

## 4.2 EAST SHORE END TO END TRAIL

In the longer term, a continuous trail route along the east shore will require more significant investments and overcoming challenges created by topography, limited direct access to the river and a lack of continuous rights-of-way within the corridor. The adjacent railroad line provides both a constraint as well as a future opportunity. The map on the following page shows the potential alignment along the east shore. There are a few locations along this alignment where existing or proposed paths can be followed further away from the Hudson River, or where shorter gaps closer to the river can be studied for future implementation.

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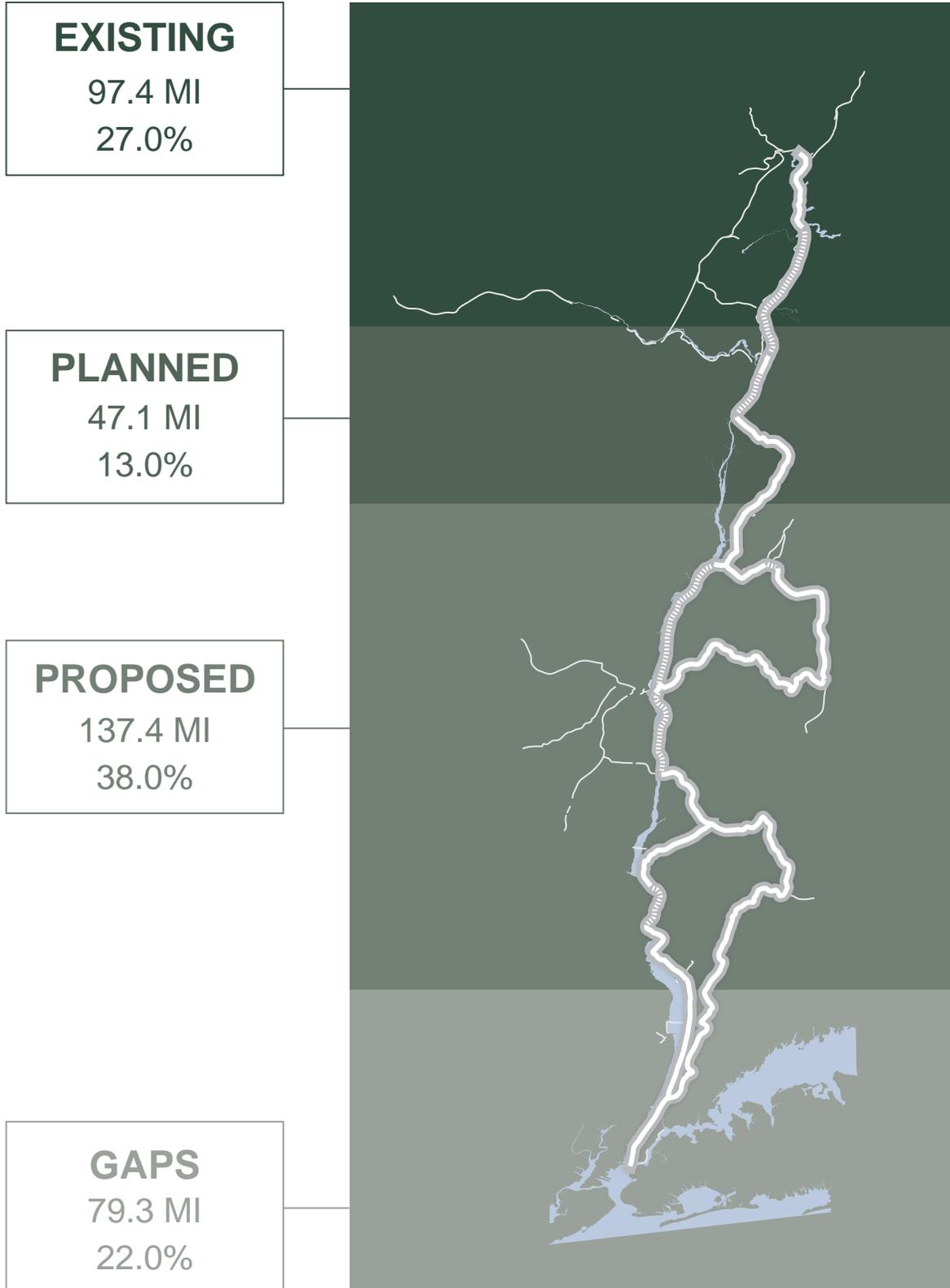
This is also a long term concept, since the freight railroad tracks and topography present considerable challenges to a continuous trail along the west side of the river. The west shore of the river tends to be a more rural environment and has fewer existing, planned, and proposed regional trails along the Hudson River. There are several long gaps, specifically in the Ulster/Greene County area that would need to be studied to determine the true feasibility and cost of implementation.

## 4.4 BRIDGE LOOP TRAILS

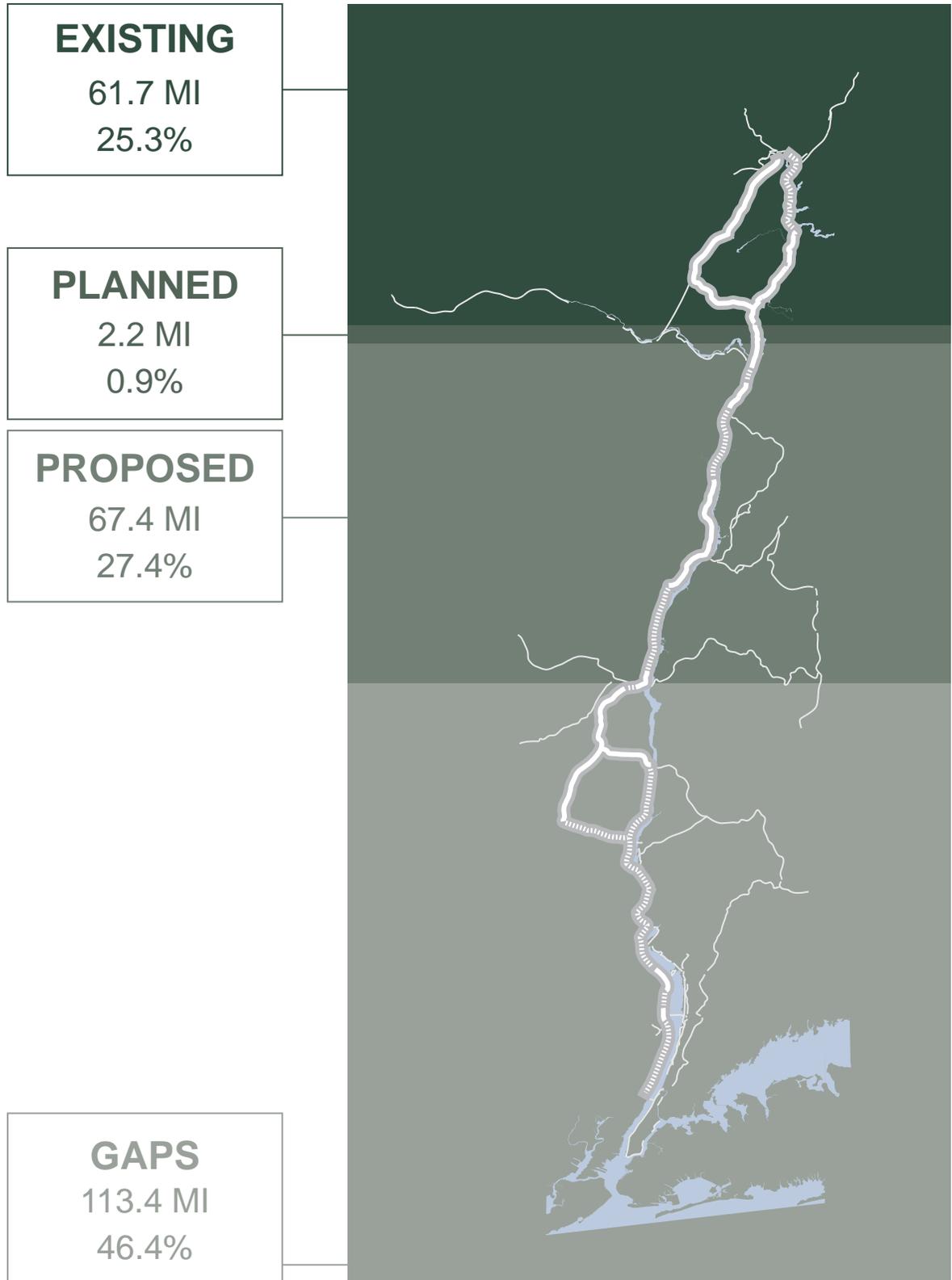
Through a combination of the East Shore and the West Shore End to End Trails, several loop trails can be created. Some of these may be prioritized in the short term to create feasible day routes for travelers in the Hudson Valley. An example is the “Walkway Loop Trail” connecting Poughkeepsie and Highland. These loop trails can utilize existing hiking trails or shared-use paths and would use bridges with existing or planned pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. Some of these bridges that could link either to the north or south include:

- The George Washington Bridge
- Bear Mountain Bridge
- Tappan Zee Bridge
- The Walkway Over the Hudson
- Newburgh Beacon Bridge
- Rip Van Winkle Bridge
- Mid-Hudson Bridge

### East Shore End to End Trail Mileage



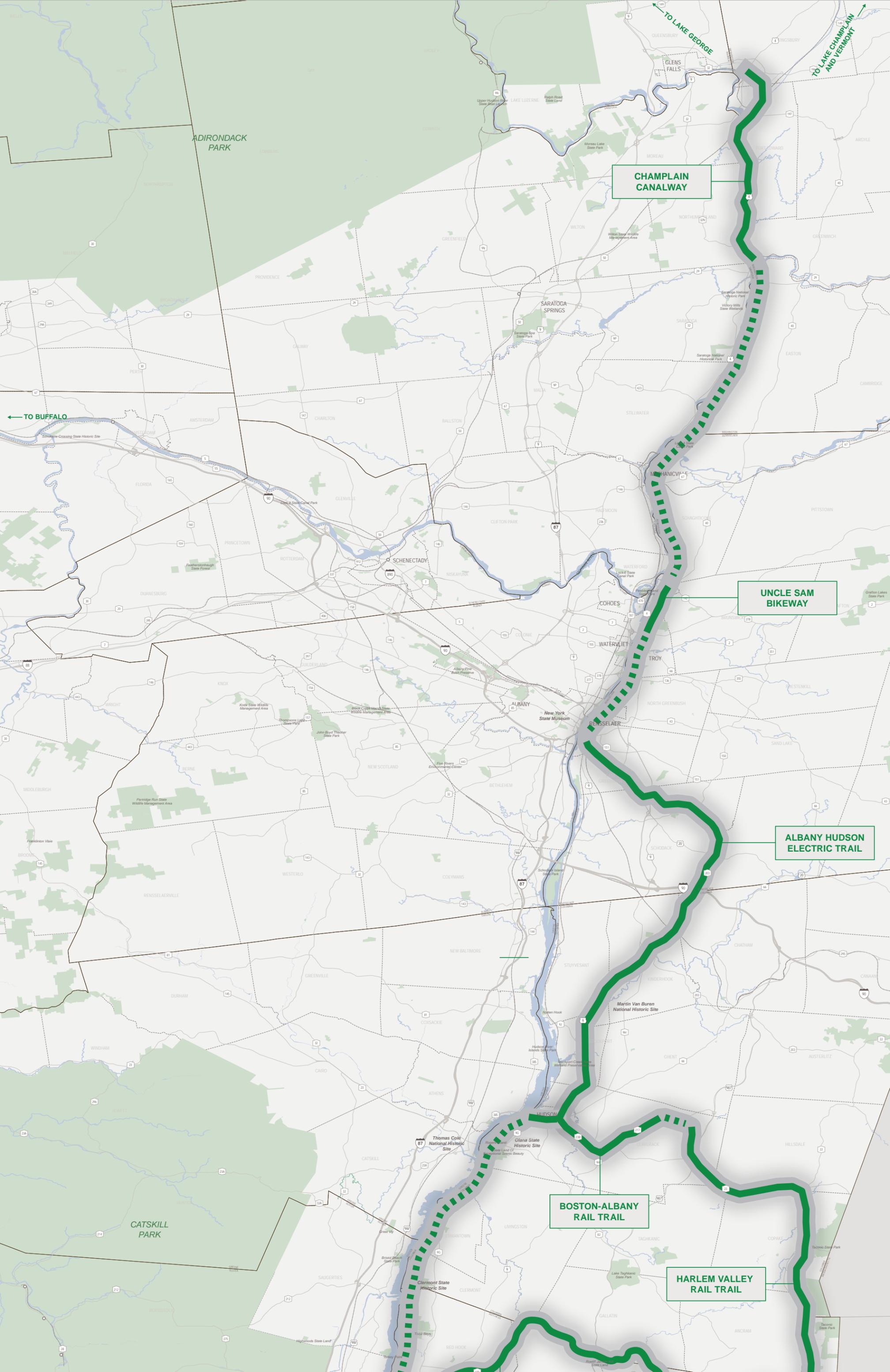
### West Shore End to End Trail Mileage



## 4.5 ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Long distance, destination quality trails generate between \$1.5 to \$5 million dollars in economic impact for surrounding communities. (Impact of Rail Trails, National Park Service and Penn State University, 1992; Heritage Rail Trail County Park 2012 User Survey And Economic Impact Study, York County Parks). A recent study showed that 9.6 jobs are created for every million dollars invested in multi-use trails. (Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure: A National Study of Employment Impacts, Heidi Garrett-Peltier, 2011, Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst). Trails also help make people healthier. Every \$1 investment in trails for physical activity yields \$3 in direct medical benefit (A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Physical Activity Using Bike/Pedestrian Trails, Wang, G., et al., 2004). Trails are also the second most important community amenity sought by home buyers (National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Realtors, 2002).

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CHAMPLAIN  
CANALWAY

UNCLE SAM  
BIKEWAY

ALBANY HUDSON  
ELECTRIC TRAIL

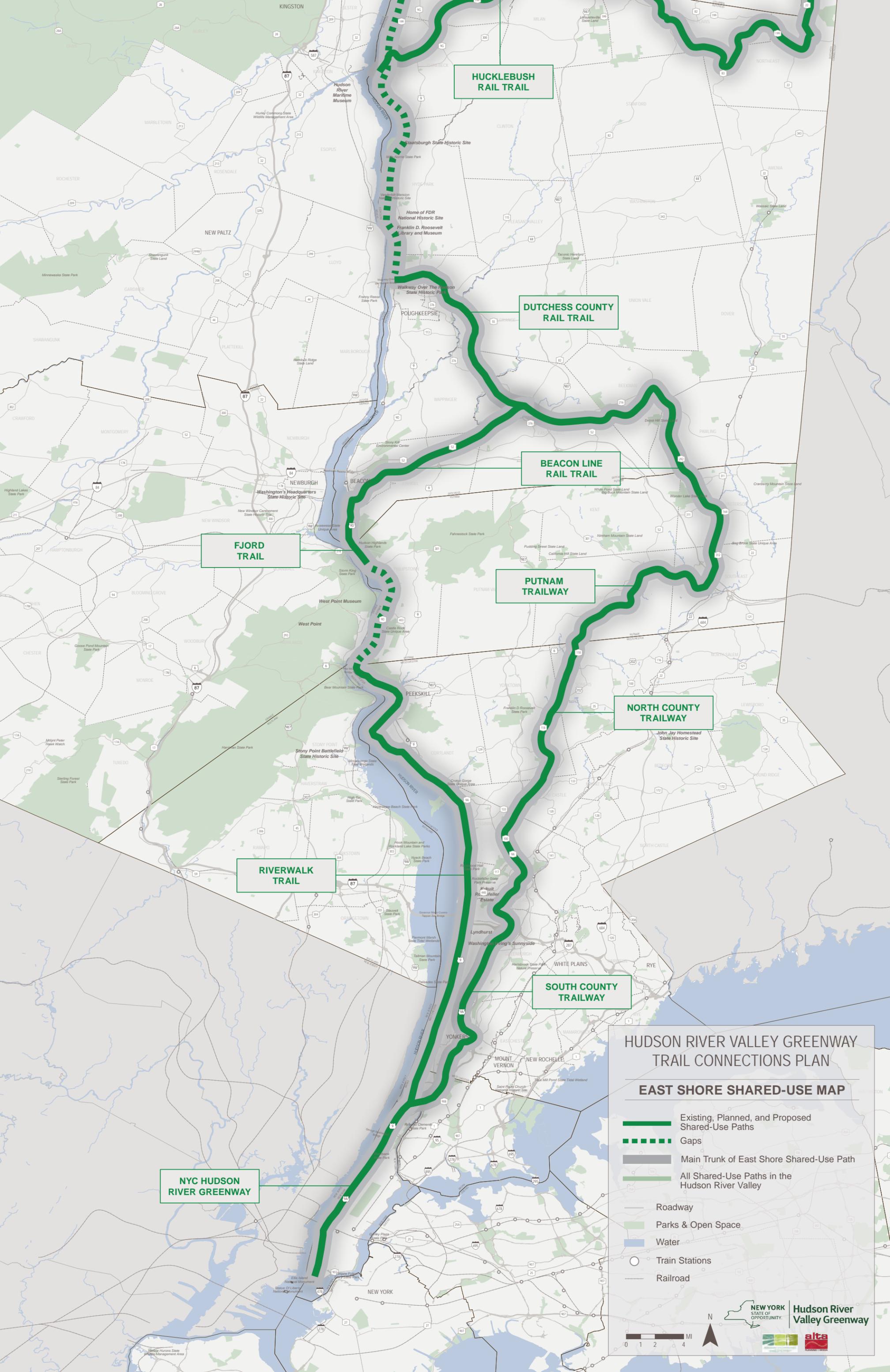
BOSTON-ALBANY  
RAIL TRAIL

HARLEM VALLEY  
RAIL TRAIL

← TO BUFFALO

TO LAKE GEORGE

TO LAKE CHAMPLAIN  
AND VERMONT



**HUCKLEBUSH RAIL TRAIL**

**DUTCHESS COUNTY RAIL TRAIL**

**BEACON LINE RAIL TRAIL**

**FJORD TRAIL**

**PUTNAM TRAILWAY**

**NORTH COUNTY TRAILWAY**

**RIVERWALK TRAIL**

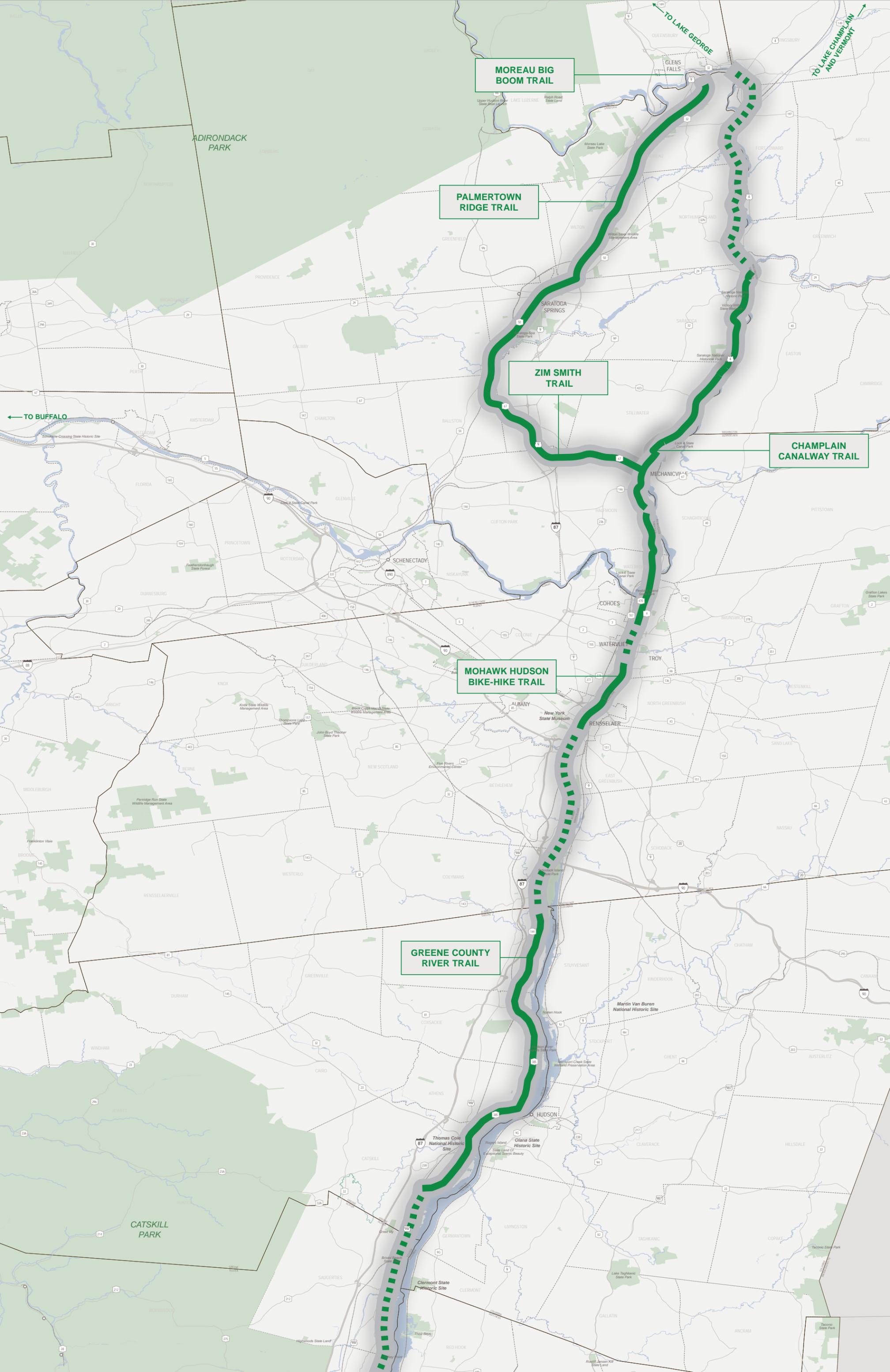
**SOUTH COUNTY TRAILWAY**

**NYC HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY**

**HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY TRAIL CONNECTIONS PLAN**

**EAST SHORE SHARED-USE MAP**

- Existing, Planned, and Proposed Shared-Use Paths
- Gaps
- Main Trunk of East Shore Shared-Use Path
- All Shared-Use Paths in the Hudson River Valley
- Roadway
- Parks & Open Space
- Water
- Train Stations
- Railroad



**MOREAU BIG BOOM TRAIL**

**PALMERTOWN RIDGE TRAIL**

**ZIM SMITH TRAIL**

**CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL**

**MOHAWK HUDSON BIKE-HIKE TRAIL**

**GREENE COUNTY RIVER TRAIL**

**ADIRONDACK PARK**

**CATSKILL PARK**

TO LAKE GEORGE

TO LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND VERMONT

TO BUFFALO

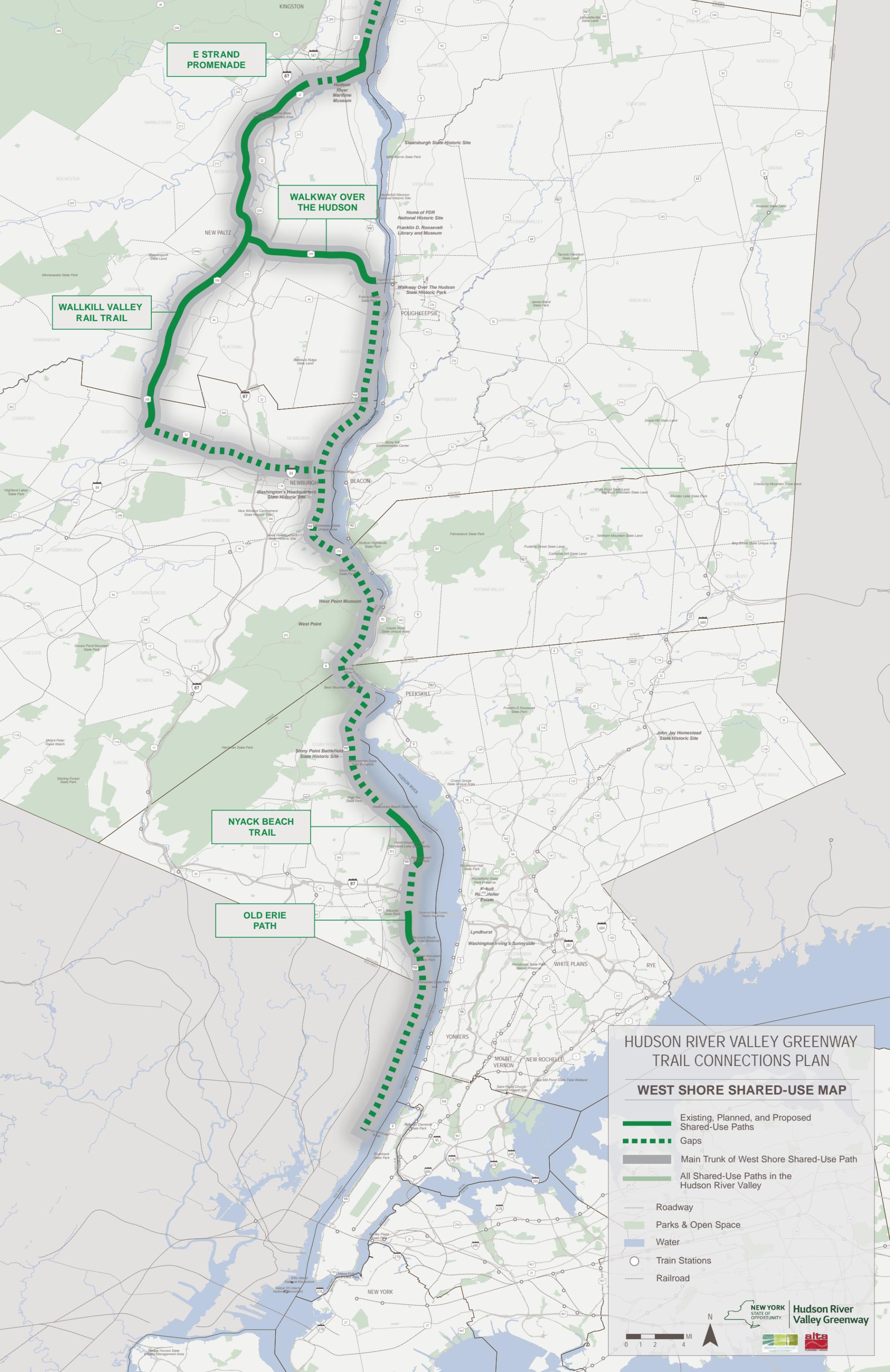
Thomas Cole National Historic Site

Olivia State Historic Site

Clermont State Historic Site

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site

Taconic State Park



**E STRAND PROMENADE**

**WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON**

**WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

**NYACK BEACH TRAIL**

**OLD ERIE PATH**

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