



Garrett County

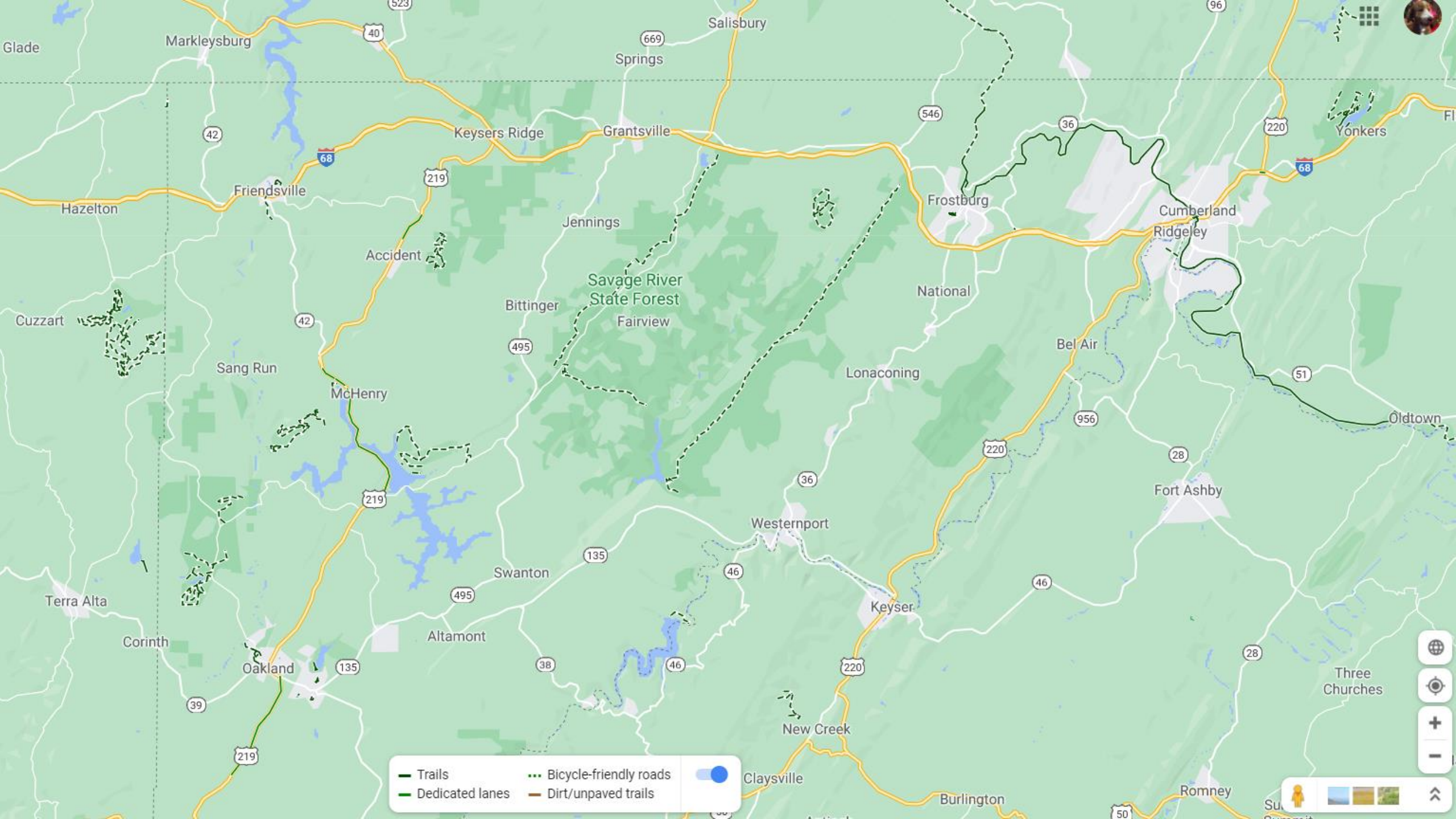
Steve Green

High Mountain Sports/Garrett Trails

Garrett Trails

- MISSION
- Garrett Trails is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the development of a well used network of high-quality, sustainable trails that provide access to Garrett County's historic, municipal, and environmental treasures. Garrett Trails believes outstanding trails are important to the economic development of the County and will promote good health and well being for County residents.





- Trails
- Dedicated lanes
- Bicycle-friendly roads
- Dirt/unpaved trails



Fork Run



Visitors Center

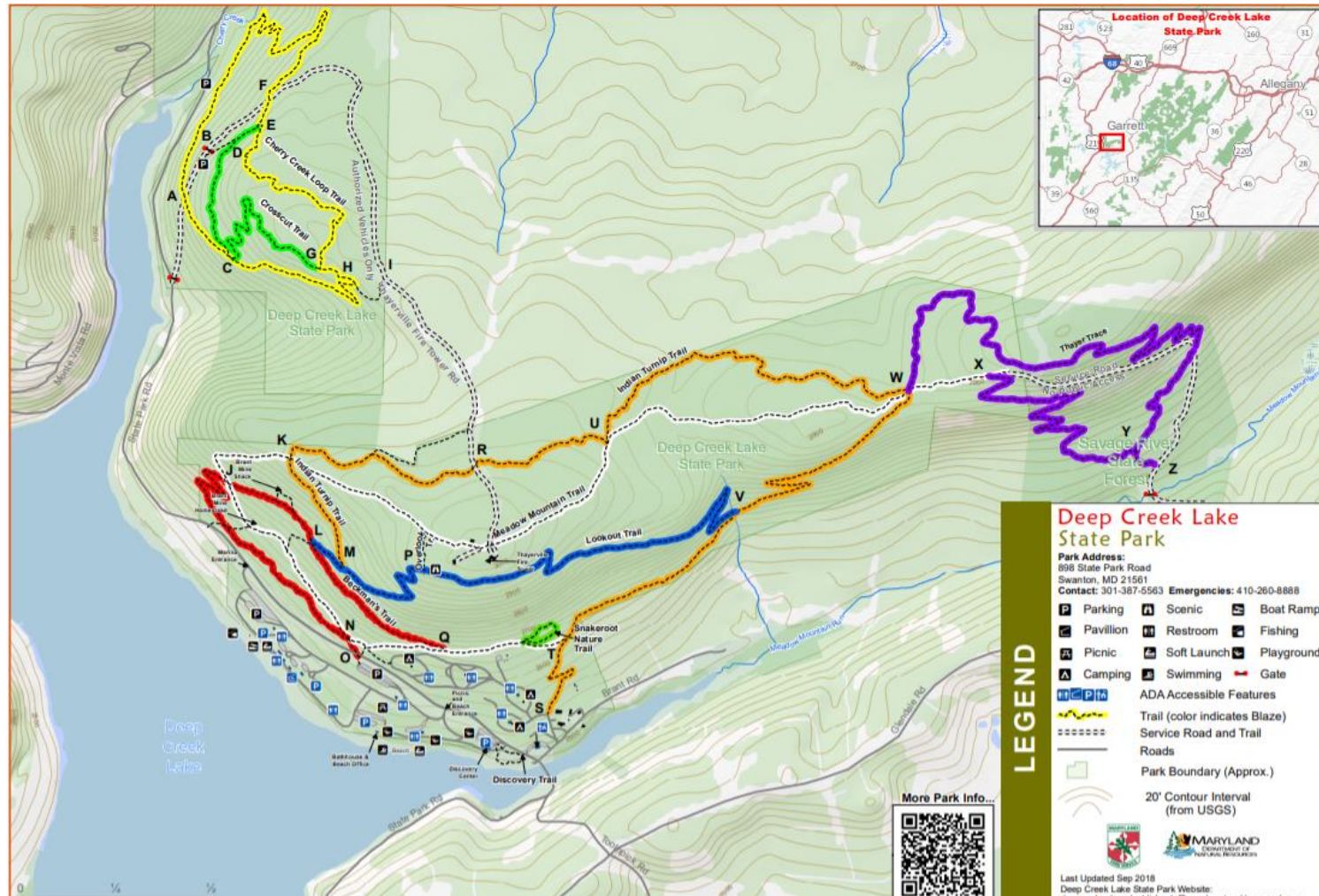
Bridge

Fork Run

Fork Run Parking & Trail Head

Youghiogheny River

Deep Creek Lake State Park





Meadow Mountain Trail – Eastern Continental Divide

Garrett County Gran Fondo

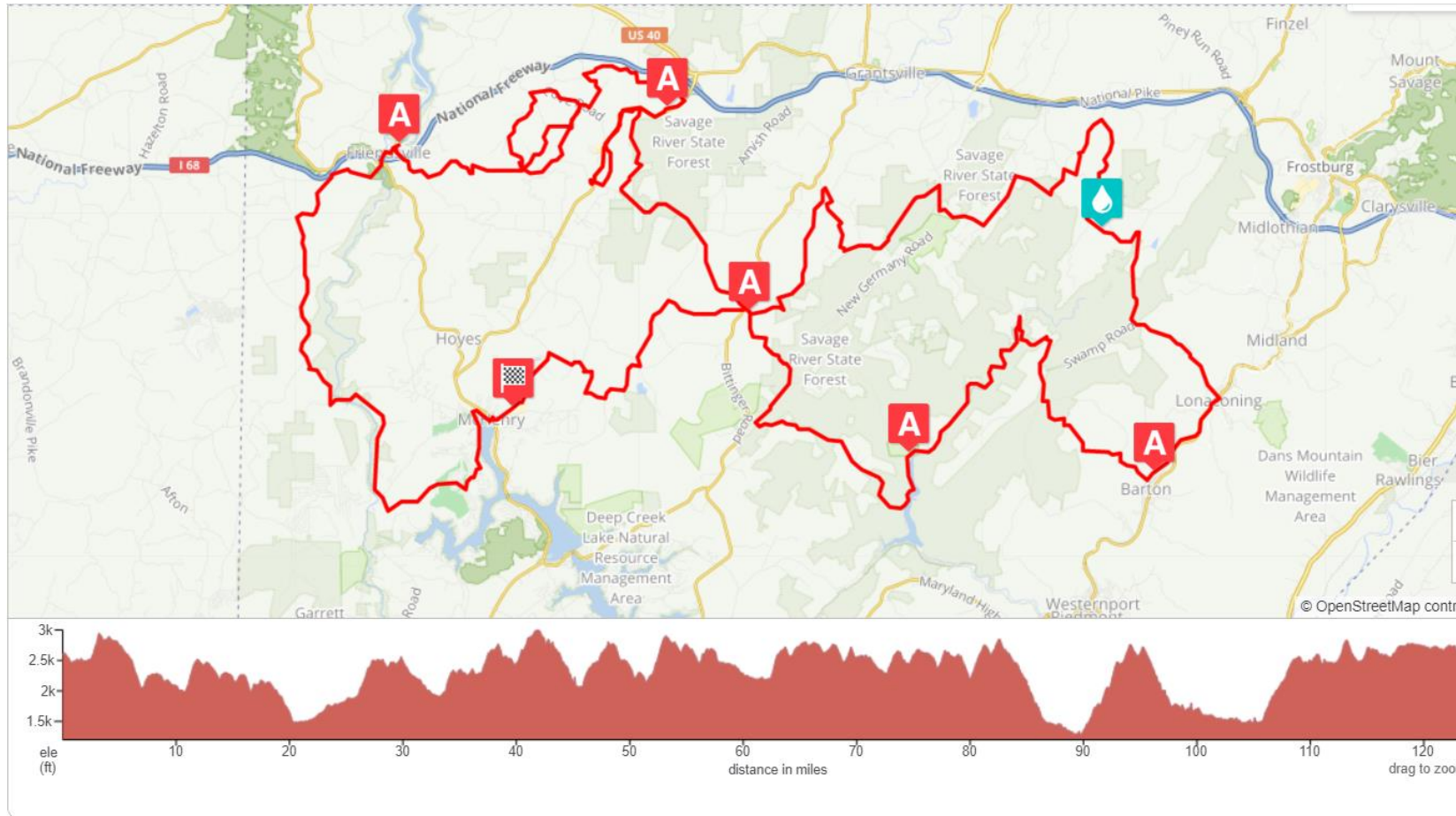
Garrett Trails
Fundraiser

5 Rides

Diabolical
Double

125 miles

16,500 feet of
climbing





McHenry Community Park and Meshach Browning Trail System

Deep Creek Lake Lions Club



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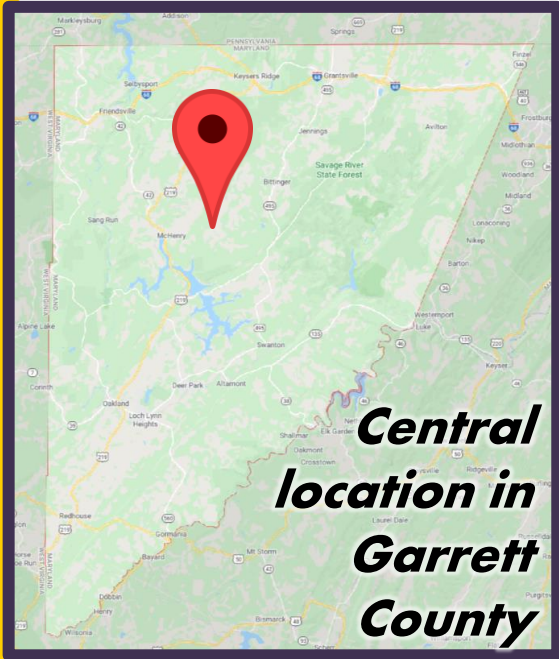


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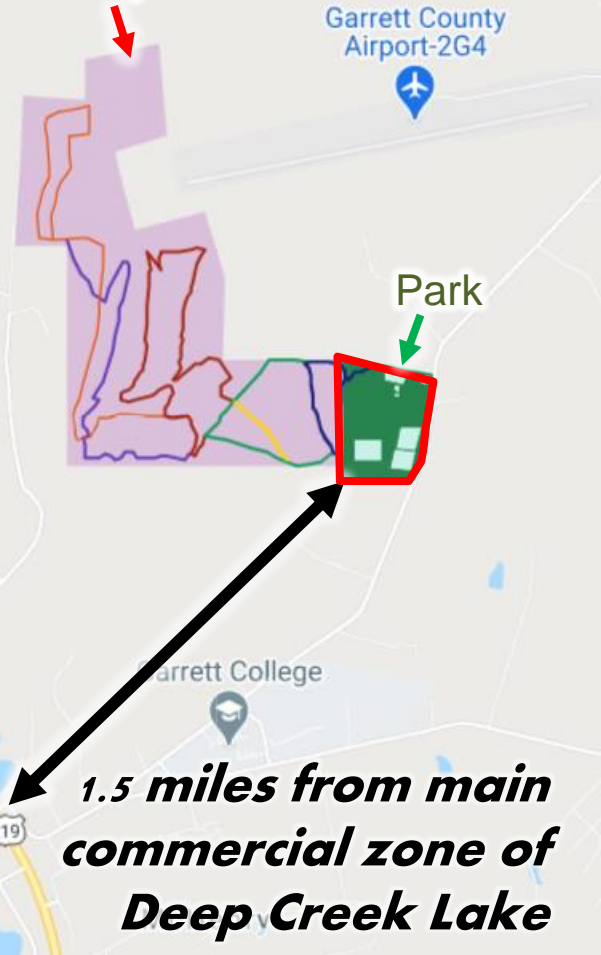
McHenry Community Park – 1249 Bumble Bee Rd Accident MD

The Club operates the 30 acre McHenry Community Park and 120 acre Meshach Browning Trail System (all county-owned)



Central location in Garrett County

Trail System



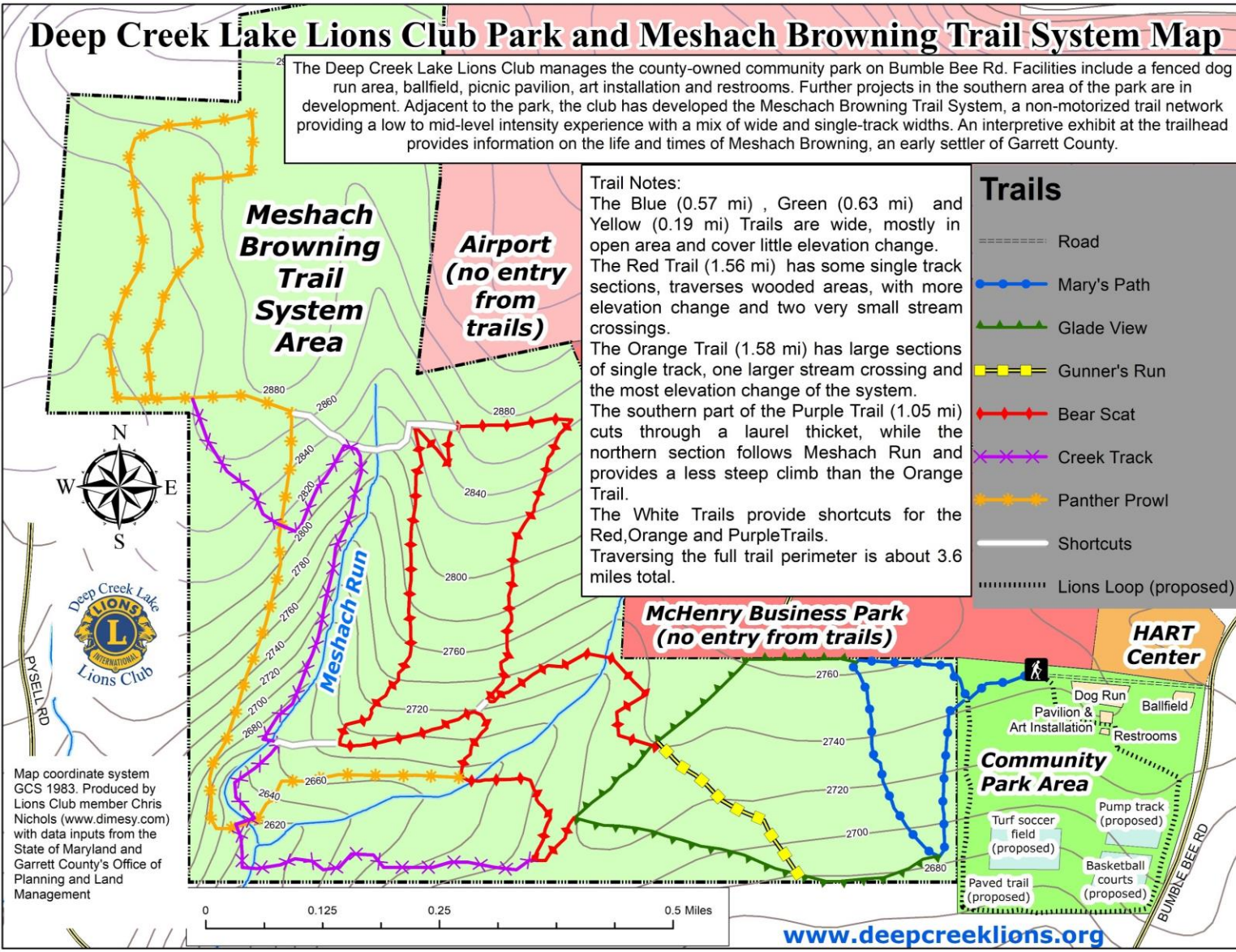
Park

1.5 miles from main commercial zone of Deep Creek Lake



Good base of amenities with room for many more

Meshach Browning Trail System



- Around 8 total miles of non-motorized use only w/ mix of terrain and difficulty levels
- Some of the only wide and “flat” trail areas in the county
- Opened in 2019 by the Club, developed mostly by linking up existing ATV, tractor and game paths
- All county-owned property that would be difficult to develop for other uses due to airport restrictions and terrain
- Trailhead also has a history center and art installation themed around local historical figure
- Planning to install a Pump Track and paved trail at the park to complement the trail system



Deep Creek Lake Lions Club perspective

- What makes Western Maryland unique in terms of bike ped connectivity and successful projects?
 - Club operation of park (versus public entity) streamlines procurement and construction projects
 - County ownership of land that is difficult to do anything with has provided an opportunity for trail development
 - Since we are not a gov entity with dedicated funding for parks, we have gotten creative in developing partnerships and finding money to make projects happen
- What needs does Western MD have that are different from other parts of the state?
 - We are not in a municipality and can't apply for Parks and Playgrounds POS funds
 - No Parks Department or any official organization in County to coordinate funding or projects
 - Terrain will make it hard to entice casual bikers to ride on roads from commercial zone of the lake to our park
- More detail on the DCL Lions Club, the park, trails and proposed pump track in the rest of the presentation

THE GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE, 2021

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MOUNTAIN MARYLAND TRAIL ASSOCIATION

WHEELZUP ADVENTURES (WWW.WHEELZUPADVENTURES.COM)

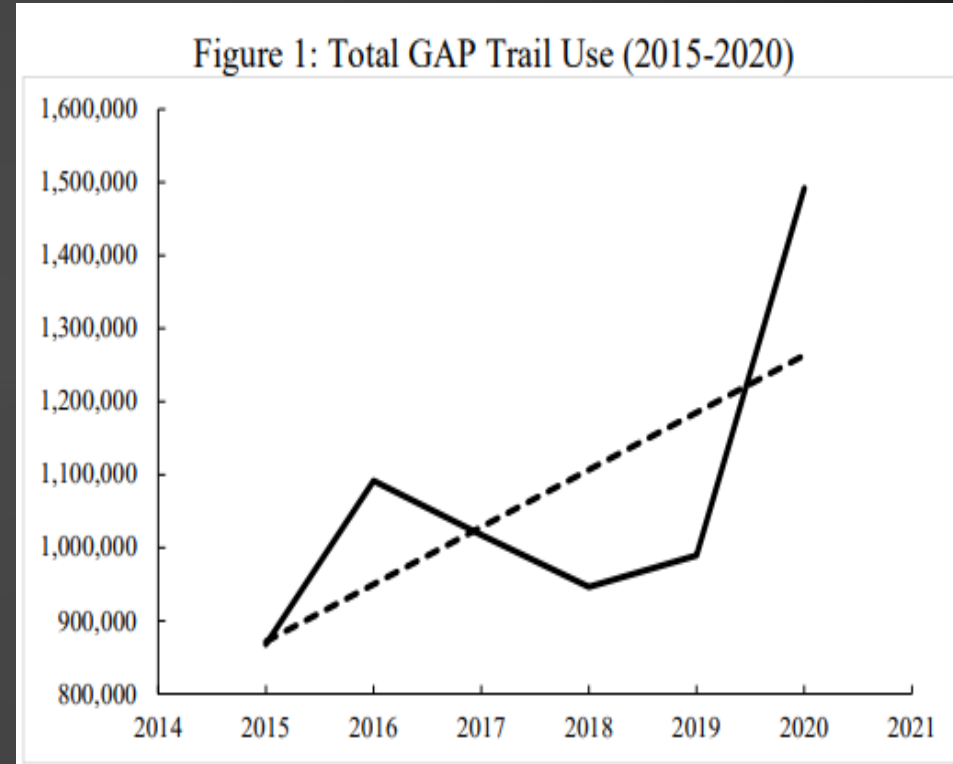
ABOUT THE TRAIL

- 150 Miles long crushed limestone, built on an abandoned rail bed, grade < 1%
- Cumberland, MD – Pittsburgh, PA
- Skirts along 3 rivers (Casselman, Youghiogheny and Monongahela)
- Goes through or close to 3 states (Md, PA, WV) and Washington DC.
- Top 10 long trails – Bicycling Magazine
- [Long Bike Trails - 10 of the Best Rail Trails in the U.S. \(bicycling.com\)](#)



USAGE IN 2020

- Estimate of 1.4 – 1.6 million visits (50.8% increase from 2019)
- Estimated through riders 117,500
- Visitors from all across the country and international riders
- 5 Countries from the Wheelzup shuttle service and many more from trail ambassadors
- [2020 Great Allegheny Passage Trail Count Final Report.pdf \(gaptrail.org\)](#)



ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

- 2008 study showed tourist spending totaled \$40 million between McKeesport, PA and Cumberland, MD
- On average, the amount spent overnight at a town on the trail was \$124
- Bed and Breakfast and shuttle services already at capacity

CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintenance
 - Volunteer organizations
 - Raising funds
- Younger Demographic now users of the trail
- New trails being linked to the GAP



Making Bicycling a Viable Transportation Alternative



City of Hagerstown, MD
Rodney Tissue, P.E., City Engineer
April 23, 2021



Hagerstown has a rich history of cycling...





...some past events included:



- Hagerstown and Washington County hosted a League of American Wheelmen (now League of American Bicyclists) National Rally in July, 1889.
- Pope and Crawford bicycles were manufactured in Hagerstown in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Company later manufactured autos, then taken over by the M. P. Moller Pipe Organ Co.
- Tour Du Pont had Stage Start/Finishes in Hagerstown and Washington County in 1991 and 1992.



League of American Wheelmen National Rally, July 1889
Public Square, Hagerstown, MD



....but in Recent History

- 2008: No bike routes, handful of bike racks that no one knew about



2009

- Constructed **Hamilton Run Trail** (1/2 mile) that connects Pangborn park to Fairgrounds park
- One-way street “solution”
- Developed the Hub City Loop (10 miles mostly “on street”)





2010

Development of Bicycle Master Plan

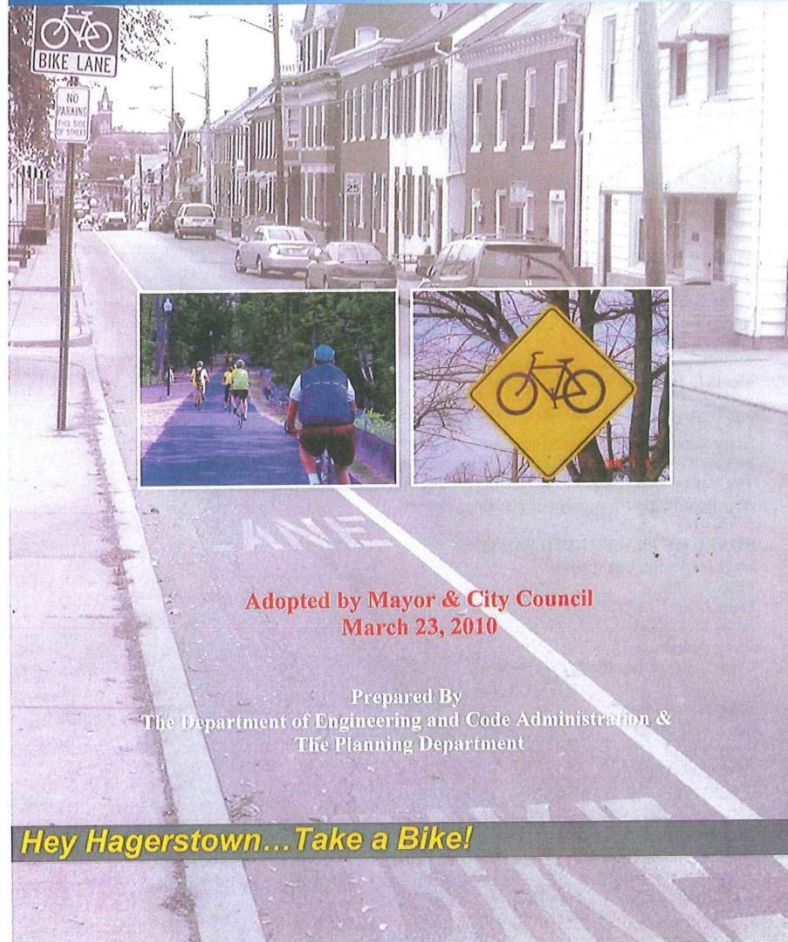
- Solicited part-time help to draft in-house
- Public meeting
- Mayor & Council support & adoption



Bicycle Master Plan



City of Hagerstown, Maryland Bicycle Master Plan



**Adopted by Mayor & City Council
March 23, 2010**

Prepared By
The Department of Engineering and Code Administration &
The Planning Department













Hey Hagerstown...Take a Bike!



Bicycle Master Plan



The Existing Bicycle Network

	2010	2015
 On-Road Bicycle Lanes	3.6 Miles 	9.8 Miles 
 Shared-Lane Markings	13.5 Miles 	14.76 Miles 
 Off-Road Shared-Use Paths and Trails	1.2 Miles 	3.4 Miles 
 Total	18.3 Miles 	28.0 Miles 





2016

2nd Bicycle Master Plan

- Prepared by our MPO by consultant
- Public meetings and input
- Studied demands and comfort levels of cyclists



Bicycle Master Plan



Submitted to: Hagerstown/Eastern Panhandle
Metropolitan Planning Organization
and the City of Hagerstown, Maryland

Adopted by Mayor and City Council - May 24, 2016

Submitted by: **Michael Baker**
INTERNATIONAL



Bicycle Master Plan



Recommendations

Safety (policy recommendations)

Infrastructure (on-road, off-road)

Amenities (bike racks)

Further Study

Events / Marketing

Signage





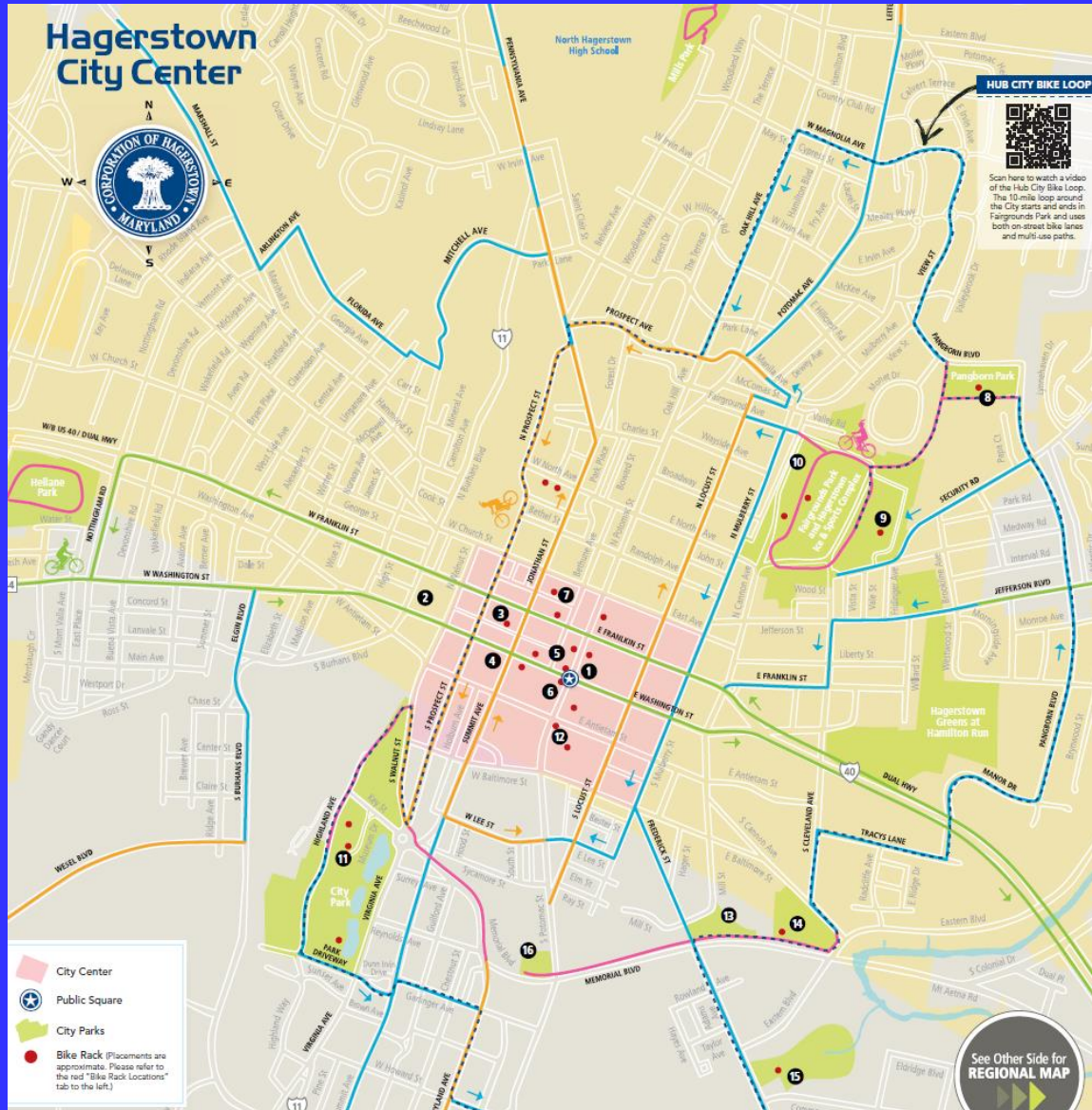
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)



- Appointed by City Council (started June 2010)
- 6 citizen members
- Tasked with implementing the Master Plan
- Developed Route Map (copies available). Map has been printed three times, 8000 copies are “in circulation”.
- Develop Bicycle-related Events (May)
- Met with various groups (safety, Board of Education, Bikes for the World, SHA, DNR)



Bike Map Excerpt





Bike Month Events

- Poster
- Mural
- ‘Ride of Silence’
- ‘Ride with the Mayor’
- Designated Rides
- “Tour of Washington County Downtown Criterium Race”





Ride of Silence





“Tour of Washington County Downtown Criterium Race”





Help the City get from...





Current Statistics



- 14.8 miles of on-street bike lanes
- 23.4 miles of designated bike routes
- 17.6 miles of SHA bike routes
- 3.5 miles on multi-use paths
- TOTAL of 59.3 miles





...24 bicycle racks City-wide



Bike Rack Locations

Bike racks come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Look for racks at the locations listed below. The bike rack locations, represented by the "●" icon on the map are approximate.

City Center Locations:

- Lower level A&E Parking Deck near office
- Parking lot side at entrance to Elizabeth Hager Center
- SW quadrant of Public Square at Professional Arts Building
- NW quadrant of Public Square
- Front of County Courthouse
- University Plaza in alcove near HPD office entrance
- Rear of the Bus Transfer Center
- Library Entrance on Potomac
- Library Entrance rear lower level
- Alcove off N. Potomac at University District Parking Deck
- Front of United States Post Office
- Front of Department of Social Services
- Parking lot side of Farmers Market
- Front of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center
- Front of the Martin Luther King Community Center

City Park Locations:

- In front of Museum of Fine Arts
- Opposite end of parking lot from the 911 Memorial
- Near concession stand

Fairgrounds Park Locations:

- Front door of Ice and Sports Complex
- South end of outdoor hockey rink
- Near northern playground equipment

Pangborn Park Location:

- Near restroom

Potterfield Pool/Staley Park Location:

- At rear of upper parking lot

Municipal Stadium Location:

- In parking lot near Ticket Booth



Lessons Learned



- **Master Plans are important**
- **Energetic and focused BAC is essential**
- **Cyclists come in many types**



Questions / Comments?

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Coyotes in Garrett County



Garrett Composite MTB Team

Joined MICL 2018

MICL - marylandmtb.org NICA - <https://www.nationalmtb.org/>

Current team info:

14 coaches

30 riders 6th grade - 12th grade

We saw the need to have a beginner trail in Garrett County Mountains
to simply get more kids on bikes!



Broadford Park Trails

Town owned property

Current Funding Raised : \$68,000

\$50,000 Maryland Bond Bill

\$12,000 Community Trust Foundation

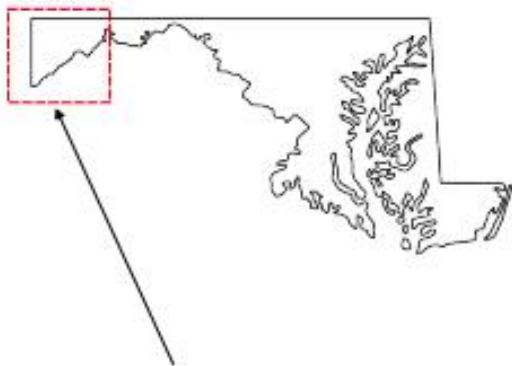
\$5,000 Town of Mountain Lake Park

\$1,000 Garrett Regional Medical Center

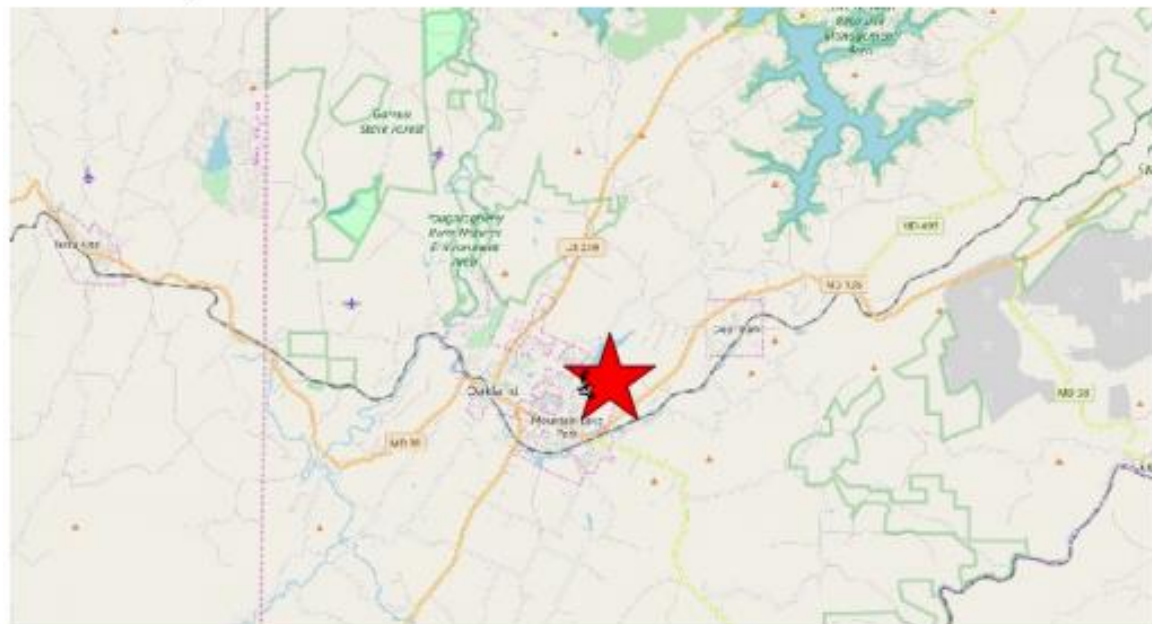
Goal : 3 miles of trail: \$160,000

Future Skills Bike Park: \$100,000



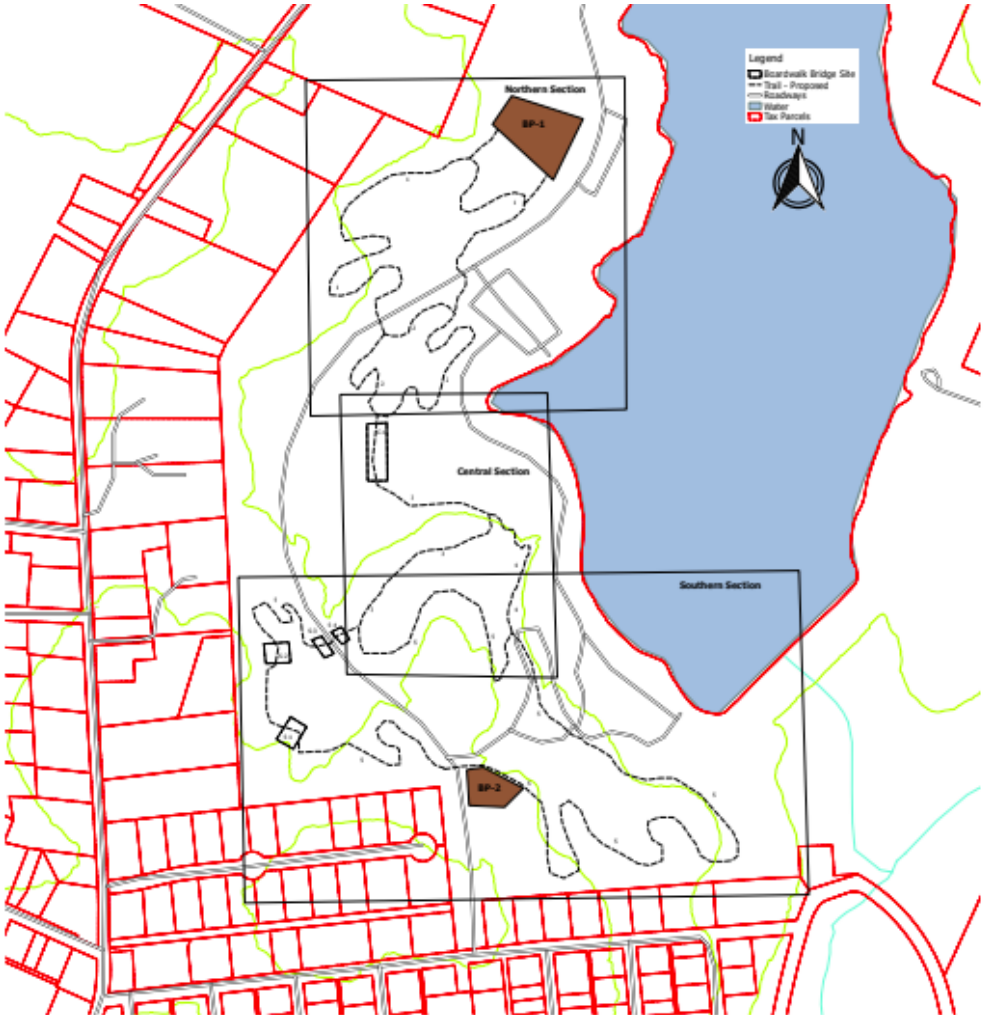


Broadford Park Trail System: Conceptual Design



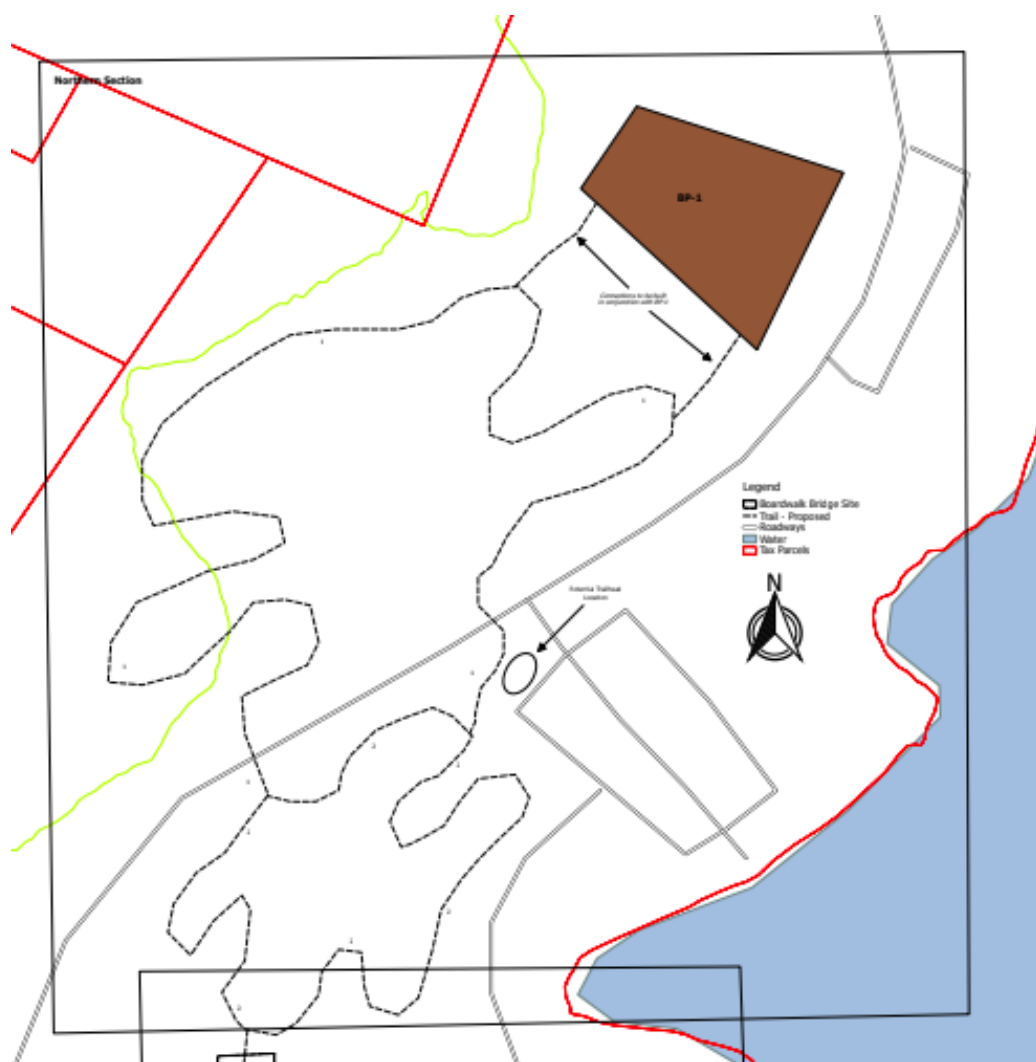
Broadford Park Trail System

3 miles beginner trail w/skill park



Phase 1
About 1 mile of
stacked loops.

Projected completion:
June 2021



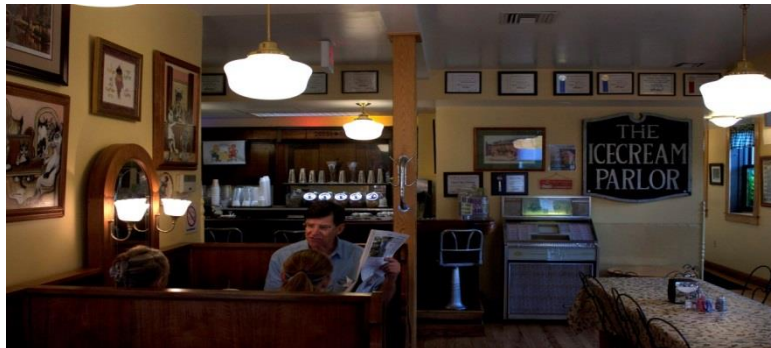
Trail Towns



GAP Average Spending

- 2008 Average Overnight Spending - \$98
- 2010 Average Overnight Spending - \$114
- 2015 Average Overnight Spending - \$124

- 2008 Average Daily Spending - \$13
- 2010 Average Daily Spending - \$17
- 2015 Average Daily Spending - \$18



GAP Trail User Demographics



45-55 age
largest group
of users

35% earn a
household
income over
\$100,000



Desired Lodging



Bed & Breakfasts

Hotels

Motels

Resorts

Country inns / lodges

Primitive camping

RV camping



Desired Services



Restaurants / cafes

Bike sales / repair shops

Grocery stores

Gift shops

Train service

Taverns / bars

Local arts / crafts

Galleries / antiques



Design Issues

- Signs
- Kiosks
- Brochures
- Bike racks
- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Public art
- Visitor centers



Give them what they want and need!!!!



Get Creative



Economic Research

User surveys

Business surveys

Trail counts

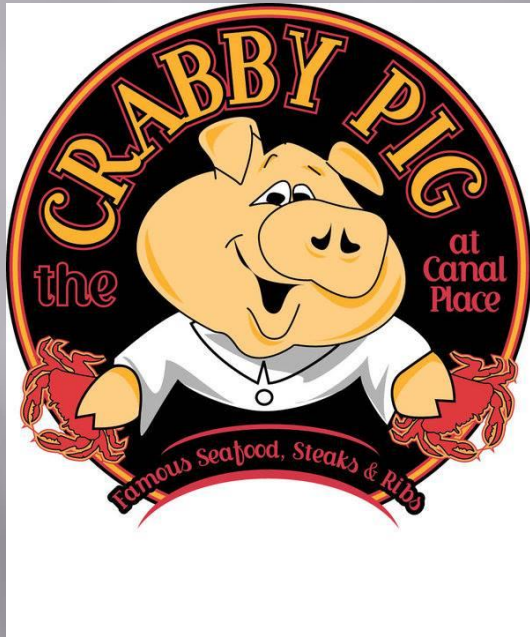
Business opportunities



Trail Town Stories



Crabby Pig Restaurant



Harvey's Florist Shop



Cumberland Trail Connection



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