

Three Notched Trail Study

Western Spine for Richmond Region

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Three Notched Trail Study

Purpose:

- Identify preferred corridor along western spine
- Enhance regional active transportation network
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Multi-use trail facility, Level of Traffic Stress 1 preferred
- Provide increased connectivity:
 - Population centers
 - Key local and regional destinations

Study timeline: Approximately July 2025 – December 2026

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In our region

- Localities (Goochland, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Henrico, City of Richmond)
- Background: Capital Region Land Conservancy, Soil & Water Conservation District, Virginia Capital Trail Foundation, University of Richmond

Outside of our region

- Thomas Jefferson PDC
- City of Charlottesville
- Albemarle & Fluvanna Co.
- Rivanna Trail Conservancy



Cross regional coordination

- VDOT State Office of Trails

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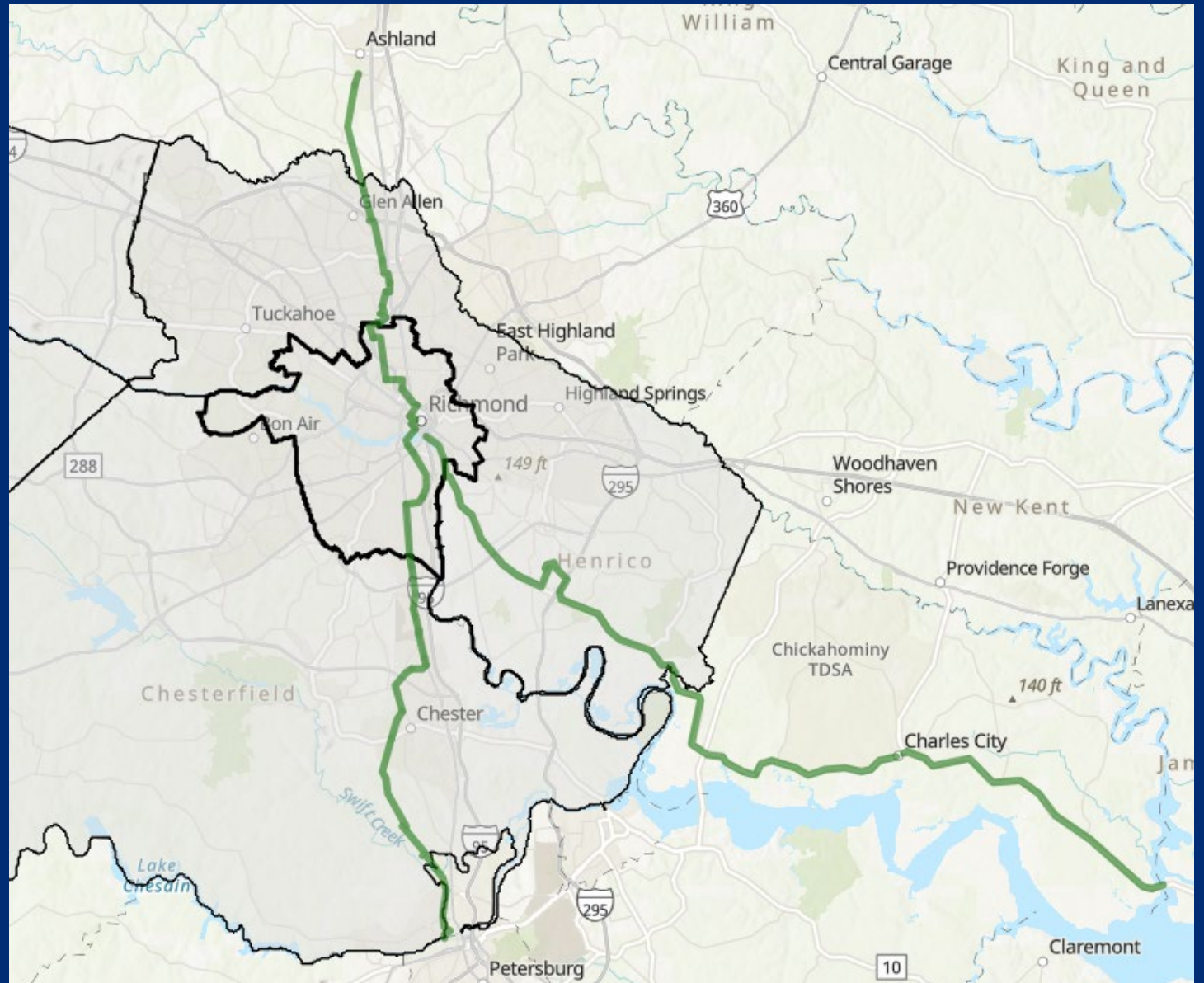


- **Broad support & excitement**
 - Many localities are in the process of **updating comprehensive plans**
 - Suggested: Better titled **Western Spine Trail Study?**
- **Shared use path** – all ages & all abilities
 - Level of Traffic Stress, prefer LTS 1 (scale 1-4, lowest to highest stress)
- **Project termini**
 - Western: Goochland/Fluvanna at Rt 6
 - Eastern: Fall Line & Virginia Capital Trail
- **Stakeholder group**
 - Held three meetings, fourth planned for November

BikePedRVA Plan

Regional Spine Network

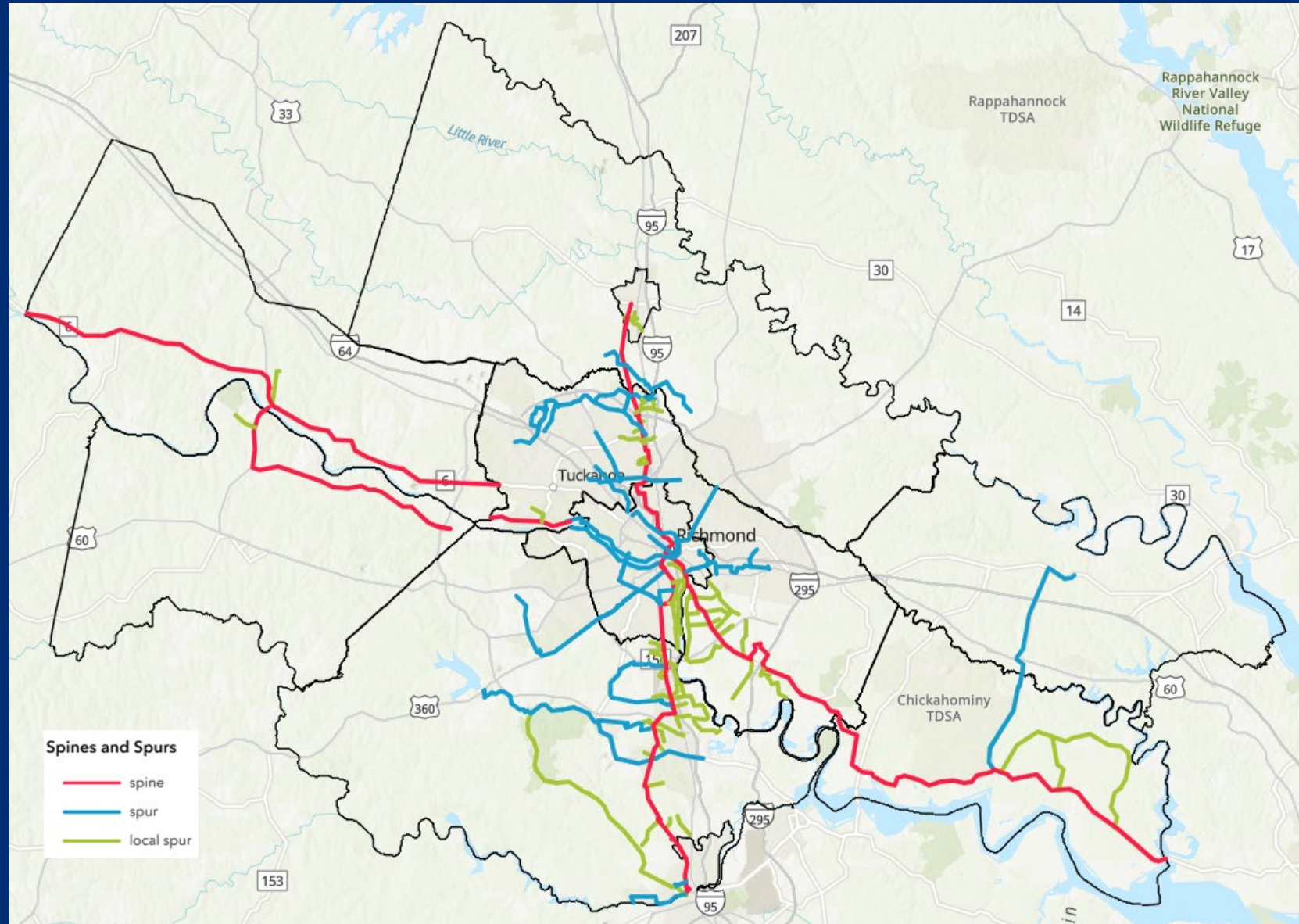
- Virginia Capital Trail
- Fall Line (under construction)



BikePedRVA Plan

Spines, spurs, local spurs

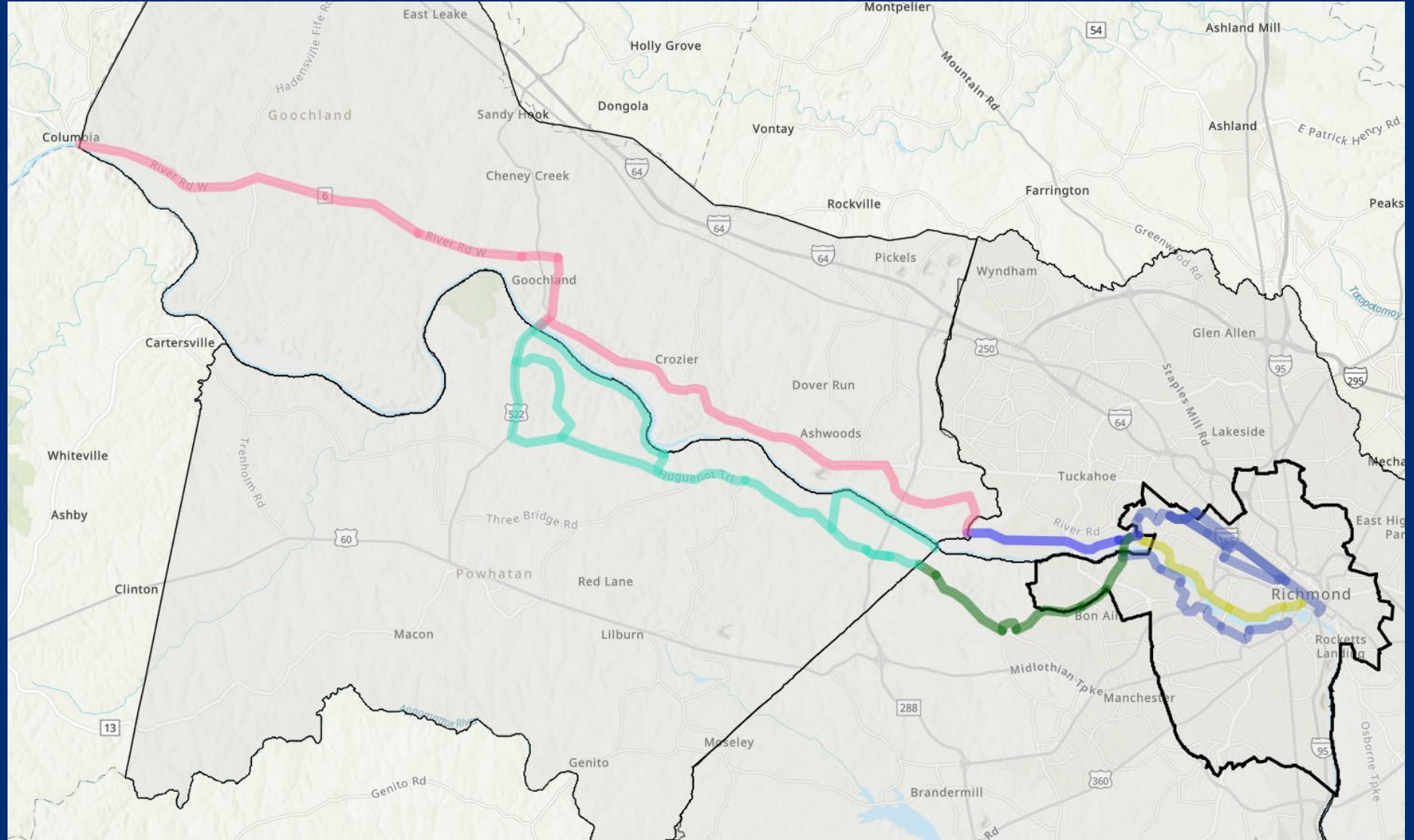
- Note the gap for our western spine in the City of Richmond



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**Preferred
alignment**

General
corridors,
evolving
process

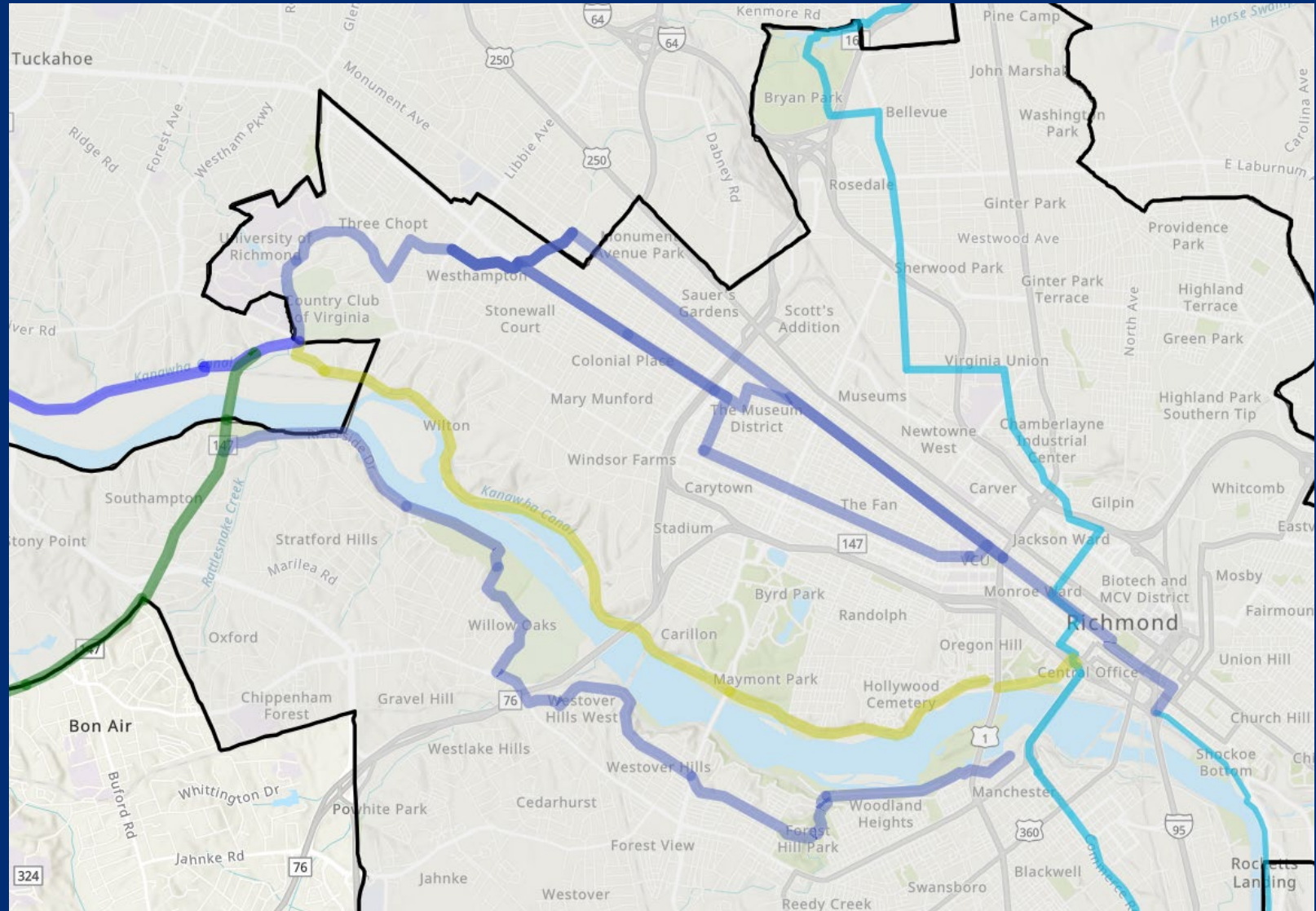


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Preferred alignment

- Richmond routes:
- Monument Ave.
- Monument/Patterson
- Patterson Ave./Floyd Ave.
- James River Park along Kanawha Canal
- Southside route

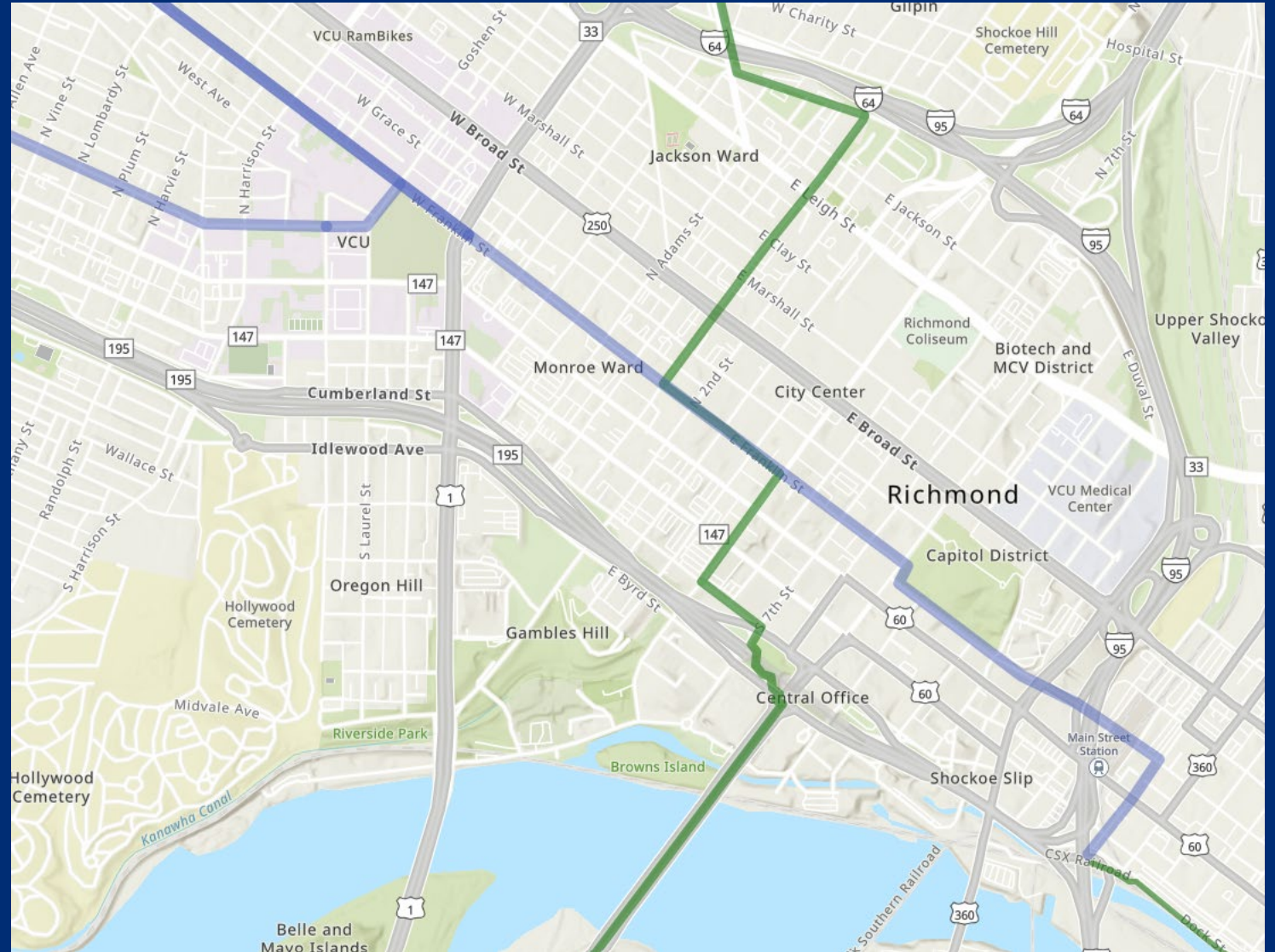
General corridors, evolving process



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Fall Line & Virginia Capital Trail connection

- Conceptual alignment for Three Notched Trail in blue
- Expected Fall Line in green
- Proposed trail could use Franklin Street cycle track to connect with Fall Line

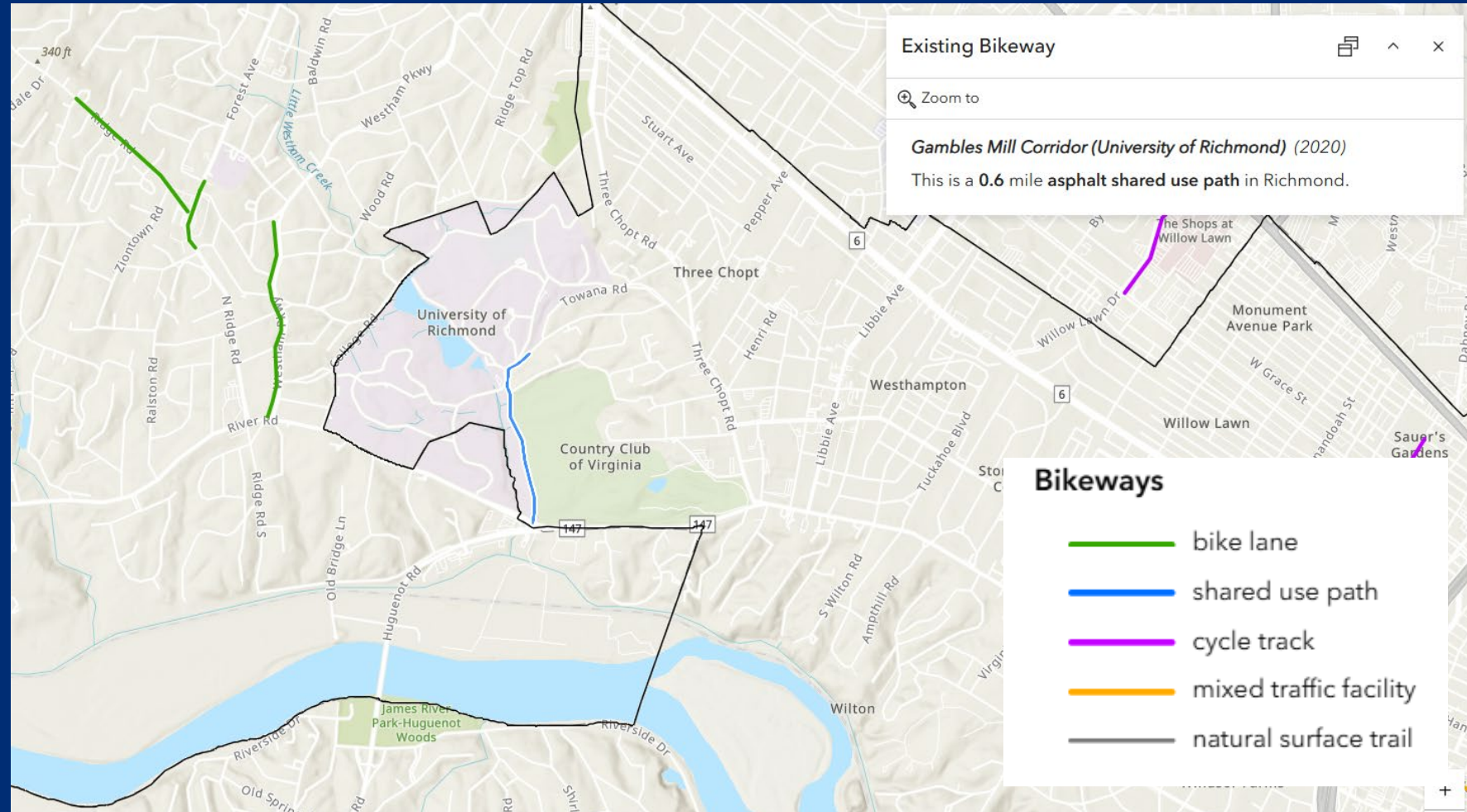


BikePedRVA Plan

University of Richmond Eco Corridor

Conceptual alignment
for Three Notched Trail.

Essential connection for
region, providing safe
route for cyclists and
pedestrians between
Huguenot Bridge and
points north.



Questions?

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