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Media-Smedley Connector Trail Feasibility Study

July 14, 2020
Public Meeting #2

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (6:00)
2. Review of Agenda & Ground Rules (6:02)
3. Presentation
    a. Background (6:05)
    b. Trail Alignment and Design (6:15)
    c. Next/Remaining Steps (6:55)
4. Comments and Questions (7:00)
5. Adjournment (7:30)

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Introductions

Delaware County Planning Department

- Steven Beckley, AICP, Open Space and Trails Manager (Host)
- Corey Brown, Senior Transportation Planner (Q&A Moderator)

Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. – Project Consultant

- Randy Waltermyer, AICP (Main Presenter)

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Ground Rules:

A. Submit Typed Questions and Comments

- Type and submit questions and comments in the "Q & A" chat area.
- With your question/comment, type your name and affiliation (stakeholder group) or township/borough/street of residence.
- You may submit questions relevant to the specific slides at that part of the presentation, or hold them or general questions/comments to the end.

B. Response

- A member of the project team will voice each of the questions and comments. The consultant and/or staff will respond.
- If your question seems like it has been skipped, it is probably being held until later to keep the meeting moving and on topic.
- All comments are recorded even if not responded to formally during the meeting.

C. The meeting will end at 7:30.

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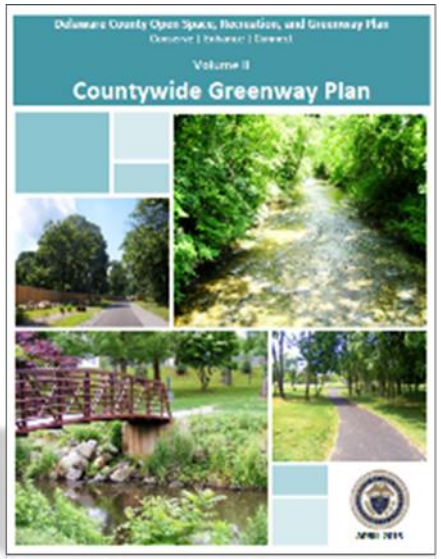
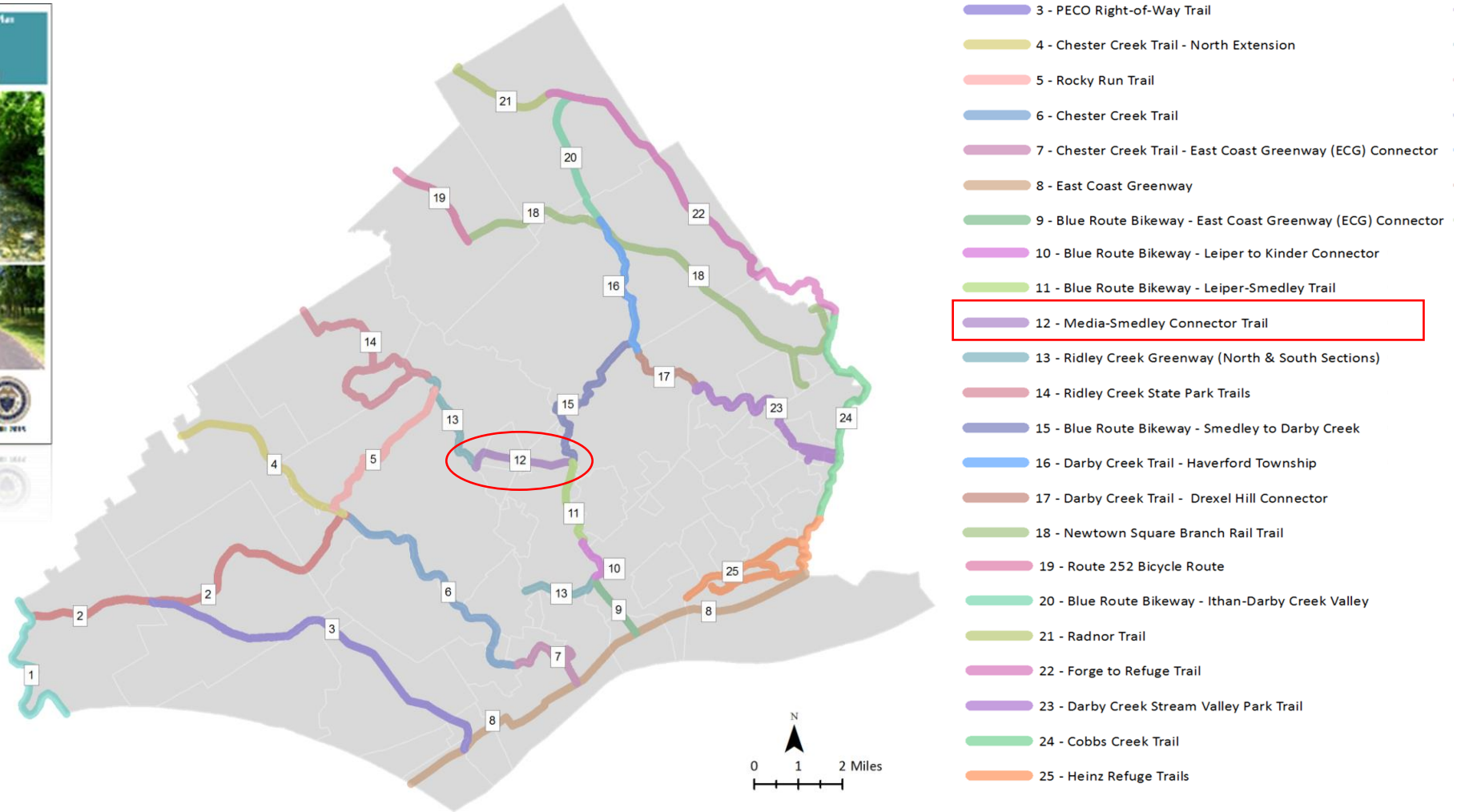
Background:

County Trail Planning

Delaware County Primary Trail Network





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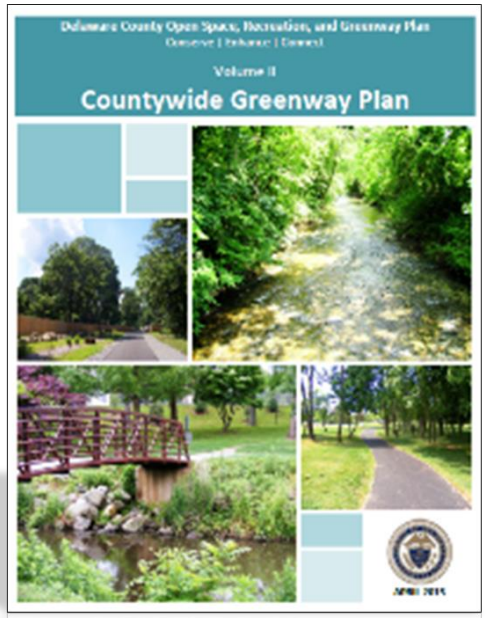

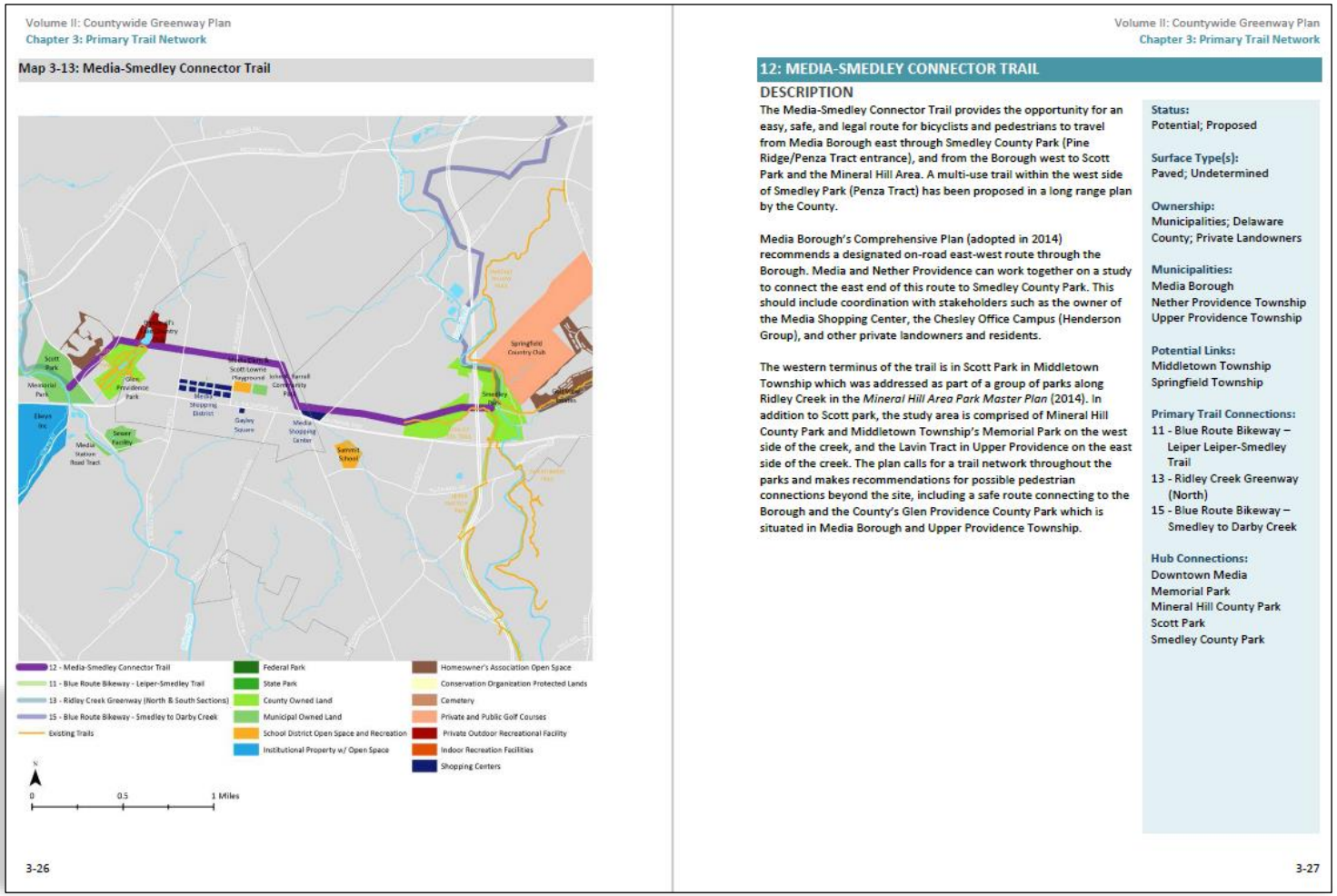

Volume II: Countywide Greenway Plan
Chapter 3: Primary Trail Network

Map 3-13: Media-Smedley Connector Trail

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12: MEDIA-SMEDLEY CONNECTOR TRAIL

DESCRIPTION

The Media-Smedley Connector Trail provides the opportunity for an easy, safe, and legal route for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel from Media Borough east through Smedley County Park (Pine Ridge/Penza Tract entrance), and from the Borough west to Scott Park and the Mineral Hill Area. A multi-use trail within the west side of Smedley Park (Penza Tract) has been proposed in a long range plan by the County.

Media Borough's Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 2014) recommends a designated on-road east-west route through the Borough. Media and Nether Providence can work together on a study to connect the east end of this route to Smedley County Park. This should include coordination with stakeholders such as the owner of the Media Shopping Center, the Chesley Office Campus (Henderson Group), and other private landowners and residents.

The western terminus of the trail is in Scott Park in Middletown Township which was addressed as part of a group of parks along Ridley Creek in the *Mineral Hill Area Park Master Plan* (2014). In addition to Scott park, the study area is comprised of Mineral Hill County Park and Middletown Township's Memorial Park on the west side of the creek, and the Lavin Tract in Upper Providence on the east side of the creek. The plan calls for a trail network throughout the parks and makes recommendations for possible pedestrian connections beyond the site, including a safe route connecting to the Borough and the County's Glen Providence County Park which is situated in Media Borough and Upper Providence Township.

Status:
Potential; Proposed

Surface Type(s):
Paved; Undetermined

Ownership:
Municipalities; Delaware County; Private Landowners

Municipalities:
Media Borough
Nether Providence Township
Upper Providence Township

Potential Links:
Middletown Township
Springfield Township

Primary Trail Connections:
11 - Blue Route Bikeway – Leiper Leiper-Smedley Trail
13 - Ridley Creek Greenway (North)
15 - Blue Route Bikeway – Smedley to Darby Creek

Hub Connections:
Downtown Media
Memorial Park
Mineral Hill County Park
Scott Park
Smedley County Park

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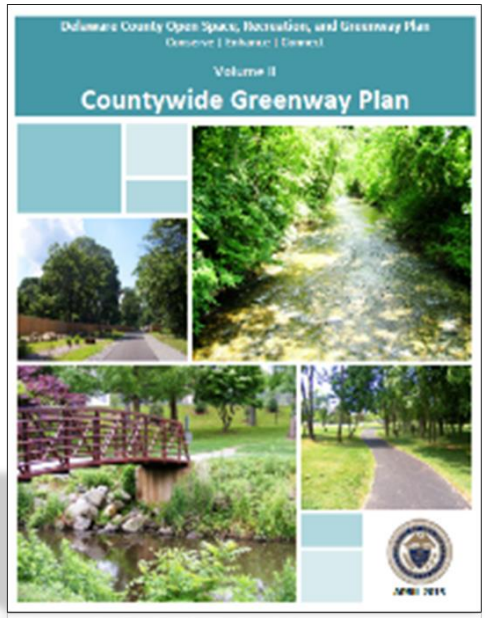
“Primary Trail”



Primary Trails in Delaware County Network

- “Serve as the main spokes in the countywide network of trails.”
- “Can be considered “planning corridors” for more detailed trail studies in the future.” (Plan shows potential segments, but not specific alignments.)
- “Intended to be Type I and Type II (hardsurface) off-road connector trails owned or managed at the County, municipal, or multi-municipal level.”
- If an entirely off-road trail is not feasible, some sections may be sited on sidewalks, roadsides, and/or roadway
- Should meet ADA standards, where feasible

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Trail Status

Media-Smedley Connector Trail

- General corridor has been identified but not further studied
- Corridor was studied for feasibility, and alignment or study is in progress
- Detailed design and construction documents in progress or complete
- Is currently under construction
- Trail is open!

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Background:

Tasks
& Public Meetings

Project Tasks

- Fieldwork
- Study Committee Meetings
- Public Meetings (3)
- Interviews/Focus Group
- Report Development

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Public Meetings

- Public Meeting #1:

  Presented the scope of work and benefits of the trail.
  Obtained feedback on alternative alignments for the trail, potential user destinations, and trail usage.

- Public Meeting #2 (*THIS MEETING*):

  Presentation of the current draft trail alignment and potential design for each segment of the trail.

- Public Meeting #3:

  Summary of the Feasibility Study report and implementation strategy (phasing, estimated cost, and roles).

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Draft Trail Alignment & Design Recommendations

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Media-Smedley Trail Feasibility Study

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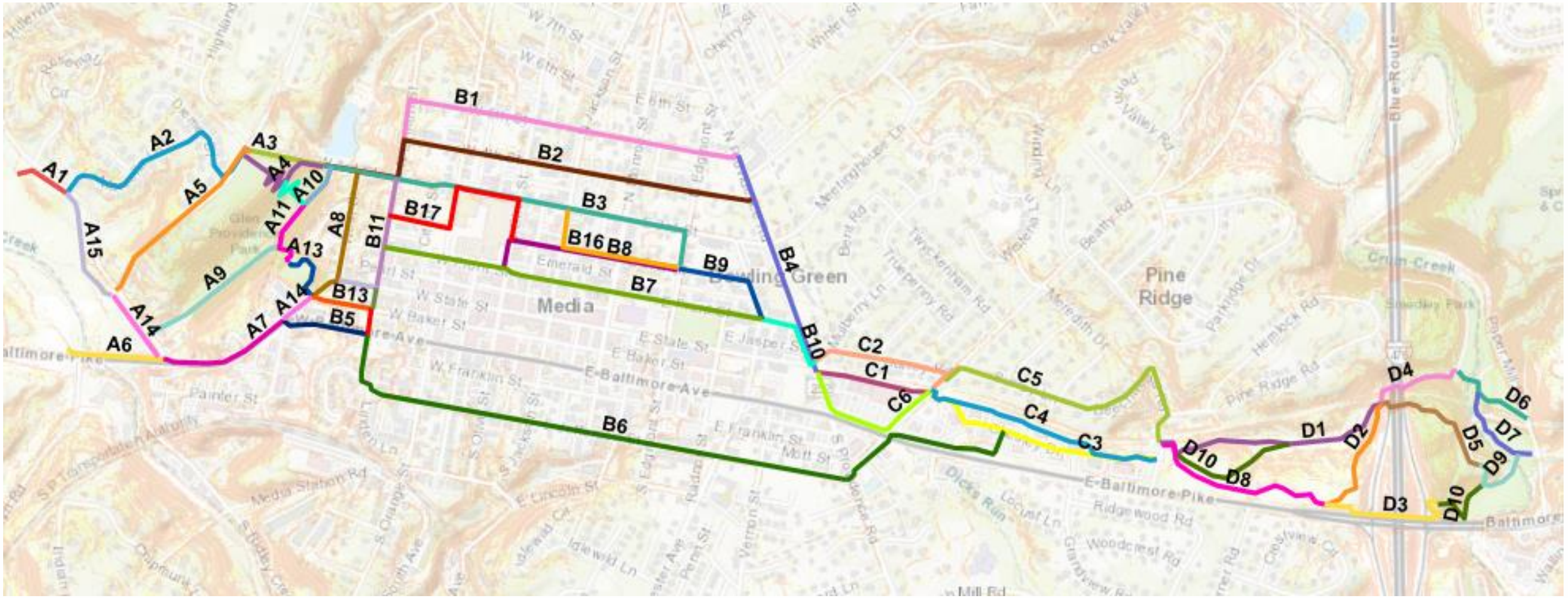

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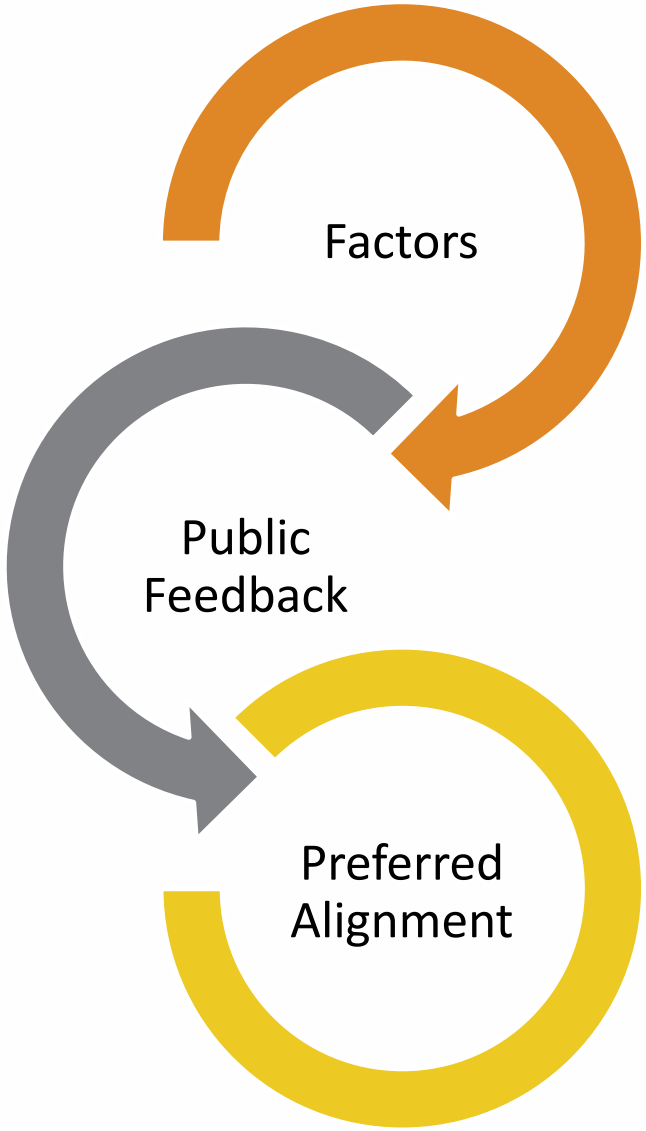
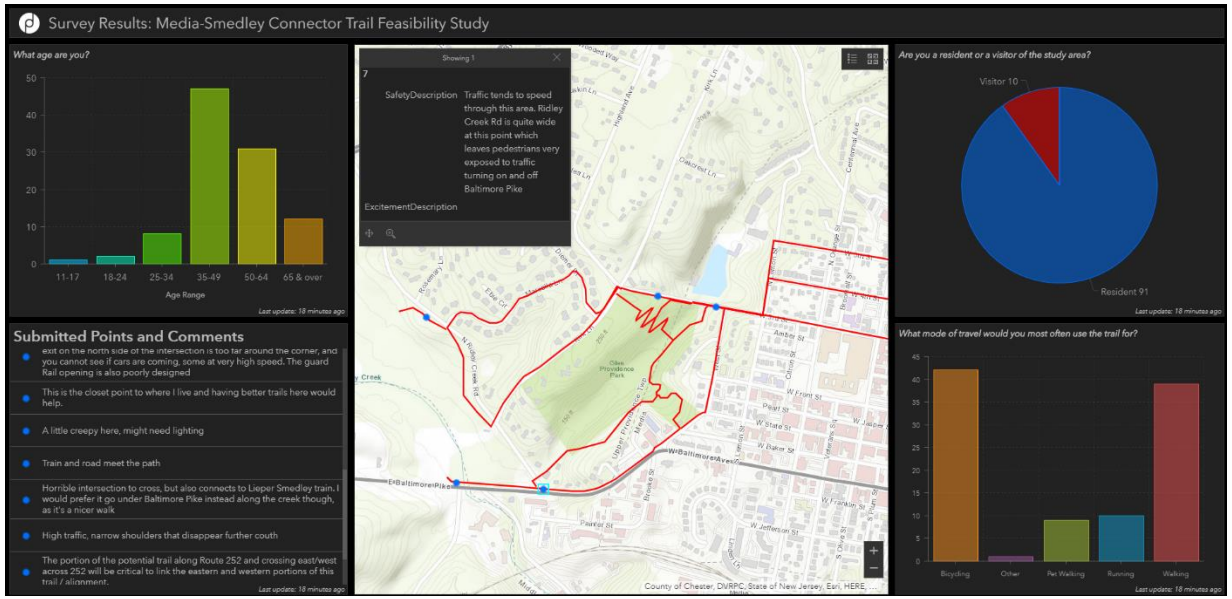


- Off-Road vs. On-Road
  - If On-Road: roadway “stress”
- Environmental Impact
- Engineering Feasibility
- Legal Feasibility
- Cost



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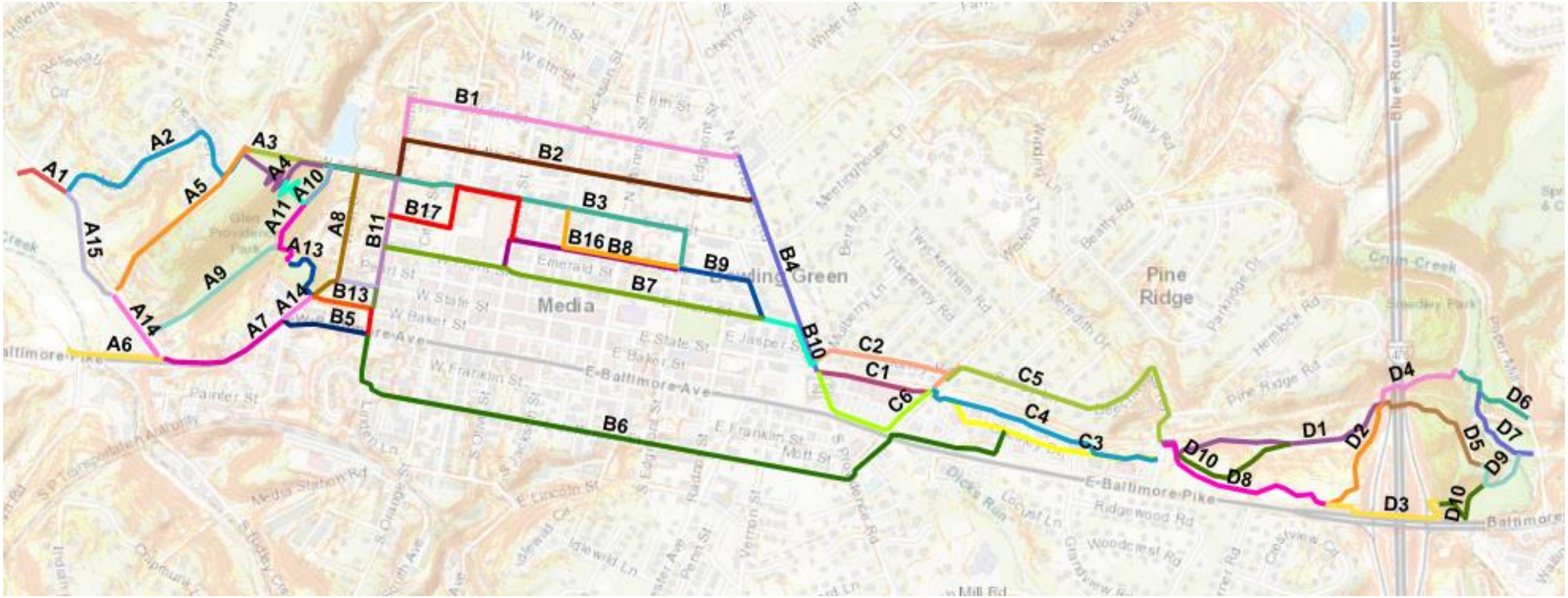

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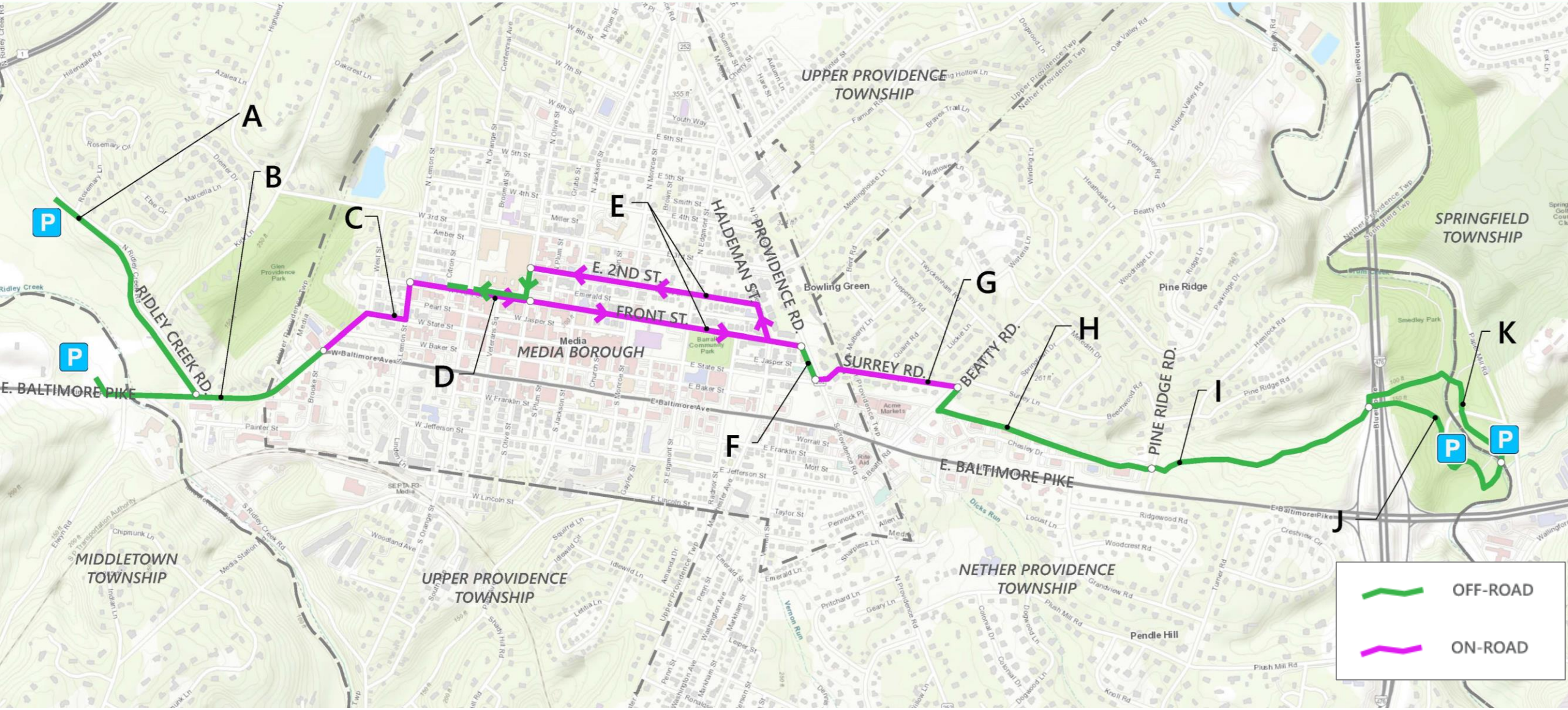

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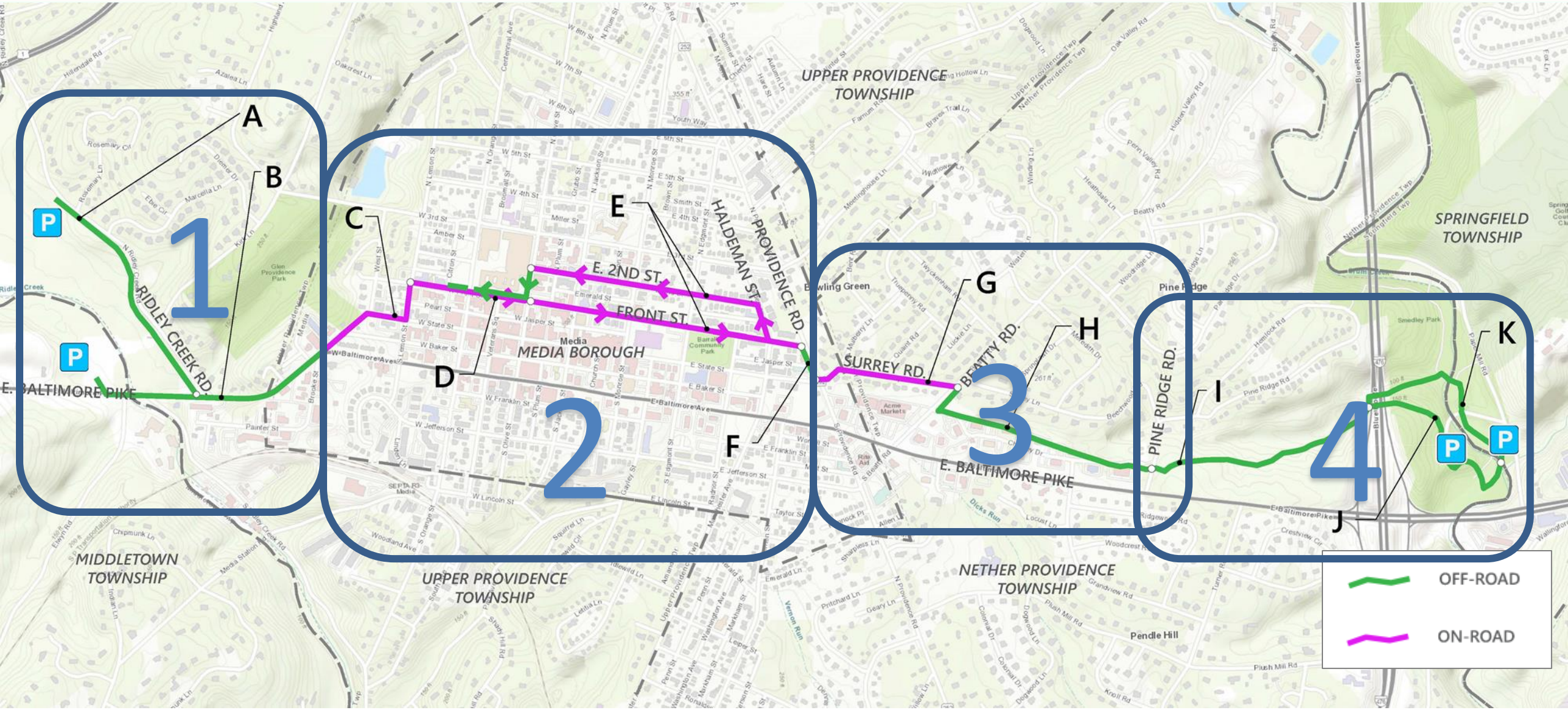

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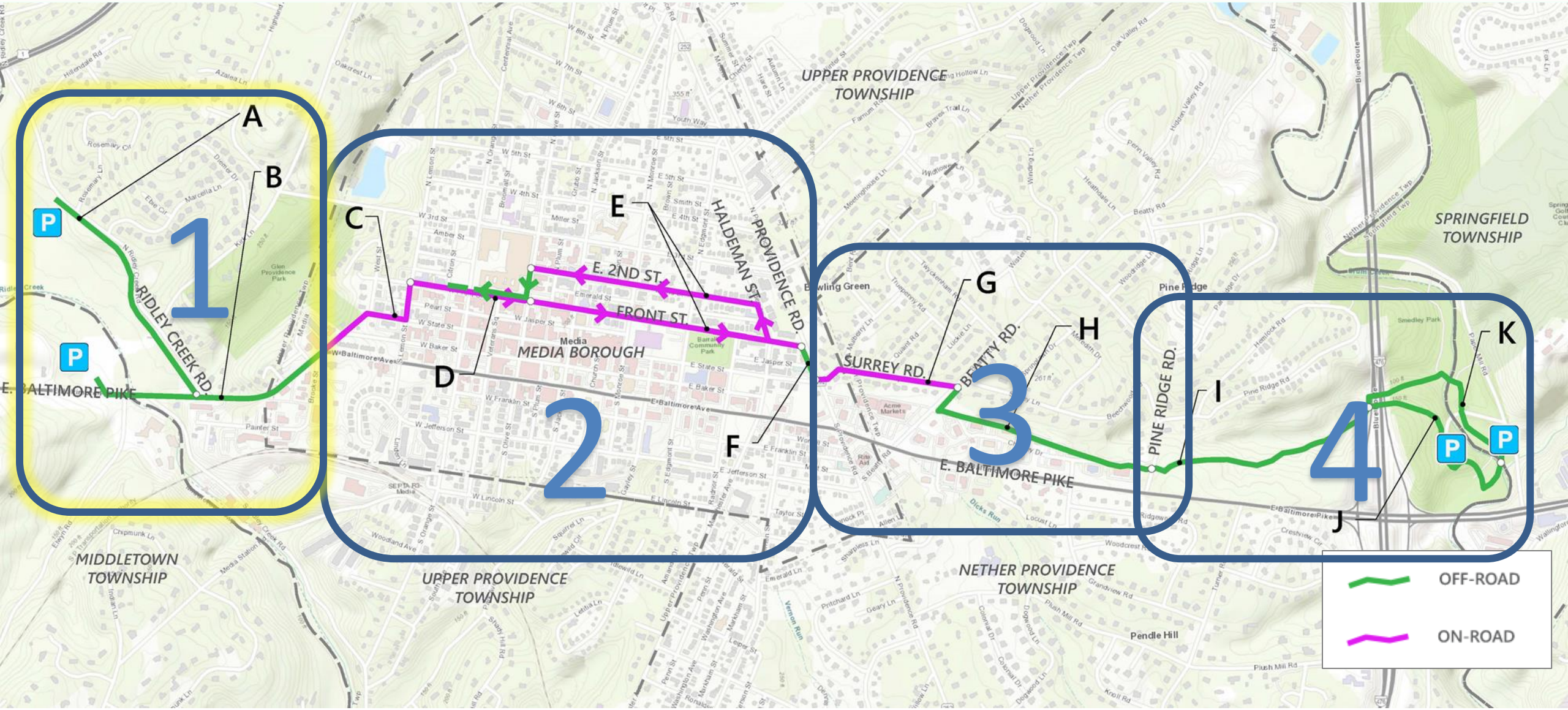

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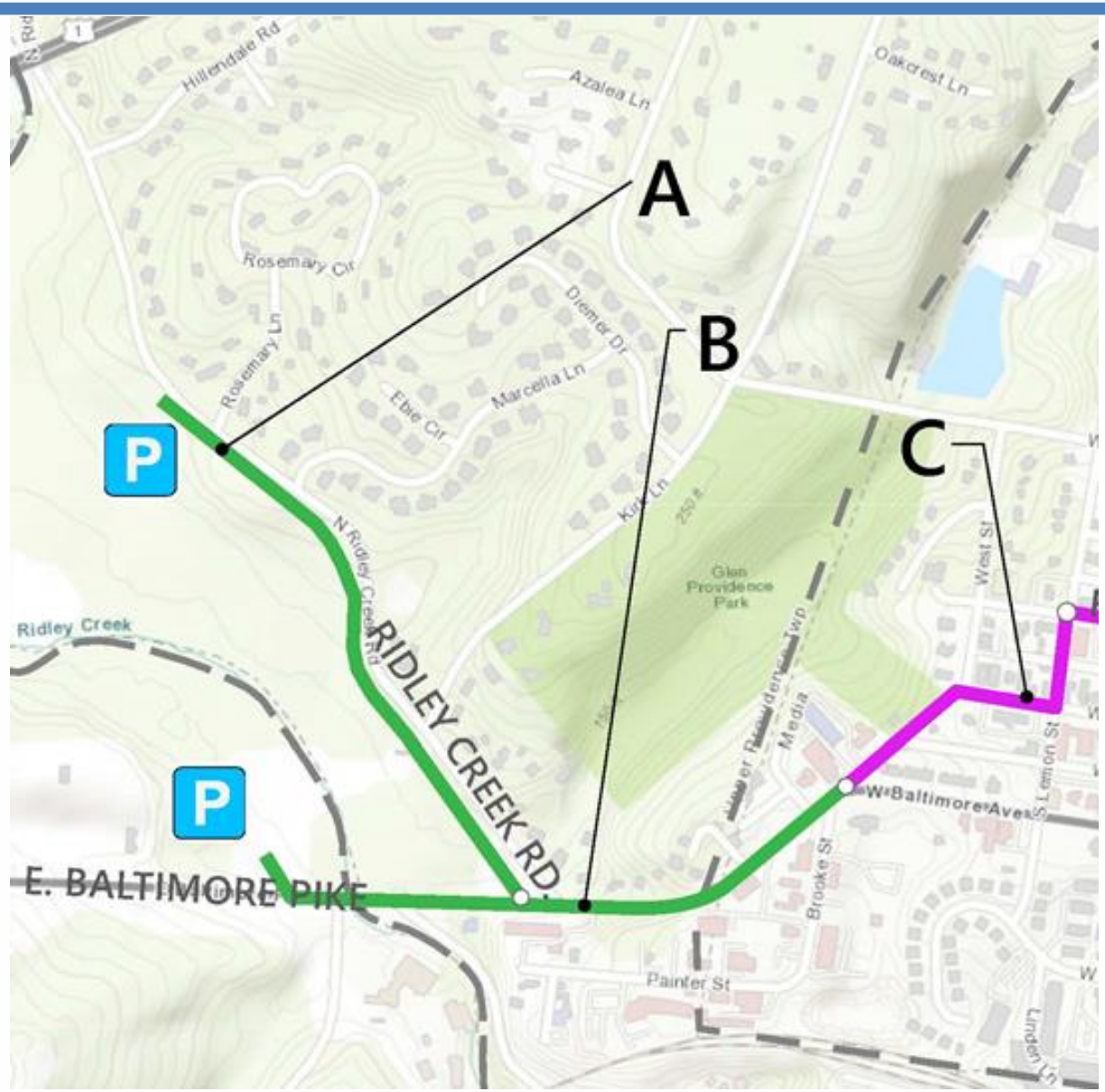

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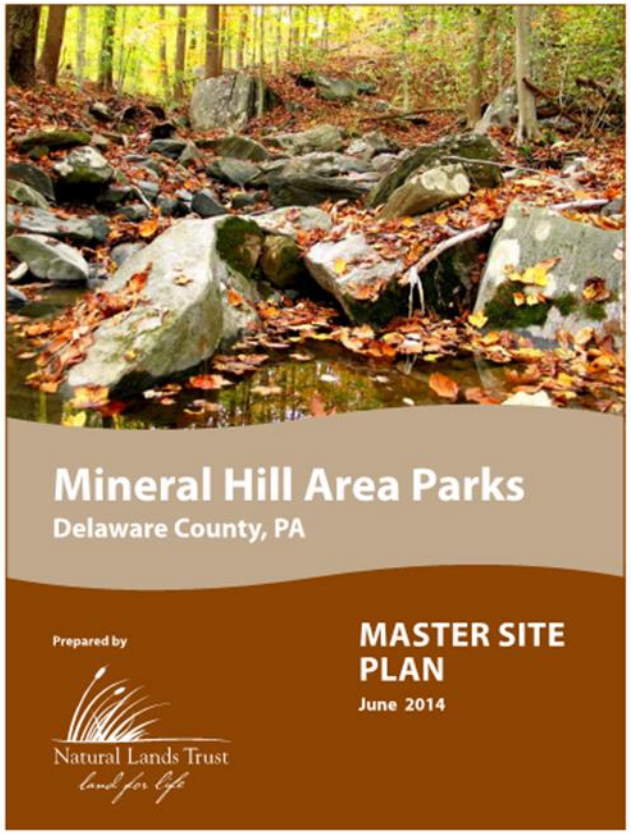

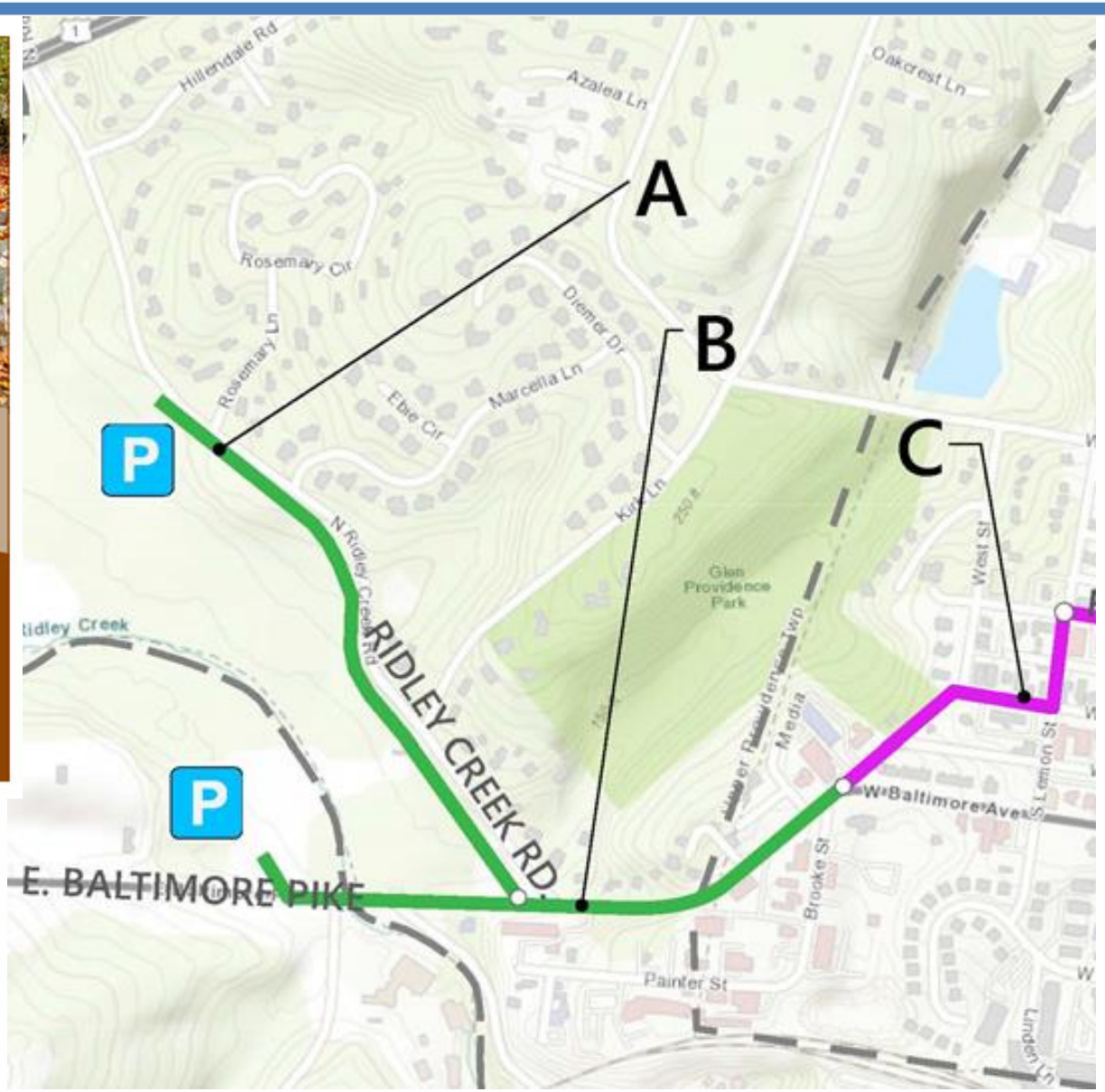

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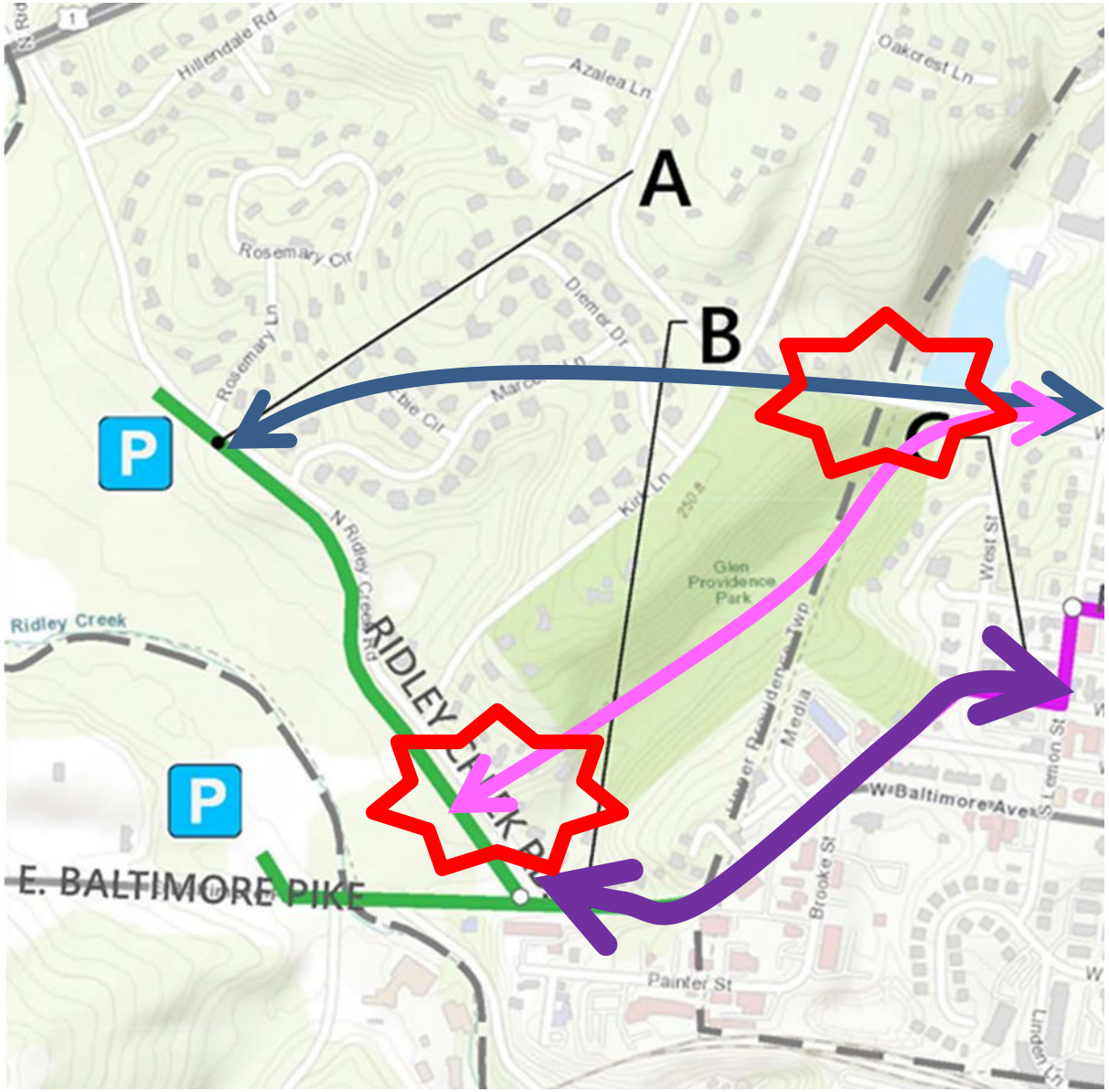

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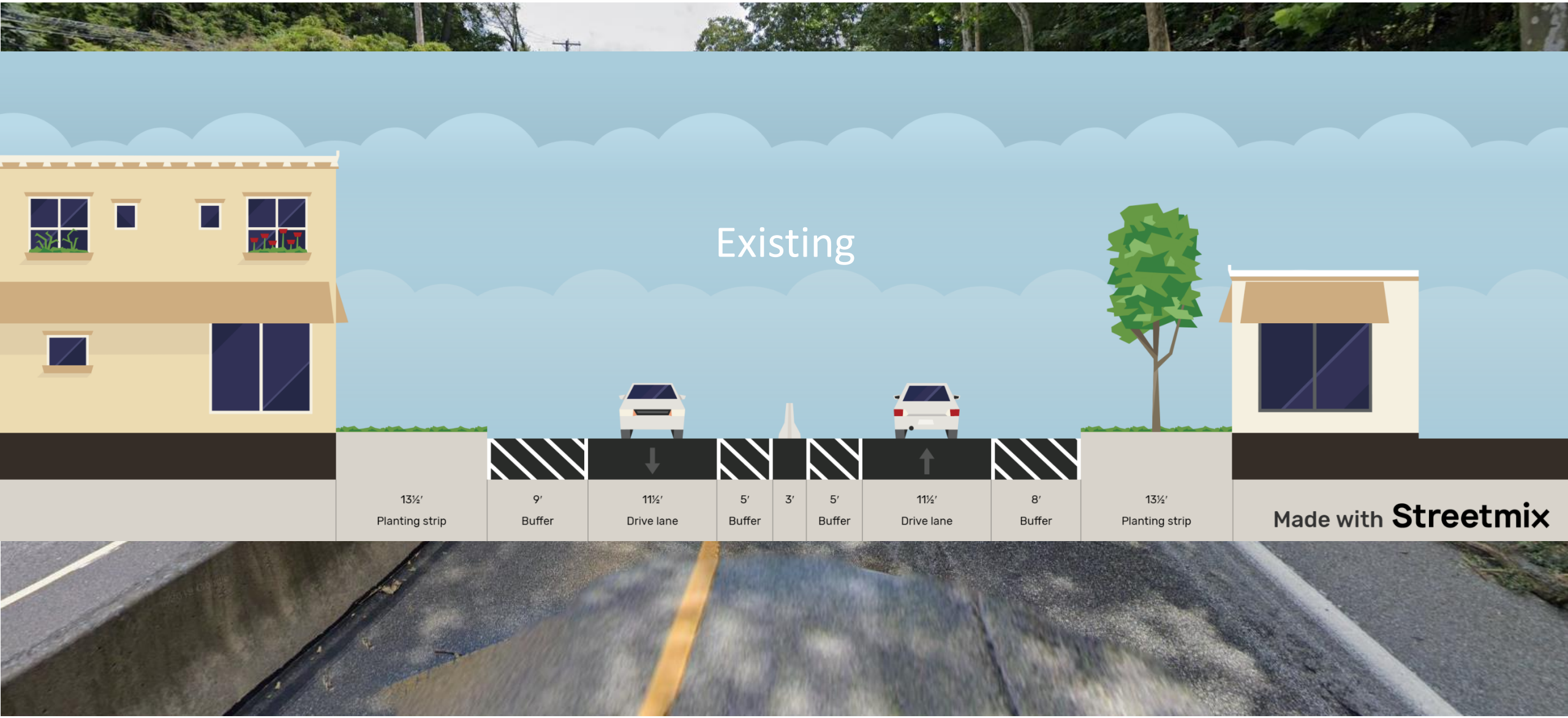

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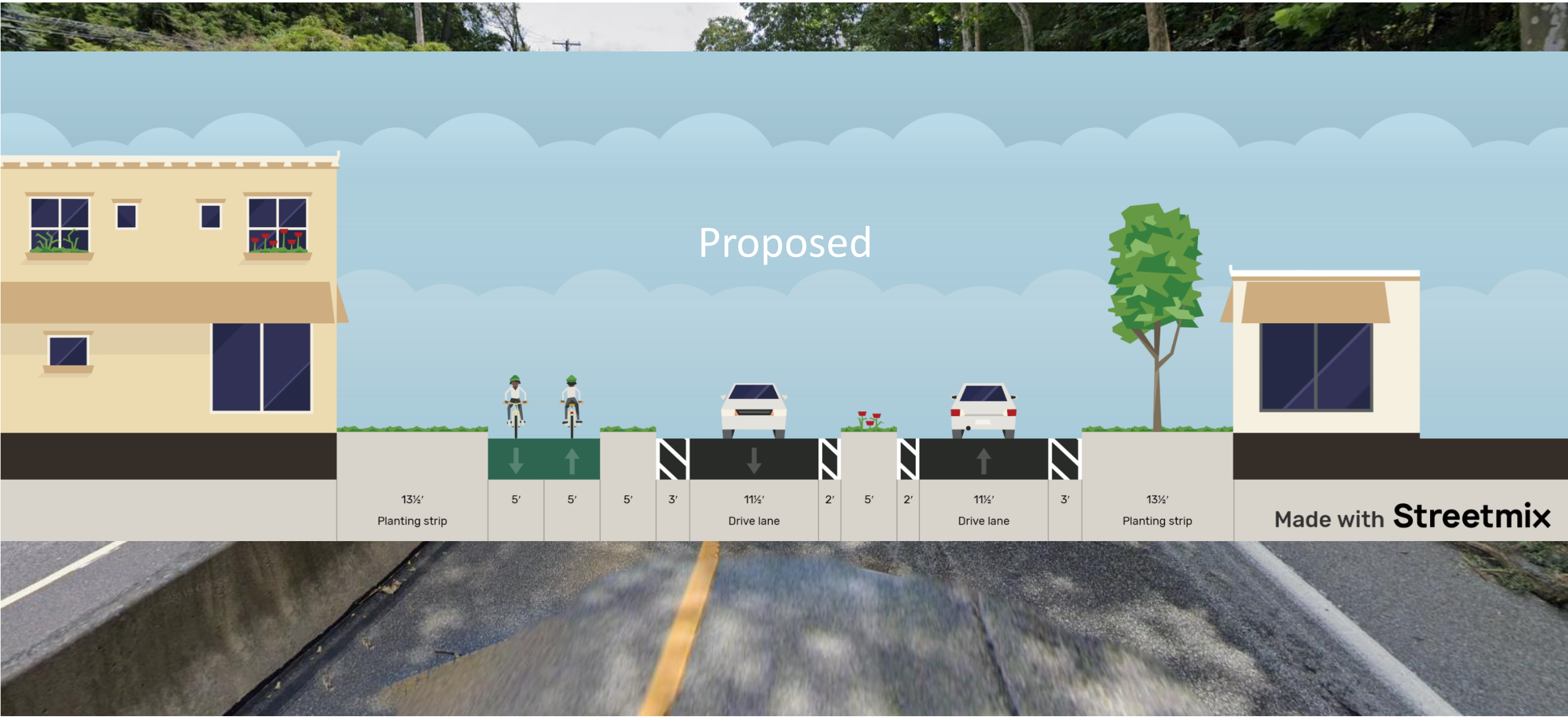

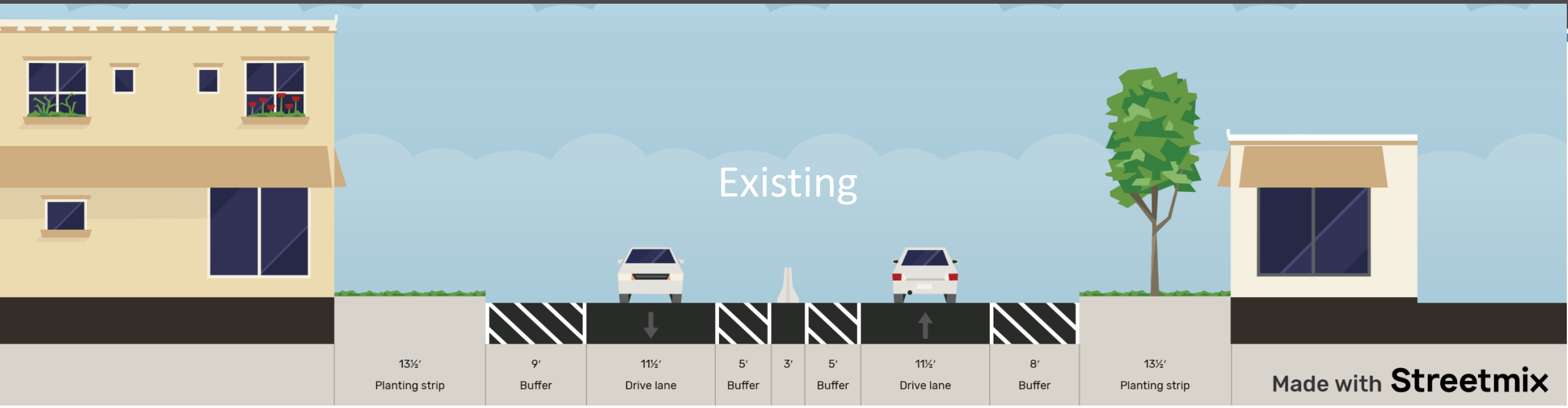
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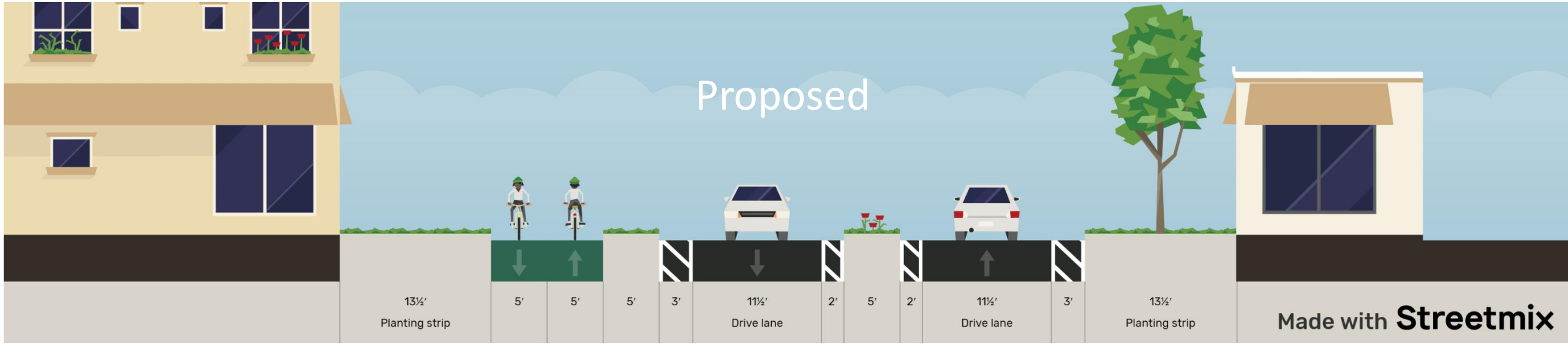
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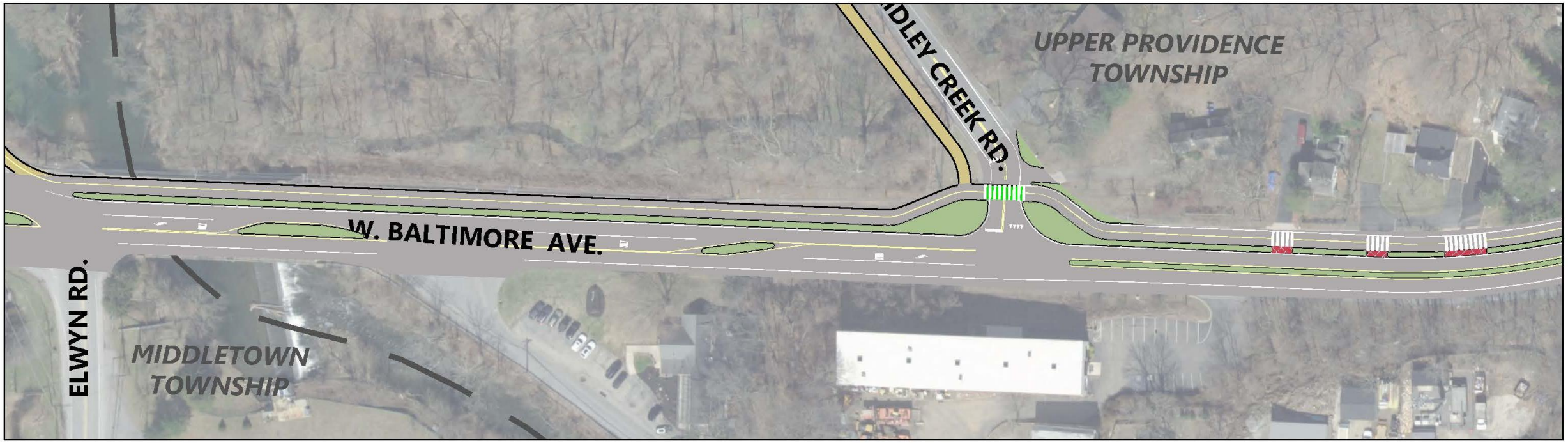

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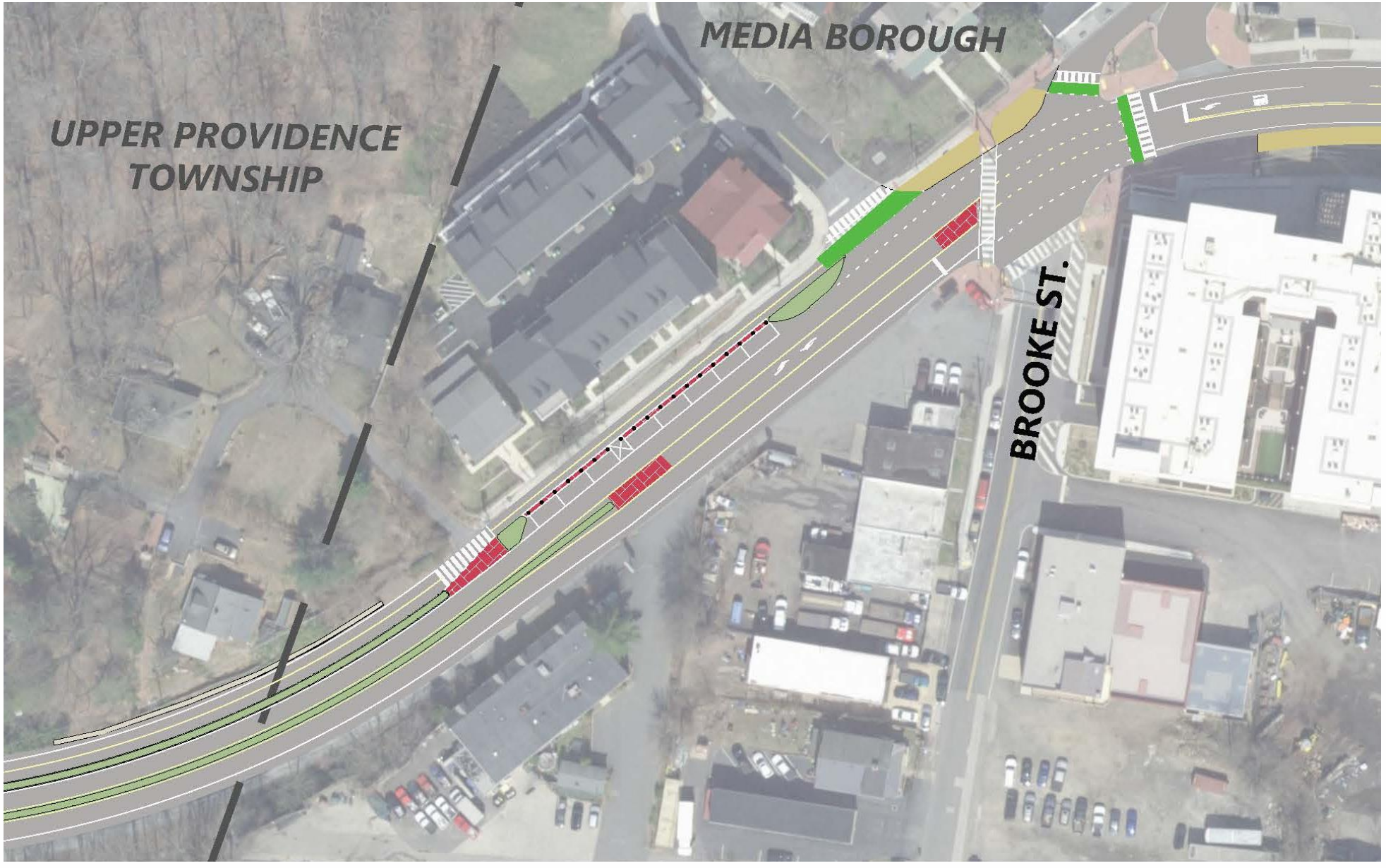

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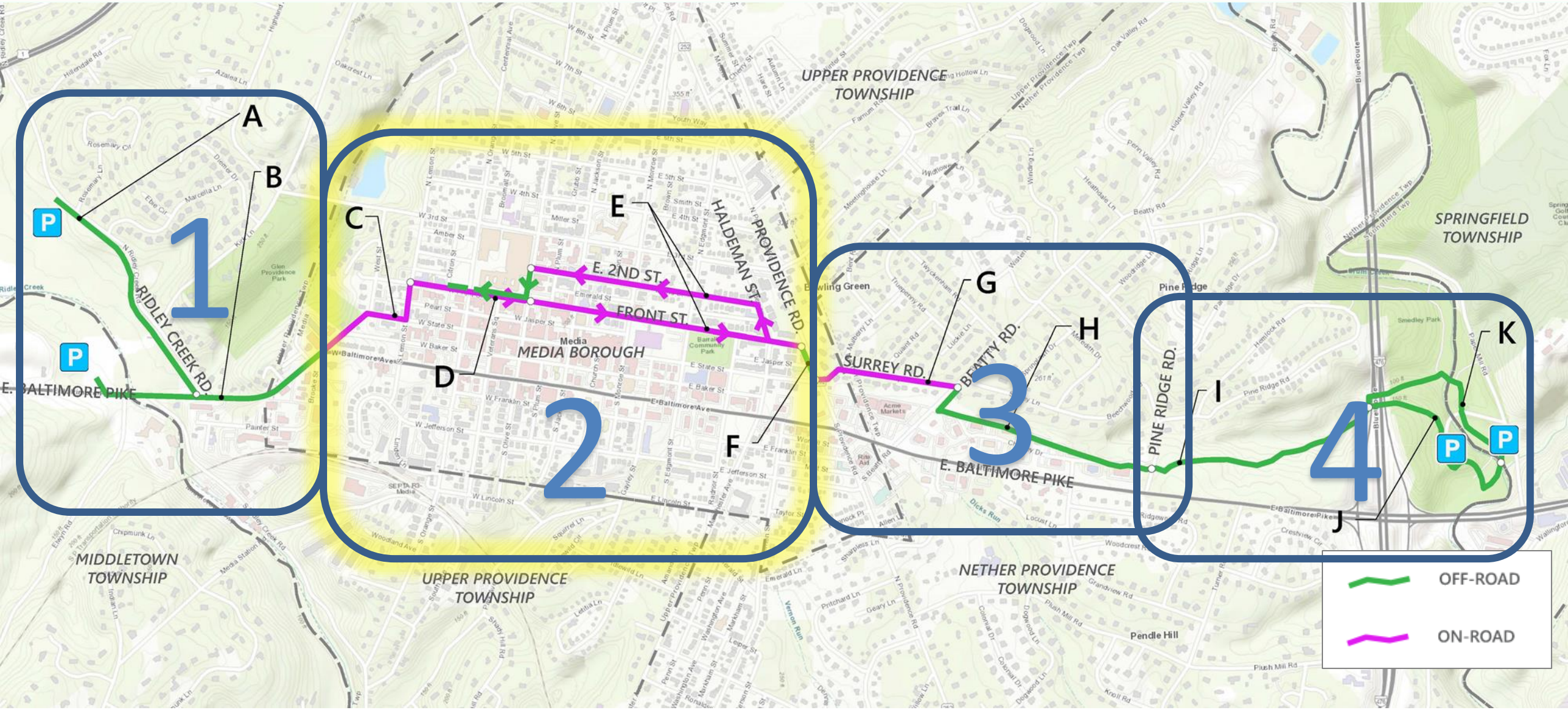

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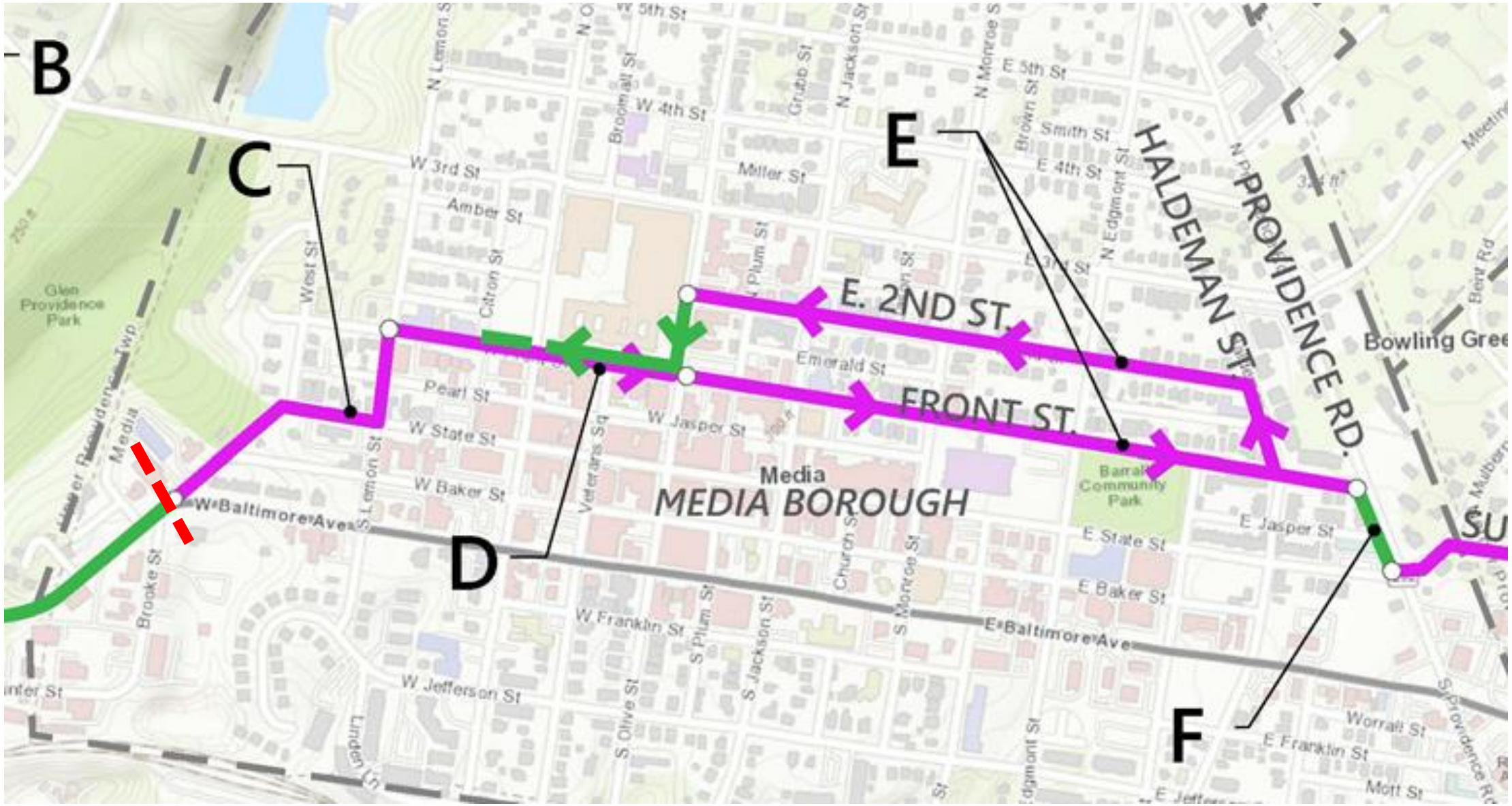

Selecting the On-Road Routing in Media Borough

Media Borough Bike Facility Implementation Plan
Media Borough Environmental Advisory Council
2015/2016 Work Effort
December 1, 2016

Purpose
Media Borough is already a bikeable place, by virtue of its well-connected grid network of streets and its density of destinations. One goal of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is to further improve the bicycling environment in Media and encourage more residents to bicycle by developing an implementation plan for low-cost, short-term improvements to bicycle facilities.

The adopted version of the Borough's updated Comprehensive Plan includes concept-level recommendations for a network of in-street bicycle facilities and expanded bicycle parking.

Bicycle parking throughout the borough has recently been expanded through collaborations between borough staff, the EAC, the Delaware County TMA, and the Bike Delaware County chapter of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. As a result, the focus of this plan is on in-street bicycle corridors and connections, rather than bicycle parking.

Sharrow on Front Street

Selecting the On-Road Routing in Media Borough

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Milwaukee, WI

On-Road Striping, Wayfinding, Branding

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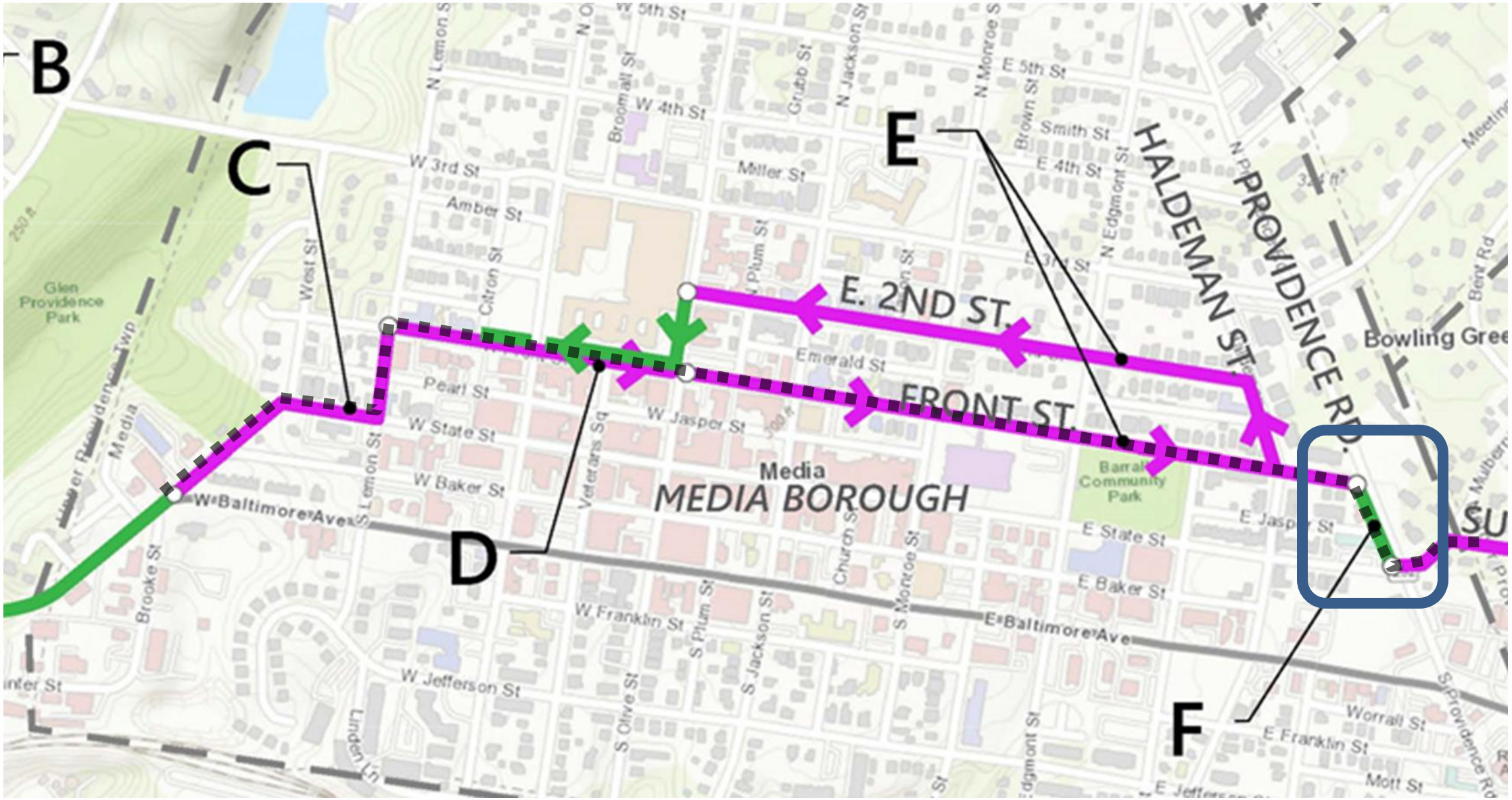

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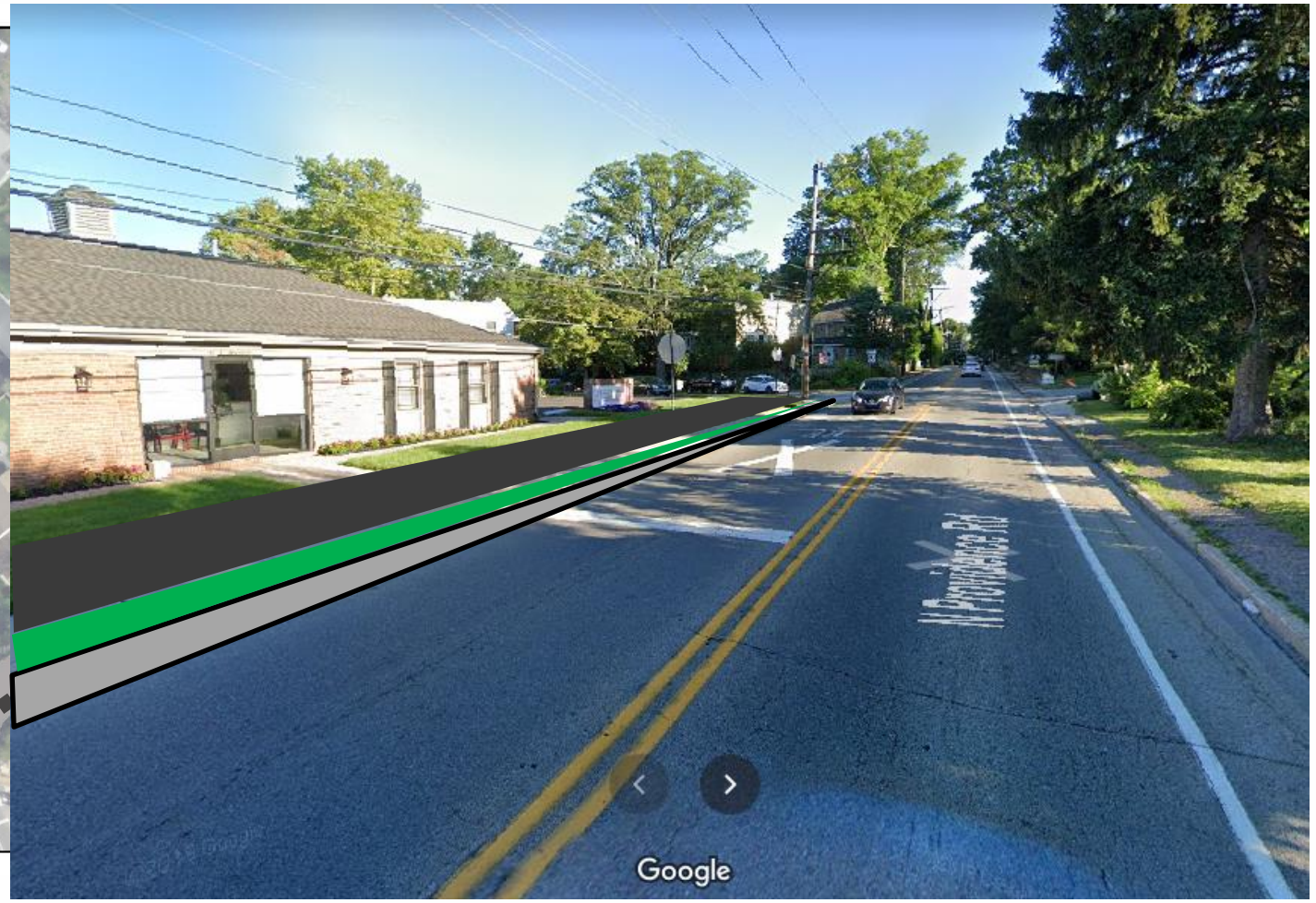

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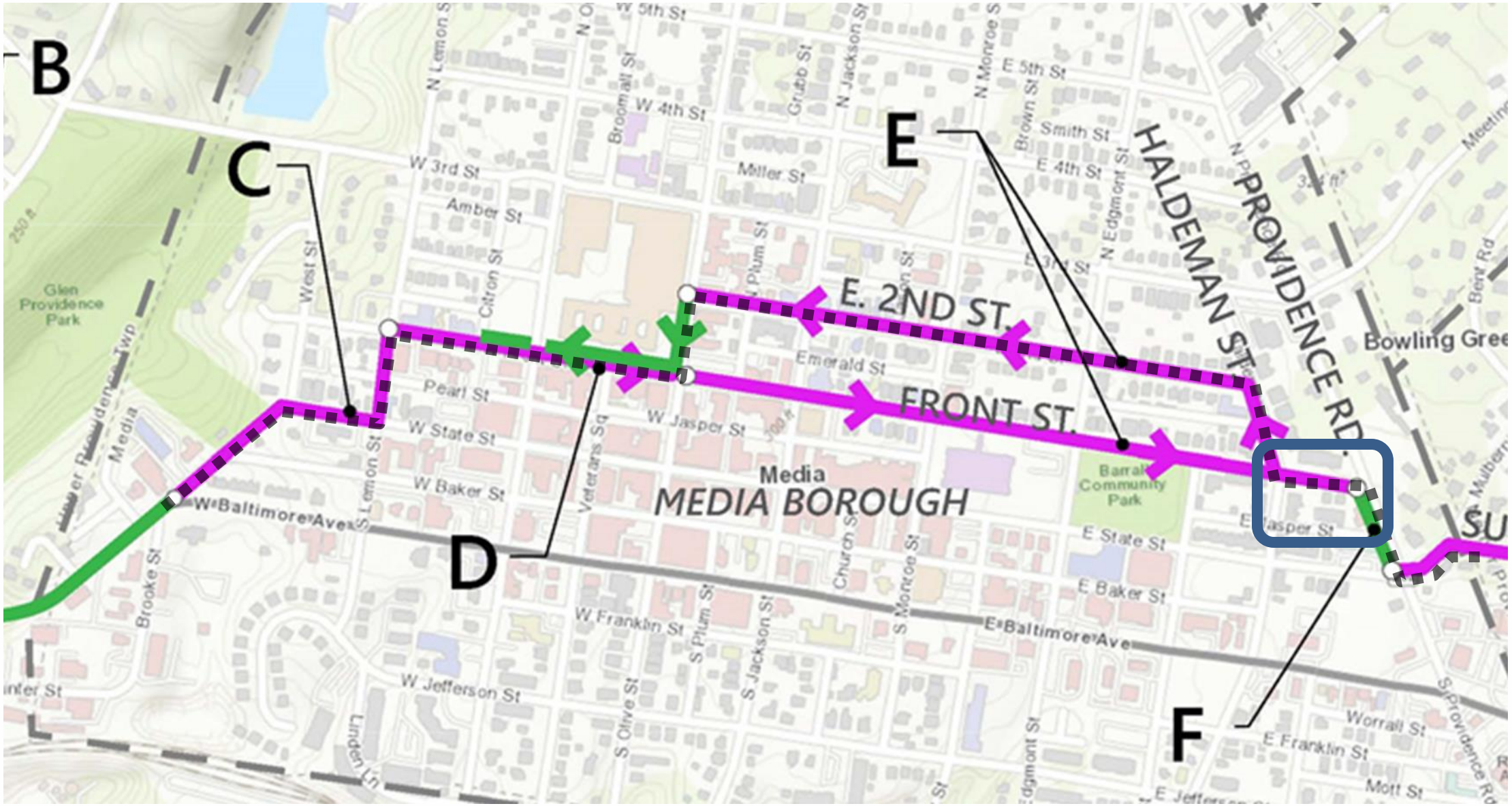

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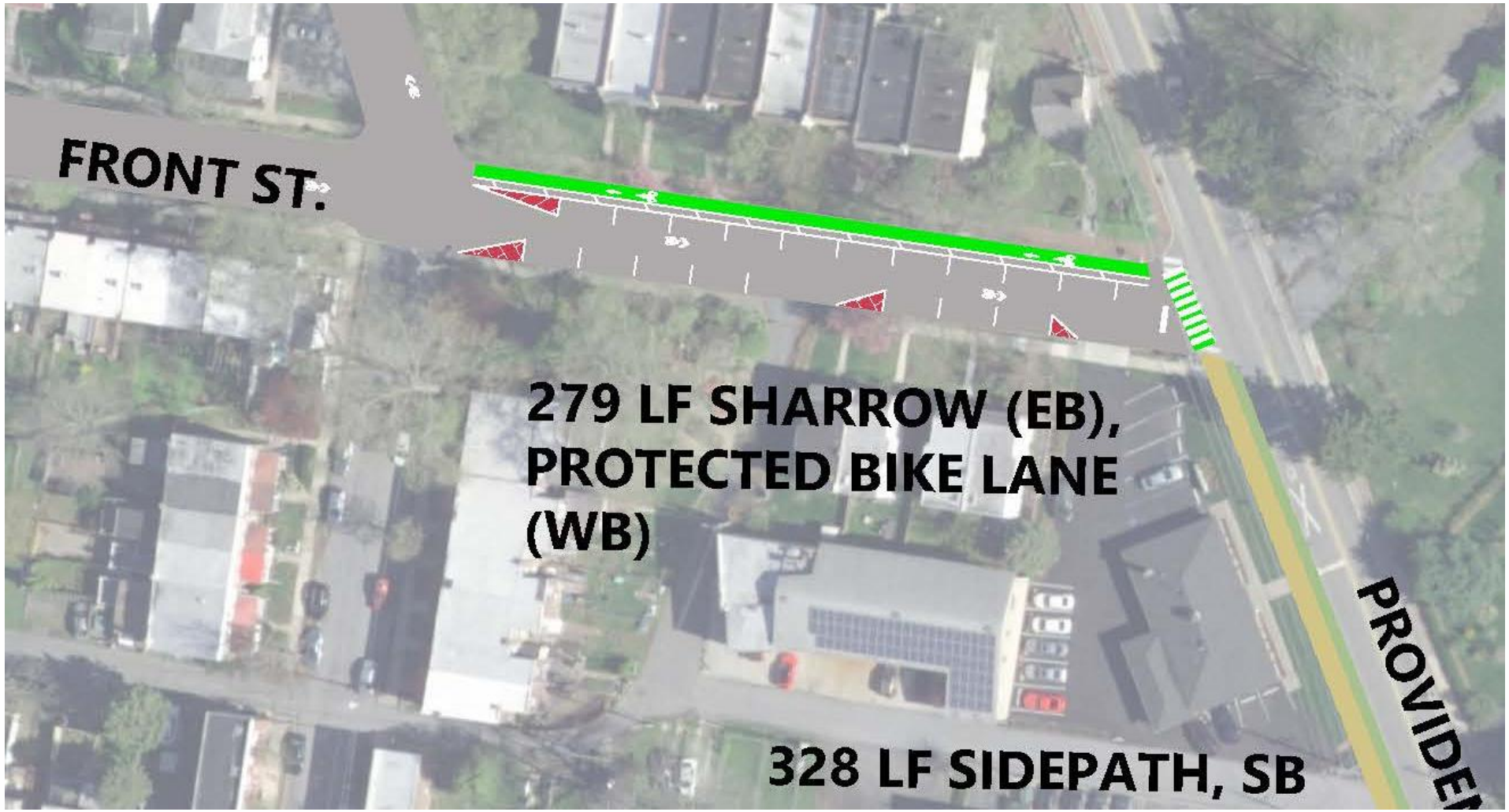

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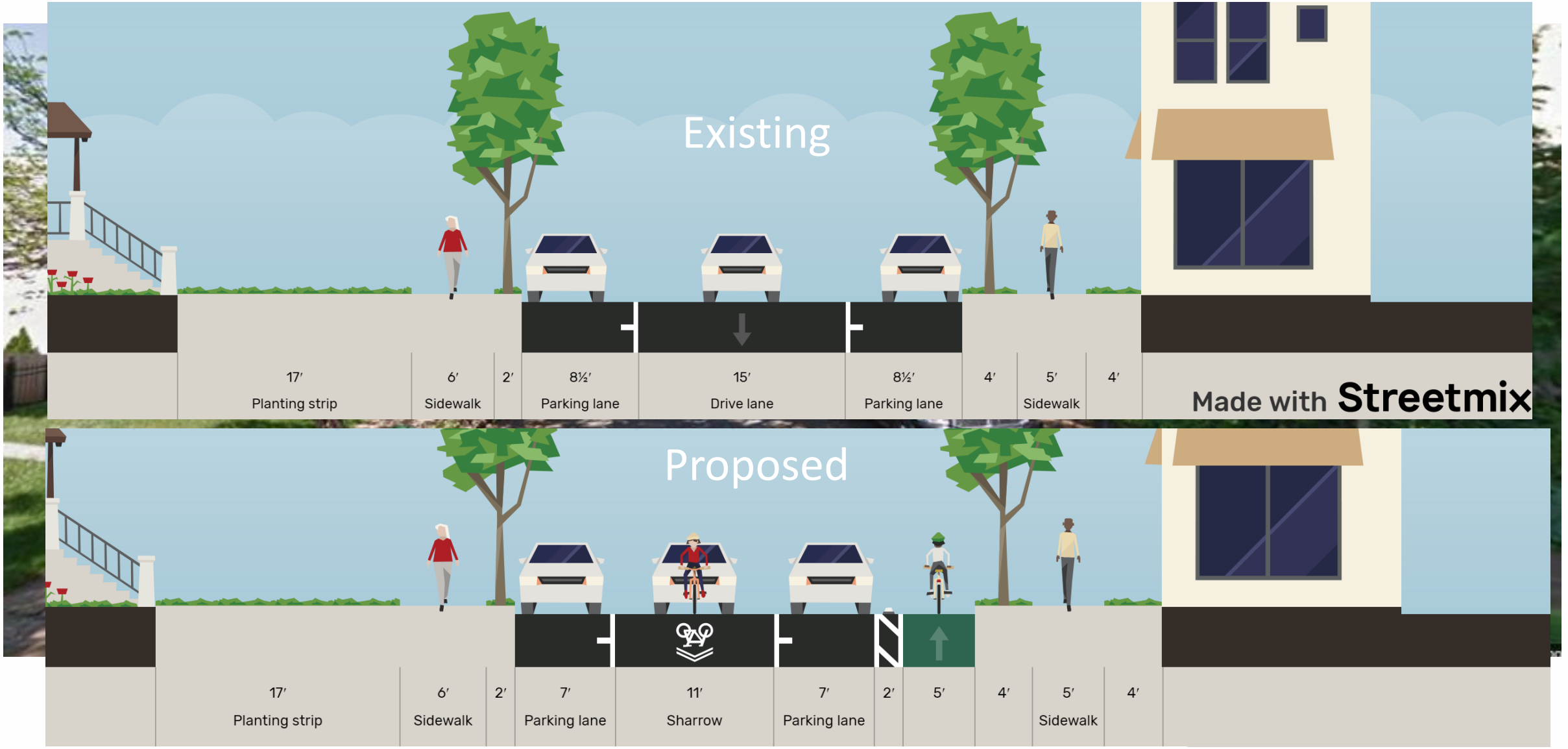

Contra-flow Bike Lane Examples

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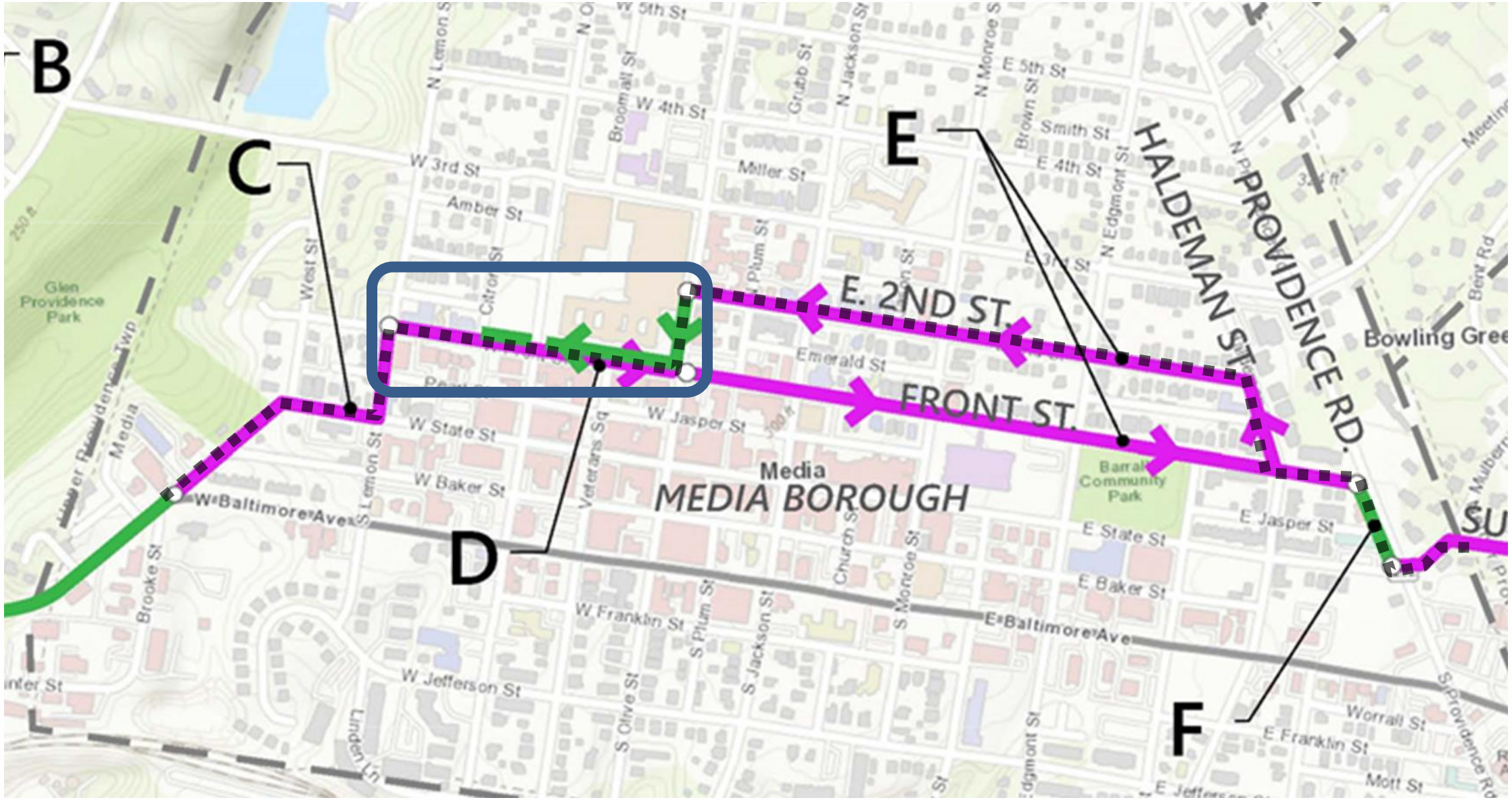

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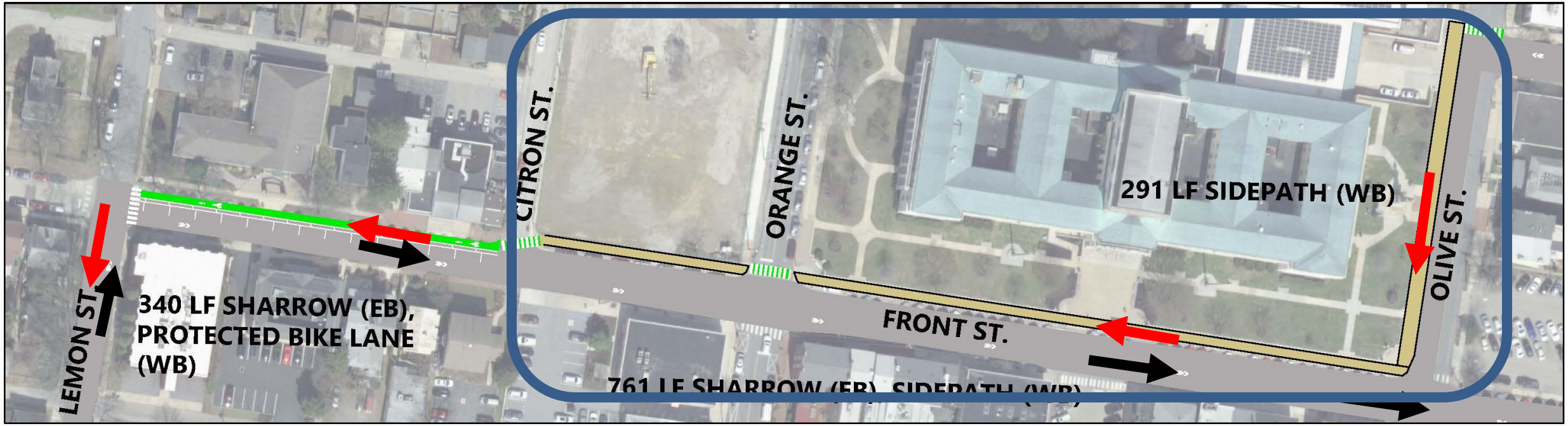

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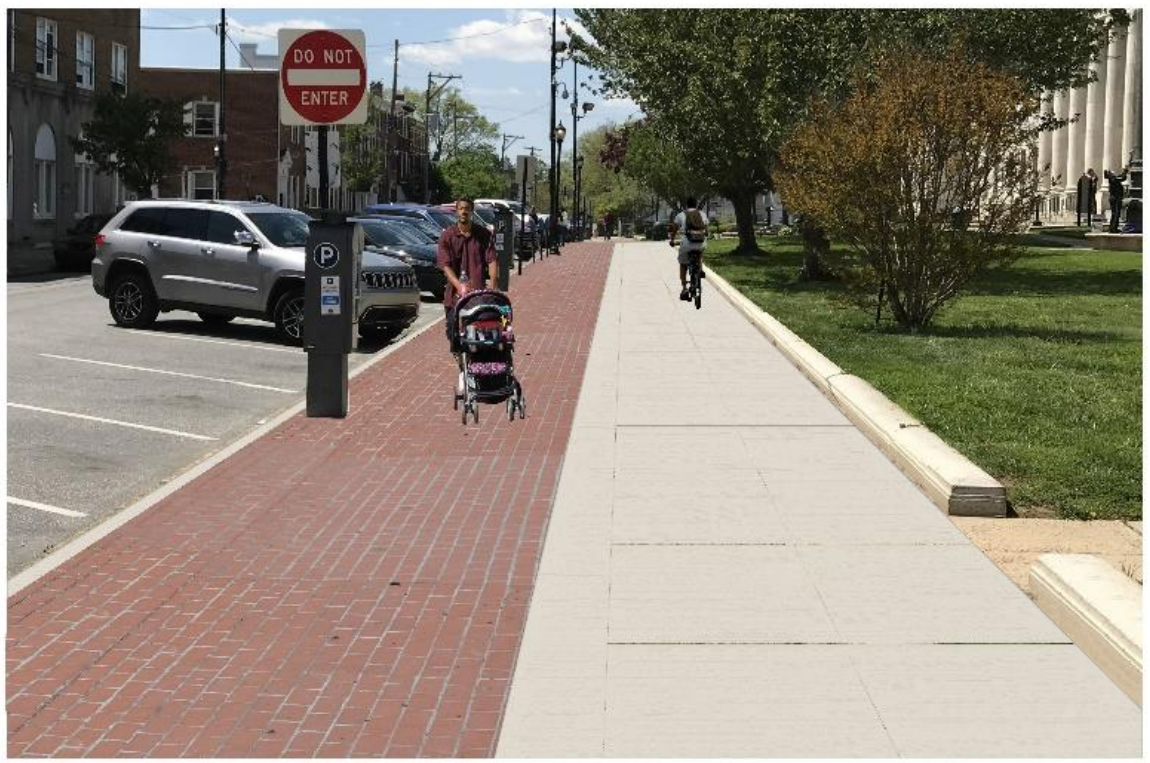

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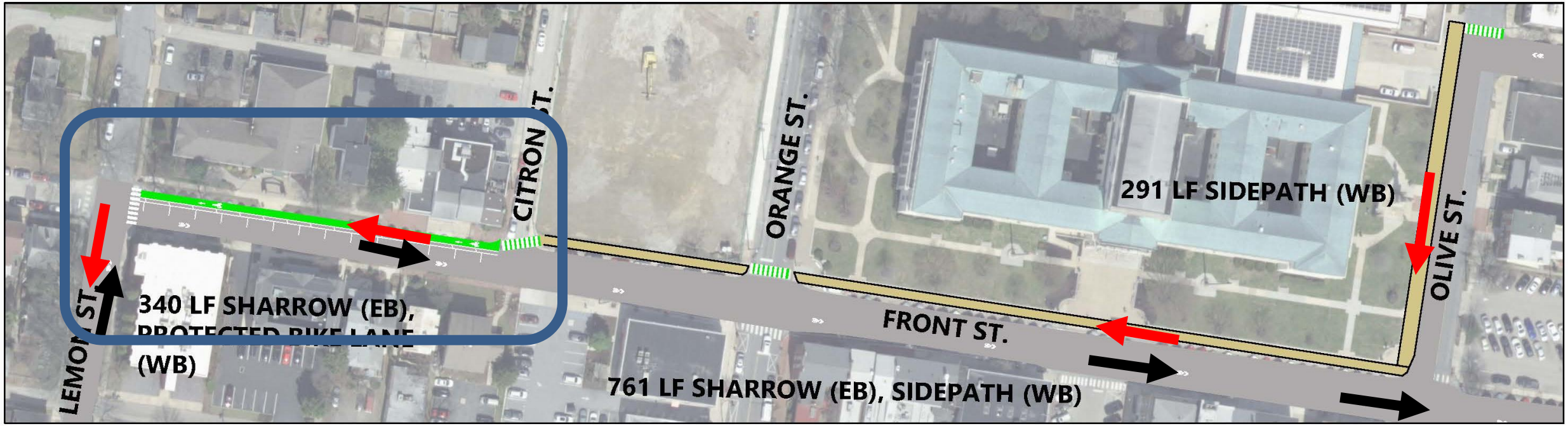

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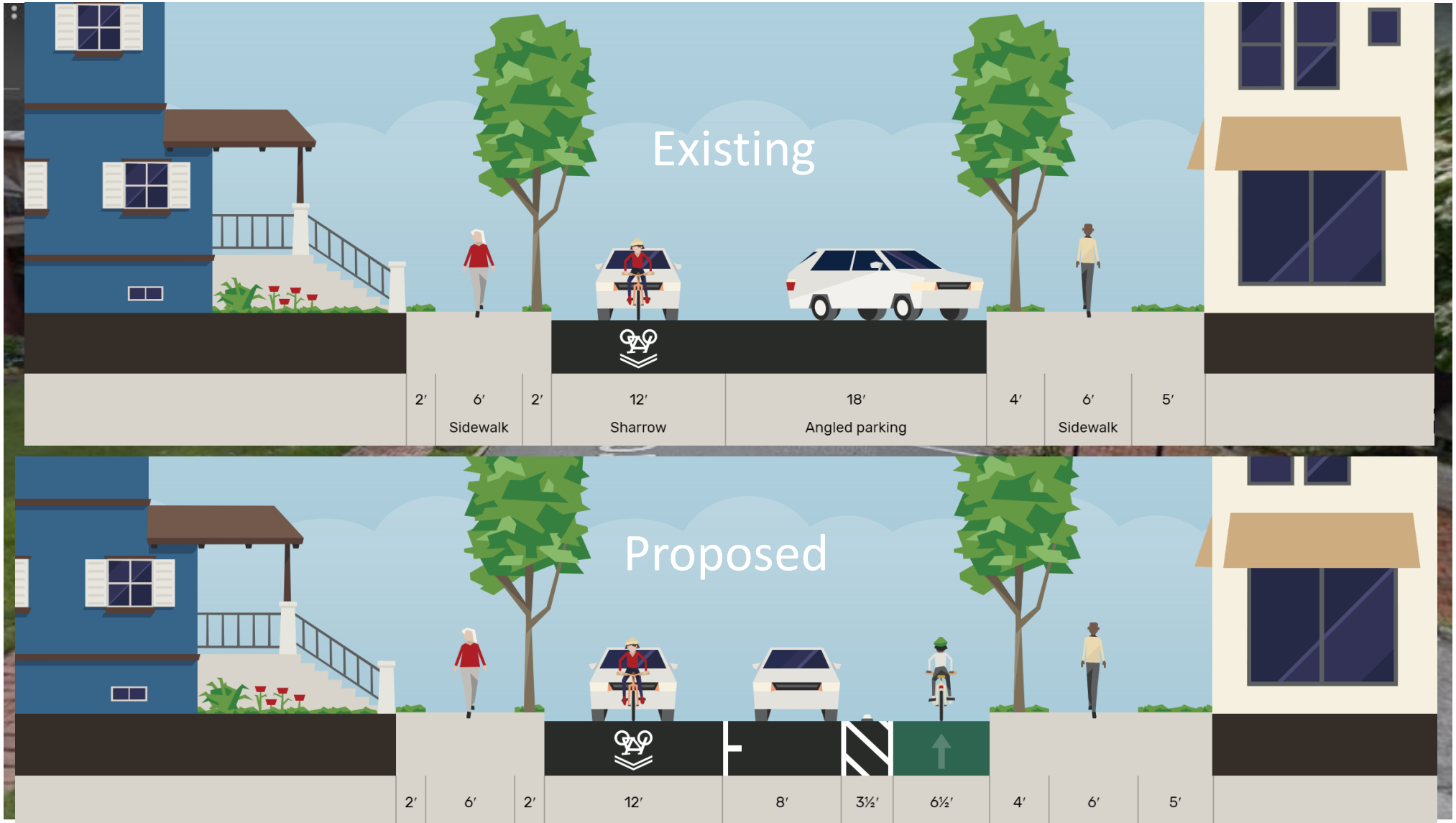

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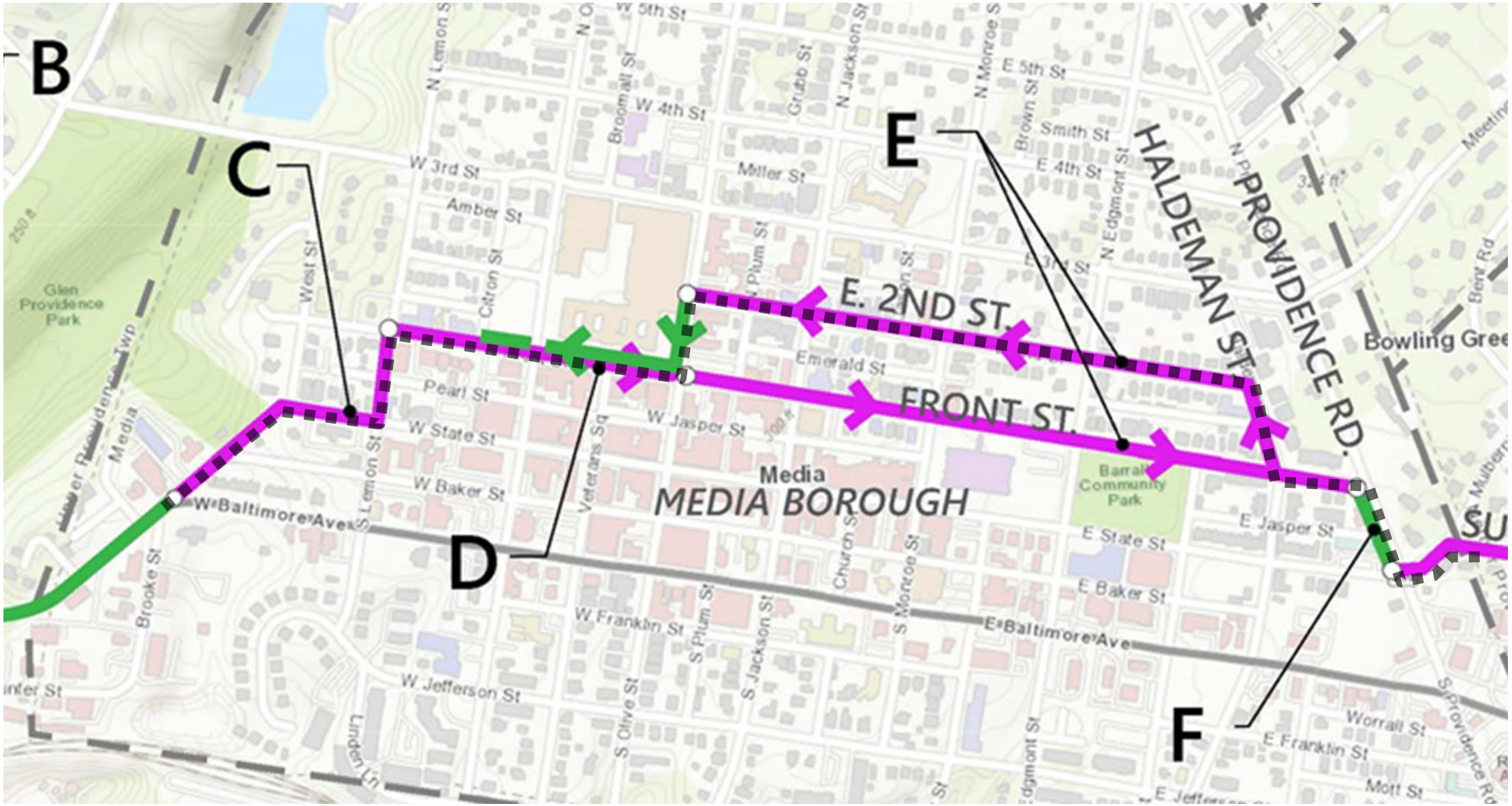

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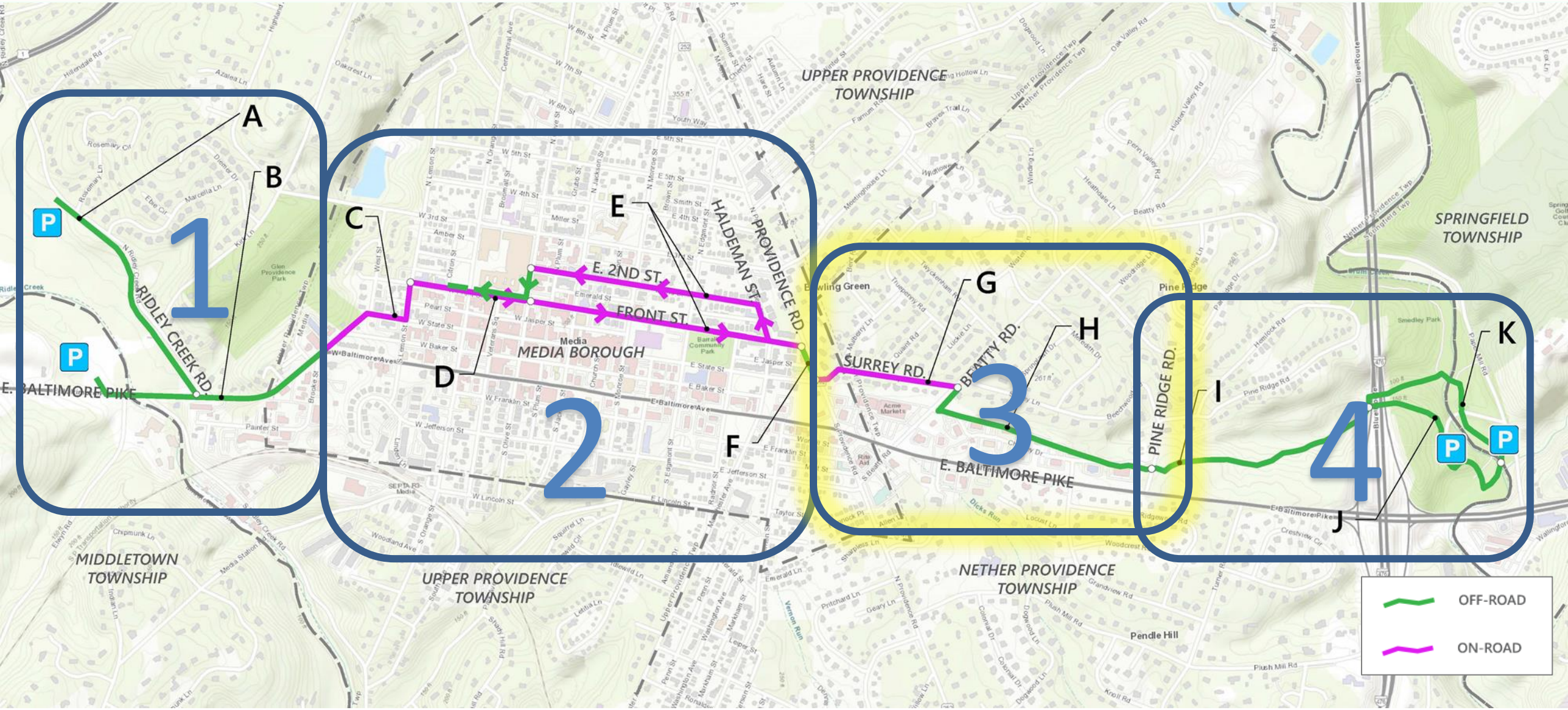

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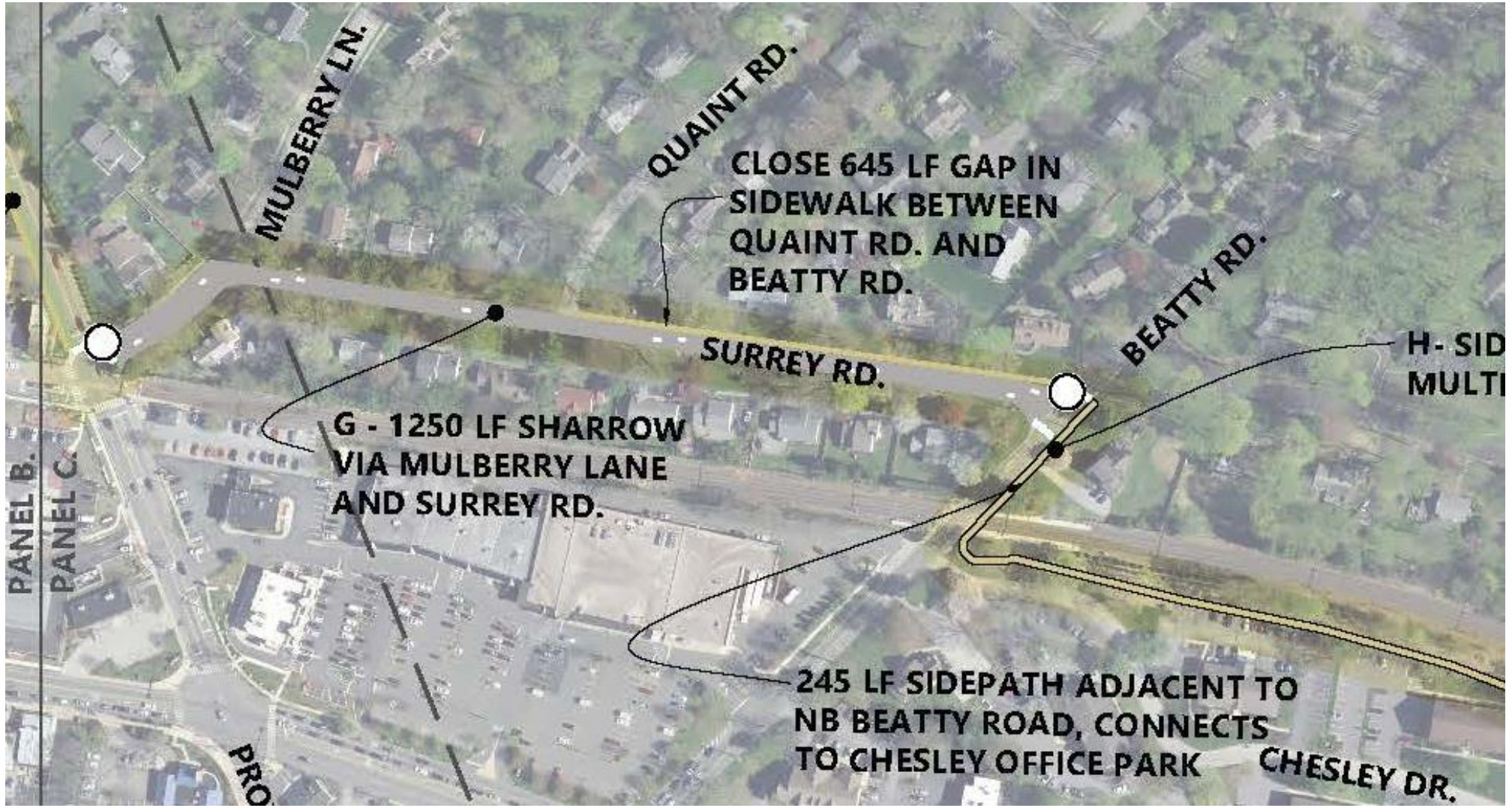

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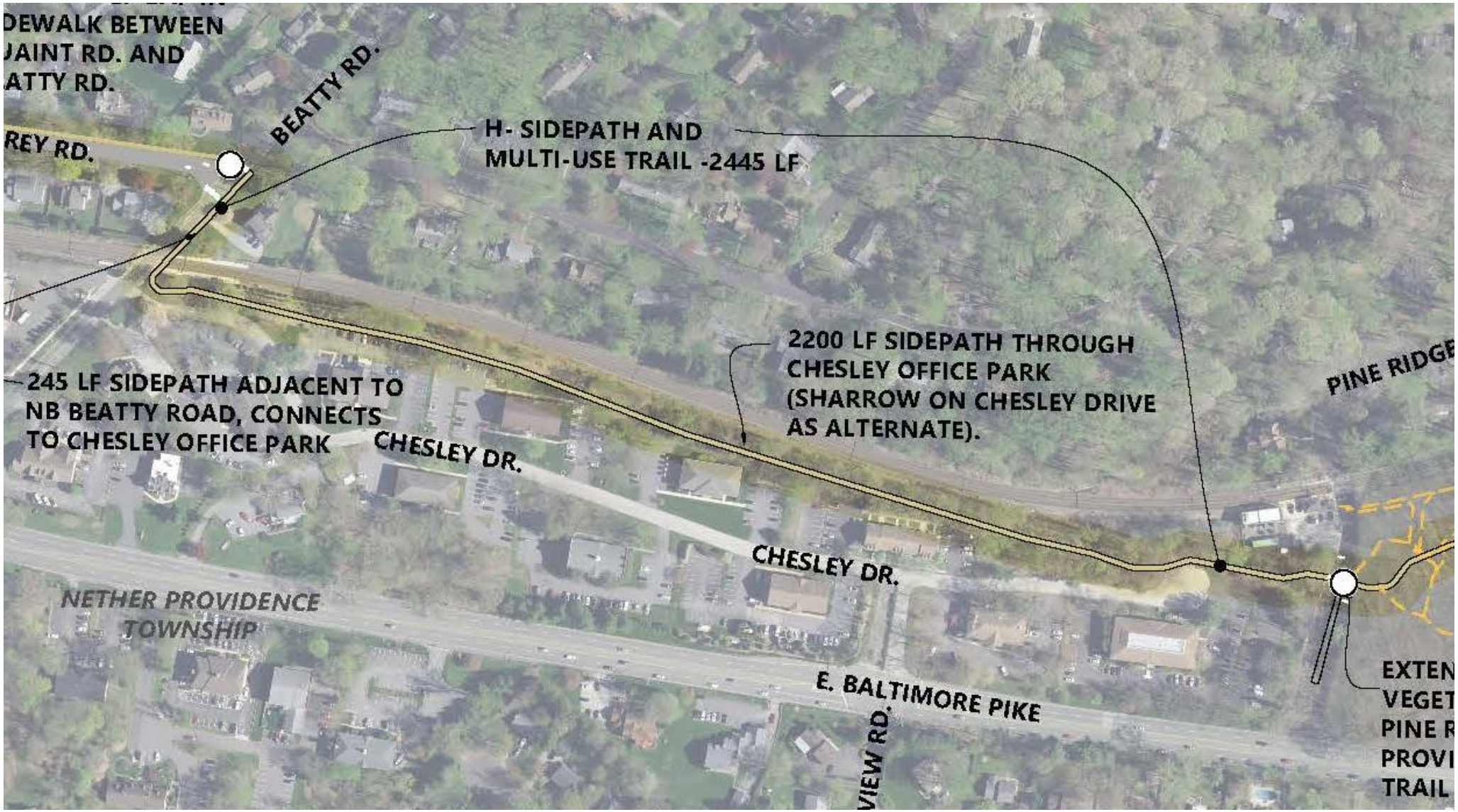

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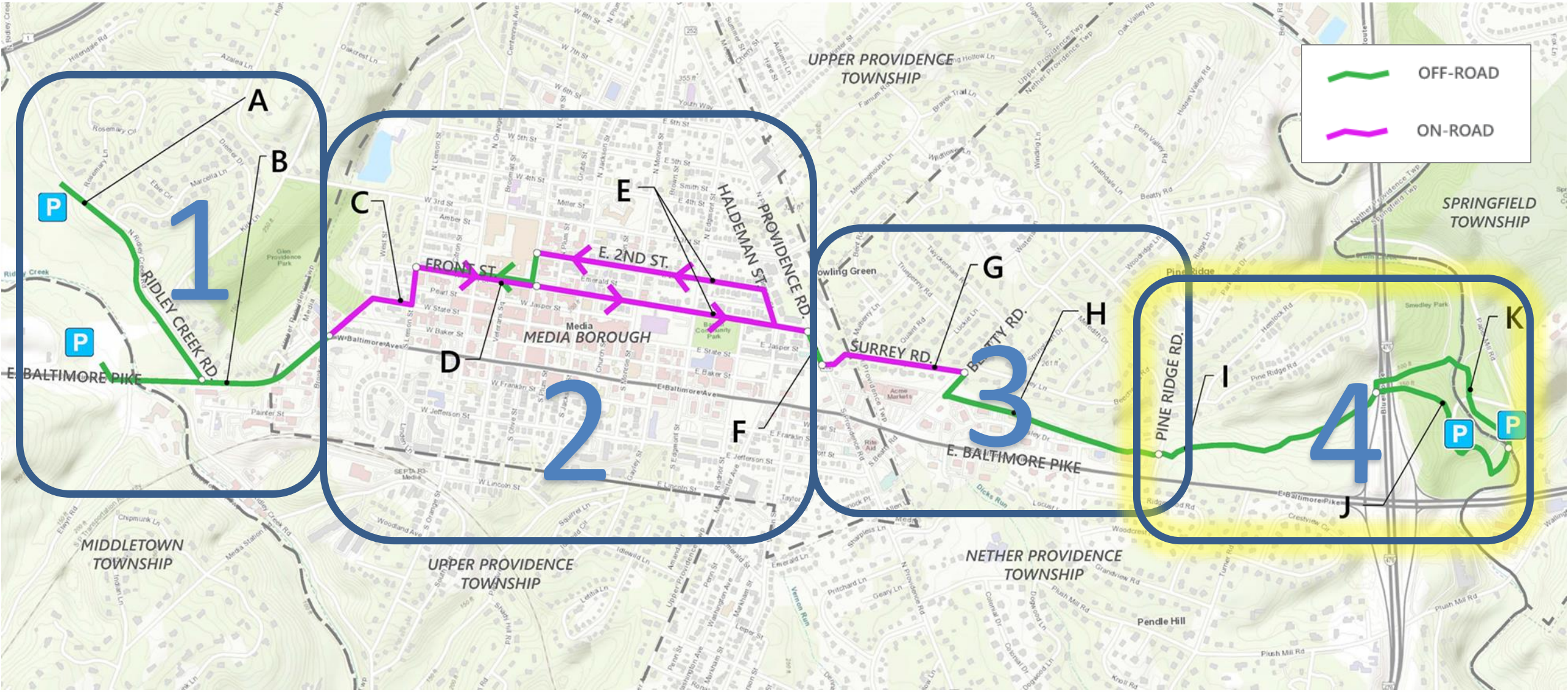

Panel 4 – Smedley Park

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SMEDL
PARKING AREA, CREATING LOOP TRAIL WITHIN SMEDLEY PARK.

PINE RIDGE RD.

PANEL C.

PANEL D

I-476

210 LF PASSAGE UNDER I-476 SOUTH OF TROLLEY TRACKS

P

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PAPERMILL RD.

I - 2180 LF MULTI-USE TRAIL THROUGH SMEDLEY PARK ADJACENT TO PINE RIDGE RUN

EXTEND EXISTING VEGETATED MEDIAN ON PINE RIDGE ROAD TO PROVIDE REFUGE FOR TRAIL USERS.

NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

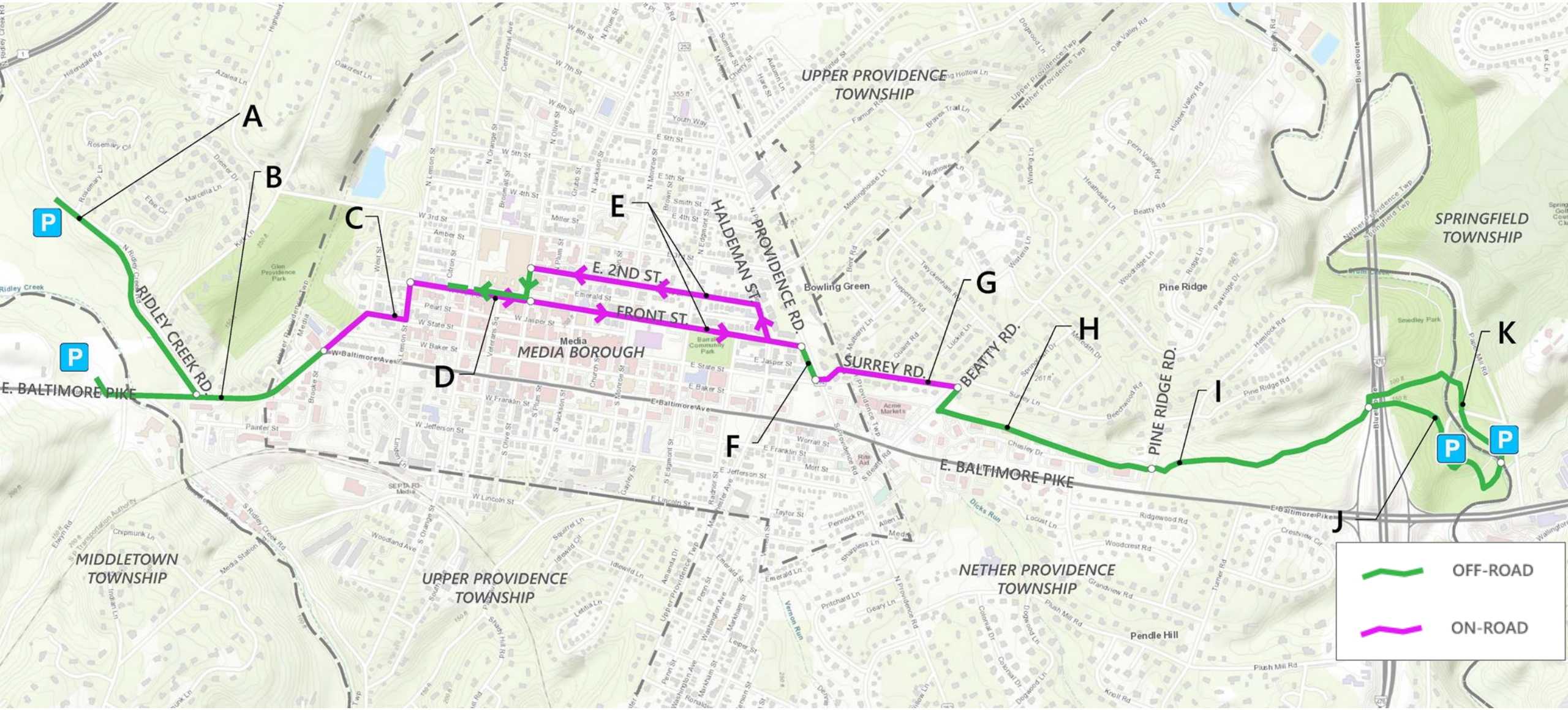
J - 1790 LF MULTI-USE TRAIL THOUGH SMEDLEY PARK CONNECTING TO PARKING AREA

TURNER RD.

E. BALTIMORE PIKE

Panel 4 – Smedley Park

Overview of Recommended Alternative



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- Report Development
- Continue Collecting Public Comment
- Study Committee Meetings
- Public Meeting #3
- County Adoption

Check project page for updates:
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Comments
&
Questions

General Questions & Comments – Ground Rules:

A. Submit Typed Questions and Comments

- Type and submit questions and comments in the "Q & A" chat area.
- With your question/comment, type your name and affiliation (stakeholder group) or township/borough/street of residence.

B. Response

- A member of the project team will voice each of the questions and comments. The consultant and/or staff will respond.
- All comments are recorded even if not responded to formally during the meeting.

C. The meeting will end at 7:30.

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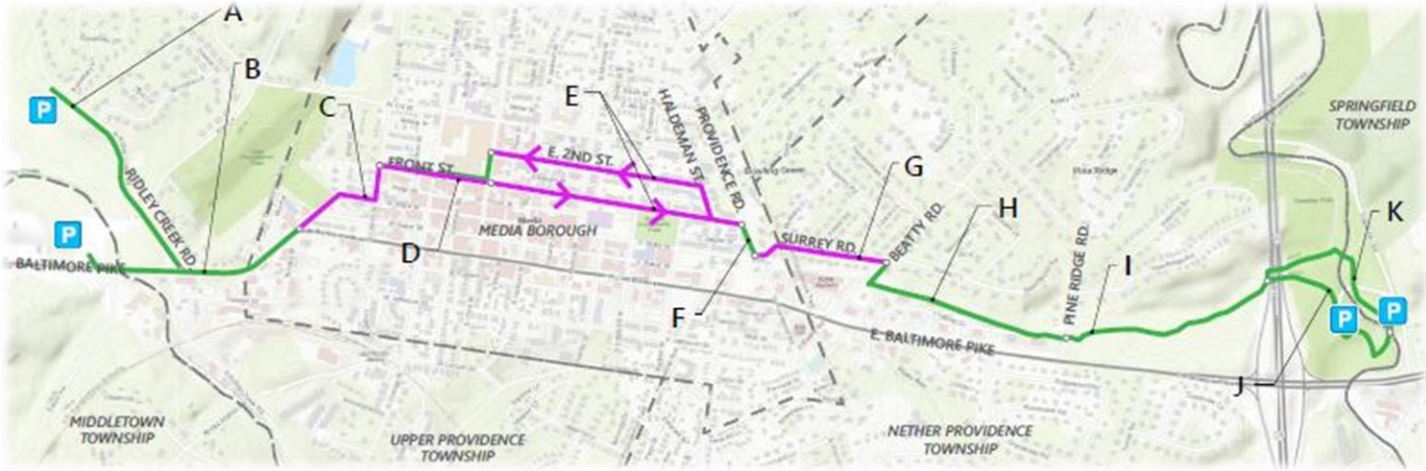
Thank You!

Media Smedley Connector Trail Feasibility Study



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