



Today's Agenda

History of the WOW Trail

Current Status

Future Phases

Challenges

Opechee Loop

Questions



WOW Trail History

1982 – LRPC Bikeway Study

2003 – Formation of Committee / Feasibility Study

2010 – Phase 1 Grand Opening (Lakeport to Downtown)

2016 – Phase 2 Grand Opening (Downtown to Belmont)

2016 – Belmont Phase 1 (Town Line to Agway)

20?? – Phase 3 (Lakeport to Weirs Beach)

20?? – Phase 4 (Weirs Beach to Meredith)



Rail with Trail

Built Alongside Active Railroad Corridors



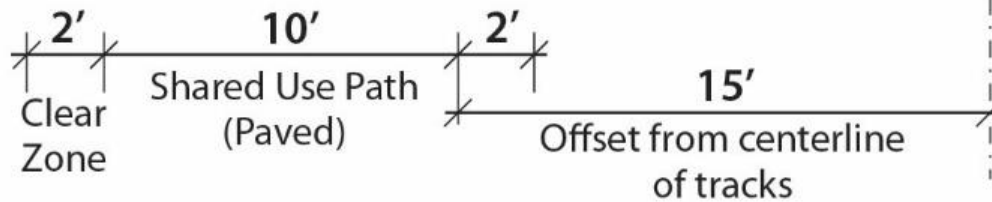
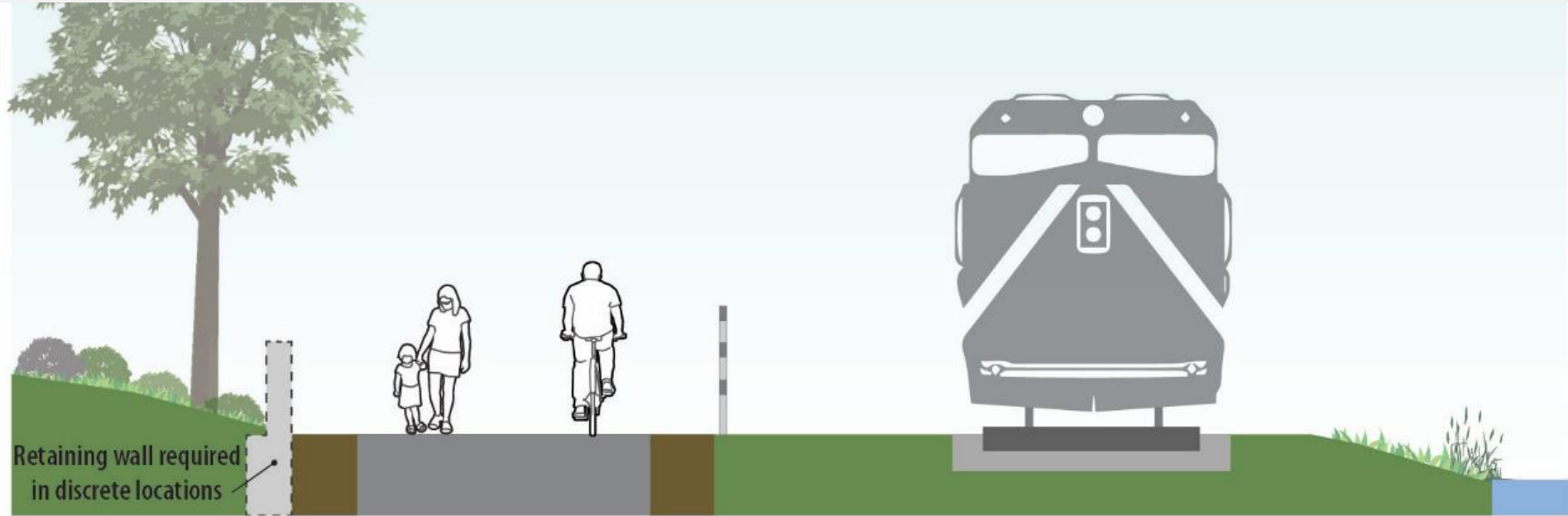
Rail with Trail

Built Alongside Active Railroad Corridors

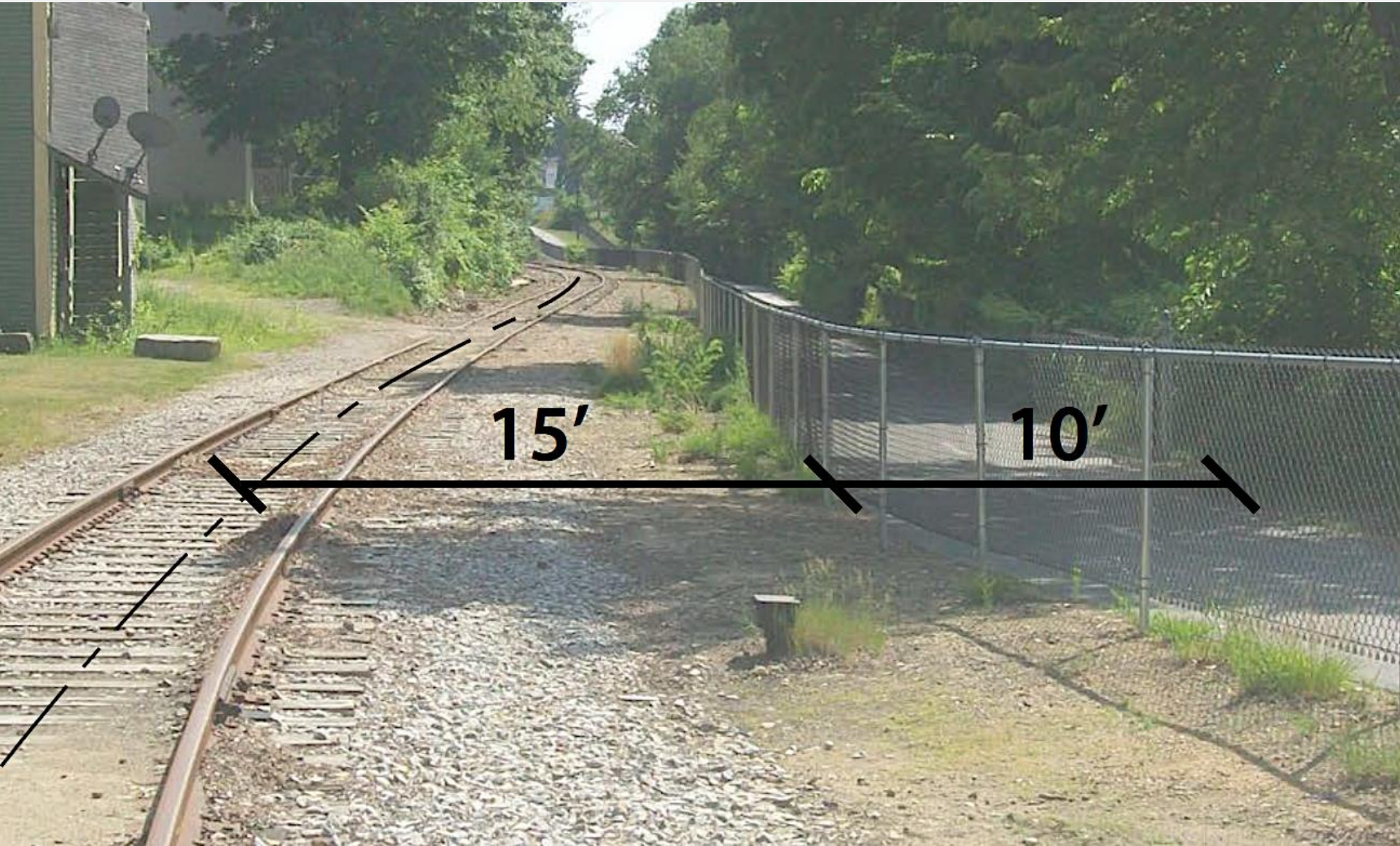


Rail with Trail

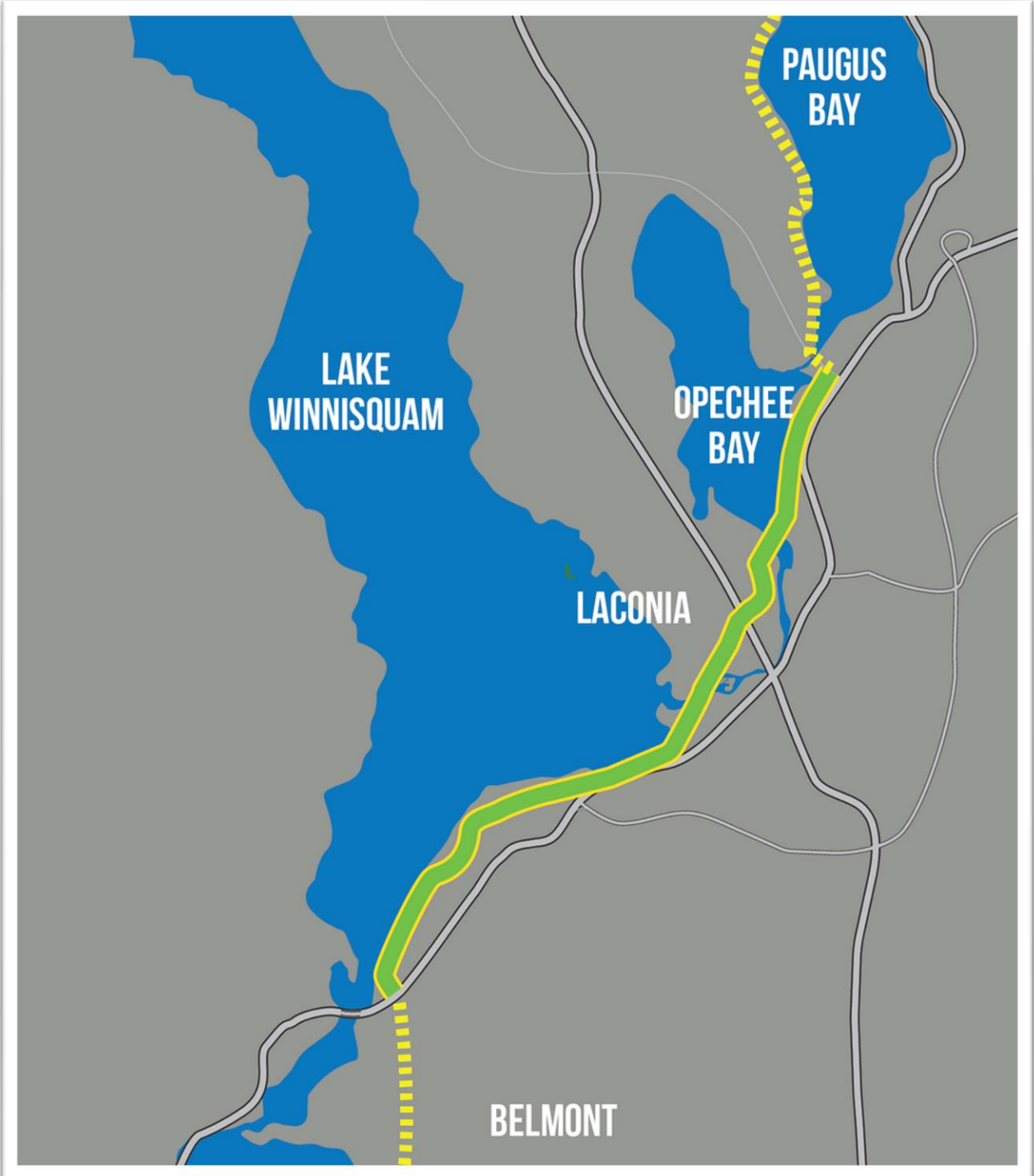
Guidelines



WOW Trail Phase 1

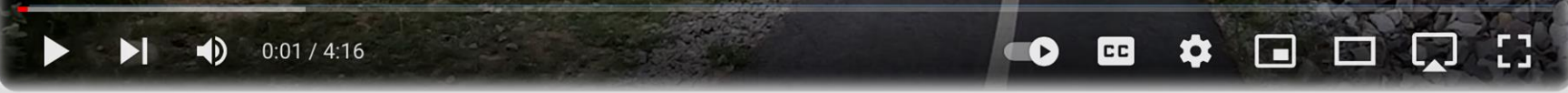


WOW Trail Today



www.WOWTrail.org

WOW Trail – Take A Tour



WOW Trail Today



Community Partnerships



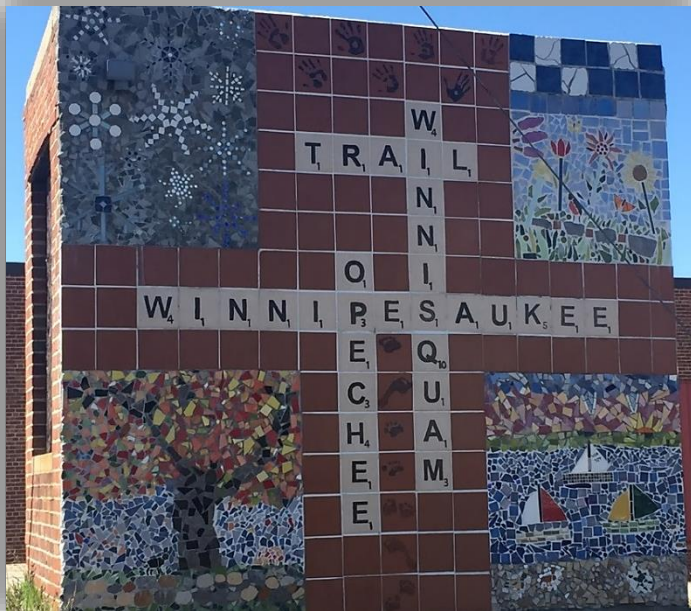
WOW Trail Today



Adopt-a-Sections



WOW Trail Today



Enhanced Safety
& Beautification



WOW Trail Today



Ambassador Program



WOW Trail Today



Ongoing Maintenance

2013 Abutter Survey

79% Satisfied or **Very Satisfied** with Having the WOW Trail as a Neighbor

66% Feel the WOW Trail has **Improved** or **Much Improved** the Quality of their Neighborhood



Future Phases of the WOW Trail

Lakeport to Weirs Beach – 4½ Miles

Weirs Beach to Meredith – 4 Miles

Belmont to Rt 140 Tilton – 7+ Miles



WOW Trail

Part of a
Regional Effort



Today's Challenges

Unhoused Population

Encampments

Perception of Danger



Today's Challenges



Future Challenges

Necessary Easements



Future Challenges

Necessary Easements



Future Challenges

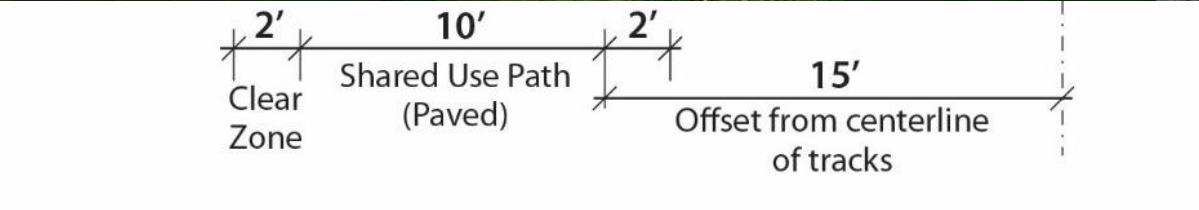
Lawsuits



Future Challenges

Encroachments / NIMBY





Future Challenges

Fencing



Future Challenges

Fencing



The Challenges are Great...

Benefits are Greater

Belknap EDC Study (2013) Estimated:

152,000 Users/Year

38,000 from Out of Area

\$1.8 Million in Net New Spending



The Challenges are Great...

Benefits are Greater

Tourism & Consumer Spending

Property Values

Health, Fitness & Recreation

Transportation Options

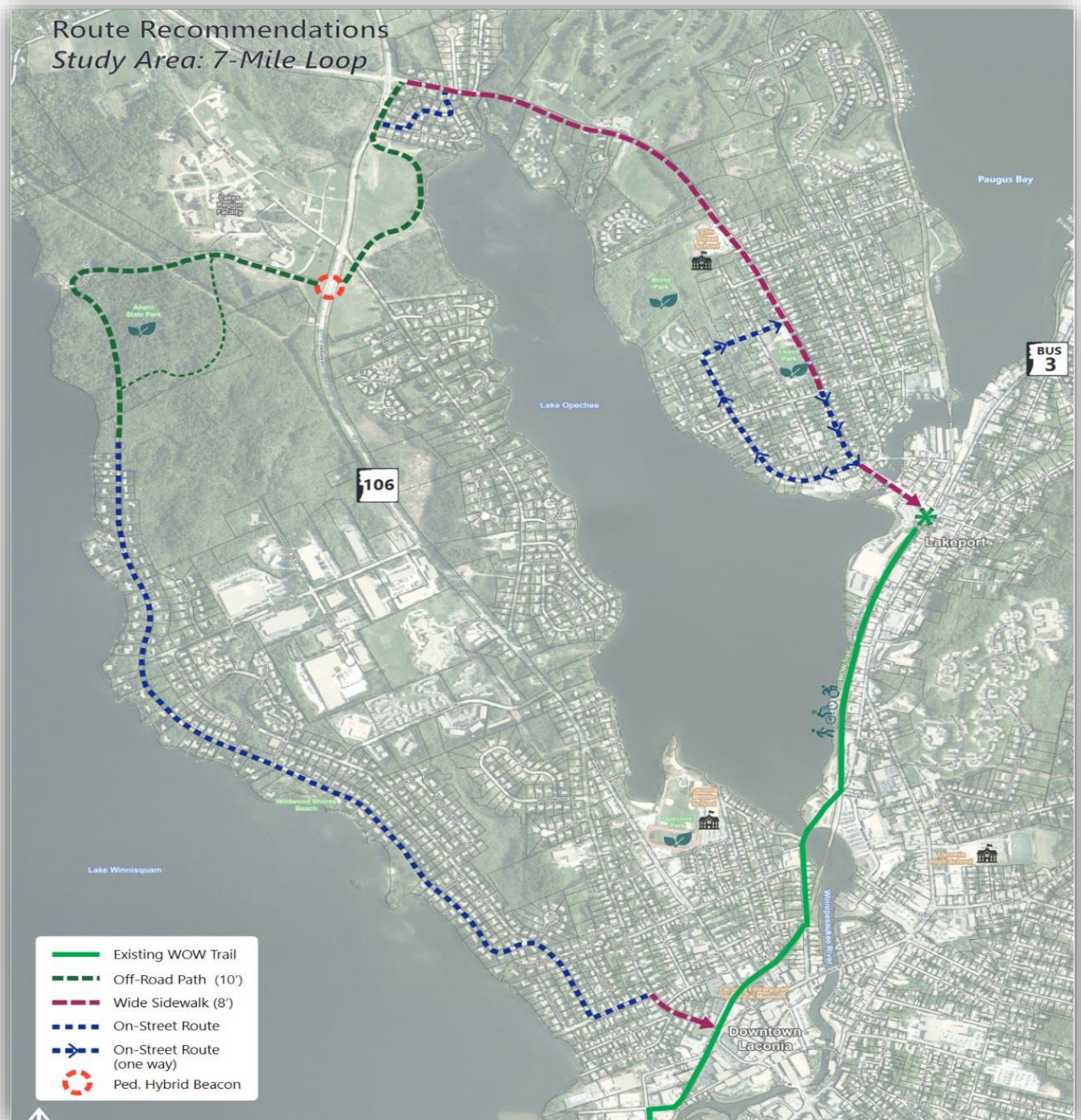
Attracting & Retaining Younger (and Older) People

Creating a More Desirable Community

Creating Positive Benefits for Generations



Opechee Loop



Typical Sidewalk Improvement



Messer St – Phase 1



Want to Help?

Talk to your Town Leaders

Host a Presentation

Attend our Fundraising Event

Make a Contribution

Stay Connected

Volunteer



WOW Trail 10K/5K Fundraiser – October 26





Questions, Comments?

wowtrail.org ▲ [Facebook.com/WOWTrail](https://www.facebook.com/WOWTrail)

Meredith to Weirs Beach

