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Public Informational Workshop

Appalachian Corridor H
WARDENSVILLE TO VIRGINIA STATE LINE PROJECT
State Project X316-H-125.16
Federal Project NHPP(0484)118
Hardy County, WV

August 18, 2022
190 Main Street, War Memorial Building
Wardensville, WV
4:00-7:00 PM



Hosted by the
West Virginia Department of
Transportation, Division of Highways
& Federal Highway Administration



Overview:

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are pleased to host this informational workshop to provide updates and answer questions on the Wardensville to Virginia State Line Project. No formal presentation is planned. Detailed mapping, projected schedule, and other materials are available to review in person as well as online at the link provided at the bottom of this page. This meeting complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

The project is an approximately 6.8-mile, four-lane divided highway, with partial control of access. The project is part of Corridor H of the Appalachian Development Highway System and extends from an existing portion of Corridor H (US 48) in the west to the Virginia state line in the east. The highway will help fulfill the goals of improving east-west travel and promoting economic development in the region. An Amended Record of Decision (AROD) for this project was signed by FHWA in 2003. WVDOH is now updating environmental studies, coordinating with resource agencies, and advancing the design.

Project History:

- **1990-1996:** Environmental and engineering studies for Corridor H between Elkins, WV and the Virginia State Line were completed, and an alignment was approved.
- **1996-2000:** Legal challenges resulted in a court settlement which divided the over 100-mile alignment into nine operationally independent projects that could be constructed separately as funding became available; this project is one of two that are not complete or under construction.
- **2003:** An *Amended Record of Decision* ("AROD") was issued for the Wardensville to Virginia State Line Project. A Settlement Agreement in 2000 required that certain conditions be met prior to final design; those conditions, which were outside the control of WVDOH, were not met until 2020.
- **2001-2008:** WVDOH provided \$1 million to Town of Wardensville as mitigation for proposed impacts
- **2018-Present:** A Public Informational Workshop was held in 2018. Field studies and agency coordination have been ongoing to re-evaluate the 2003 AROD and advance the engineering.

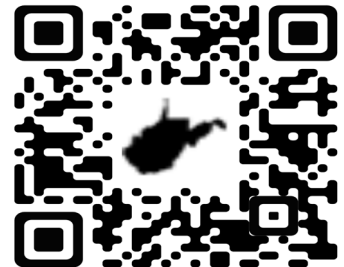
Recent Developments and Future Schedule:

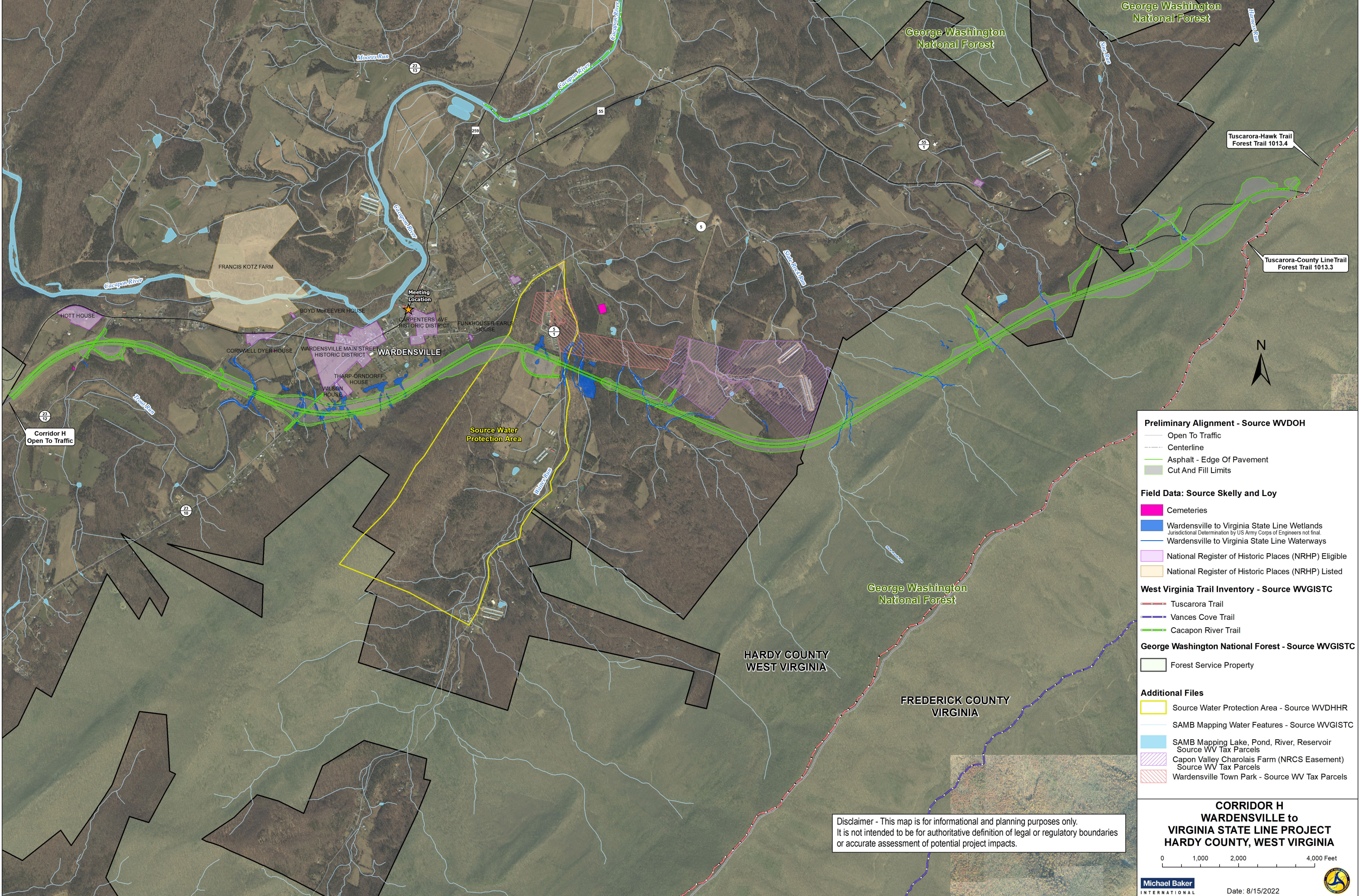
- Refined engineering design, including local road connections, re-design of the Corridor H connection to WV 55 in the east, and addition of a Tuscarora Trailhead Parking Area
- Development of *Wardensville Public Water Supply Protection Plan*, including coordination with the Town of Wardensville, WV DEP, and WV DHHR Bureau for Public Health; installation of water source monitoring wells; and highway runoff collection facilities
- Detailed investigations of historic/natural resources, including revised documentation of structures and districts potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; surveys for plant and animal species, as required by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Forest; and coordination with Capon Valley Charolais Farms' stakeholders regarding easement property
- **2023:** Estimated completion of NEPA requirements and Right-of-Way activities ongoing
- **2024:** Estimated Clean Water Act Permitting completion and beginning of construction
- **2031:** Estimated opening for traffic (dates are subject to change)

Additional information is available online at the WVDOH's Public Meeting website: <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment> (linked through code at right).

Comments are due Monday, September 19, 2022 and may be submitted using the comment form provided at the meeting or printed from the website. Additionally, comments may be submitted digitally through the website.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!





Preliminary Alignment - Source WVDOT

- Open To Traffic
- Centerline
- Asphalt - Edge Of Pavement
- Cut And Fill Limits

Field Data: Source Skelly and Loy

- Cemeteries
- Wardensville to Virginia State Line Wetlands
Jurisdictional Determination by US Army Corps of Engineers not final.
- Wardensville to Virginia State Line Waterways
- National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Eligible
- National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Listed

West Virginia Trail Inventory - Source WVGISTC

- Tuscarora Trail
- Vances Cove Trail
- Cacapon River Trail

George Washington National Forest - Source WVGISTC

- Forest Service Property

Additional Files

- Source Water Protection Area - Source WVDHHR
- SAMB Mapping Water Features - Source WVGISTC
- SAMB Mapping Lake, Pond, River, Reservoir
- Source WV Tax Parcels
- Capon Valley Charolais Farm (NRCS Easement)
- Source WV Tax Parcels
- Wardensville Town Park - Source WV Tax Parcels

Disclaimer - This map is for informational and planning purposes only. It is not intended to be for authoritative definition of legal or regulatory boundaries or accurate assessment of potential project impacts.

CORRIDOR H
WARDENSVILLE to
VIRGINIA STATE LINE PROJECT
HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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Date: 8/15/2022

DATE:

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Please consider the following comments:

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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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Project Information and Comment Sheets
can be found online at our WVDOH Website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.
Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click Corridor H -Wardensville to VA Line.