



#### **PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## AGENDA

7:00 PM Introductions 7:05 PM Presentation 7:30 PM Public Input/Breakout Session 8:00 PM Next steps









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### BACKGROUND

- Town successfully obtained a \$120,000 grant from the **CTDEEP Recreational Trail Program**
- Grant covers data collection, survey, a routing study and engineered design plans
- Anchor Engineering was selected by the Town Trail Committee through a competitive procurement process Ultimately the trail will originate in the town center and will end near the Canton town line
- The overall project will be approximately 5 miles in length and will be BUILT IN PHASES







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### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

More than a trail and more than a connection

This project is about translating the unique characteristics and natural assets into a constructible design in a way that fulfills the community's desires



- Safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities
- Integrate varying land uses and functions
- Respect adjacent property owners and businesses
- Reflect the physical reality and economic challenge of implementation









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### APPROACH

#### Understand Context

Develop Options



Field Conditions Survey Public Meeting Business/property Owner Meetings Routing Design Palette and Vocabulary Special Treatments



#### Finalize Plan

Cost Estimates Potential Funding Bid Package Public Meeting



### **CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Rail road right-of-way provides a unique historical access for trail users to enjoy
- Spectacular views of the Farmington River
- Opportunity to create a number of ancillary trails
- Physical characteristics allow the trail to be built to accommodate a range of ages and abilities
- Topography is very steep in several locations
- Exceptional accessibility to local businesses
- Route 44 crossing must be done safely
- Though natural resources are abundant, minimal impacts are anticipated











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### **Opportunities & Challenges**

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?







POTENTIAL ACCESS TO RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES MULTI-USE TRAIL FOLLOWS WESTERN SIDE OF RTE. 44 FARMINGTON RIVER ENCOURAGE CONNECTION TO LOCAL BUSINESSES U.S. ROUTE 219 U.S. ROUTE 44 POTENTIAL ACCESS TO RESIDENTIAL COMMUNIT MULTI-USE TRAIL FOLLOWS HISTORIC RAILROAD CORRIDOR P TRAIL CONNECTOR BETWEEN RAILROAD CORRIDOR & RTE. 44 MULTI-USE TRAILHEAD & PARKING CALLAHAN ACCESSIBLE MULTI-USE TRAIL ENTRANCE & OVERLOOK TO TOWN CENTER / FARMINGTON RIVER KINGDOM GAME CLUB SATAN'S KINGDOM STATE RECREATION AREA POTENTIAL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING FROM FORMER DUNKIN DONUTS TO HIGH STREET TOWN CENTER & PUBLIC PARKING MULTI-USE TRAIL CROSSES BENEATH RTE. 44 NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK AT RTE. 44 / 219 INTERSECTION New Hartford Trails C 30 TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD 350 70 SCALE: 1"= 350"



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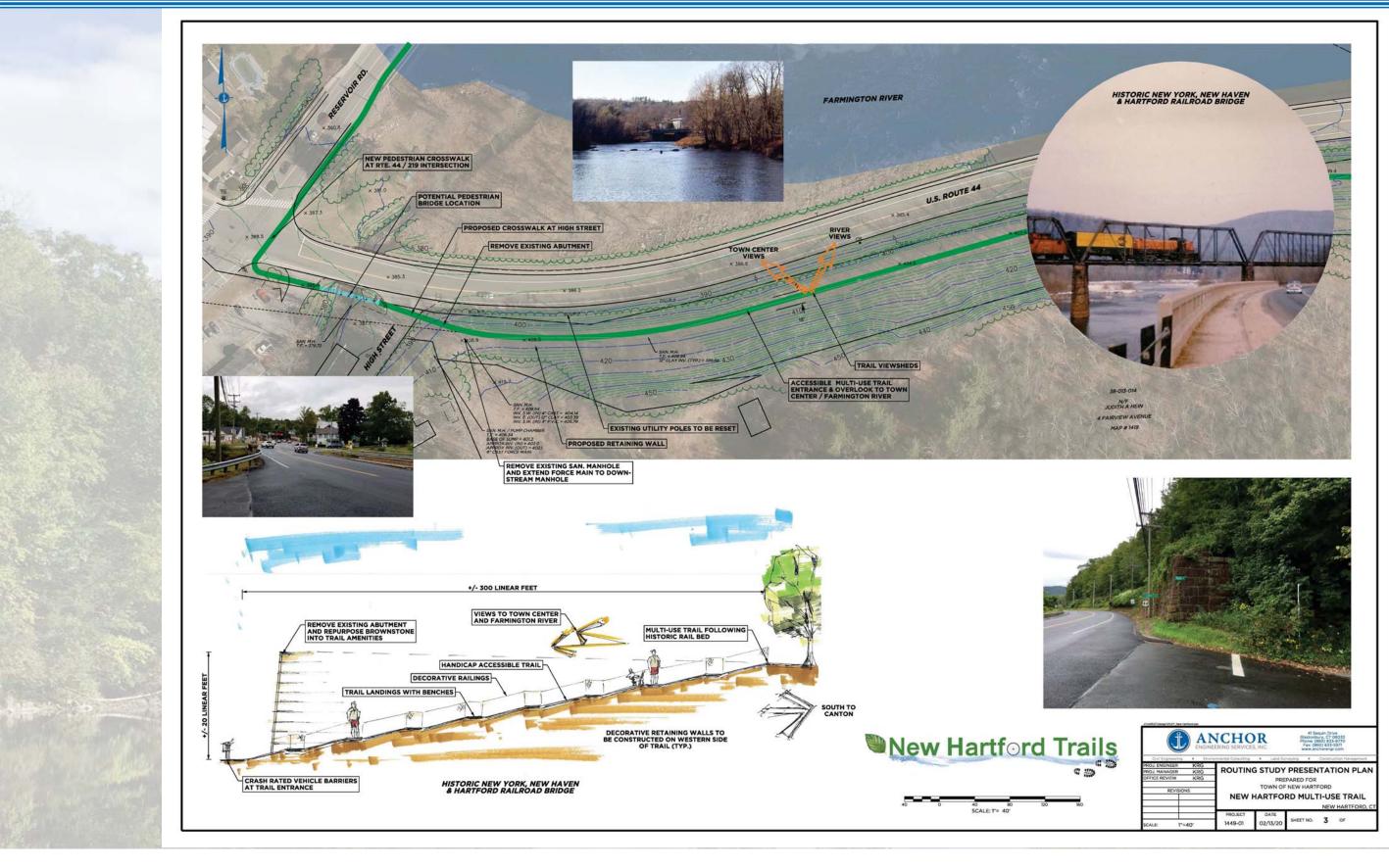


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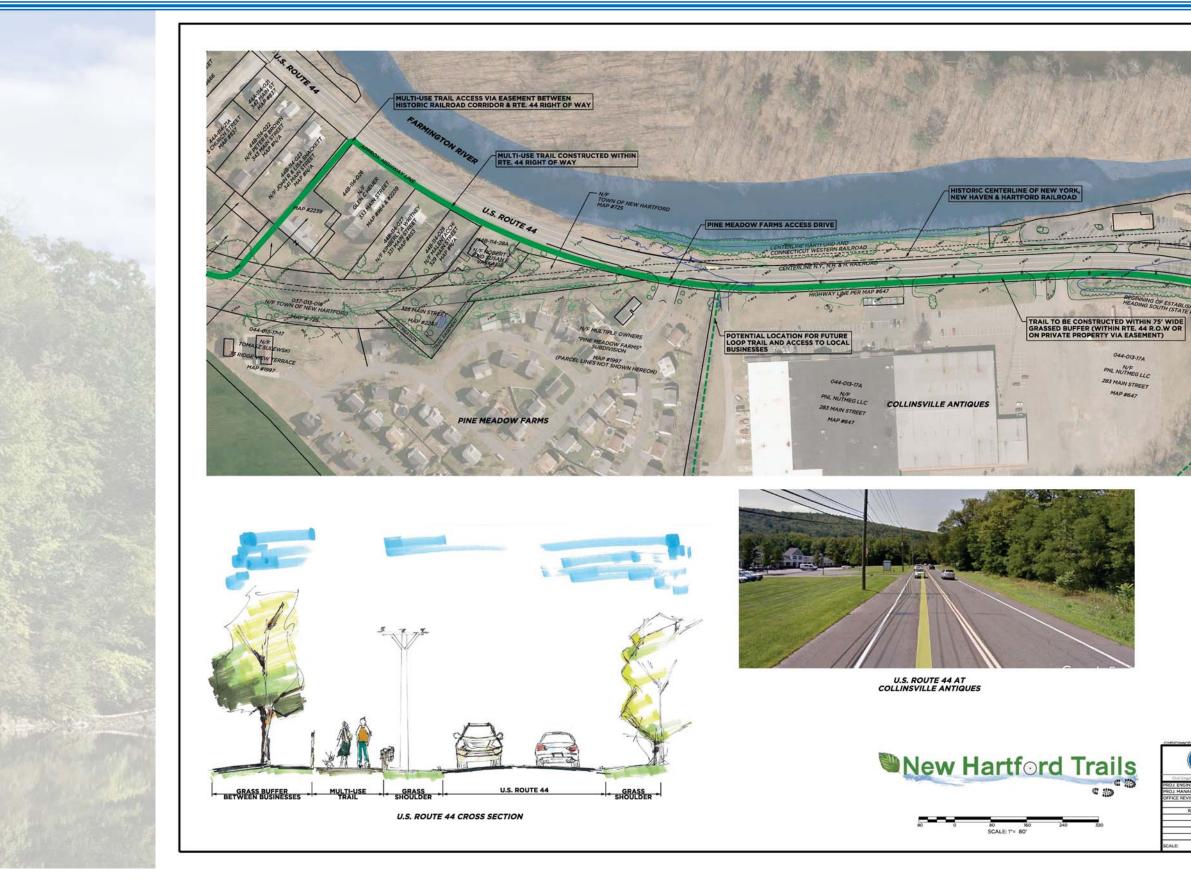
















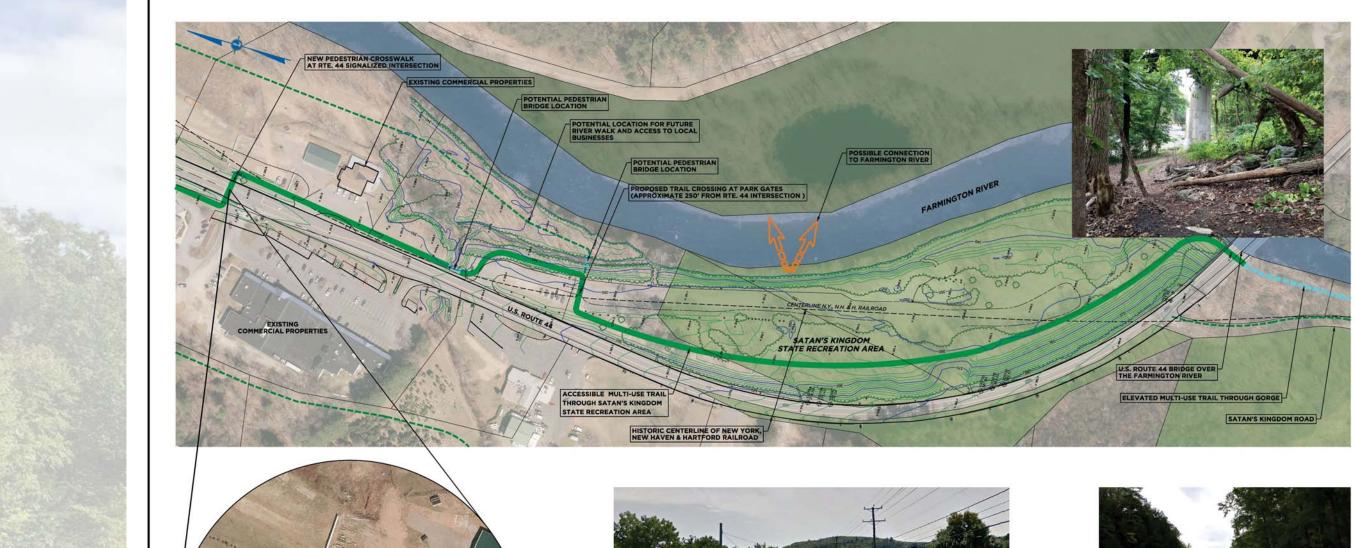


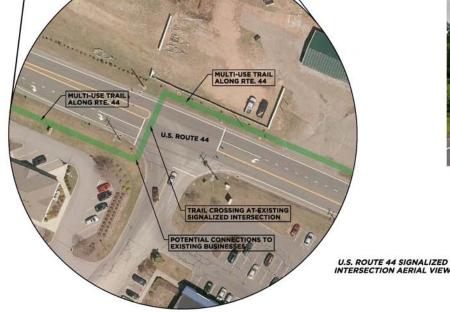
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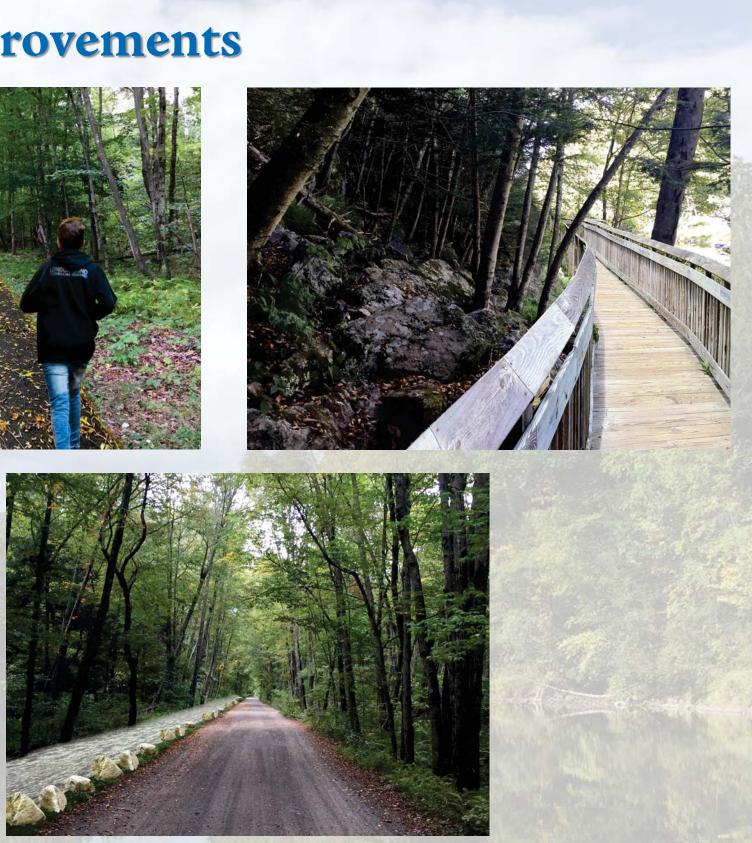
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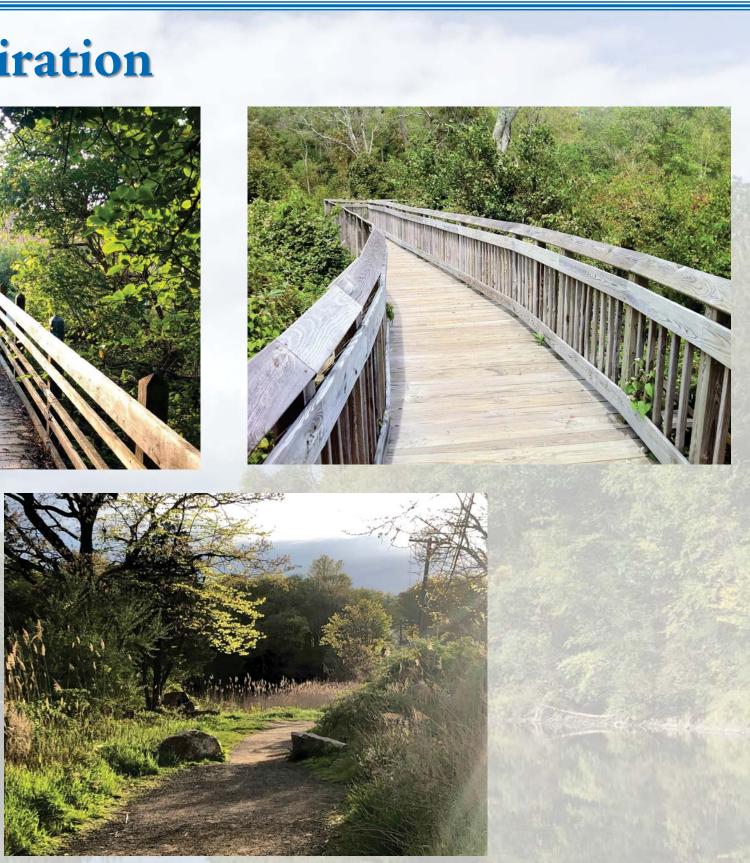
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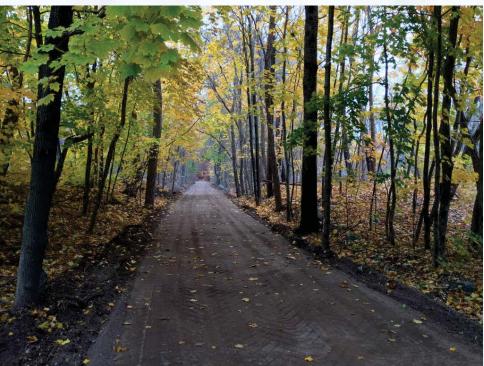


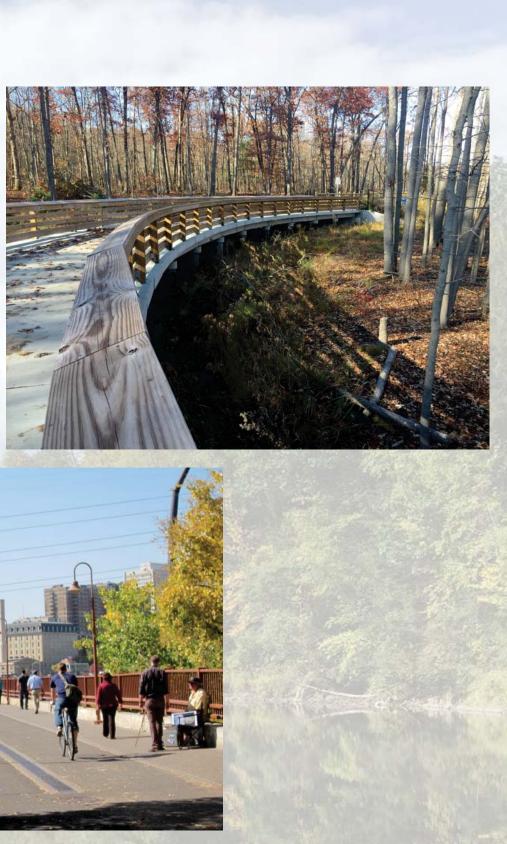


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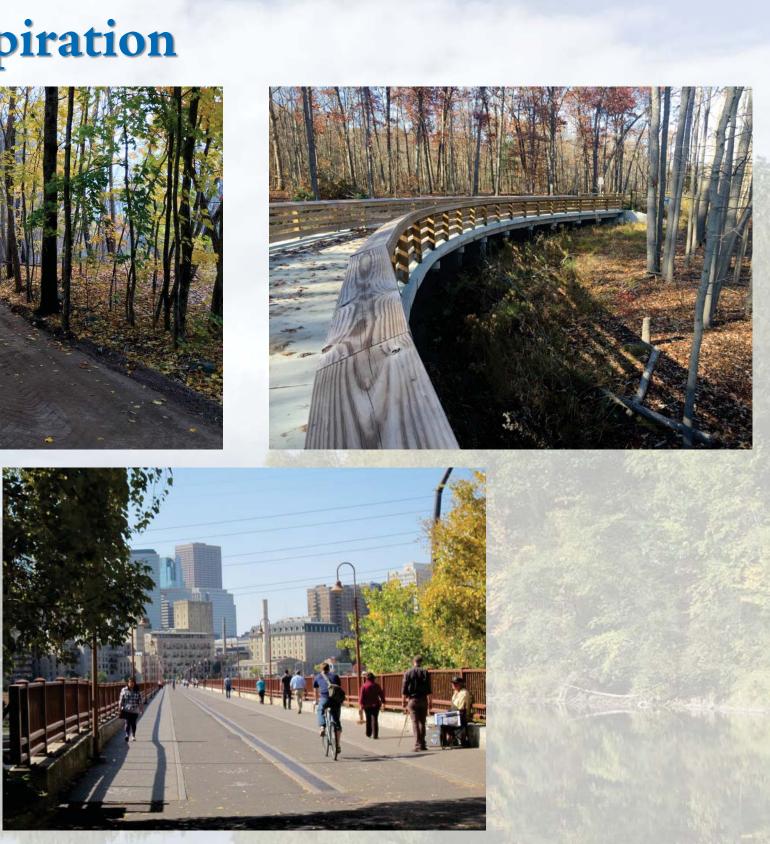
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# TIME FOR US TO **LISTEN TO YOU!**









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# **20 MINUTE BREAKOUT SESSION COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**







## **BREAKOUT SESSION**

Station 1: Routing Preference - Place Your dots (8 total)

Green-locations along the proposed route you like the most. Red-locations along the proposed route you dislike.

There are sticky note pads if you wish to add a note.













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## **BREAKOUT SESSION**

Station 2: Preference Survey - 2 BLUE dots per person

Four Trail Examples Depict Different Functions/Uses

Choose TWO that best reflect the type of trail you would like to see.













# **DISCUSSION + QUESTIONS**







### **NEXT STEPS**

- Trail Committee considers public comments and selects final route
- Conceptual Plan is completed
  - Initial cost estimate is prepared
- Trail committee examines options for phasing
- Preliminary Design of selected option is completed
- Cost Estimate is finalized
- Final Design and Construction Bid Package is assembled









### **STAY IN TOUCH!**

- General Comment Form
- Check the Town Website:
- Monthly Trail Committee Meetings
- Public Meeting #2 March/April
- ✓ Final Presentation May/June



#### GENERAL COMMENT FORM

You may not feel comfortable speaking in public, or perhaps you do not have time to attend meetings but your insight is valuable. We appreciate your comments.

Please return this completed form by mail or email to:

Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant 530 Main Street | P.O. Box 316 | New Hartford, CT 06057 CHayward@newhartfordct.gov

If you would like to receive email announcements regarding this project, please provide your name and email below. Please PRINT clearly. Thank you!

https://www.newhartfordct.gov/rails-to-trails-study-committee









## **THANK YOU!**

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