



CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL PROFILE

Town of Kingsbury

KINGSBURY

Trail Description: Kingsbury is a quiet rural community along the Champlain Canal with five distinctive hamlets – Adamsville, Baldwin Corner, Dunhams Basin, Kingsbury, Smiths Basin, and Vaughns Corners, and the Village of Hudson Falls. Formerly known as the Village of Sandy Hill (1810), it was largely agricultural until the opening of the Glens Falls Feeder Canal in the 1830's which connected to the Old Champlain Canal and opened commerce between the Upper Hudson River to Canada and New York City. After operating for 100 years in this capacity, the Feeder Canal closed and has been transformed into a vibrant fourteen-mile linear park with the towpath for hiking and biking, and the canal itself for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The north-south route of the Old Champlain Canal and modern Champlain Canal is an exceptionally serene and picturesque travel corridor. The Towpath through Kingsbury offers a four-mile stretch of exceptional birding opportunities. Lock C-9 Canal Park, located in the hamlet of Smith's Basin, 6 miles north of C-8 Canal Park in Fort Edward, represents the perfect biking trail segment for families. Both canal parks offer public docking, and picnicking. Just to the southeast of the lock is the unique Siphon Spillway that allows excess waters to divert safely from the canal.

The completed section of the Champlain Canalway Trail is in the southern end of the Town where it intersects with the Feeder Canal Trail at the "T" and continues north to its end just south of Rt 196. This section of trail will be upgraded from a turf surface to stone dust. From this point north, the trail is under construction with completion anticipated in 2019. When all projects are completed, a continuous 12-mile Champlain Canalway Trail will connect Fort Edward to Fort Ann.



Empire State Trail: The EST will follow the same path as the Champlain Canalway Trail throughout the Town of Kingsbury. Route 4 will continue to serve as State Bike Route 9, an on-road bicycle route.

Hudson River/Champlain Canal Access Points: Lock C-9 Canal Park – cartop launch and public docks; Martindale Boat Basin Cartop Launch and dock (Feeder Canal).

Public Facilities: Feeder Canal Towpath and Water Trail; Five Combines Park with the Five Combine Locks; and Lock C9 Canal Park.

Public Events: Sandy Hills Days; Annual Feeder Canal Canoe/Kayak Race; and community participation in Washington County tourism events including the Fiber Tour, Cheese Tour, and Maple Syrup Festival.

Connector Trails:

Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail: The Canal Towpath is a nine-mile trail suitable for walking, running or biking from the Feeder Dam in Queensbury to Mullen Park in Fort Edward.

Snowmobile Trails: Kingsbury Barnstormers Snowmobile Club manages several trail routes throughout the central portion of Kingsbury.

Planning Support:

- Feeder Canal Park Master Plan (1990)
- Village of Hudson Falls Comprehensive Plan (2004)
- Hudson River and Champlain Feeder Canal Regional Waterfront Plan (2009)
- Route 4 Corridor Management Plan (2015)
- Hudson Falls Parking Study (2016)
- Village of Hudson Falls Revitalization Opportunities Program (2016)
- Washington County Tourism Study (2017)

Implementation Strategy: Continue to work with the NYS Canal Corporation and Empire State Trail organizations to complete construction of the Champlain Canalway Trail from the Feeder Canal Trail intersection to Baldwin Corners Road.



Five Combines in Feeder Canal



Martindale Boat Basin on Feeder Canal



Towpath Road

Trail Sections:

FEEDER CANAL "T" INTERSECTION TO ROUTE 196 (K-1)

Description: The existing Feeder Canal Trail intersects with the Old Champlain Canal in Fort Edward and continues north for 2 miles where it then turns northwest into Five Combines Park. The Canal Corporation will install a stone dust surface for approximately one mile on the historic Old Champlain Canalway Towpath running north from the Feeder Canal intersection to Route 196. Two pedestrian-bicycle bridges will be installed just south of Route 196 to get the trail over Bond Creek and on the north side of the Old Champlain Canal. An underpass will be constructed at Route 196 to provide safe passage for trail users.

Trailheads, Parking and Signage: A trailhead will be established at Canal Park C-8. The access road into Lock 8 would be used by cyclists to make the connection to Towpath Road via Rabideau Lane, Newton Lane, and Lock 8 Way. EST and CCT wayfinding signage will be installed marking the entire route. Informational signage will also be installed to direct users to nearby businesses, historic sites and attractions. Interpretive signage will be provided to the community by Lakes to Locks Passage and, the Canal Corporation will install interpretive signage at Lock C-8 Canal Park.

Phase: Construction for this trail segment is fully funded and underway through the Canal Corporation. Construction of the tunnel under Route 196 will be managed by NYSDOT.

ROUTE 196 TO NEW SWAMP ROAD (K-2)

Description: The trail under Route 196 will intersect with Towpath Road on the north side and continue 3 miles north to New Swamp Road. Although a rough and rocky dirt road, Towpath Road has low traffic volume and is an attractive route for experiencing nature along the watered Old Champlain Canal. In the winter it is an important snowmobile route for accessing canal ice north and south of C Lock 9. Two bridges to cross small waterways will be required for this segment.

Trailheads, Parking and Signage: EST and CCT wayfinding signage will be installed marking the entire route. Informational signage will also be installed to direct users to nearby businesses, historic sites and attractions. Interpretive signage will be provided to the community by Lakes to Locks Passage and, the Canal Corps will install interpretive signage at Canal Park C-8.

Phase: Design and construction for this trail segment is fully funded through Canal Corporation north to Fort Ann (Village).

NEW SWAMP ROAD TO LOCK C-9 CANAL PARK (K-3)

Description: At the intersection of New Swamp Road, a new 3-mile section of stone dust trail will be completed to Fort Ann directly along the Champlain Canal by the Canal Corporation on lands belonging to the Canal Corporation. The public crossing at the CP rail tracks and New Swamp Road will need negotiating should the road be closed to traffic due to a future planned removal of the bridge over the Champlain Canal. The new trail section will connect with Lock C-9 Road and into Lock 9 Canal Park and will be utilized by snowmobilers in the winter months.

Trailheads, Parking and Signage: EST and CCT wayfinding signage will be installed marking the entire route. Informational signage will also be installed to direct users to nearby businesses, historic sites and attractions. Interpretive signage will be provided to the community by Lakes to Locks Passage and, the Canal Corps will install interpretive signage at Lock C-9 Canal Park.

Phase: Improvements will be made along the roadway or road shoulder. Construction for this trail segment is fully funded and underway through the Canal Corporation.

LOCK C9 CANAL PARK TO BALDWIN CORNERS ROAD (K-4)

Description: From this point north, an additional new 3-mile section of stone dust trail will be completed from New Swamp Road north to Baldwin Corners Road. This trail segment will continue north along the bank of the Champlain Canal to Baldwin Corners Road where it will cross and continue a short distance west until reaching the trailhead for the Fort Ann Towpath Trail.

Trailheads, Parking and Signage: EST and CCT wayfinding signage will be installed marking the entire route. Informational signage will also be installed to direct users to nearby businesses, historic sites and attractions. Interpretive signage will be provided to the community by Lakes to Locks Passage and, the Canal Corps will install interpretive signage at Lock C9 Canal Park.

Phase: Design and construction for this trail segment is fully funded and underway through the Canal Corporation.



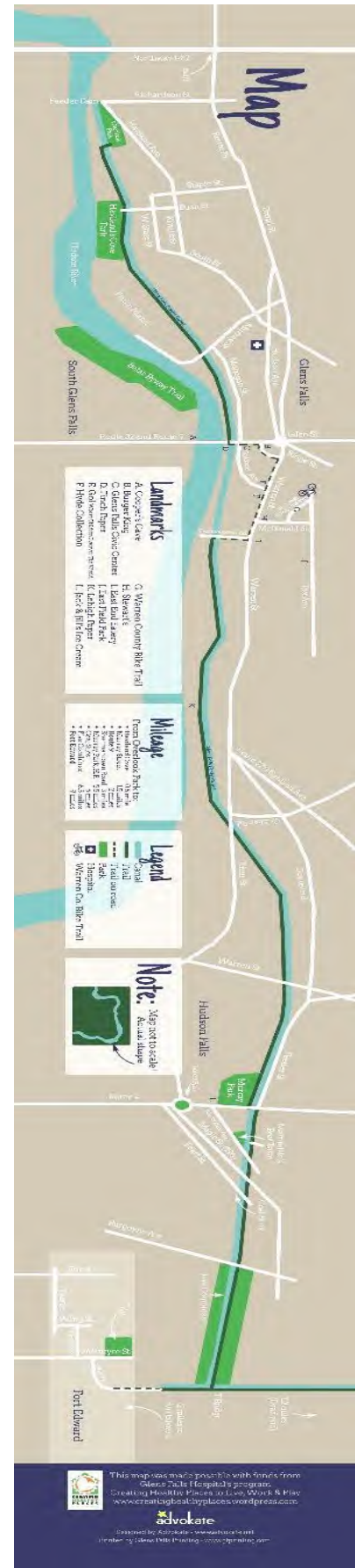
Lock C9 Canal Park



View from Towpath Road



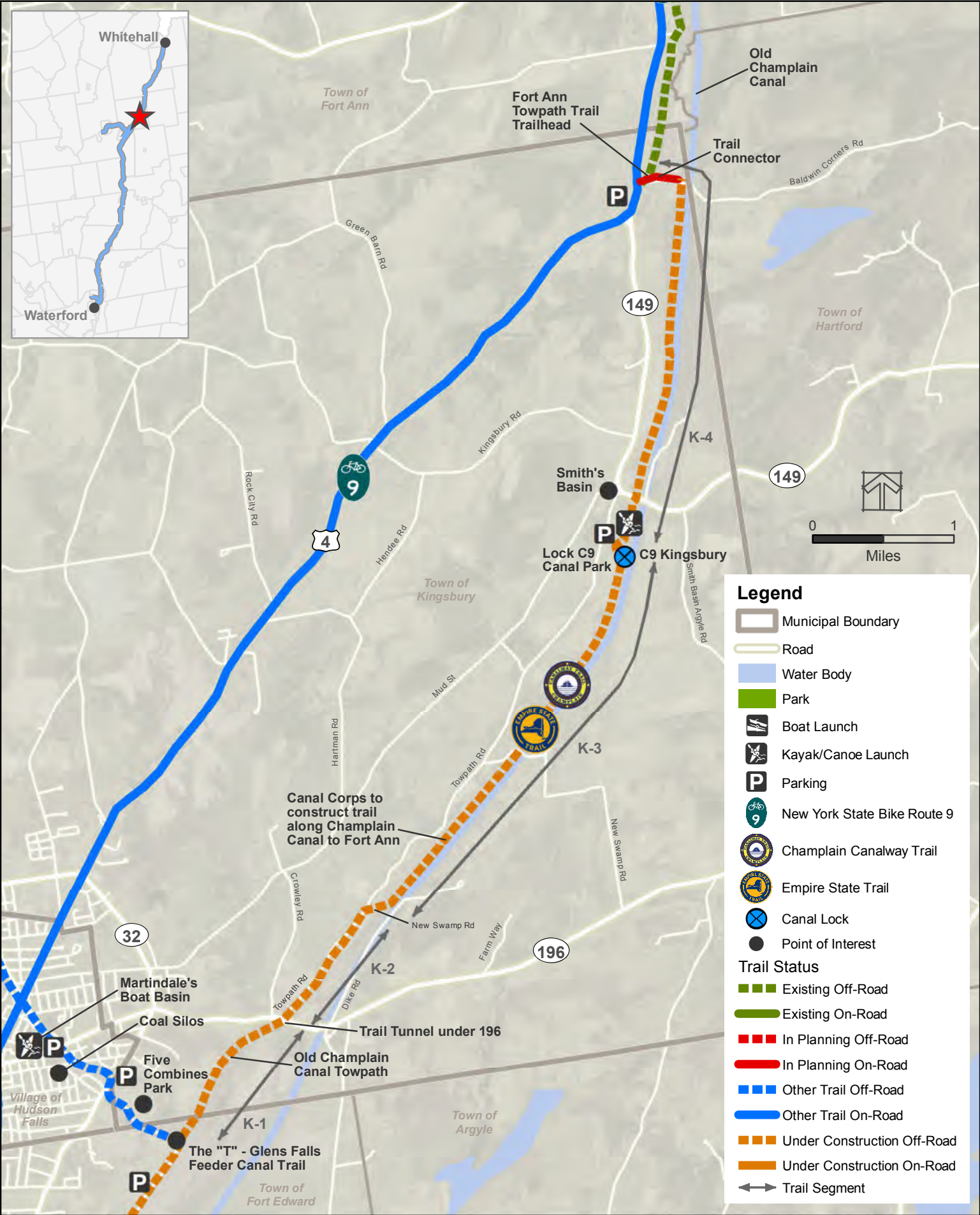
Old Champlain Canal Basin



Map of Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail

Champlain Canalway Trail 2019 Action Plan

Town of Kingsbury





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Town of Fort Ann Village of Fort Ann



Trail Description: Fort Ann is described as “A Beautiful Place at the Crossroads of a Beautiful Region”. The Town is part of a historic corridor between the Hudson River and Lake Champlain where European armies constructed fortifications for the French and Indian Wars, and American rebels fought British forces in the Battle of Fort Ann at Battle Hill. This action delayed their advance to Saratoga long enough for Colonial forces to mount a successful defense at Saratoga which in turn led to a turning point in the Revolutionary War. The southern part of the CCT trail through Fort Ann begins at Baldwin Corners Road on the Fort Ann Towpath Trail and it continues along this dedicated pathway to its terminus and trailhead on Ann Street. The next trail segment continues over the Clay Hill Bridge and along the shoulder of Clay Hill Road to the intersection with Dewey’s Bridge Road. It continues north on South Quarry Lane, then onto North Quarry Lane until reaching Rt 22 when it turns west along the Rt 22 shoulder, crosses the canal again and turns north onto Old Route 4 to Lock C-11 Canal Park.



Empire State Trail: The EST utilizes the same route as the CCT until reaching the intersection of Routes 22 and 4 on the west side of the Champlain Canal. From this point north, the EST is planned as an on-road shoulder route along Route 4 into the Village of Whitehall. NYSDOT will be responsible for signage, striping and wayfinding enhancements.

Champlain Canal Access Points: Fort Ann Waterfront Park (gazebo, picnic shelter, public docks and kayak launch); Comstock Informal Boat Ramp; and Lock C11 Canal Park (future camping facility planned).

Public Facilities: Old Stone House Library/LTLP Heritage Center; Battle Hill Revolutionary Historic Site; Halfway Creek and Kane’s Falls; Lakes to Locks (LTLP) Passage Pocket Park; and Old Champlain Canal Historic Locks.

Public Events: Fort Ann supports and participates in all regional events and activities throughout Washington County including the Washington County Fiber Tour, Maple Weekend, and the Cheese Tour.

Connector Trails:

Slate Valley Trail: Proposed 22-mile multi-use recreational trail extension from Granville with connections to Vermont (route presently unknown).

Kingsbury Barnstormers Snowmobile Trail: The snowmobile route has loops throughout West Fort Ann and connections west to the Lake George area.

Granite Hill Campground Spur: This trail route is being considered as a future spur that may become part of the CCT at some point in the future.

Battle Hill Trails: This is a planned closed hiking loop trail system with an interpretive plaza at the trailhead/parking area.

Planning Support:

- Fort Ann Joint Community Plan (2008)
- Fort Ann Streetscape and Waterfront Revitalization Plan (2008)
- Village of Fort Ann Downtown Revitalization Plan (2009)
- Washington County Tourism Study (2017)
- Fort Ann to Whitehall Trail Feasibility Study (2018)

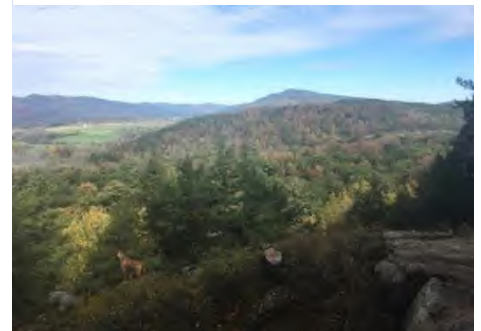
Implementation Strategy: Funding is in place for the entire route through Fort Ann with construction slated for 2019-2020. Work includes improving the Fort Ann Towpath Trail with a stone dust surface. Contractors will work with the local snowmobile club to avoid winter conflicts.



Champlain Canal North of Clay Hill Bridge



Fort Ann Towpath Trail at Baldwin's Corners



Battle Hill Site from Granite Hill Campground

Trail Sections:

FORT ANN TOWPATH TRAIL TO ANN STREET (FA-1)

Description: This is an existing dedicated 1.5-mile trail with a mostly level turf surface that runs from Baldwin Corners Road to the Fort Ann Towpath Trailhead at Ann Street. The northernmost 0.2-mile section of the trail has been separated from South Canal Road making it now a dedicated path. The trail continues as an on-road signed route across the Clay Hill Bridge.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: There is parking available at the Ann Street Trailhead. Lakes to Locks Passage interpretive signage explains the historic locks and stages of canal development. The trail is also signed throughout with Champlain Canalway Trail signs. An informal pull-off is available at the Baldwin Corners Road.

Phase: Improvements include a stone dust surface and the addition of signage as part of the construction of the EST.

ANN STREET/CLAY HILL BRIDGE TO DEWEY'S BRIDGE ROAD (FA-2)

Description: This 2.7-mile section begins at the Fort Ann Waterfront Park, crosses the Clay Hill Bridge and continues over the Clay Hill Bridge and along the shoulder of Clay Hill Road to the intersection with Dewey's Bridge Road. It continues north on South Quarry Lane, then onto North Quarry Lane until reaching Rt 22 when it turns west along the Rt 22 shoulder, crosses the canal again and turns north onto Old Route 4 to Lock C-11 Canal Park.

An alternative off-road route that avoids the steep hill on Clay Hill Road may be considered in the future. After crossing the Clay Hill Bridge hikers and bikers would turn left onto an unimproved road on Canal Corps lands, continue on lands owned by the Granite Hill Campground to the Granite Hill peak, and return to the Campground entrance on Clay Hill Road. The trail would then continue on the paved shoulder of Clay Hill Road to the intersection with Dewey's Bridge Road.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: These roads will be signed to identify it as the EST and striping and wayfinding signage will be provided where necessary. Parking is available at the Ann Street Trailhead and at Fort Ann Waterfront Park.

Phase: Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant with completion in 2019. Construction will be completed through EST funds in 2019-2020.

DEWEY'S BRIDGE ROAD TO QUARRY LANE/ROUTE 22 (FA-3)

Description: This pastoral section of trail starts as a turn north on South Quarry Lane and then Quarry Lane (dirt road) for about 2 miles to the intersection with Rt 22. The view is striking as the trail continues just east and past Great Meadows Correctional Facility.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: A parking lot with trailhead signage could be established at the closed entrance to the former Dewey's Bridge. Signage for this route will be provided by the EST and CCT.

Phase: Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant. Construction will be completed in 2019-2020 utilizing EST funds.

QUARRY LANE/ROUTE 22 TO LOCK C-11 CANAL PARK (FA-4)

Description: At this intersection the trail will follow the shoulder of Route 22 for less than one mile before crossing the Champlain Canal at the Rt 22 Bridge. The trail continues north on Old Route 4 along the Champlain Canal for approximately 1.5-miles to the end of North Old Route 4. It will continue north on Canal Corps and private lands to Ryder Road.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: The trail will pass through Lock-11 Canal Park where a trailhead with camping and waterfront amenities for land and water visitors are planned. Canal Corps and Lakes to Locks Passage interpretive signage and waterfront will be completed in 2019.

Phase: Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant. Construction will be sought following completion of the pre-construction elements.



Fort Ann Waterfront Park Kayak Launch



Fort Ann Towpath at Ann Street



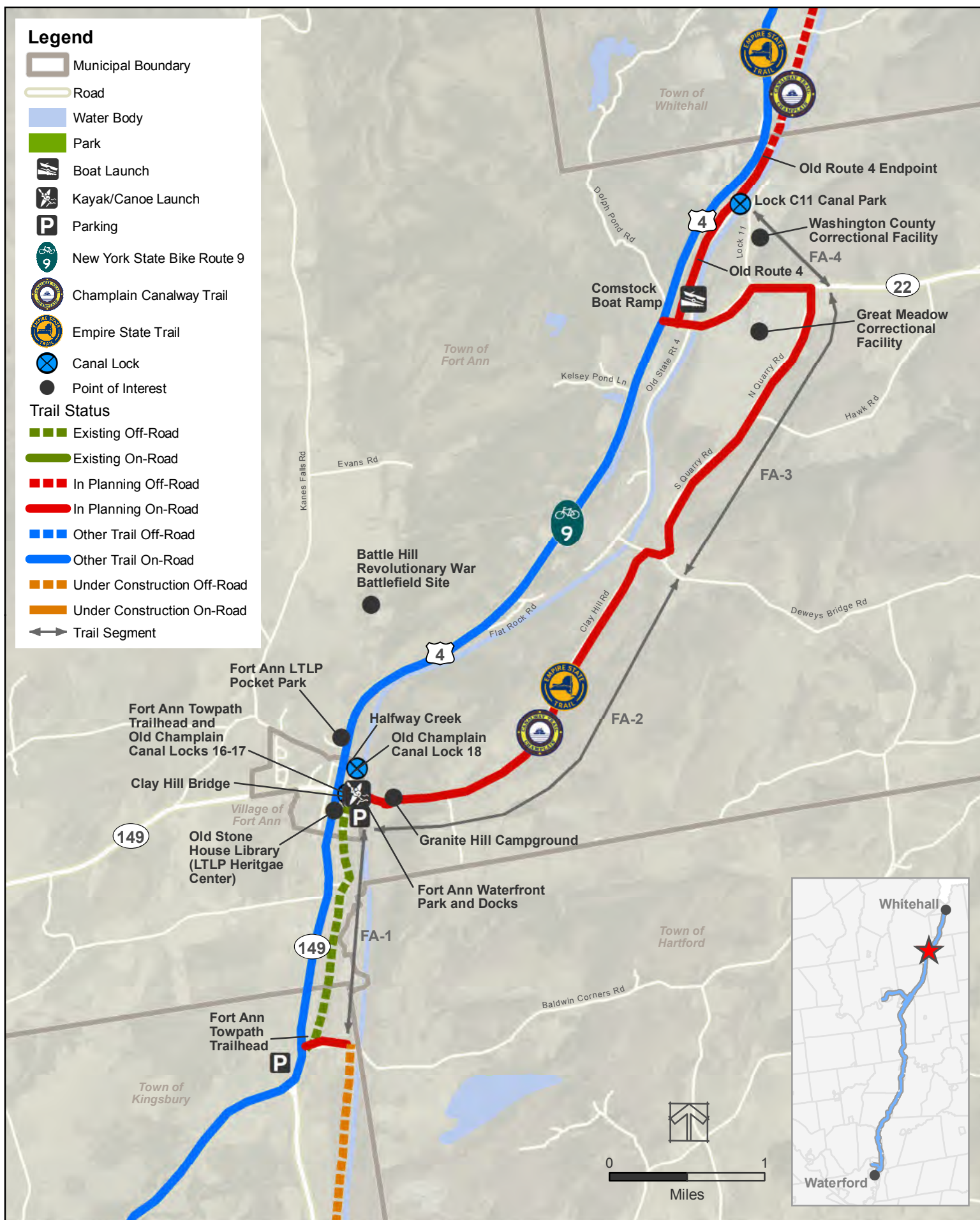
Waterfront Park



Lock 11 Canal Park

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Village of Fort Ann





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Town of Whitehall

Village of Whitehall



Trail Description: Located at the junction between the Champlain Canal and Lake Champlain, Whitehall is considered the birthplace of the American Navy. Whitehall was founded by British Army Captain Philip Skene in 1759 and was originally known as Skenesboro which became the first settlement on Lake Champlain and the center of maritime trade. In 1980, the Town was designated an Urban Cultural Park Canal Harbor, a state-designated area that has special significance in history. In recognition of this significance, the state has made significant investment into the development of the Whitehall waterfront. Connecting the Canalway Trail to Whitehall to create a byway from Waterford to Canada was a primary recommendation in the Village's 2001 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and several regional plans. The vision was to extend the CCT north to the South Bay State Boat Launch. At the southern end, the CCT from Fort Ann to the Village represents one of the most challenging segments. Although the Champlain Canal is exceptionally beautiful and the resources on the waterfront are abundant, the railroad tracks, wetlands and stream crossings will make the CCT expensive to construct. Construction of the trail along the remnants of the Old Champlain Canal is preferable since other trail route alternatives have significant cost, noise, safety and permitting issues.



Empire State Trail: The EST will exist entirely on Route 22 as an on-road shoulder route throughout the town and village. NYSDOT will be responsible for roadside signage, striping and wayfinding enhancements. The EST may shift its route to the off-road route of the CCT once the design and engineering phase is completed. Route 22 will continue to serve as State Bike Route 9, an on-road bicycle route. EST plans to locate a trailhead and associated parking in Skenesborough Park.

Lake Champlain/Champlain Canal Access Points: Lock C12; South Bay State Boat Launch; South Bay Fishing Pier; Whitehall Harbor Boat Ramp; The Saddles State Park; and Dolph Pond State Forest.



Lock 12 Looking North

Public Facilities: Whitehall Amtrak Station; Skene Manor; Skenesborough Museum and Heritage Visitor Center; and Whitehall Terminal Wall; Boat Tours; and Whitehall Cliffs Natural Area (future canoe to clifftop trail).

Public Events: Sasquatch Calling Festival; Summer Festival; Music in the Park; Friday Night Fish Fry; and Sasquatch Half Marathon.

Connector Trails:

The Saddles Tract: Trail leading to North Saddle, Devils Den and South Bay.

Lake George Wild Forest: Trail system in the Shelving Rock Area, Gull Bay Preserve and the Last Great Shoreline.

Lake Champlain Bikeways: A series of on-road bike routes with a connecting point to Chimney Point at Crown Point.

Lake Champlain Birding Trail: Highway-based trail route that connects 88 bird sites along the Lake Champlain shoreline.

Snowmobile Trails: Snowmobile routes range east into the Town of Hampton, west into the Lake George area, and south from Fort Ann on the Champlain Canal.



Skenesborough Park

Local Planning Support:

- Village of Whitehall Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (2001)
- Washington County Tourism Study (2017)
- Fort Ann to Whitehall Trail Feasibility Study (2018)



Whitehall Cliffs

Implementation Strategy: Design and engineering is funded for the entire route from the north end of Old Route 4 in Fort Ann north into the Village of Whitehall. Construction funds may be available through EST or other funding programs.

Trail Sections:

CHAMPLAIN CANAL LOCK 11 TO RYDER ROAD BRIDGE (W-1)

Description: Old Route 4 dead ends 1.5 miles north of the Route 22 Bridge. It will continue north 0.5 miles north on lands owned by the Canal Corporations before crossing a narrow strip of privately-owned land before intersecting Ryder Road. Further survey is needed to determine the most feasible route.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: The southern trailhead will be the Lock 11 Canal Park. Improvements are planned at the Park including interpretive and wayfinding for water and land trails. The next trailhead north will be the Whitehall Visitor Center.

Phase: Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant. Construction budget and funding is yet to be determined.

RYDER ROAD BRIDGE TO RIVERSIDE DRIVE (W-2)

Description: This 4.5-mile section will connect Ryder Road to the Village of Whitehall. Several alternatives were assessed for this segment including along the east side of the Champlain Canal. None were found to be as feasible as the route selected east of the railroad tracks along the west side of the Champlain Canal despite there being several stream crossings that will require the installation of bridges or boardwalks. Agreements with the railroad and Canal Corporation will need to be negotiated to route the trail away from the wetland obstacles.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: The southern trailhead will be the Lock 11 Canal Park. Improvements are planned at the Lock 11 Canal Park including interpretive and wayfinding for water and land trails. The next trailhead north will be the Whitehall Visitor Center. Wayfinding signage will be planned in 2019.

Phase: Continued negotiations with the Canal Corporation and the railroad are needed to detail the exact route for the CCT trail. Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant. Construction budget and funding is yet to be determined.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO CHAMPLAIN CANAL LOCK 12 (W-3)

Description: The path of the Old Canal remains and will be used to provide the link through the Village of Whitehall. This route utilizes some existing lightly used roadways including Riverside Drive which continues north under Route 4 and into the existing network of sidewalks and trails along the Whitehall waterfront.

Trailheads, Parking & Signage: Improvements are planned at the Lock 11 Canal Park including interpretive and wayfinding for water and land trails. The next trailhead north and terminus of the CCT will be the Whitehall Visitor Center. Wayfinding signage will be planned in 2019.

Phase: Funding for surveying, archeological review, environmental analysis, permitting and design of this segment is provided through a 2017 LWRP NYSDOS grant. Construction budget and funding is to be determined. Permissions to purchase or grant easements for a trail will need to be negotiated.



Whitehall Harbor Boat Ramp



Whitehall Cultural Park



Whitehall Terminal Wall



Whitehall Waterfront



Sailboat in Lock 12



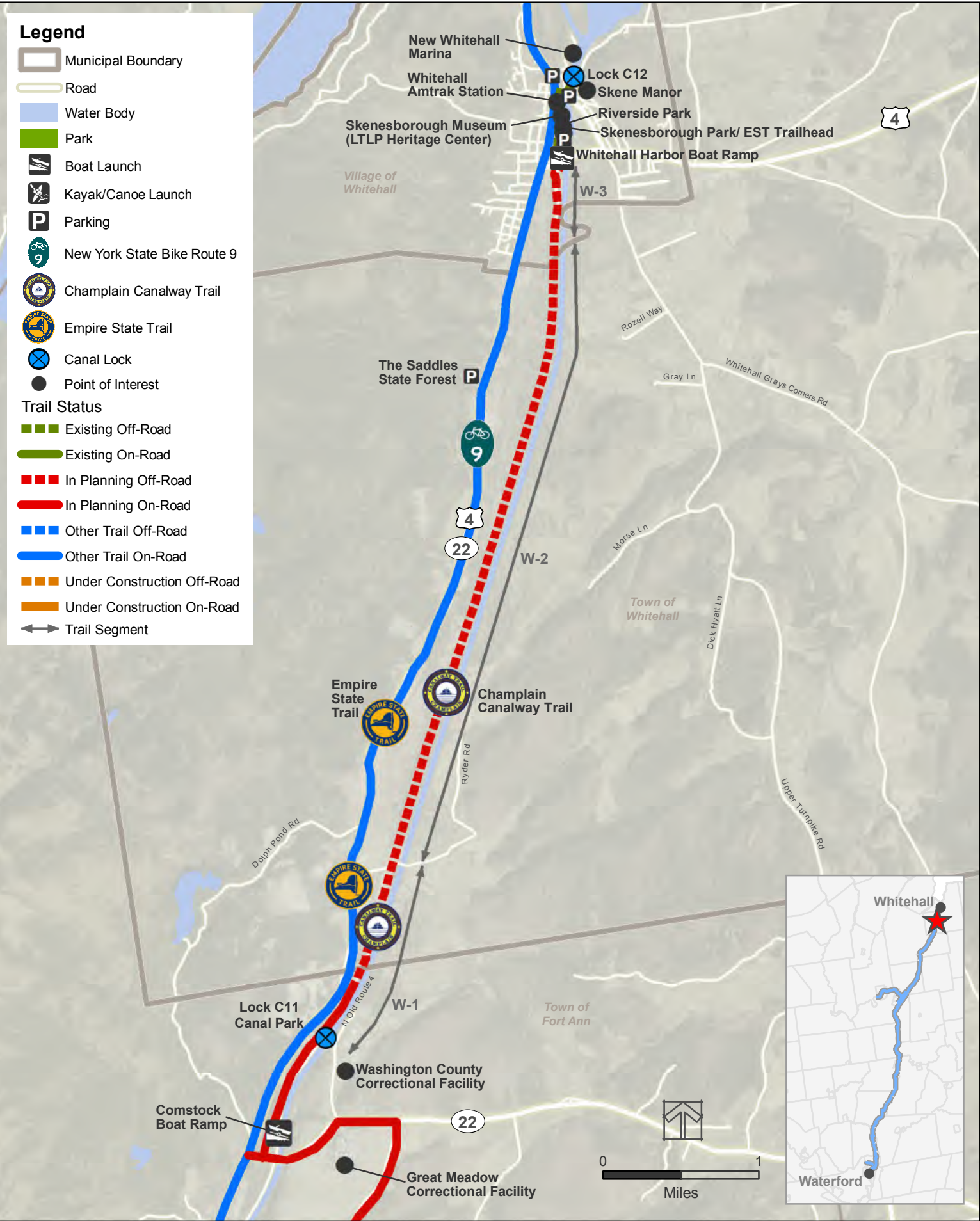
Skene Manor overlooks Skenesborough Park



Whitehall Downtown

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Lock to Lock Map

