



STATE TRAILS OFFICE UPDATE

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State Trails Office Update

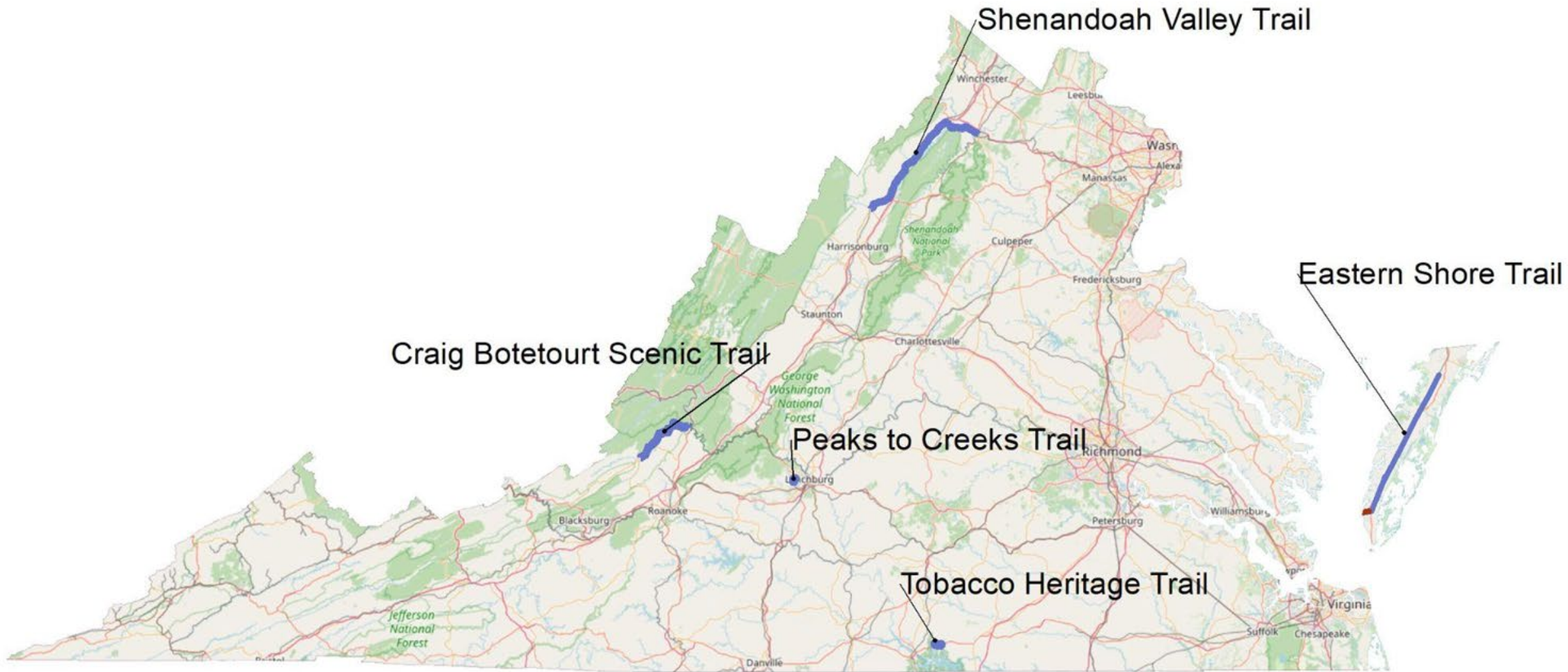
Staffing

- **2 Positions have been filled**
 - **Planning Lead: Wood Hudson**
 - **Locality & Funding Lead: Torsha Bhattacharya**

State Trails Plan / Information Clearinghouse

- **Consultant on-board & Scope of Work initiated for the Statewide Trails Plan and Information Clearinghouse**
- **Collecting trails data in coordination with DCR**
- **Next Presentation to Statewide Trails Advisory Committee (STAC) - April 26,2023**
- **Research Scan of other States**

General Assembly High Priority Trails Update

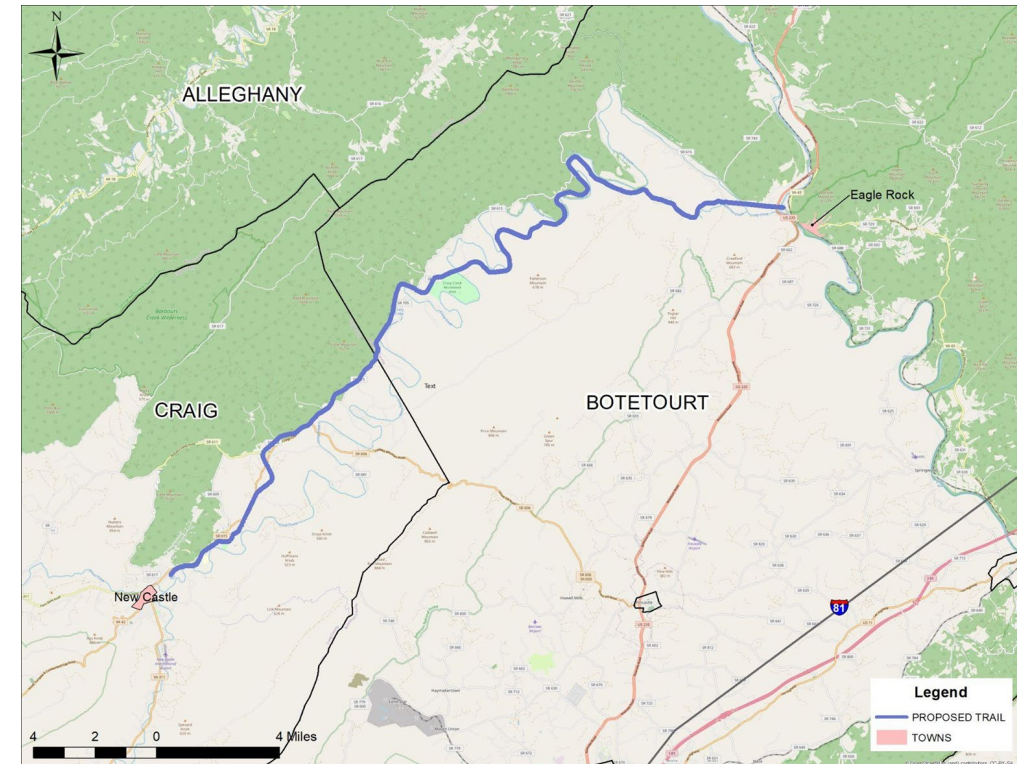


Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail updates

- Botetourt and Craig Counties stakeholder groups have been meeting monthly to help guide trail development
- Site visits, field reviews are ongoing and preliminary concepts for improvement requirements have been developed
- Detailed bridge inspections underway
- Updated cost estimate \$35M

Next Steps:

- Complete aerial mapping by June 2023 and bridge inspection by July 2023
- Refine project estimate as necessary

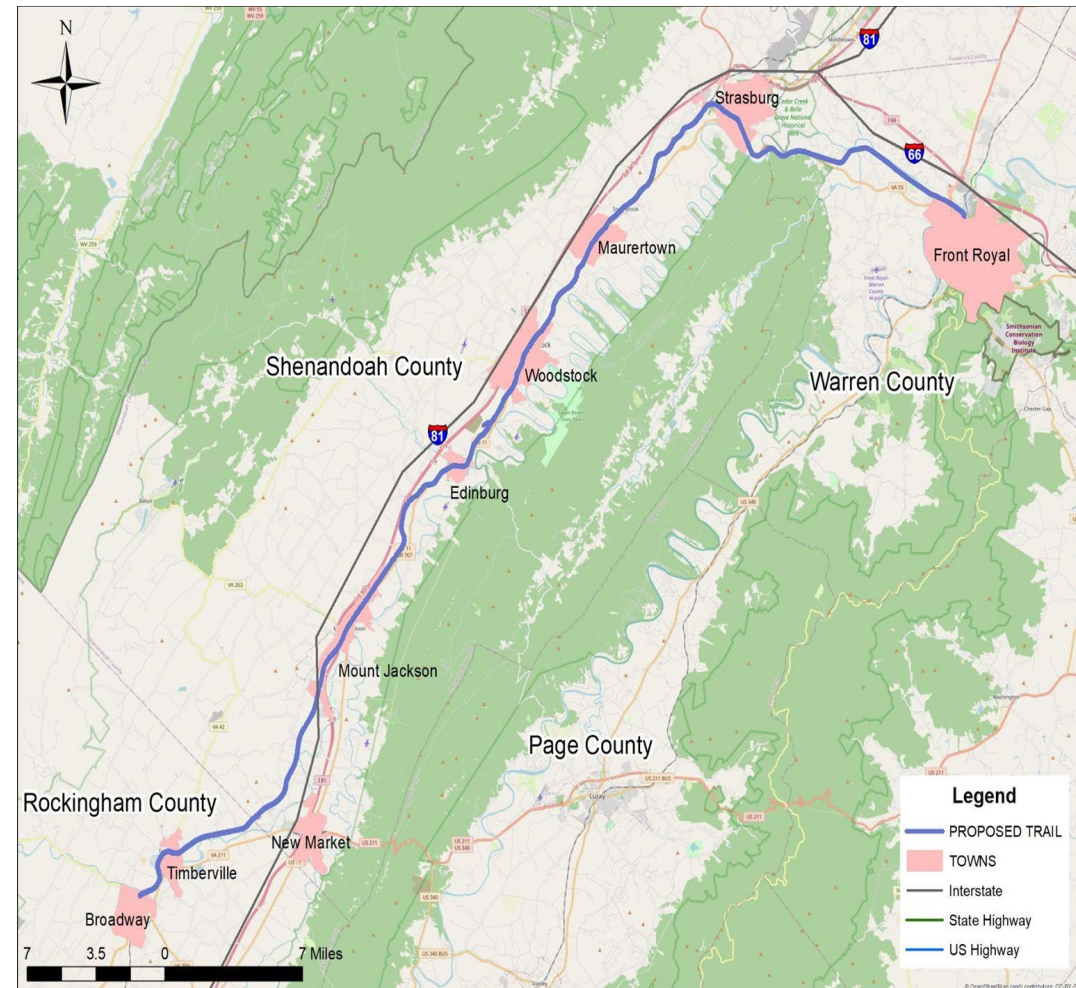


Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail updates

- Updated Estimate & Schedule for Trail Development & Construction
- Developed Preliminary Risk Assessment
- Attended Public Meetings held by the Shenandoah Rail Trail Partnership
- Cost estimate: \$153M

Next Steps

- Determine Commonwealth's role in delivery
- Further development of Concept Alignment & Delivery Options

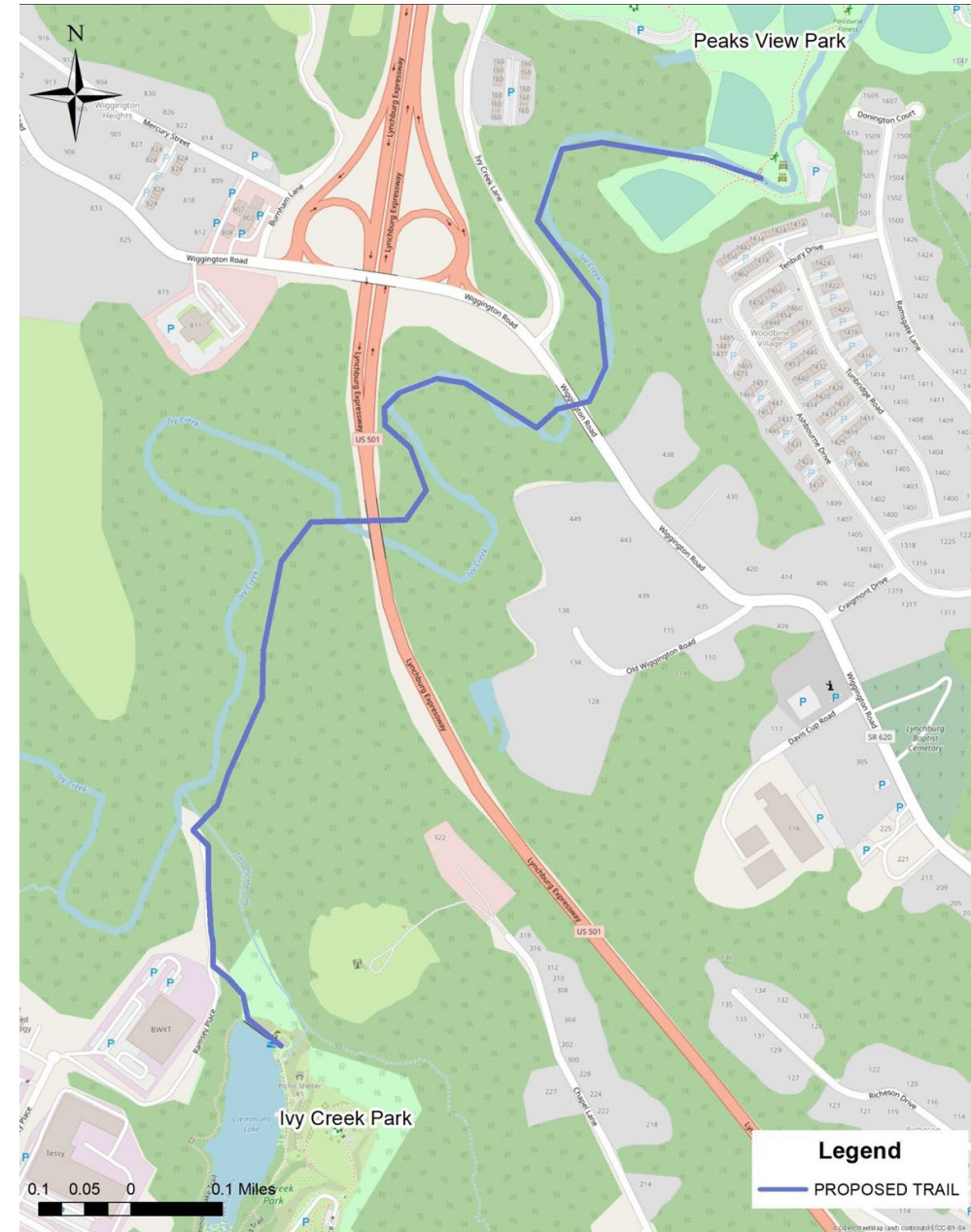


Peaks to Creeks Trail updates

- Feasibility Study completed in 2019 by City of Lynchburg
- Updated project schedule
- Updated cost estimate: \$6M

Next Steps:

- Begin Preliminary Engineering

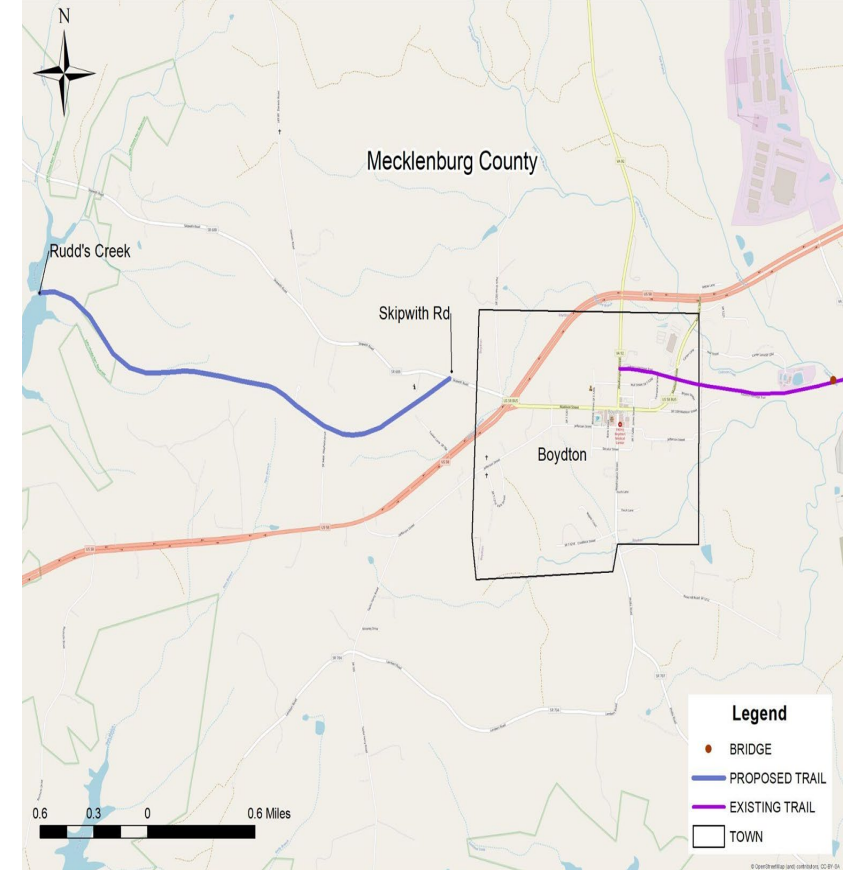


Tobacco Heritage Trail updates

- **Developed Cost Estimate: \$3.6M**
(Rudd's Creek to Existing Trail across US 58: \$18M)
- **Ongoing stakeholder coordination through Southside Planning District Commission (PDC)**
- **Tobacco Heritage Trail Master Plan update completion in Spring 2023**

Next Steps:

- **Begin Preliminary Engineering including Environment Review**
- **Address connectivity questions with Southside PDC**

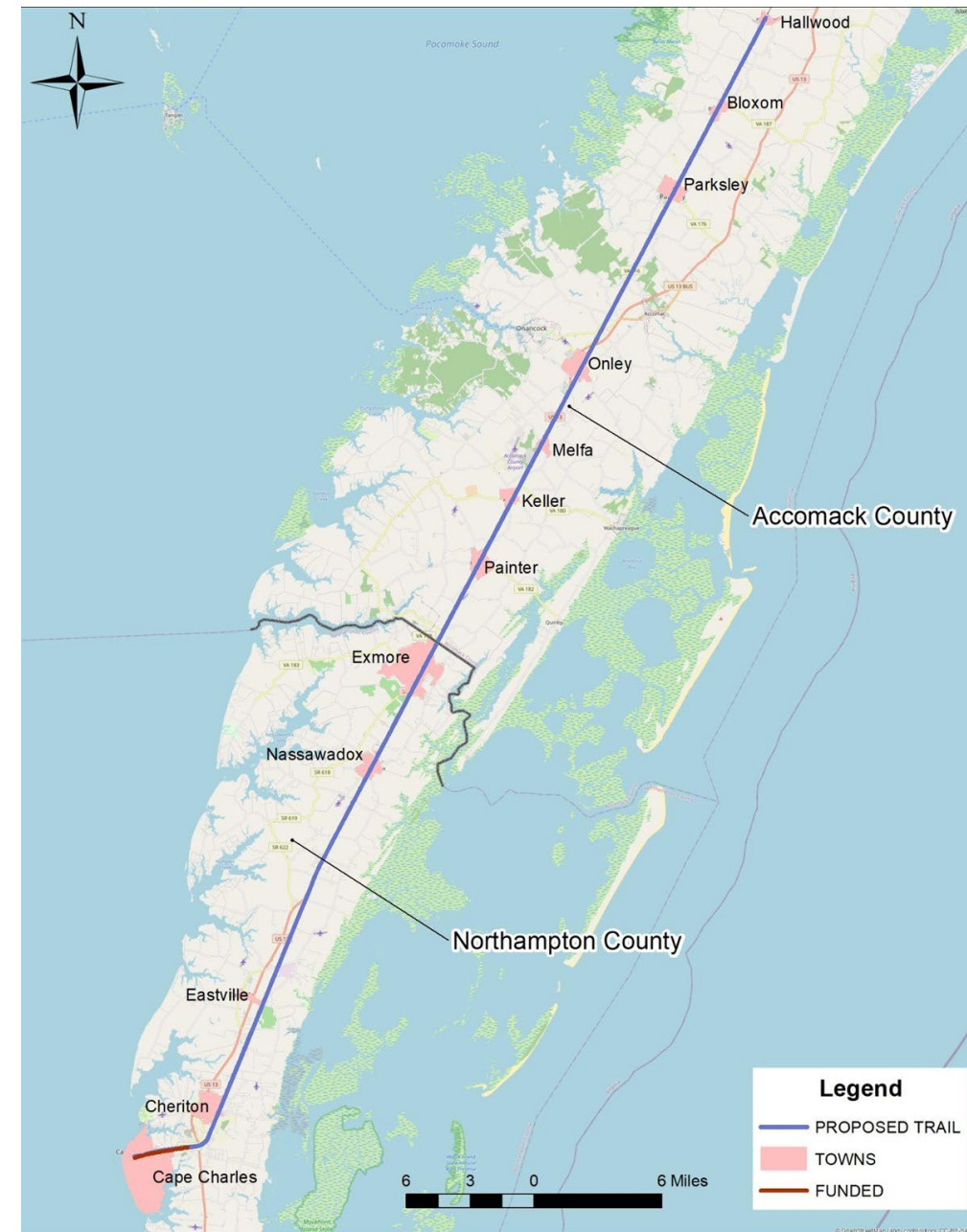


Eastern Shore Rail Trail updates

- Validated Cost Estimate: \$59M
- Public Hearing held March 13 on entire trail
- CTB Allocation of \$4M for Preliminary Engineering
- SMART Scale application 9120 from Melfa to Onley on the staff recommended funding scenario
- The A-NPDC applied for a RAISE grant for Nassawadox to Onley

Next Steps:

- Begin Preliminary Engineering
- Obtain aerial survey data for the entire trail



Next Steps

State Trails Office:

- **Launch State Trails Office Website**
- **Stakeholder and Public Outreach on State Trails Plan**
- **Data gathering to inform Trails Information Clearinghouse**

Priority Trails:

- **Finalize validations of scope, schedules, and cost estimates**
- **As applicable, determine Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Review Requirements to inform trail planning**
- **Funding recommendations to CTB**