



Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

Orchard Park Community Profile 2011



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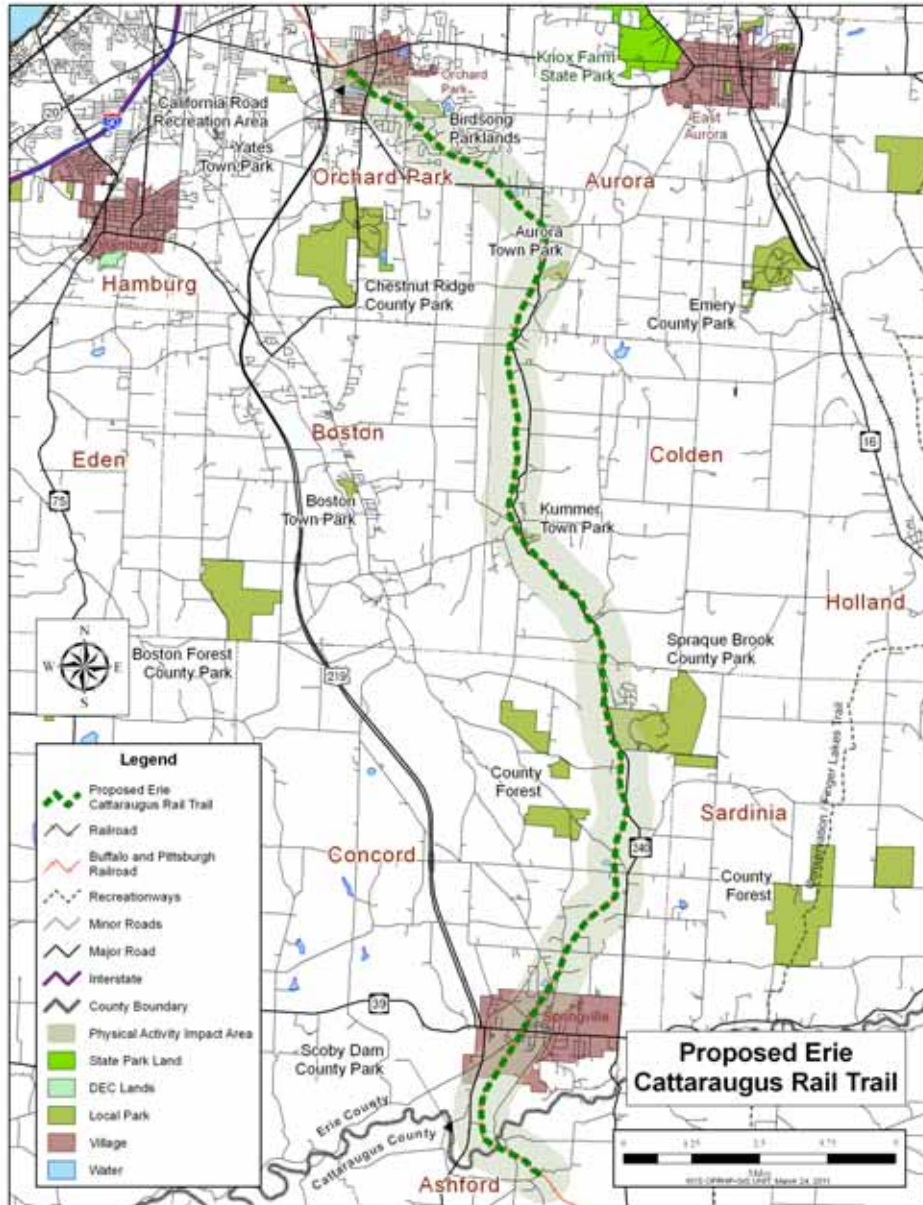
Project Proposal

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

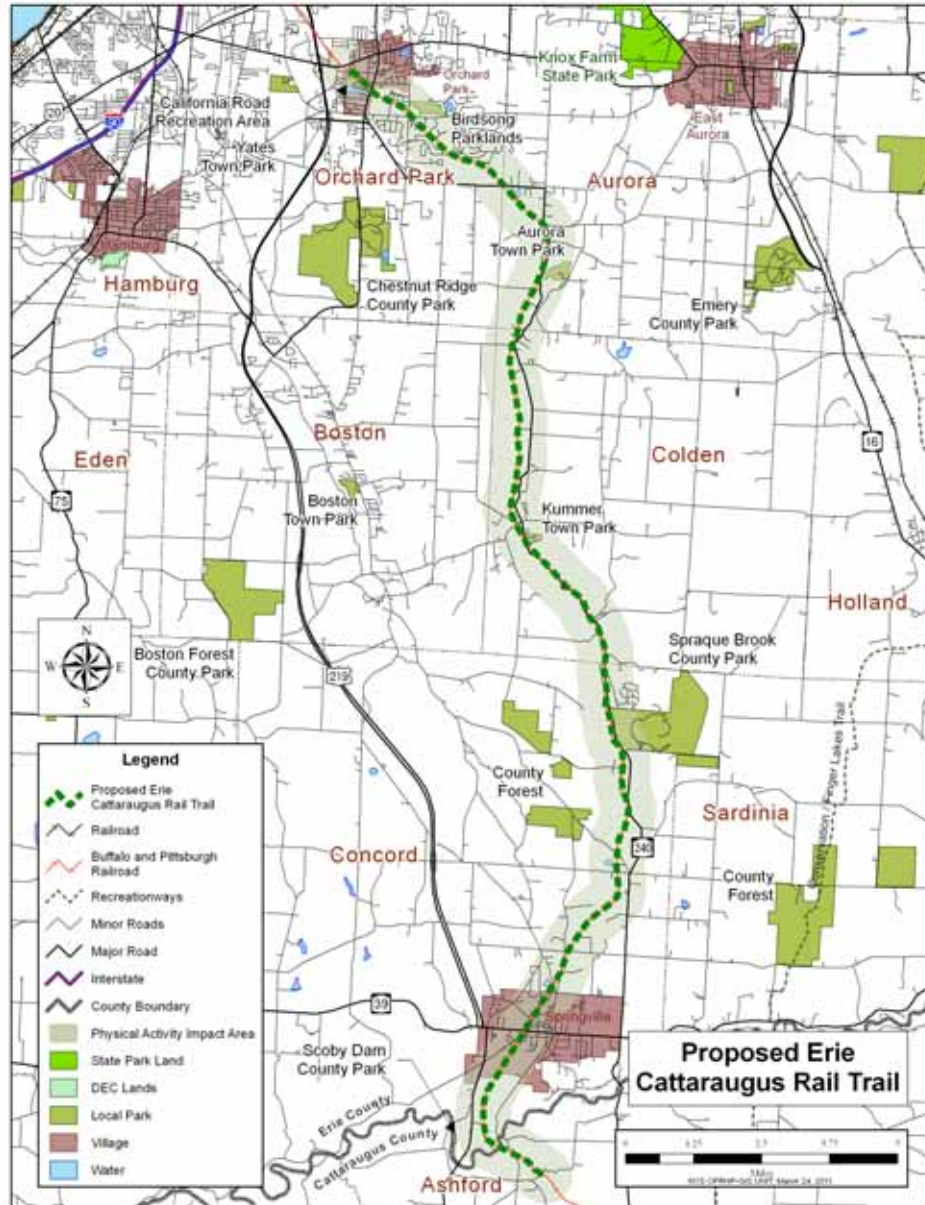
Between Orchard Park & Ashford NY
Connects 5 towns, 2 villages, 1 hamlet

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

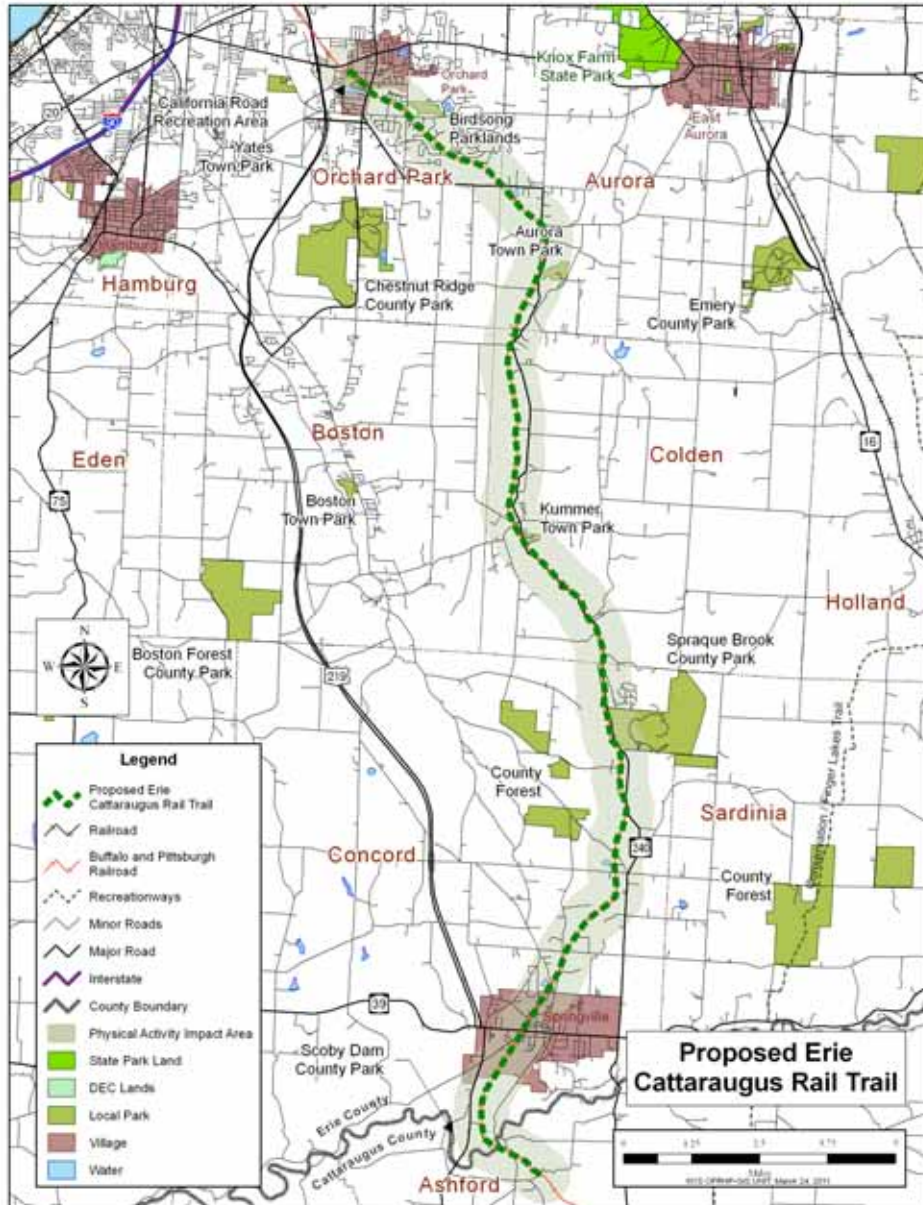
Town of Concord

Village of Springville

Cattaraugus County:

Town of Ashford

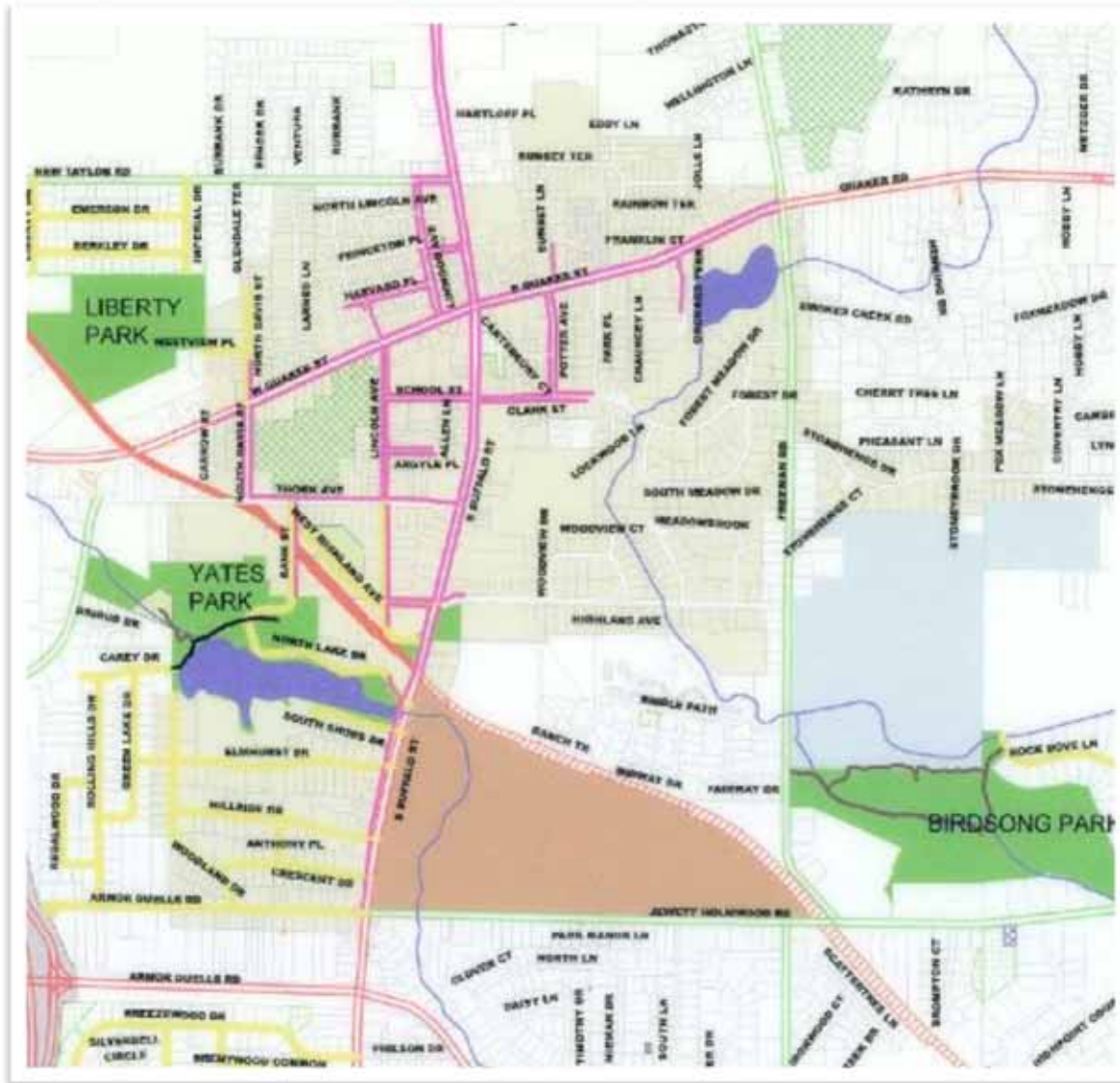
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COMMUNITY PROFILE:

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

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Village of Orchard Park Erie County

DEMOGRAPHICS

3,039 population 2009

23% under 18

20% 65 and older

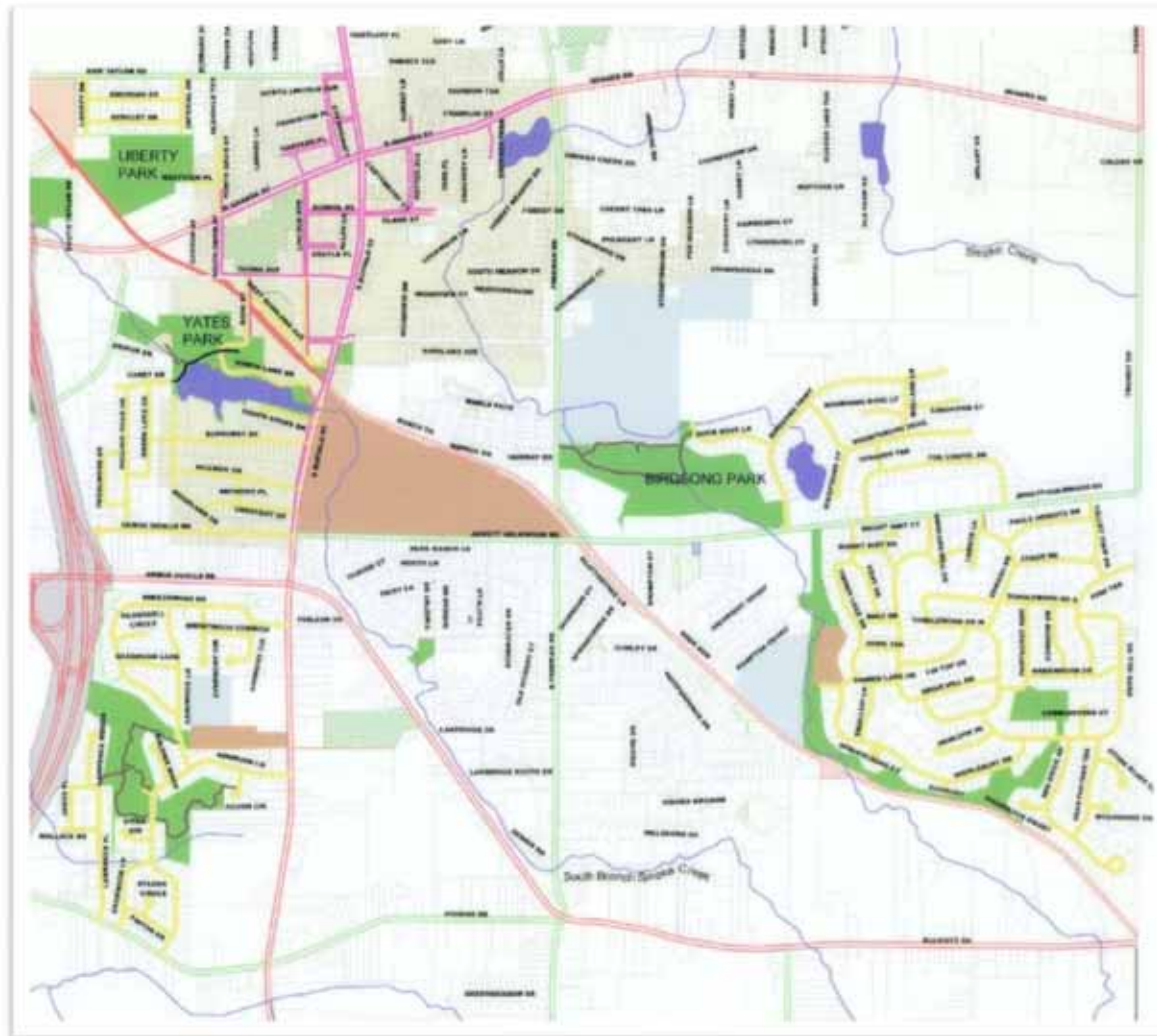
2.6% HH < poverty line

20.6% HH income < \$25,000

57.6 acres of park

Source: Regional Knowledge Network 2011
2009 Population estimate

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DEMOGRAPHICS

28,607 population 2009

25,568 outside Village

25% under 18

17% 65 and older

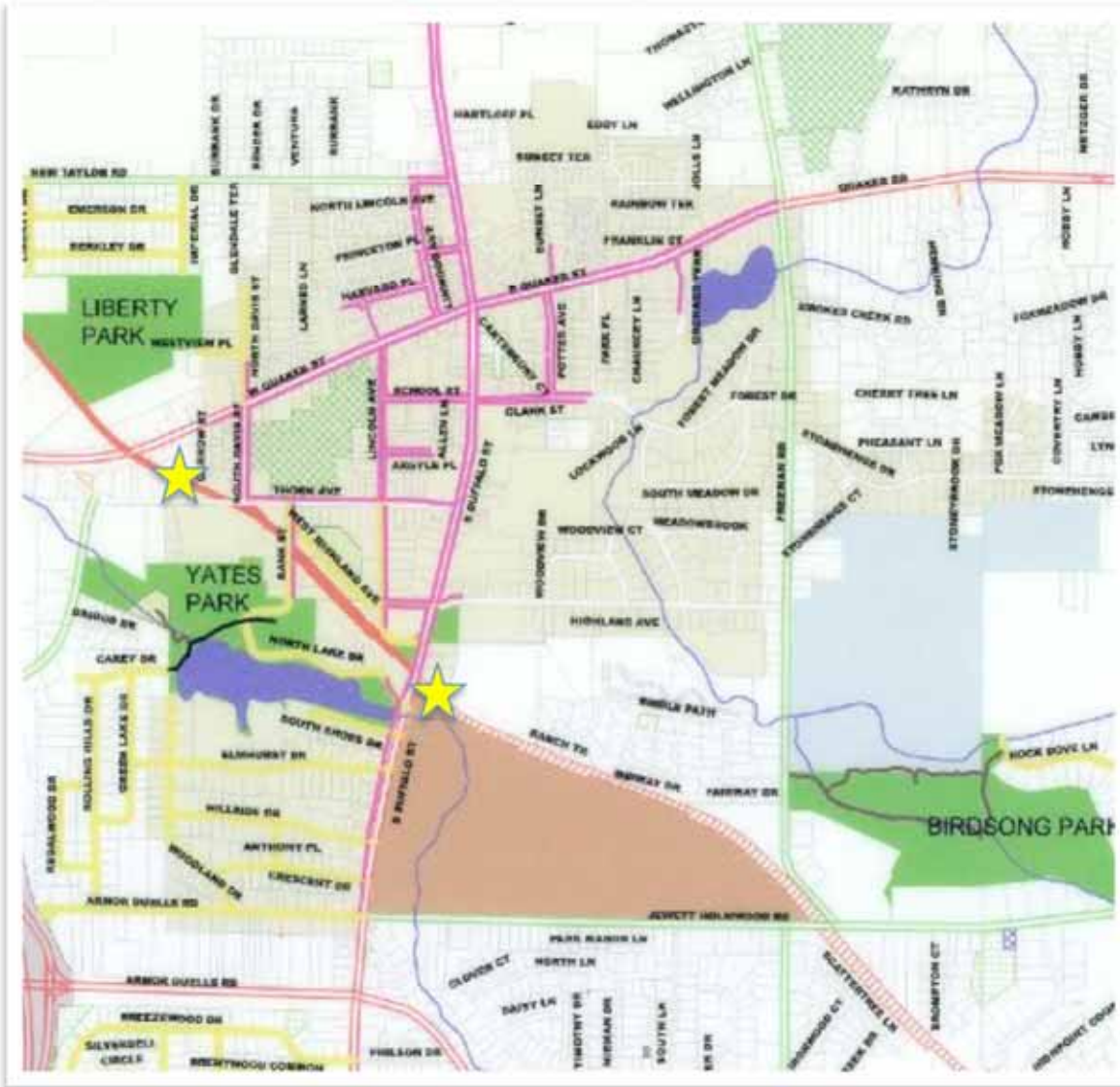
3.1% HH below poverty line

15.4% HH income < \$25,000

1,611 acres park

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

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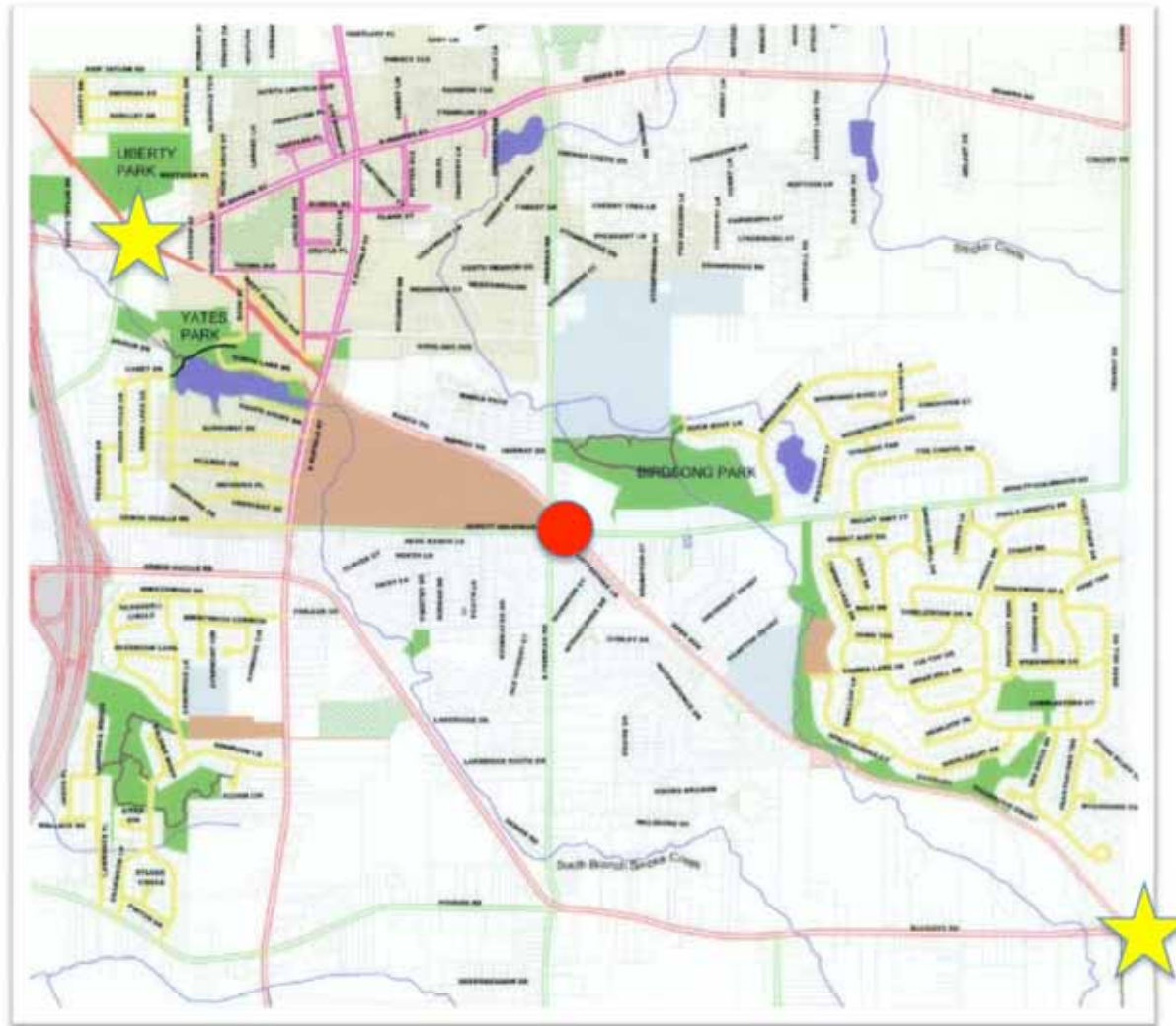
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Length: .5 miles ★

Location: SW Village Center
Most northern starting point
of the proposed rail trail.

Condition: Rail service is ended
The track and ties remain in
place.

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Length: 3.0 miles ★

Location: North of village center
to the SE border of town.

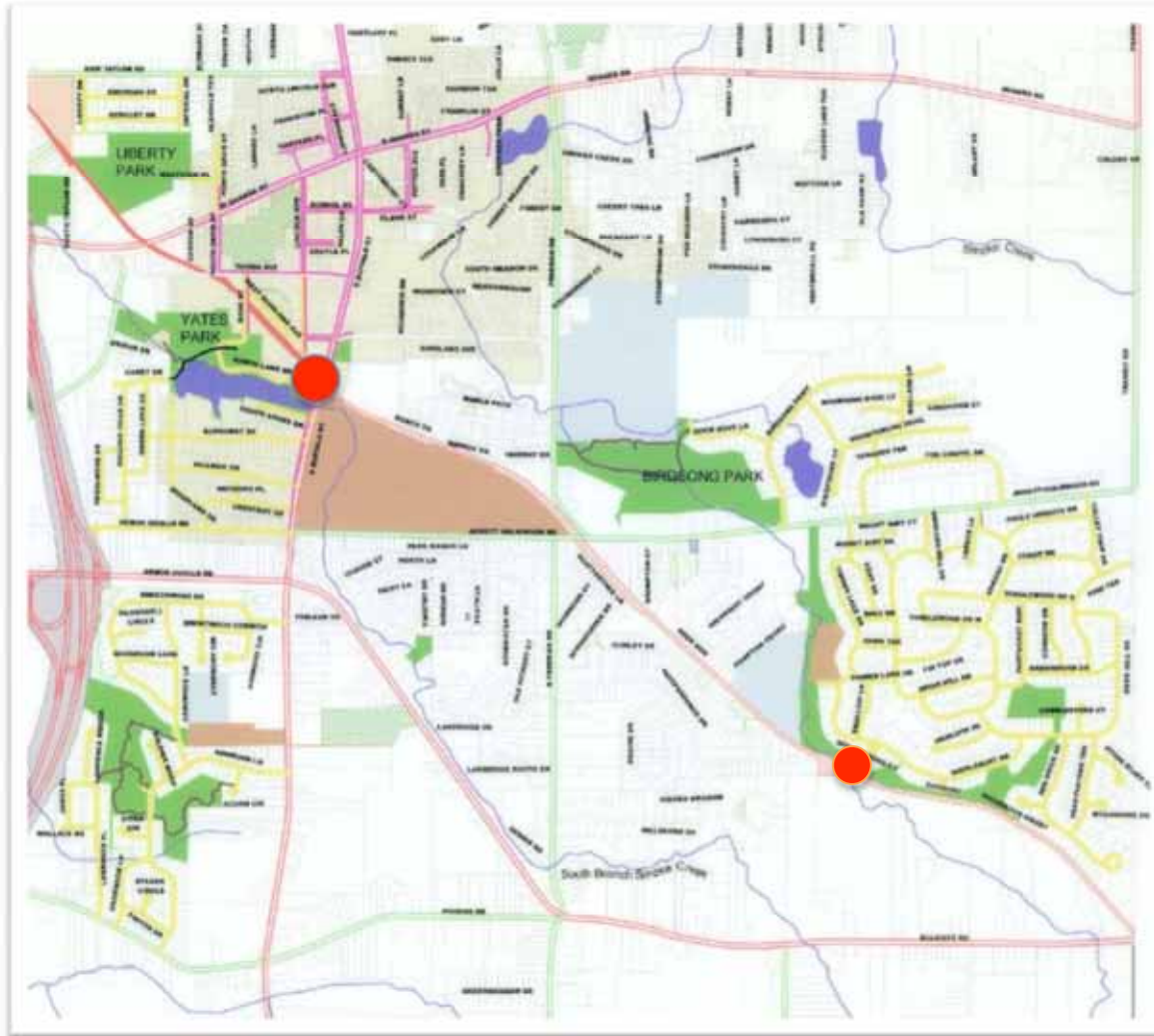
Condition: Rail service is ended
The track and ties remain in
place from Jewett-Holmwood ●
north into the village.
The track and ties are removed
from Jewett-Holmwood south
to the Town of Aurora.

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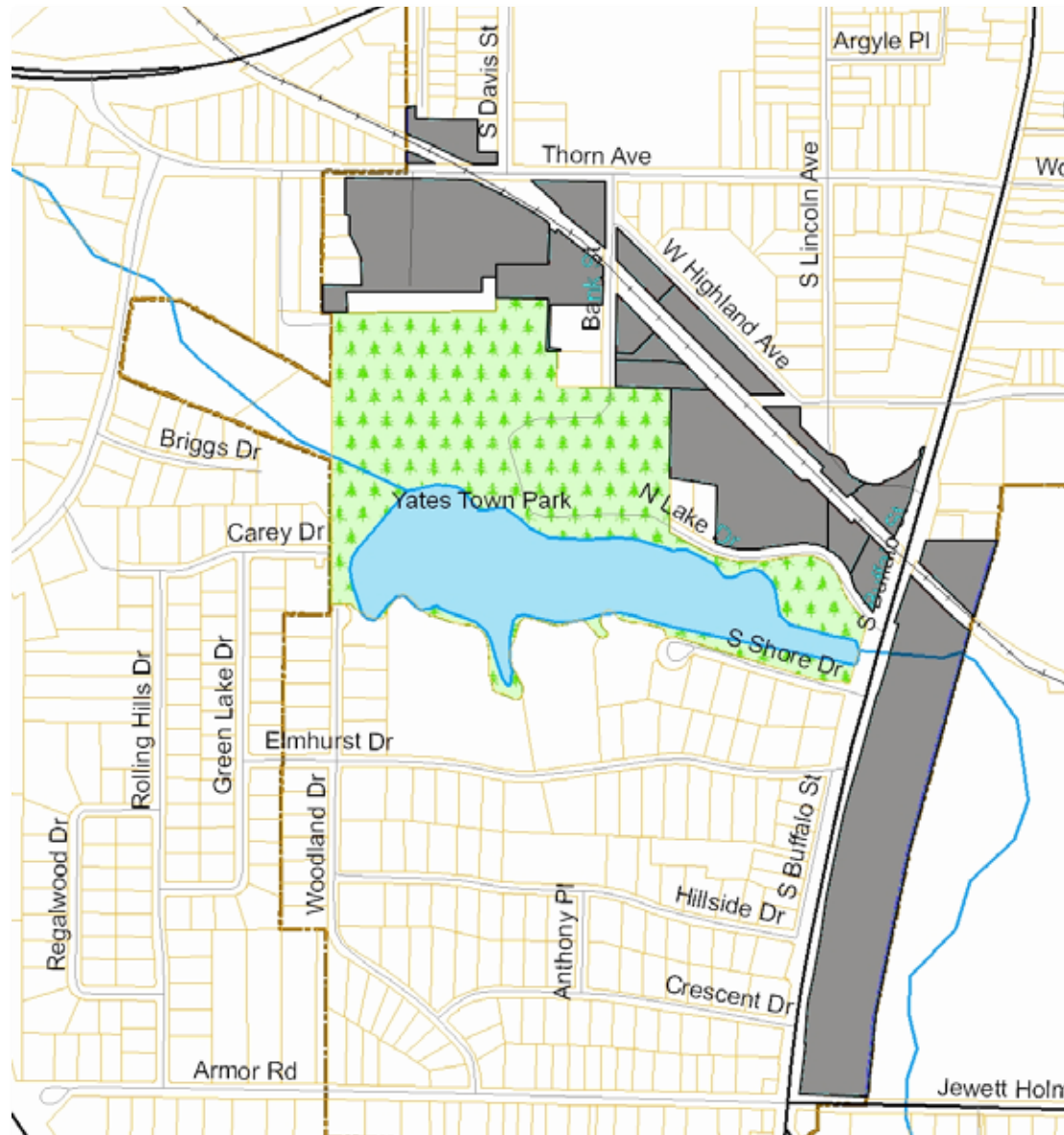
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Bridges: 2 ●

Mile	Type	Length	Crossing	Year Built
9.02	Through Plate Girder	93'-6"	Rt 272	1968
11.03	Concrete Arch	12'-0"	Stream	1910



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Village of Orchard Park Erie County

ADJACENT PROPERTY

17 parcels

1 residential, single

3 residential, multi

1 vacant

8 commercial

1 OP Country Club

1 WNYRRHS

1 town

1 village

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TRANSPORTATION

3 Major Road Crossings

- Rt. 240 – RR bridge over
- Bank Street - at grade
- Thorn Ave - at grade

Connects to Village Sidewalks

Near to 219 Park and Ride ★

Multiple Access Points

Potential Trail Head Sites

Potential Parking Sites for Users

Track and Ties Remain On ROW

B&PR is active North of 20A

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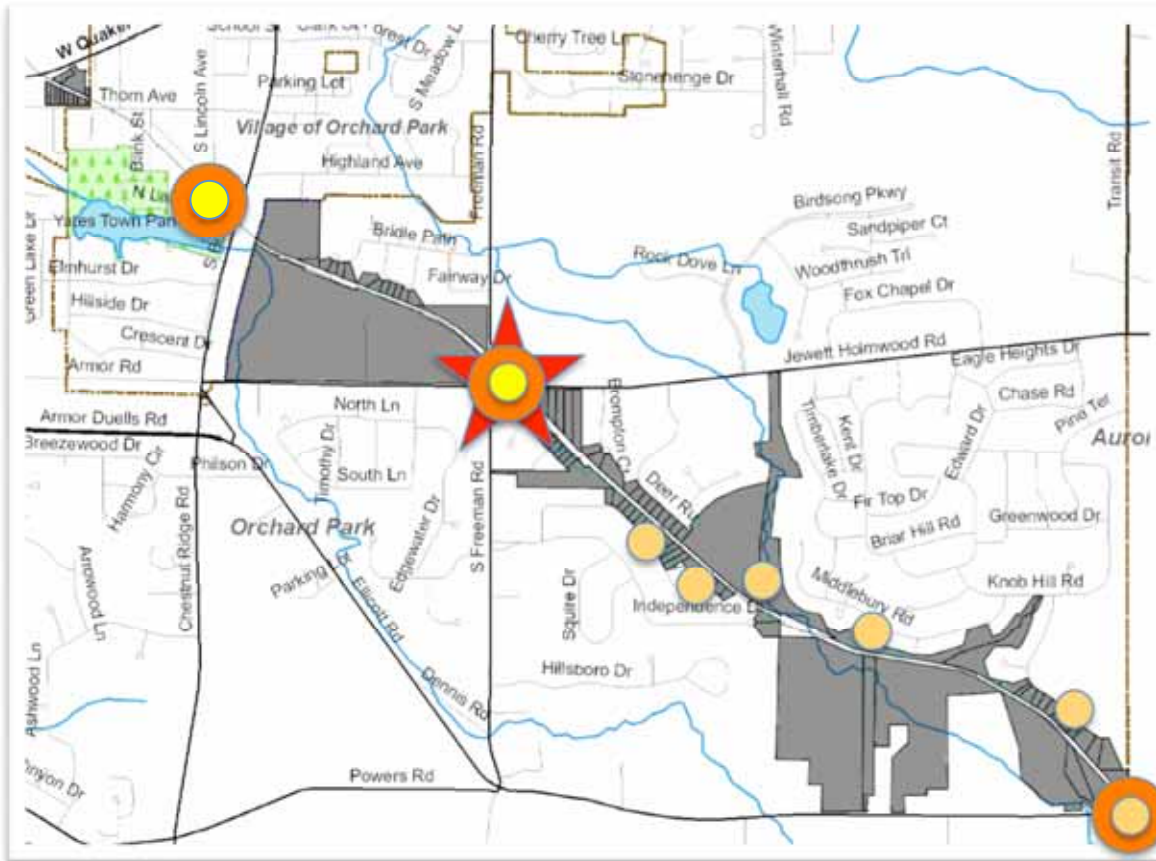
1 Major Road Crossing ★
Jewett Holmwood & Freeman - at grade
Ellicott Intersection in Aurora - at grade ●

Connects Village District To
Residential Neighborhoods

Multiple Access Points ●
Ellicott, Jewett Holmwood, Library
Neighborhood Streets, Town Parks

Potential Trail Head Sites ●
Potential Parking Sites for Users

Track and Ties remain on
part of the abandoned ROW



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EDUCATION

In close proximity to:

S. Davis Elementary ★

OP Middle School ★

School Athletic Fields

Nativity K-8 School ★

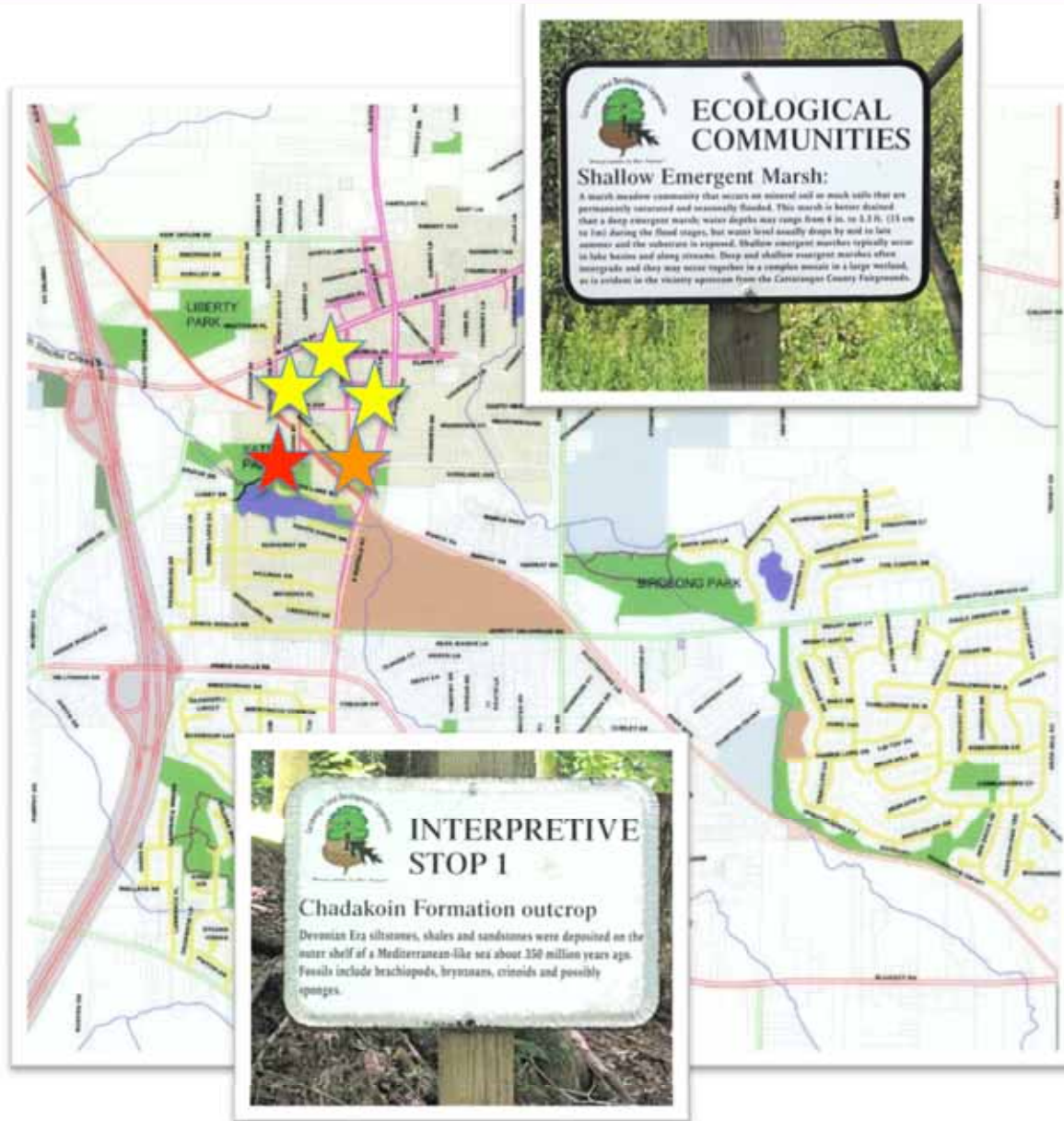
Multiple Pre Schools

OP Library ★

OP Recreation Dept. ★

OP Little League Fields

Yates Park and Green Lake



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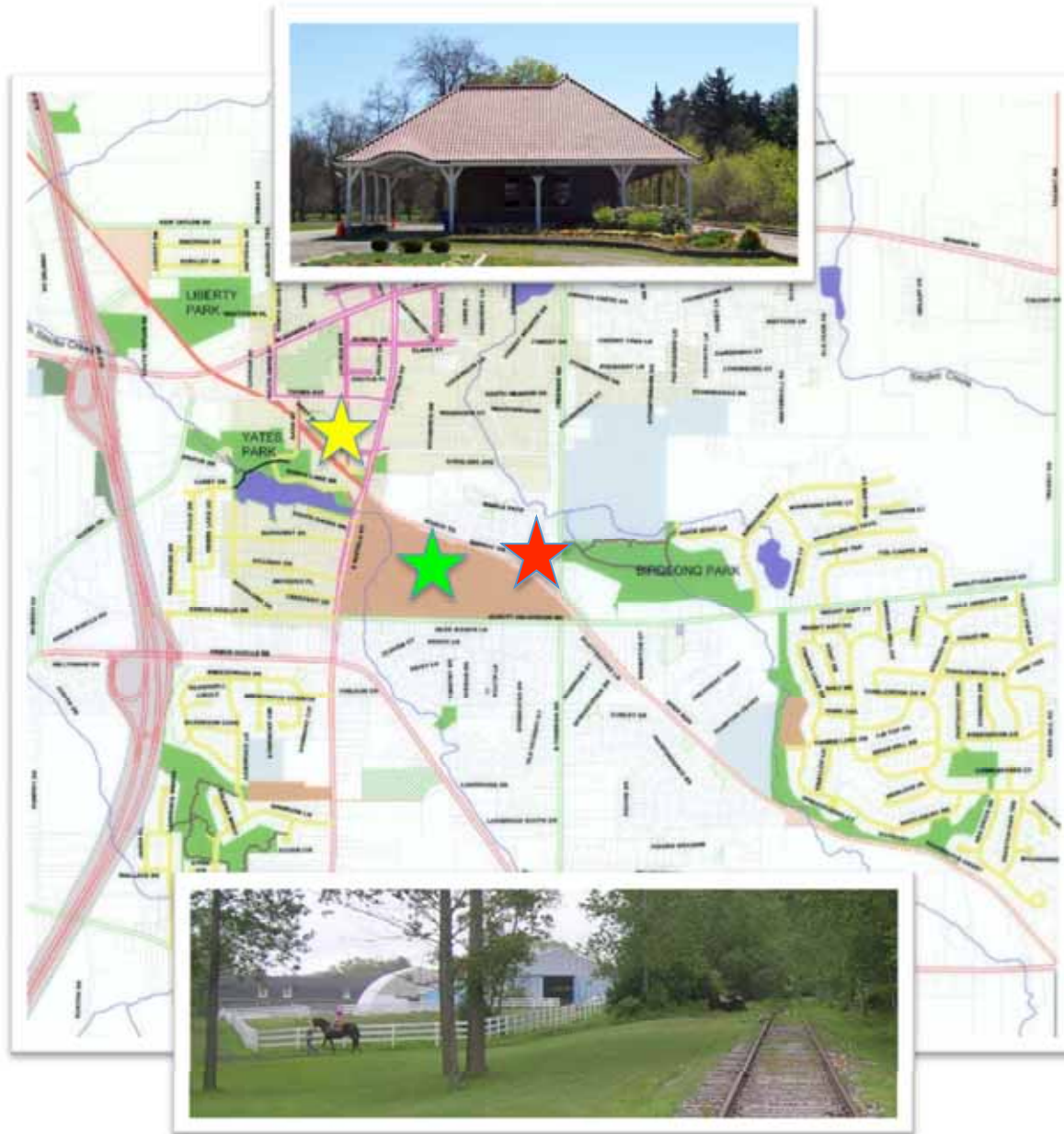
COMMUNITY

Connects to:

- Historic RR Depot 
- Yates Park & Little League
- Private Clubs 
- Town Parkland
- Multiple Schools
- Village Business District
- Residential, Agricultural 
- Commercial & Industrial

Potential to Benefit:

- Children, Students, Families
- Seniors, Disabled
- Athletes, Interest User Groups
- Adjacent Property Owners



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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Promotes Physical Activity

Provides a safe pedestrian path, away from motor vehicles.

It is accessible to all people of different ages, abilities and interests.

Changes a neglected property to a well maintained and improved property.

Brings the community together

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ENVIRONMENT

Provides property management and maintenance

Provides an alternative travel route that is motor vehicle free

Connects people to nature

Preserves a wildlife corridor and maintains connections between wildlife habitats

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

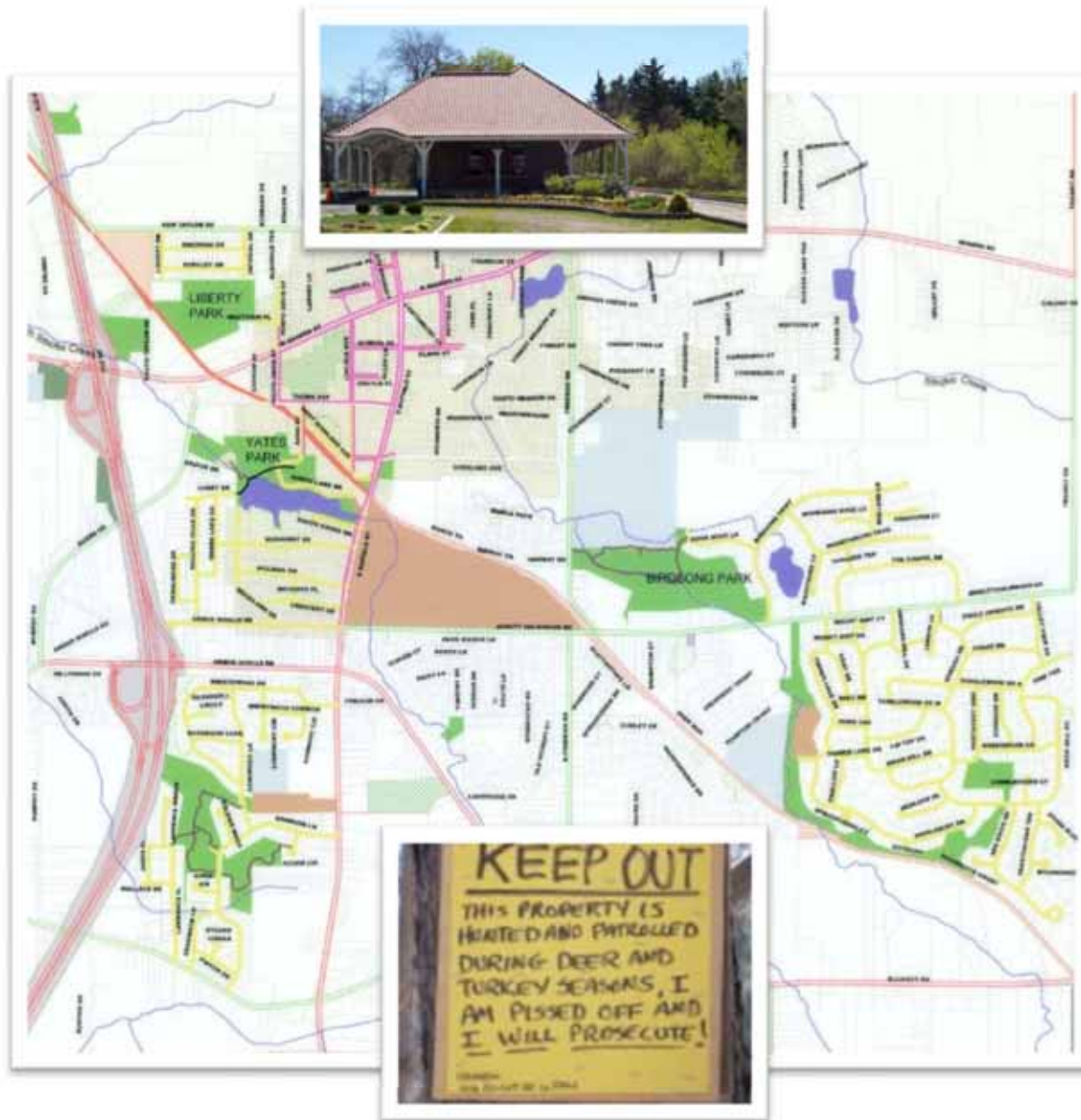
Opportunity to revitalize existing and develop new trail related businesses.

Increase business activity through trail events and activities

Attract new residents and business by improving the community quality of life.

Strengthen adjacent property values by keeping corridor well maintained

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Barriers

Lack of support:

Political

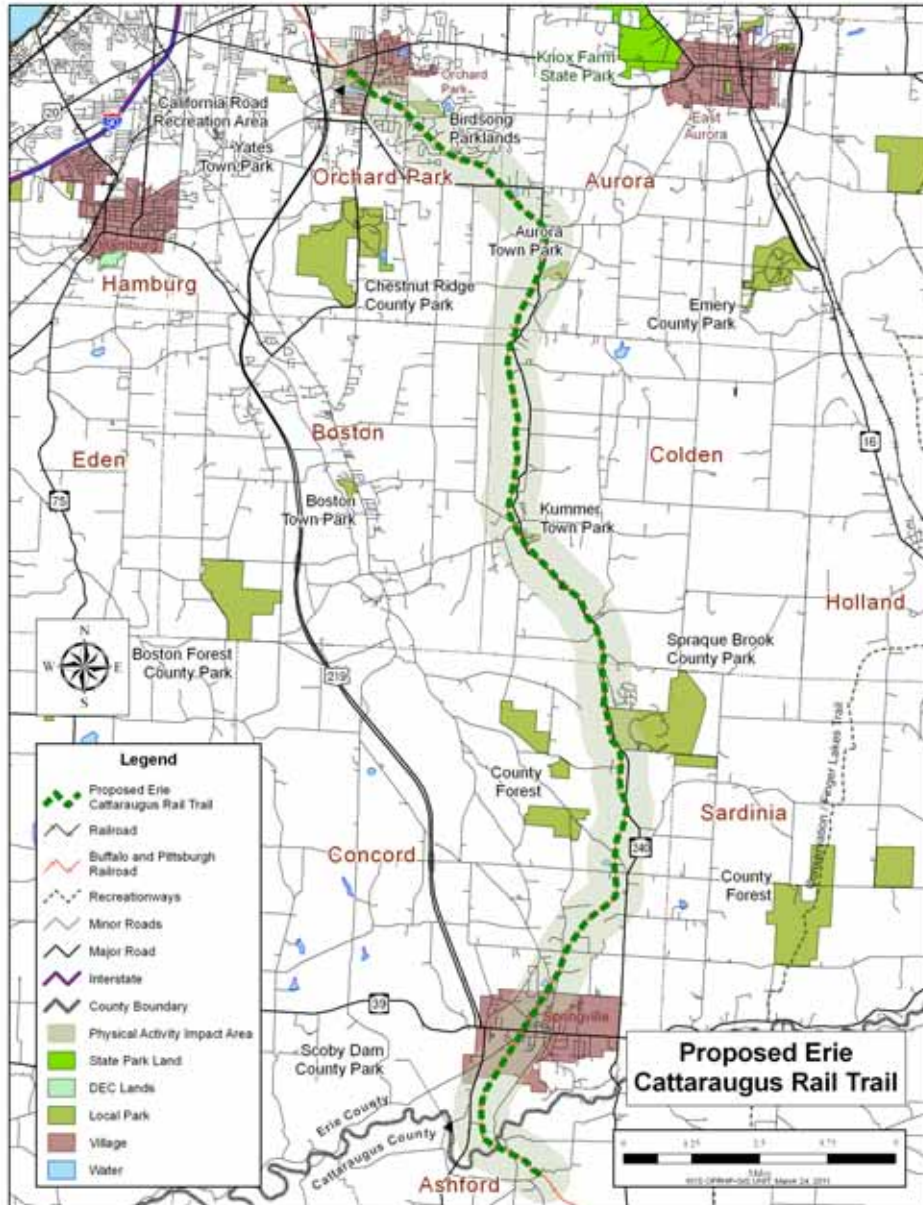
WNYRR Historical Society

OP Chamber of Commerce

NYMBY

Railbanking Delay

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STRATEGIES TO TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Increase Community Awareness

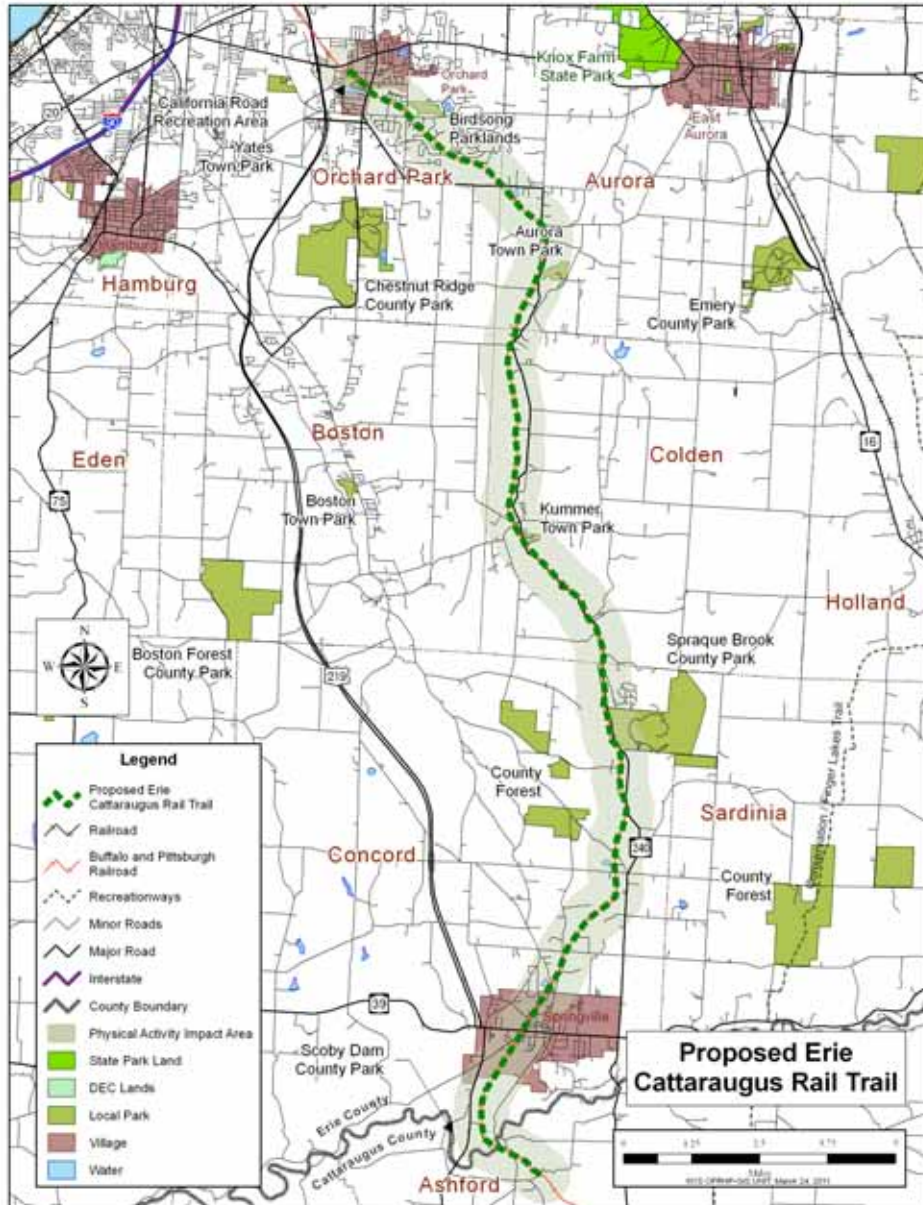
Involve the Entire Community In Trail Vision & Design

Develop Partnerships

Be Patient and Persistent

Be Flexible and Creative

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Village & Town of Orchard Park Erie County Community Overview

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