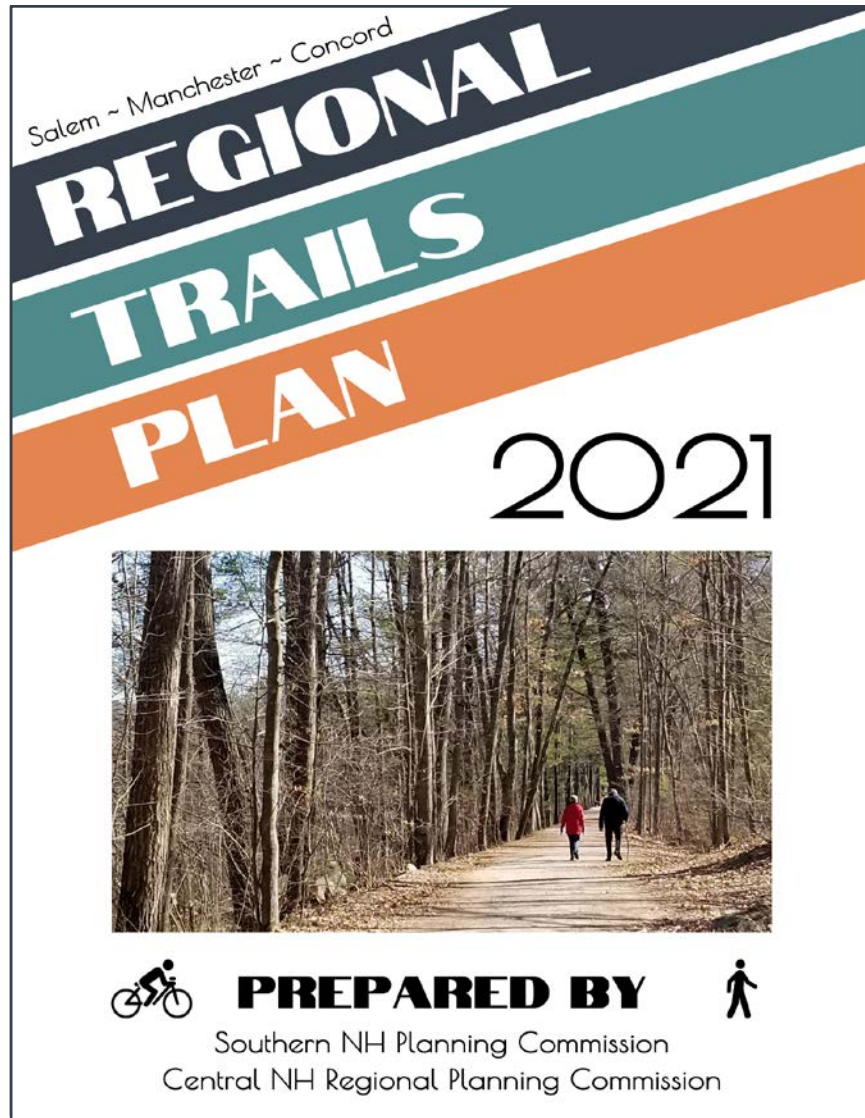


# REGIONAL TRAILS PLAN UPDATE



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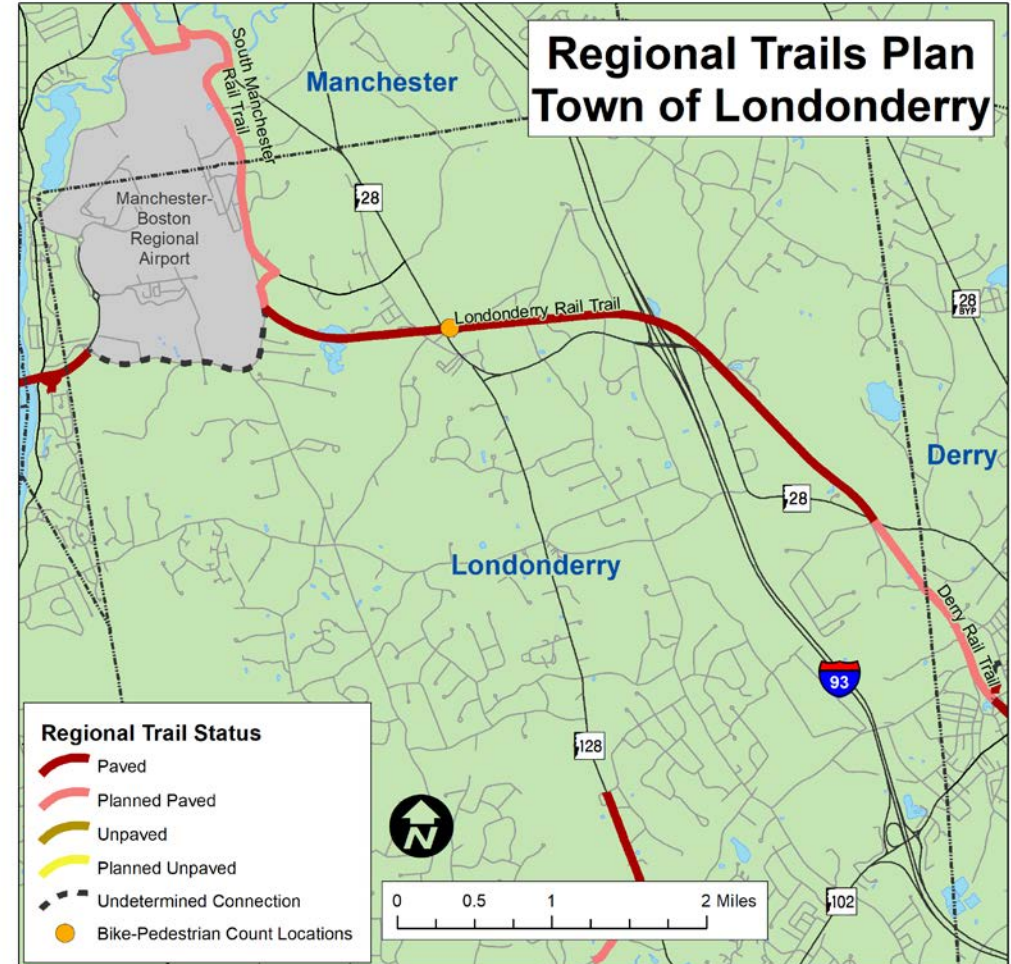
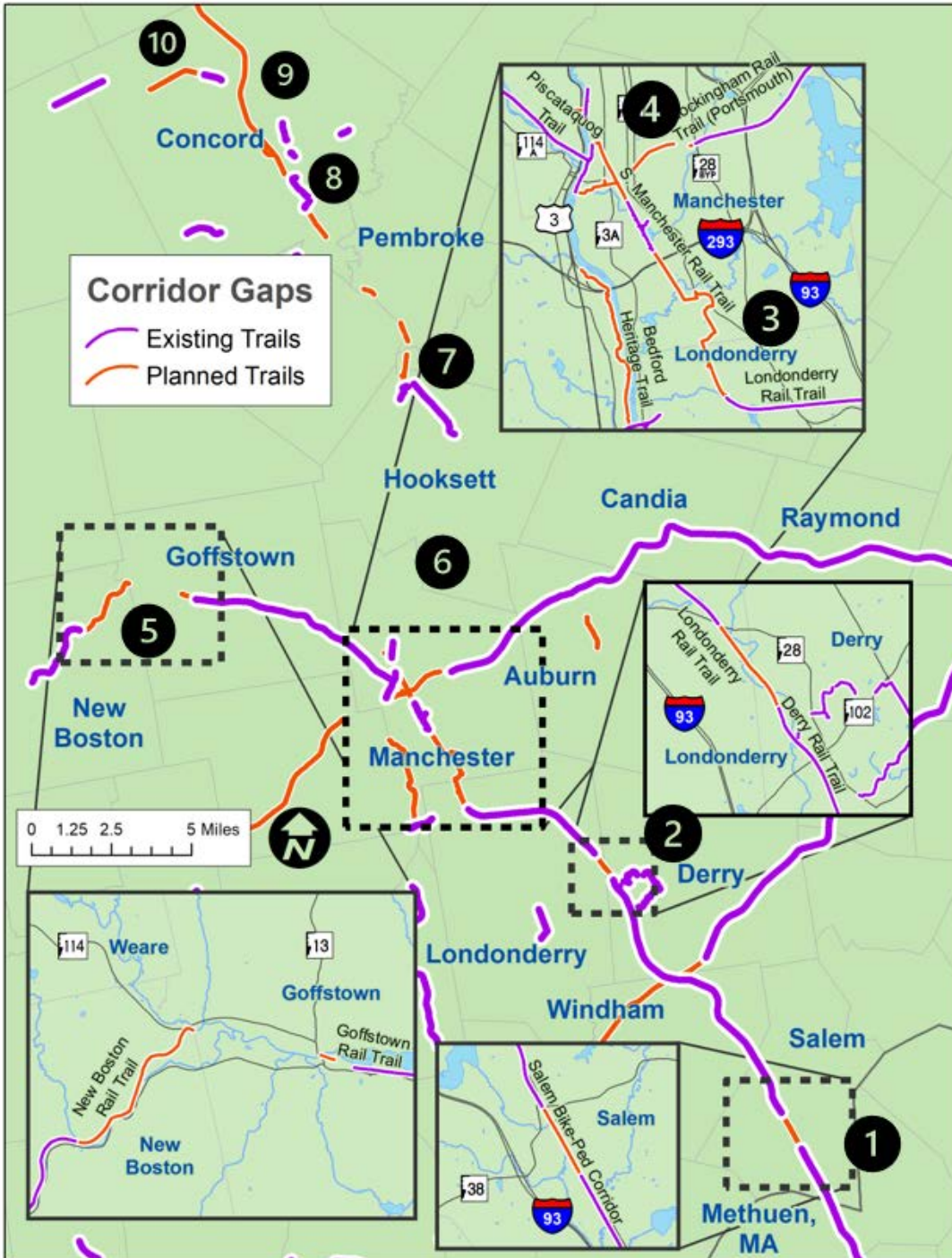
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- Existing Conditions
- Trail Gaps
- Trail Groups
- Survey Results
- Community Profiles





# TRAIL GAPS





# TRAIL GROUPS

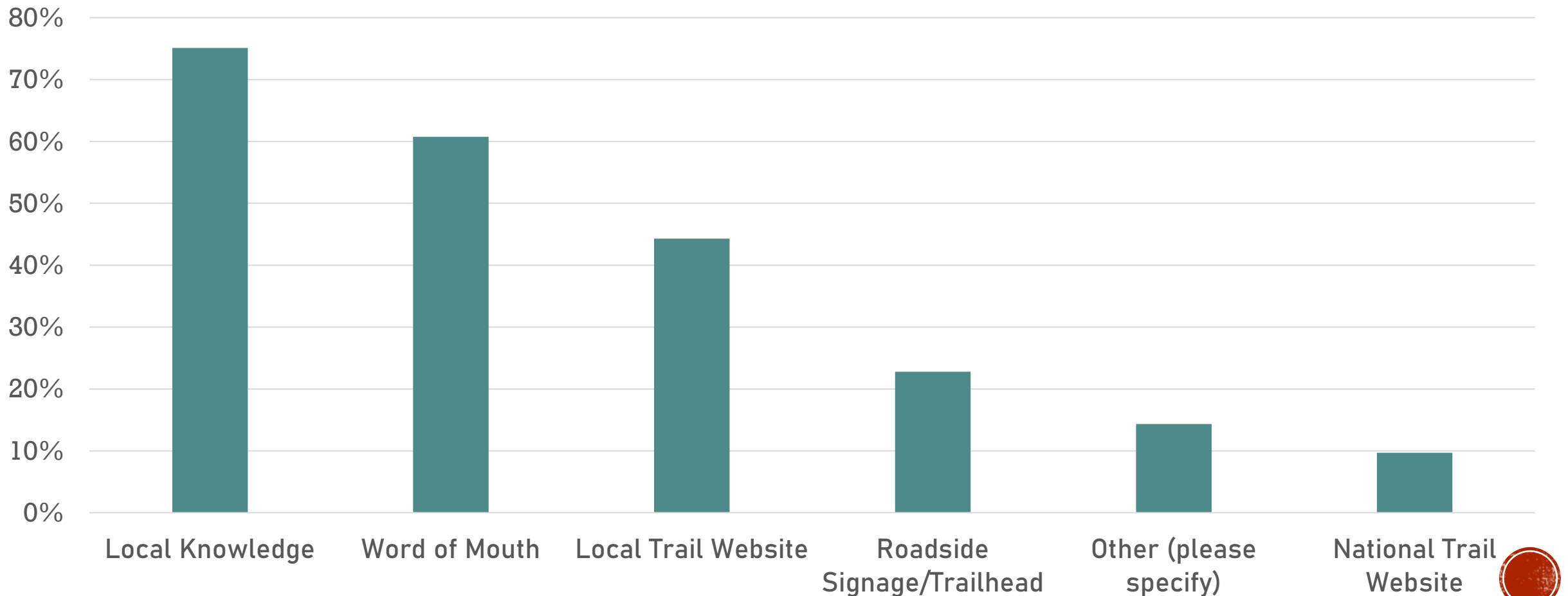
- 2021 Outreach
  - Trail Groups in:
    - Derry
    - Manchester
    - Goffstown
    - New Boston
    - Hooksett
    - Windham
    - Londonderry

 Manchester Moves



# SURVEY RESULTS: 238 RESPONDENTS

Q9: How do you find out about the trails?





# PUBLIC COMMENTS

- May 23 - July 9
- CNHRPC, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, Manchester, Windham
- Status updates
- Mapping/formatting

## New Boston Rail Trail

**Length:** 3.9 miles

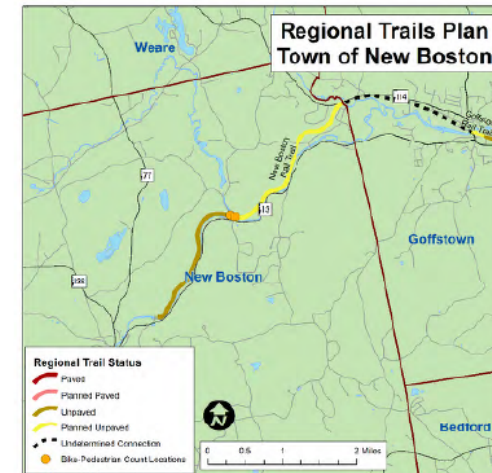
**Surface:** Hard-packed gravel

**Status:** Open. The New Boston Rail Trail is a 3.9-mile unpaved trail which starts at the Hillsborough County Youth Center/4H Fairgrounds. From the Youth Center, the trail travels 1.5 miles east along the South Branch of the Piscataquog River until it approaches the Lang Station Trailhead. This Western portion of the rail trail is a wide, hard-packed dirt surface. The remaining 1.5 miles of the trail continues from Gregg Mill Road to Parker Road and is unimproved surface - not suitable for bicyclists.

**Description:** Upon completion, the New Boston Rail Trail will provide roughly 3.75 miles of safe, non-motorized trails for people of all ages and varying abilities to utilize cost-free. Phase I was completed in 2017 and offers 1.5 miles of pedestrian recreational trail starting at the Hillsborough County Youth Center and leading to Lang Station on Gregg Mill Road, following alongside the Piscataquog River (nbtrailtrail.com). Phase II is currently underway. This section of the trail stretches from Gregg Mill Road (at Lang Station trailhead) to Parker Road trailhead. This section of trail contains protruding tree roots and rough terrain. 0.25 miles were completed in December 2018 (nbtrailtrail.com). Eventually this eastern section of the trail could connect to the Goffstown Rail Trail via NH Route 114.

The New Boston Rail Trail is managed in part by the Friends of the New Boston Rail Trail - an organization of dedicated volunteers who participate in the promotion, design and maintenance of a safe year-round pedestrian avenue to be enjoyed by people of all physical activities (nbtrailtrail.com).

**For more information:** Visit [nbtrailtrail.com](http://nbtrailtrail.com) to stay up to date on rail trail news and events.



# PUBLIC COMMENTS (CONT.)

The first phase of the Hooksett Riverwalk Trail project was completed and unveiled in September 2016. One-half of the Brick Kiln Historic Trail Loop was completed in 2019 and the remaining half is set for completion in the summer of 2021, for a total trail length of .8 miles. The trail includes a 40'x12' bridge over Brown's Brook and 570 feet of boardwalks over wetlands. At completion, the trail will total 1.8 miles to the Allenstown border.



**Note #1:** the Rockingham Trail is "planned" and will extend 1.6 miles farther west towards downtown in the near future. This abandoned rail corridor is not "unknown", rather it's a question of when. This trail segment is further defined in the [Rockingham Trail Engineering Report](#) that Manchester Moves commissioned from consulting firm Vanasse Hangen Brustlin. This is a **Key** connection point into downtown Manchester, linking the South Manchester Rail Trail with the Rockingham Rail Trail.



PAGE 24: Please add the text highlighted with yellow: "It may be possible, through assistance from NH DOT, to extend the Goffstown Rail Trail west of its current terminus near downtown and connect to the New Boston Rail Trail using NH route 114. The town's "compact" portion of NH-114 has already been designated as having shared vehicle-bicycle travel lanes. The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is an active and motivated trail group that has made considerable improvements to the trail since their formation in 2005. Please see section 2.3. for more information on this organization and other local trail groups.







# RAIL TRAIL PASSPORT

- Bike/Walk to Work Month
  - Derry
  - Goffstown
  - Hooksett
  - Londonderry
  - Manchester
  - New Boston
  - Windham





# QUESTIONS?

Seeking a motion to adopt the  
2021 Regional Trails Plan