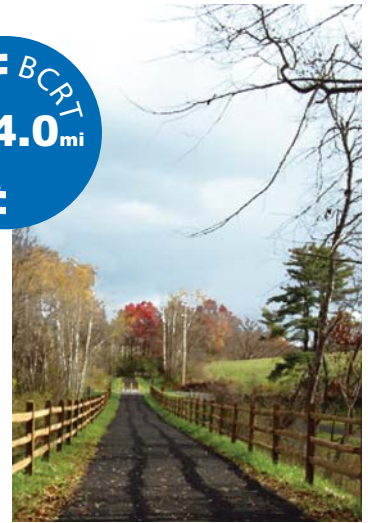


BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

Feasibility Study



Benefits of the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail

The proposed fourteen mile long Bellefonte Central Rail Trail, between Bellefonte and State College Boroughs, will provide many economic, transportation, environmental, and health & wellness benefits to Centre County residents. Some of these benefits include:

- Promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing stress, and creating a balance between work and play by providing opportunities for walking, hiking, and bicycling, thus increasing the quality of life for the residents in the region.
- Providing an alternative mode of transportation to and from work and school, reducing fossil fuel consumption, and reducing the negative environmental impacts associated with combustion engine vehicles.
- Connecting Bellefonte and State College Boroughs on physical and civic levels, and creating a sense of place and community by encouraging residents to socially interact with each other.
- Generating positive economic impacts by increasing spending at our businesses, enhancing land and property values, and increasing tourism.

Even though well documented the economic impacts of rail trails are often overlooked. Studies conducted on existing trails, similar in nature to the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail, provided us with information to project the potential demand for the trail.

Through the study process we projected the potential economic impact upon development of the trail. Utilizing data collected from studies completed for the York Heritage Rail Trail, the Great Allegheny Passage,

the Oil Region Trails, and the Pine Creek Trail, we estimate the trail will generate \$4 million in soft good purchases in the Central Pennsylvania Region, and an additional \$2.79 million will be spent on hard good purchases.

Soft goods include: bottled water / soft drinks, snacks / food, ice cream, lunch along the trail, etc. We expect the bulk of the hard good purchases will be made in the vicinity of the trail user's point of origin, and a small percentage will be made out of state, on-line, or through mail order purchases. Hard goods include: bikes, bike supplies, auto accessories, running / walking / hiking shoes, clothing, camping gear, etc.

The above figures are based on our projection the trail will generate 429,000 annual trips, by 50,000 trail users.

These benefits illustrate that the proposed trail will be much more than just a recreational amenity to the people of the Centre County.

To learn how you can help achieve this vision contact:

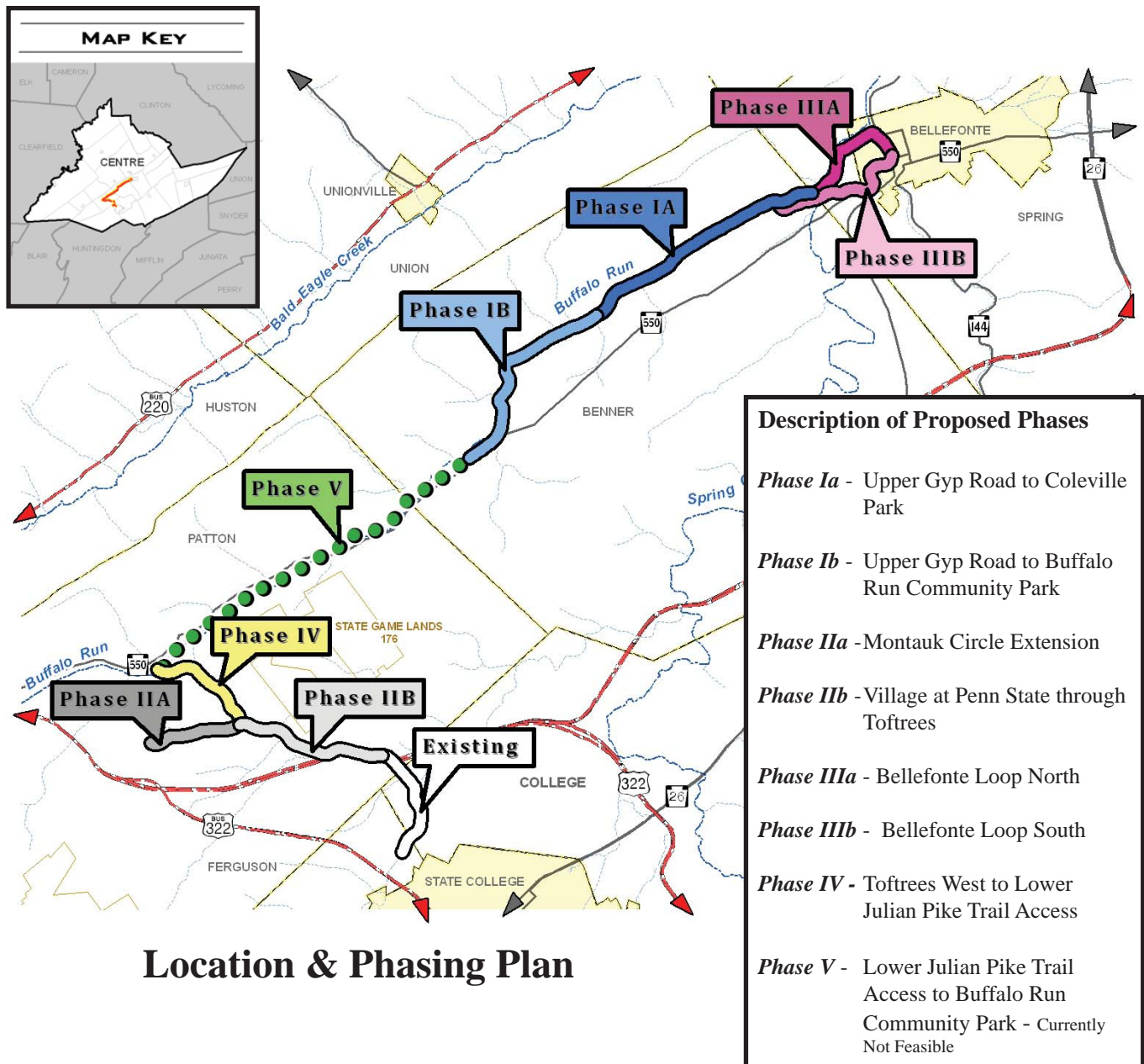
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