

Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

Colden Community Profile



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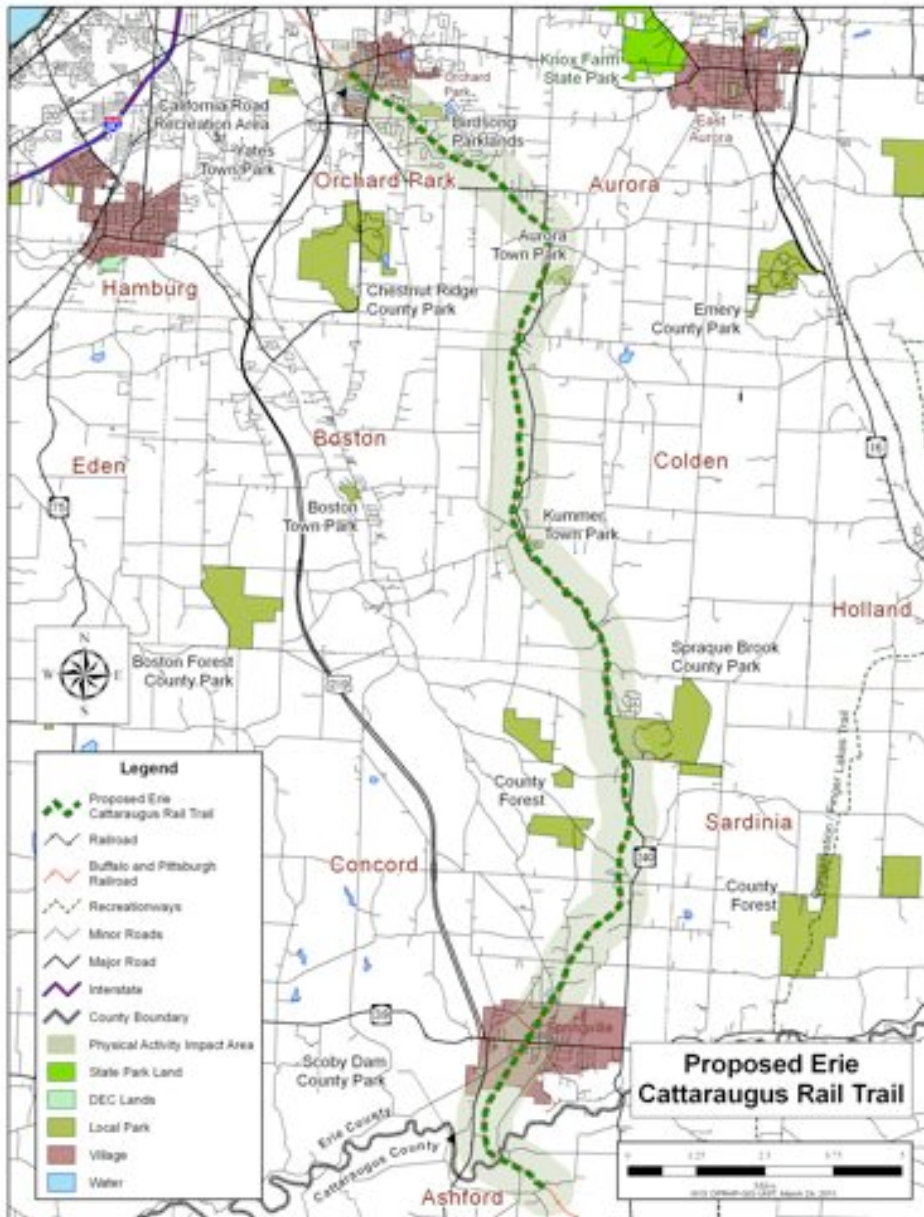
Project Proposal

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

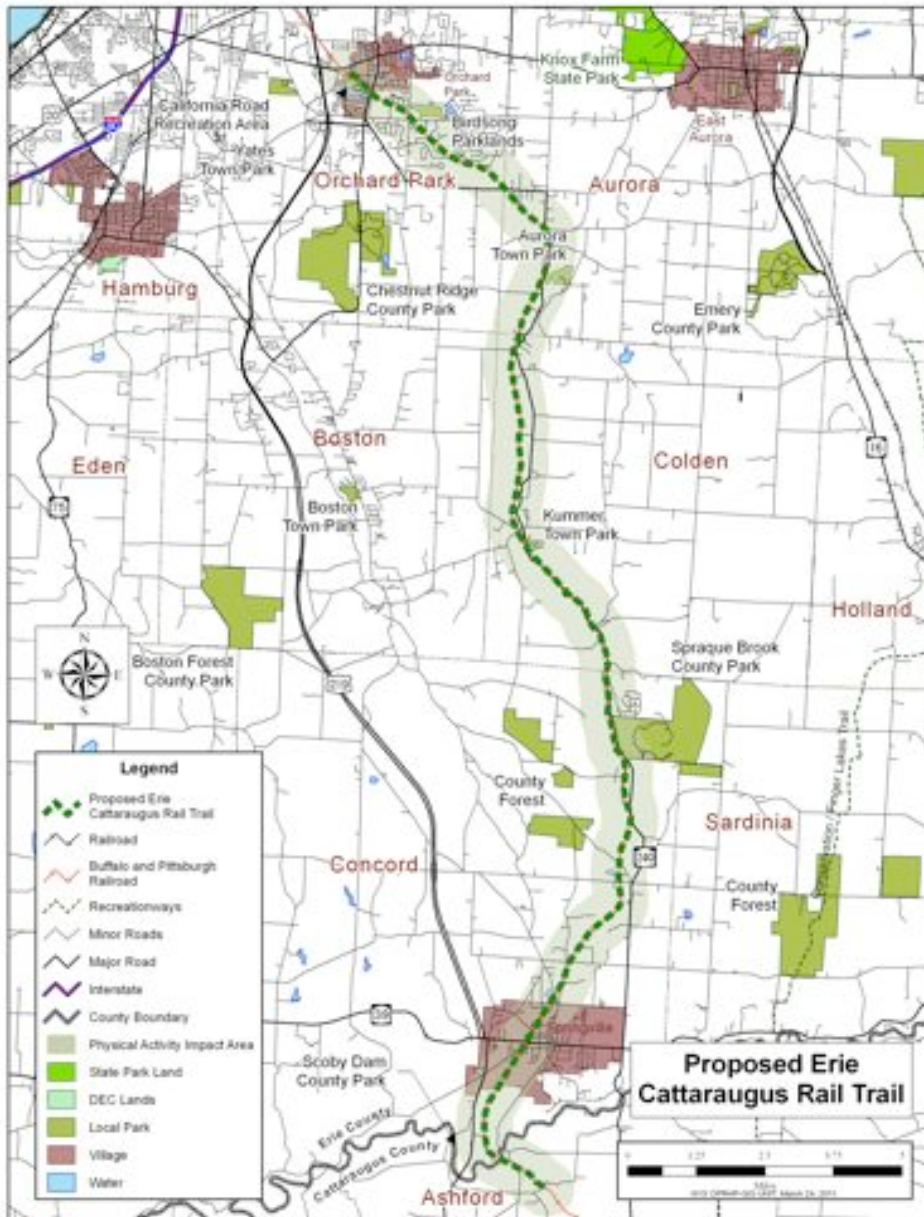
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Town of Concord

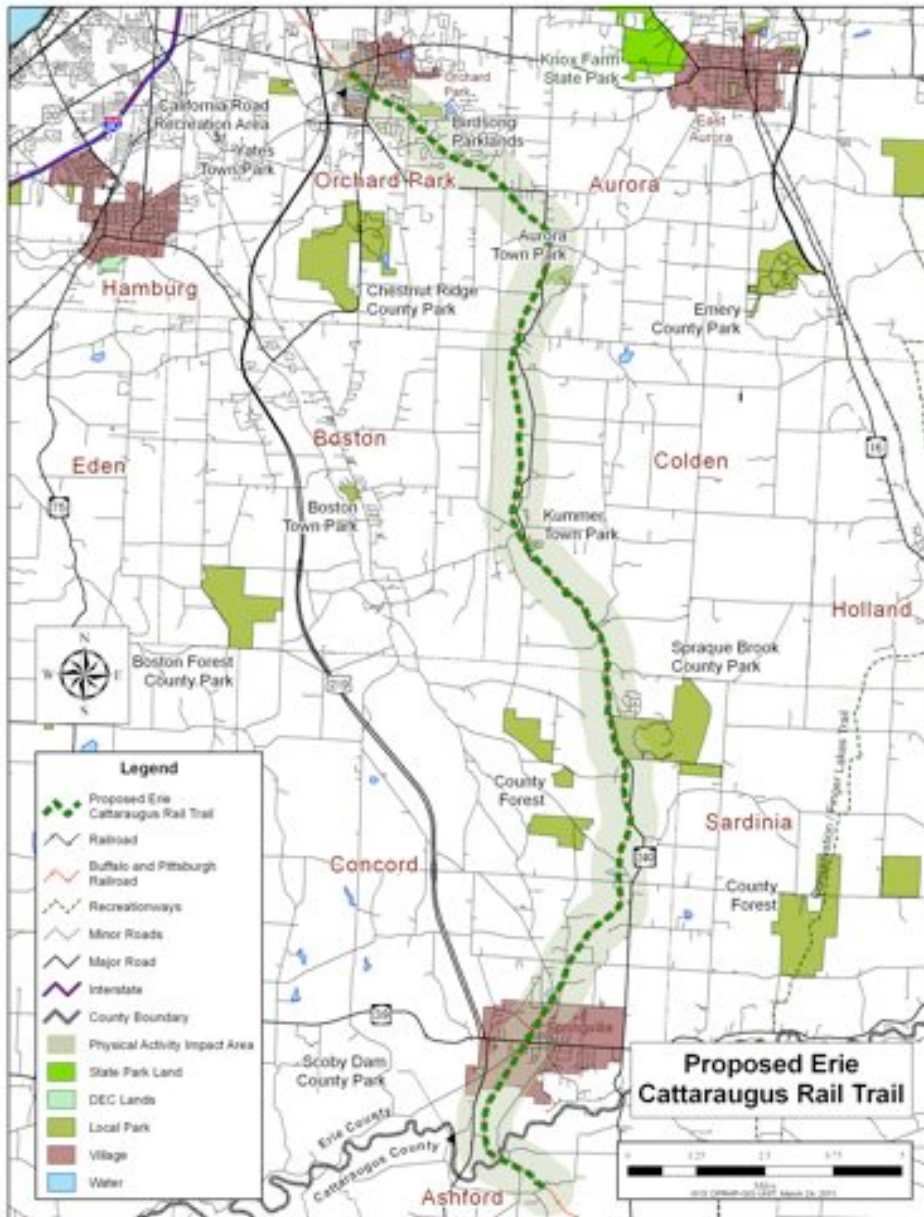
Village of Springville

Cattaraugus County:

Town of Ashford



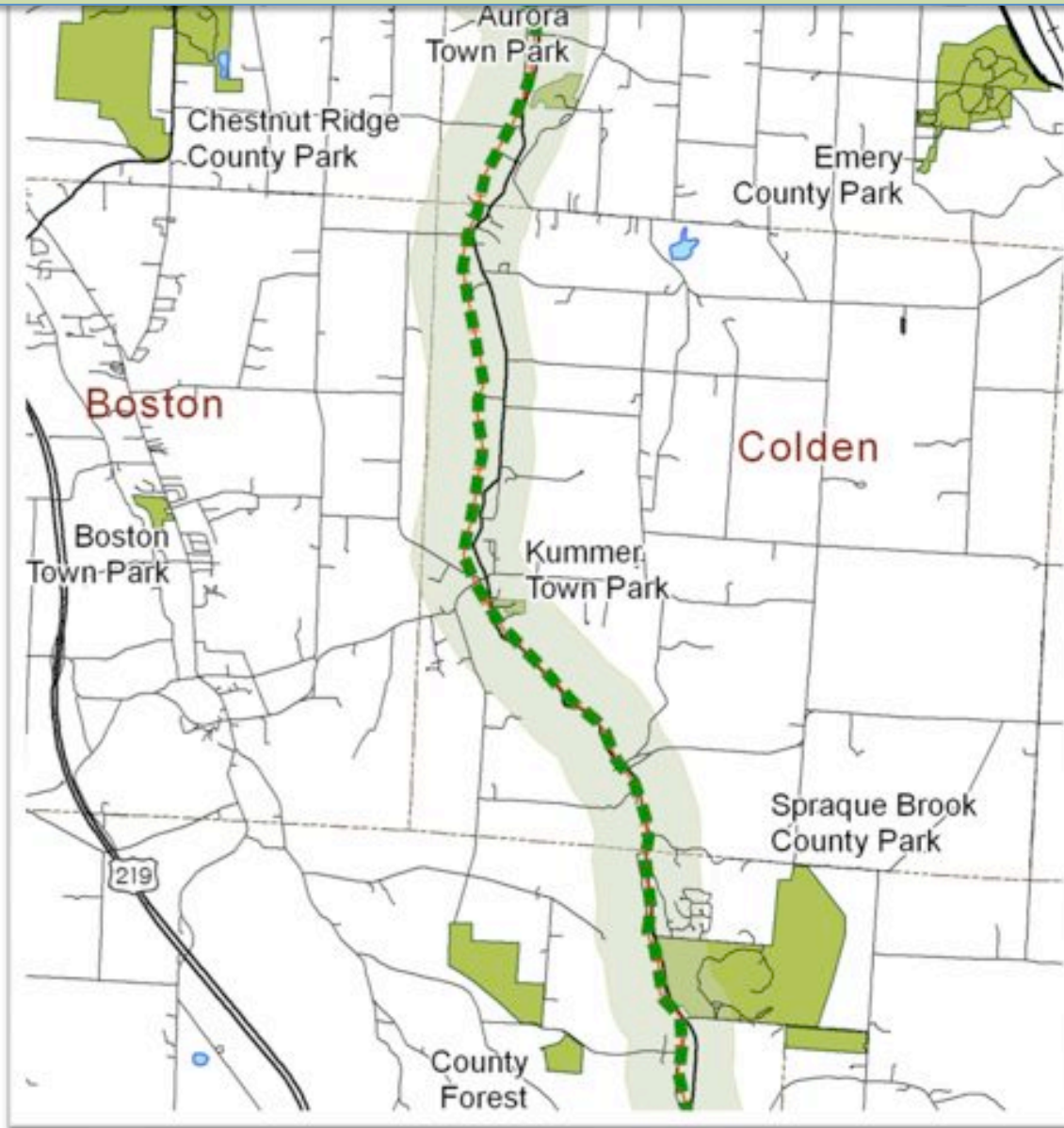
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COMMUNITY PROFILE:

- 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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Town of Colden Erie County

DEMOGRAPHICS

3,271 population 2009

25% under 18

12% 65 or Older

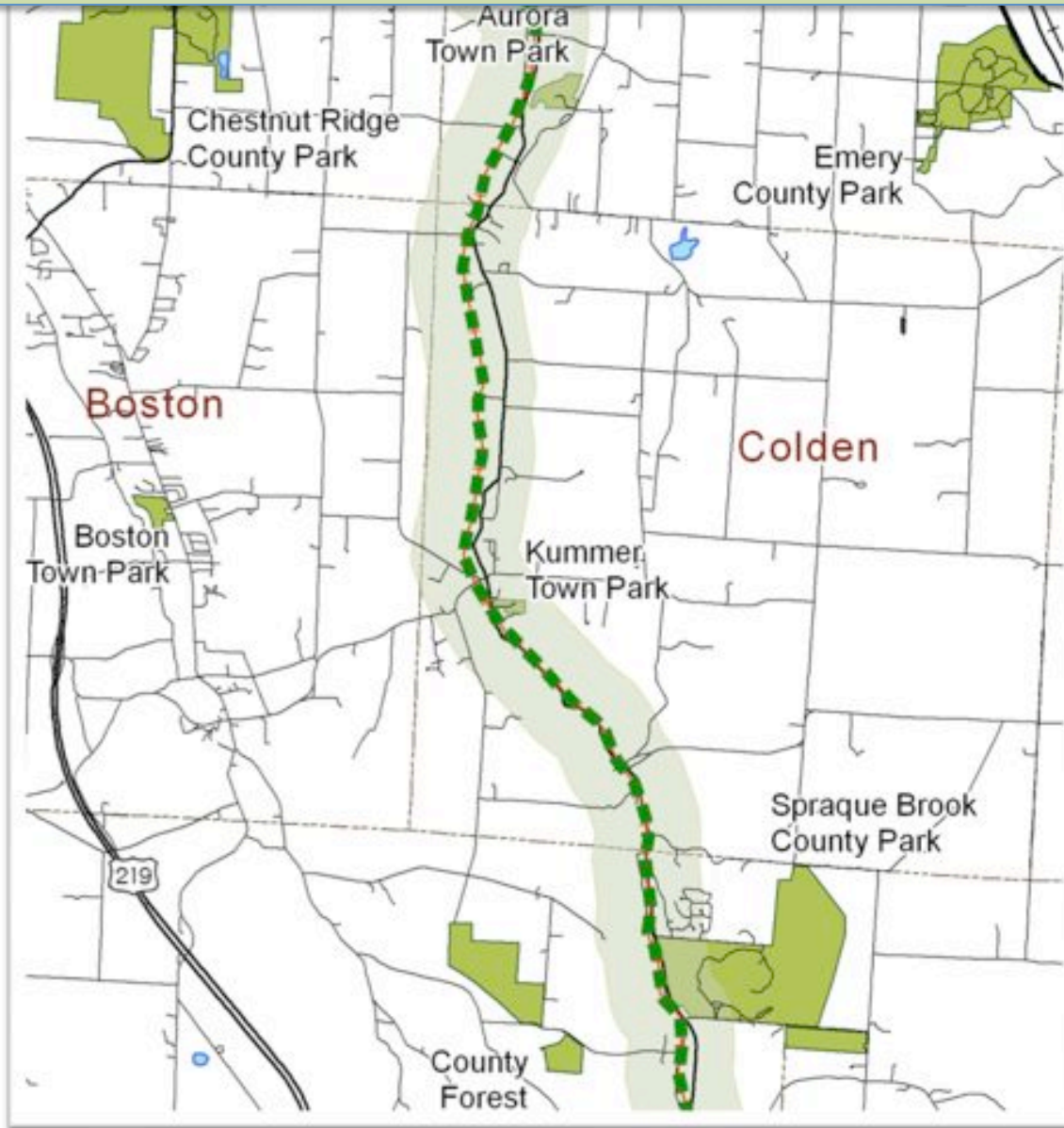
3.6% HH below poverty line

14.5% HH income < \$25,000

21 acres of park

Source: Regional Knowledge Network 2011
2009 Population estimate
Erie County GIS Mapping Service

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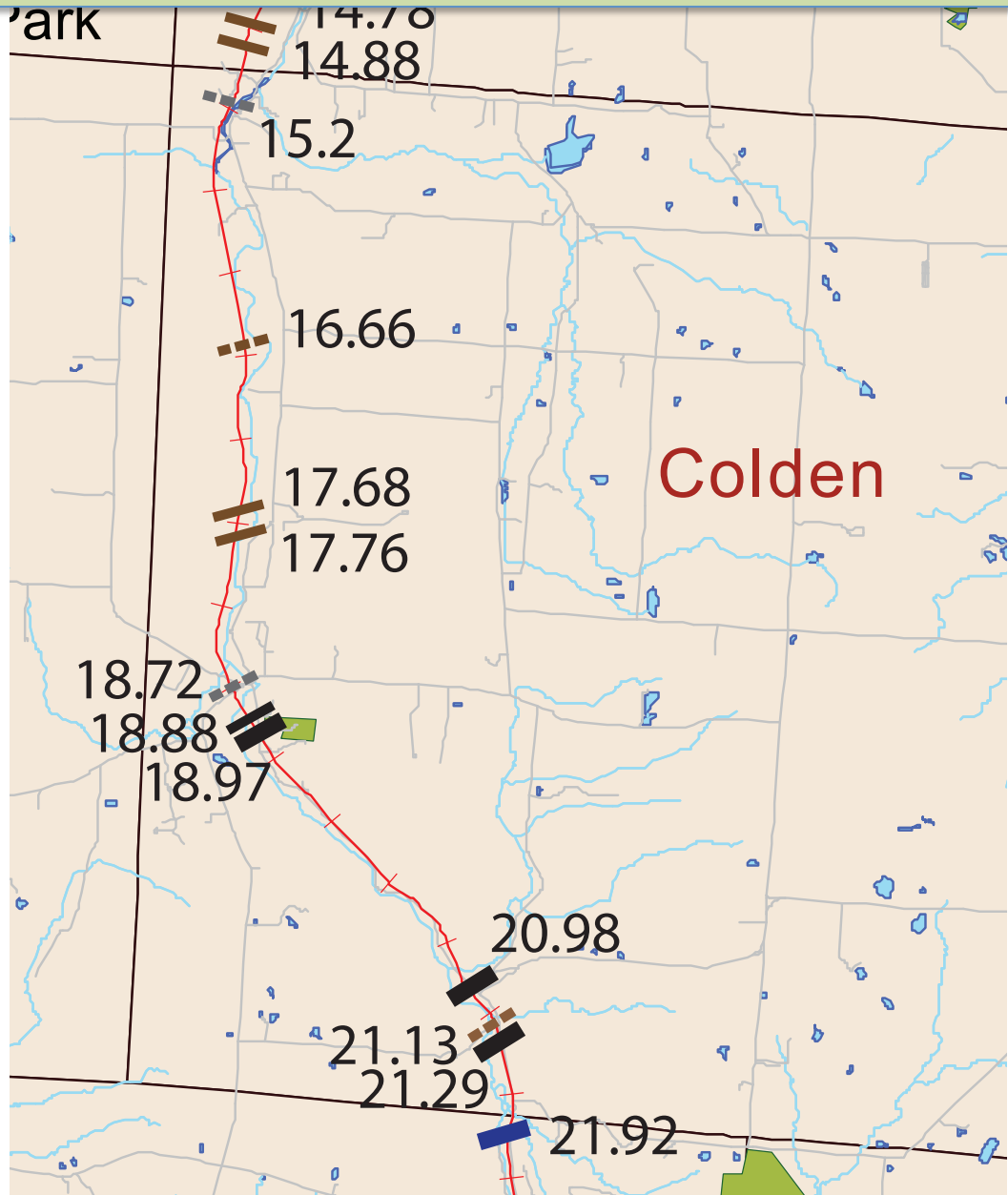
Length: 6.5 miles

Location: Runs the entire length of the town North to South, along the western border. Parallels Route 240 and the West Branch of Cazenovia Creek

Midway between West Falls/ Orchard Park to the North and Concord/Springville/Ashford to the South.

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

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Bridges: 10

Mile	Type	Length	Crossing	Year Built
15.20	Con Arch	10'-0"	Gold M Crk	1911
16.66	Timber	8'-0"	Stream	na
17.68	Rail Top	12'-0"	Cattle Pass	1911
17.76	Rail Top	8'-0"	Stream	1912
18.72	Con Arch	12'-0"	Stream	1912
18.88	Con/IBMS	30'-0"	Valley Rd	1952
18.97	TPG	95'-6"	Caz Crk	1904
20.98	TPG	70'-0"	HH Creek	1915
21.13	Timber	58'-0"	Mill St	1908
21.29	TPG	60'-0"	Stream	1913
Total Length:		363'-6"		

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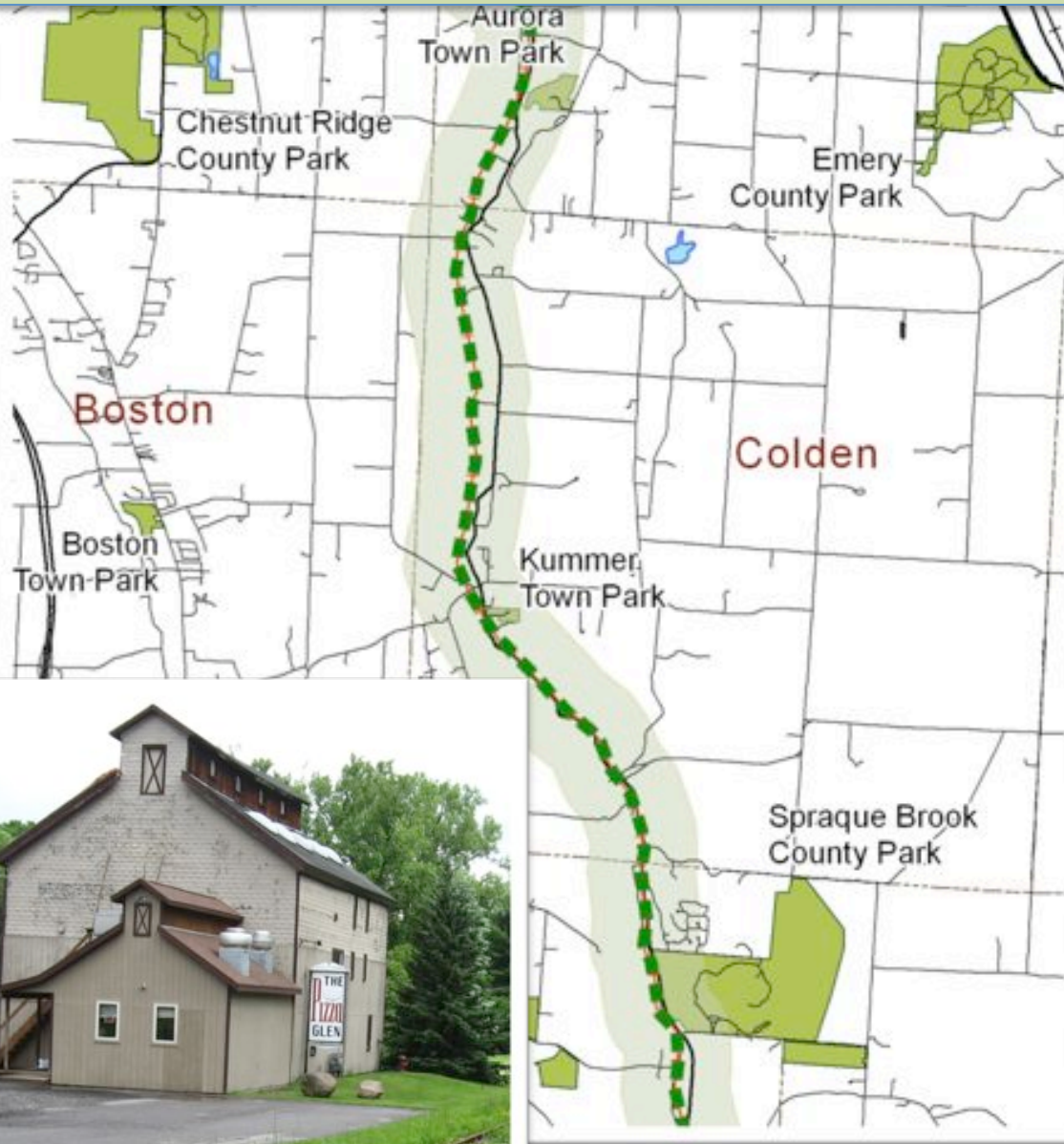
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ADJACENT PROPERTY

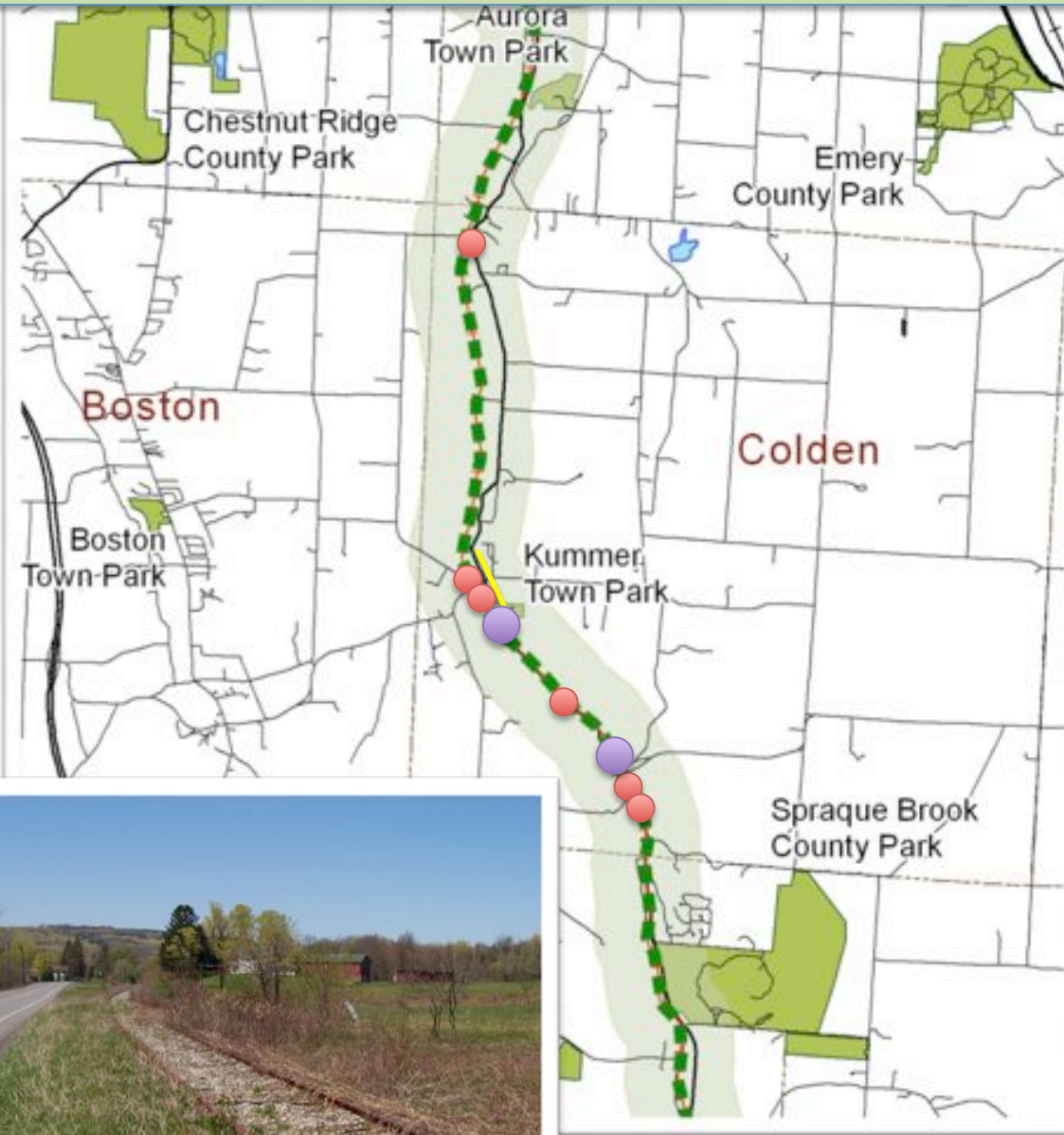
- 192 Adjacent Parcels
 - 3 - Business
 - 13 - Commercial
 - 155 - Residential
 - 8 - Railroad
 - 1 - Utility
 - 2 - Ski Club
 - 10 - no classification

ROW may be located in the back, front or divide a parcel

Source: Erie County, NY GIS mapping service 2011



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TRANSPORTATION

ROW parallels Route 240

- (2) Rt.240 at grade crossings
- (6) other road crossings:
Burr, Lower East Hill, Boston-Colden,
an unnamed road, Mill and
Murray Hill (closed in winter)

Parallels W Branch Cazenovia Creek

- (1) Cazenovia Creek crossing
- (3) Tributary crossings

.6 miles of rough sidewalk, East side
of 240 between Post Office - Park St

- No sidewalks on side road
- Bicyclists use road shoulders
- No bus stops or park & ride
- No alternative transportation

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EDUCATION

Adjacent to:

- ▲ Colden Elementary
- Kummer Park athletic facilities

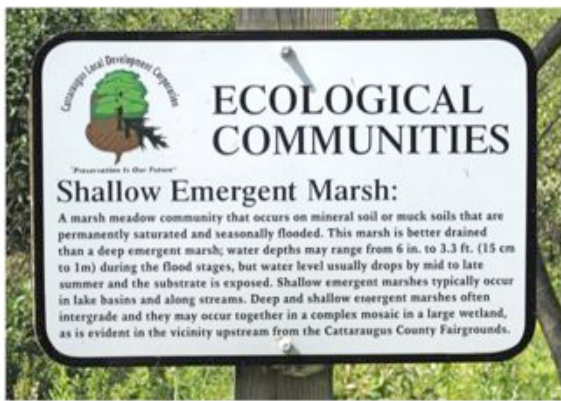
No local day care or preschool

No upper school

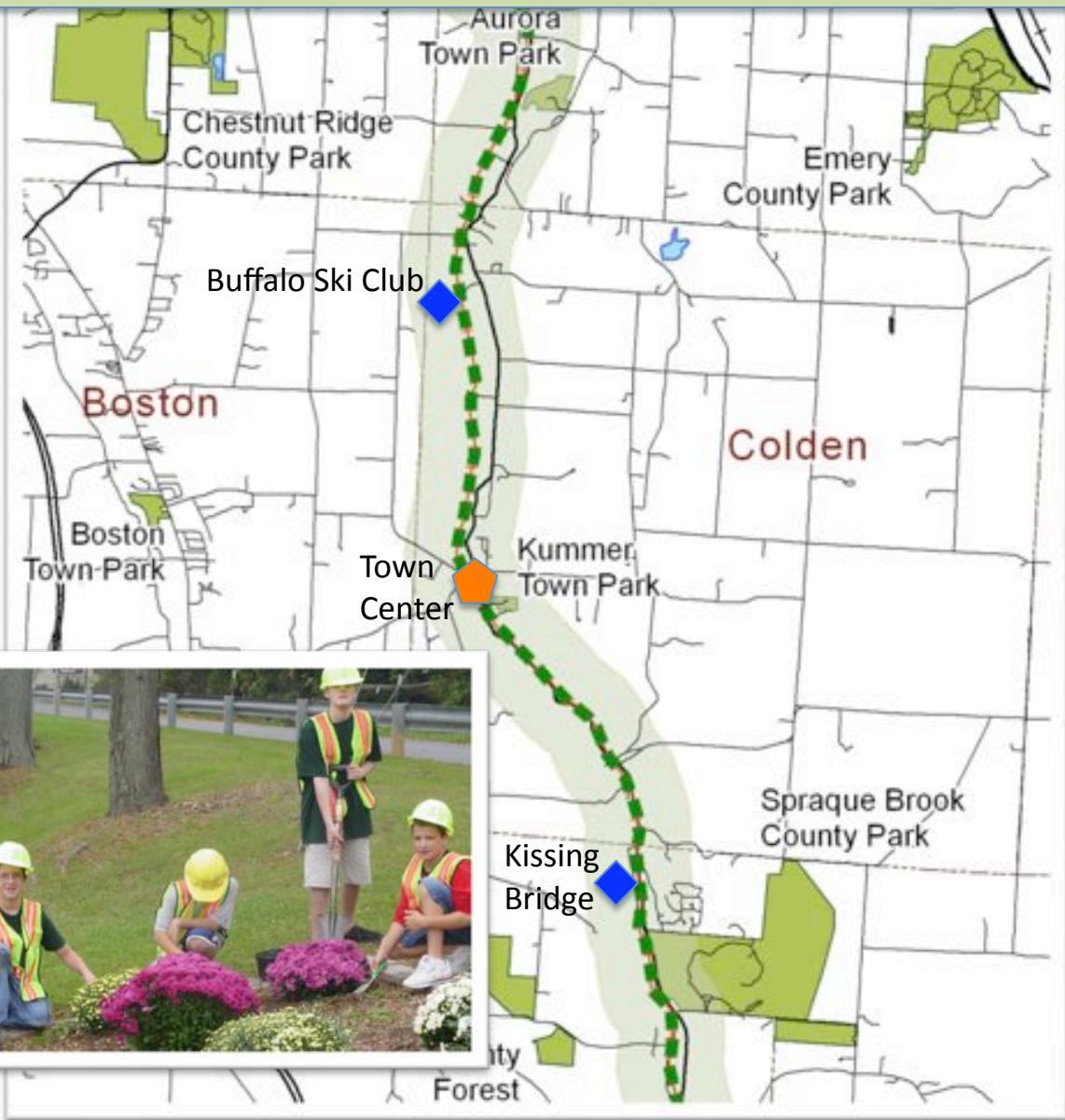
No youth center

In close proximity to:

- ▲ Aurora Waldorf in West Falls
- Springville-Griffith High School



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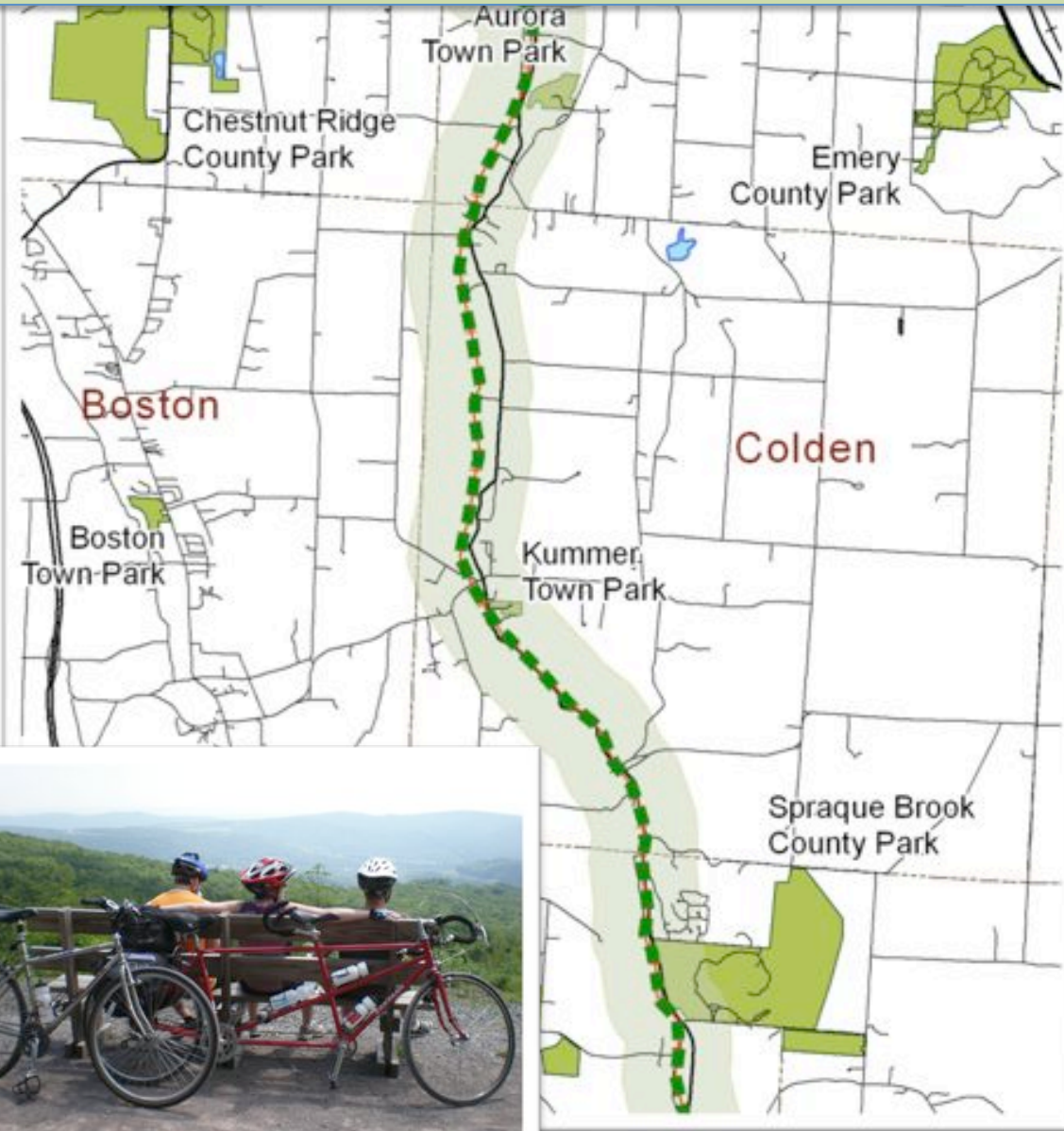
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COMMUNITY

Connects to:

- ◆ Town Center, Fire Hall
Post Office, Senior Center
Kummer Park
Small Business District
Gift Shop, Restaurant
Sport Goods, Market
Beauty Shop, Dentist
- ◆ Buffalo Sitzmarker Ski Club
North to West Falls-OP
South to Concord-Springville
- ◆ Kissing Bridge Ski Resort
Colden Tubing
Sprague Brook Park
Restaurants, Businesses

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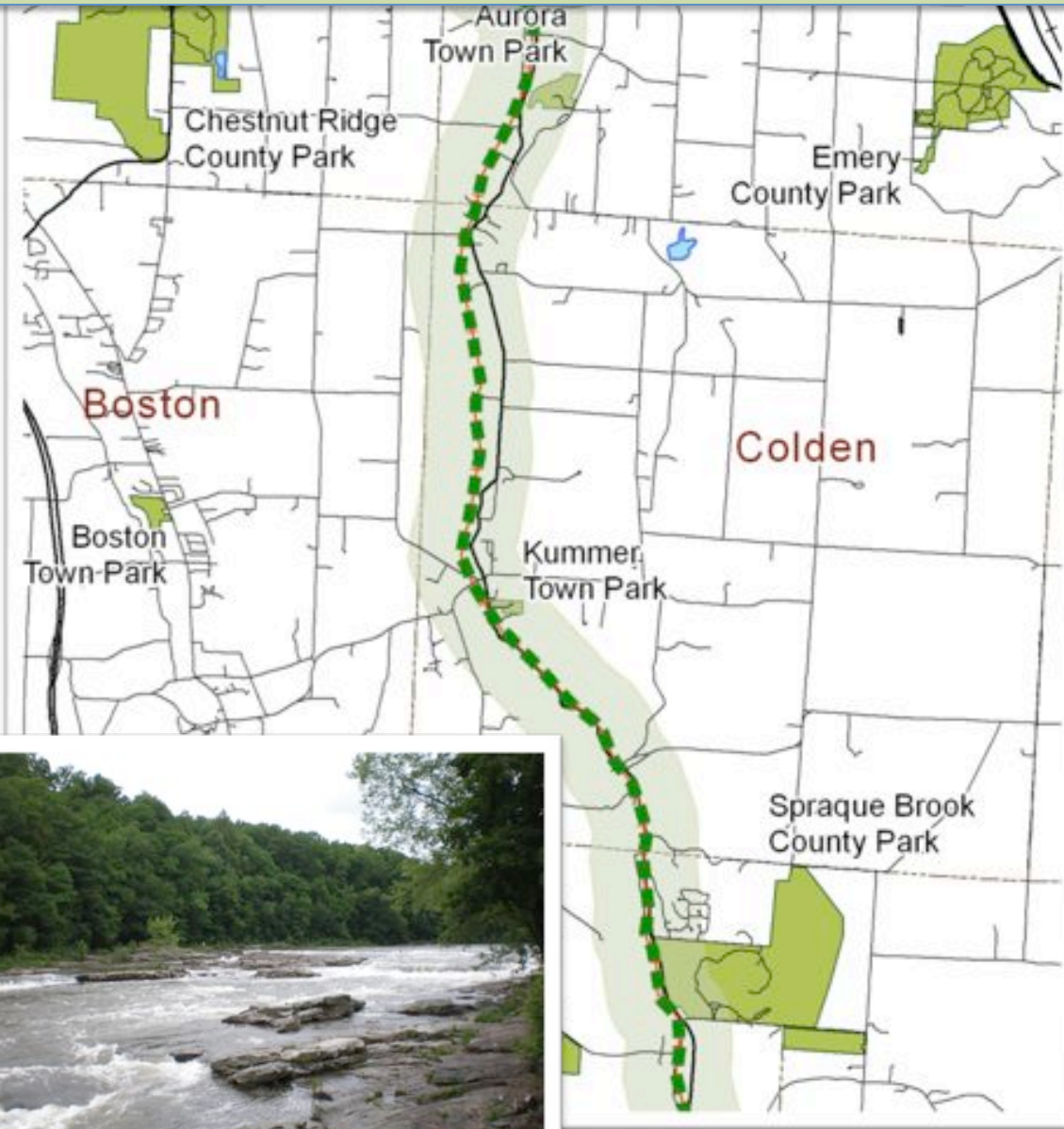
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

- 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

Parallels and crosses the West Branch of Cazenovia Creek

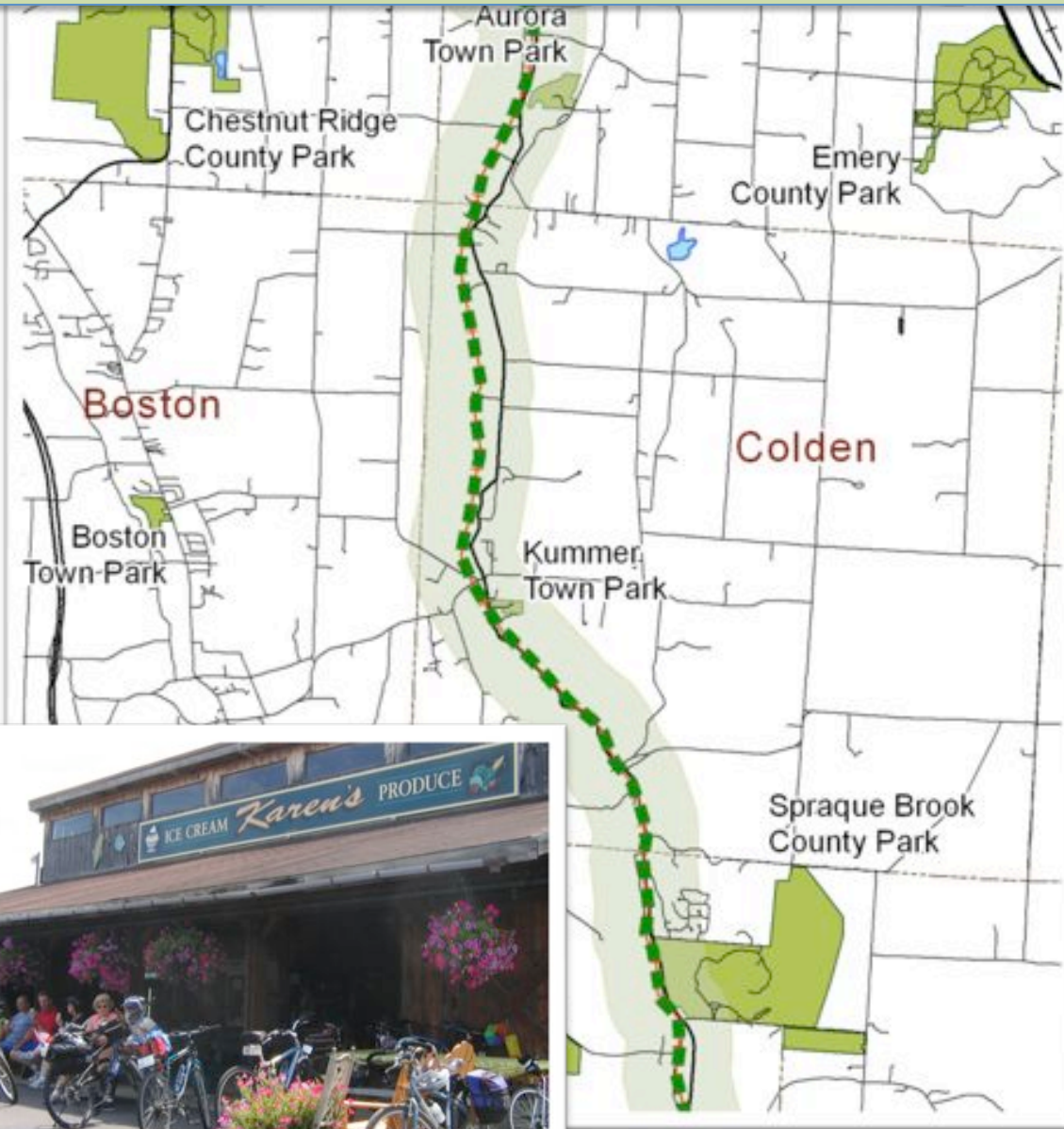
Preserves a biological corridor
Connects habitats

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

Provides an active commuting route



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ECONOMIC DEVELOP.

Within the Southtown Scenic Byway
a NY State tourism development site
and is part of the NY State Trails Plan

Site For Year Round Activity

- Spring-Summer hiking, biking
- Fall foliage viewing
- Winter x-country skiing and snow shoeing

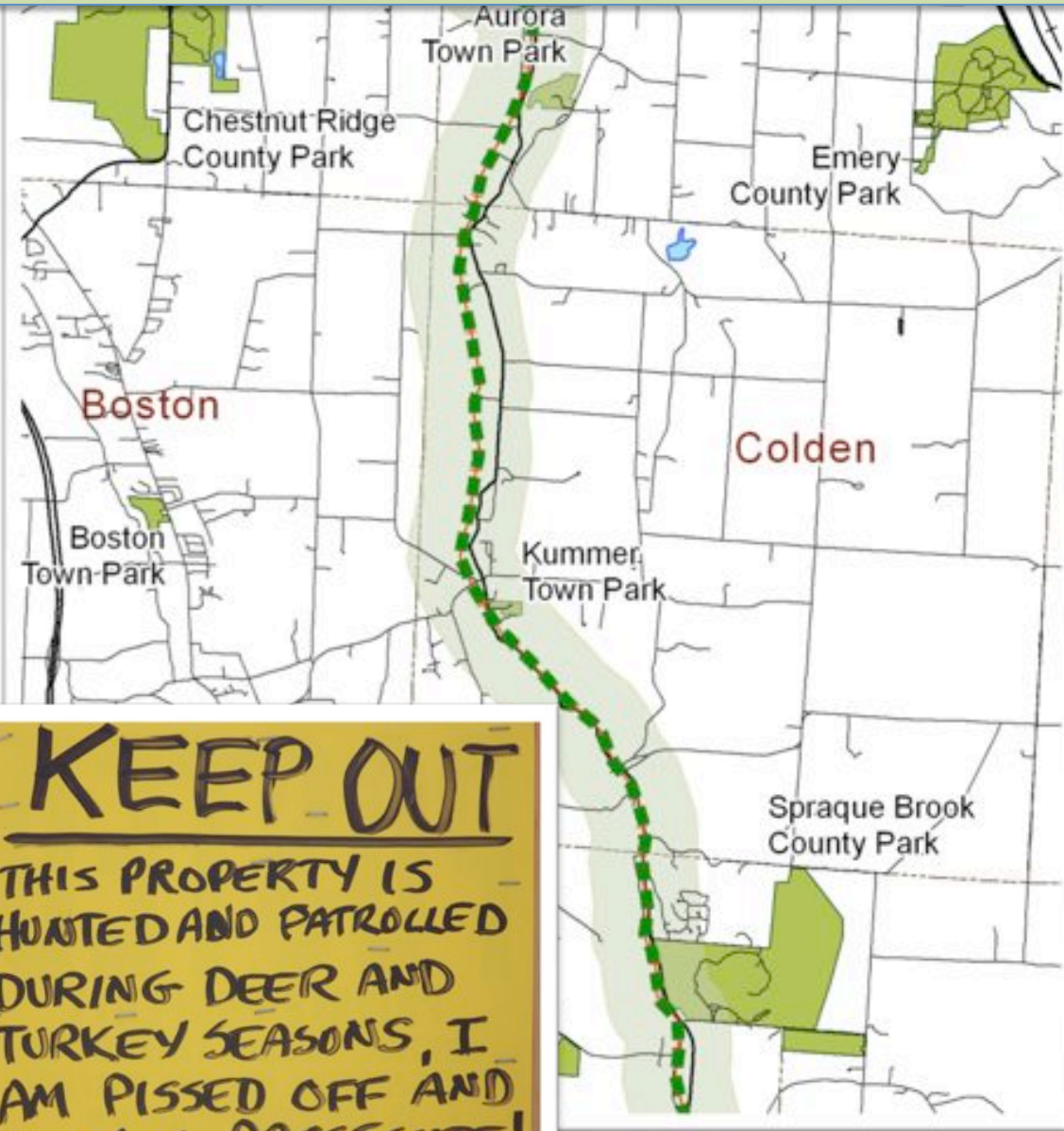
Attracts local and non-local users

Support local businesses and
New business development

“Not everyone wants a busy hectic Town but you
need some activity to support local businesses”



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BARRIERS

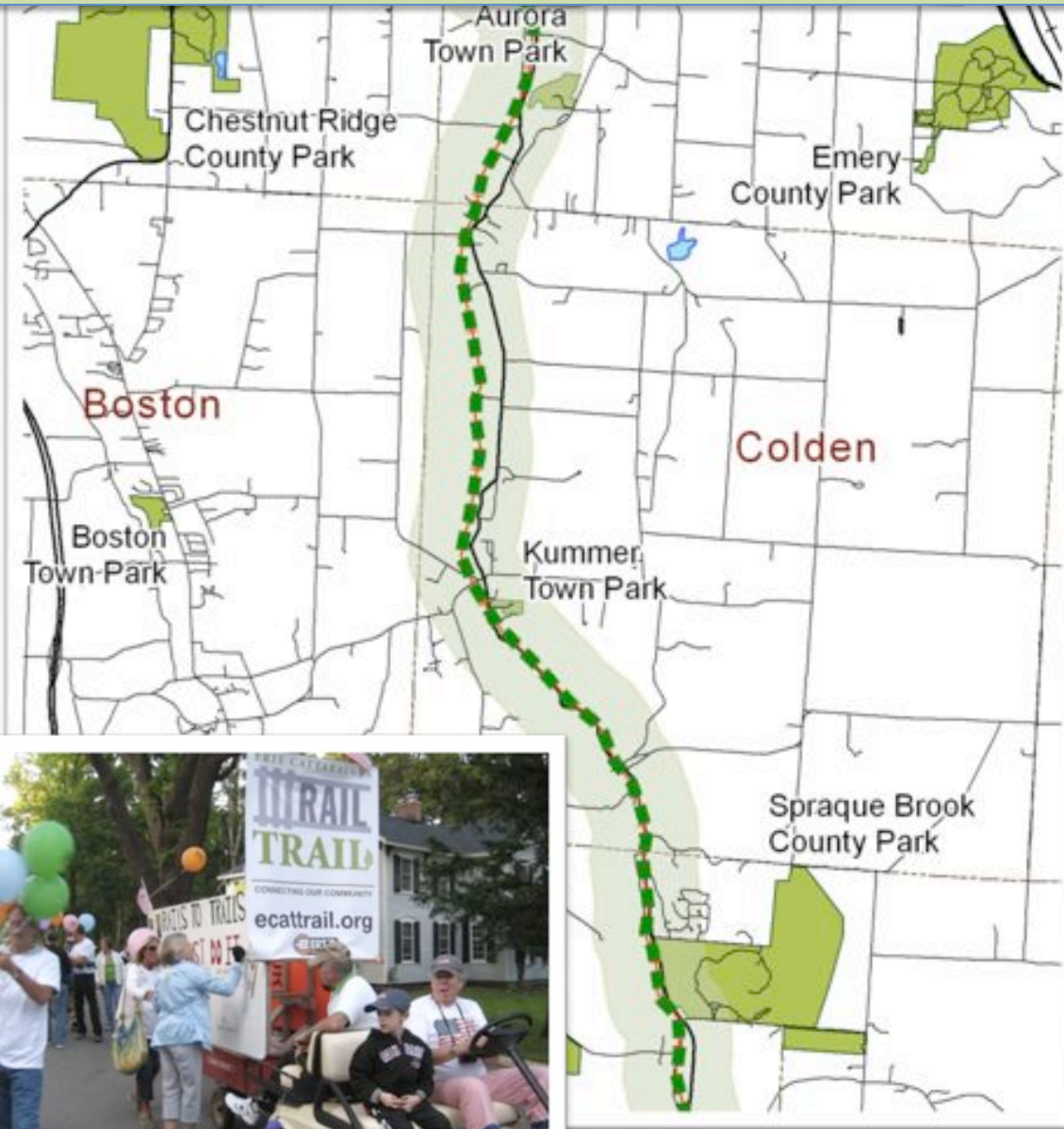
Lack Of Political Support

Adjacent Resident Opposition

NIMBY

KEEP OUT
THIS PROPERTY IS
HUNTED AND PATROLLED
DURING DEER AND
TURKEY SEASONS, I
AM PISSED OFF AND
I WILL PROSECUTE!

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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

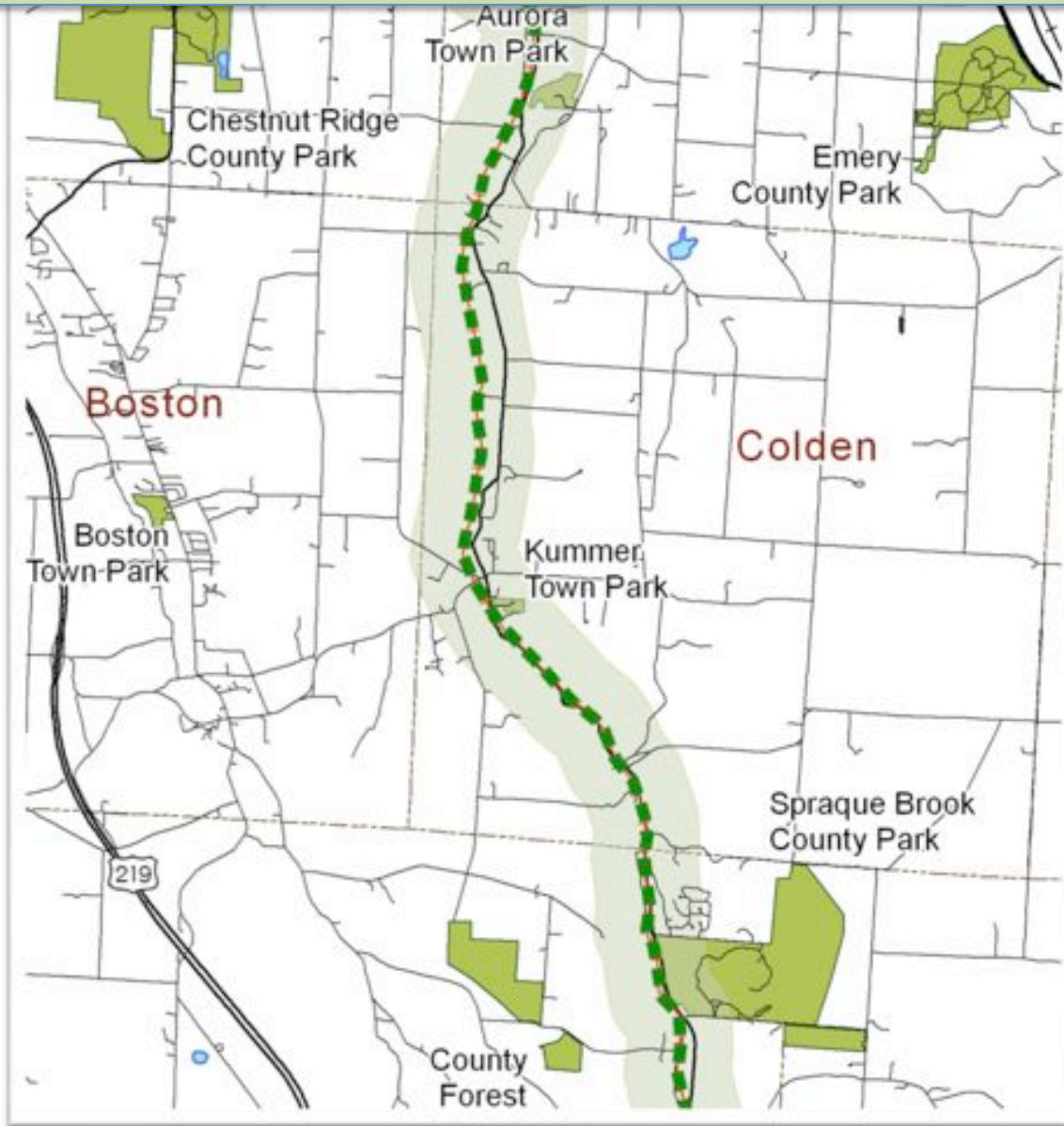
Get Community Leader Support

Be Patient and Persistent

Be Flexible and Creative



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Town of Colden Erie County Community Overview

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