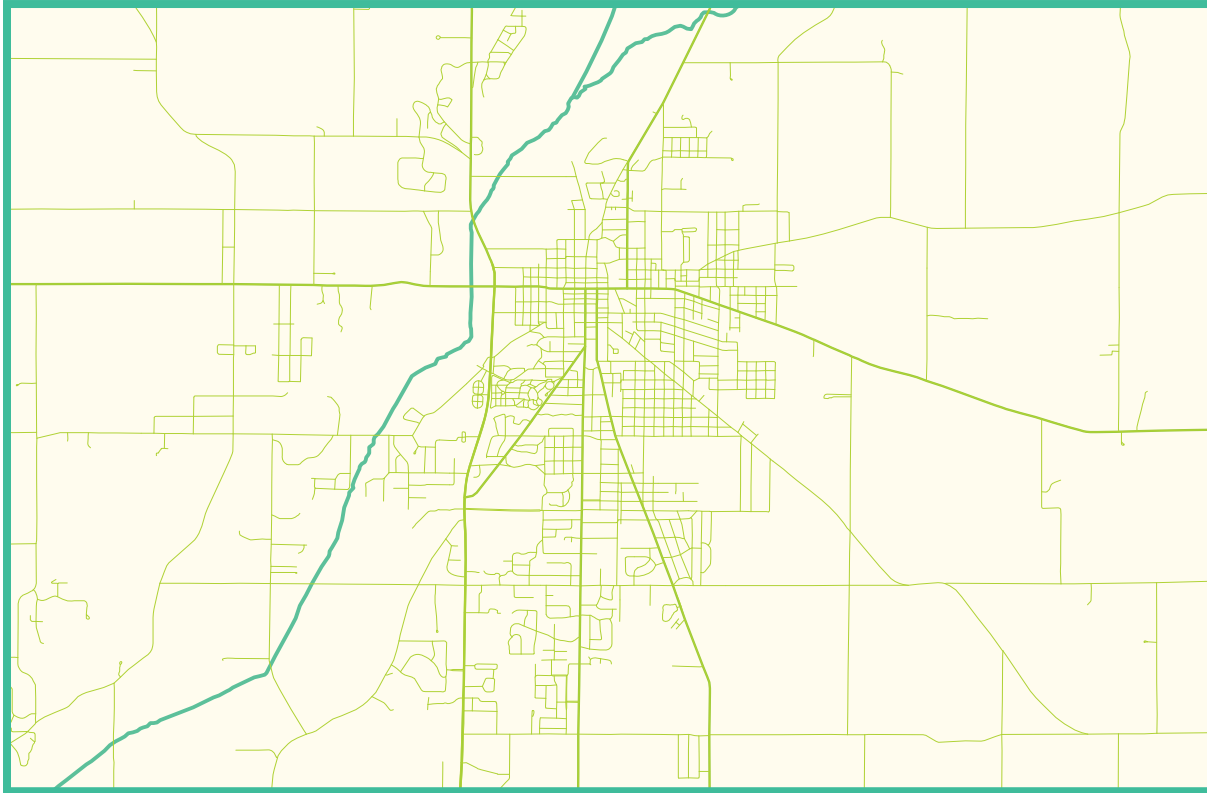


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final plan - appendix a

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City on path to add walks, bike paths

By SARA GEER
sgeer@thecouriertimes.com

It's official - the City of New Castle is on its way to becoming a bicycle-friendly community.

An advisory committee of 10 city officials and leaders will meet Friday to discuss plans for moving forward to add more bike path and sidewalk connections in the city, Jeff Ray, Healthy Communities of Henry County trail director, said.

The project originated from suggestions collected in the Stellar Grant public forums hosted by Hope Initiative in 2012.

The Henry County Community Foundation awarded Hope Initiative a \$15,000 grant in November and the New Castle City Council committed to distribute \$20,000 from riverboat gambling money to fund the project, he said.

"This is just step one in terms of where to go with this project," Ray said. "We want to make it easier for residents to travel in the city. Also, we want to add safer routes to school where sidewalks and bike paths are lacking."

Ray said the project's overall vision is to connect sidewalks and bike paths to the existing trail and city park system. The project from start to finish will take 21 weeks to complete, with May 19 being the proposed end date, he said.

Cathy Hamilton, Hope Initiative director, said she is thankful for the city's funding commitment.

"This is not just a Hope Initiative project, it's a city project," Hamilton said. "It's great to see it move forward. We want this to be a plan in action."

The group will be working with engineers from the firm of Butler, Fairman and Seufert of Indianapolis to construct a plan. The firm has been involved in constructing the Wilbur Wright Trail.

Jason Griffin of that firm, project manager and landscape architect, said he is excited to work on the project to promote a more healthy lifestyle in New Castle. He said the firm has worked on similar projects in Jeffersonville and La Porte.

"This is something that I enjoy working on since I have actually lost weight myself when biking more to work," Griffin said. "Back when people walked and biked more the obesity levels weren't high. Now when cities have lost that push, the levels are back up."

Griffin said his plans include first to analyze existing roadways, landmarks and traffic conditions. Data collected then will be placed in an inventory to present in future advisory committee meetings.

"The most important thing however will be to have public involvement since the residents in the community know more about New Castle than I ever will," Griffin said. "I look forward to drafting a plan that will benefit everyone in the community."

The advisory committee includes City Council members Rex Peckinpaugh and Jimmy Kidd, Mayor Greg York, Director of Public Works and Safety Dave Barker, Police Chief Brad Catron, Assistant School Superintendent Bo Pheffer and Henry County Health Department Administrator Doug Mathis.

Sara Geer is a staff writer for The Courier-Times.

Hope Initiative meeting tonight at library

Hope Initiative's first meeting of 2014 is at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the New Castle Henry County Public Library, 376 S. 15th St.

Mayor Greg York has been invited to come share city plans. Participants will continue conversation started in November about area food pantries. Jeff Ray and Rex Peckinpaugh will be present to share progress and answer questions about the bike path and sidewalk project.

The public may attend, Cathy Hamilton, executive director, said.

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JANUARY 10, 2014
9:00AM EASTERN TIME

- 1) SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 2) REVIEW SCOPE
 - A. EXISTING FACILITIES
 - B. PROPOSED IMPROVMENTS
- 3) SCHEDULE
- 4) NEED FOR THE PLAN
- 5) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- 6) STAKEHOLDER LIST
- 7) PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS
- 8) INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS
- 9) CONCLUSION



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NEW CASTLE, IN
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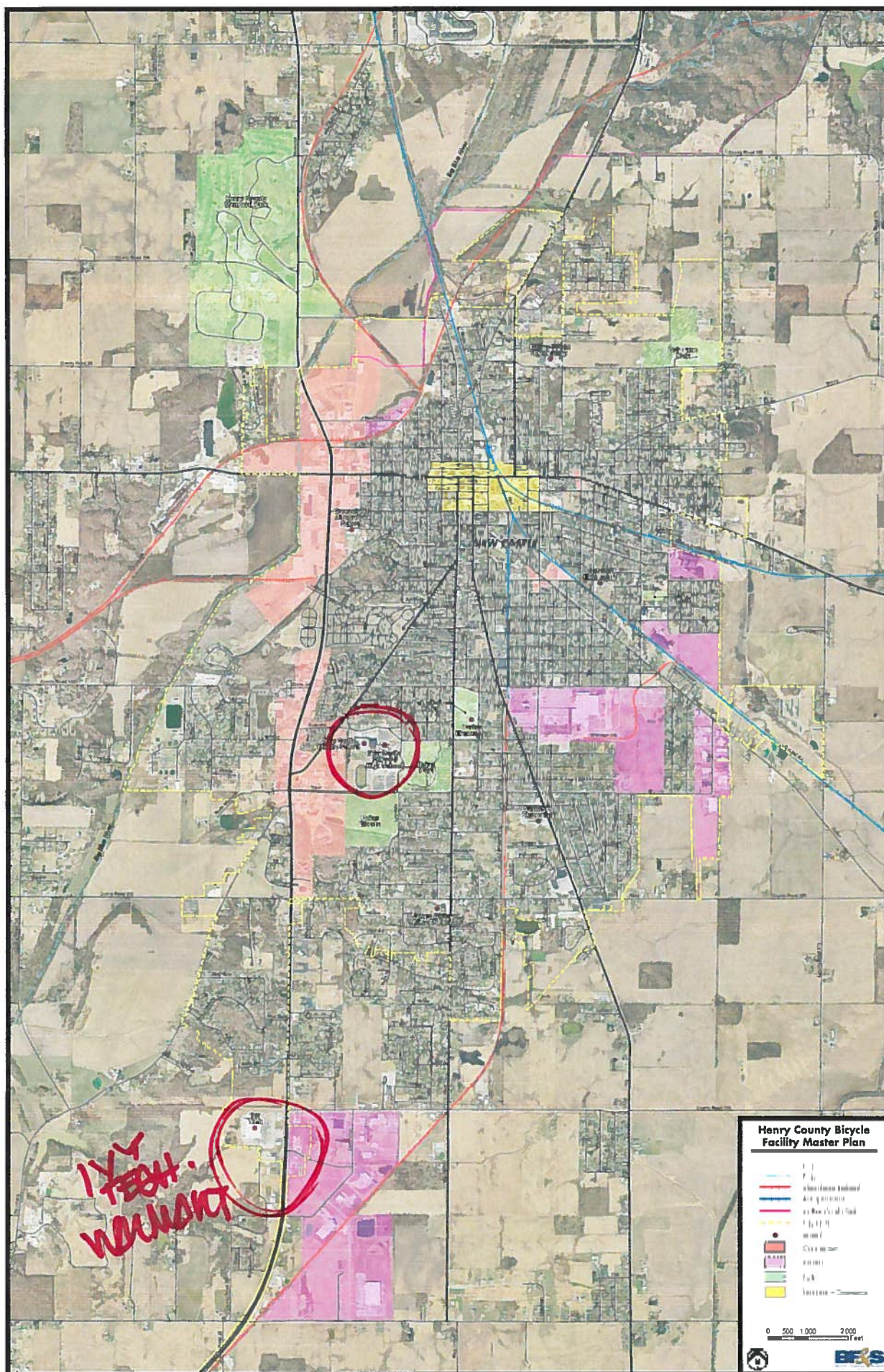
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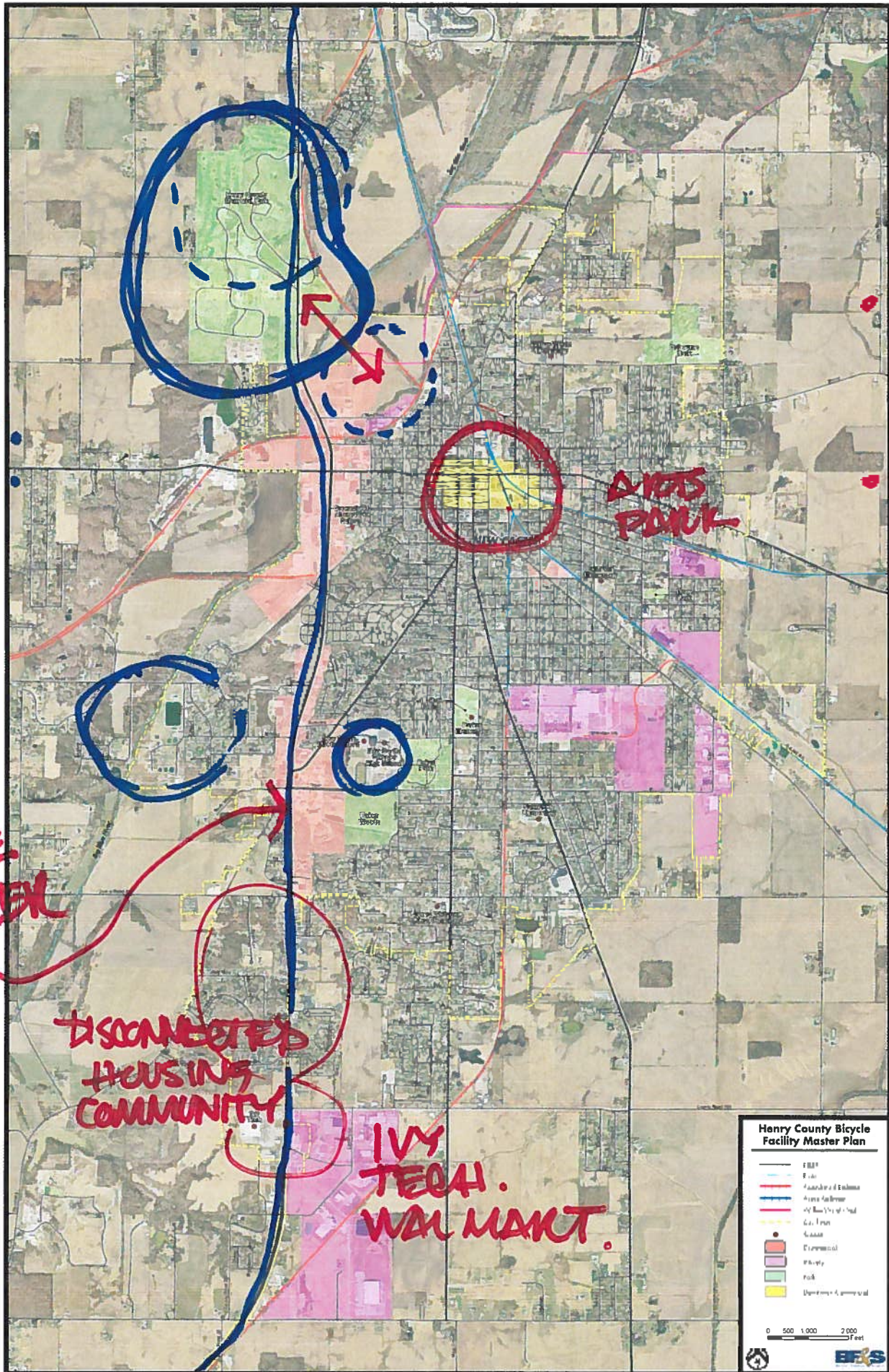
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STELLAR GRANT

MATT HILL: GIS, ST

BUICK, BAKER: SHERIFF

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→ STEVE MORRIS

→ SCORP

→ STATEWIDE TRAILS PLAN

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- SIDEWALKS TROJAN LAKE

- 16th ELEMENTARY WILSON

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MIKE BROOK - EDC

- SIDEWALKS IN BAD SHAPE

STEVE SPITZER - HEALTH COMM., BIKER

CHRIS WILLIAMS - PRES. POPEY, COUNCIL CLUB,
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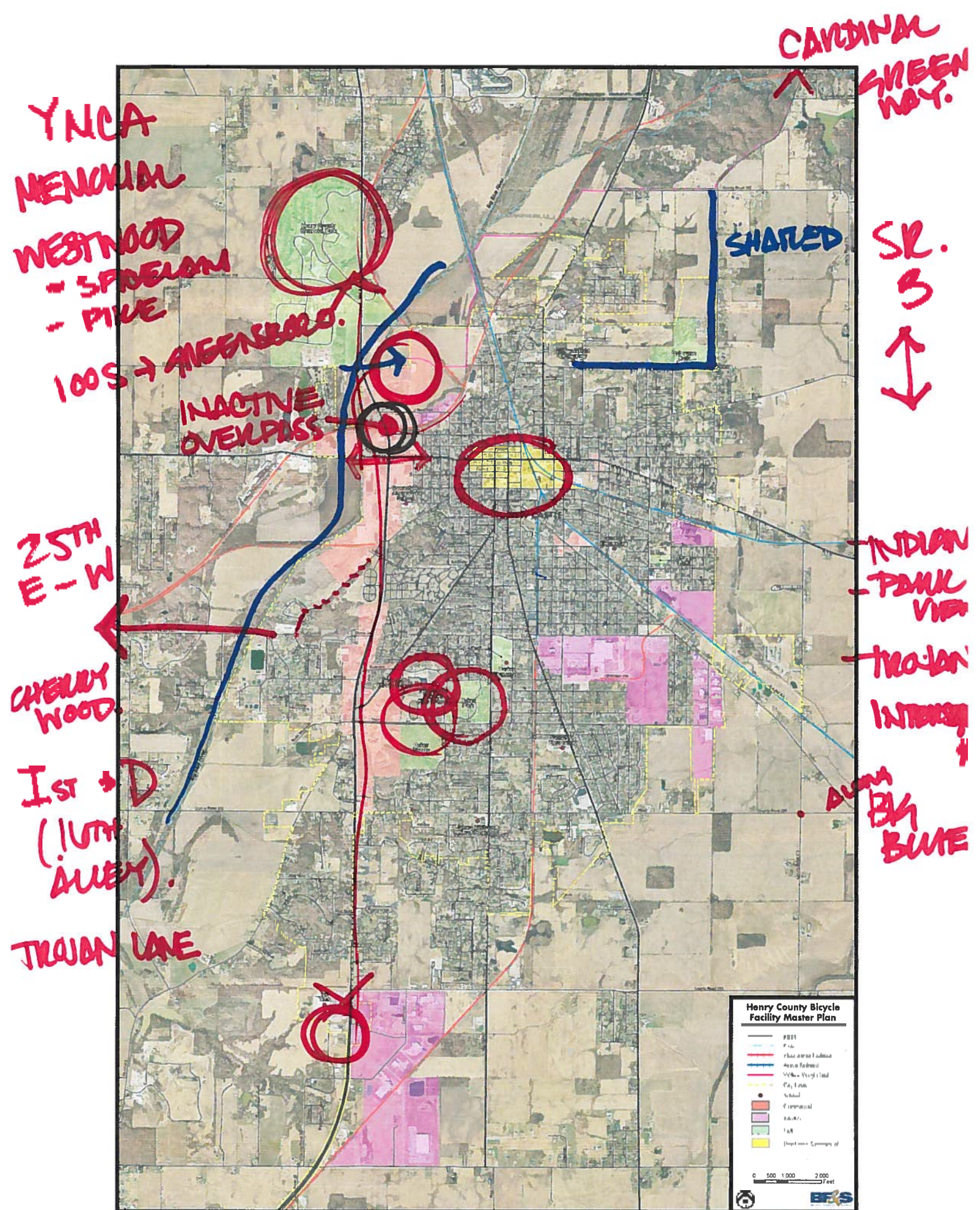
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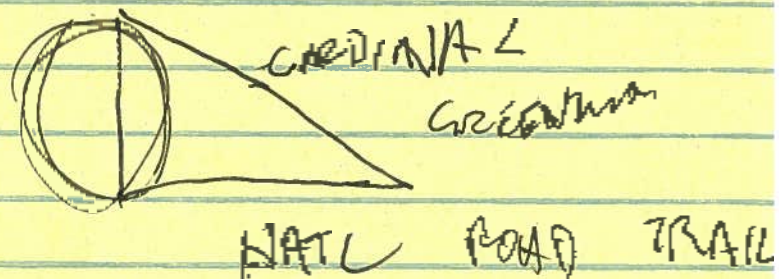
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BIKE TO WORK (EMPLOYEES)

LAURIE STONEROCK - HOSPITAL SOUTH
CAMPUS

~ ASSISTED LIVING

~ SPORTS MEDICINE
USED BY STUDENTS
NEED CONNECTION
w/ SCHOOL

STREETS

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more comprehensive plan, Griffin said.

"We'll look at these routes people have discussed with us and analyze if they are viable," Griffin said. "I look forward to hearing what the public has to say about their community."

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How do you get to town?

Bike path, sidewalk team seeks suggestions

By SARA GEER

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What streets do New Castle residents use to get around the city? Where are the popular community destination points?

The New Castle bike path, sidewalk project team wants to know answers to those questions.

An open house is scheduled from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library so residents can bring ideas, questions and suggestions for adding sidewalks in the city.

The open house will not have any set presentations, but will offer interactive exercises, Jason Griffin, the project manager, of said. Several members of an advisory team will be in attendance, he added.

"Since we are really in the early stages with this project, we just want to gather as much information about what the public uses to get or arrive by bike or walking," Griffin said. Griffin works with the Indianapolis engineering firm of Butler, Fairman and Seufert.

New Castle maps will be available for residents to draw on or place stickers to highlight popular community destinations. The information will be used at future team meetings to create a

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Jason Griffin

From: Laurie Stonerock <lstonerock@hcmhcares.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:42 PM
To: Jason Griffin
Subject: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Hi, Jason:

Thank you for the presentation at the Library yesterday. I was the gal who had to leave right at 2:15. I just thought it might be helpful for me to e-mail you the information I was trying to zip through while rushing out the door.

I am the hospital Director of Wellness at HealthRidge, located at the Forest Ridge Medical Pavilion on Trojan Lane. At Forest Ridge, there are over 100 employees (and contract help), and the out-patient clients we serve are numerous. I would like to see a shared path (bike and walkway) from Forest Ridge to the NCHS and Baker Park, as well as from Forest Ridge to SR 3. As I mentioned, there are many school employees and students who walk from the school to Forest Ridge, and many of us who walk from Forest Ridge to the park. There are also many who live and work at the Glen Oaks' Assisted Living facility, directly behind us, who walk to Forest Ridge, and would continue to walk on to the park, if it were available.

I am excited to see something of such great magnitude and benefit to our community, become a reality! I'm especially happy that the trails are being designed with the deconditioned population in mind. I honestly believe each goal presented yesterday can be met through this great venture.

Thanks for your part in our progress!

--

Laurie Stonerock, MA, CPT
HCH Director of Wellness
HealthRidge
765.521.1216 office
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A. Hammersly
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Comment from 'Jimmy' (City Council) @ Open House

- only one private property bet. elem. school & WWT Ph. I (@ DNR property):

WW. Elem. to WWT on Hillsboro

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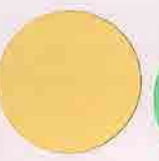
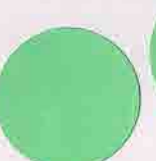

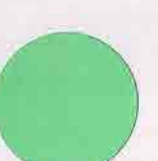








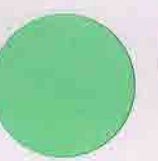


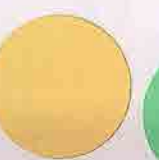





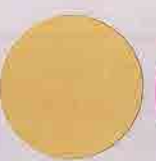








(Jeff Smiley more
developer @ YMCA
bus. park: very helpful
& supportive of Ph. 1)

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• questions for public open house:












1) Place a sticker after the corresponding goals that you believe are the most important to you *Pick top 3* and the community.

- a. Increase the number of people walking and bicycling for everyday transportation purposes such as commuting to work, to school and running errands. 
- b. Enhance community connections to neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, retail and dining, and government facilities.    
- c. Increase the number of people that exercise daily by providing safe walking and biking experiences for citizens of all ages and levels of ability.      
- d. Provide guidance and priorities for implementing infrastructure to support walking and bicycling with a broad range of funding and support. 
- e. Increase eco-tourism in the City of New Castle by attracting people that are looking for recreational activities in the region.   
- f. Increase the quality of life in the City of New Castle in an effort to retain current citizens and attract new citizens.       
- g. Be ready for future funding opportunities when they present themselves.  
- h. Create regional connections to county facilities and surrounding communities.  
- i. Provide community awareness of motorists sharing the road with cyclists.     

2) For what purpose would you use the greenways or bicycle facilities?
(Place a sticker next to all that apply)

- a. Recreation and leisure        
- b. Health and Fitness       
- c. Commuting to work (alternative transportation)   
- d. Errands or daily routine (grocery shopping, drugstore, etc.)  

3) If you currently bike, which best describes your level of experience?

- a. I do not bike    
- b. Leisurely rider (prefers a separated facility from automobile traffic)   
- c. Intermediate rider (comfortable riding on neighborhood / low volume roads)  
- d. Advanced rider (comfortable riding in most traffic situations)  

4) How many miles do you normally bike per week?

- a. I do not bike regularly    
- b. 0 - 5 miles 
- c. 5 - 10 miles  
- d. 20 - 40 miles 
- e. 40+ miles

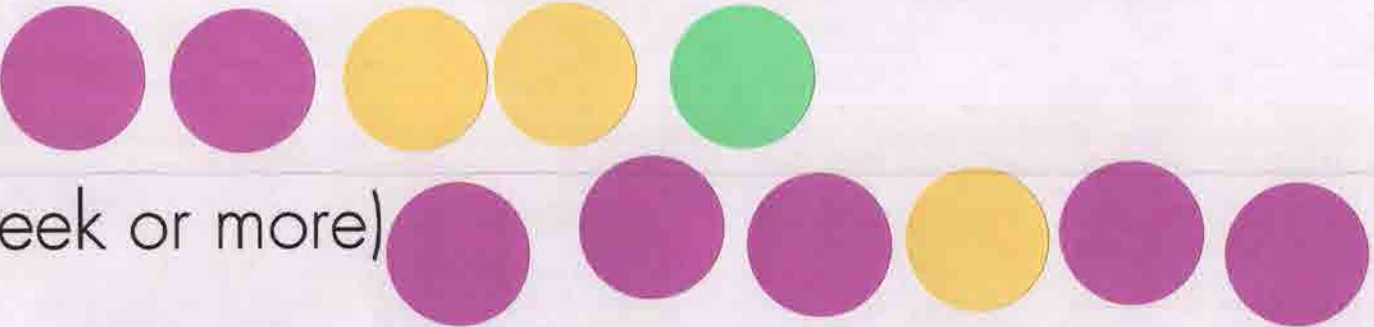
• questions for public open house:

5) Which of the following best describes you as a walker, jogger, or runner?

a. I do not walk or jog

b. I walk or jog occasionally (once a week or less)

c. I walk or jog on a regular basis (2 - 3 times a week or more)



6) How many miles do you walk per week?

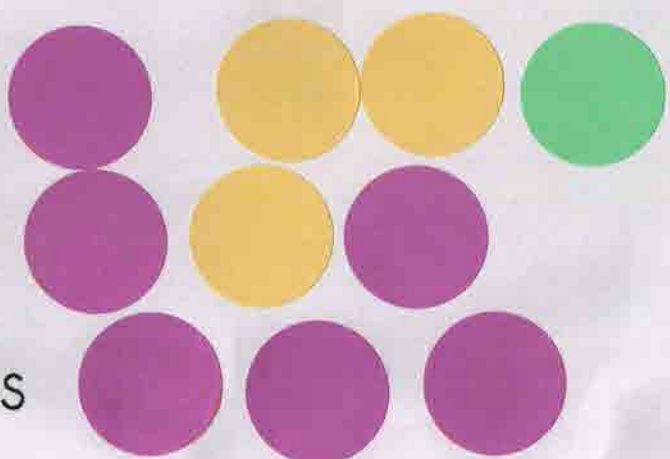
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b. 0 - 5 miles

c. 5 - 10 miles

d. 10 - 20 miles

e. 20+ miles



7) How many miles do you run per week?

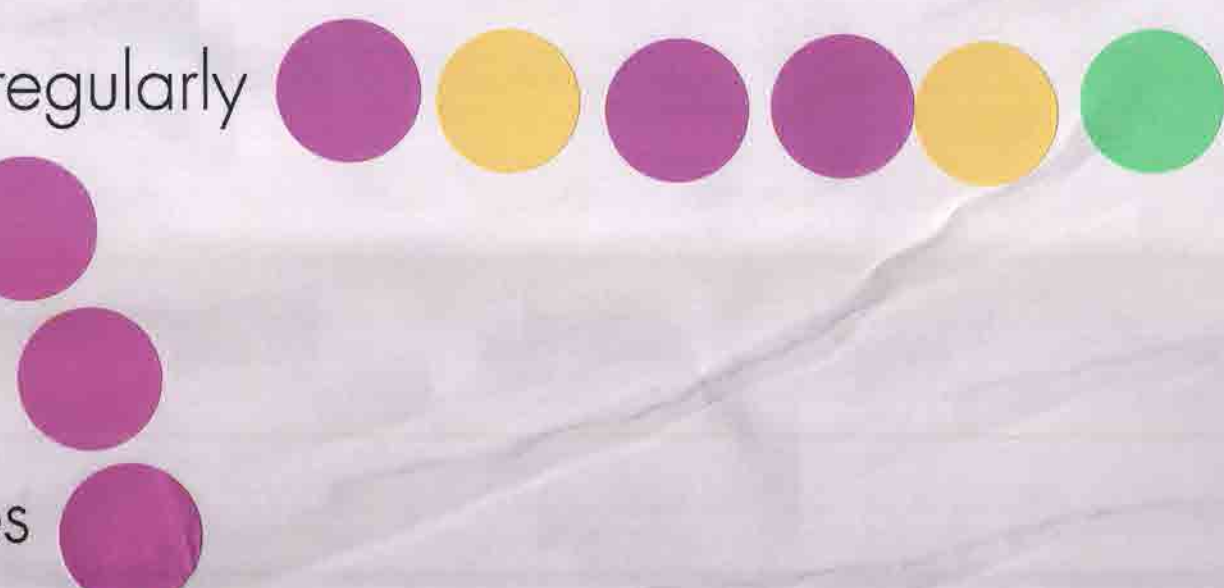
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b. 0 - 5 miles

c. 5 - 10 miles

d. 10 - 20 miles

e. 20+ miles



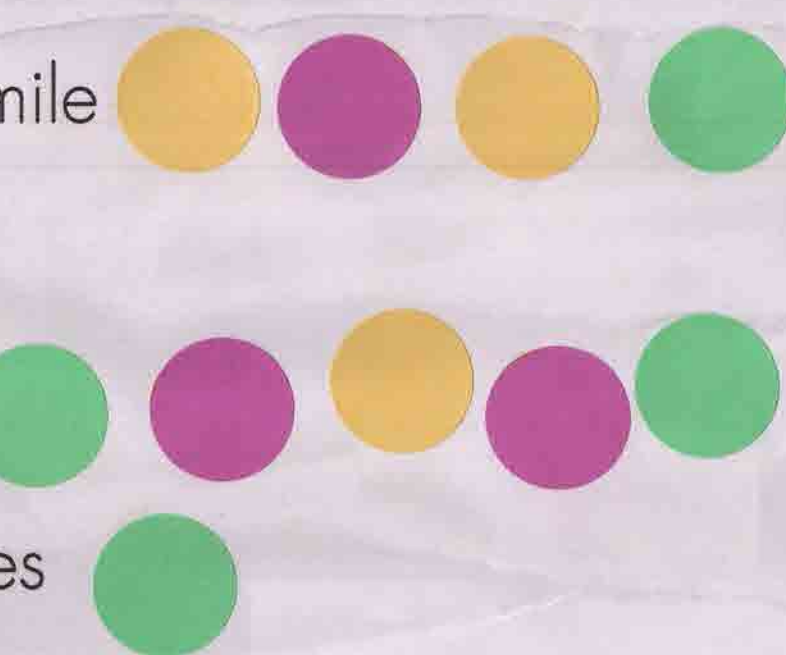
8) How far would you travel to access a shared use-path?

a. Less than 1 mile

b. 1 - 2 miles

c. 2 - 5 miles

d. 5 - more miles



9) Would your family (you and your children) feel safe using an on-road bicycle facility ~~or would you prefer to use a separated shared use-path?~~

a. Yes

b. No

c. I do not have children

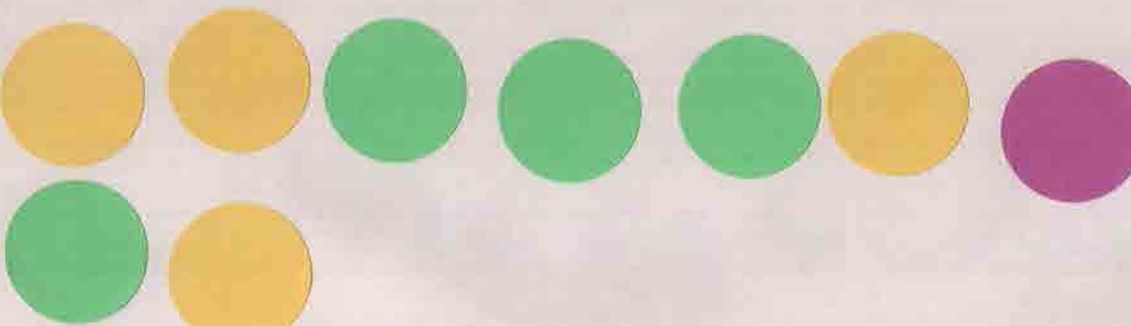


10) Would you feel safe using an on-road bicycle facility ~~or would you prefer to use a separated shared use-path?~~

a. Yes

b. No

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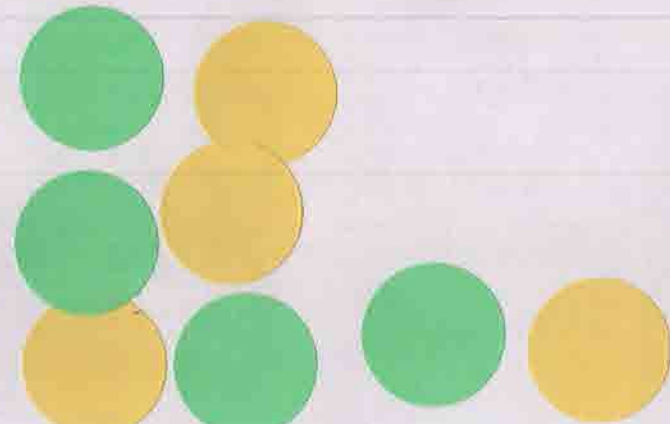
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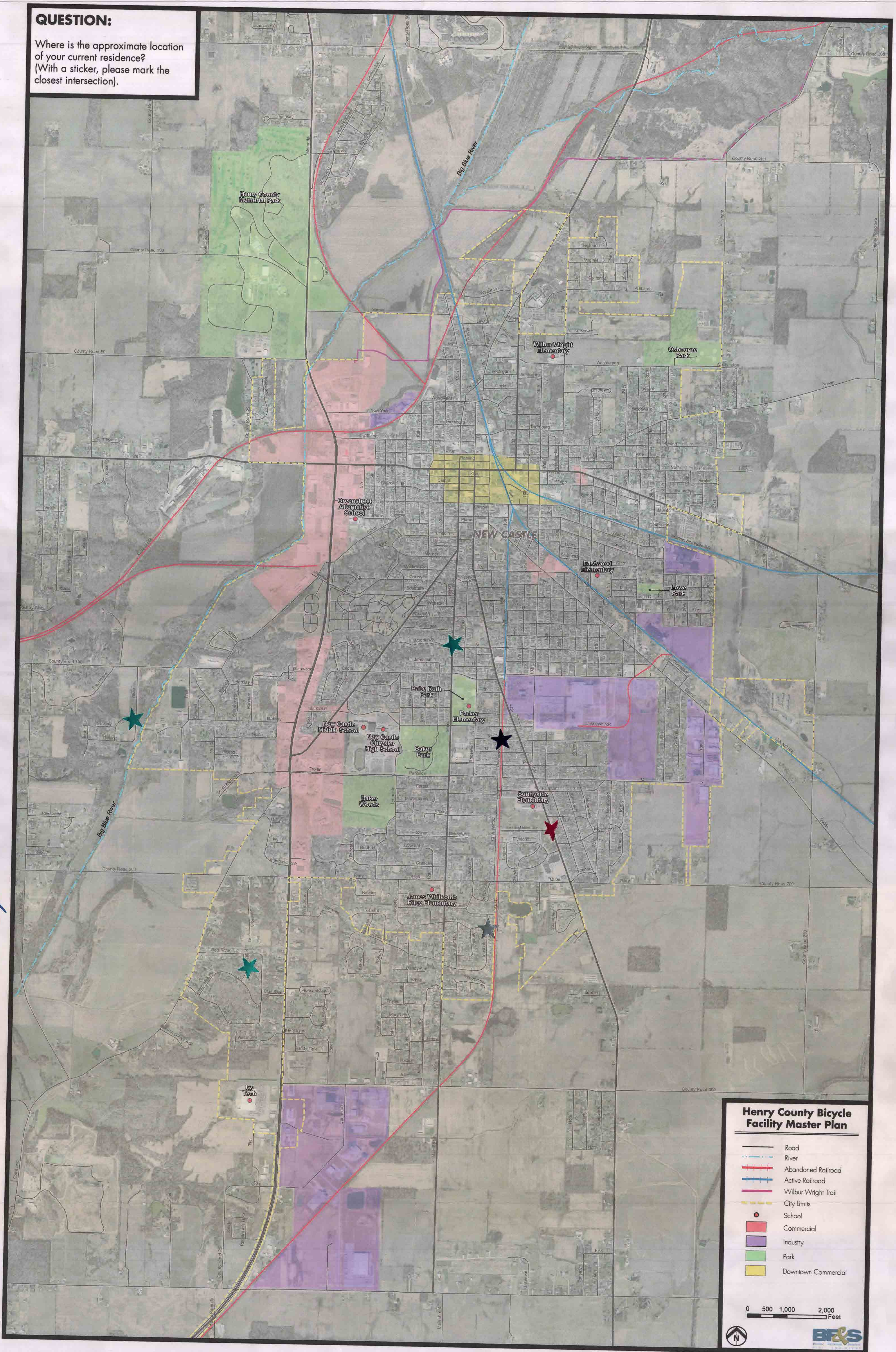
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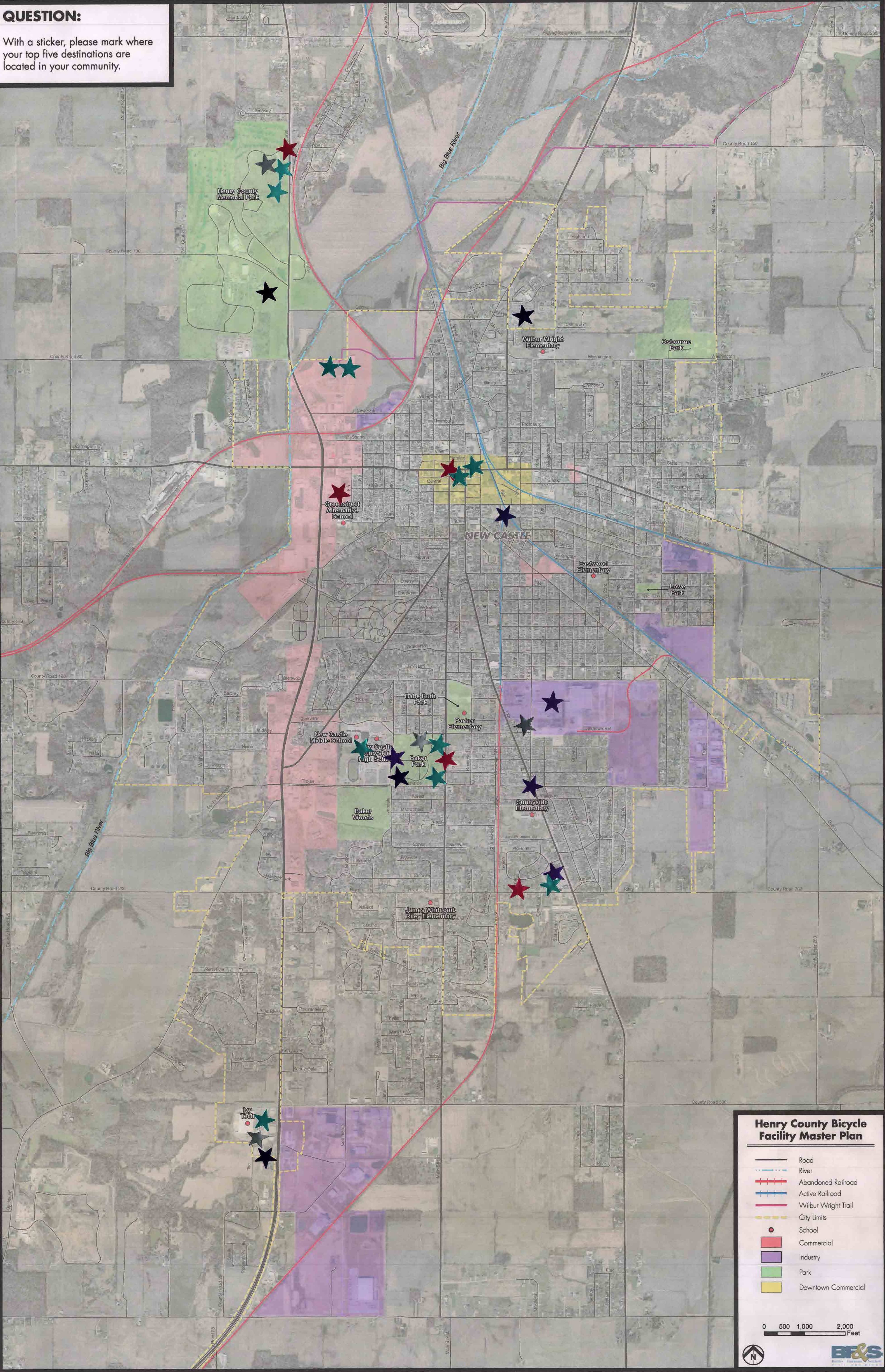
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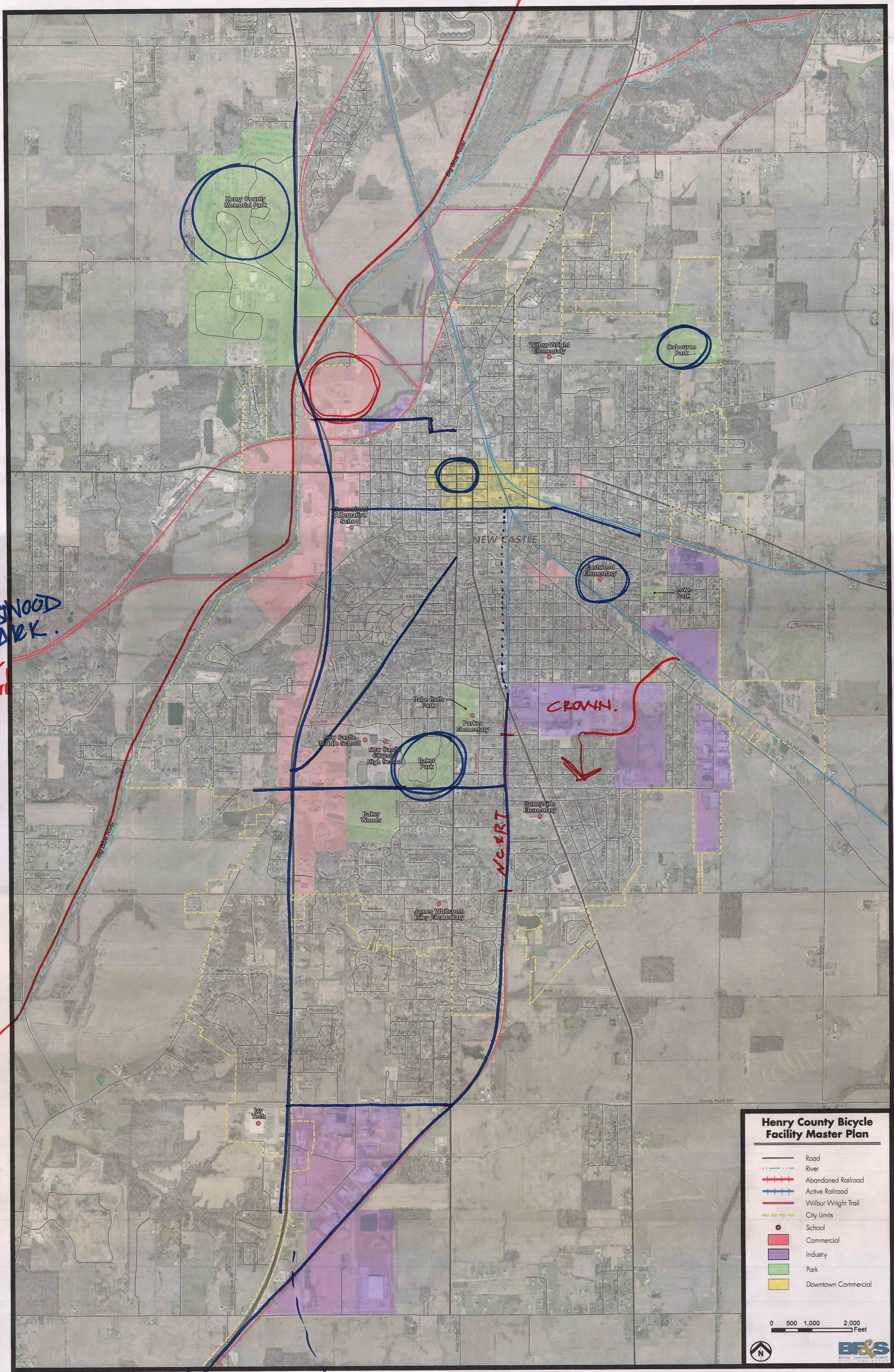
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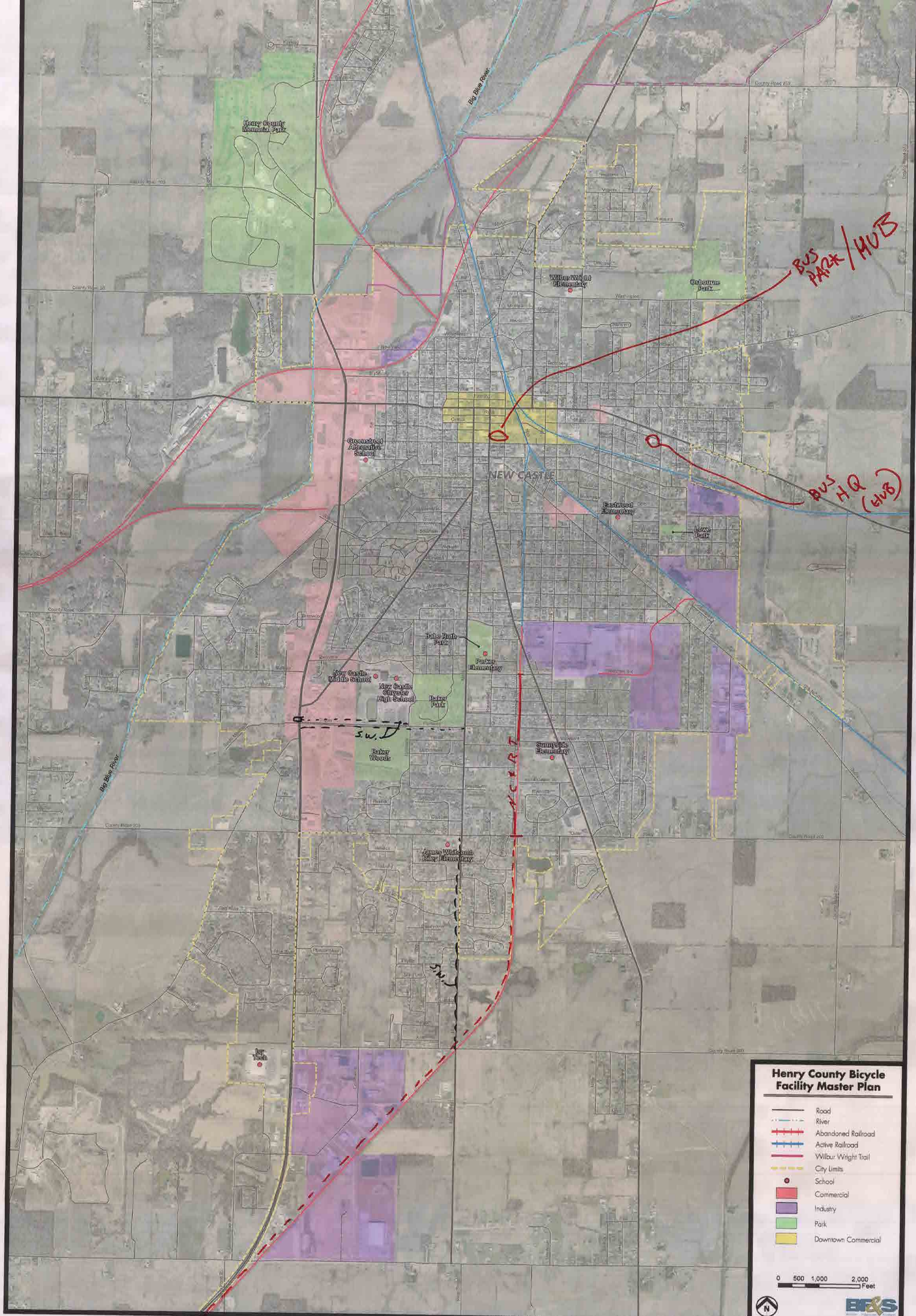
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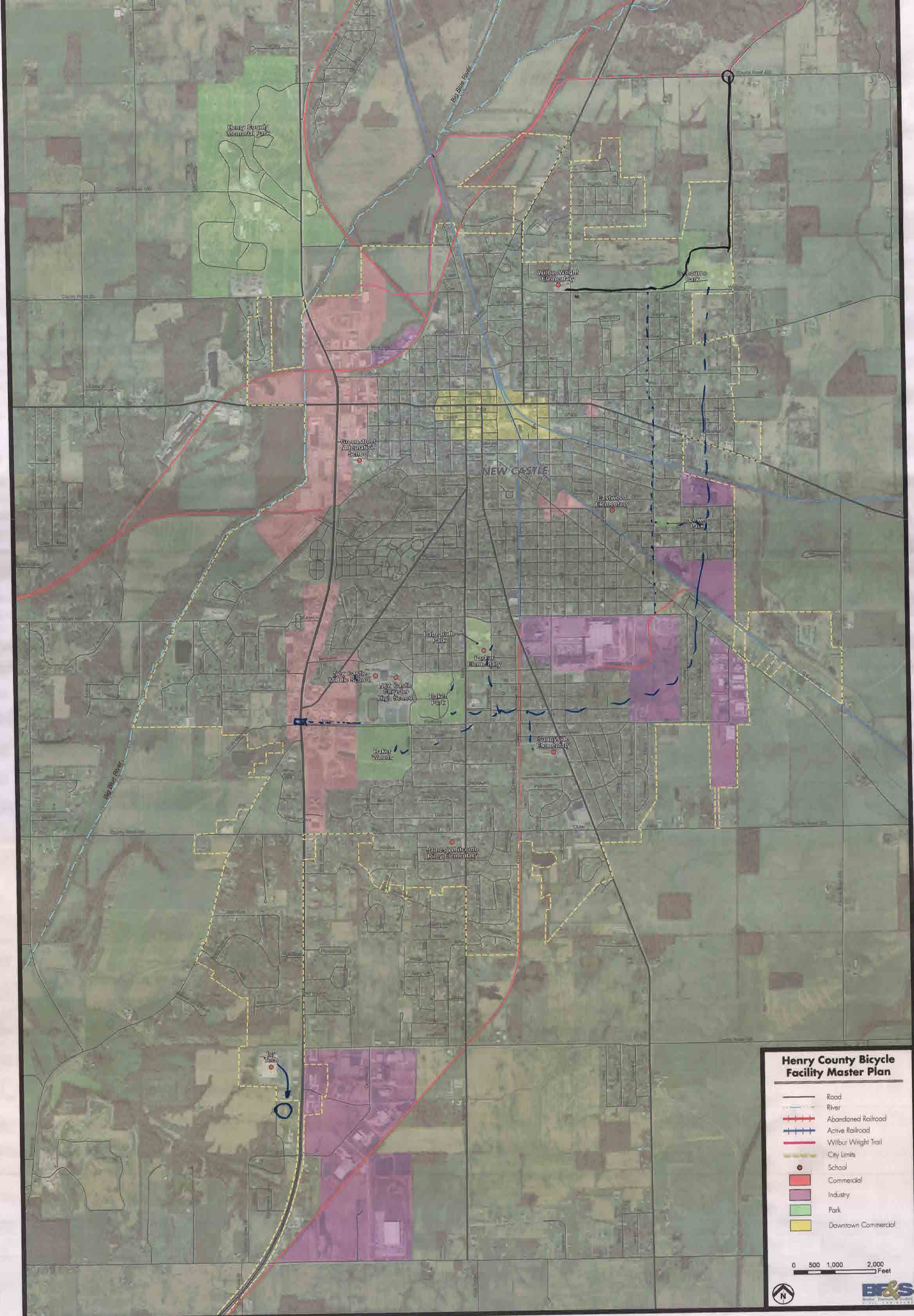


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NEW CASTLE bicycle + pedestrian master plan



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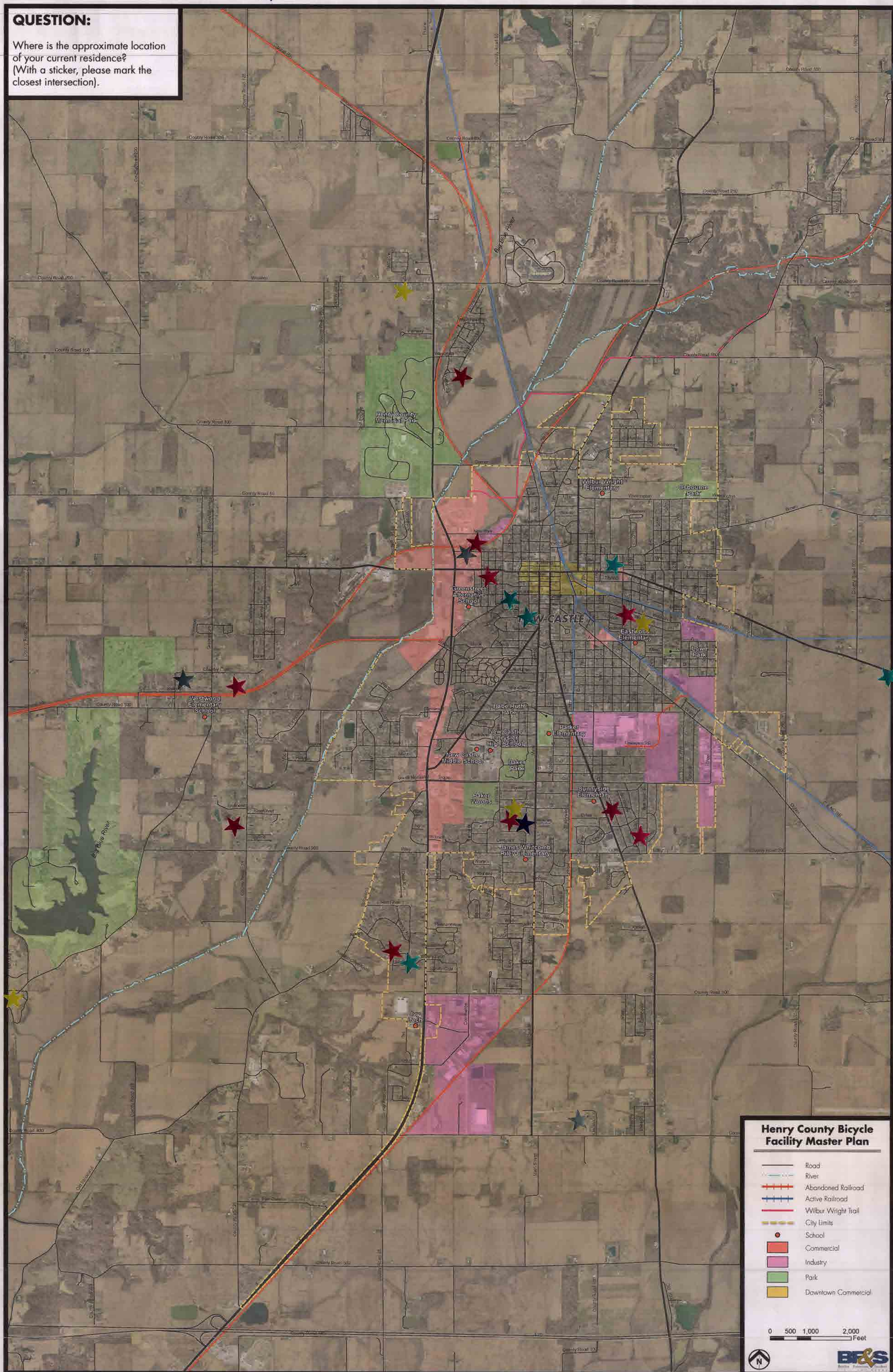
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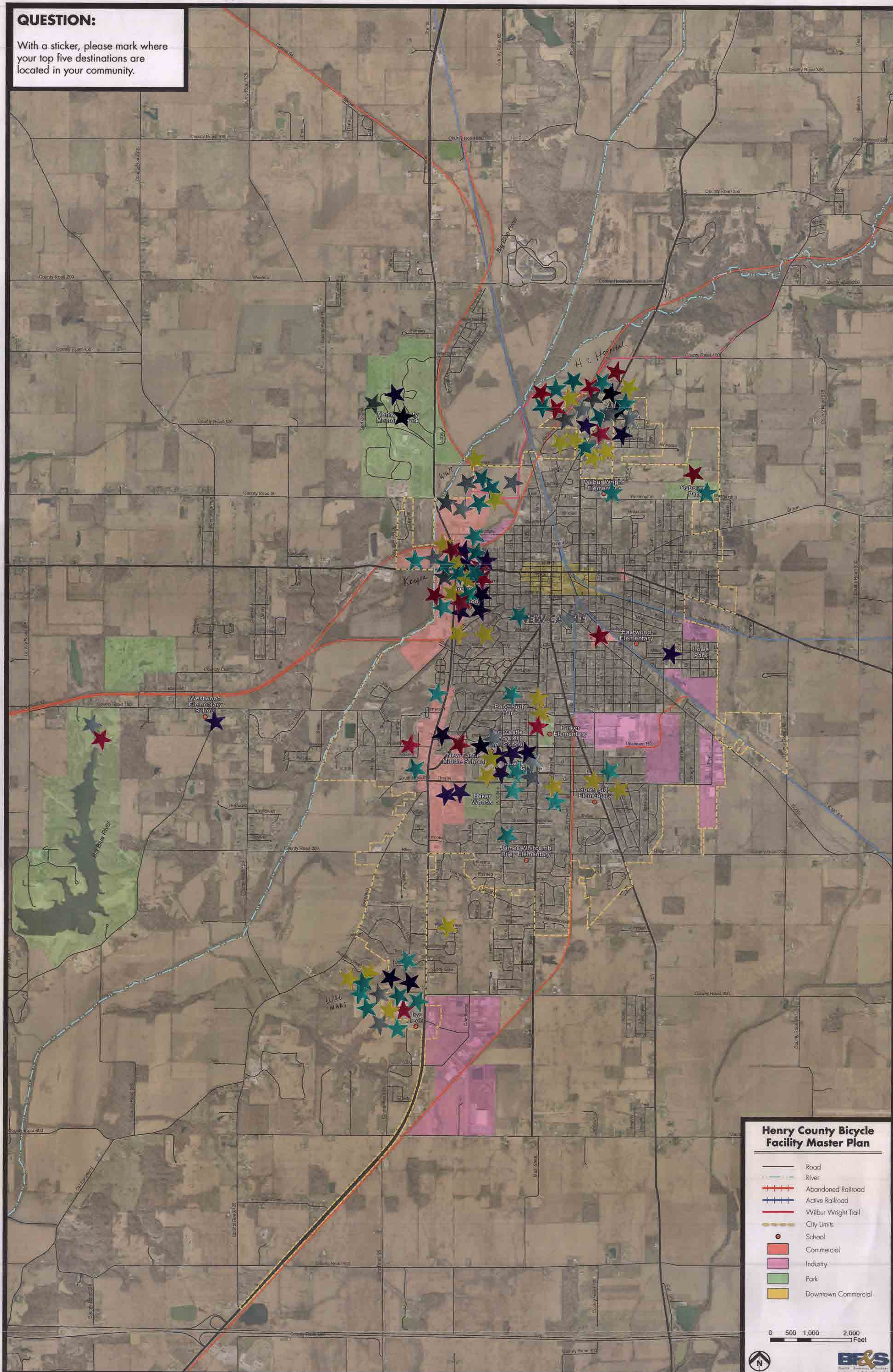
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Groups work on transportation options

By SARA GEER

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Providing transportation options — such as biking and hiking — may be the best way to improve a whole community, two speakers told New Castle business leaders, officials and residents Friday.

Demographics are changing, with 65 percent of Americans

State Healthy Communities Planner Pete Fritz shows a chart showing that towns that are dependent on autos for most transportation have higher obesity levels.

Sara Geer / C-T photo



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OPTIONS

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wanting to walk and bike more, said Pete Fritz, Healthy Communities Planner for the Indiana State Department of Health.

Fritz along with Jason Griffin, from the Butler, Fairman and Seufert engineering firm, spoke at the Healthy Communities of Henry County 2013 annual meeting at Henry County Hospital. Organizers shared accomplishments, thanked volunteers for supporting healthy living, and brainstormed plans.

Fritz said communities providing more transportation choices are helping residents travel safer, and battle chronic diseases and obesity.

"It's no-brainer that communities with trails and bike paths are just overall healthier than ones that don't," Fritz said. "The saying remains true 'if you build them, they will come'."

Indiana offers a wide array of different programs New Castle can tap into, he said, including adding safer routes for

schools, adopting a complete street policy that assumes all forms of transportation, or providing community gardens to increase nutritional standards.

"Funding is available ... if a community would be interested in adopting safer routes for school," Fritz said. "Some plans fund \$75,000 with a 20 percent match required by the city. Students who just walk to school can get that required 60 minutes of exercise daily."

New Castle resident Carrie Barrett said she would like to see safer routes to school. "My kids go to Westwood Elementary so I don't know about there, but definitely within the city," Barrett said. "I try to promote healthy living at home, yet adding more safer sidewalks will help."

Dennis Hamilton of Healthy Communities said he thought Fritz was helpful to identify many useful state programs. "We can and should tap into these programs for local use," he said.

Griffin gave an update on the bike and pedestrian master plan sponsored by

Hope Initiative and Healthy Communities. Work on a final draft is about one-third complete.

"We are in the middle of our analysis portion," Griffin said. "We took the suggestions from the recent community forum and went out to each location."

"Ind. 3 blocks people from going west of the city to experience more of the community," Griffin said. "So, we are going to talk with INDOT to see if we can actually take a lane off. The road would then be safer, allowing bike travel. Right now it feels like a highway through the city."

Griffin said New Castle does have some great qualities for bike travel: abandoned rail corridors and the Big Blue River. A draft plan will be prepared for public input by April 9.

"Indiana may not have mountains or oceans, so we'll need to create something to attract people to the town," Griffin said. "And the No. 1 thing is adding attractive amenities for a younger generation."

Sara Geer is a staff writer for The Courier-Times.



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NEW CASTLE BIKE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS
MARCH 3, 2014
8:00AM EASTERN TIME

- 1) SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 2) REVIEW SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS
- 3) PUBLIC INPUT
- 4) INVENTORY
 - A. EXSITIG CROSS SECTIONS
- 5) ANALYSIS
 - A. OVERALL COMMUNITY
 - B. BLOS AND PLOS DATA
 - C. BLOS MAP
 - D. PLOS MAP
- 6) CONCLUSION



PROJECT: New Castle Bike and Pedestrian Plan
DESCRIPTION: Advisory Committee Meeting - Inventory and Analysis
DATE: March 3, 2014

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NEW CASTLE BIKE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – DRAFT PLAN
APRIL 2, 2014
8:00AM EASTERN TIME

- 1) SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS
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 - A. COMMUNITY ANALYSIS
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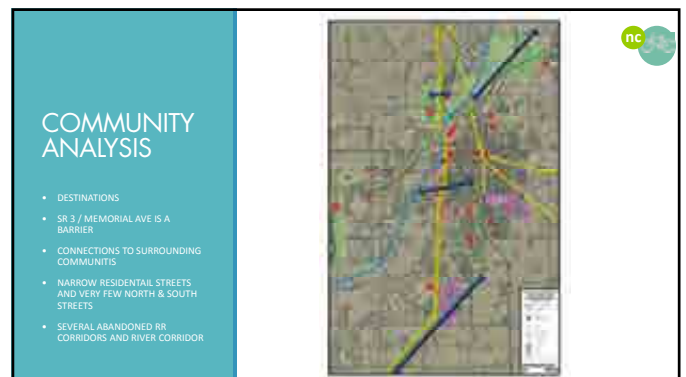
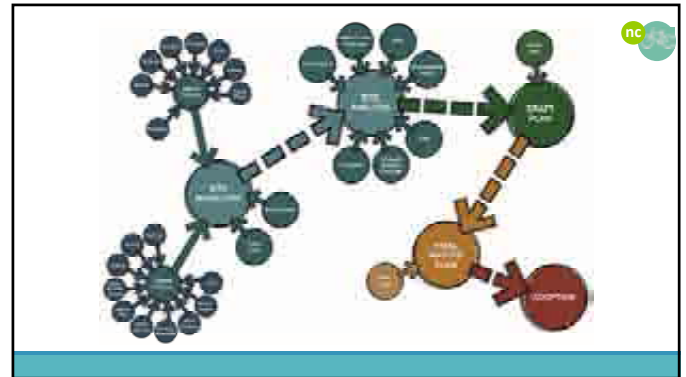
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INVENTORY LOCATIONS



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BICYCLE BOULEVARD



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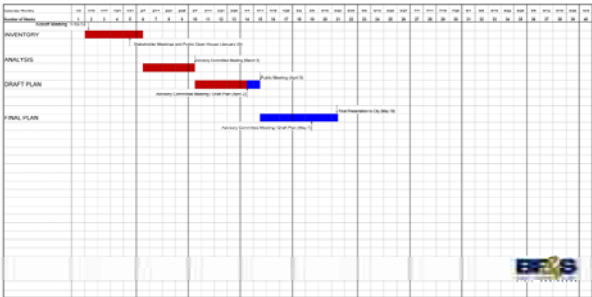
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DRAFT PLAN



DRAFT PLAN PRESENTATION – April 9, 2014

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PROJECT: City of New Castle Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

DESCRIPTION: Draft Plan Presentation

DATE: April 9, 2014 6:00pm

NAME	ORGANIZATION	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
JESSICA GORDON	BFS		
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Ed Hill			
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NEW CASTLE


bicycle + pedestrian master plan

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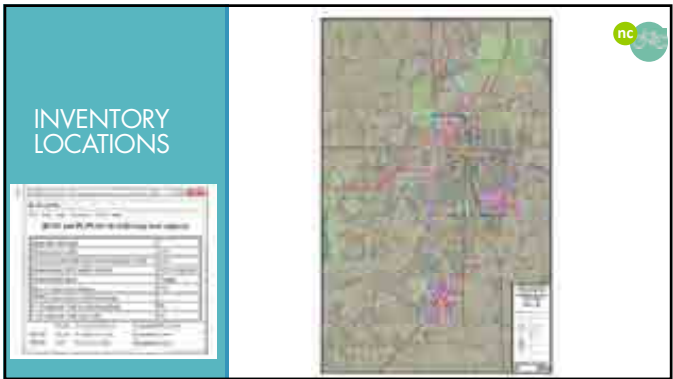
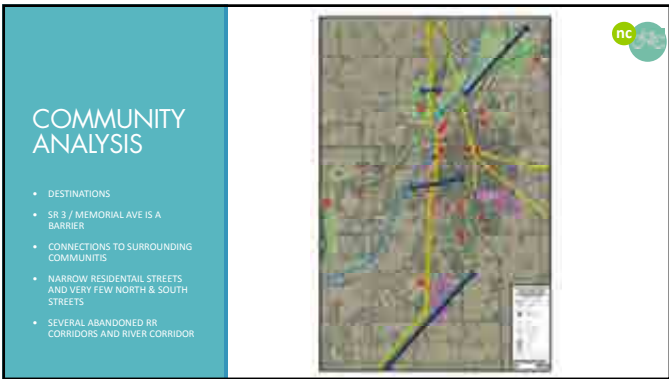
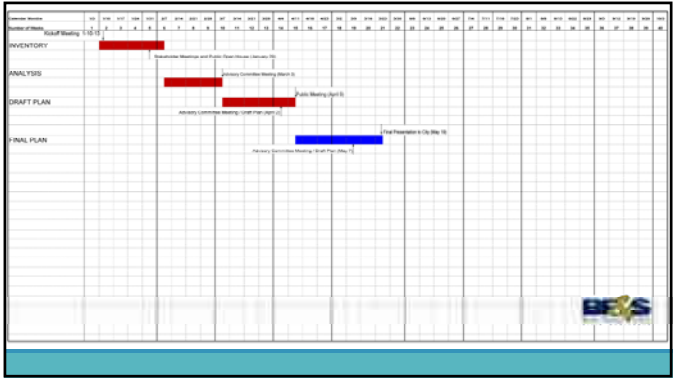
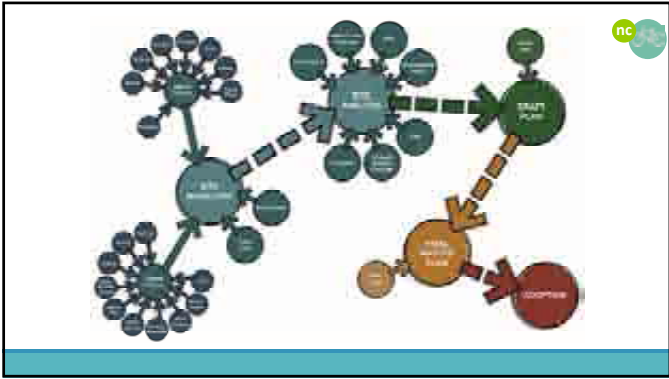
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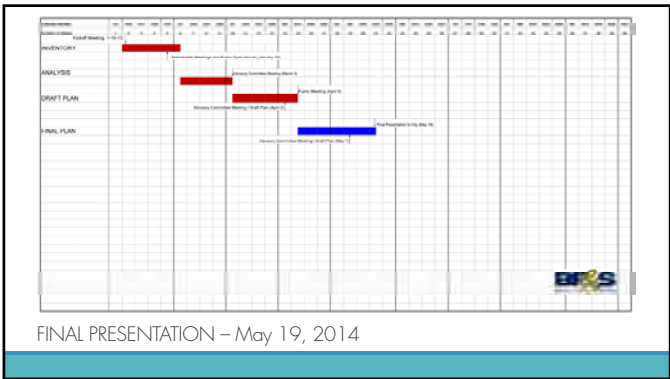
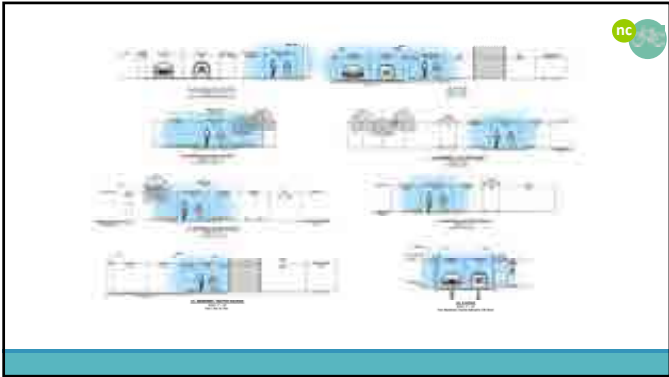


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FINAL PRESENTATION – May 19, 2014


NEW CASTLE BIKE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – FINAL PLAN REVIEW
MAY 7, 2014
8:00AM EASTERN TIME

- 1) SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS
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- 3) FINAL PLAN REVIEW
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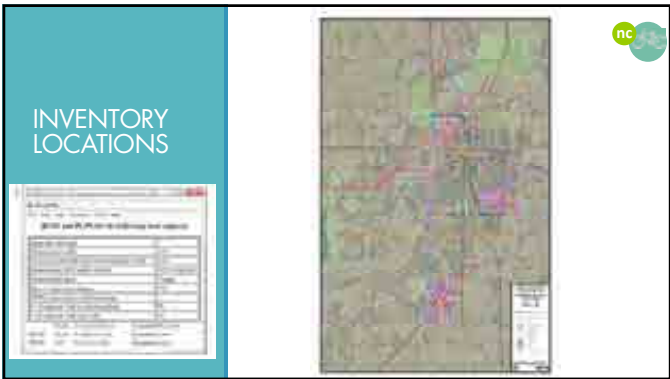
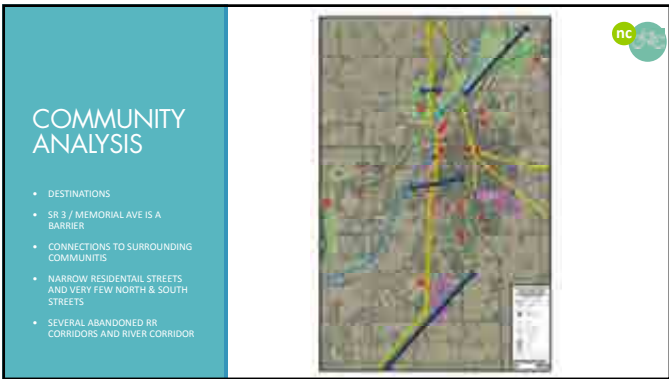
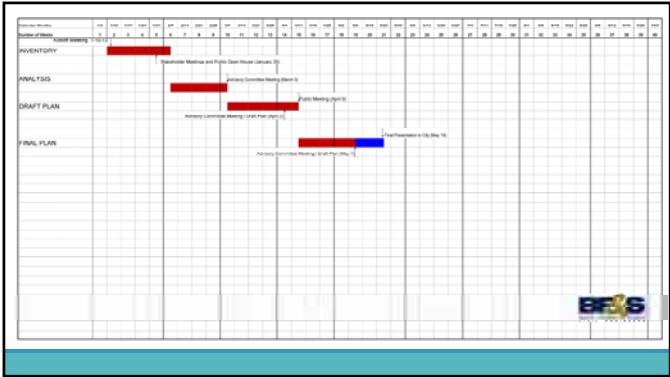
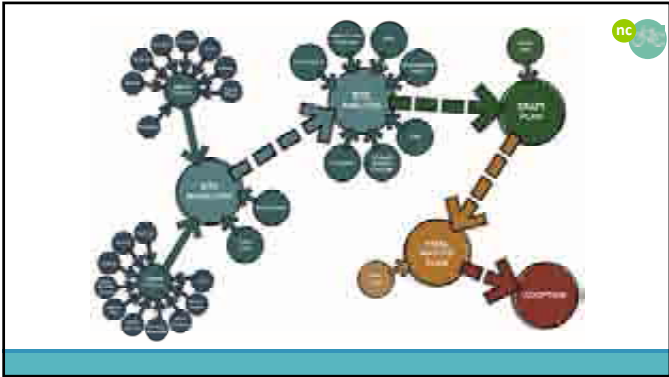
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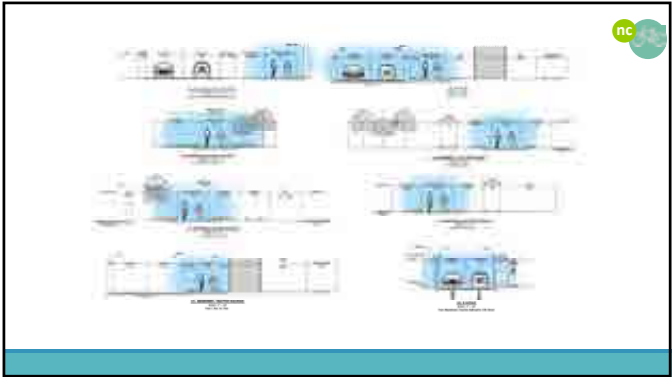
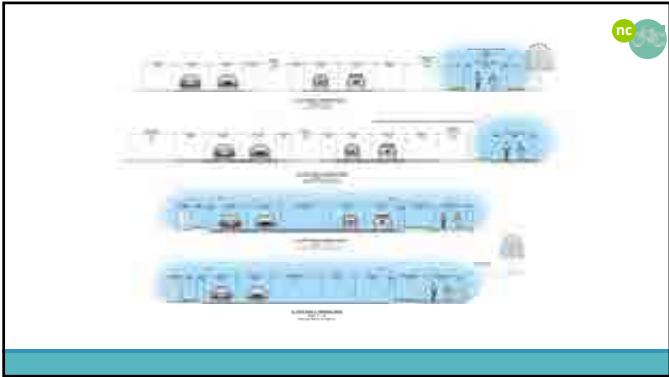
Facility Distances


NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

Summary of Facility Distances

Bike Lanes	9.7 mi
Cycle Track	1.0 mi
Sidewalks	13.2 mi
Shared Roadways	8.8 mi
Shared Use Path	25.3 mi








cost estimates

Bike Lanes



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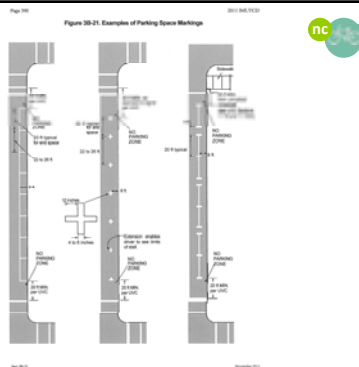
BIKE LANES:

→ Brooks Drive From CR 400 S to Commercial Dr.	\$23,800.00
→ Commerce Drive From SR 3 to CR 300 S	\$24,000.00
→ Executive Drive From SR 3 to Commerce Dr.	\$13,175.00
CR 300 S / Wiley Road From Greenbore Pike to CR 250 E	\$1,198,630.00
★ Bundy Avenue From SR 3 to 13th St.	\$190,400.00
Parkview Drive From SR 3 to Ross St.	\$393,340.00
→ Indiana Avenue From SR 3 to 5th St.	\$35,175.00
31st Street From Washington St. to Broad St.	\$199,170.00
Garner Street From Big Blue River to Main St.	\$125,800.00
14th Street From Garner St. to Michigan St.	\$133,000.00
→ Washington Street From 14th St. to 30th St.	\$13,175.00

priority routes

standards

Marked Parking



SHARED LANE



BIKE LANE



CYCLE TRACK

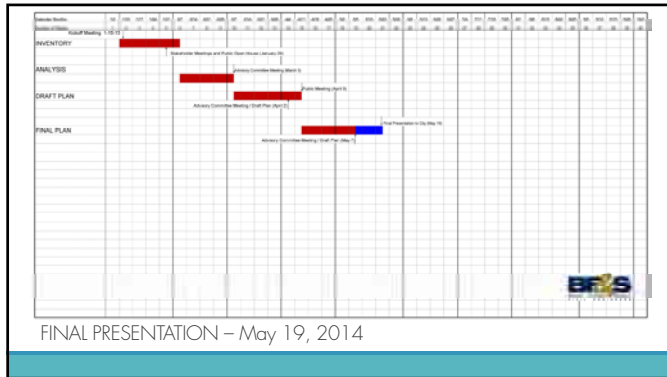


SHARED USE PATH



IMPROVED CROSSING





→ SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS

NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

BIKE LANES:

- 8 Brooks Drive
From CR 400 S to Commerce Dr.
- 6 Commerce Drive
From SR 3 to CR 300 S
- 7 Executive Drive
From SR 3 to Commerce Dr.
- 9 CR 200 S / Riley Road
From Greensboro Pike to CR 250 F
- 3 Bundy Avenue
From SR 3 to 11th St.
- 4 Parkview Drive
From SR 3 to Ross St.
- 5 Indiana Avenue
From SR 3 to 5th St.
- ~~11 25th Street
From Brown Rd. to Broad St.~~
- 11 31st Street
From Washington St. to Broad St.
- 10 Garner Street
From Big Blue River to Main St.
city limit
- 2 14th Street *SR 103*
From ~~Garner St.~~ to Michigan St.
- 1 Washington Street
From 16th St. to 20th St.

* 5 BAVE. (was cycle)

→ HIGHEST
PRIORITY

- correct path
- correct to WBT

THACKER

PAVE

POWELL

TO

WALKWAY

- STEELCAR GRANT

- LESS SEPS ALONG
- MORE LINES

NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

CYCLE TRACK: _____

_____ I Avenue
From 14th St. to 25th St.

_____ Cherrywood Avenue
From Q Ave. to J Ave.

option → BIKE
LANE

optional

NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK:

19	18	Brooks Drive	From CR 400 S to Commerce Dr.
17	16	Commerce Drive	From SR 3 to CR 300 S
18	17	Executive Drive	From SR 3 to Commerce Dr.
12		State Road 3	From CR 300 S to New York Ave.
2		Main Street	From CR 300 S to Riley Rd.
20	19	CR 200 S / Riley Road	From Spiceland Rd. to 14th St.
15			From SR 3 to Brentwood Rd.
1			Q Avenue
14			
3			
13			
5		Midway Drive	From Free Rd. to SR 3
4		Parkview Drive	From SR 3 to West Entrance School Parking lot
		Bundy Avenue	From SR 3 to Parkview Dr.
11			From Parkview Dr. to Audubon Rd.
9		Indiana Avenue	From SR 3 to 5th St.
8		New York Avenue	From SR 3 to 9th St.
10		25th Street	From Washington St. to Broad St.
7		Washington Street	From 14th St. to 16th St.
6		14th Street	From Washington St. to Hospital Entrance Drive
16		M AVE	

JEFFERY

JEFFERY TO 300

SR 3

CHERRYWOOD

CHERRYWOOD TO BRENTWOOD

NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

SHARED ROADWAY:

- 11 Midway Drive
From Free Rd. to SR 3
- 14 Brentwood Road
From Riley Rd. to C Avenue
- 13 ~~25th Street~~
C Avenue
From Ross St. to Cottage Ave.
- 8 Ross Street
From Trojan Ln. to Parkview Dr.
- 10 M Avenue
From Ross St. to Cherrywood Ave.
- 17 I Avenue
From 25th St. to Grand Ave.
- 2 25th Street
From Washington St. to Brown Rd.
From Broad St. to I Ave.
- 7 11th Street
From Uundy Ave. to Plum St.
- 6 Plum Street
From 11th St. to 9th St.
- 5 9th Street
From Plum St. to Thornburg St.
- 15 Thornburg Street
From 9th St. to 15th St.
- 4 ~~Lawton Street~~ / ~~LARNER~~
From Main St. to 14th St.
- 16 Indiana Avenue
From 5th St. to 25th St.
- 12 ~~14th Street~~
~~From Hospital Entrance Drive to Lawton St.~~
From Michigan St. to Woodward Ave.
- 1 15th Street
From Thornburg St. to B Ave
- 3 Washington Street
From 14th St. to 16th St.

ADD
PARKSIDE

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NEW YORK

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NEW CASTLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

SHARED USE PATH:

____ Nickel Plate RR Corridor
____ From CR 500 S to Riley Rd.
____ From Riley Rd. to I Ave.
____ From I Ave. to H Ave.



____ CR 300 S + Walmart Spur
____ From Walmart Parking Lot to Main St.

____ State Road 3
____ From CR 300 S to Trojan Ln.
____ From Trojan Ln. to Indiana Ave.
____ From Indiana Ave. to Wittenbreaker Ave.

____ Trojan Lane
____ From SR 3 to Ross St.

____ Crown Equipment Property
____ From I Ave. to G Ave.



____ Big Blue River Corridor
____ From Honey Bee Line to CR 100 S

____ Conrail RR Corridor
____ From CR 275 W to SR 3
____ From SR 3 to Wilbur Wright Trail

____ Honey Bee Line RR Corridor
____ From Conrail Corridor to SR 3

____ Washington Street
____ From 20th St. to Hillsboro Rd.



____ Osbourne Park
____ From Hillsboro Rd. to Alabama St.

____ Hillsboro Road
____ From Washington St. to CR 150 N



____ YMCA Property

____ Interurban RR Corridor
____ From Garner St. to CR 200 N



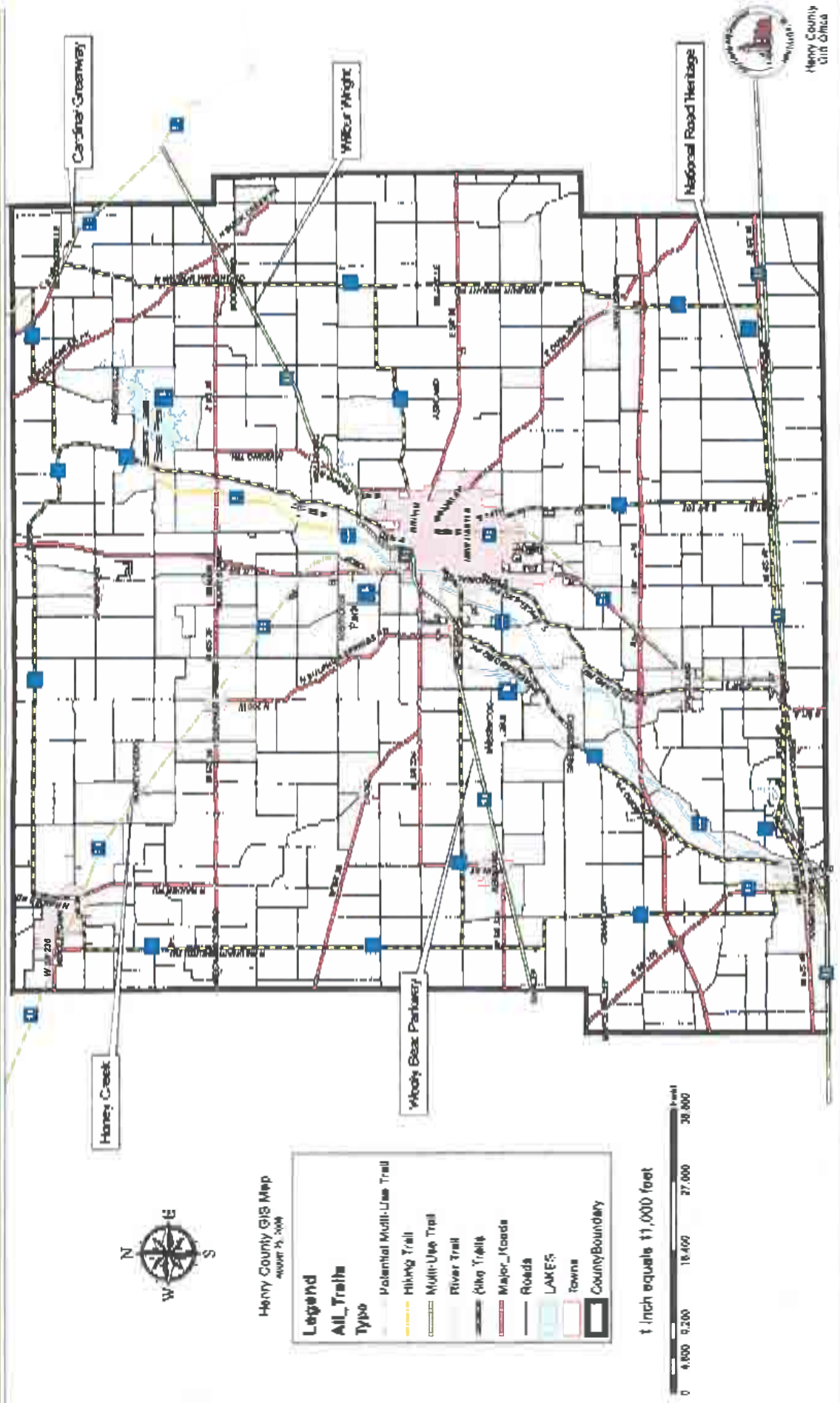
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WWT Extension



Paintree Trails and Greenway System





Northside Livability Study:

*A Community Revitalization
Planning Document*