

# A Cross-State Multi-Use Trail



*Henry County &  
Knightstown details  
added*

**to Span 162 Miles, 30 Communities, and  
Years of Hoosier History**

# National Road Heritage Trail

- Benefits of bicycle/pedestrian trails
- Why the cross-state NRHT
- Why a coordinated effort
- Current status of the NRHT initiative
- Summary of local bicycle/pedestrian trails
- **Henry County & Knightstown details**



# Benefits of Trails

- Strengthen local economies
- Provide residents with a low cost local transportation alternative
- Improve community livability by creating public open space
- Encourage physical fitness & healthy lifestyle
- Highlight & preserve culturally & historically valuable areas



# How important is non-motorized transportation? Here's an example.



“Hovenring” suspended bicycle roundabout in Netherlands ([twistedifter.com](http://twistedifter.com) 1-30-14)  
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# Why the Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail?

- Inspired by benefits of long distance bike/ped multi-use trails in other states.
- Historic National Road corridor ideal context for tourism at the intimate pace of trail travel.
- 5 local trails were already in place.
- Would serve communities every 3-5 miles
- High visibility route & name that are easy to market for tourism



# Why a Coordinated Effort?

- Encourage communities to connect.
- Continuous system of bicycle/pedestrian trails magnifies the value of and draws more funding for the individual trails.
- Some route options are at risk to other development only because the potential for a trail is not obvious locally.
- Perfect match for Indiana National Road Assoc. goals to strengthen preservation, awareness, and tourism of the corridor.

# Why a Coordinated Effort?

- In 2005-06, an Indiana Office of Tourism Development grant & local matches funded \$100,000 NRHT Development Guide.
  - March 2006: Statewide & 8 county volumes published.
  - 2017: NRHT, Inc. updated county volumes.

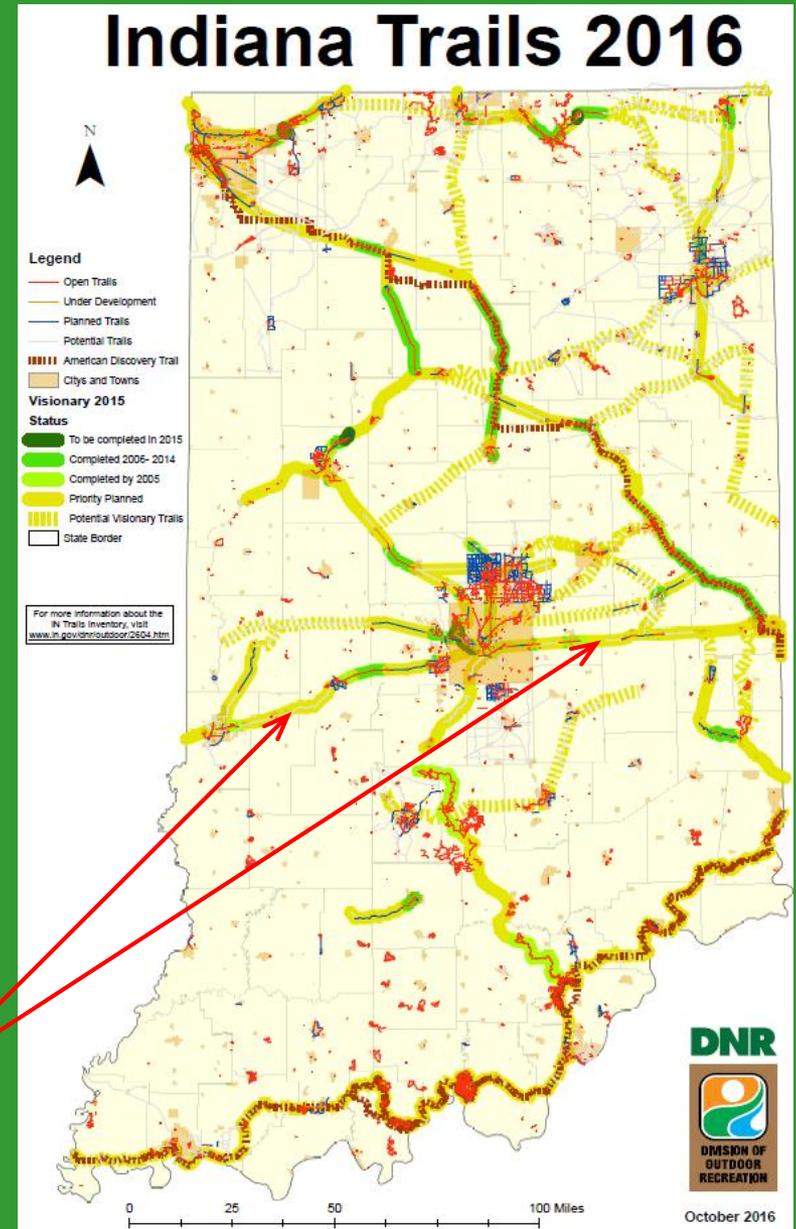


Plus:  
Marion County  
Hancock County  
Henry County  
Wayne County

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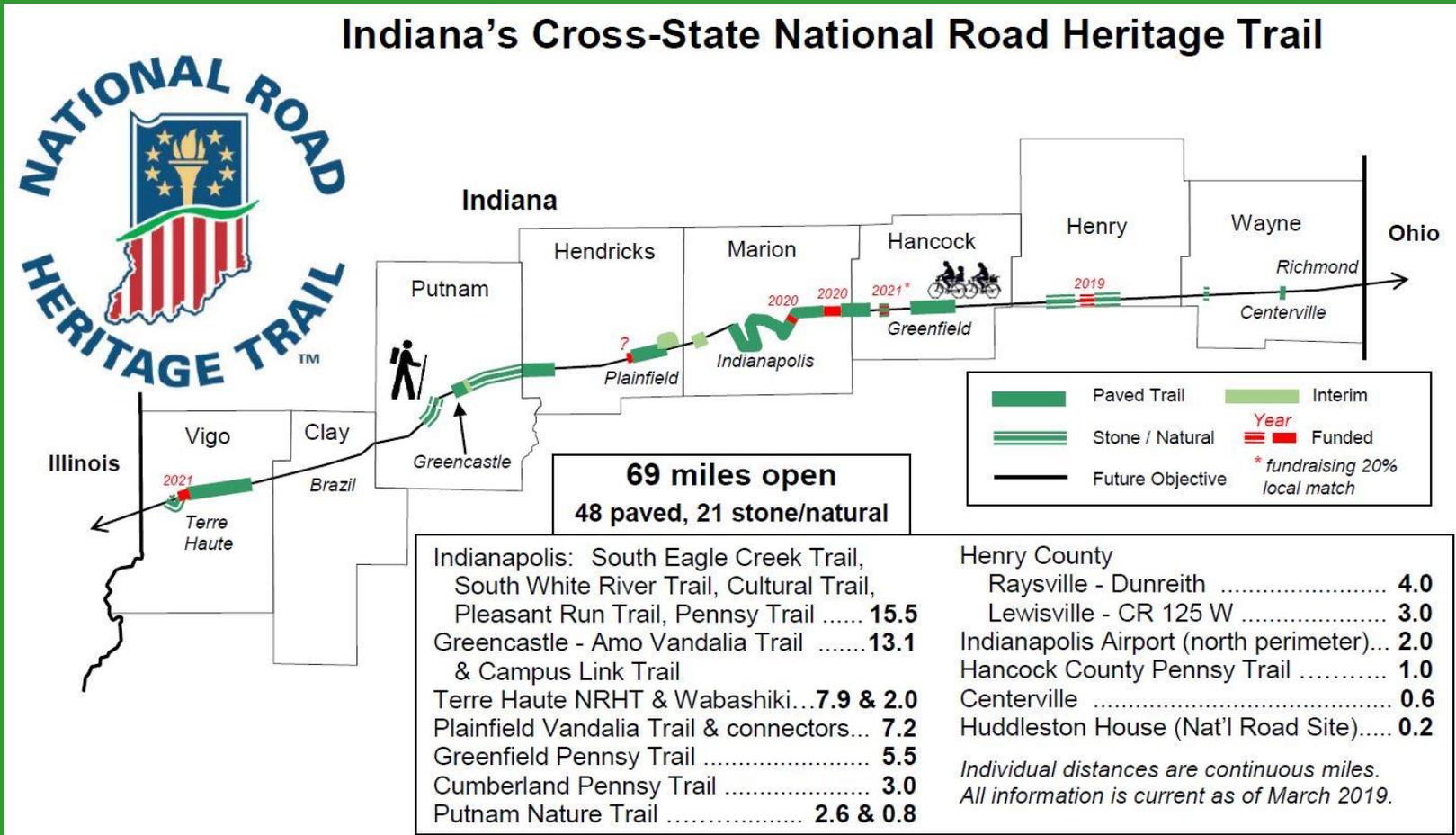
- In July 2006, 1<sup>st</sup> Indiana statewide trails plan, “Hoosiers on the Move”, designated cross-state NRHT as 1 of 6 primary “Visionary Trails”.
- 2016 update reaffirmed NRHT as “Priority Planned”.

NRHT



# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Status

## Open Bike/Ped Trails



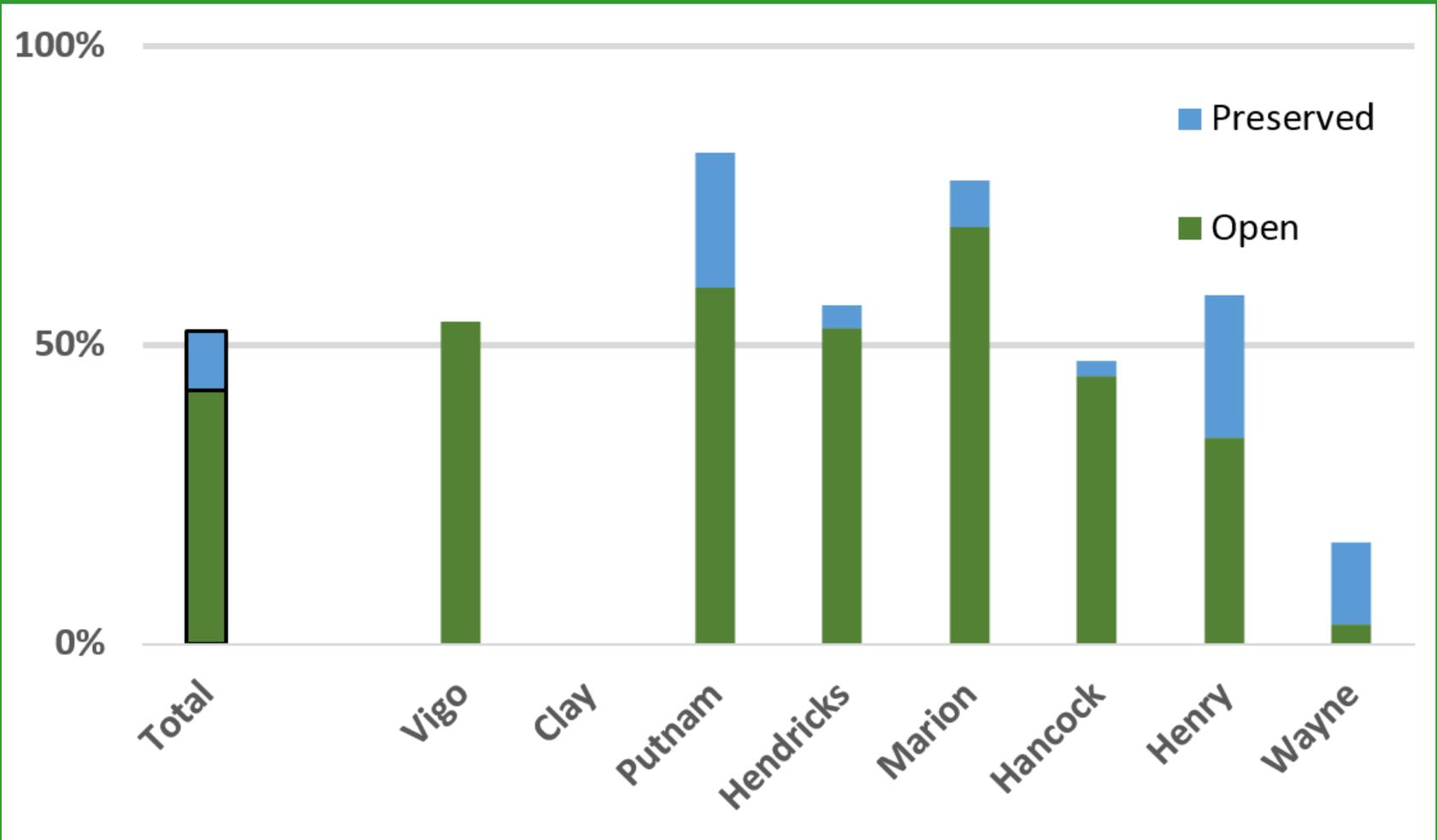
### Near Term Development

Vigo County US 150 causeway – 1.5 miles  
 Plainfield west Vandalia Trail – 0.5 miles  
 Indy Pennsy Trail – 3.5 miles

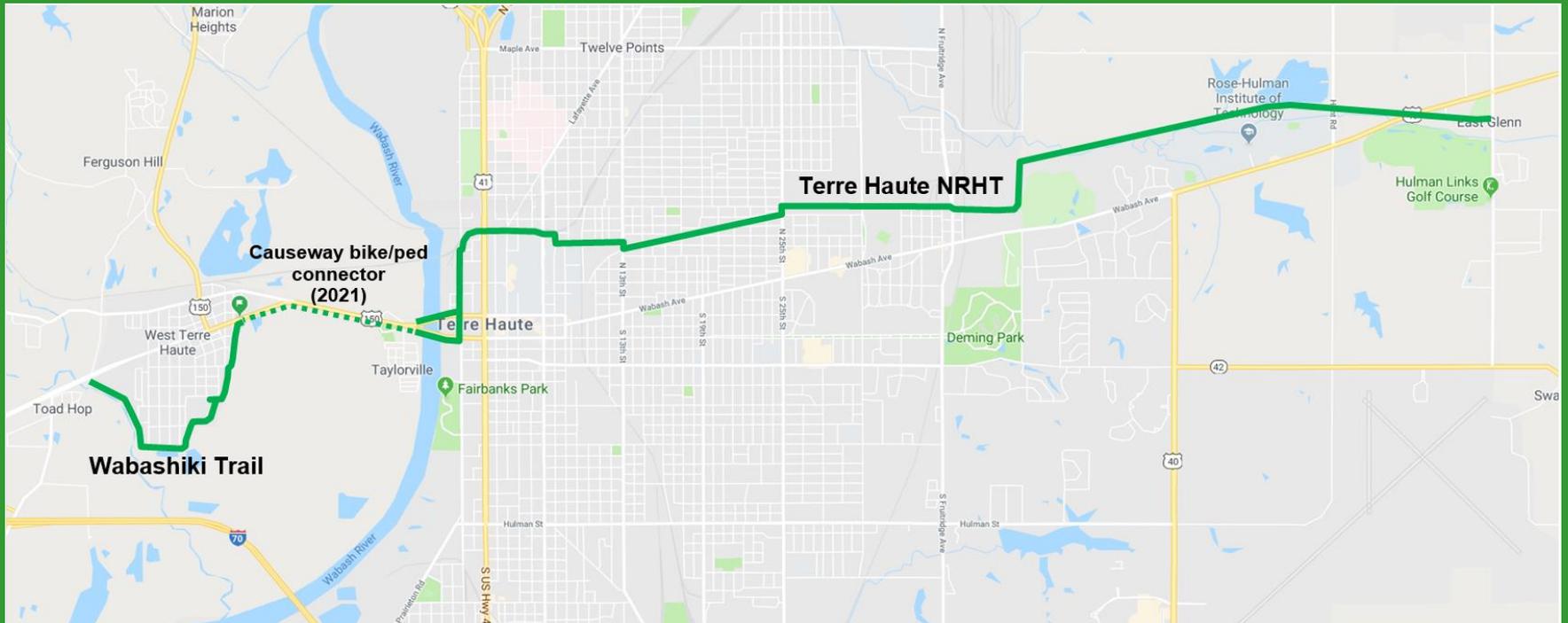
Hancock County Pennsy Trail – 1 mile  
 Henry County, Dunreith – 1.3 miles

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# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Status % Open & Preserved by County



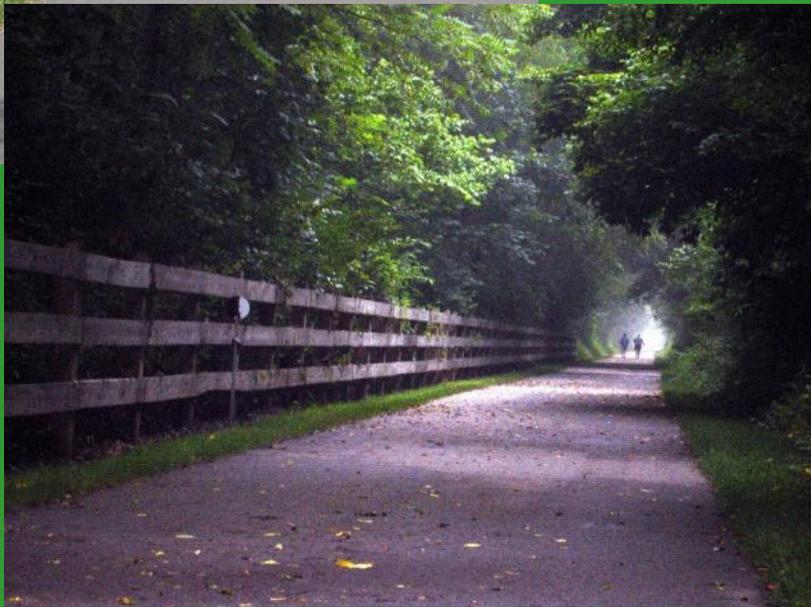
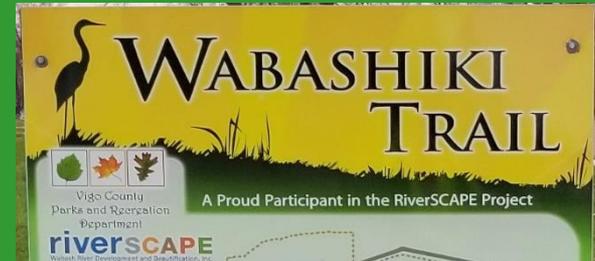
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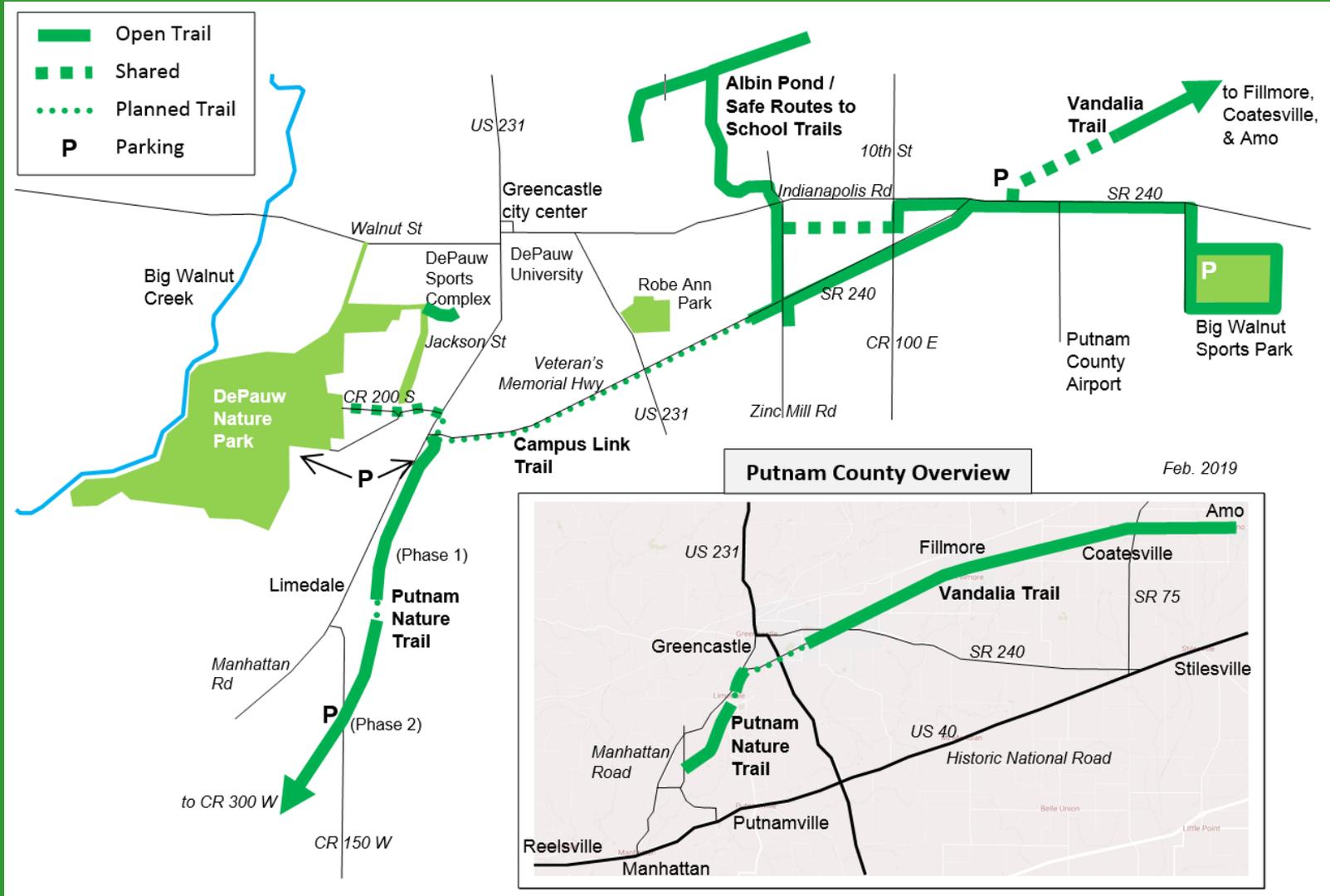
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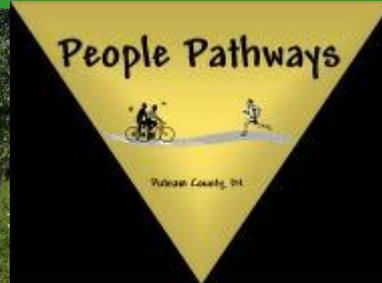
Terre Haute



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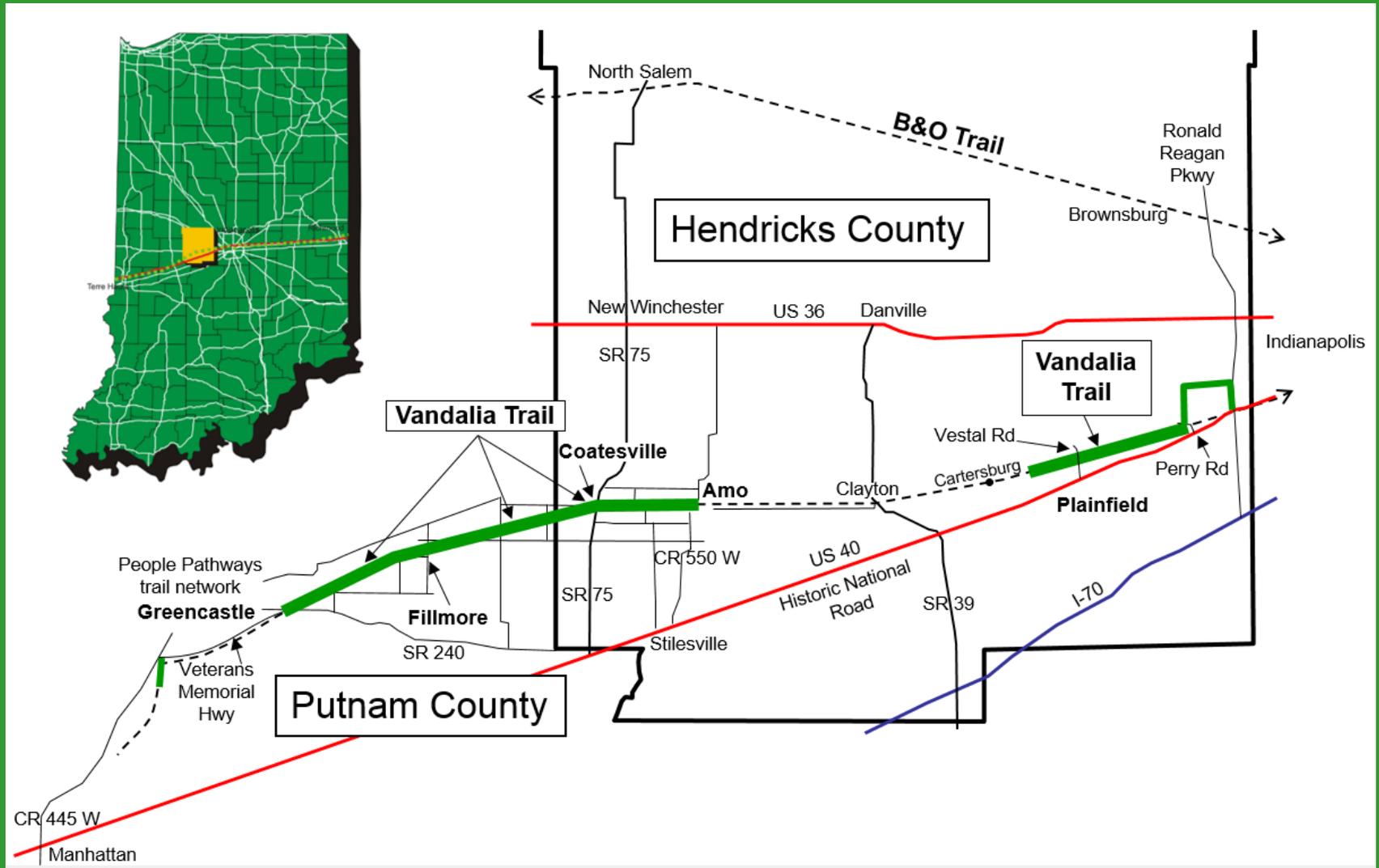
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**People Pathways  
Vandalia Trail &  
Putnam Nature Trail**



# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Hendricks County



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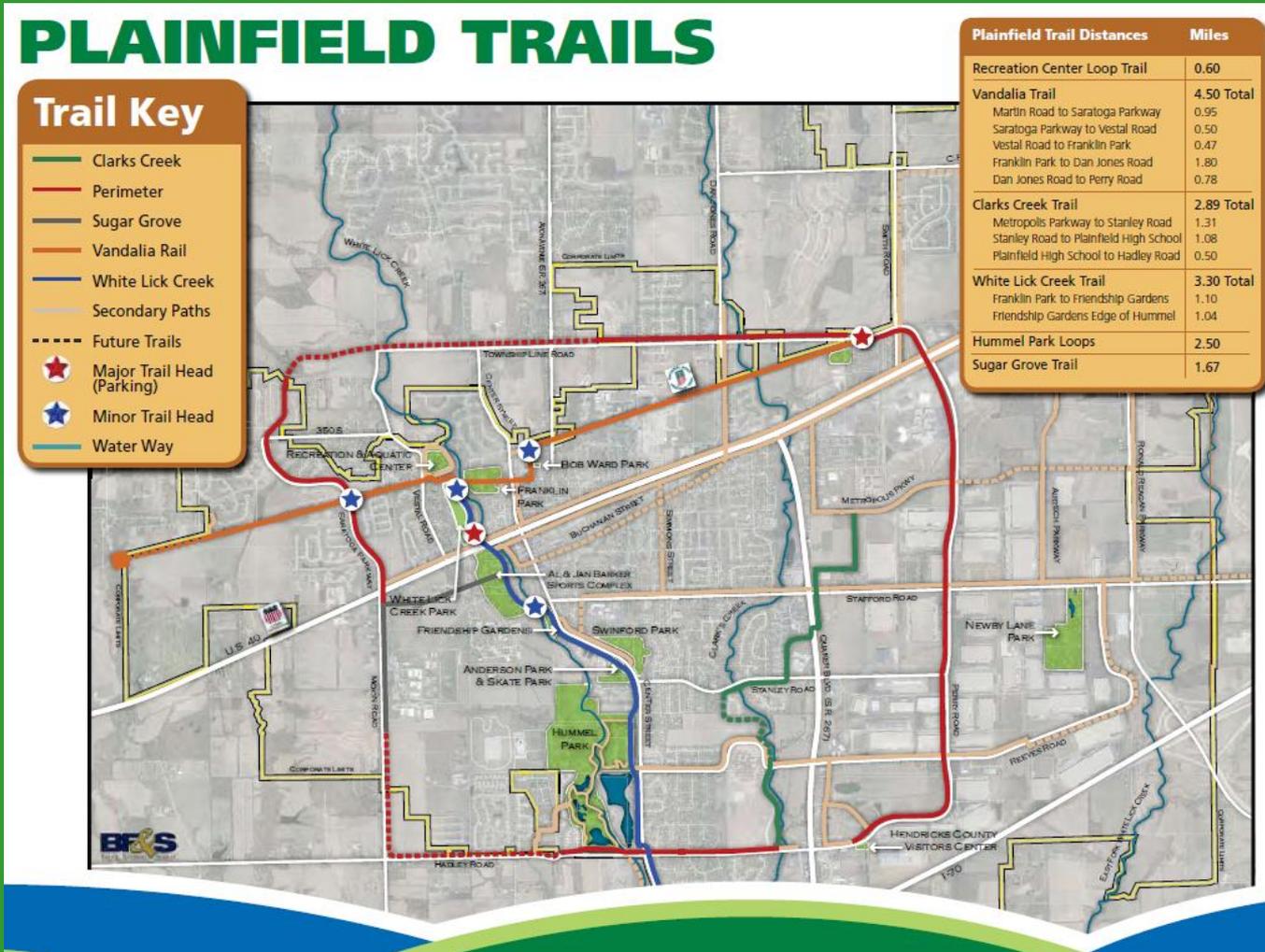


Vandalia Trail – Amo to Coatesville



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## Vandalia Trail across Plainfield



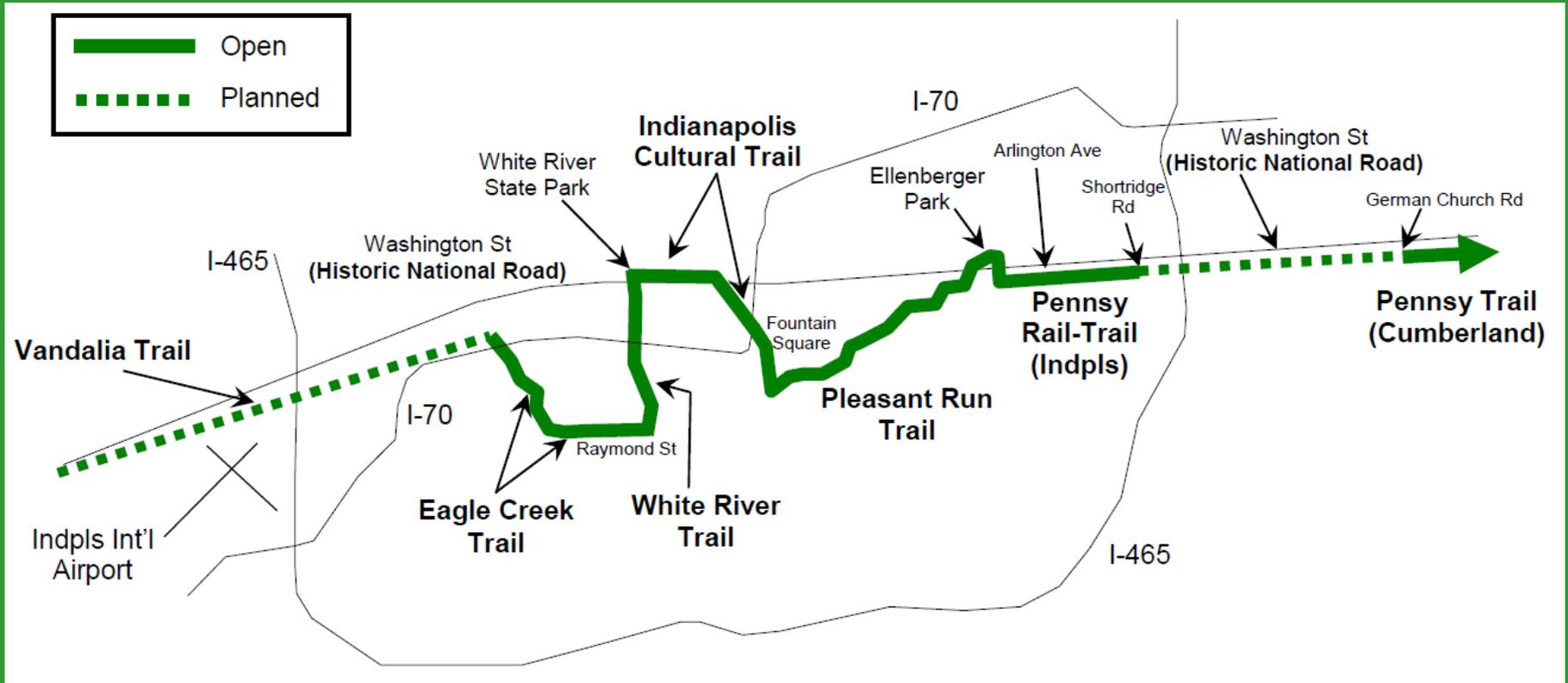
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Plainfield  
Vandalia  
Trail



# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Marion County



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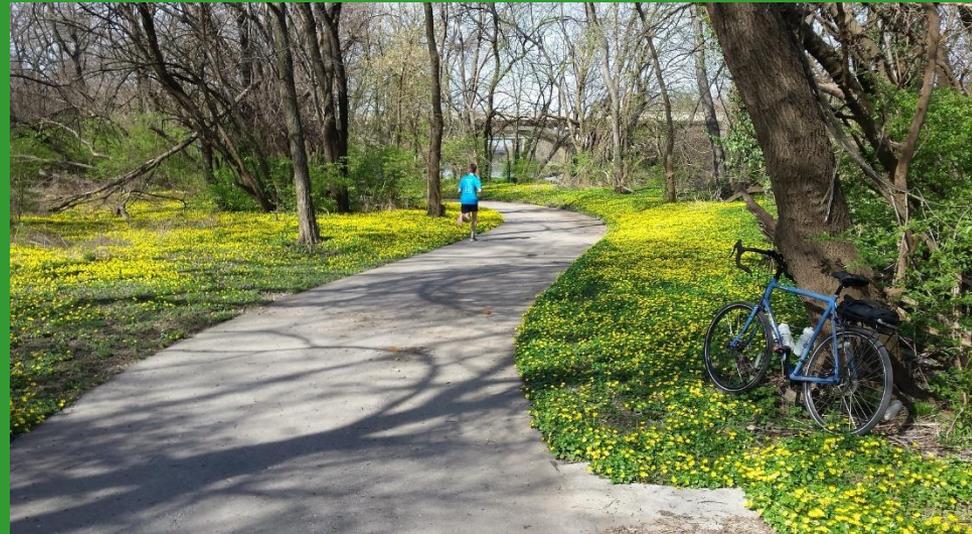
old Washington St bridge  
White River State Park



south Eagle Creek Trail



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south White River Trail

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Indianapolis Cultural Trail – Washington St.



Indianapolis Cultural Trail – Fountain Square

Fountain Square- Pleasant Run Trail connector

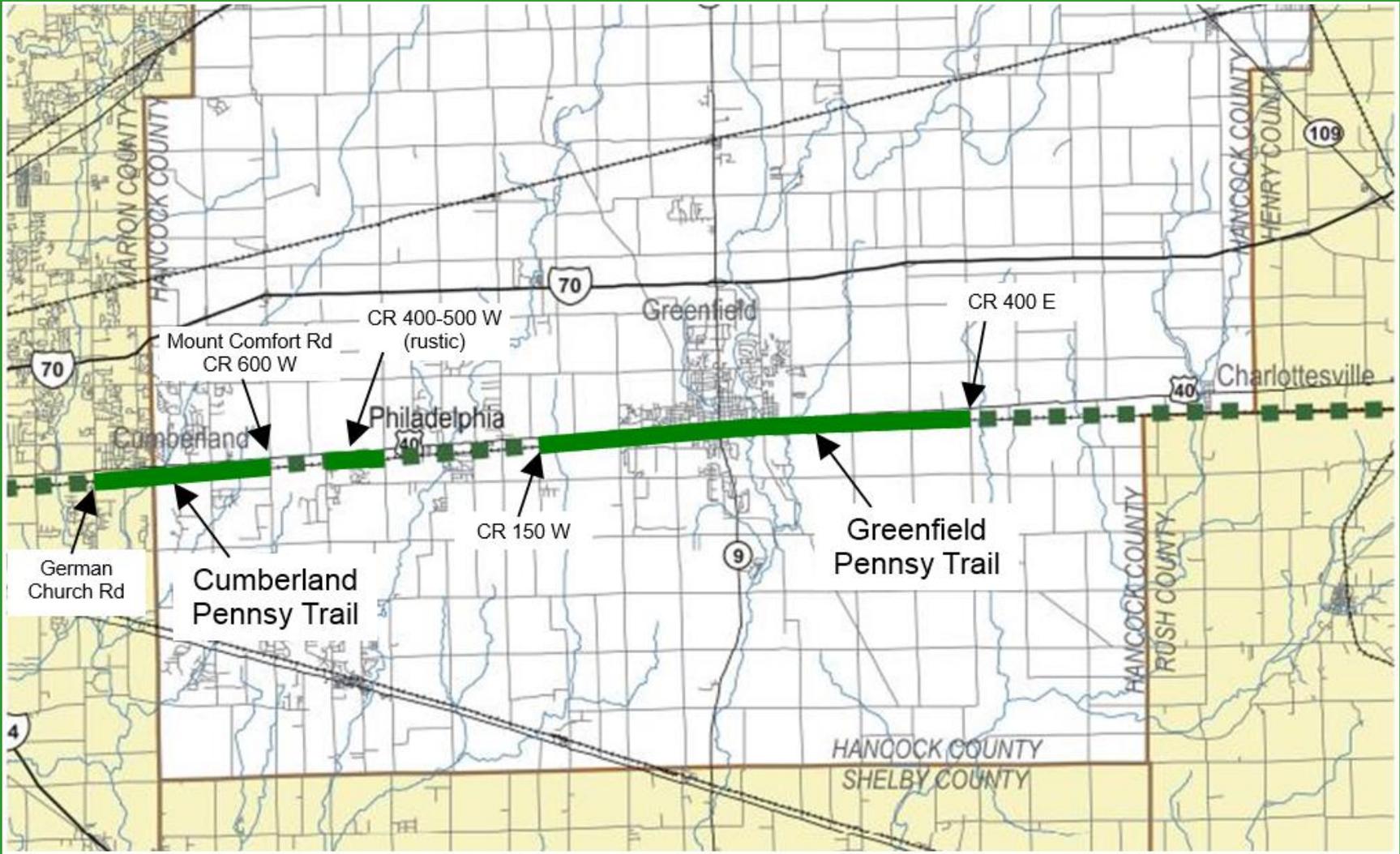


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Indy Parks  
Penny Trail

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Solar System Model

## Cumberland Pennsy Trail



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# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Hancock County



Greenfield  
Pennsy Trail



# Cross-State National Road Heritage Trail Henry County

## Healthy Communities of Henry County NRHT



### Open (7.0 miles)

Raysville-Dunreith: 4.0 mi  
Lewisville: 3.0 mi

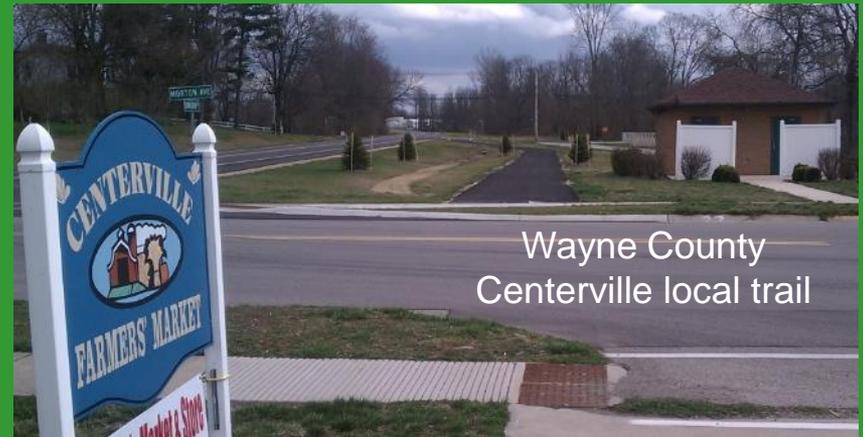
### Owned (4.5 miles)

west of Knightstown: 0.4 mi  
west side of Knightstown: 0.5 mi  
east side of Washington St. in Knightstown: 0.05 mi  
west Dunreith: 0.4 mi  
east Dunreith: 1.3 mi  
east Lewisville: 0.3 mi  
Straughn: 0.1 mi  
east of Straughn: 0.7 mi  
Wayne Co. line: 0.8 mi

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Wayne County  
Centerville local trail

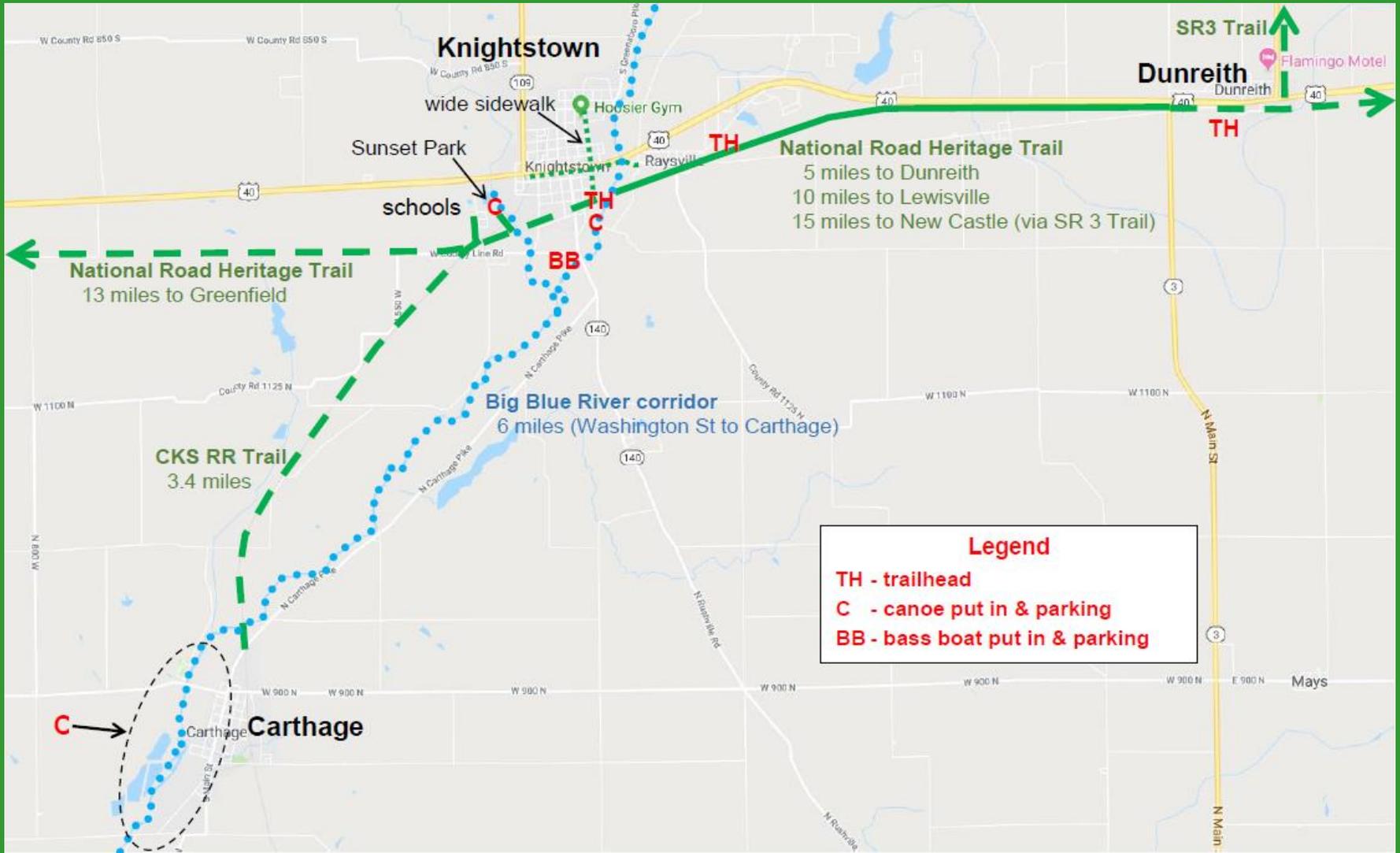
# National Road Heritage Trail & Other Current Assets Knightstown Area



# NRHT as Part of Proposed Henry/Rush County Network

## Healthy Communities of Henry County

### Elements of Knightstown, Carthage, & Henry County Comprehensive Plans



**Legend**

- TH - trailhead
- C - canoe put in & parking
- BB - bass boat put in & parking