









Randolph County Trail Master Plan

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CREATE RANDOLPH COUNTY

In order to effectively enhance the experience of residents and visitors by properly facilitating, managing, and maintaining the parks, recreation, trails, and natural areas Randolph County must CREATE...



A community that enhances existing park and recreation destinations, and trail segments by connecting them to build a county-wide network of opportunities.



A community that considers trails, greenways, waterways, and equestrian trails as amenities that, when properly funded, can provide a return on investment.



A community that advertises and promotes the unique features of each park and recreation amenity throughout the county.



A community that uses unified leadership and shared resources to maximize each of the park and recreation opportunities offered within the county.



A community that utilizes its existing rural county road network as bicycle/pedestrian routes and connections throughout the county.

2018:

- Randolph County Comprehensive Plan
- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
 - Policy document that guides decisions related to land use, mobility, amenities, and economic development.

Entities Involved:

- Randolph Co. Commissioners
- Randolph Co. Council
- Randolph Co. Area Plan Commission
- Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Planning Consultant

County Trails:

• "A future, <u>county-wide trail network</u> would connect Randolph County's numerous tourism and recreation destinations. But rather than use one or more of the vacant or abandoned rail corridors, community leaders offer that enhancements along some of the county's existing road network as a viable option for establishing a county-wide trail network, over time." Randolph Co. Comprehensive Plan 2018, Page 50



PROJECT HISTORY











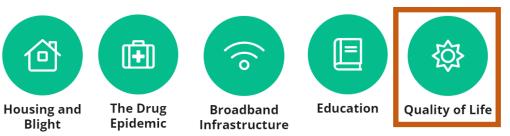


2018:

- There was a need to address <u>economic development</u> and <u>population decline</u>.
- Looking for new and innovative strategies to invest in the community, in hopes of creating a desirable place to live and work.
- RCU & CFRC partnered with Indiana Communities Institute (ICI) of Ball State University to develop a community engagement campaign <u>Cultivating Community</u>.

2020:

- The <u>Cultivating Community</u> report was completed.
- RCCultivatingCommunity.com
- Five main themes were discovered:



2024:

CFRC partnered with BF&S to initiate the Randolph Co. Trail Master Plan





"a document and policy guide designed to help communities create a vision of what they want to look like in the future."

STEP 1 in the design process.



Types of Master Plans:

- trails
- parks
- roadway
- airport
- community
- campus
- residential
- downtown
- land-use
- etc.









- REPORT THAT IS DESIGNED TO BE FLEXIBLE
- PROPOSED
 INFRASTRUCTURE
 MAPS
- COST ESTIMATE
- FUNDING SOURCES
- IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES



NO CONSTRUCTION PLANS











PROJECT GOALS & OUTCOMES





Improved <u>economic</u> <u>development</u>



Providing safe

connections

Increased <u>recreation</u>, and improved <u>health</u> & <u>wellness</u>





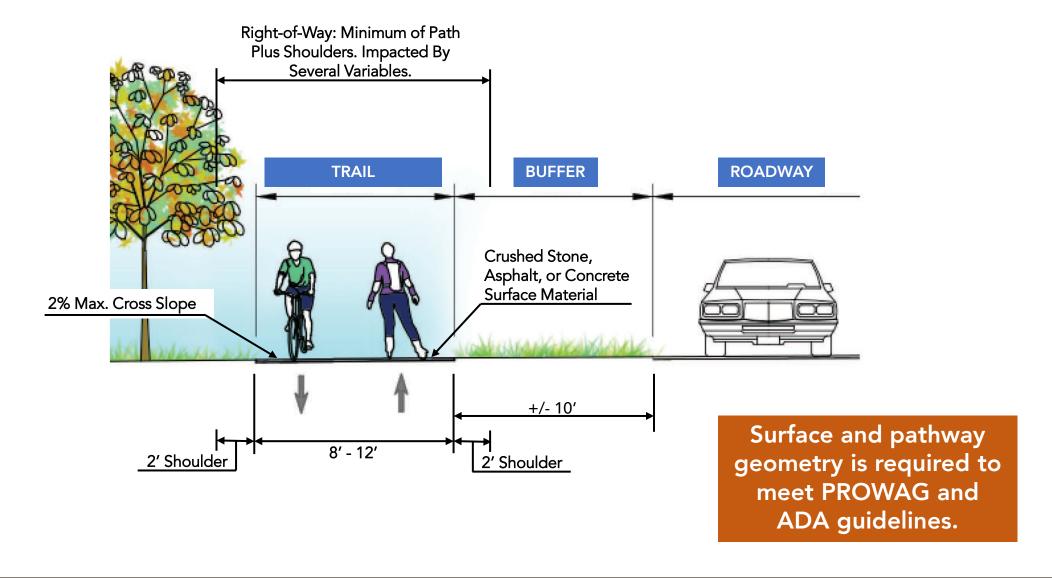




Environmental conservation & improvements



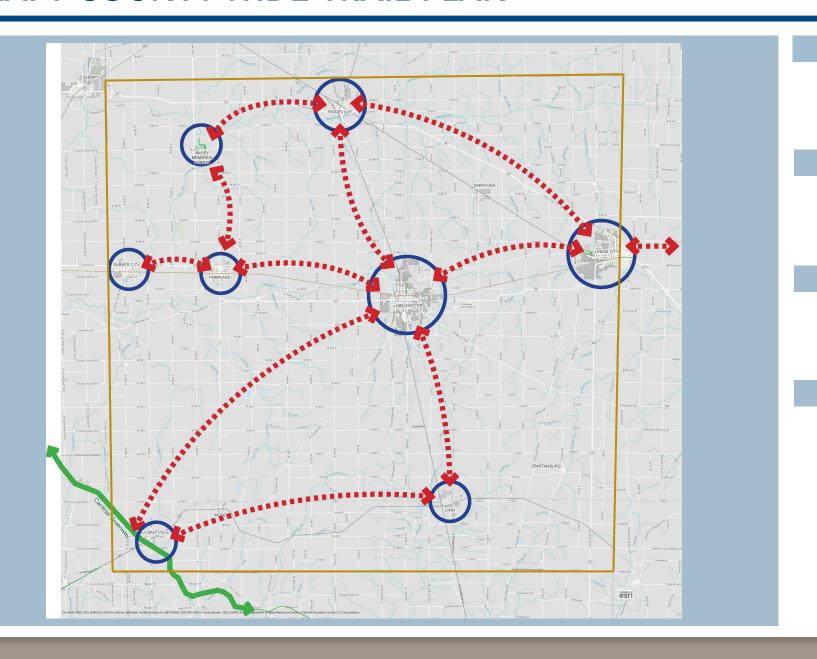




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Area of Scope: Randolph County

8 Regional Connection Trails

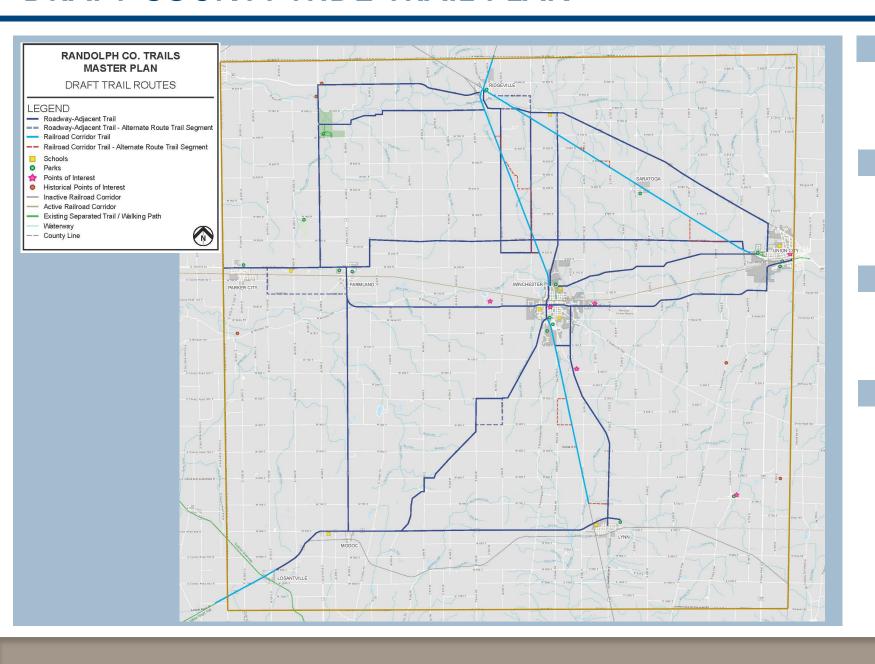
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Over 90 miles of Trails

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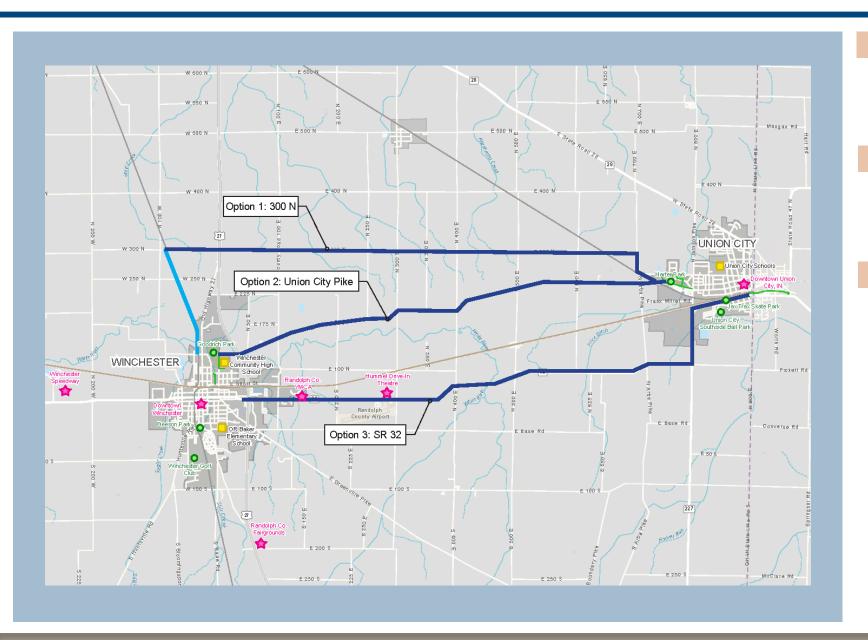
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1. WINCHESTER – UNION CITY







Option 1: 300 N 10.5 miles

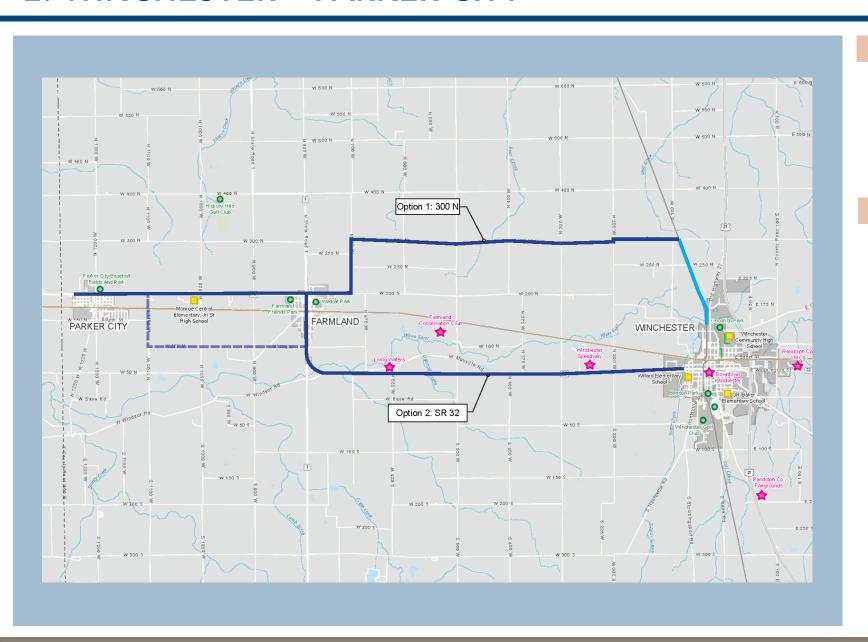
Option 2: Union City Pike 7.8 miles

Option 3: SR 32 10.2 miles

2. WINCHESTER - PARKER CITY







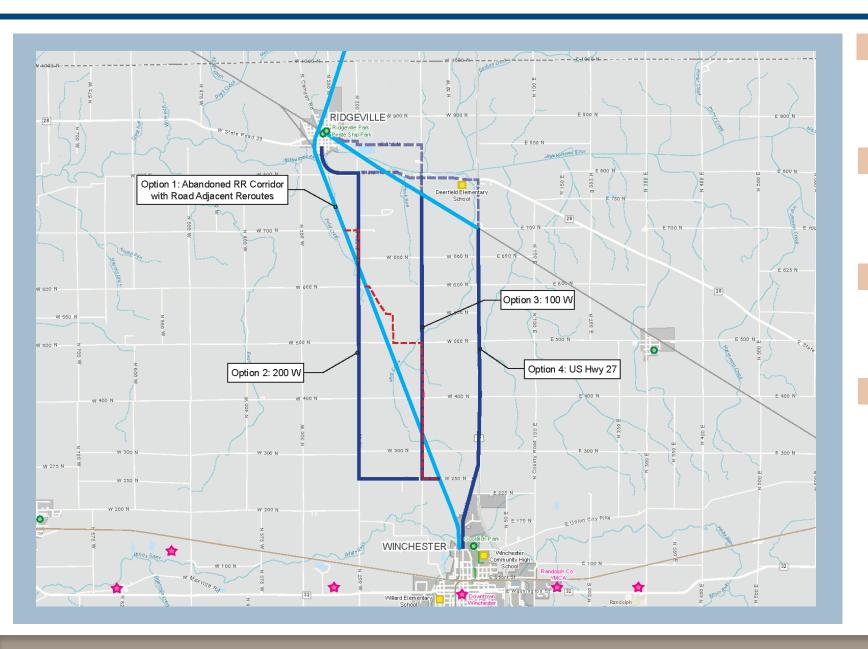
Option 1: 300 N, 700 W, & SR 32 14.6 miles

Option 2: SR 32 13.4 miles

3. WINCHESTER - RIDGEVILLE







Option 1: RR Corridor 9.2 miles

Option 2: 200 W 9.3 miles

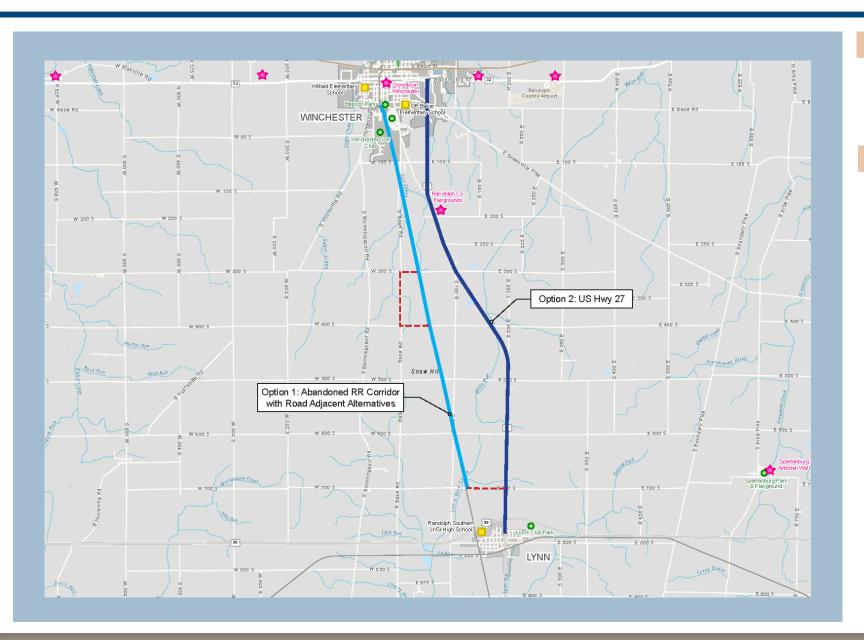
Option 3: 100 W 8.5 miles

Option 4: US Hwy 27 9.2 miles

4. WINCHESTER - LYNN







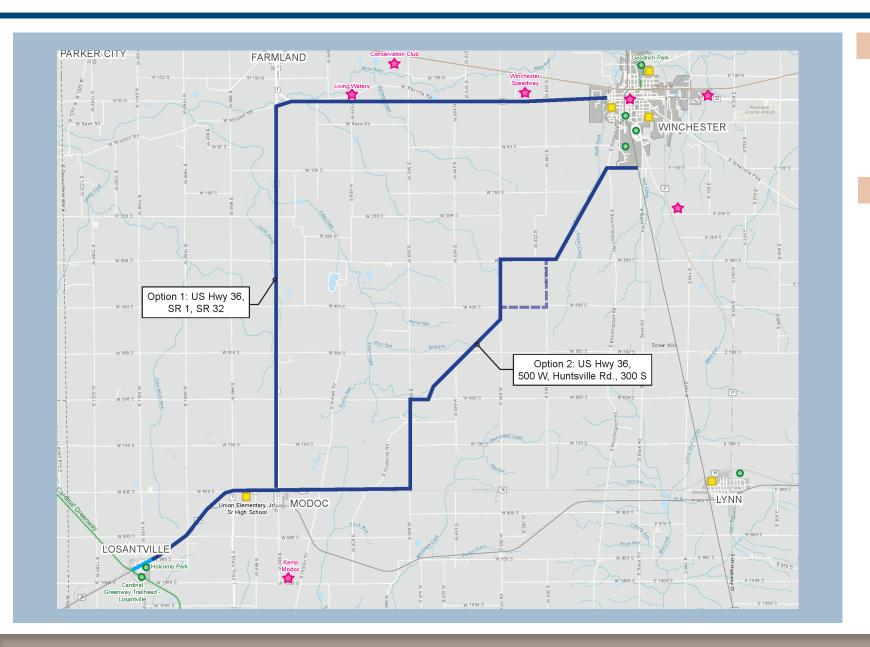
Option 1: RR Corridor 7.2 miles

Option 2: US Hwy 27 8.6 miles

5. WINCHESTER - CARDINAL GREENWAY







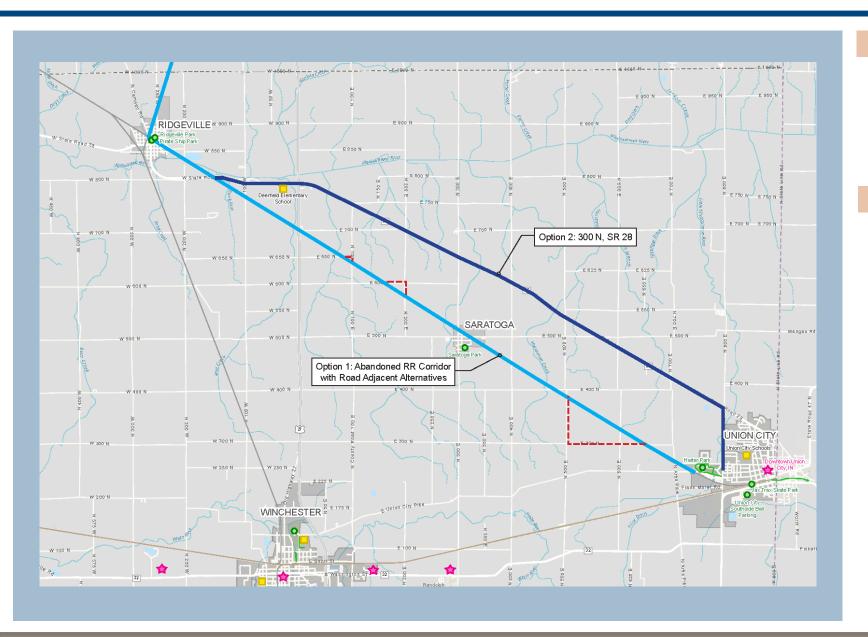
Option 1: US Hwy 36, SR 1, SR 32 19 miles

Option 2: US Hwy 36, Huntsville Rd 16.4 miles

6. UNION CITY - RIDGEVILLE







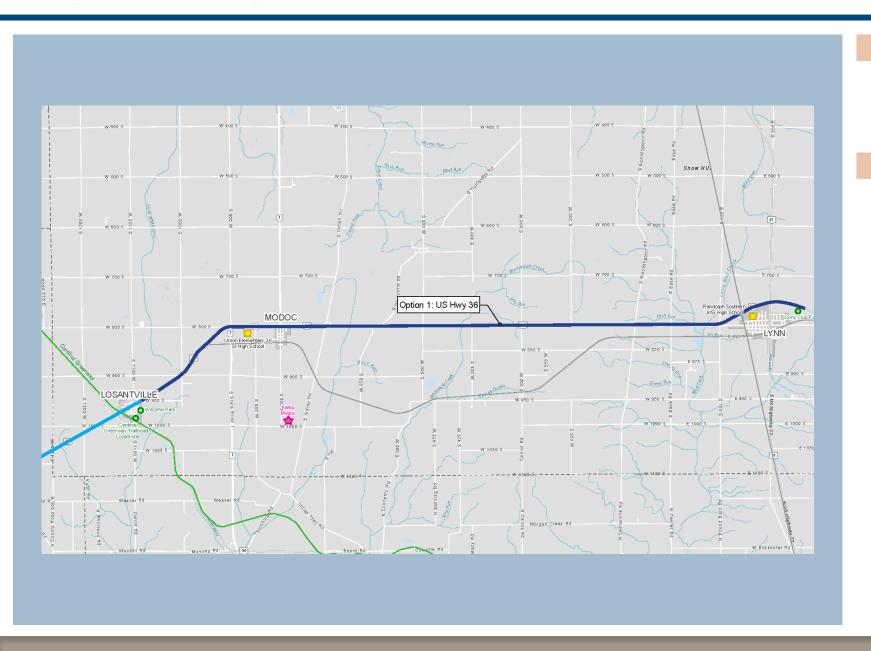
Option 1: RR Corridor 11.6 miles Indiana Visionary Trail

Option 2: SR 28 12.8 miles

7. CARDINAL GREENWAY - LYNN







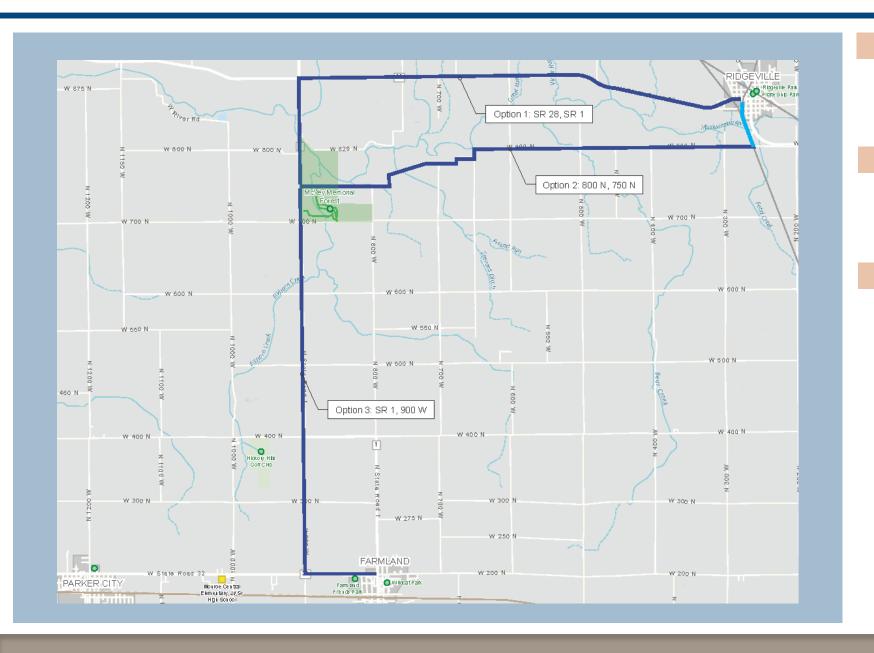
Option 1: US Hwy 36 12.1 miles

RR Corridor Majority
Owned by ANR
Pipeline

8. MCVEY FOREST CONNECTIONS







Option 1: SR 28 & SR1 6.7 miles

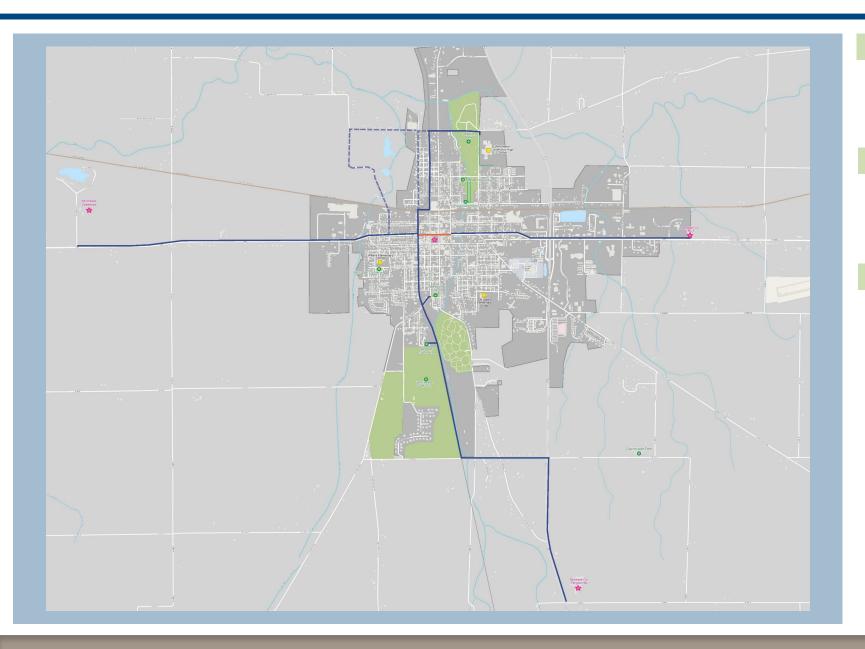
Option 2: 800N, 750N 6.7 miles

Option 3: SR 1, 900 W 6.4 miles

WINCHESTER LOCAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS







DT to Speedway 2.1 miles

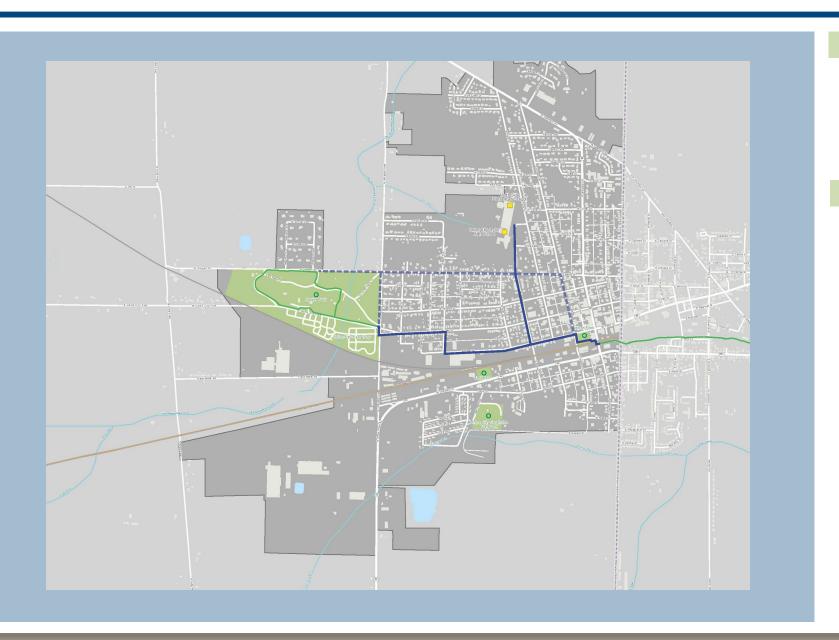
DT to YMCA 1.4 miles

Goodrich Park to Fairgrounds 3.7 miles

UNION CITY LOCAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS







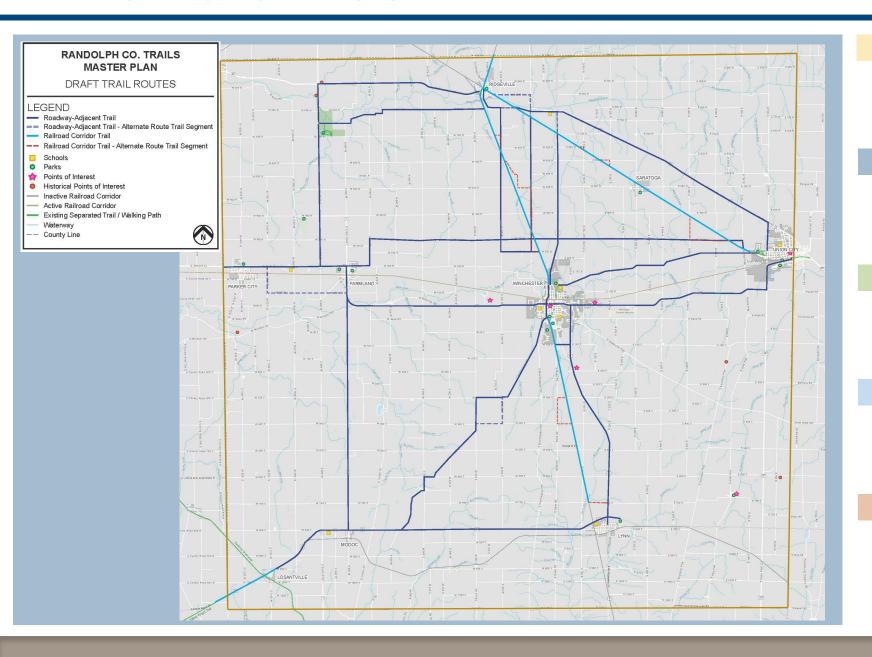
Gateway Trail to Harter Park 1.0 mile

Union Schools to Trail 0.4 mile

NEXT STEPS FOR DESIGN







Public input

Update trail routes

Cost estimates

Implementation strategies

Prepare final master plan report







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