



Vibrant pathways,  
living landscapes,  
active communities

# About the Kingston Land Trust

## > An Urban Land Trust

- > Special focus on promoting the best and highest use of underutilized spaces in Kingston and surrounding communities

## > Key Programs/Initiatives

- > The Kingston Greenline
- > Urban Agriculture/Land Matching
- > Community Land Trust
- > Pine Street Burial Ground Project

## > Recent Successes

- > South Pine Street Farm finishes 6<sup>th</sup> year
- > Just launched new website



“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.”

John Muir, *The Yosemite*



# The Greenline Vision

a network of *linear parks* and  
*complete streets* that

*connects*

*residents & visitors*

to Kingston's rich

*historical*

*cultural*

*recreational*  
*commercial*

and

*resources.*

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# A Growing Partnership



We've Got Great Trails!



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# At the Center of the System



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The Catskill Mountains

Ashokan Trail

1



Kingston Point Rail Trail

7



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Hudson River Greenway Water Trail

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O&W Rail Trail/D&H Canal Heritage Corridor

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Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park

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Hudson Valley Rail Trail & Walkway Over the Hudson

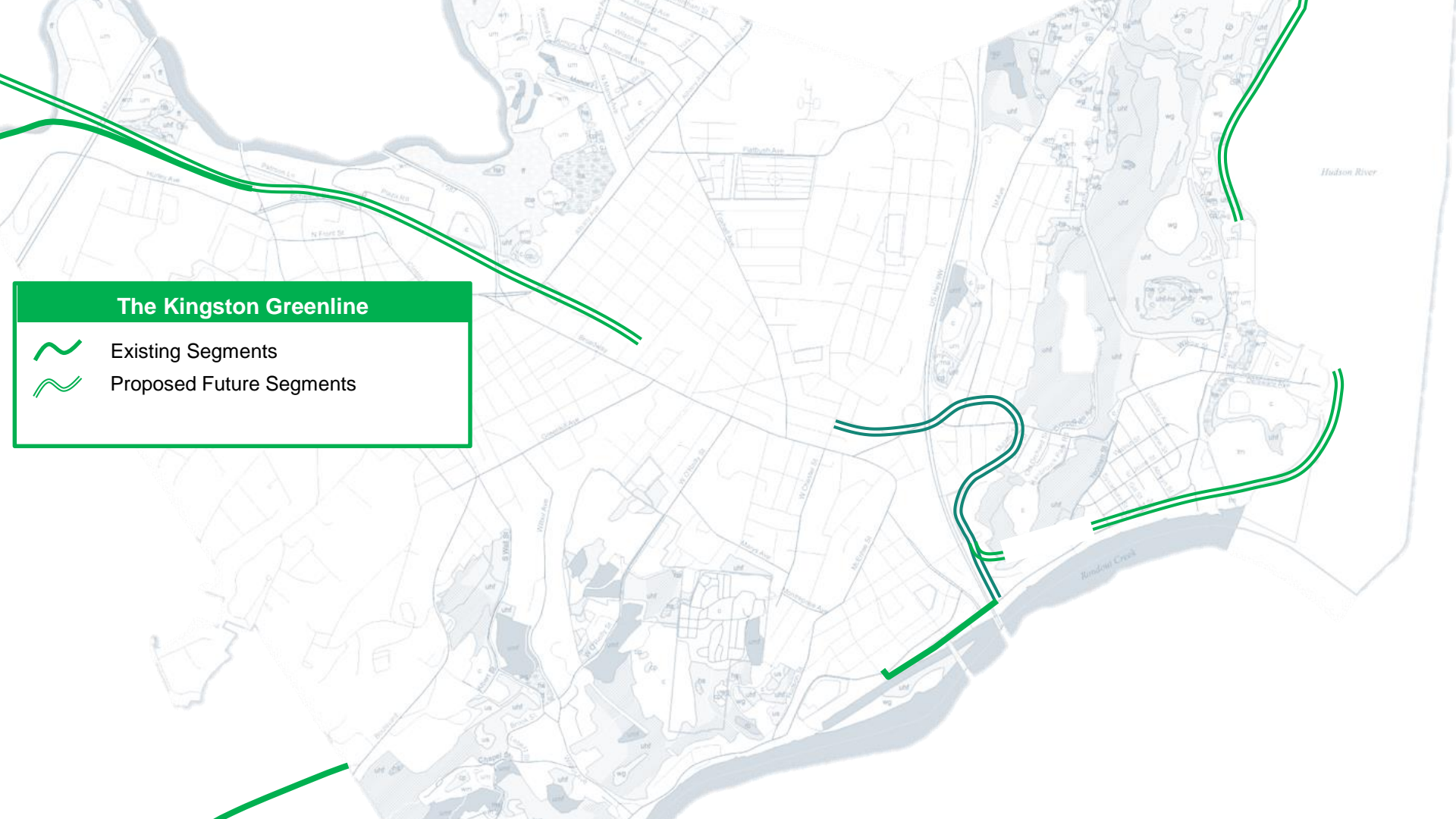
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Walkkill Valley Rail Trail

Planned  
Existing





## The Kingston Greenline



Existing Segments



Proposed Future Segments

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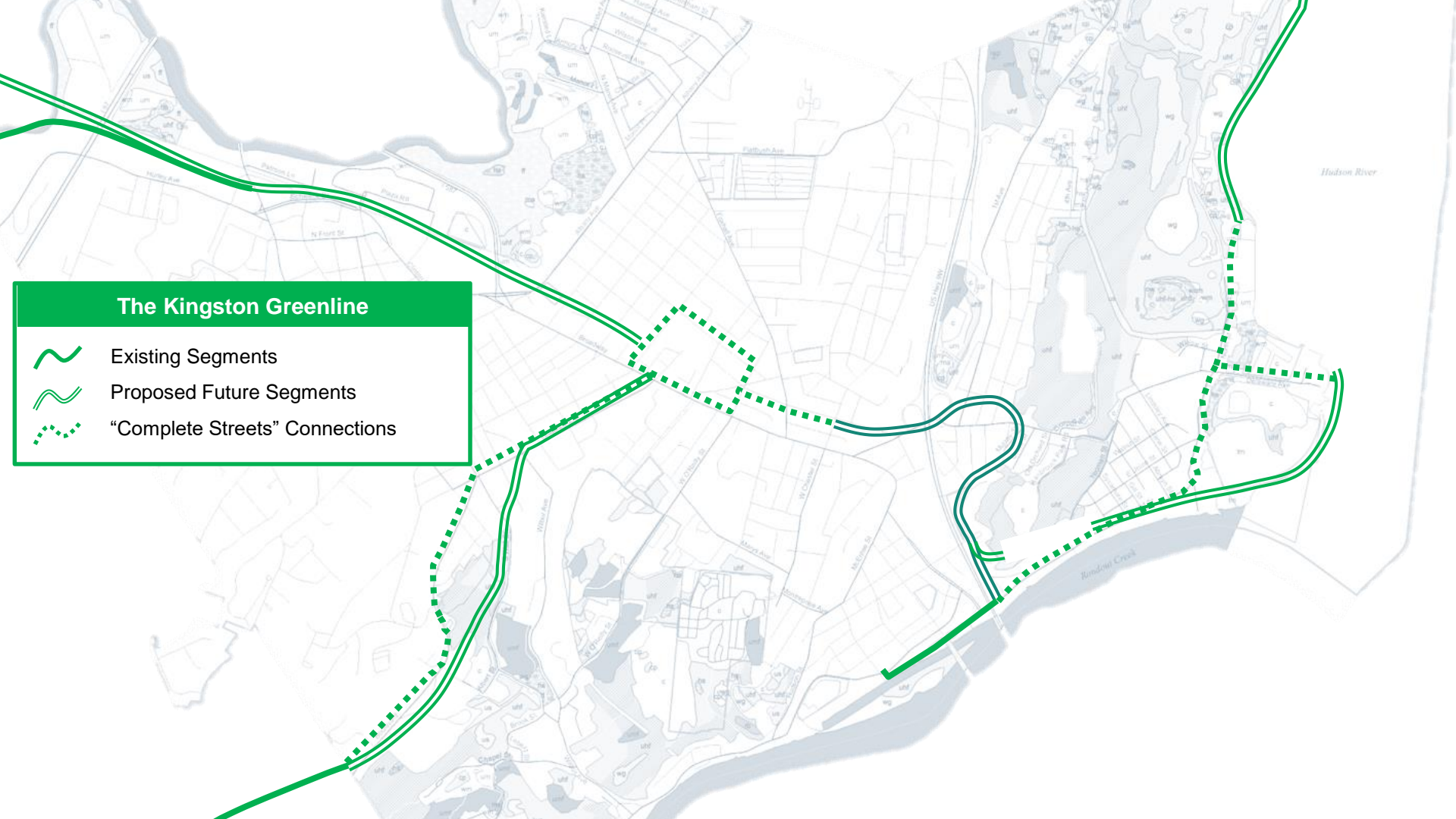
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Proposed Future Segments



"Complete Streets" Connections



# Making the Case for the Greenline

- > **For a stronger economy**  
*It generates economic activity, creates jobs*
- > **For a healthier population**  
*It improves health, combats chronic disease*
- > **For social and environmental justice**  
*It offers greater mobility and access to all*
- > **For quality of life**  
*It attracts and retains people to stabilize our city's urban neighborhoods*



“If you build it, they will come...”



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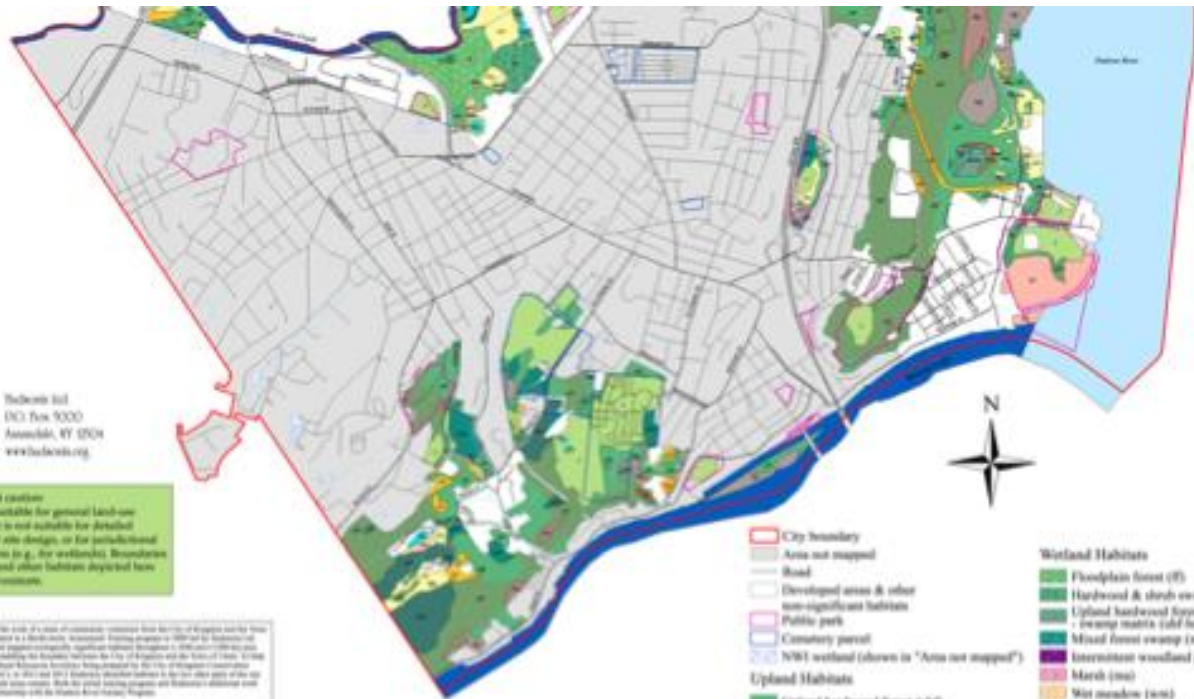
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- City boundary
- Area not mapped
- Road
- Developed areas & other non-significant habitats
- Public park
- Cemetery parcel
- NW1 wetland (shown in "Area not mapped")

#### Upland Habitats

- Upland hardwood forest (uhf)
- Upland mixed forest (umf)
- Upland conifer forest (ucf)
- Rocky terrain (rt)
- Upland shrubland (us)
- Upland meadow (um)
- Orchard/plantation (o/p)
- Cultural (c)
- Waste ground (wg)
- Calcareous crev, ledgs, & talus

#### Wetland Habitats

- Floodplain forest (ff)
- Hardwood & shrub swamp (hs)
- Upland hardwood forest - swamp matrix (uhf/sw)
- Mixed forest swamp (mf)
- Intermittent woodland pool (iw)
- Marsh (m)
- Wet meadow (wm)
- Wet clay meadow (wcm)
- Constructed pond (cp)
- Open water (ow)
- Stream
- Gravel bar (gb)
- Stream

#### Tidal Habitats

- Hudson River
- Tidal marsh (tm)

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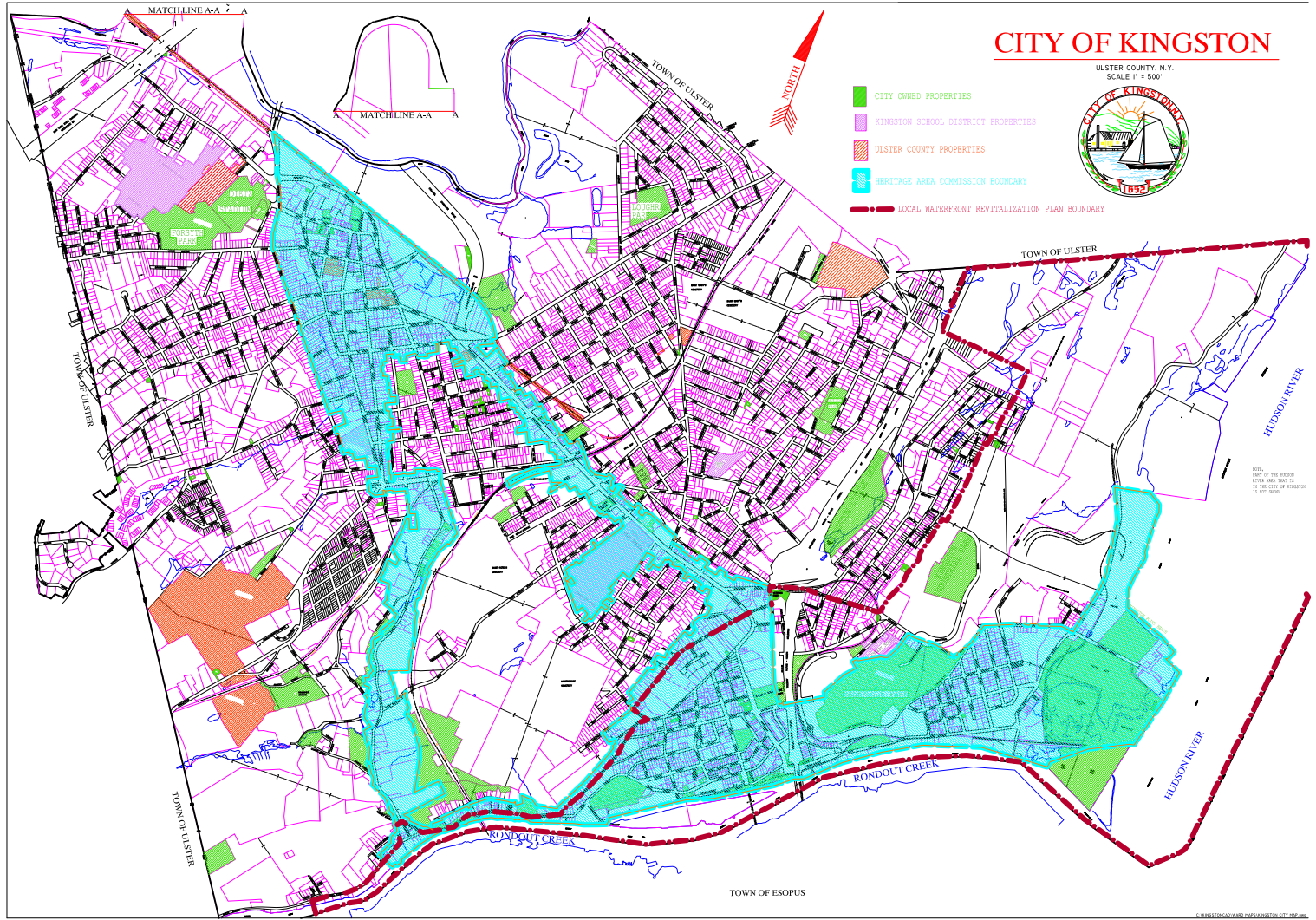
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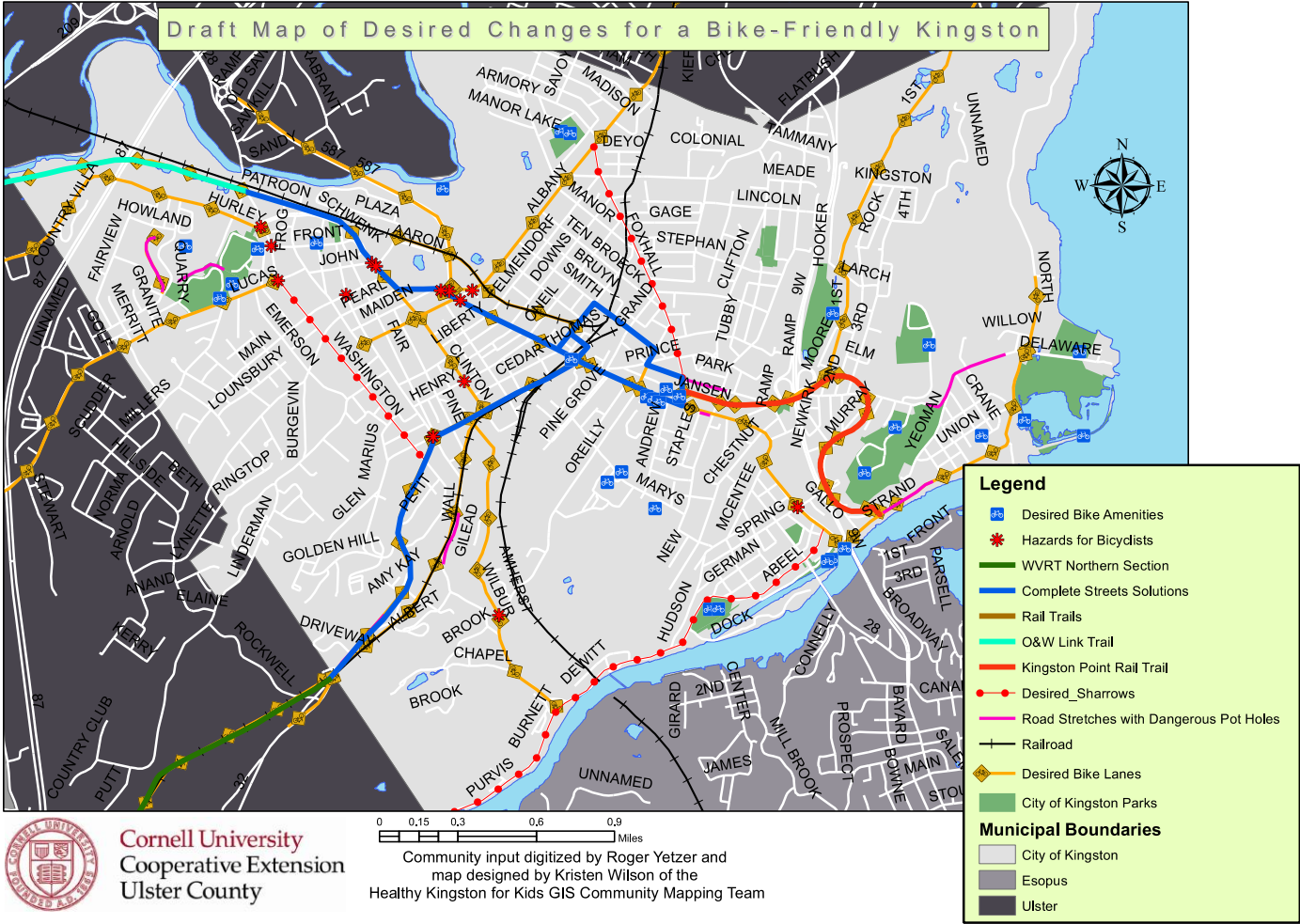


- CITY OWNED PROPERTIES
- KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES
- ULSTER COUNTY PROPERTIES
- HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION BOUNDARY
- LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN BOUNDARY



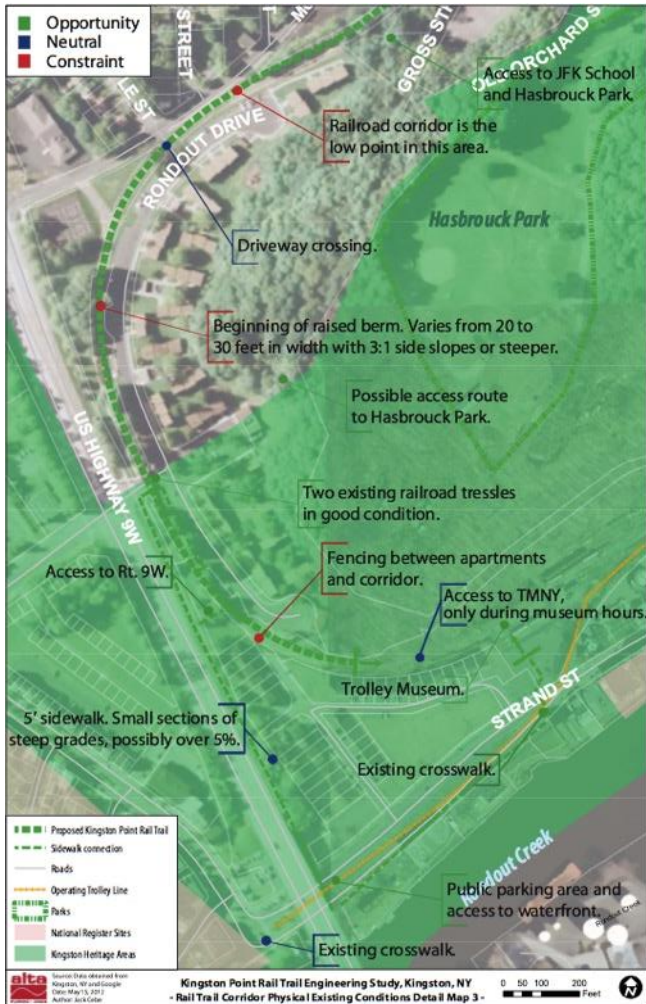
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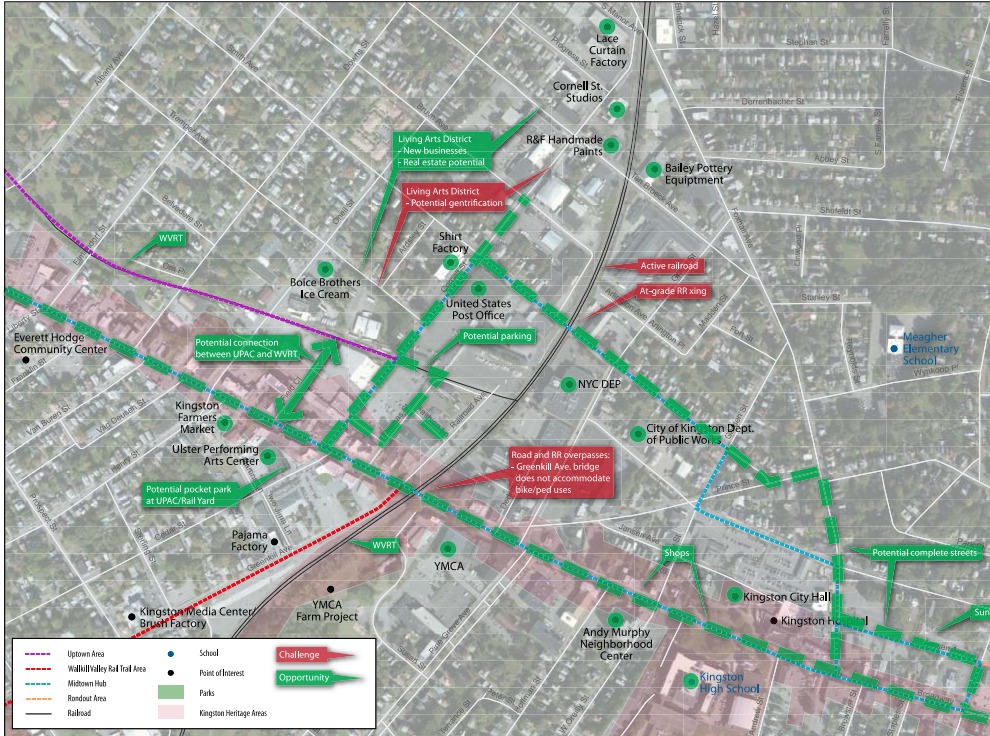
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# Kingston Point Rail Trail Feasibility Study





# Kingston Arts District Conceptual Plan



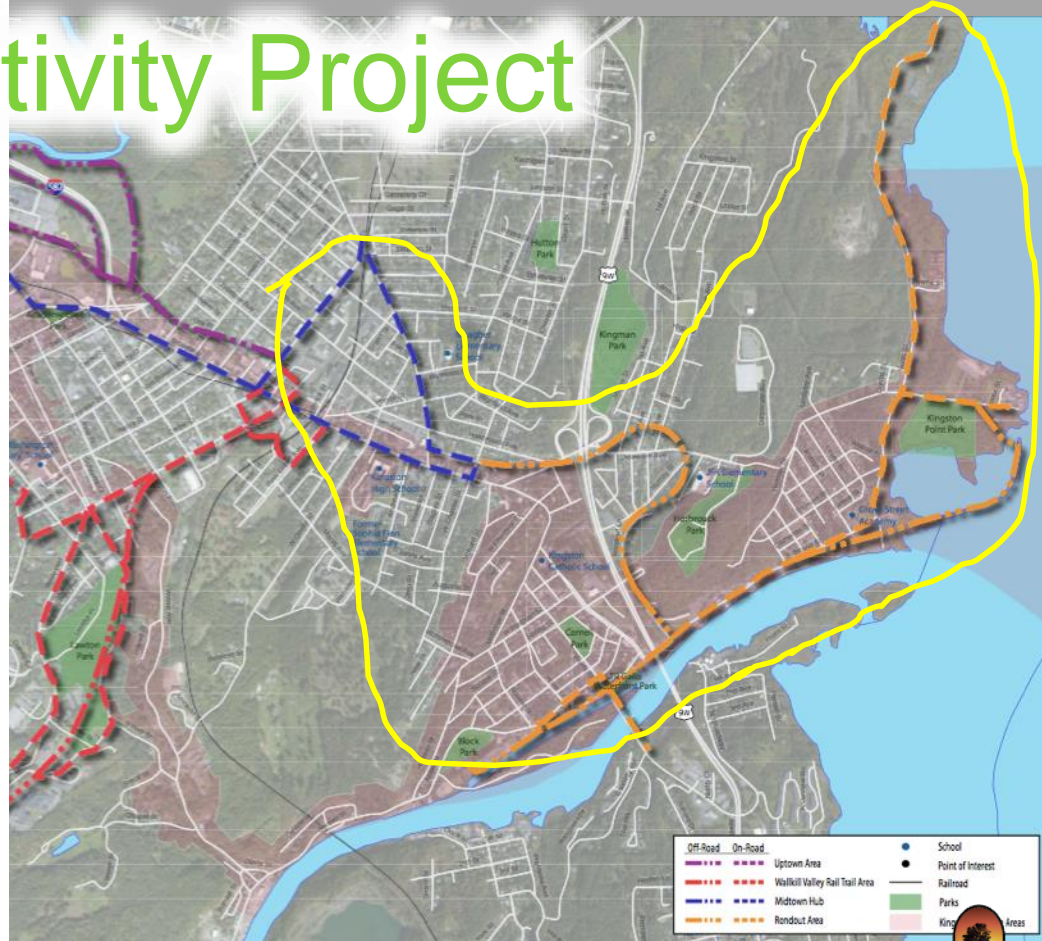
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**Midtown Hub**  
Kingston Greenline System

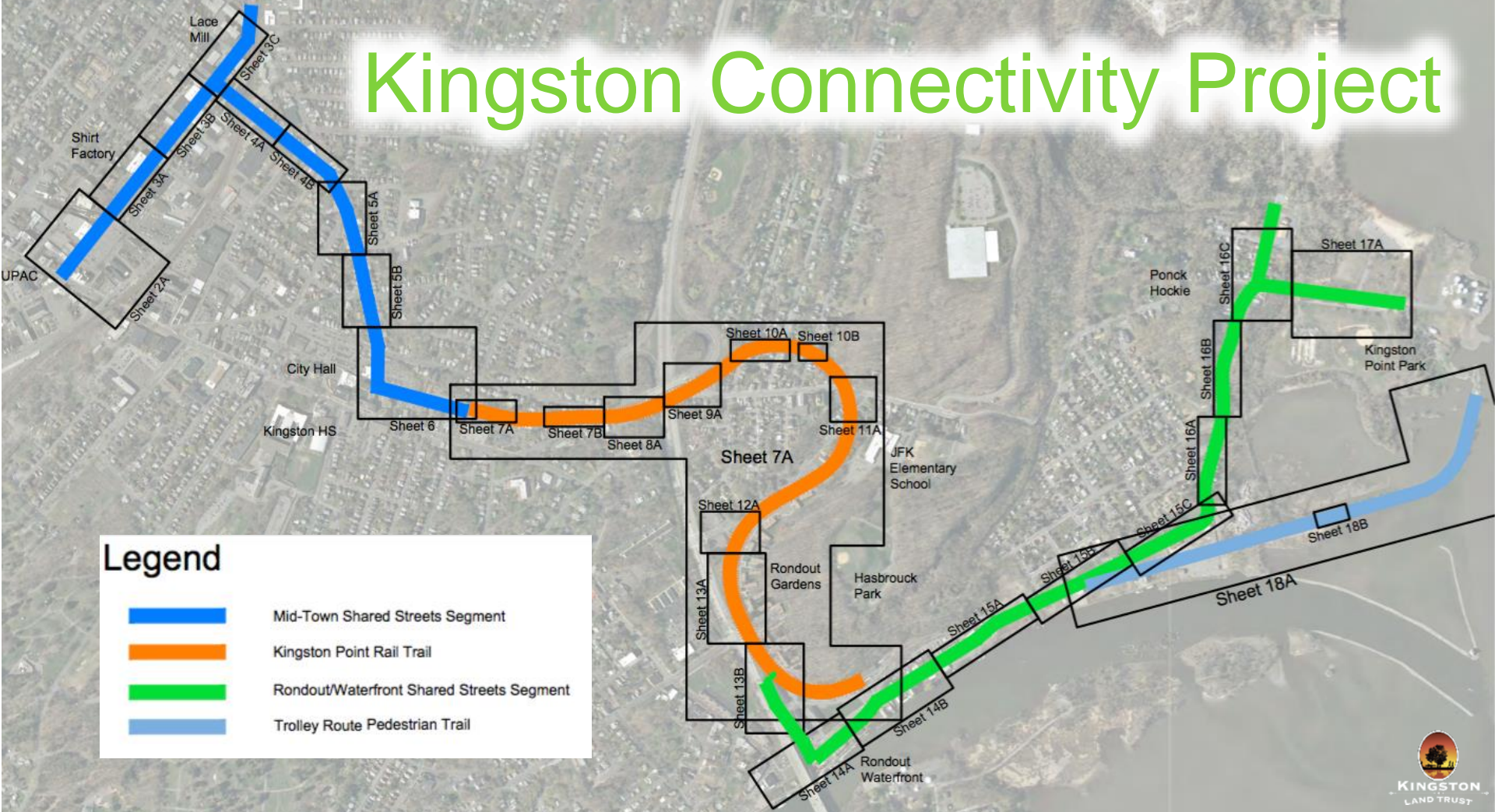


# Kingston Connectivity Project

- > City-led project in partnership with KLT
- > Detailed design phase (Saratoga Associates)
- > Combination of on-street and off-street
- > Approx \$2M in grants received (DOS, OPRHP, Central Hudson)
- > Construction underway!

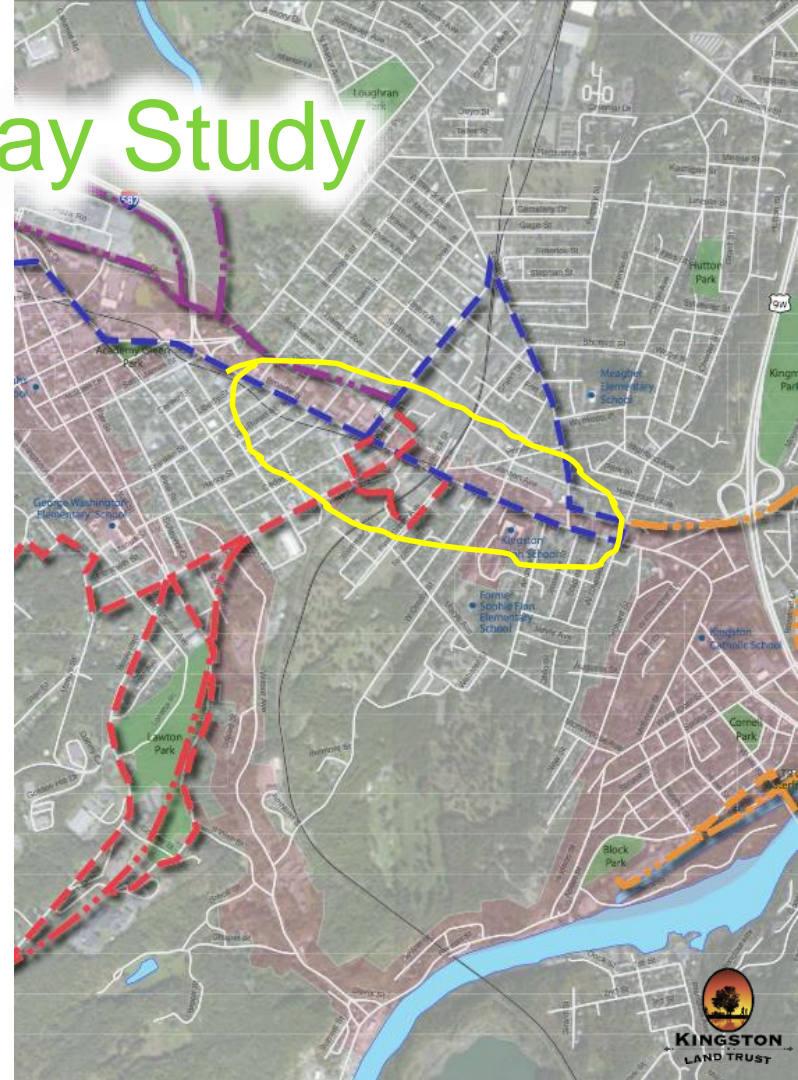


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# Building a Better Broadway Study


- > Approx \$4M in grants awarded in 2013 (NYSERDA, NYSDOT) plus additional funding in 2016
- > Conceptual design fast-tracked with County support
- > City-led detailed design and construction, with KLT support
- > Project involves major re-design of the Broadway corridor – signalization, traffic calming, place-making, green infrastructure



# Building a Better Broadway Concept

**Legend**

Separated Bike Lanes 

Sharrows 

Broadway Plan

**Broadway Phase 1**

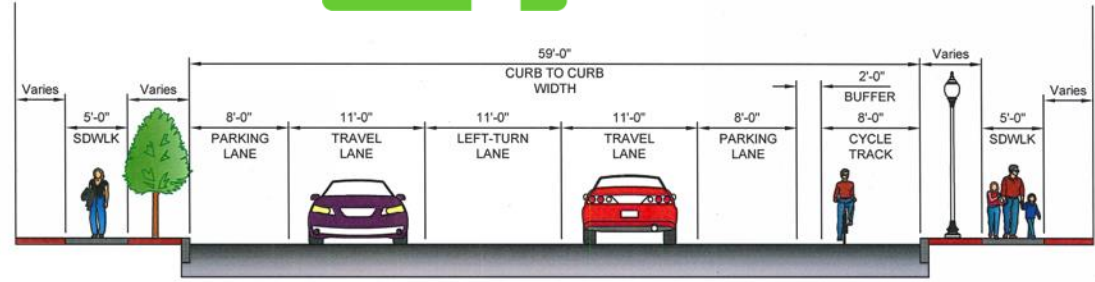




# Building a Better Broadway



New York State  
Department of Transportation

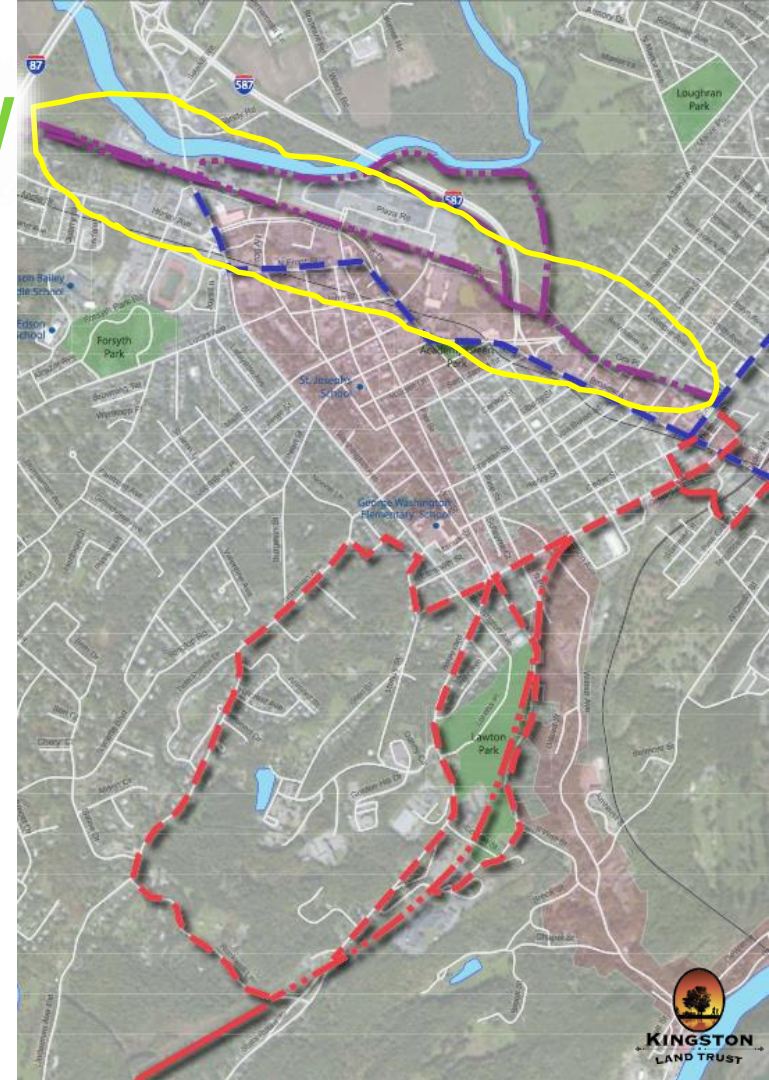


Typical Section W/  
Cycle Track & Parking

- > Preliminary design was rejected by DOT
- > Doesn't adhere to AASHTO standards
- > But FHWA has endorsed NACTO standards
- > Our design complies with NACTO, has been done elsewhere in NYS
- > Need to push DOT for approval

# The U&D and the O&W

- County policy for rail and trail on the U&D between Midtown and Highmount
- County has begun to solicit input for design of Midtown Linear Park!
- Detailed design and site control underway on Kingston O&W Rail Trail
- Construction underway for the Ashokan Trail (from West Hurley to Boiceville – 11.5m)





# The Ashokan Trail & the U&D Corridor



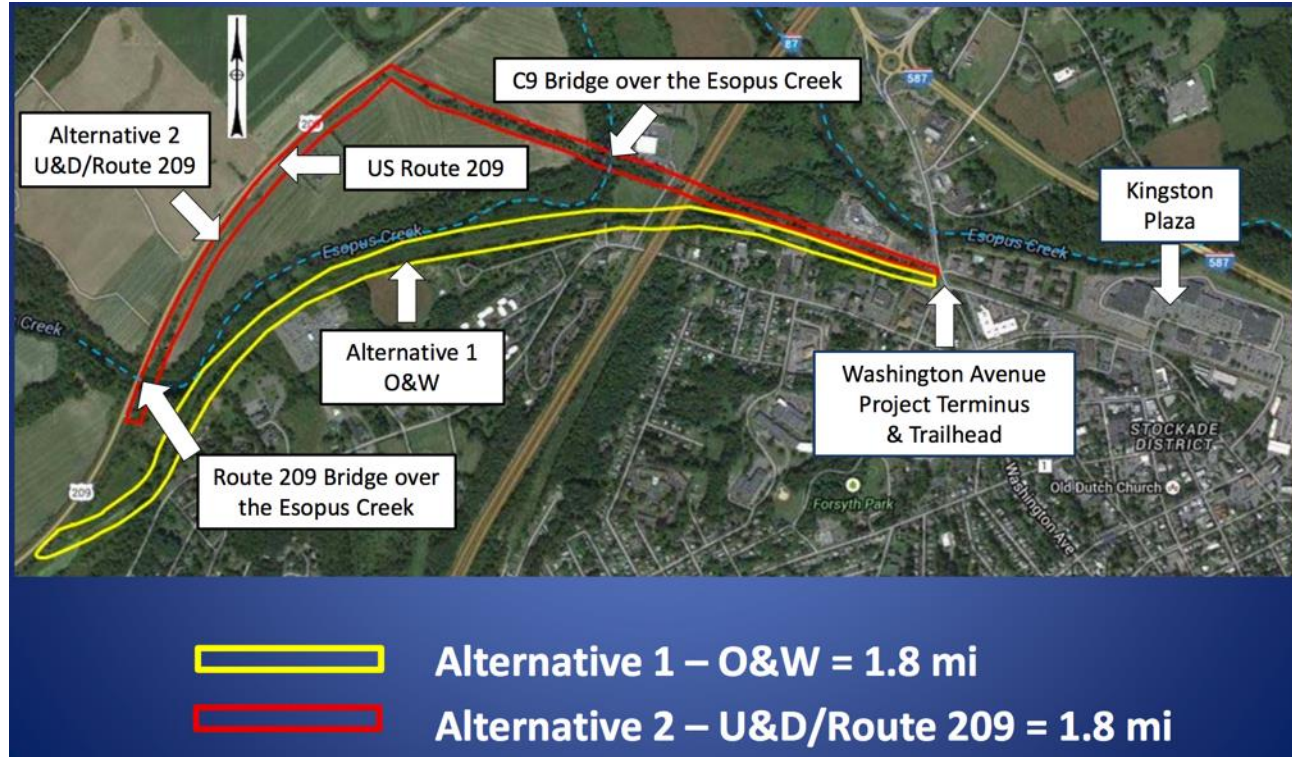
# Ulster County Midtown Linear Park





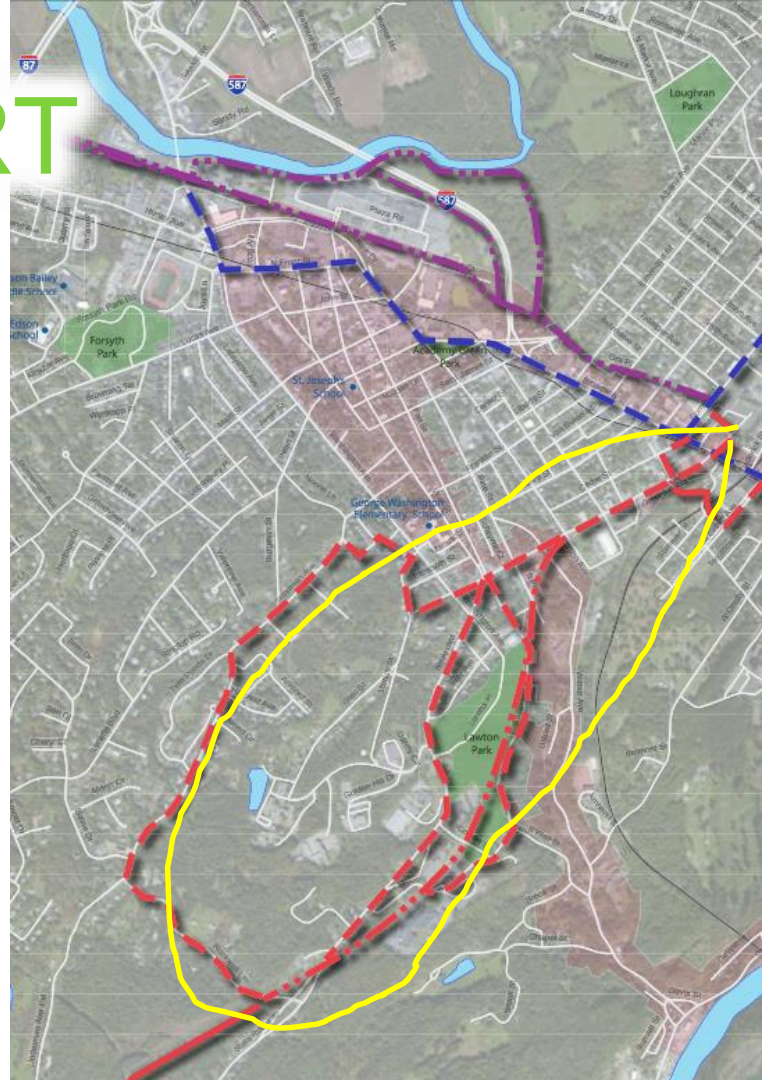
# The Kingston O&W Rail Trail

- > Alternative 1 Selected
- > ROW Process Underway
- > Final Design Q2 2016
- > Construction 2019/2020



# Connecting to the WVRT

- Lots of ROW issues – corridor sold to adjacent property owners
- Few attractive alternatives – Rte 32, Linderman Ave
- Critical link to connect Northern and Southern Ulster County!
- Empire State Trail is jumpstarting on-street connections!





# Kingston Greenline

## Project Status

For more details visit: [kingston-ny.gov/kingstongreenline/](http://kingston-ny.gov/kingstongreenline/)

O&W/HURLEY  
RAIL TRAIL  
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#10 Kingston Rail Trail Project

### PROJECTS STATUS

- Planning Phase
- Design Phase
- Build Phase
- Open

### OTHER INFO

- Empire State Trail
- # Project Number
- Roads
- CSX Railroad
- ★ Trail Head
- Parks
- Water

**PLANNING** - Set goals for project and develop conceptual plans.

**DESIGN** - Choose exact routes and infrastructure elements. Create design plans and engineering construction documents.

**BUILD** - Construct the project based on the engineering documents.

**OPEN** - Routes are open for use.



- #1 AVR Hudson Landing Promenade Project
- #2 Kingston Point Rail Trail - Trolley Section
- #3 Waterfront Shared Streets
- #4a Kingston Point Rail Trail Phase 1
- #4b Kingston Point Rail Trail Phase 2
- #5 Hasbrouck Delaware Parklet
- #6 Midtown Shared Streets
- #7 Broadway Streetscape Project
- #8 Walkkill Valley Rail Trail Extension Studies
- #9 Ulster County Midtown Linear Park
- #10 Kingston Rail Trail Project
- #11 NYSDOT I-587 Roundabout Project
- #12 NYSDOT Empire State Trail Project South
- #13 NYSDOT Empire State Trail Project North



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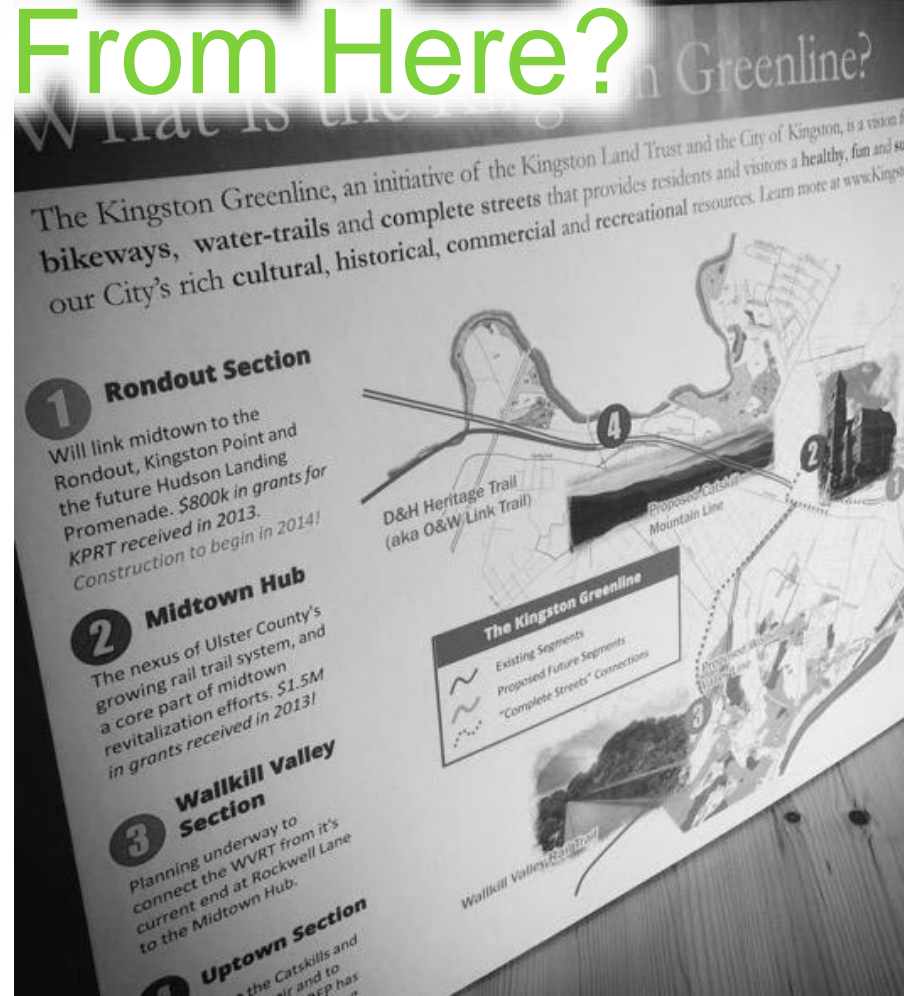


# Lessons Learned

- > Partnerships are critical, but that doesn't mean they're easy
- > You can never do enough engagement and advocacy
- > We need a top-down AND a bottom-up approach

# Where Do We Go From Here?

- > **Advocacy and Engagement**  
*Coalition-building, neighborhood outreach, growing the grassroots...*
- > **Corridor Development**  
*WVRT extension to midtown, CMRT, O&W Connector, Hudson Landing Promenade*
- > **Design and Construction**  
*City and KLT-led design process, KPRT construction, B'way signals & enhancements*
- > **Maintenance and Management**  
*Comprehensive management plan, organizational development, fundraising*





# Join the Movement!

- > Help us advocate for trails and complete streets as a way to improve public health
- > Become a volunteer to help with events and clean-ups
- > Sign up for notices and announcements and learn more about the Greenline at [www.KingstonGreenline.org](http://www.KingstonGreenline.org)
- > Follow us on Facebook [www.Facebook.com/KingstonGreenline](http://www.Facebook.com/KingstonGreenline)
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these trails!