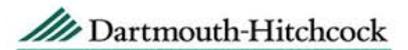
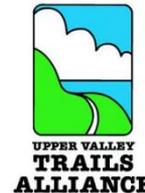


City of Lebanon Safe Routes to Play Initiative

A Blueprint for Active Transportation for Children and Families

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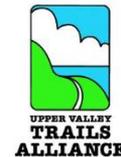
Background

- Safe Routes to Play (SRTP) is a child-centered transportation planning process
- Engaging youths
- Multiple partners including health care, transportation, recreation, municipal and regional planning

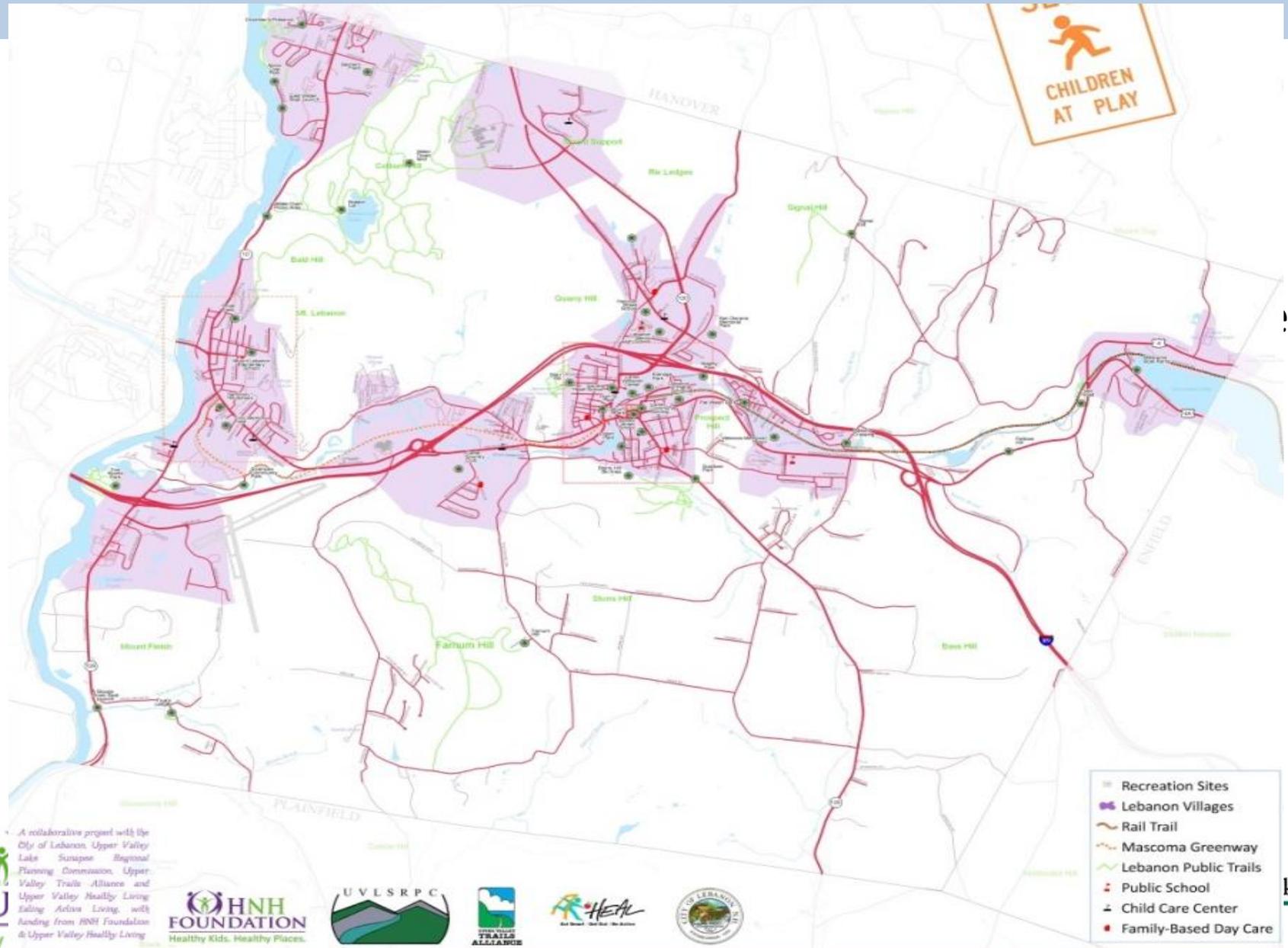


Public Outreach Methods

- Public Outreach for the Safe Routes to Play project was done in multiple forms:
 - Participatory mapping exercise done with walking tours (“walkabouts”) in four neighborhoods;
 - Participatory mapping exercise done at two School Open House events;
 - Parent surveys distributed online and as hardcopies to gather information about travel patterns to and from locations where children play.



Participatory Mapping Exercise



Key Themes from Public Meetings and Walkabouts

- Improving Existing Playgrounds for Children of All Age Groups
- Completing the Mascoma River Greenway
- Exploring Opportunities for New Trail Connections
- Addressing Locations with Safety Concerns



Improvement Strategies

Sachem Village Neighborhood

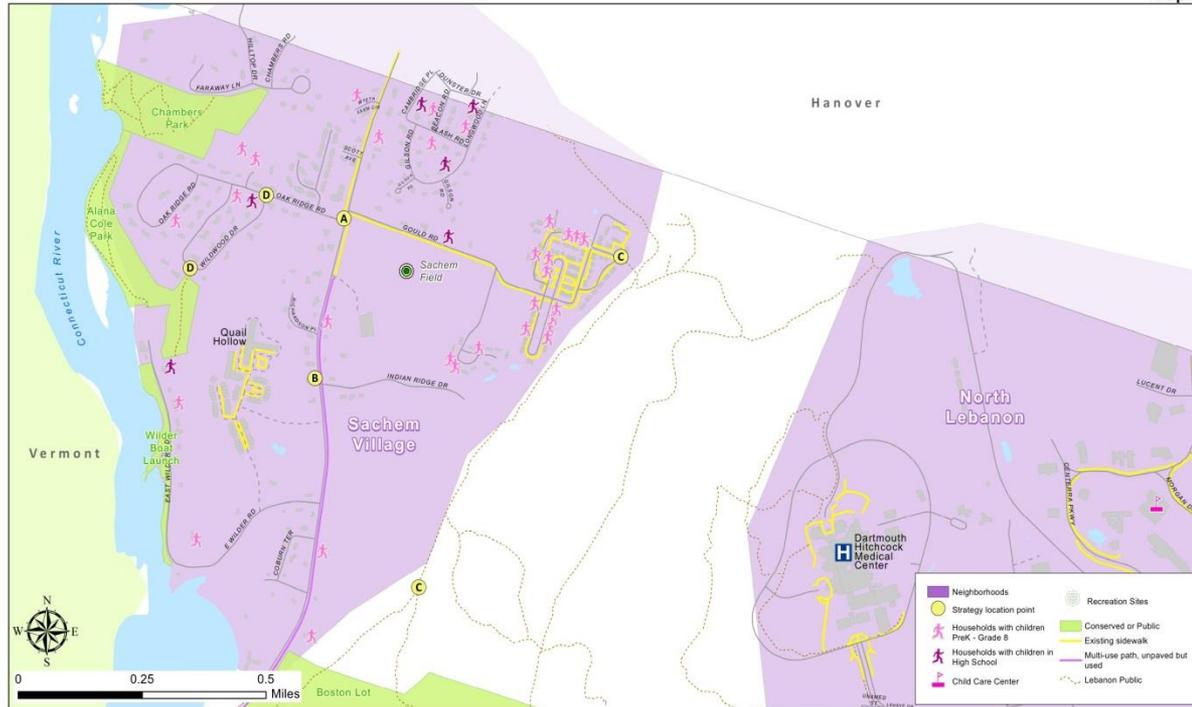


Note: This map illustrates information for a report titled "Safe Routes to Play" which was funded by the Healthy New Hampshire Foundation (HNH), the Upper Valley Healthy Eating Active Living Partnership (UVHEALP) and the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). Sidewalk location data was provided by the City of Lebanon (2014). Data for the number of children in households is 2012 developed by the City of Lebanon. All other data was obtained from NH GRANIT & the City of Lebanon. These maps are intended for planning purposes only. Map Created by UVLSRPC, 2014.



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- Construct project to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon and pedestrian refuge island at the intersection of NH Route 10/Gould/Oak Ridge Road
- Extend sidewalks southerly on the west side of NH Route 10 between Oak Ridge Road and Quail Hollow
- Develop a trail connection between Sachem Village and Boston Lot
- Develop a trail connection between Sachem Village and Alana Cole Park

Intersection Improvements

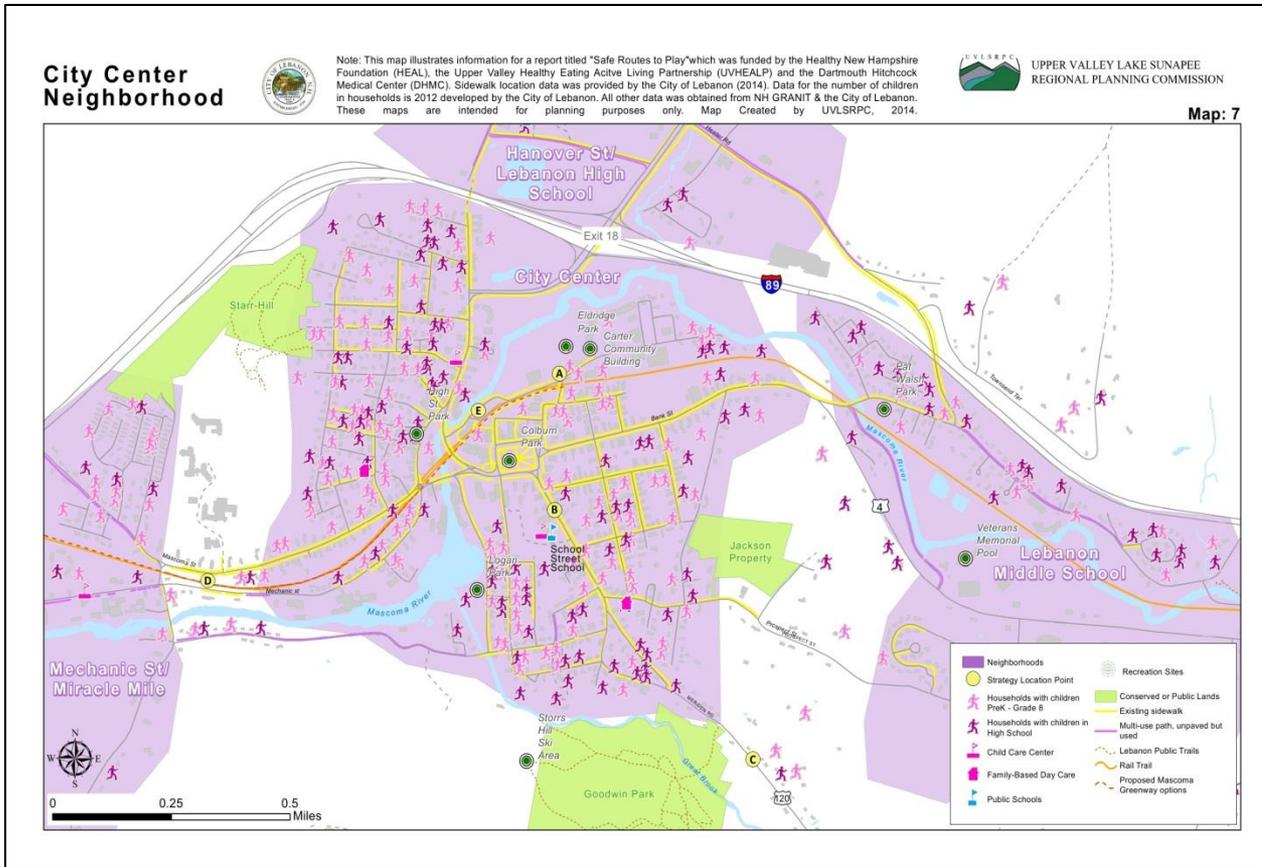
- This feedback regarding safety and a crash data sparked UVLSRPC to apply for a Road Safety Audit with NH DOT
- Multiple meetings with the Community
- Cooperative effort between the State, RPC, and City



Intersection Improvements



Improvement Strategies



- Complete the Mascoma River Greenway project to ensure neighborhood-level pedestrian and bicycle connectivity with downtown Lebanon and West Lebanon Village
- Improve crosswalks between the Northern Rail Trail and the CCBA
- Develop an access path/trail connecting Meriden Road (NH Route 120) with the Northern Rail Trail
- Construct Transportation Enhancement project to improve bicycle shoulder and sidewalks on Meriden Road
- Evaluate potential traffic calming measures on Taylor Street

Mascoma River Greenway

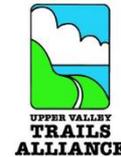
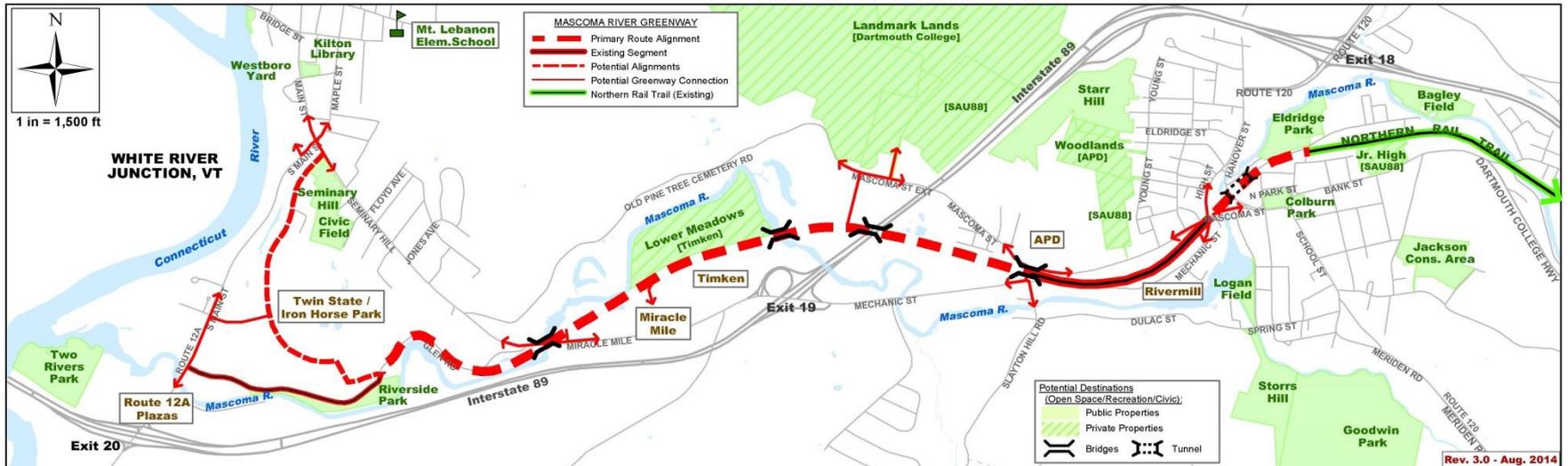


- Language developed in S RTP helped to demonstrate real data obtained from the public regarding the need for the MRG
- Barriers experienced by the community in regard to active transportation lack of sidewalks, speed of traffic, intersection safety were addressed by the MRG
- Maps were helpful tools to show youth living in proximity to the MRG



Mascoma River Greenway

Rail Trail Connecting Our Community



Continuing to Move Forward

- City of Lebanon has moved forward on more than half of the strategies listed in the plan
- More than just transportation



Questions?

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