

# CALUMET TRAIL REHABILITATION

*Preferred Alternative  
Presentation*

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee

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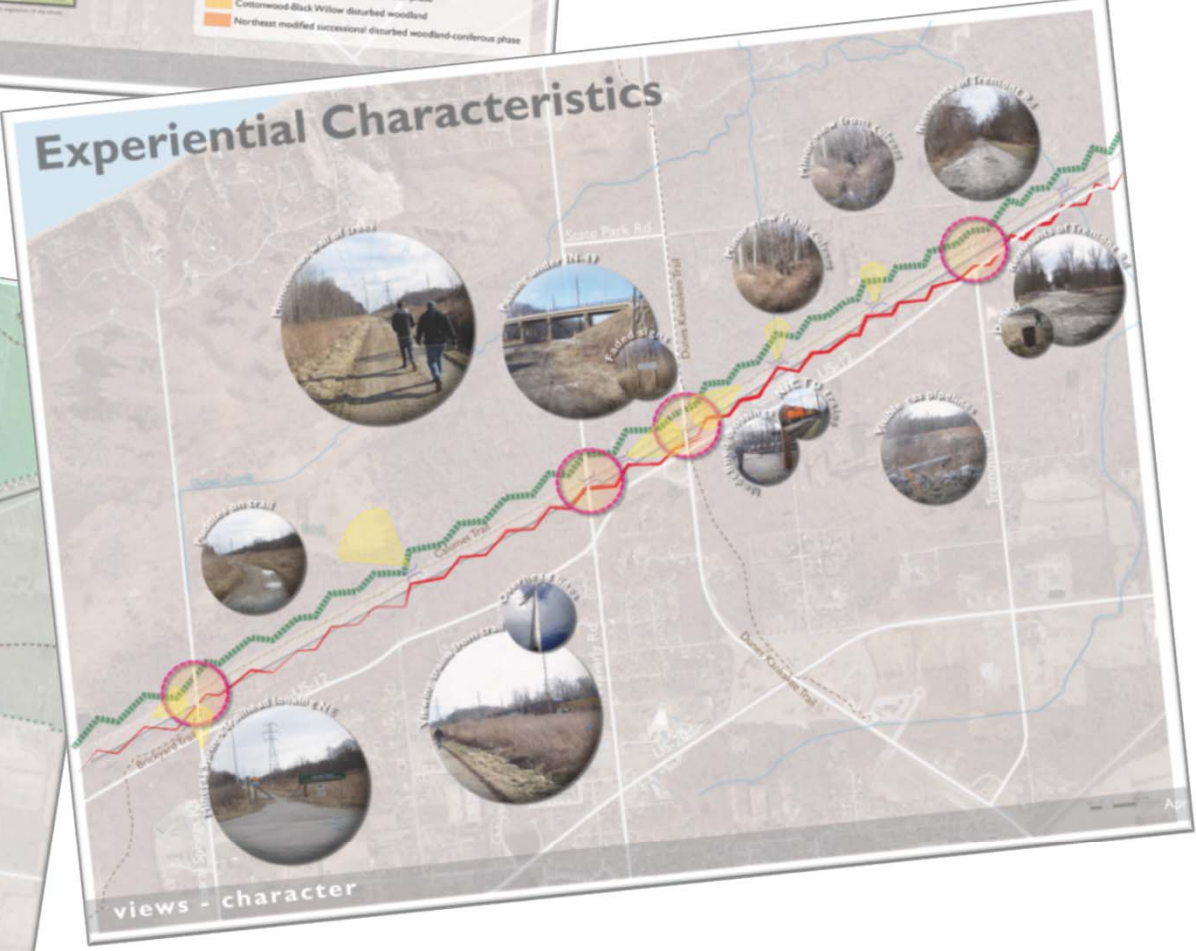
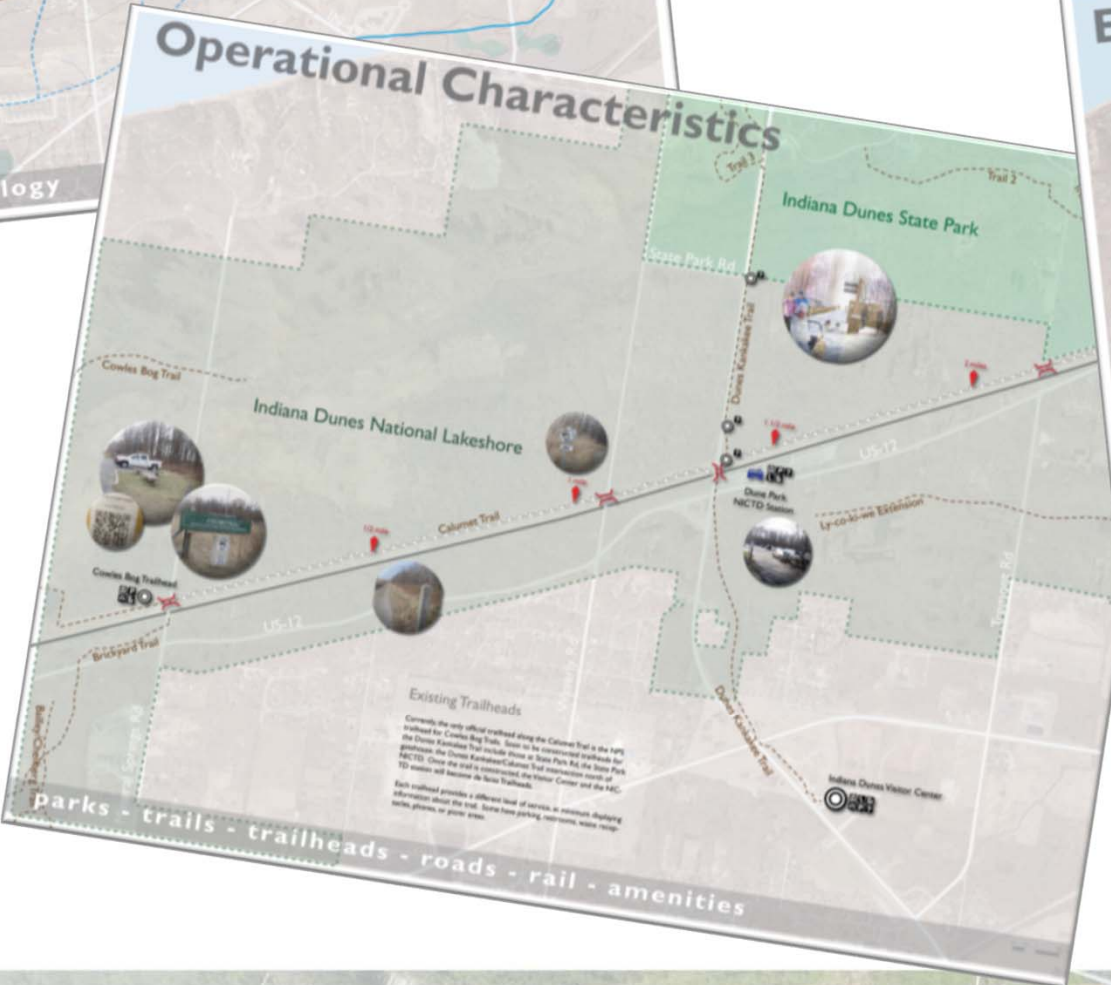
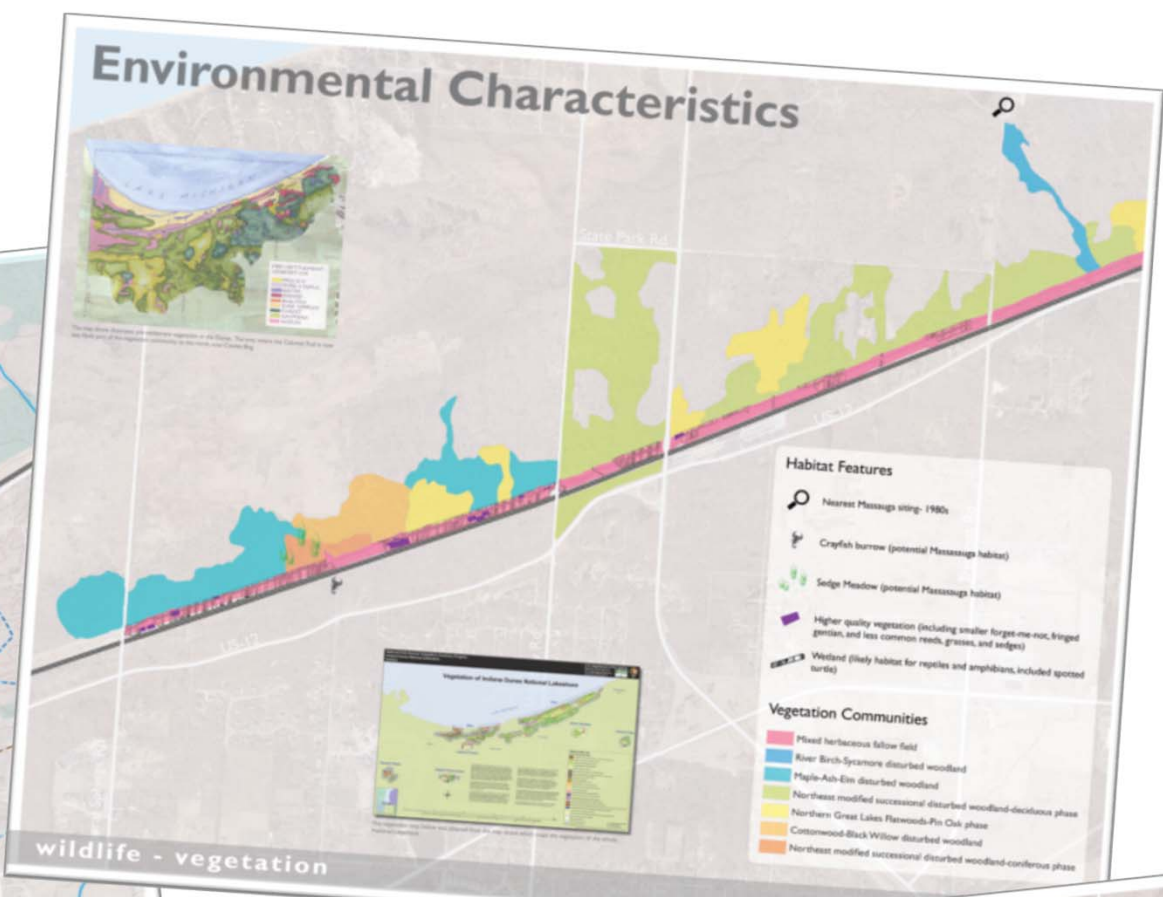
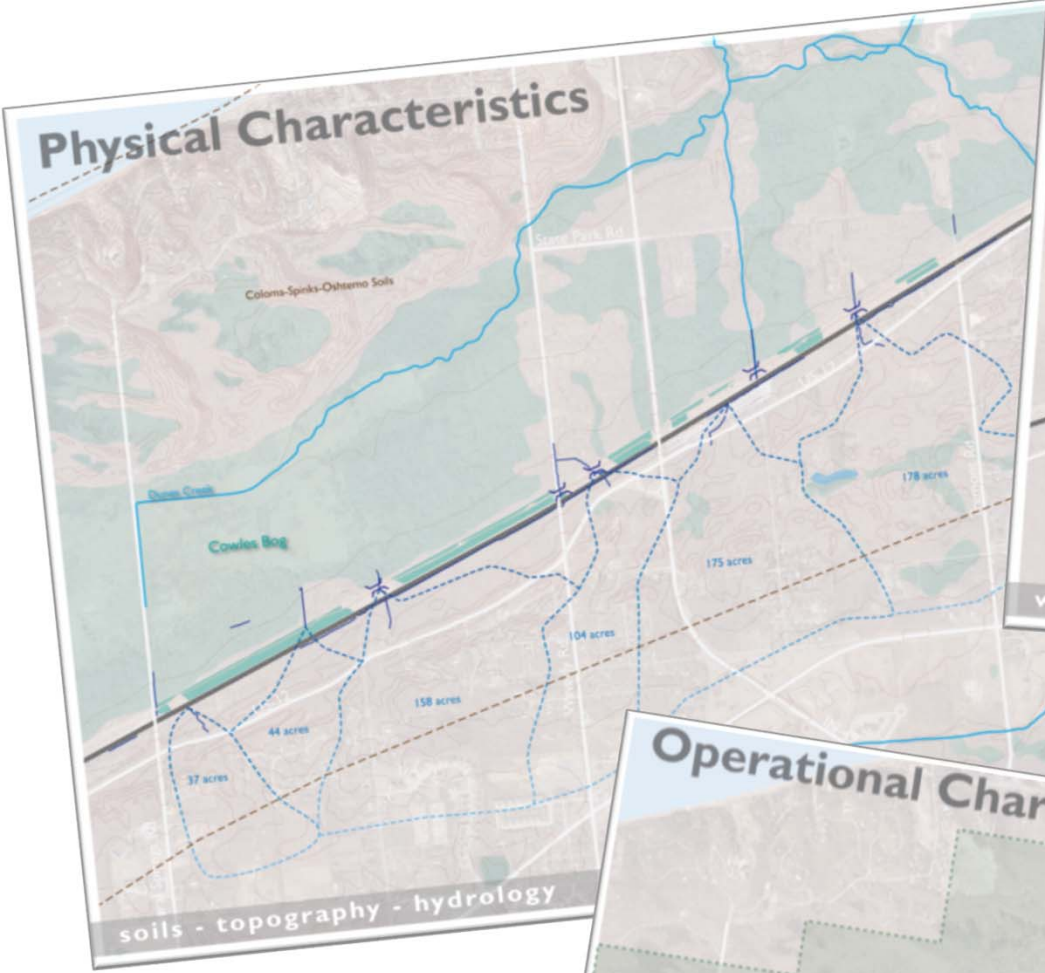
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## *Alternatives Phase*

- Review of Analysis
- Review of Public Input
  - Stakeholder Workshop 4/3/13
  - Public Meeting 4/3/13
  - Public Meeting 6/6/13
- Preliminary Design Alternatives
  - The High & Dry
  - The Green Mile
  - Green Acres
- Preferred Alternative***



# Analysis

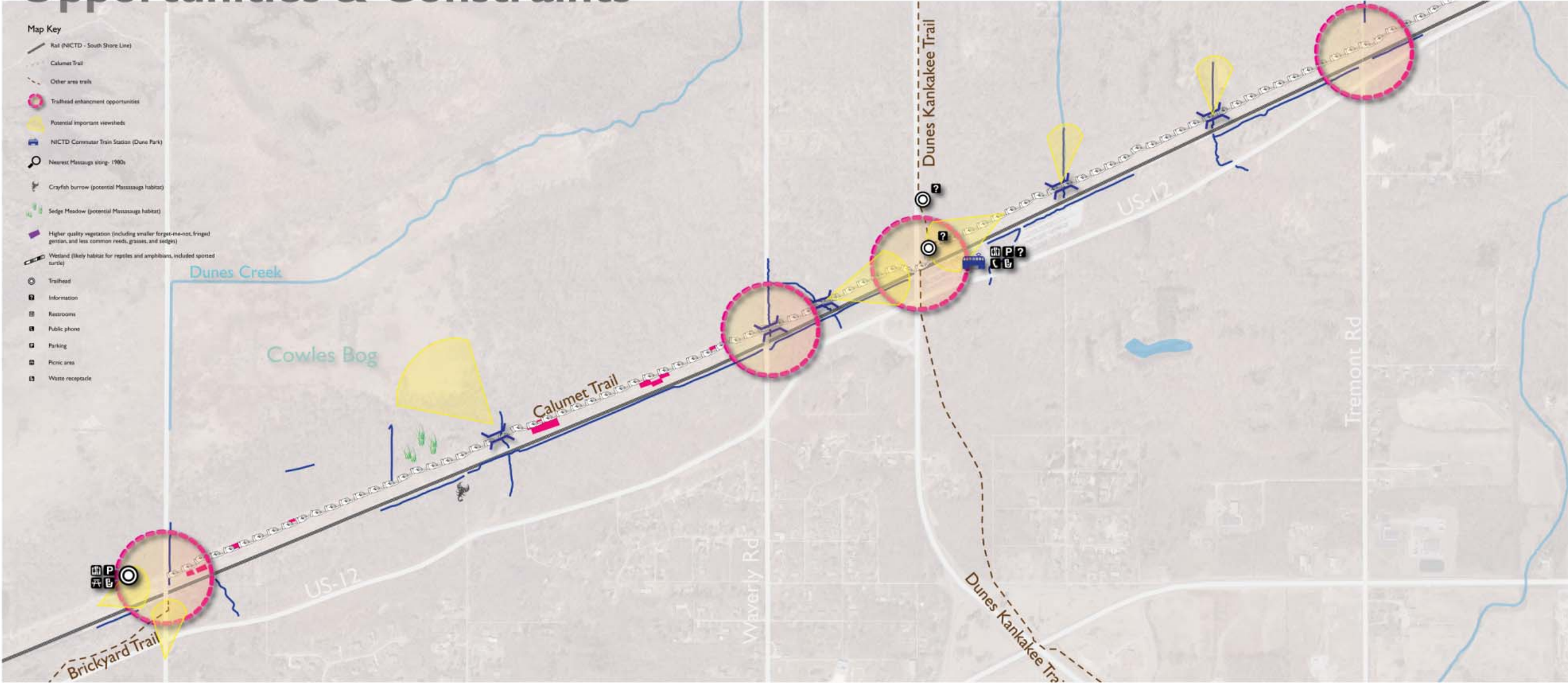


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# Analysis

## Opportunities & Constraints



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# Program

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# Stakeholder Workshop & Public Meetings



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# Stakeholder Workshop & Public Meetings

## Kit of Parts

### PAVINGS

- Trail will be 10'-4" wide (AASHTO recommended Bike Trail standard)
- Trail surface will meet requirements of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)



- Aggregate with Retaining Edge
- PROS: Low Capital Cost
- CONS: High Maintenance



- Warm Mix Asphalt
- PROS: Longevity, durability
- CONS: Capital cost, Maintenance



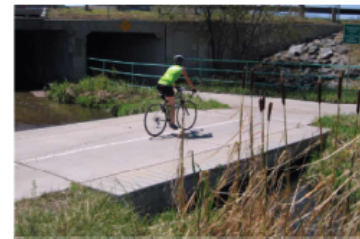
- Asphalt with Retaining Edge
- Asphalt with Recycled Rubber
- Concrete
- Glasscrete
- PROS: Longevity, durability
- CONS: Capital cost



- Permeable Pavements:  
Permeable Asphalt  
Permeable Concrete  
Permeable Pavers
- PROS: Water quality, Drainage
- CONS: Capital cost, Maintenance

### DRAINAGE

- Trail will NOT be underwater
- At minimum Trail drainage improved to Regulatory Standards



- Open Bottom Culverts  
At existing drainage crossings  
Meets Regulatory Reqs.
- PROS: Water quality, Drainage, Habitat connection, Low Capital Cost
- CONS: Maintenance



- Open Bottom Culverts  
At existing drainage crossings  
Exceeds Regulatory Reqs
- PROS: Water quality, Drainage, Enhanced habitat connection, Low Capital Cost
- CONS: Maintenance



- Decentralized Drainage  
Series of Culverts
- Added Crossings to re-establish drainage patterns
- PROS: Water quality, Drainage, Enhanced habitat connection
- CONS: Maintenance



- Elevated Precast Structures
- PROS: Water quality, Drainage, Enhanced habitat connection
- CONS: Capital Cost, Maintenance

### NODES

- Trail will be well signed with clear views to promote safety
- Trail will include seating and waste receptacles for comfort and cleanliness



- Benches
- Waste Receptacles
- Recycling Receptacles



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- Trail Maps
- Wayfinding Signs



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- Trail Maps
- Wayfinding Signs
- Shade & Restroom Facilities

### HABITAT

- Trail will do no harm to native vegetation and wildlife
- Stewards of the Trail will be identified



- Identify Potential Habitats
- Interpretive Signs for Awareness
- Potential Enhancements:  
Dark Boulders off-trail  
Habitat Crossings



- Invasive Plant Management
- Promotes biodiversity
- Low Capital Cost
- Long-Term Maintenance Strategy



- Landscape Vegetation Restoration
- Promotes biodiversity
- High Capital Cost
- Long-Term Maintenance Strategy

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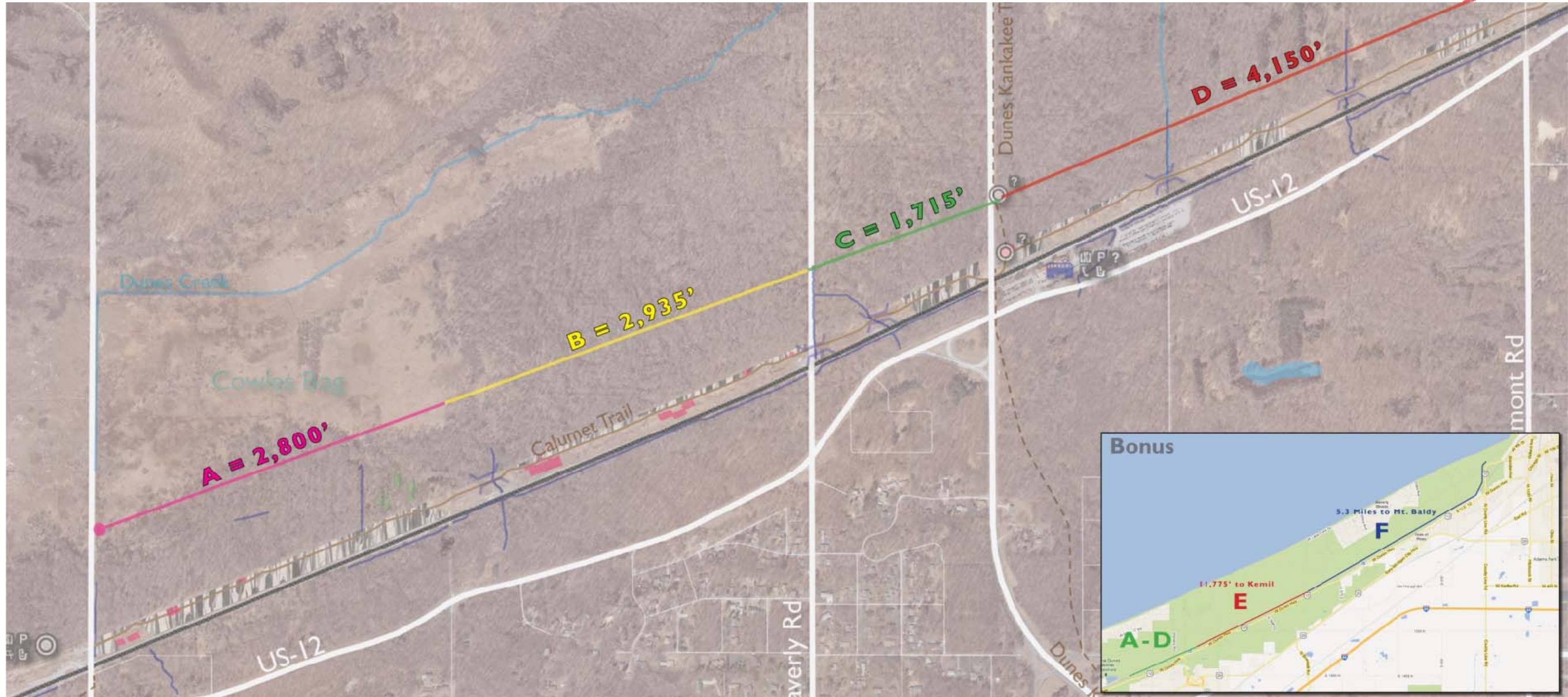
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# SimTrail



Total Points:            of 1500

Maintenance Factor =

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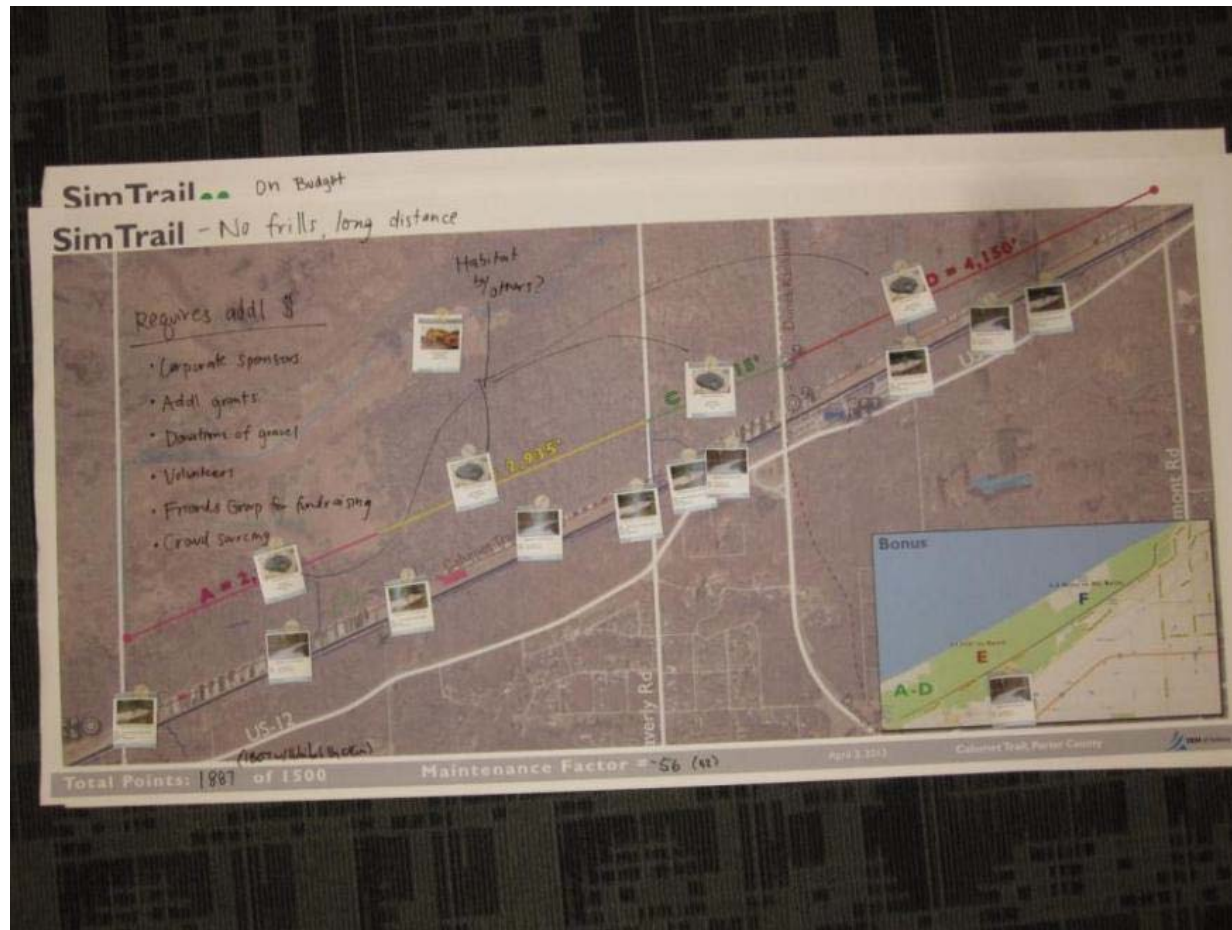


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# Stakeholder Workshop & Public Meetings



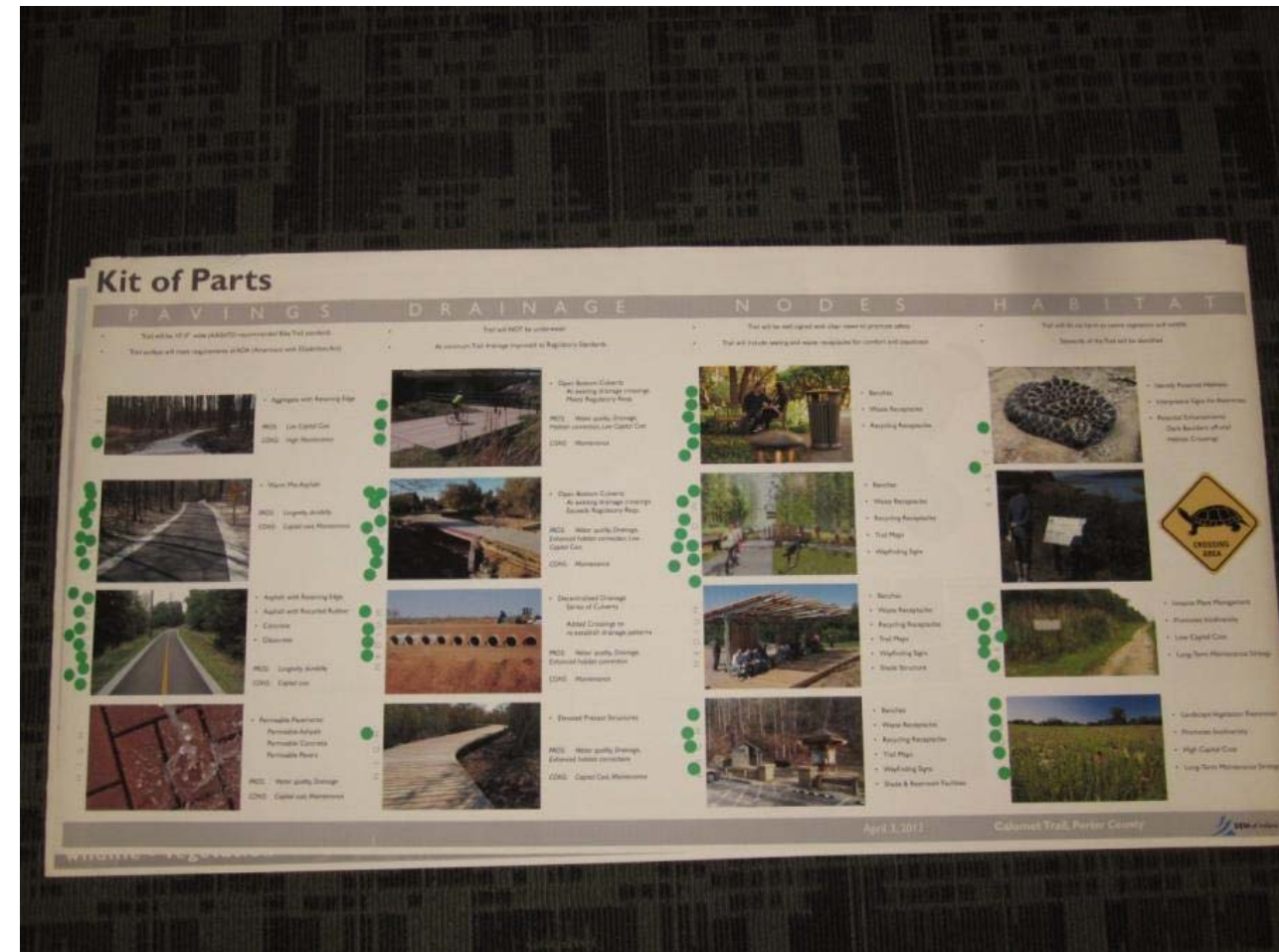
Present:

- PC Parks – Walter Lenckos, Ray Joseph
- SEH – Craig Hendrix, Nick Minich
- NPS – Eric Ehn
- Soil Solutions – Lydia Miramontes Loyd
- South Shore Trails – Kevin Crawford, Dan Parker
- Valpo Pathways – Chuck Ventura
- TNC – Susan Mihalo
- Shirley Heinze – Barbara Plampin
- Izaak Walton – Jim Sweeney
- USGS – Noel Pavlovic
- Cal Striders – Steve Kearney
- Chesterton Tribune – Jeff Schultz
- NIPSCO – Sean Fox
- Residents – Michelle Minich, Steve Genovese, John Buth, Lou Mellen
- Dunes State Park – Brandt Baughman
- Isaac Walton League – Charlotte Read, Herb Read
- Town of Porter – Jeanine Virtue
- Cause2Compete – Tom Taylor
- Duneland Chamber – Heather Ennis
- Porter County Park Board
- Porter County Parks Staff



# Stakeholder Workshop & Public Meetings

- Five SimTrail Scenarios created at the Workshop, two more created at the Public meeting
- Range of pavings, lengths, amenities, and habitat restoration chosen for seven gameboards
- Tallied votes (at right) at odds with created gameboards, where costs were attached to trail elements
- Desired a medium level of paving, low level of drainage, low level of amenities at nodes, and a medium level for habitat improvement.
- Gameboards prioritized pavings and drainage over habitat



## Votes tallied:

|                    | Pavings   | Drainage  | Nodes     | Habitat   |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Basic              | 1         | 3         | 6         | 2         |
| Low                | 9         | 9         | 9         |           |
| Medium             | 10        | 4         |           | 7         |
| High               |           | 1         | 4         | 5         |
| <b>Total votes</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>14</b> |



# SimTrail Synthesis



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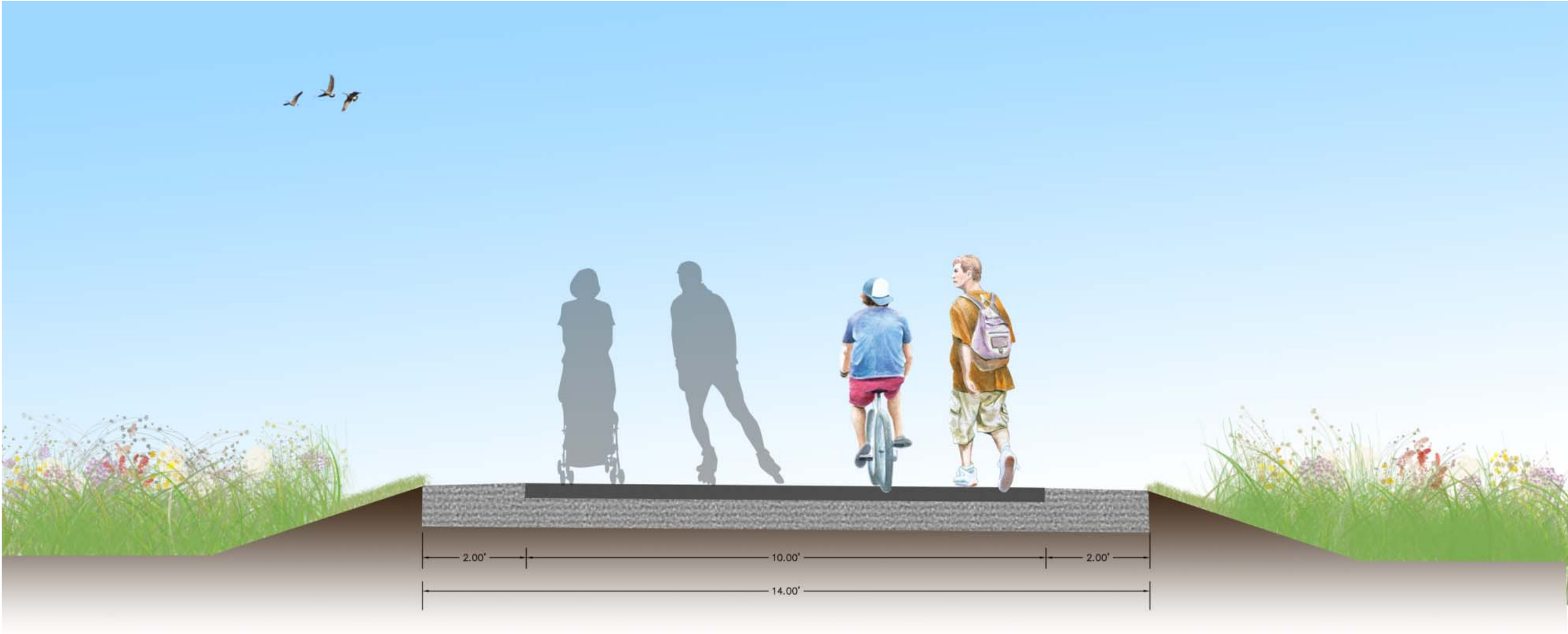
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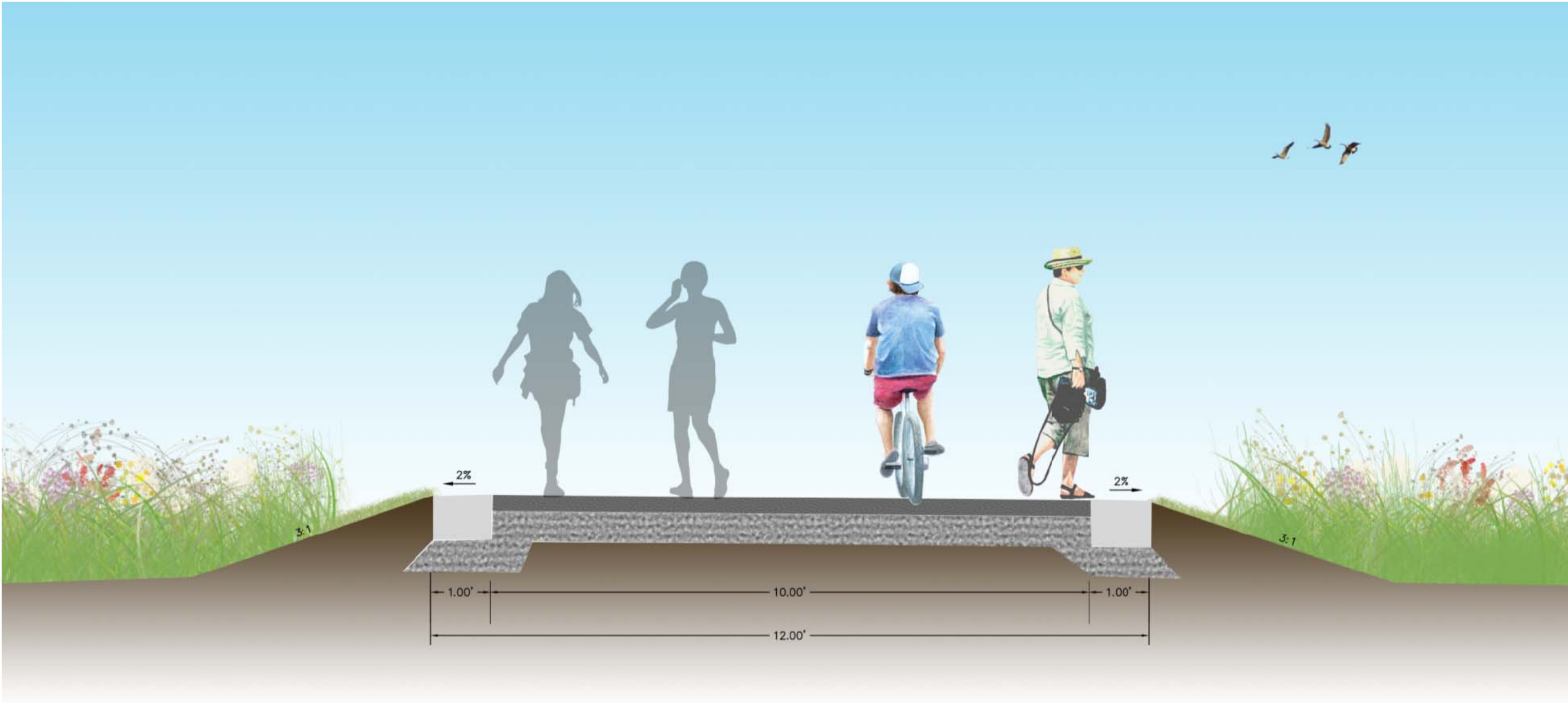
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10' Asphalt Trail with 2' Aggregate Shoulder

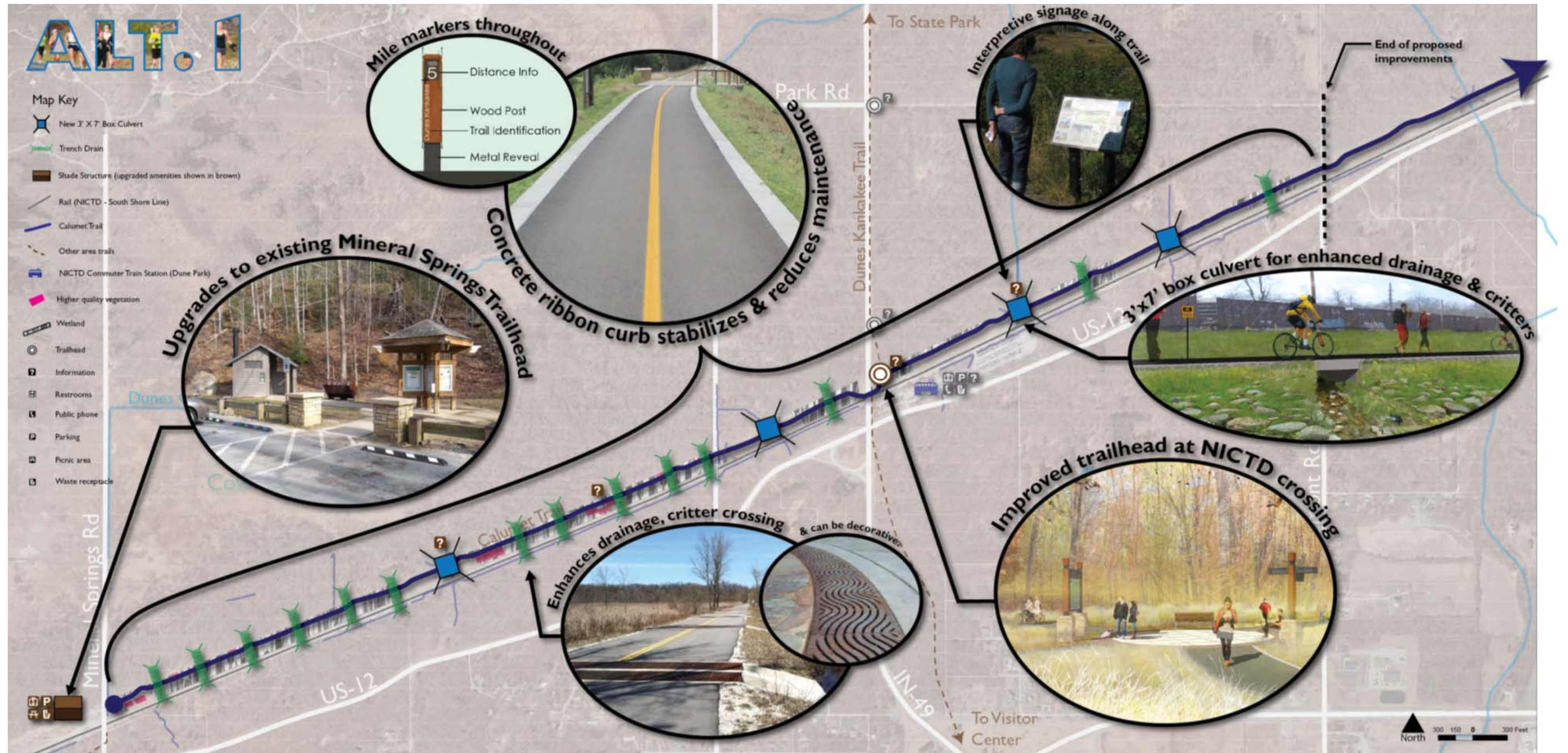
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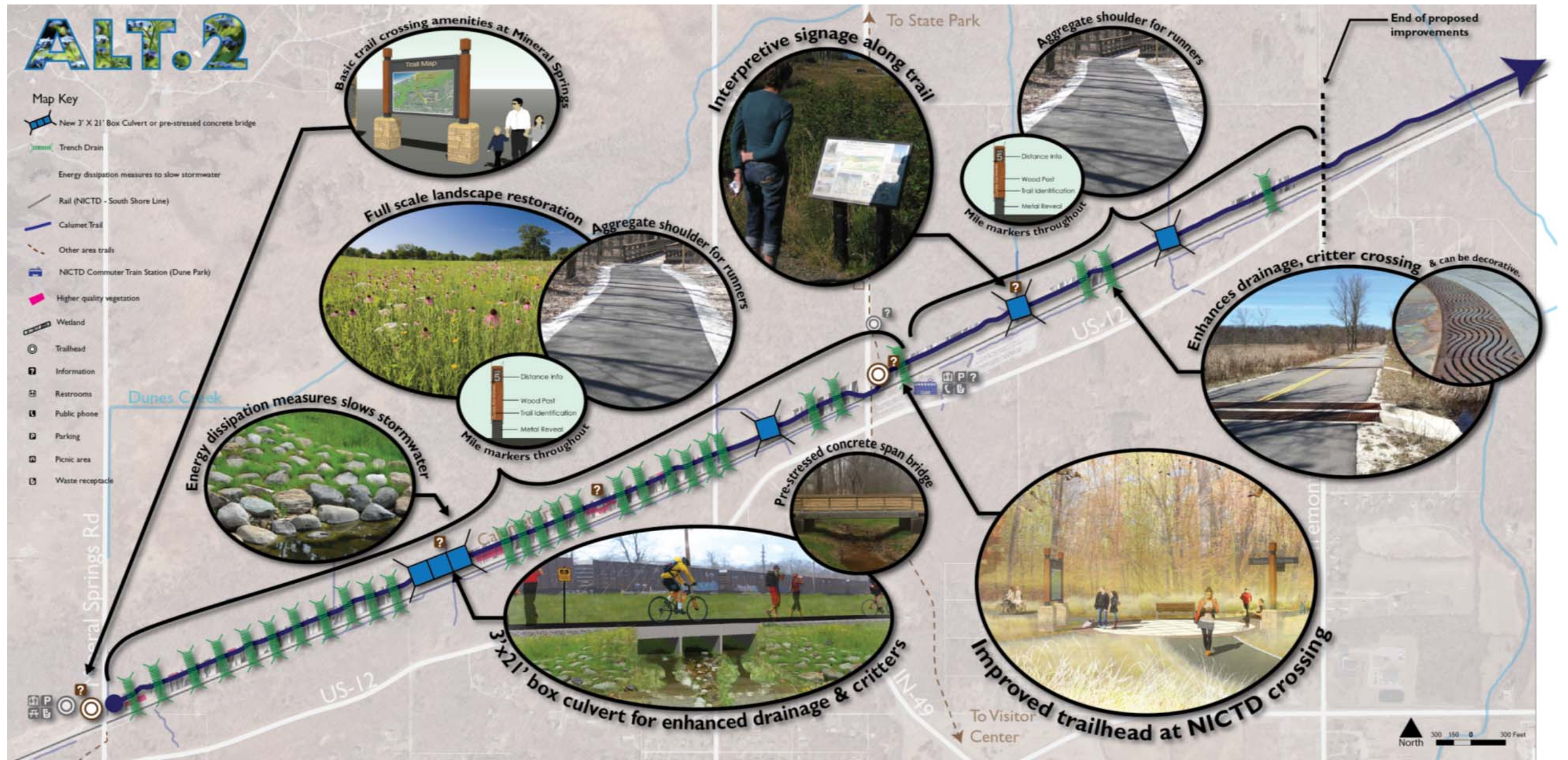
10' Asphalt Trail with 1' Ribbon Curb

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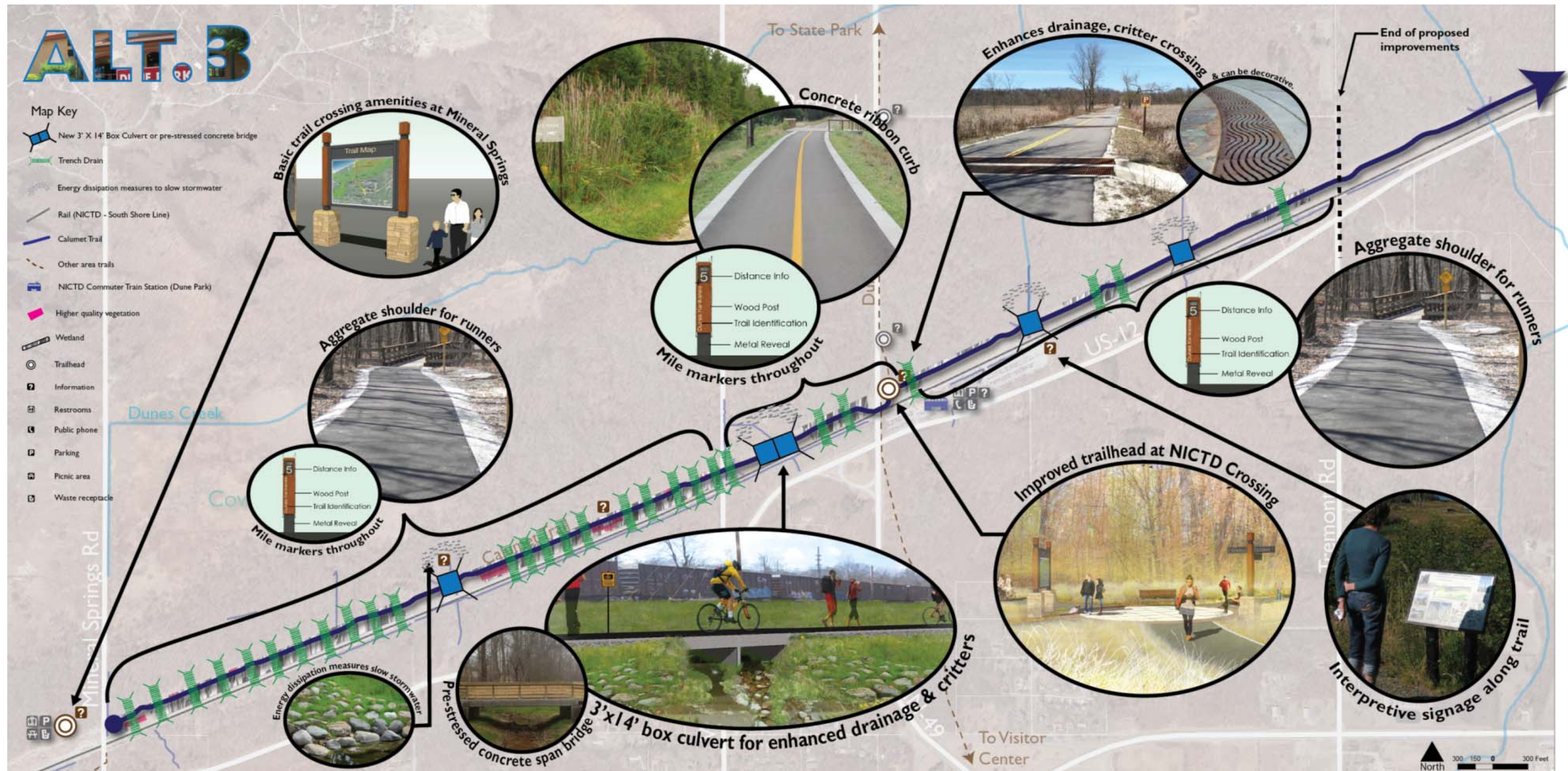
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## The Green Mile



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## Green Acres

# Alternatives Comparison

|   | Alternative 1:<br>High & Dry | Alternative 2:<br>The Green Mile | Alternative 3:<br>Green Acres |          |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Durability of Paved Surface                               |                              |                                  |                               | 3 points |
| Effectiveness of Drainage to keep trail dry               |                              |                                  |                               | 2 points |
| Effectiveness of Drainage to enhance habitat              |                              |                                  |                               | 1 point  |
| Length of Improved Trail                                  |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Amenities along Trail                                     |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Connectivity  |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Minimal disruption of existing high quality flora & fauna |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Habitat enhancement through landscape restoration         |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Beautification of high visibility areas                   |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| Ease of Implementation                                    |                              |                                  |                               |          |
| <b>Total Score</b>  | <b>25</b>                    | <b>23</b>                        | <b>24</b>                     |          |



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*Thank you!*

