



# Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

Town of Aurora Community Overview



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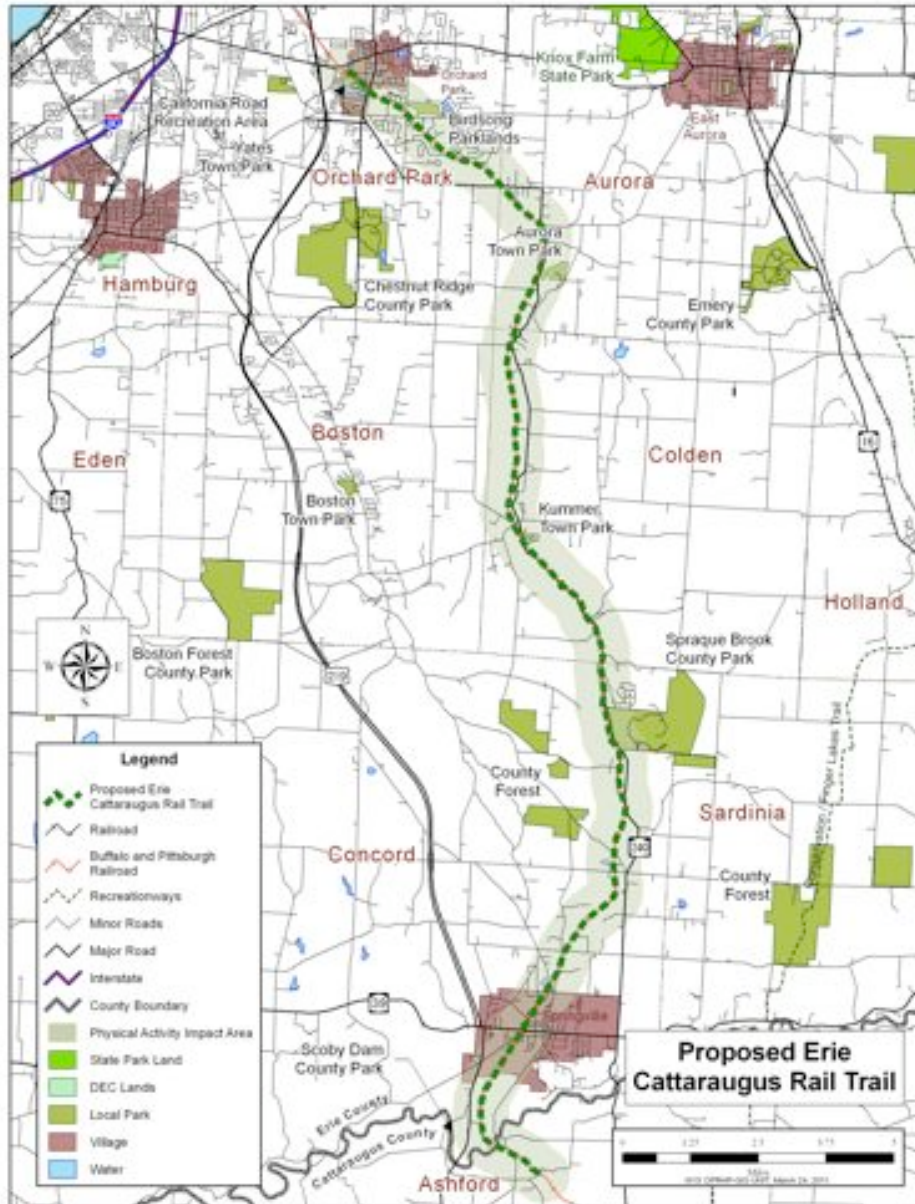
## Project Proposal

Development of a 26+ mile rail trail on the abandoned section of the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad

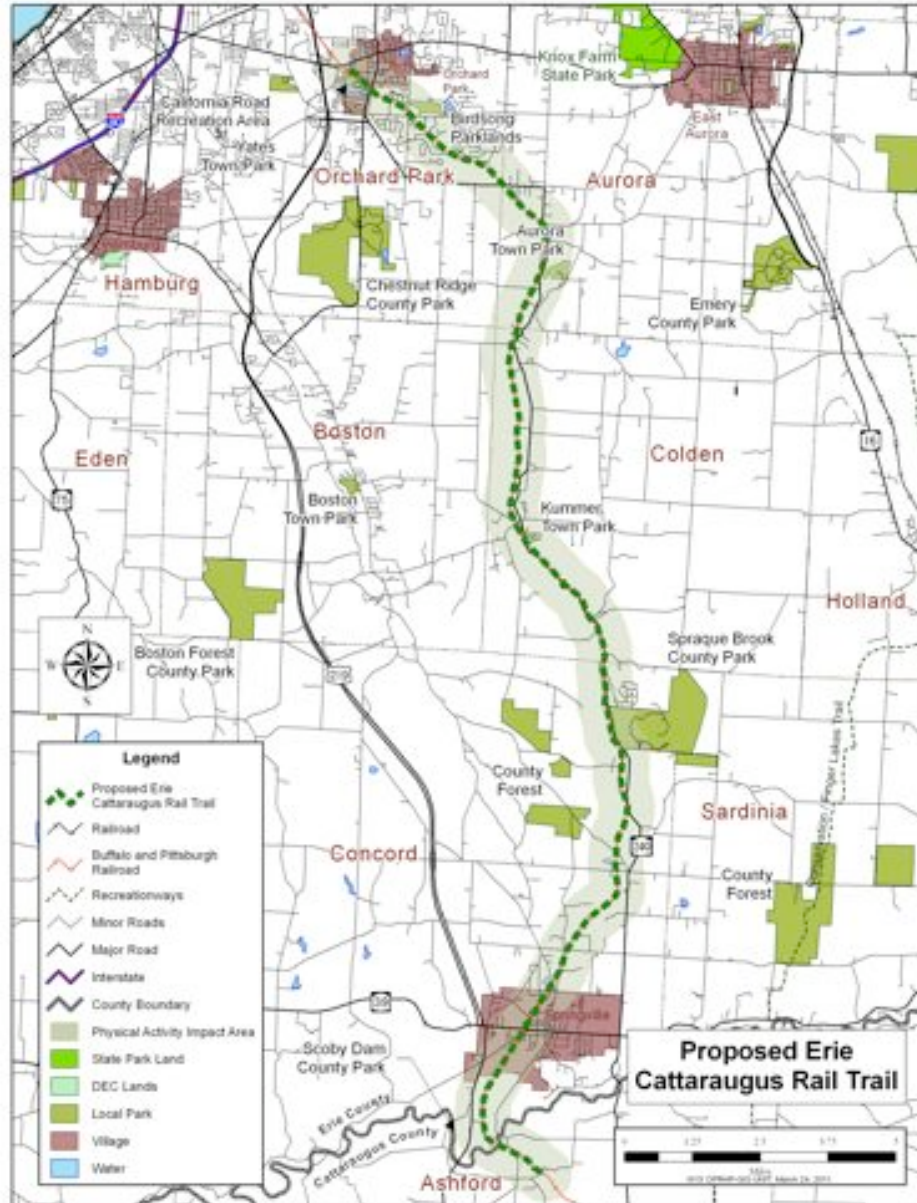
Between Orchard Park & Ashford NY  
Connects 5 towns, 2 villages, 1 hamlet

Provide non-motorized recreation:

- Hiking, Biking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snow Shoeing
- Equestrian Activities
- Nature Appreciation



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## Proposed Site

Erie County:

Village of Orchard Park

Town of Orchard Park

Town of Aurora

Hamlet of West Falls

Town of Colden

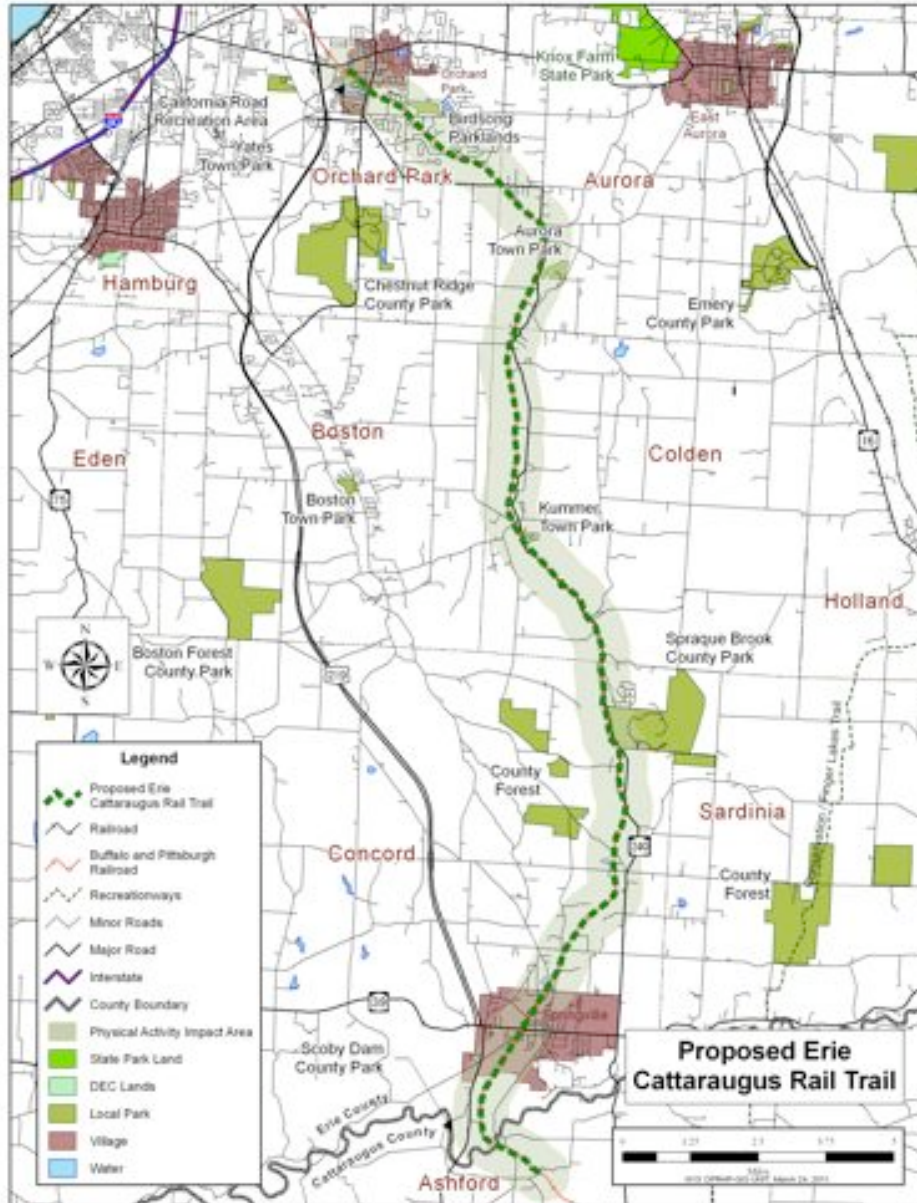
Town of Concord

Village of Springville

Cattaraugus County:

Town of Ashford

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## COMMUNITY PROFILE:

- Community Demographics
- ROW Location & Condition
- Adjacent Property
- Review 6 Health Factors
  - Transportation
  - Education
  - Community
  - Health and Lifestyle
  - Environment
  - Economic Development
- Barriers To Trails
- Strategies Supporting Development

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#### DEMOGRAPHICS

13,504 population 2009

25% under 18

17% 65 and older

3.5% HH below poverty line

20.2% HH < \$25,000

1,114 acres park

Source: Regional Knowledge Network 2011  
2009 Population estimate  
EC GIS Mapping System

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**2 Bridges:** ●  
Mile 14.78; 6'.0" Rail Top  
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Both are cattle pass and built in 1913

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#### ADJACENT PROPERTY

94 parcels

60 residential\*

17 vacant

4 commercial

3 industrial

4 private forest

1 religious

5 no classification

\* 47 single family, 2 two family, 4 multi family,  
1 apartment, 6 rural residential

Source: Erie County, NY GIS mapping service 2011



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### TRANSPORTATION

ROW follows Route 240

Road Crossings at grade ●

(1) Ellicott Road

(2) Old Glenwood Road

(1) Behm Road

No Creek Crossing

Short length of sidewalk on

Rt. 240 near Bridge Street ■

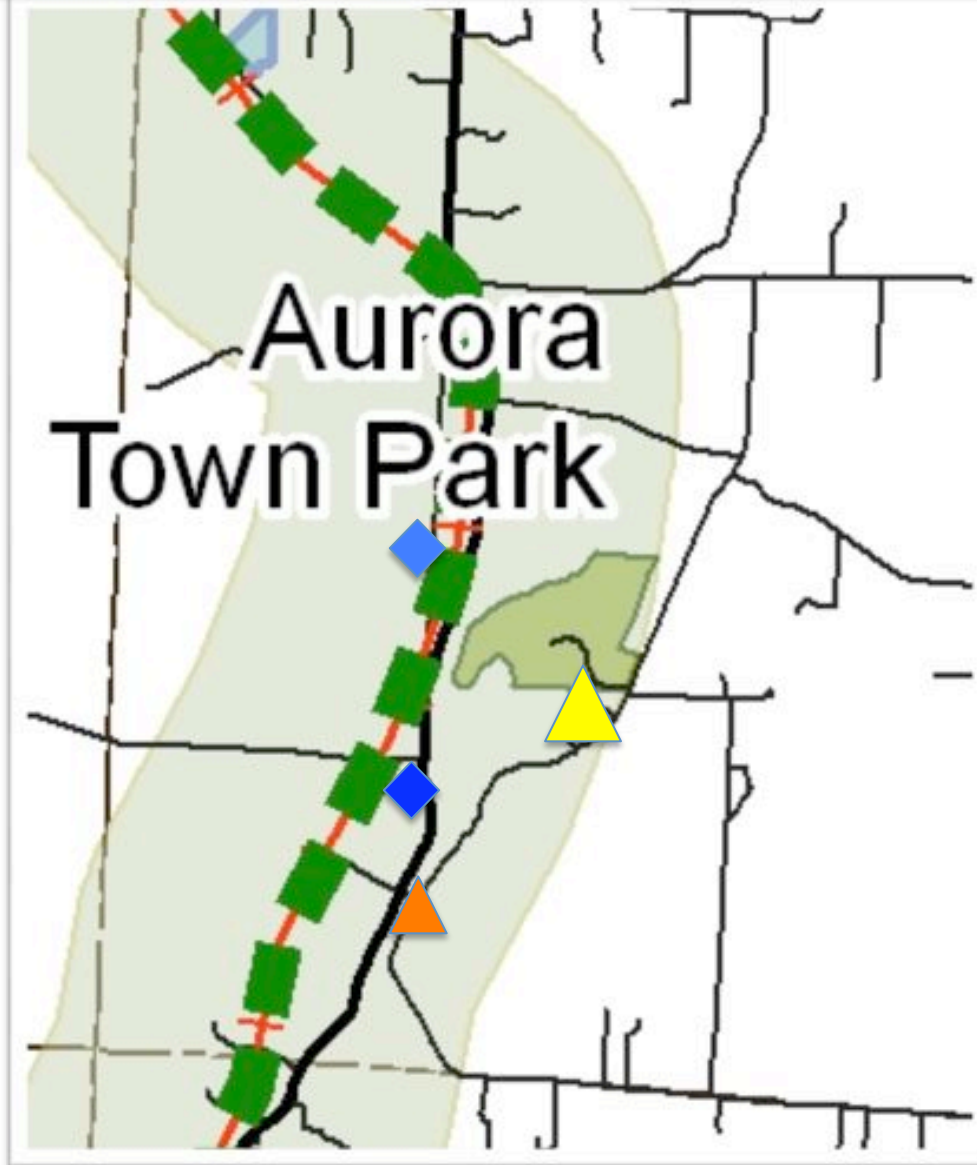
No sidewalks on side roads

Bicyclists use road shoulders

No bus stops or park & ride

No alternative transportation

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### EDUCATION

Near to:

Waldorf School 

West Falls Bible Church 

St George RC Church 

Community Library 

Connects to other towns:

Colden Elementary

Springville-Griffith High School

OP South Davis Elementary

Not Connected to:

Town of Aurora Public schools

Local Pre-school or Day-care

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#### COMMUNITY

##### Connects To:

- Hamlet of West Falls 
- Small Business District
- WF Conservation Club
- Community Library
- Churches
- Restaurants
- Ski and Bike shops

##### Near to:

- Waldorf School 
- Aurora Town Park

##### Connects Community To:

- Orchard Park, Colden, Concord and Springville business districts,
- Ski and recreation areas

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### HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

- Promotes physical activity
- Provides access to views & nature
- Builds community connections
- Reduces isolation
- Stop nuisance activity on ROW
- Provides a non-motorized route

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### ENVIRONMENT

Adjacent to the West Branch  
Of Cazenovia Creek

Preserves a biological corridor  
Connects habitats  
Near to Aurora Town Park

Regular trail maintenance will  
address drainage, windfall, dumping  
and other property concerns

Provides and active commuting route

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### **ECONOMIC DEVELOP.**

Passes through the Hamlet of West Falls and its business district.

Within the Southtown Scenic Byway a NY State tourism development site

Site For Year Round Activity

Spring-Summer: hiking, biking

Fall: foliage viewing

Winter: x-country skiing and snow shoeing

Attract local and non-local users

Support local business and  
New business development

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### **BARRIERS**

Lack Of Political Support

Adjacent Resident Opposition

Gun Club Opposition

**NIMBY**

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### STRATEGIES TO TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Increase Community Awareness

Develop A Local Support Group

Involve the Entire Community In Trail Vision and Design

Get Community Leader Support

Identify Local Funding Sources



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