



Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

Ashford Community Profile



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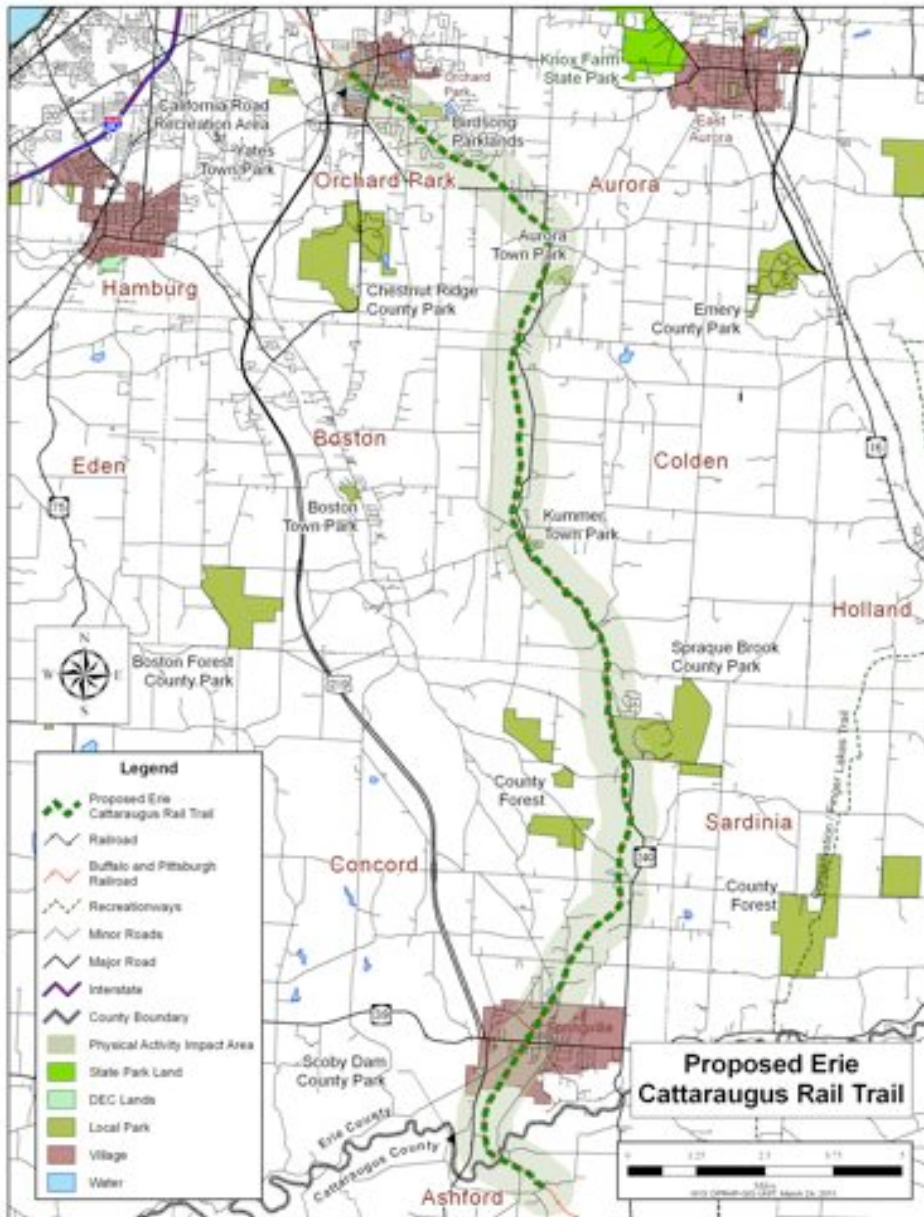
Project Proposal

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

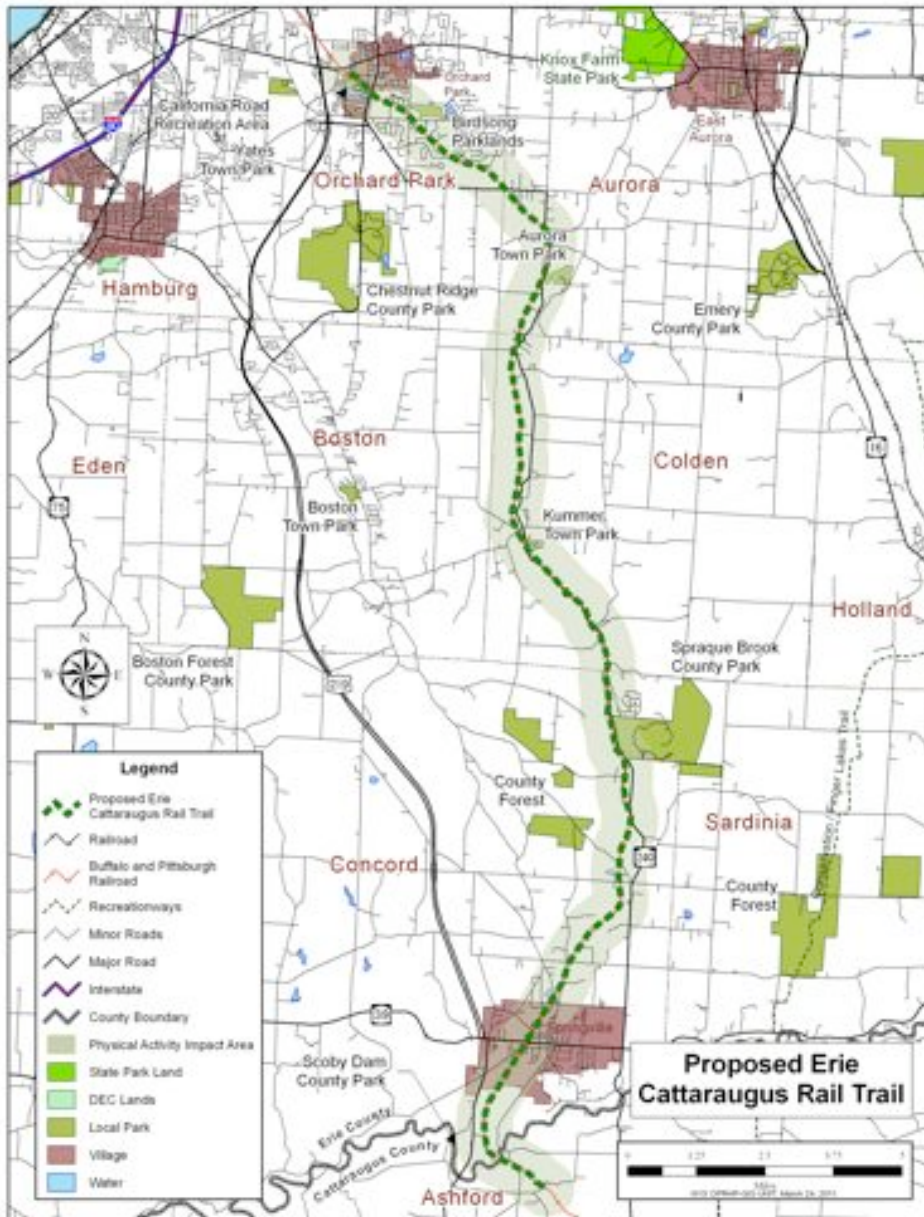
Town of Colden

Town of Concord

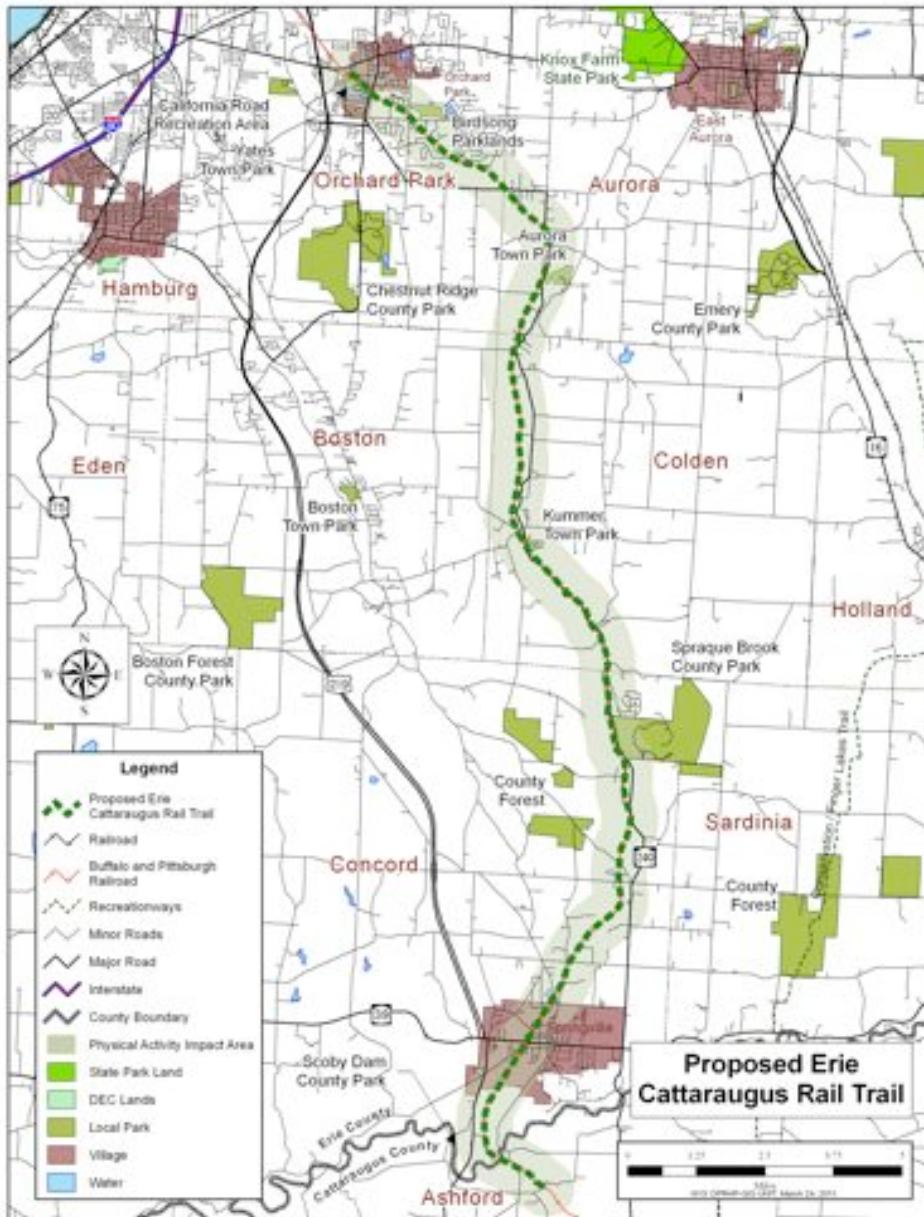
Village of Springville

Cattaraugus County:

Town of Ashford



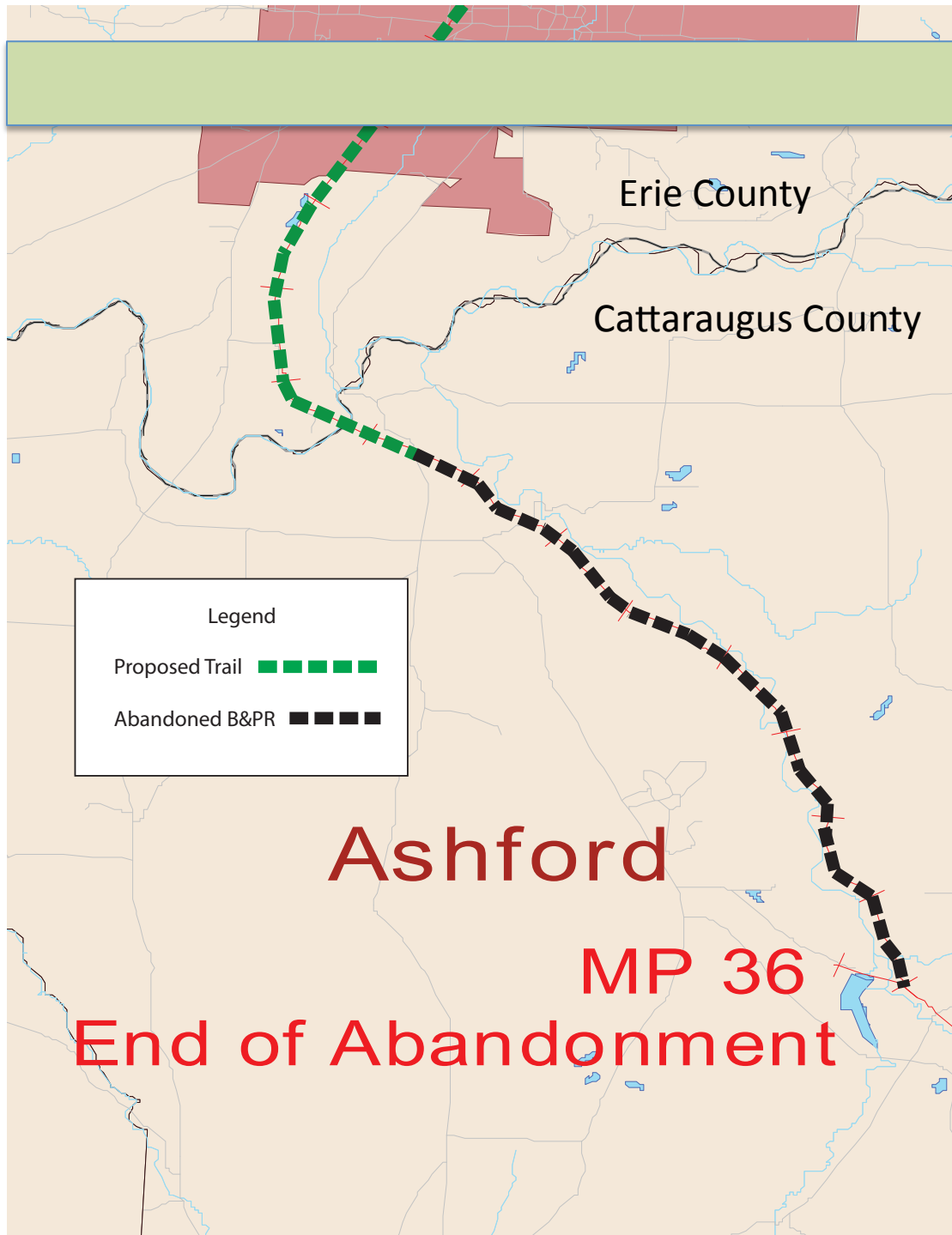
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COMMUNITY PROFILE:

- 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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DEMOGRAPHICS

2,141 population 2009

26 % under 18

12 % 65 or Older

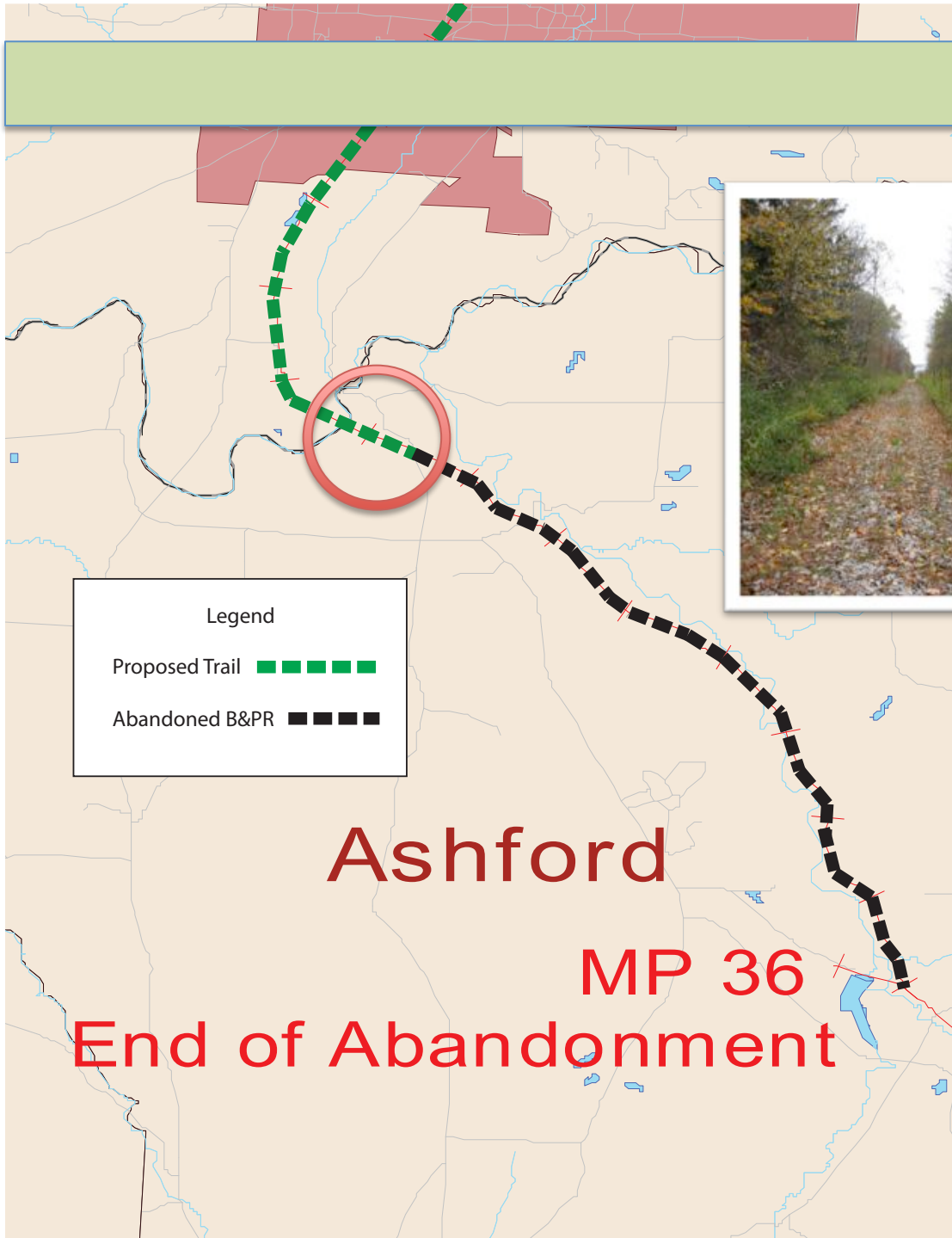
7.4 % HH below poverty line

22.3 % HH income < \$25,000

No acres of park

Source: Regional Knowledge Network 2011
2009 Population estimate
NYSOPRHP mapping

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Length: 4.2 miles total and the proposed trail is 0.34 mile from the Cattaraugus Creek bridge to Edies Road.

Location: Southern end-point of the B&PR abandonment between mile point 31.8 and 36

The B&PR right of way south of Edies road is within the West Valley Nuclear Project site.

Condition: Rail service is ended. The track and ties are removed.

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ADJACENT PROPERTY

B&PR ROW bisects two parcels between Cattaraugus Creek and Edies Road.

Property south of Edies Road to MP 36 is within the West Valley Nuclear Site.



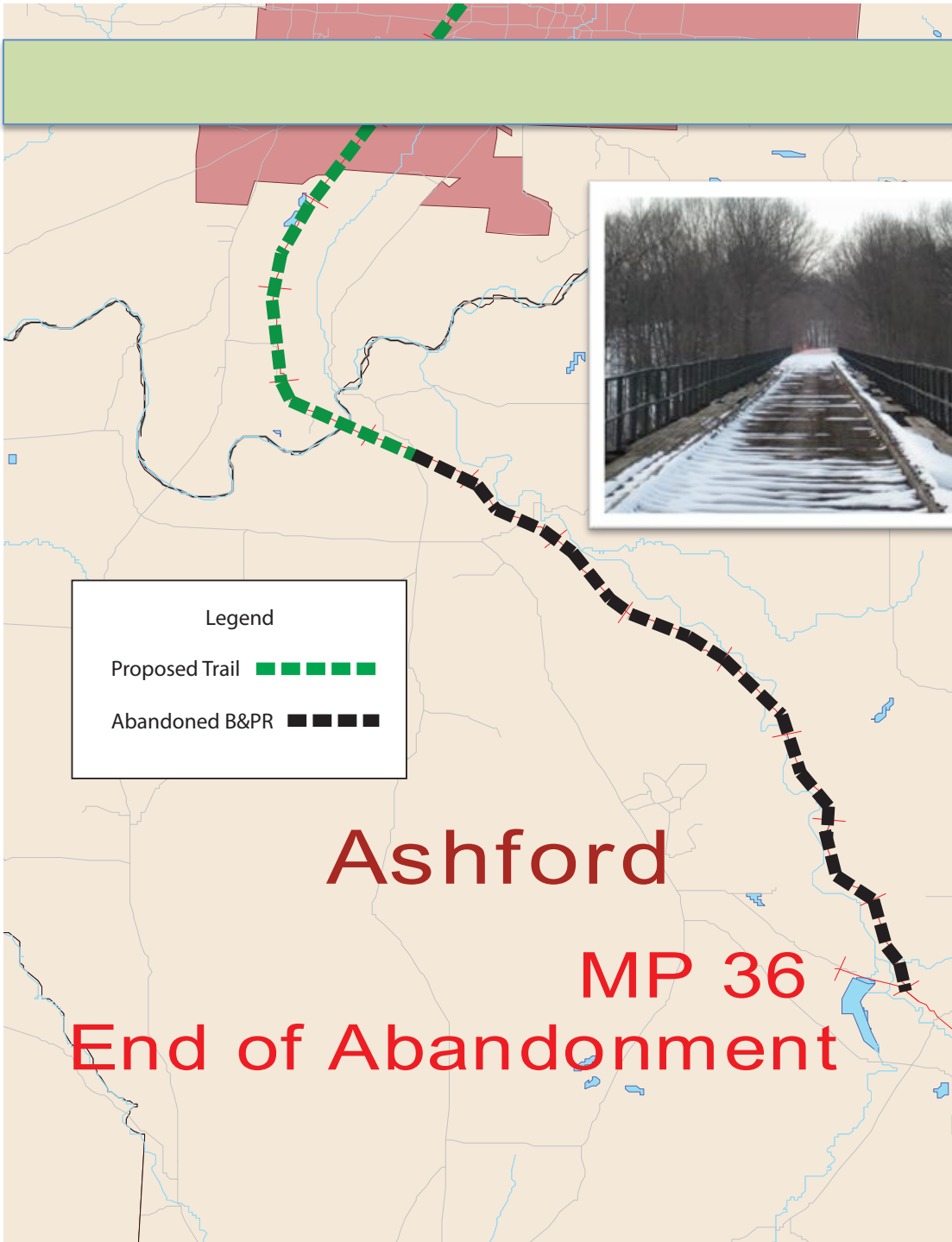
Legend

- Proposed Trail 
- Abandoned B&PR 

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MP 36

End of Abandonment



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TRANSPORTATION

B&PR ROW & Road Crossing

- Edies Road
- Hayes Road

ROW crosses Cattaraugus Creek and branches ●

- (1) Campbells Creek
- (2) Buttermilk Creek
- (1) Unnamed Stream

No Sidewalks
Pedestrians use road shoulders

No Public Transportation
No bus stops or park & ride

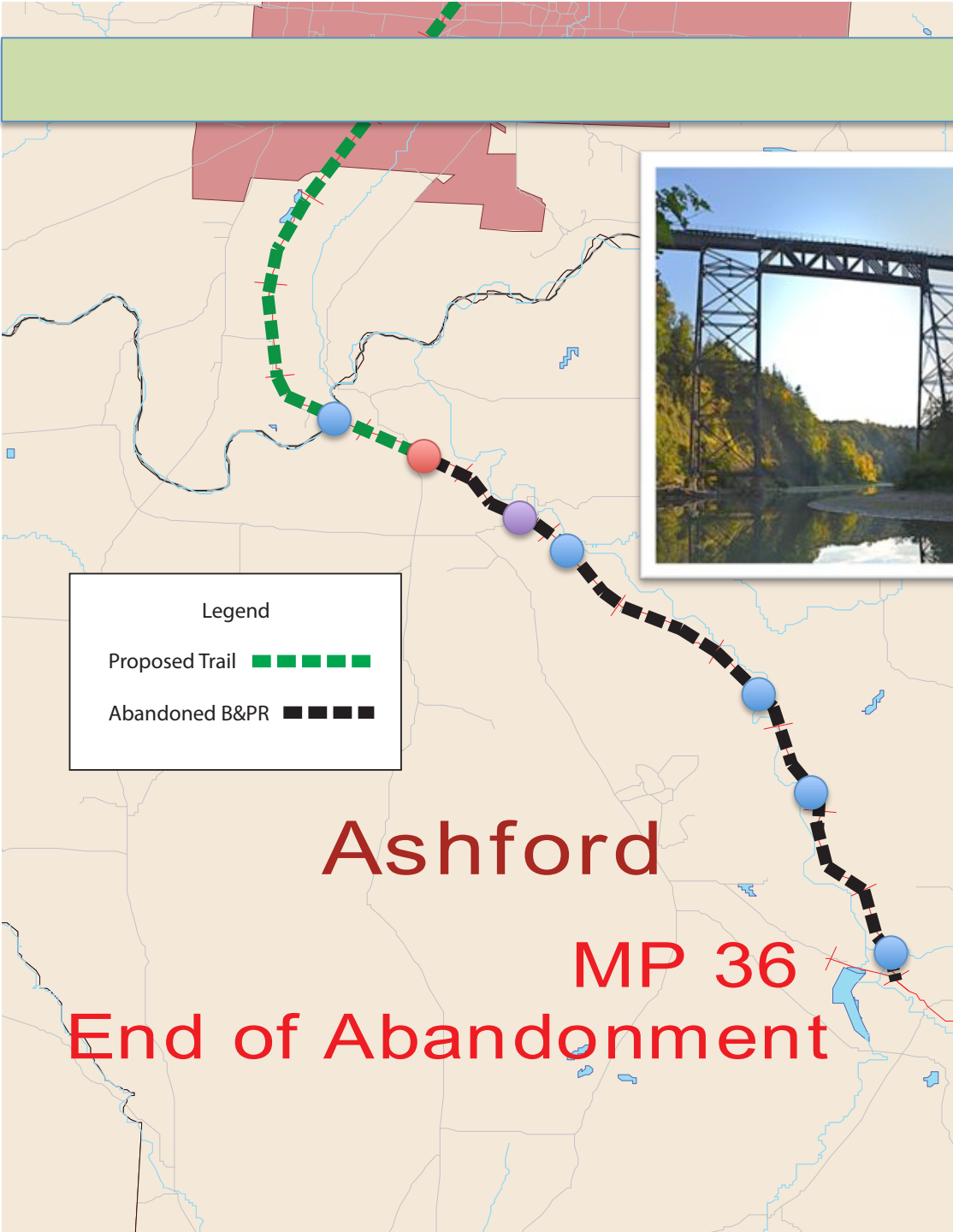
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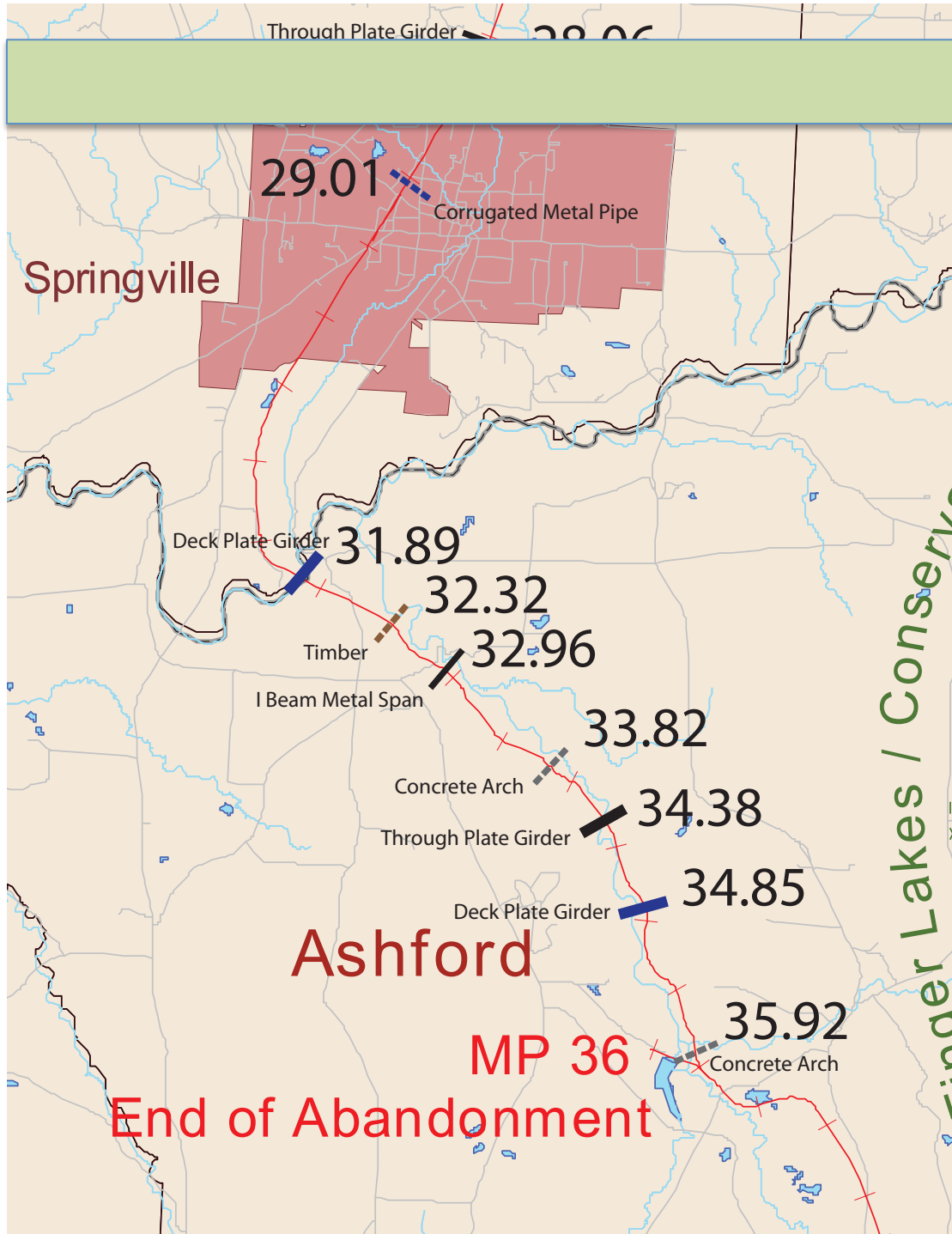
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TRANSPORTATION

7 Bridges

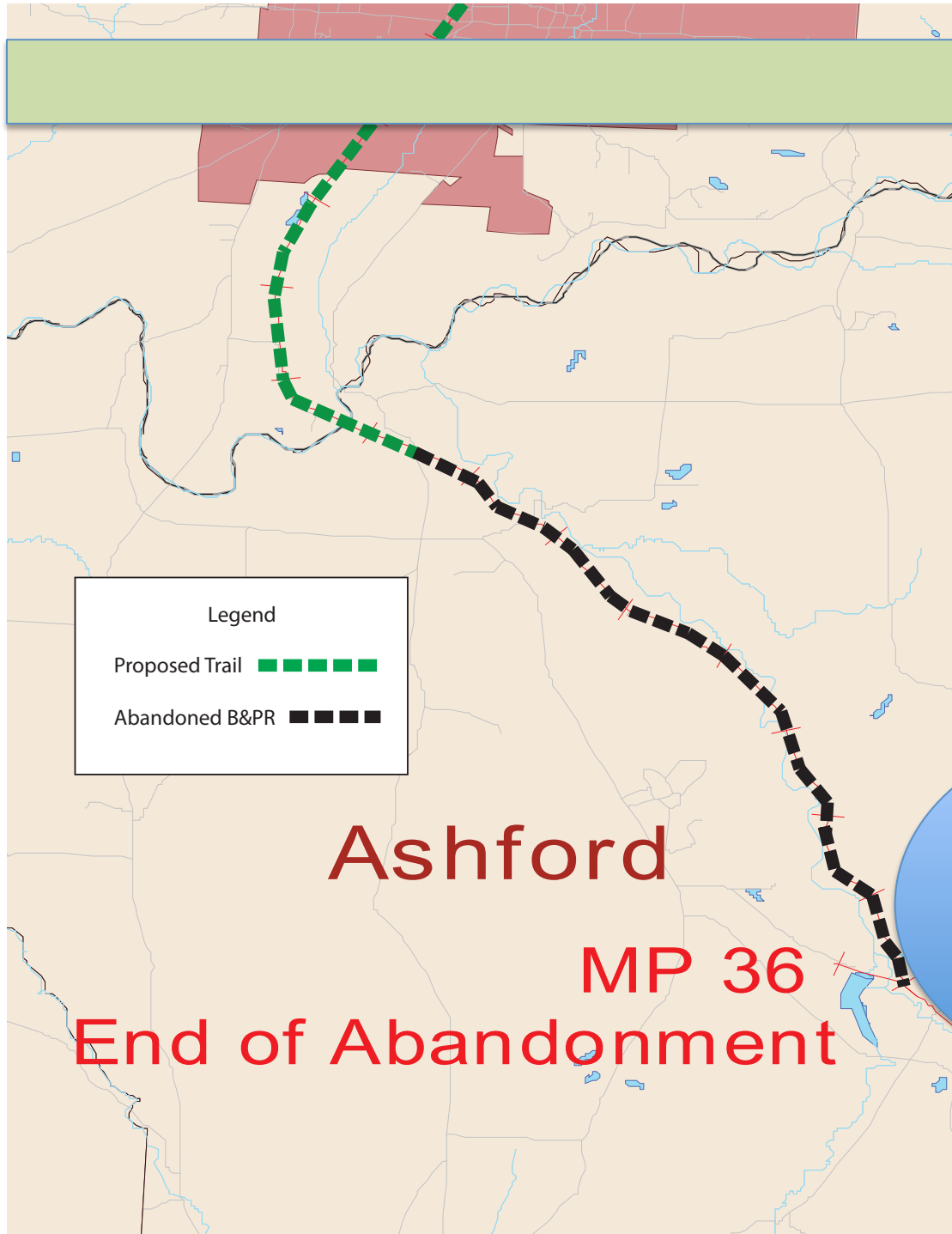
- (2) concrete arch: 12', 16'
- (1) timber: 106'
- (1) I-beam metal span: 79'
- (1) through plate girder: 95'6"
- (1) deck plate girder: 60'6"
- (1) DPG/DRT: 779'9"

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EDUCATION

West Valley Central School
Is located along the active
section of the B&PR and
south of the West Valley
Nuclear site and proposed trail




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COMMUNITY
Promotes a positive image

 Close to Ashford Town Center


Connects to:
Springville village


 Provide an alternate
Cattaraugus Creek crossing
Amish buggies
Pedestrians
Non-motorized

Town
Center 

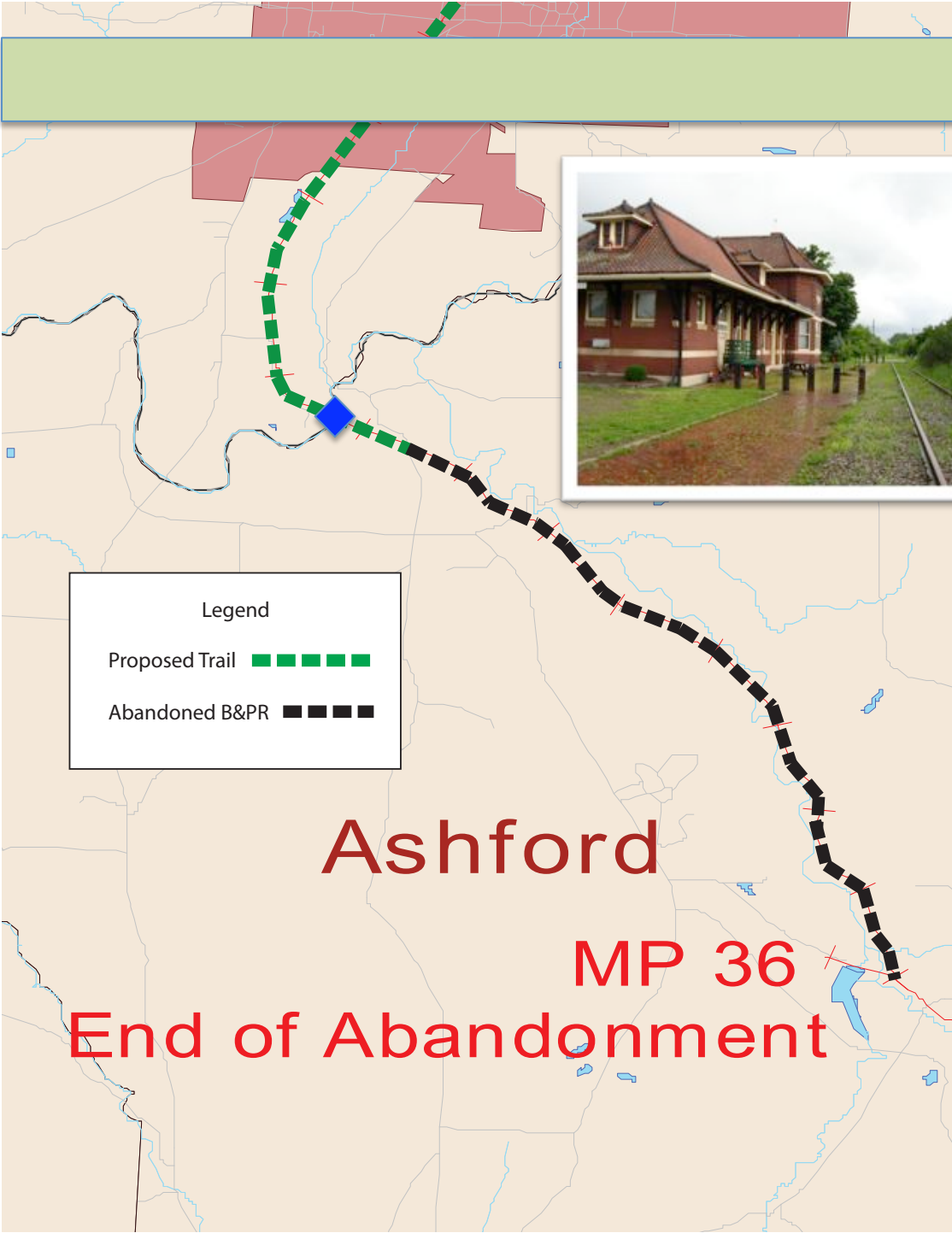


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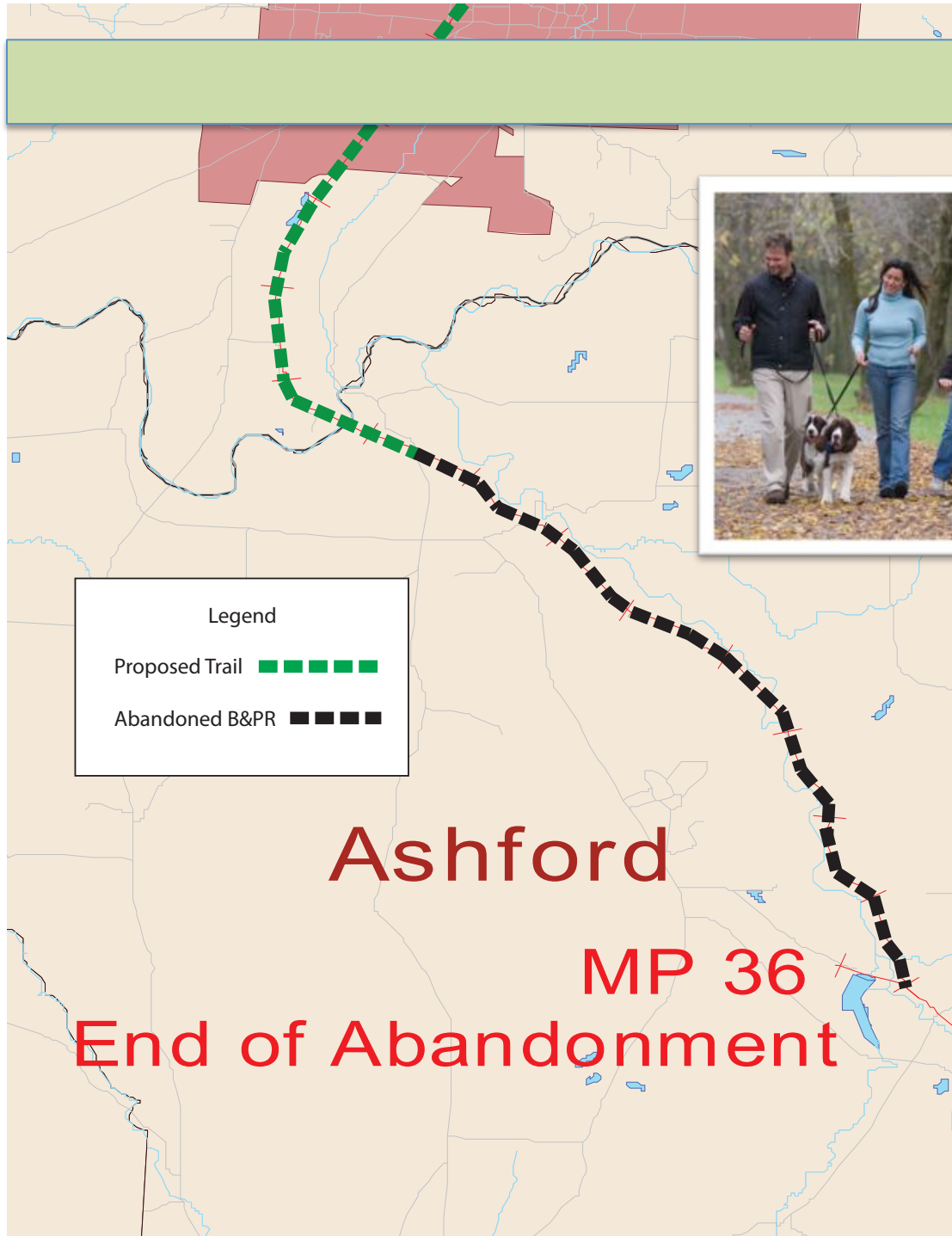
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Abandoned B&PR 

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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 safer pedestrian route

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ENVIRONMENT

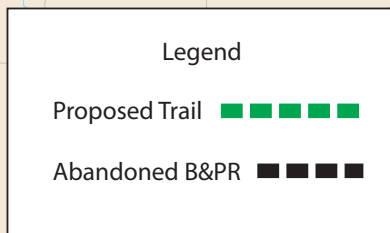
Cattaraugus Creek crossing

Runs parallel to and crosses
Campbells and Buttermilk Creeks

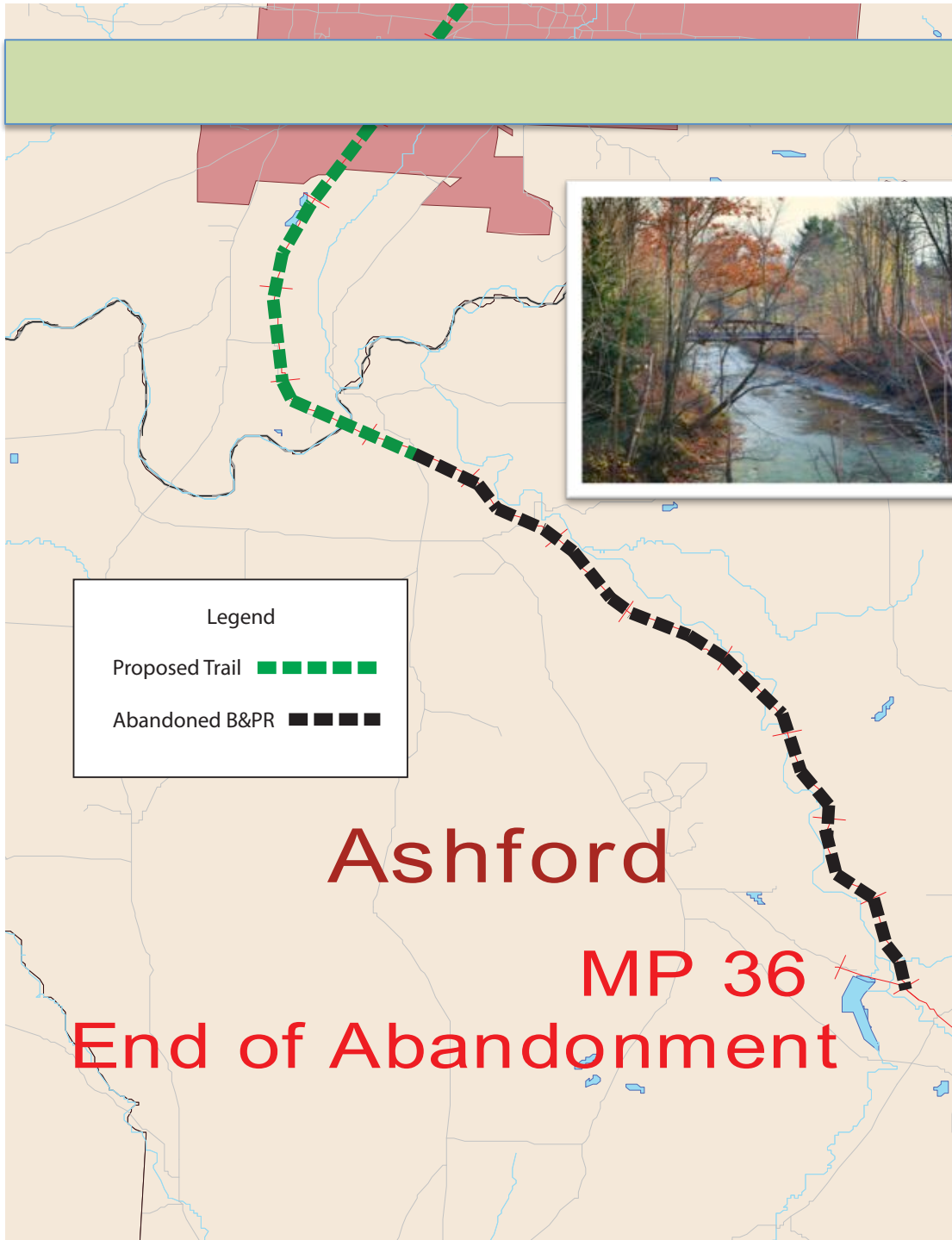
Preserves a biological corridor
Connects habitats

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

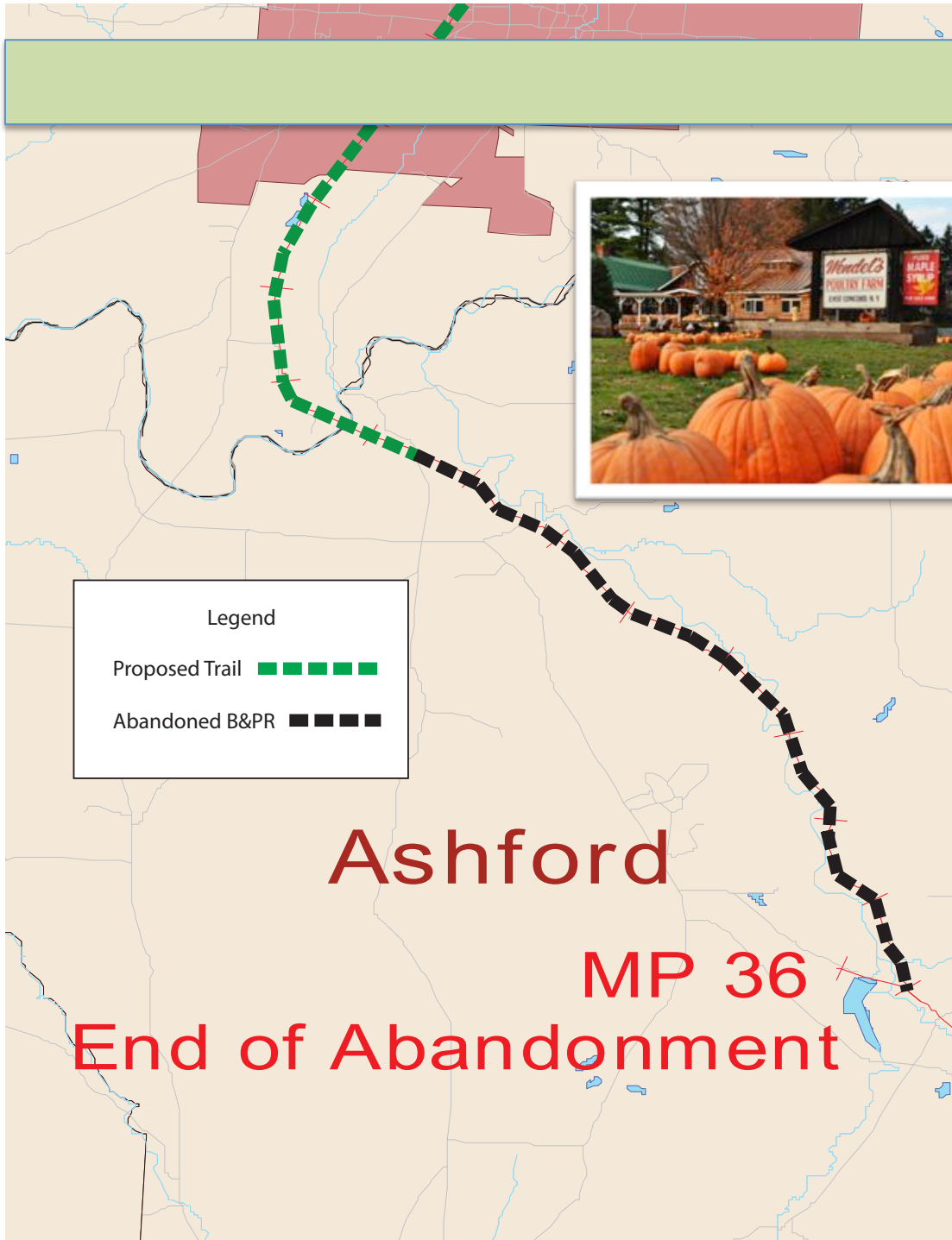
Provides an active commuting route



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ECONOMIC DEVELOP.

Connects Ashford to Erie County

Site For Year Round Activity

Spring-Summer hiking, biking

Fall foliage viewing

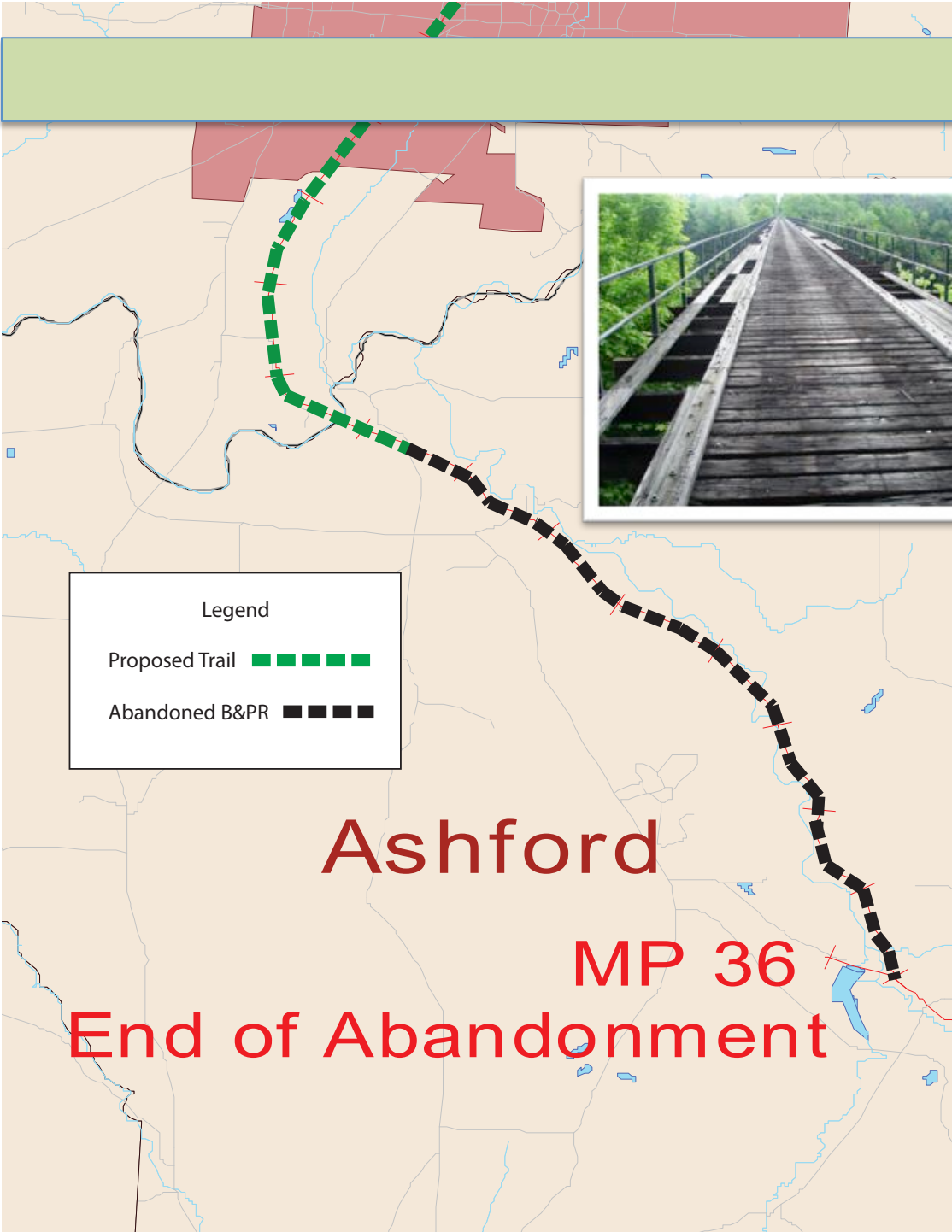
Winter x-country skiing and
snow shoeing

Cattaraugus Creek Bridge crossing
and scenic overlook would
attract local and non local users

Provide new business opportunity

Connect to employment opportunity

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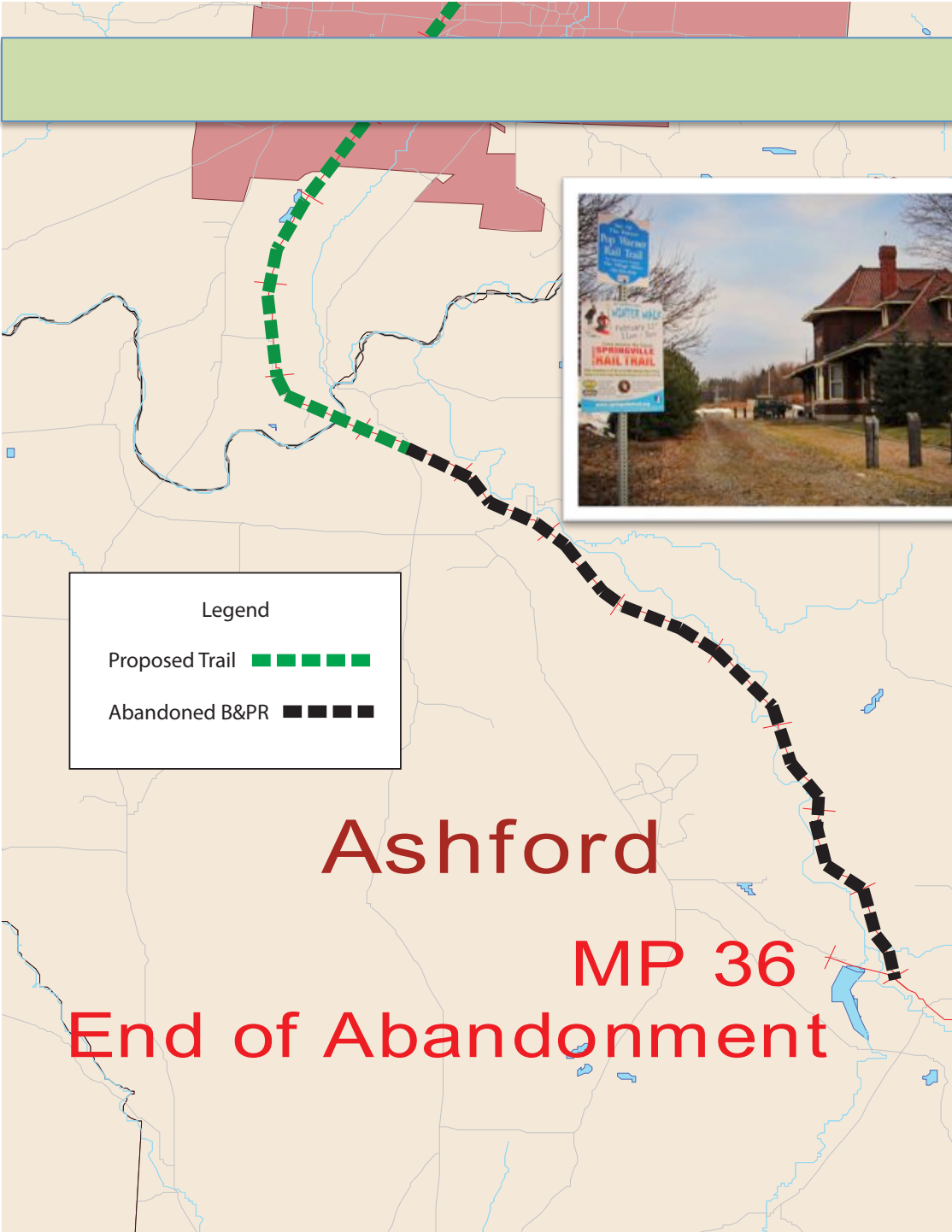


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BARRIERS

- Lack Of Political Support
- Bridge Maintenance & Liability
- Nuclear Site Concerns

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STRATEGIES TO TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

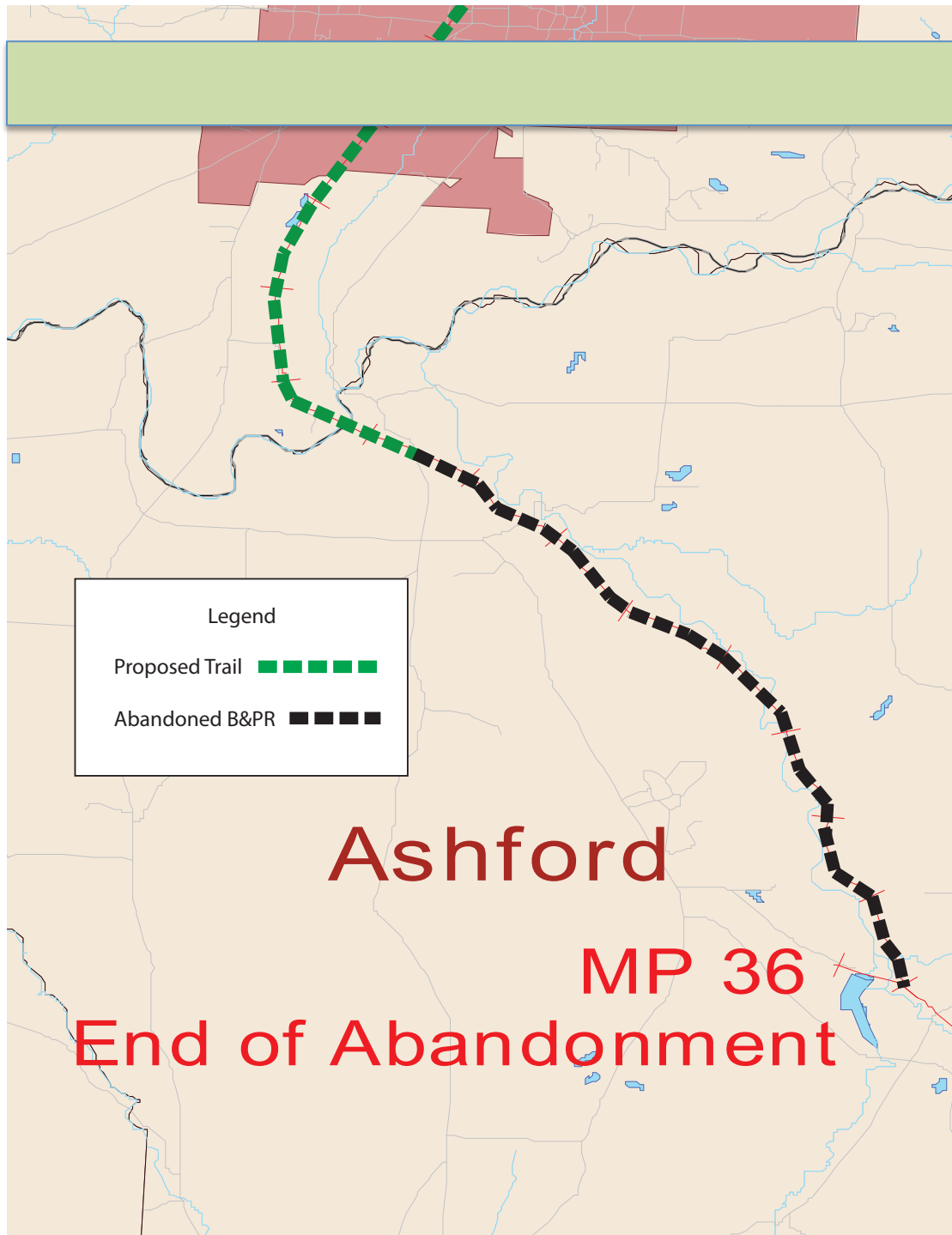
Increase Community Awareness

Include the WV Nuclear and Central School community in trail planning and activity

Be Flexible and Creative

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Town of Ashford Cattaraugus County Community Overview



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