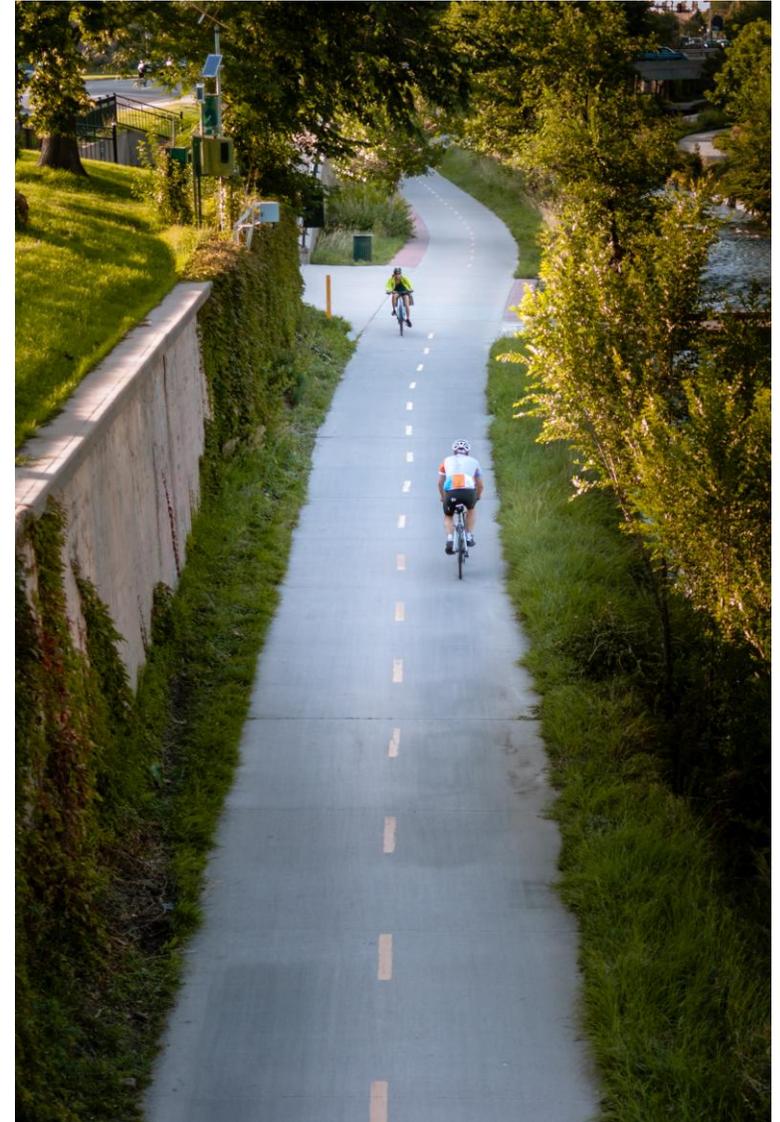
visits to the project website



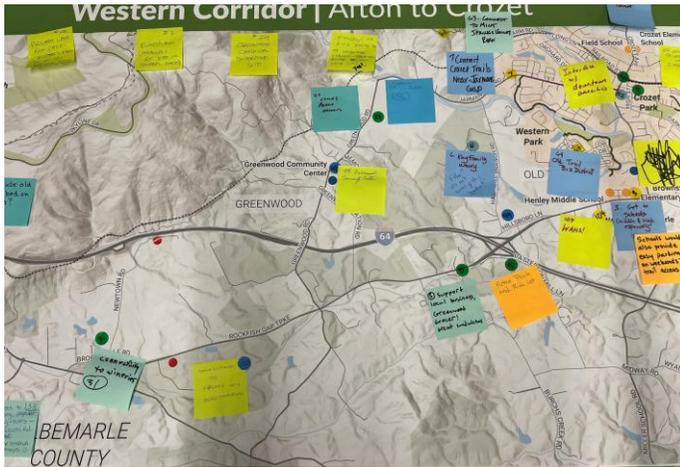
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**PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDEES**

# Route Options



# May Open House and Survey Results



# June Route Options Workshop



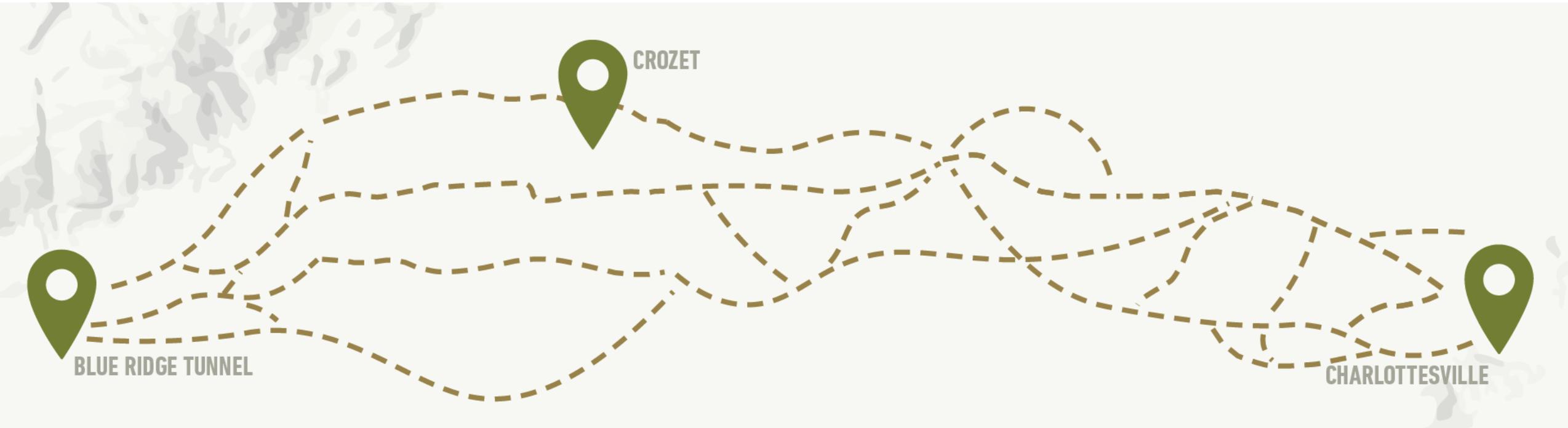
# We Heard You – Key Themes for Route Development!

- 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



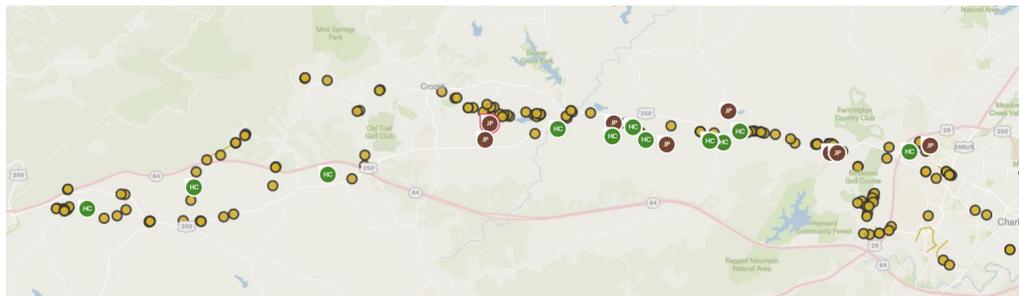
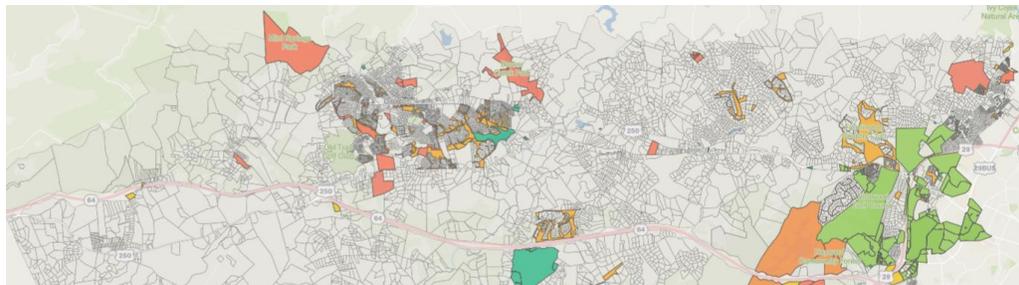
# Field Visits



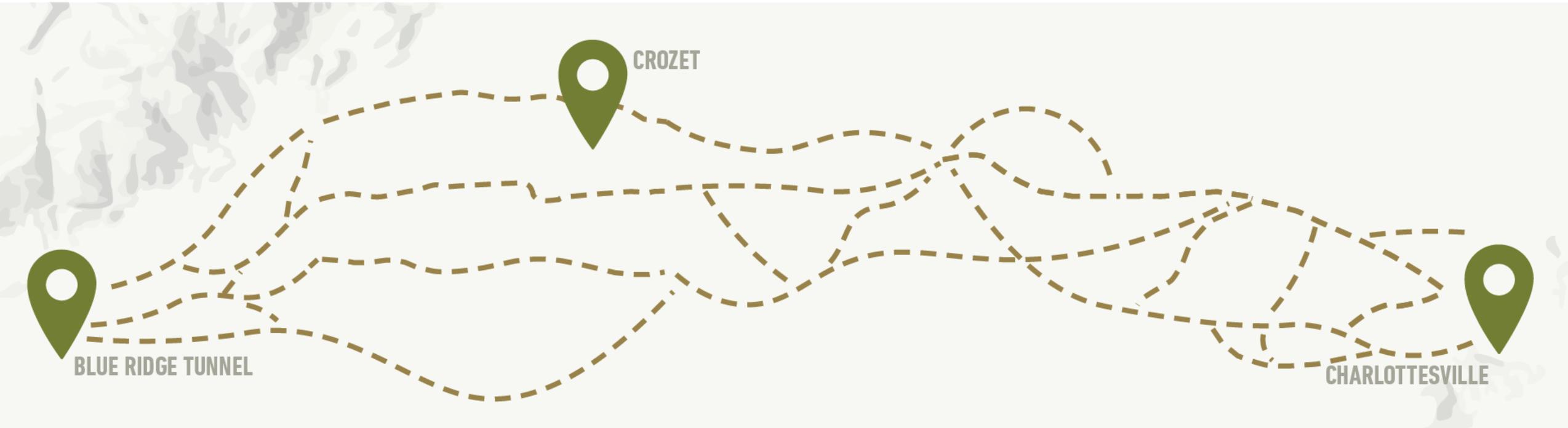
# Narrowing Down

## Narrowed and refined route options based on:

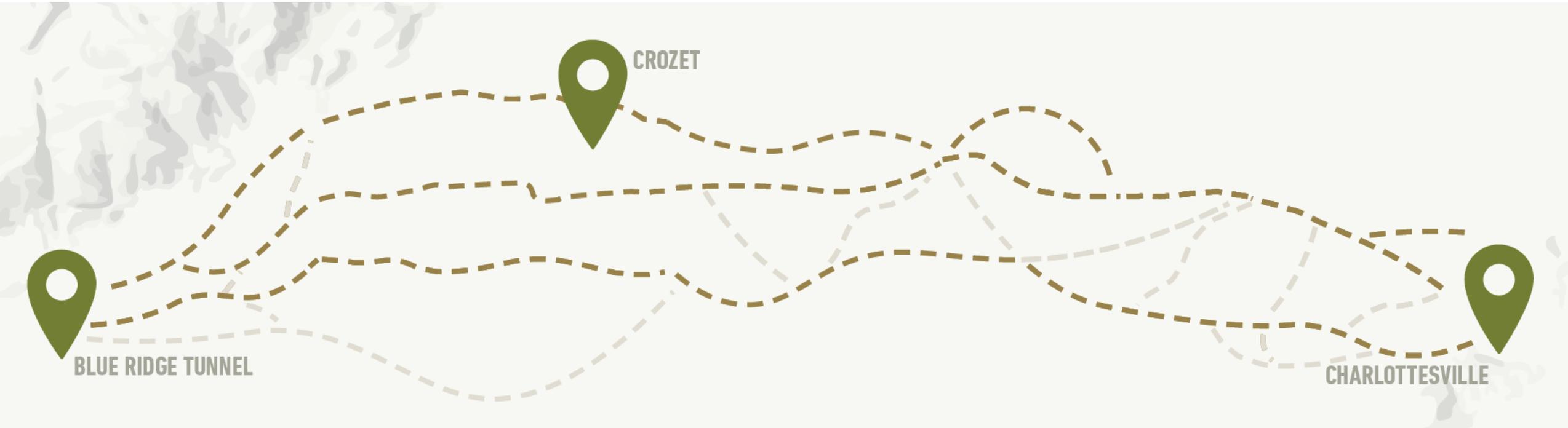
- Additional GIS analysis
- Trip Potential
- Community Input
- Site Visits
- Ownership and Right-Of-Way impacts
- Terrain
- Crossings



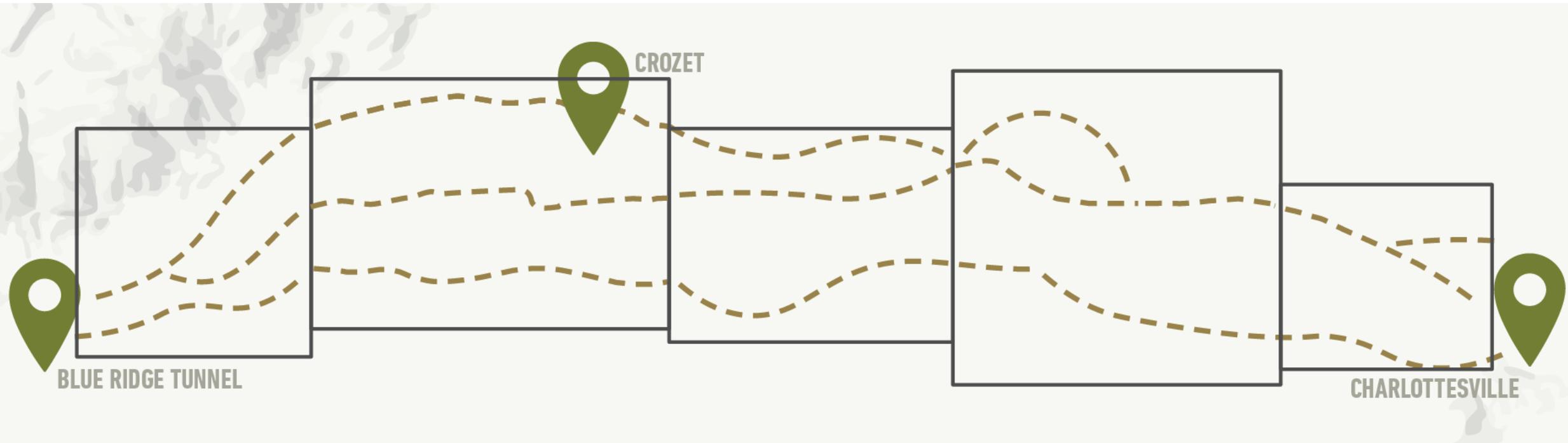
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# Zones

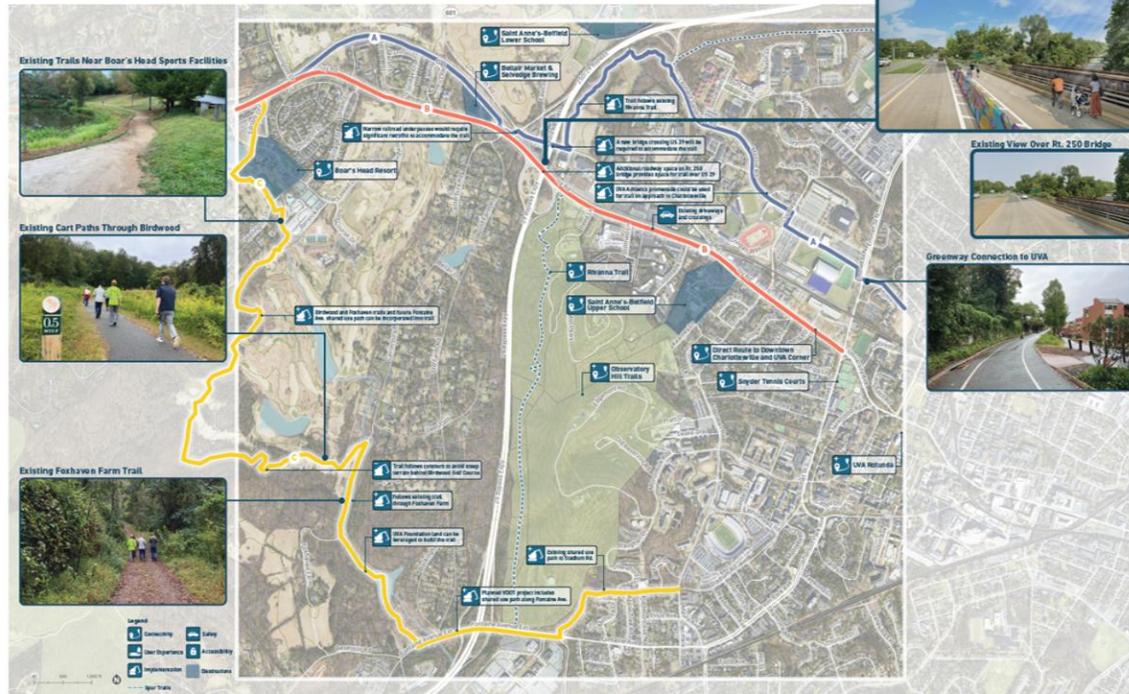


# Zones



# Open House and Online Review

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### ROUTE A:

#### Overview

Route A follows UVA Athletics Promenade from the Emmet St. pedestrian bridge to Leonard Sandridge Rd and the Rivanna Trail. It then travels behind Bellair Market and parallels the railroad to Rt. 250 and Farmington Dr.

#### + Key Opportunities

Utilizes UVA Foundation land and existing Emmet St. Pedestrian Bridge. Connects to scenic areas along the Rivanna Trail. Avoids traffic and driveways along Rt. 250.

#### - Key Challenges

Narrow existing railroad underpass at Old Ivy Rd. would require significant retrofit to safely accommodate the trail. New trail bridge required on Old Ivy Rd. to pass over US-29.



### ROUTE B:

#### Overview

Route B follows Ivy Rd. (Rt.250) from Emmet St. and the UVA Corner, over US 29 to Ednam Dr.

#### + Key Opportunities

Direct connections to Emmet-Ivy Corridor and UVA Corner. Utilizes excess pavement on Rt. 250 bridge over US-29.

#### - Key Challenges

Numerous driveways and crossing along Rt. 250. High-speed on and off ramps on either side of Rt. 250/US-29 interchange.



### ROUTE C:

#### Overview

Route C utilizes existing and planned shared use paths along Fontaine Ave. It follows existing natural surface trails through Foxhaven Farm, Birdwood and Boar's Head.

#### + Key Opportunities

Follows existing trail corridors through Foxhaven, Birdwood, and Boars Head. Utilizes existing and proposed shared use paths along Fontaine Ave. Follows existing shared use path connection to UVA Scott's Stadium.

#### - Key Challenges

Trail connects to Charlottesville farther away from Emmet St and Downtown. High speed on and off ramps at US-29/Fontaine Ave. interchange.



## CHARLOTTESVILLE

Use sticky notes to share your thoughts about the route options in this zone. Please be sure to label the specific route option on your sticky note.

What I LIKE about these route options (Examples: connects to park, feels safe, scenic view, etc.)

Route A	Route B	Route C

What I DISLIKE or have CONCERNS about (Examples: too close to traffic, privacy issues, etc.)

Route A	Route B	Route C

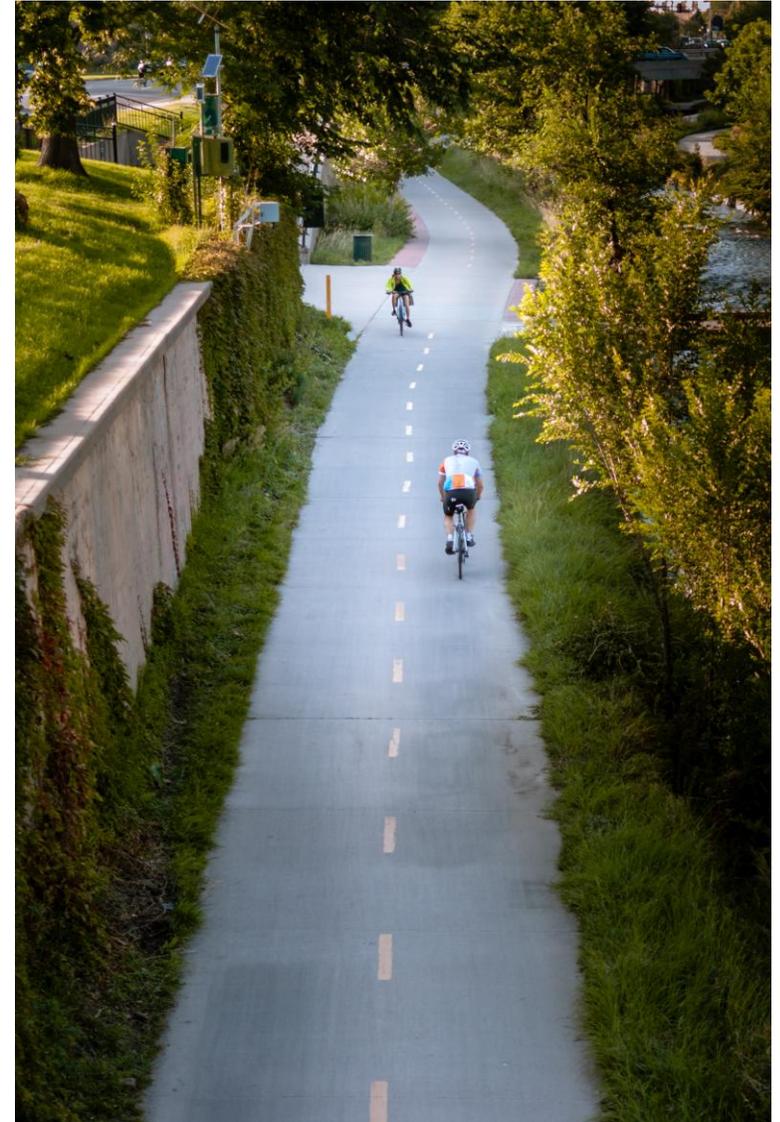
What I would CHANGE or SUGGEST (Examples: shift alignment to the north to avoid stream crossing, improve access to schools, etc.)

Route A	Route B	Route C

# Open House



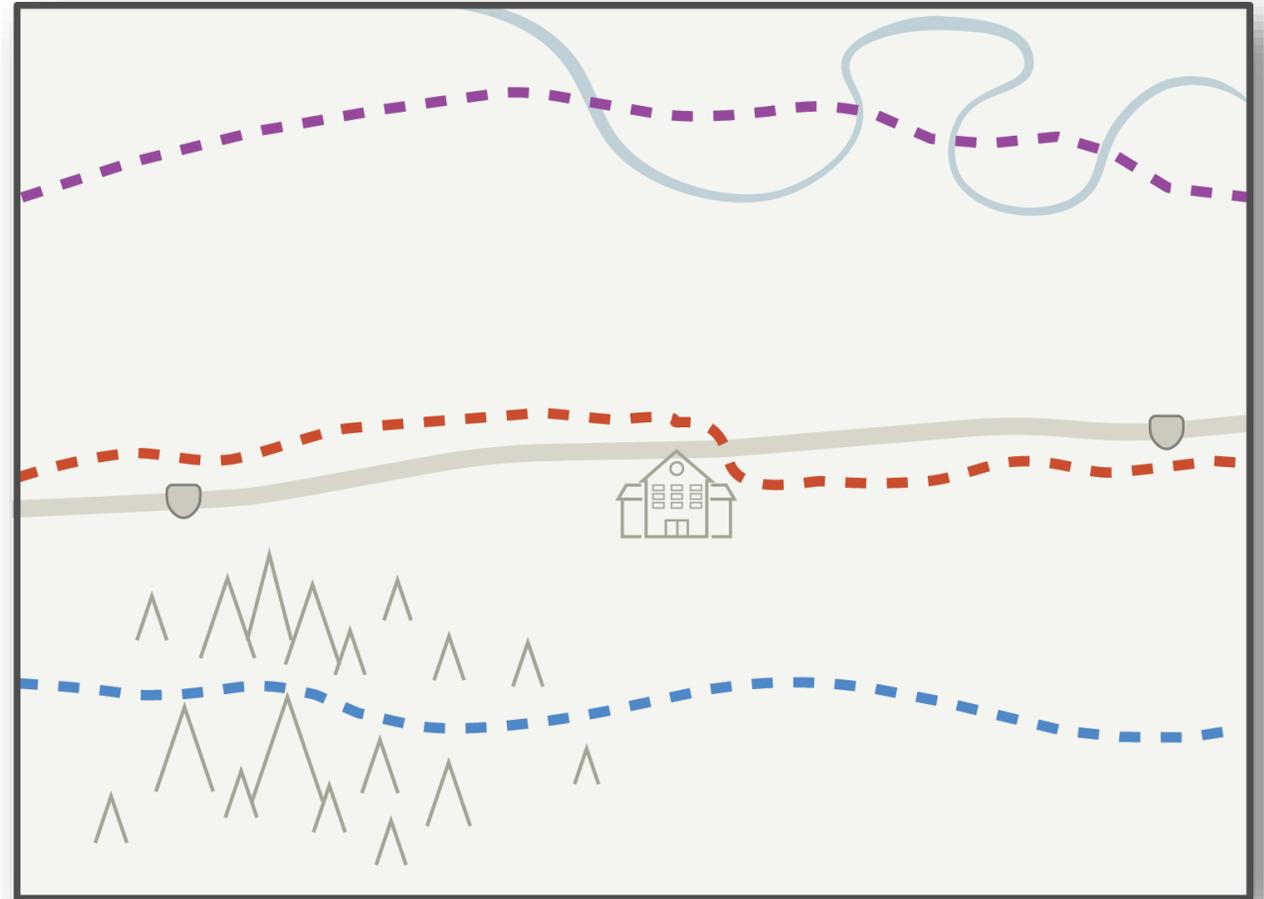
# Evaluation Criteria



# Evaluating Route Options

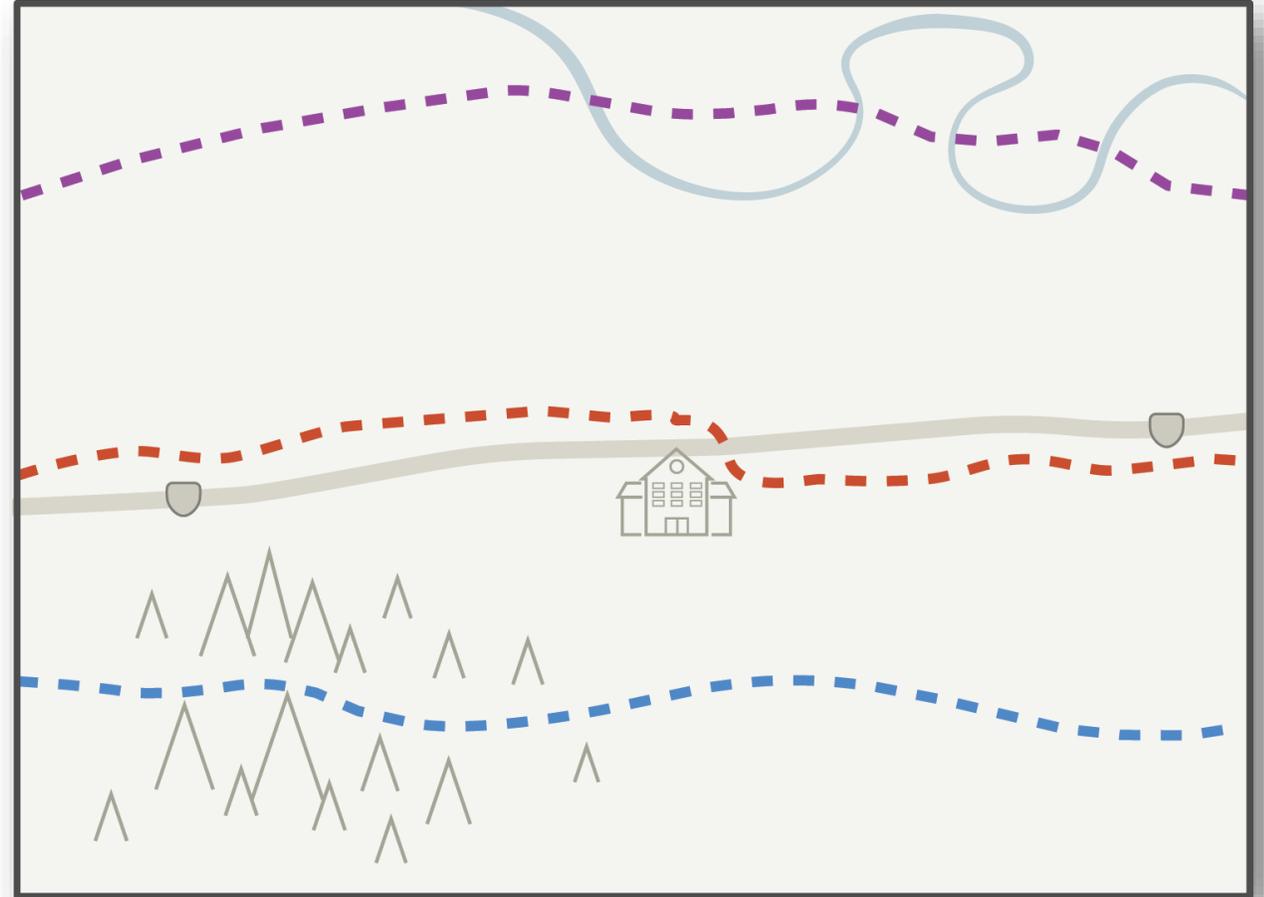
Rank the importance of factors in determining the trail route

- 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
- 6 Lowest cost of construction
- 7 Flattest route
- 8 Most direct route

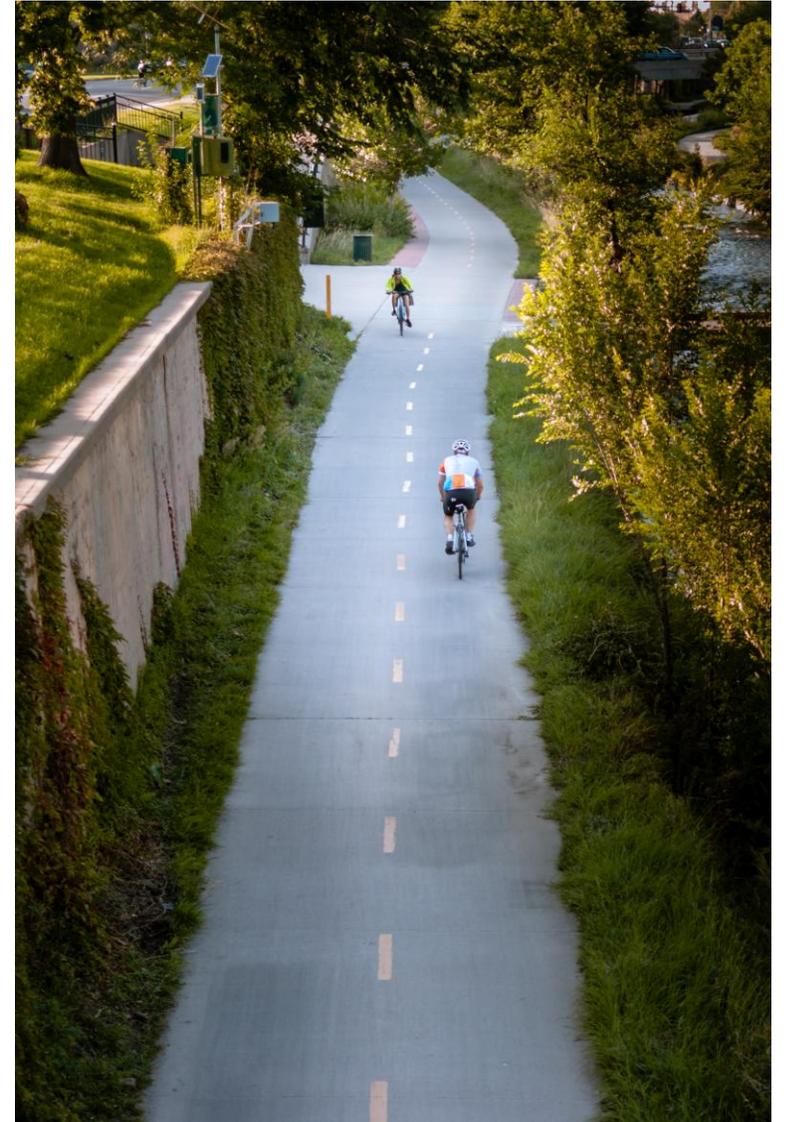


# Draft Evaluation Criteria

- **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



