



STATEWIDE BICYCLE ROUTE CONNECTIVITY PLAN

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TODAY'S AGENDA



- Project overview and purpose
- Plan vision and goals
- Preliminary route analysis
- Next steps





PROJECT OVERVIEW



- Transportation Community System Preservation (TCSP) grant
- The purpose is to plan a system of designated, signed bicycle routes for West Virginia that connect with other states and different geographic regions within the State
- Implement routes with installation of signage and related infrastructure
- Provide a foundation for statewide bicycle plan and future improvements
- Evaluate connections to US Bike Route System in other states





PROJECT PURPOSE



West Virginia's designation by the League of American Bicyclist (bicycle "friendliness")

Year	Ranking
2008	50
2009	42
2010	47
2011	50
2012	48

Scoring Criteria:

1. Legislation & Enforcement
2. Policies & Programs
3. Infrastructure & Funding
4. Education & Encouragement
5. Evaluation & Planning





PLAN VISION AND GOALS

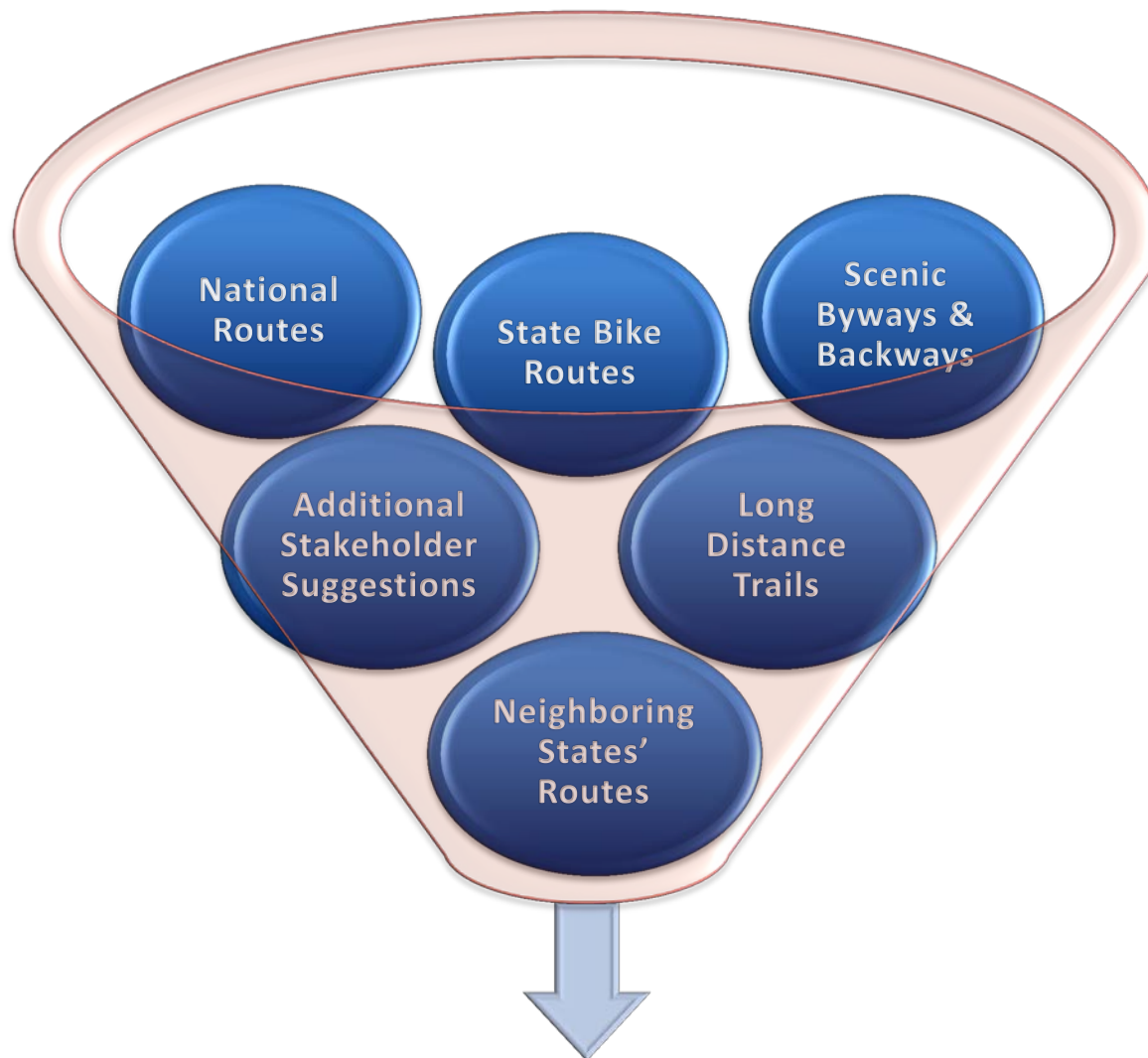


- Establish designated bicycle routes within the state
- Provide connections to other state and national routes
- Encourage bicycle transportation and its effects on the tourism economy
- Improve quality of life





ANALYSIS



Major North/South & East/West Connections

Key Nodes





NATIONAL CONNECTIONS



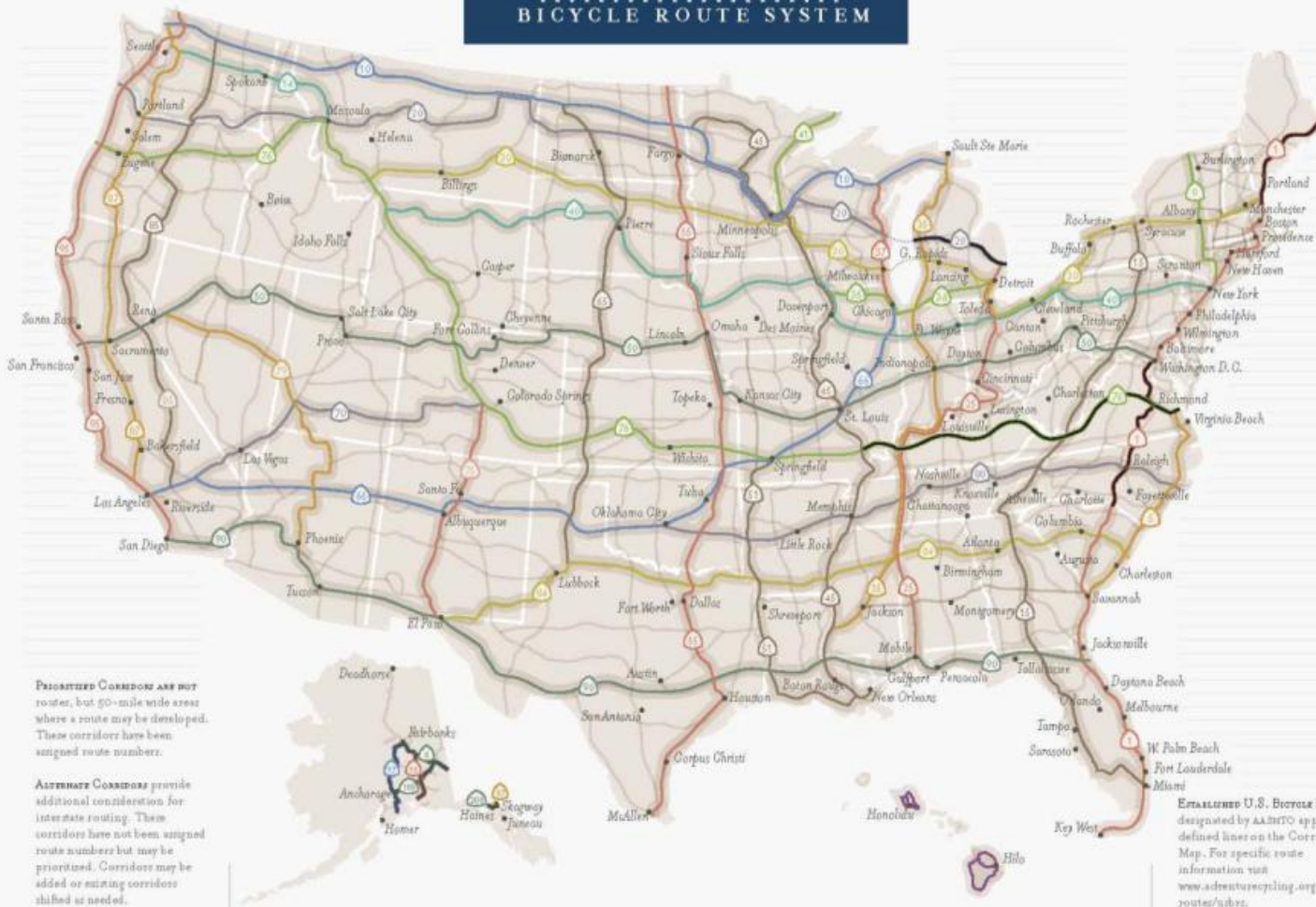
CORRIDOR PLAN
OCTOBER 2011

THE GOAL OF THE UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM IS TO CONNECT AMERICA THROUGH A NETWORK OF NUMBERED INTERSTATE BICYCLE ROUTES.

THE UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE SYSTEM

Adventure Cycling Association
America's Bicycle Travel Experts

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS
AASHTO
THE VOICE OF TRANSPORTATION



PRIORITIZED CORRIDORS are not routes, but 50-mile wide areas where a route may be developed. These corridors have been assigned route numbers.

ALTERNATE CORRIDORS provide additional consideration for interstate routing. These corridors have not been assigned route numbers but may be prioritized. Corridors may be added or existing corridors shifted as needed.

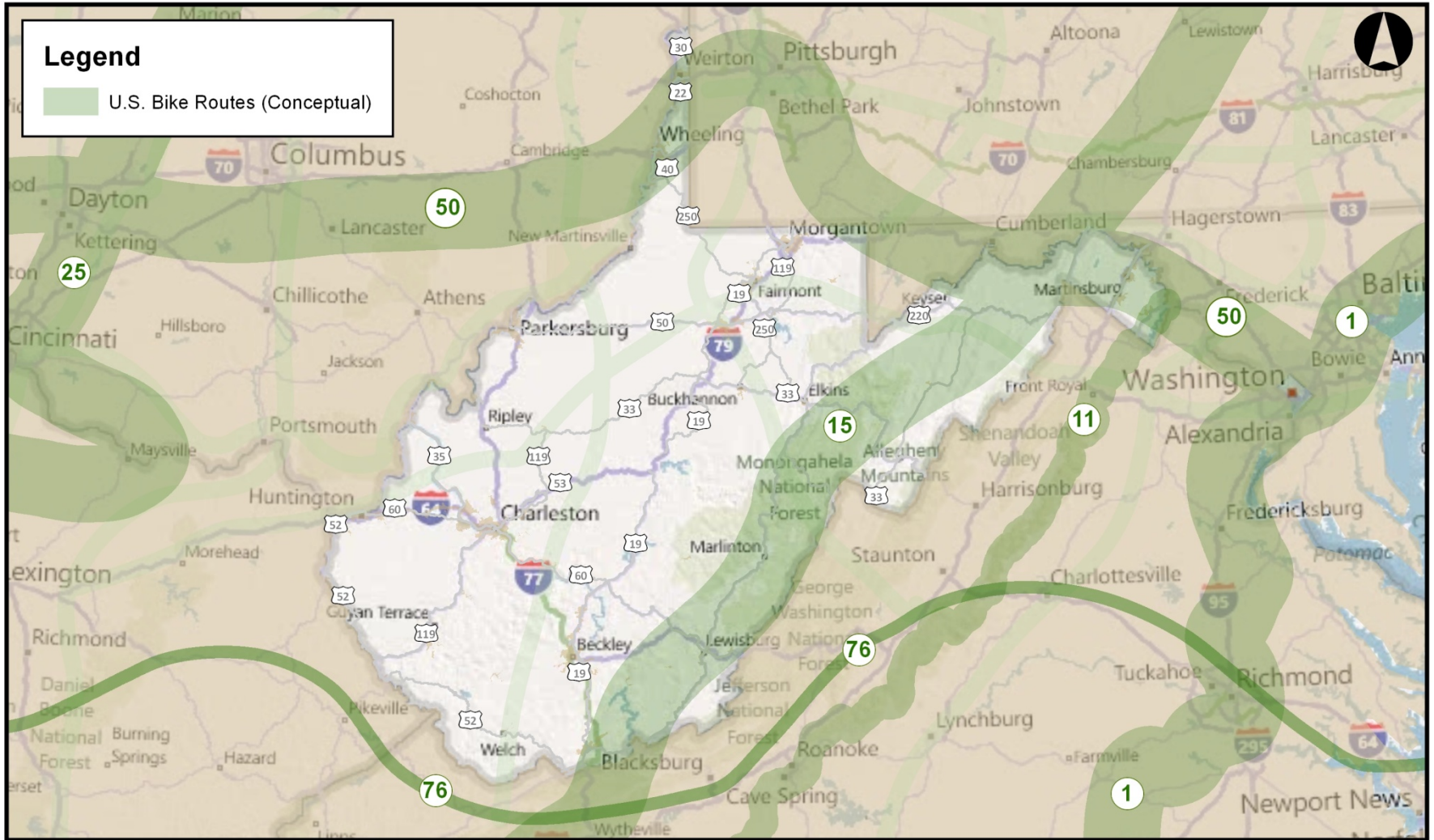
ESTABLISHED U.S. BICYCLE ROUTES designated by AASHTO appear as defined lines on the Corridor Map. For specific route information visit www.adventurecycling.org/routes/usbr.

PRIORITIZED CORRIDOR
 ALTERNATE CORRIDOR
 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC FERRY
 UNITED STATES BICYCLE ROUTE

Connecting People, Communities, and the Nation



U.S. BIKE ROUTES





WEST VIRGINIA STATE BIKE ROUTES





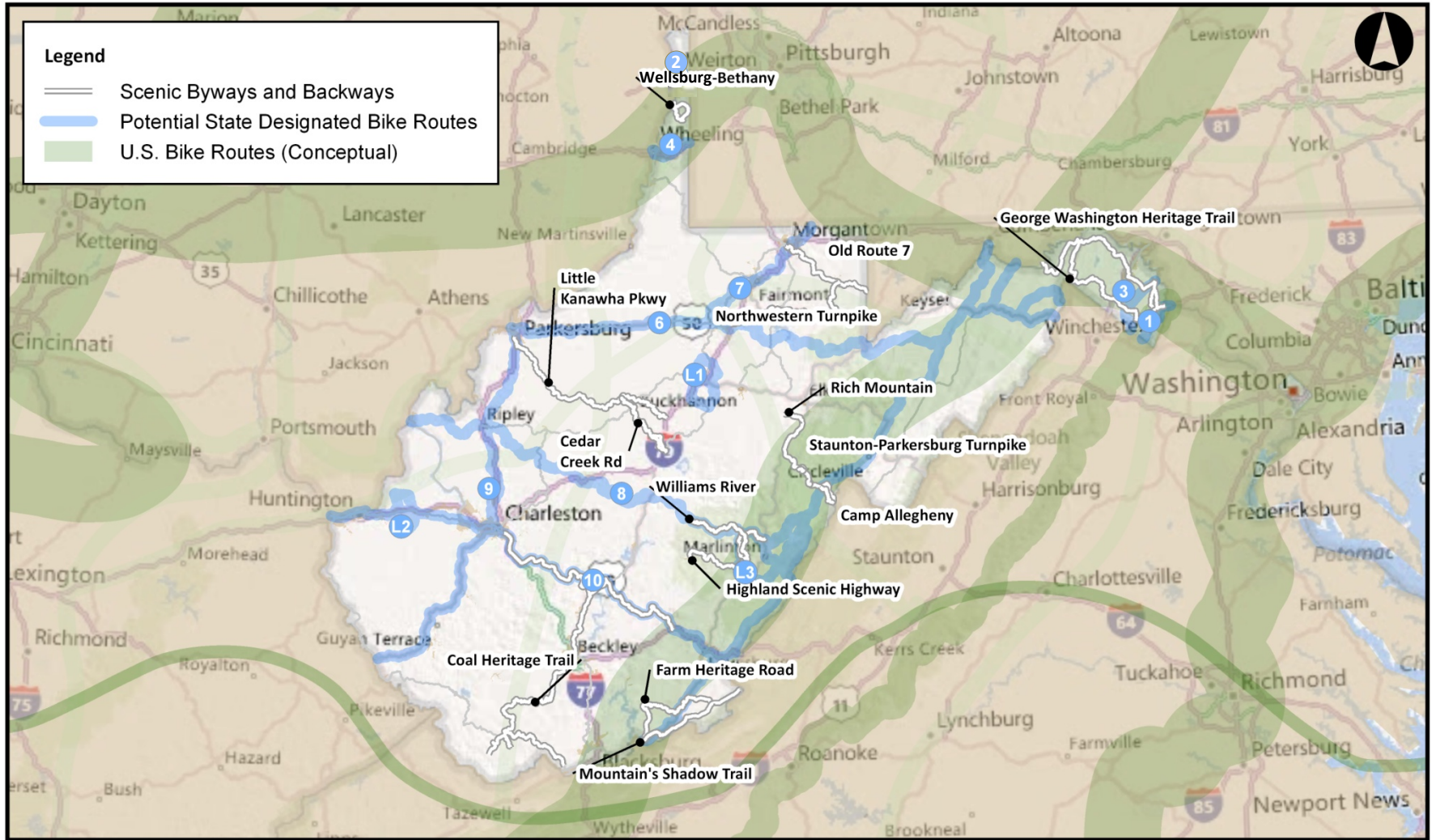
POTENTIAL WV STATE BIKE ROUTES



State Routes	Major Roadways
1	CR 25, WV 9, CR 27, WV 340
2	CR 507, CR 1
3	CR 1, WV 480
4	US 40, Wheeling Creek Trail
5	US 219, WV 92, WV 42, WV 46, WV 51
6	Roughly Parallels US 50
7	North Bend Rail Trail, West Fork Rail Trail, Mon River Rail Trail, Deckers Creek Rail Trail
8	WV 2, WV 87, US 33, WV 15, US 119, US 219, WV 39
9	US 119, WV 61, US 60, WV 21, WV 14
10	US 60
Loop 1	Lewis County Roads, US 19
Loop 2	Cabell County Roads
Loop 3	Pocahontas County Roads, US 219, US 39, WV 150, WV 66, WV 28

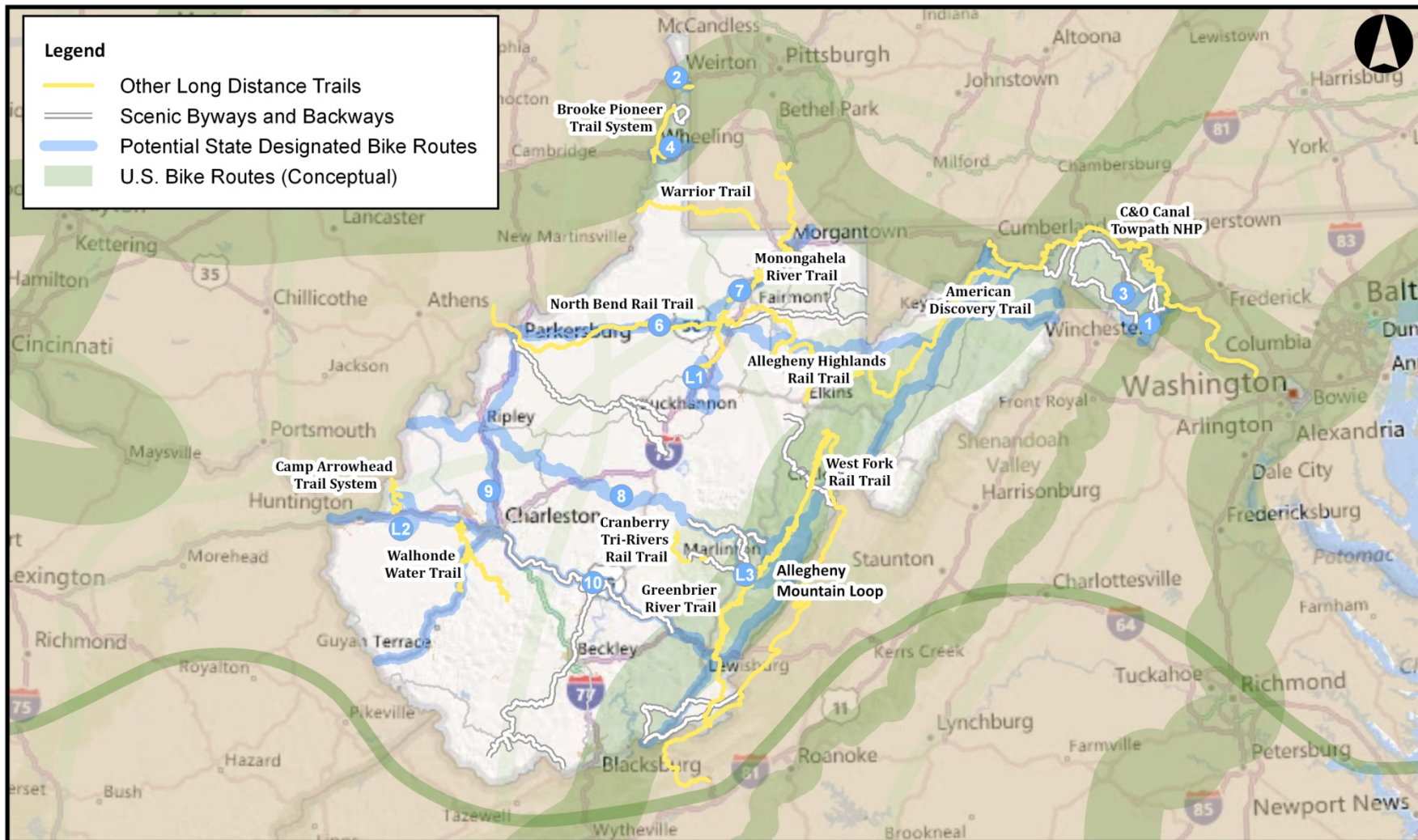


SCENIC BYWAYS AND BACKWAYS



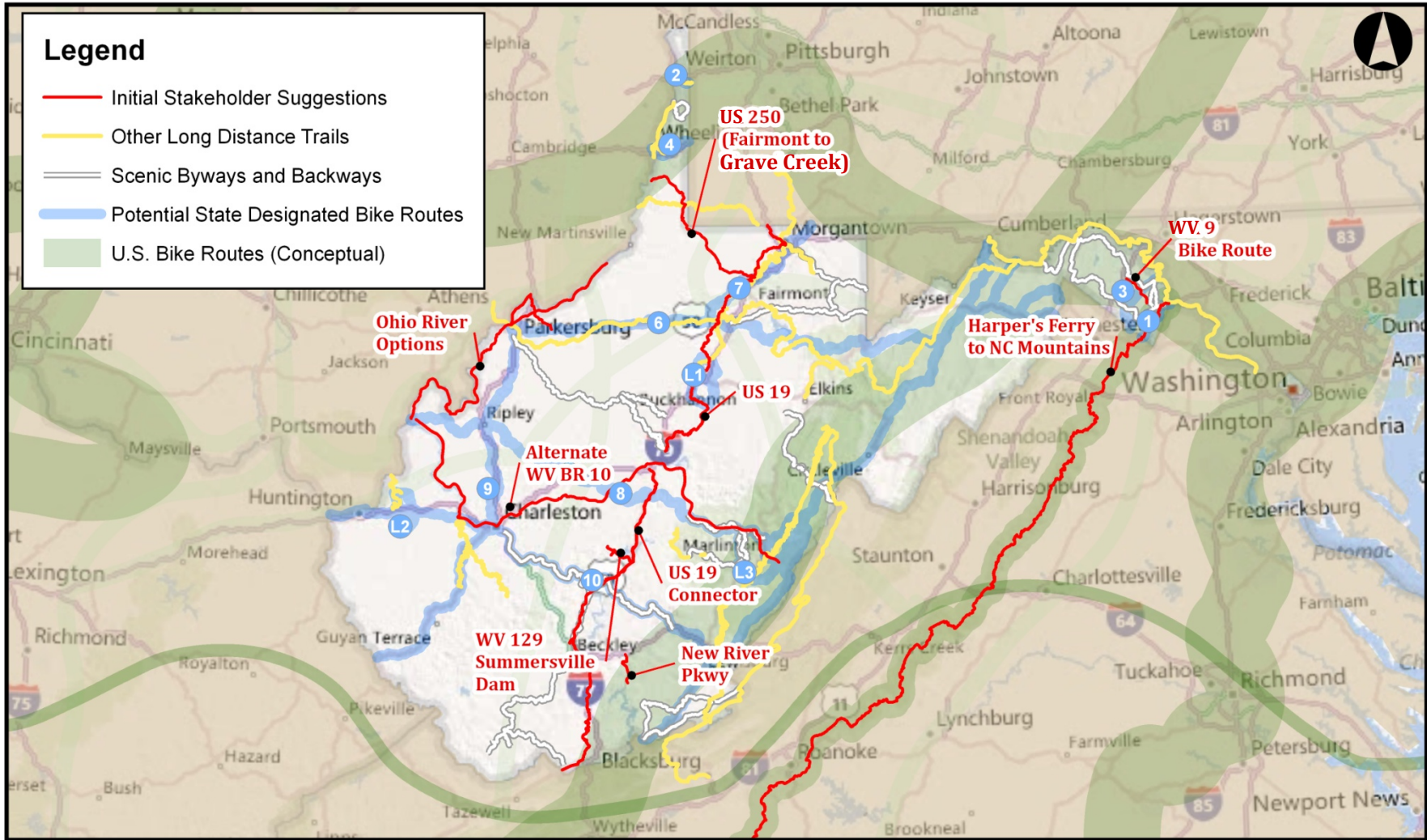


OTHER MAJOR LONG DISTANCE TRAILS



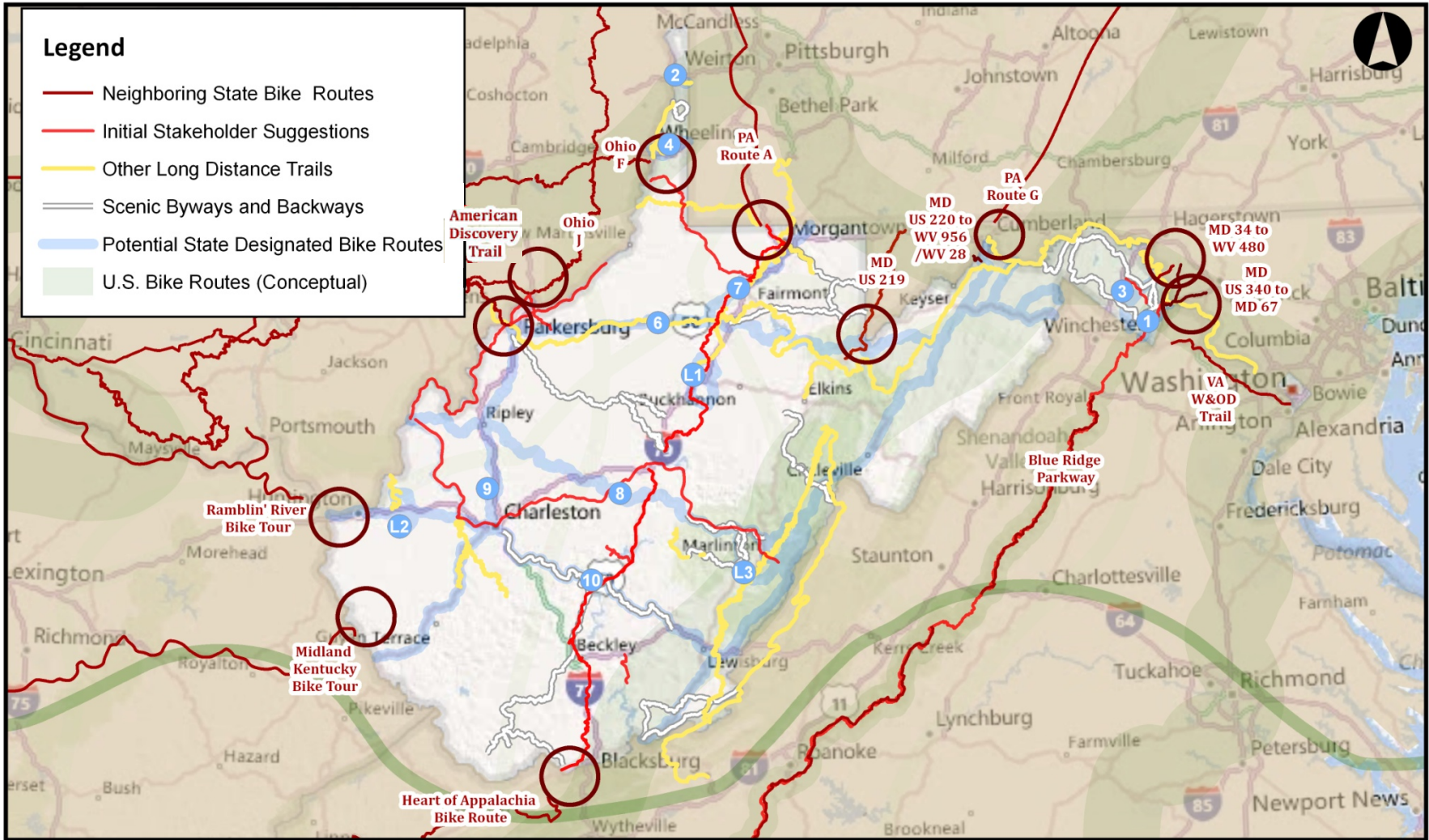


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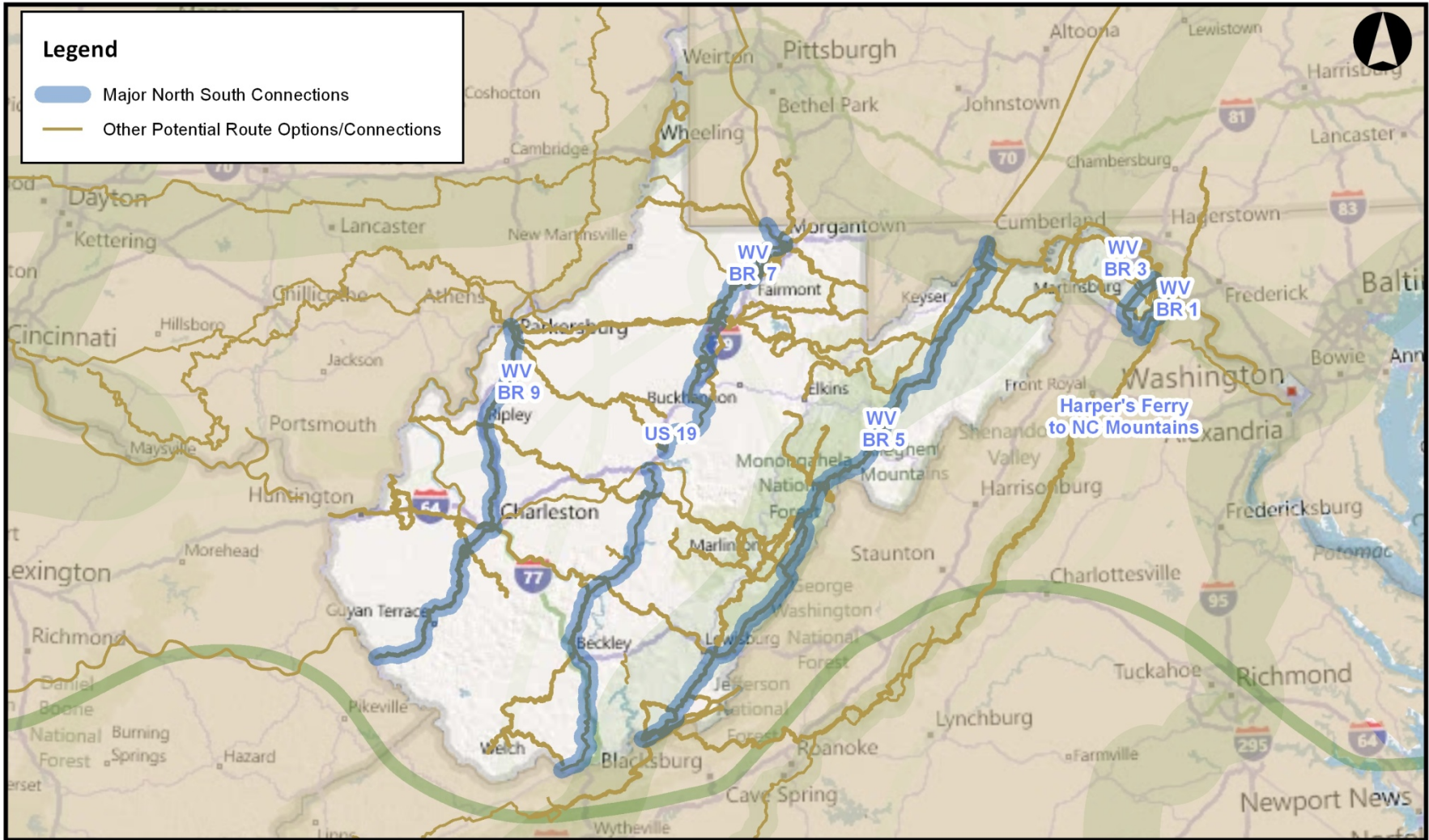


CONNECTIONS TO OTHER STATES



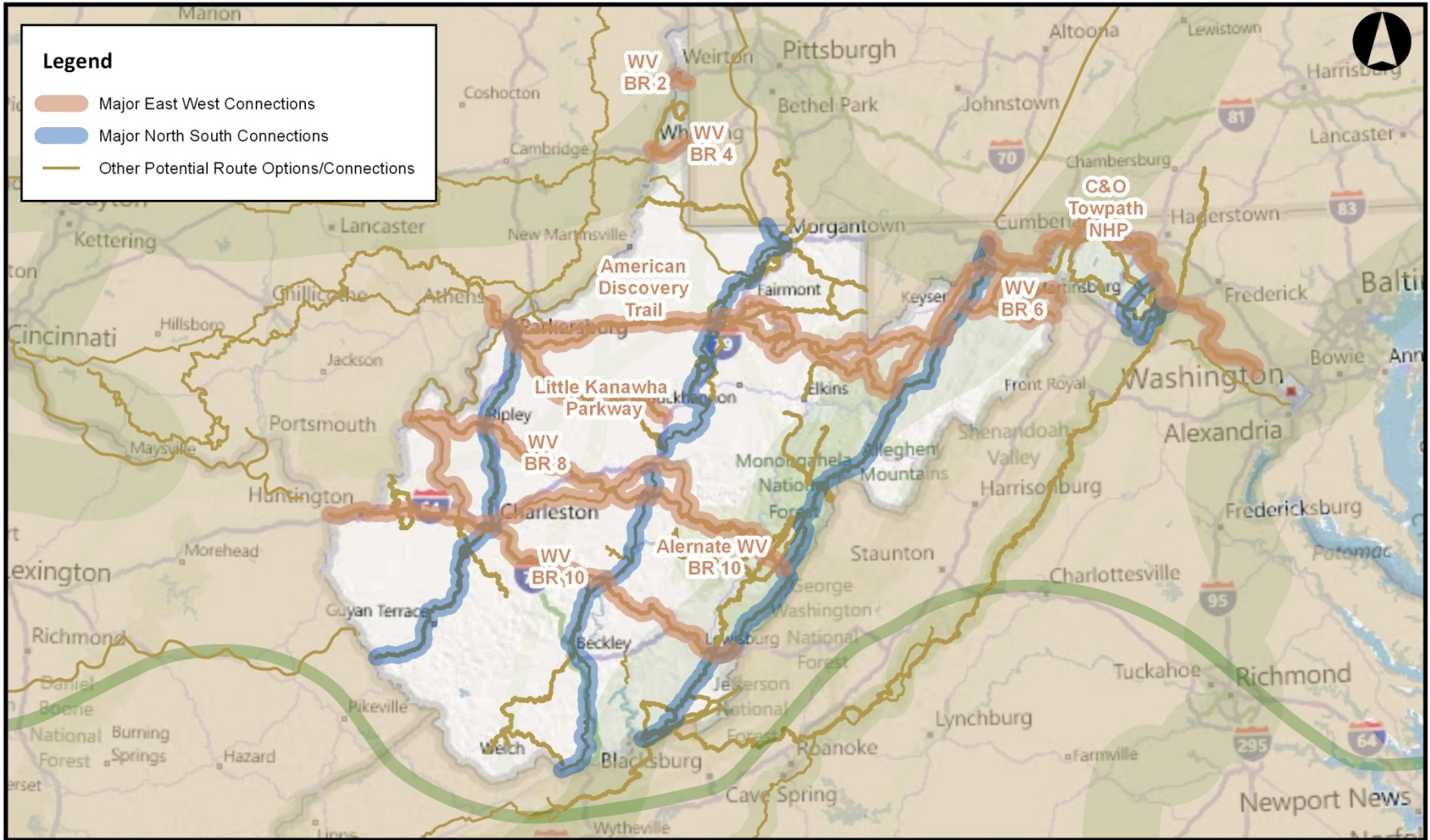


7 MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTORS



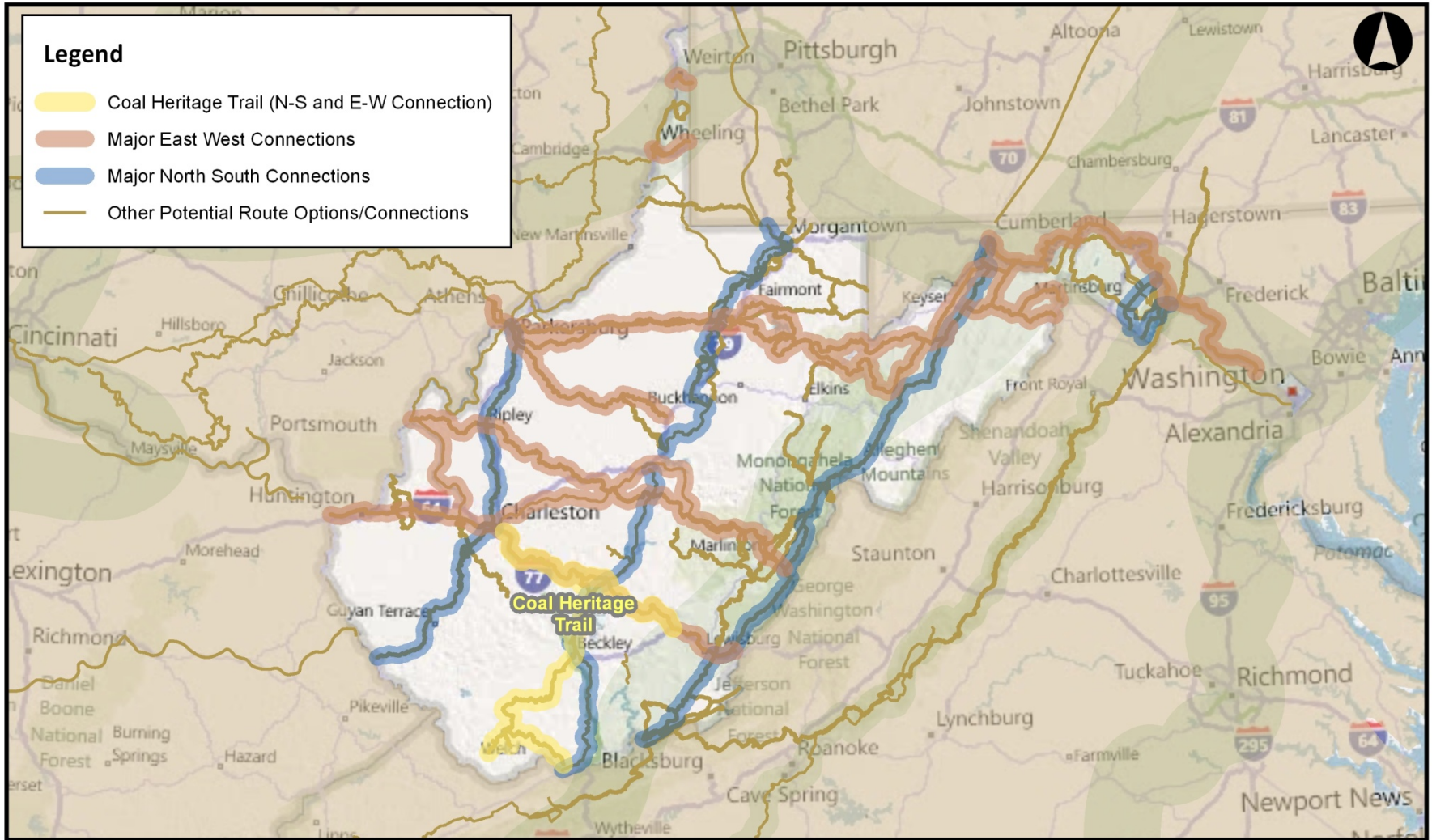


9 MAJOR EAST-WEST CONNECTORS

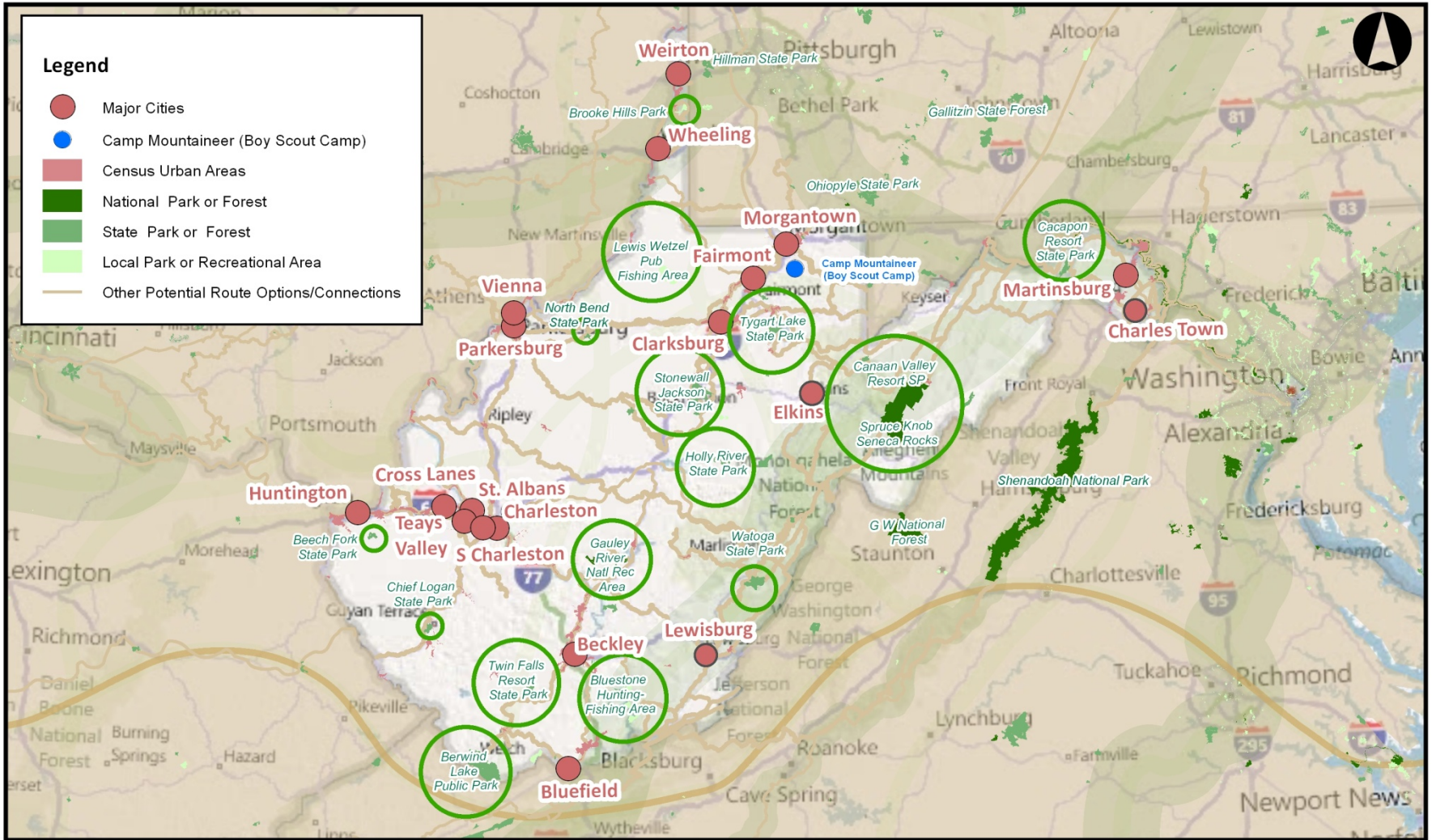




COAL HERITAGE TRAIL



POTENTIAL NODES





PUBLIC INPUT



- Existing regional facilities to include
- Regional connections needed
- Existing statewide facilities to include
- Statewide connections needed
- Destinations which should be added
- Eight Meetings Held Statewide
- 192 Attendees

Public Comment Summary

Ranson – 33 Attendees

- Connect Tourist Destinations
- Improve Safety
- Supports WVDOT Planning Process

Charleston – 13 Attendees

- Concerns of US 60 Bicycle Lane
- Would like Lanes/Shoulders Swept



Public Comment Summary

Huntington – 19 Attendees

- Need Public Service Campaign with Motorists
- Improve WV 2 for Bicyclists

Parkersburg – 29 Attendees

- Connect North Bend Trail to Parkersburg
- Public Service Announcements Needed
- Sweeping of Lanes Needed



Public Comment Summary

Wheeling – 26 Attendees

- Preserve the Aetnaville Bridge
- Connect to Existing Trails between DC and Pittsburgh

Morgantown – 27 Attendees

- Connect Rail Trails with Local Cities and Surrounding States
- Institute a Public Awareness/Public Safety Program with Drivers



Public Comment Summary

Lewisburg – 31 Attendees

- US 60 should be included
- Lewisburg is Ideal Destination Town for Many Reasons
- Safety is an Issue

Elkins – 14 Attendees

- Connect Trails with Local Cities
- Safety Concerns





PROJECT SCHEDULE



May

Public Meetings:
*Present
Tier 1 Analysis*

November

Public Meetings:
*Present Preliminary
Recommendations*

APR

May

OCT

NOV

DEC

Public Meetings

Public Meetings

Final Recommendations

Tier 1 Options

Preliminary Recs

Review Final Recs

March

**Project Team develops:
Tier 1 Options**

October

Steering Committee Meeting:
*Develop Preliminary
Recommendations*

November

*Review Draft
Final Recommendations*

December

Final Recommendations



QUESTIONS?