FIRST WILDERNESS TRAIL

Town of Corinth to the Hamlet of Tahawus

Public Meeting
April 11, 2019

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Wilderness Property Management Inc.
~ Outdoor Recreation Development ~

FIRST WILDERNESS CORRIDOR

Acknowledgments and Introductions

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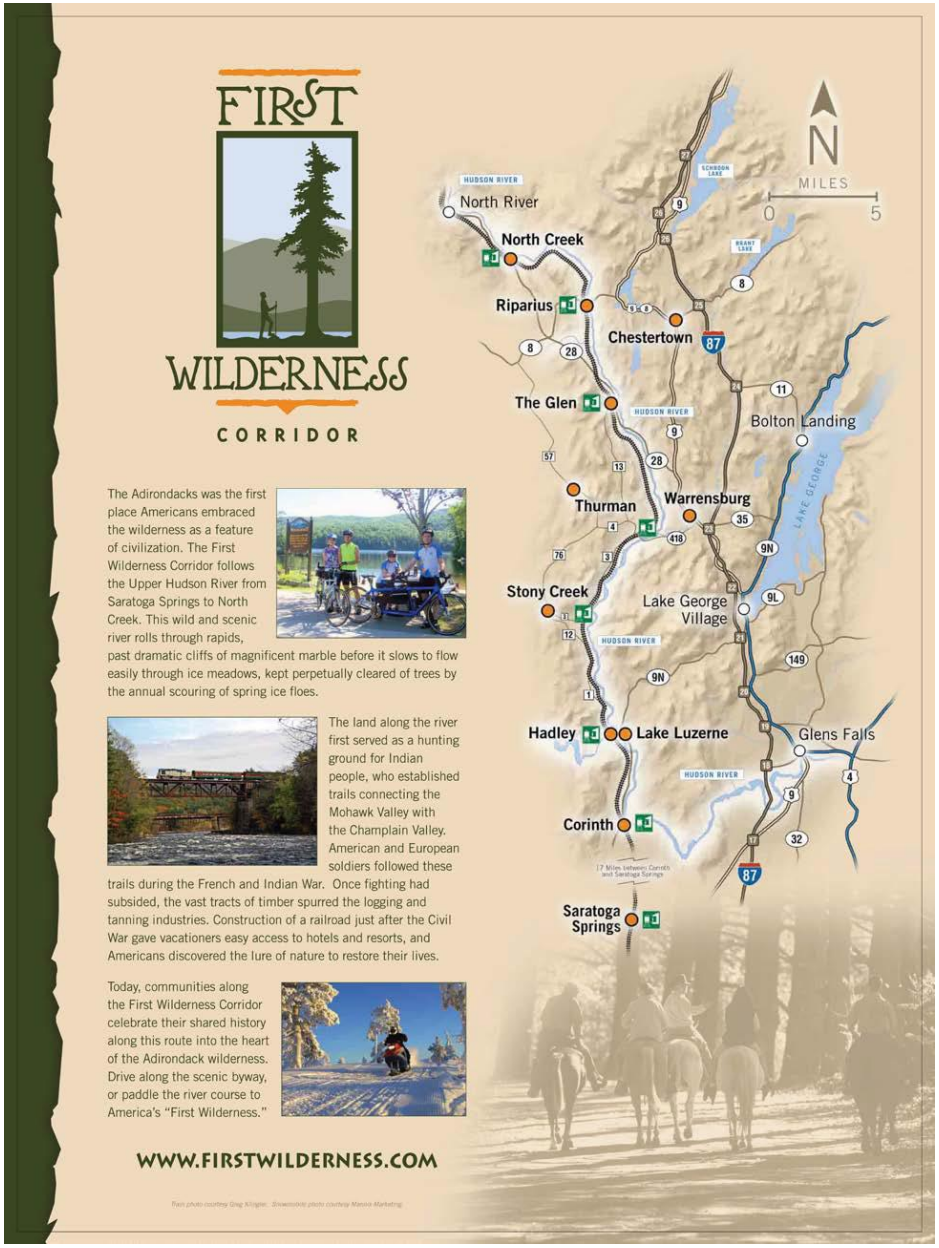
Trail Identity



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First Wilderness Trail Objectives

- **Create a standardized natural surface single-track trail within the FWHC which is publicly accessible for a majority of the year**
- Construct a designated trail for hiking and mountain biking
- **Provide views and access to the Hudson River and adjacent mountains**
- Provide wild river and forest experiences
- **Adhere to the principles of sustainable trails and use wilderness type concepts to limit the visual and environmental impact of trail work**
- Connect communities adjacent to the Hudson River
- **Utilize and connect to existing trail systems wherever feasible**

Trail Areas

9 Participating Trail Towns in 3 Counties

99 Miles of Trail

Saratoga County: 6 Miles

Village of Corinth – 0.5 miles

Town of Corinth – 5 miles

Town of Hadley – 0.5 miles

Warren County: 58 Miles

Town of Lake Luzerne – 9 miles

Town of Warrensburg – 20 miles

Town of Chester – 21 miles

Town of Johnsburg – 8 miles

Essex County: 35 Miles

Town of Minerva – 17 miles

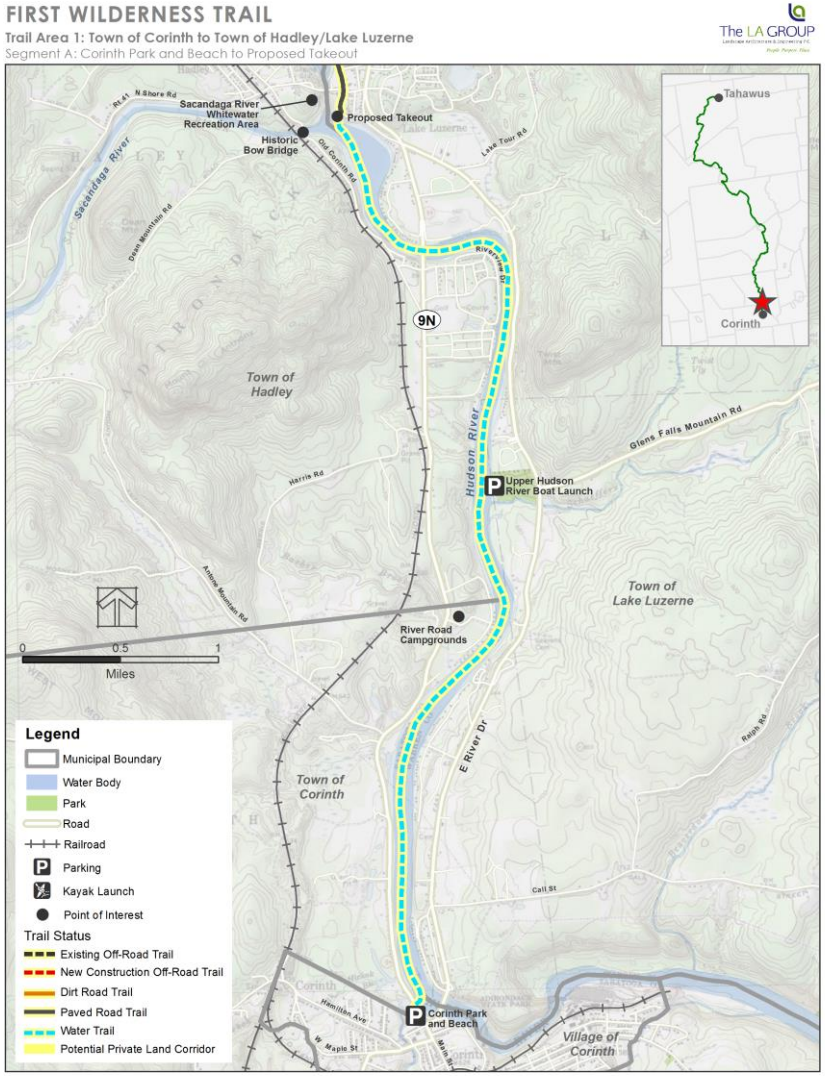
Town of Newcomb – 18 miles

Trail Standards

- **Envisioned as a natural surface single-track wilderness type path within a 3- to 6-foot cleared opening**
- Surface to range from paved trails to woodland pathways
- **Use existing roadways and paths adjacent to the river**
- Many streets exceed sustainable trail grades and are therefore inappropriate for mountain biking and backcountry ski trails
- **Trail location is highly dependent on the environment**
- Implementation becomes an EVOLUTION OF OPPORTUNITY
- **Communities need to be actively engaged in trail building**

Trail Area 1

Town of Corinth to Town of Hadley/Lake Luzerne



Trail Area 1

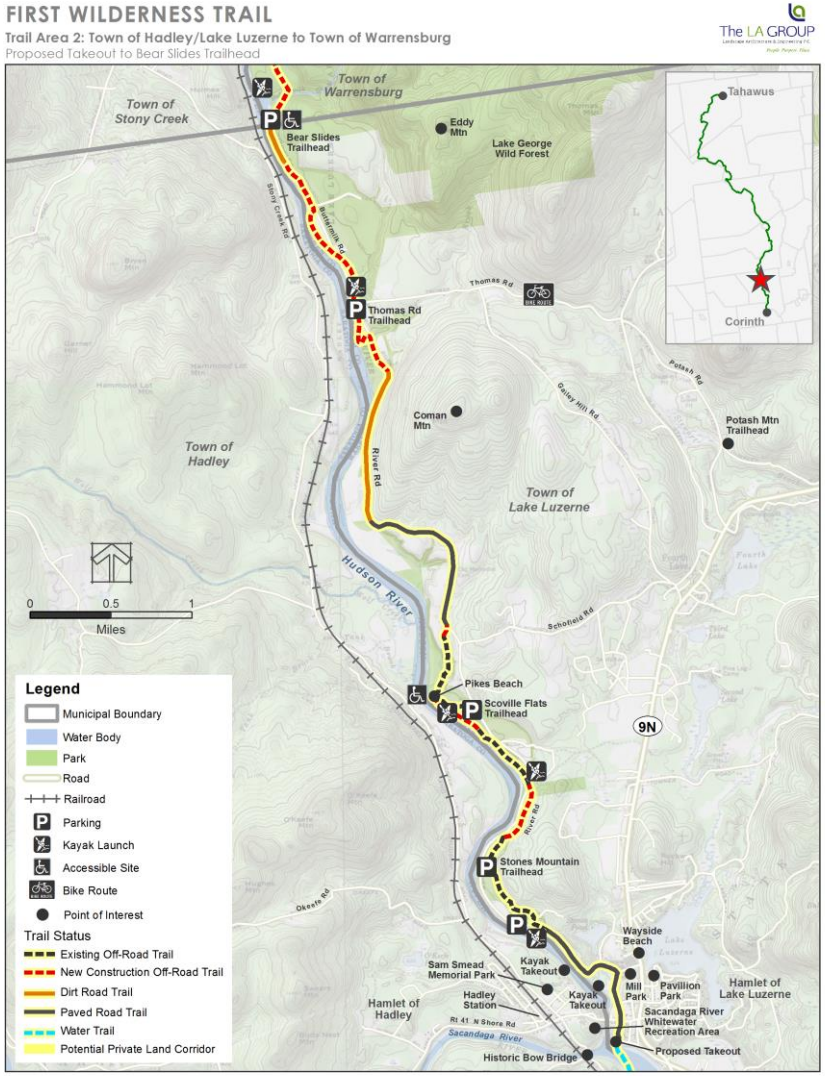
Town of Corinth to Town of Hadley/Lake Luzerne

Corinth Boat Launch

Upper Hudson River Boat Launch

Trail Area 2

Town of Hadley/Lake Luzerne to Town of Warrensburg



Trail Area 2

Town of Hadley/Lake Luzerne to Town of Warrensburg

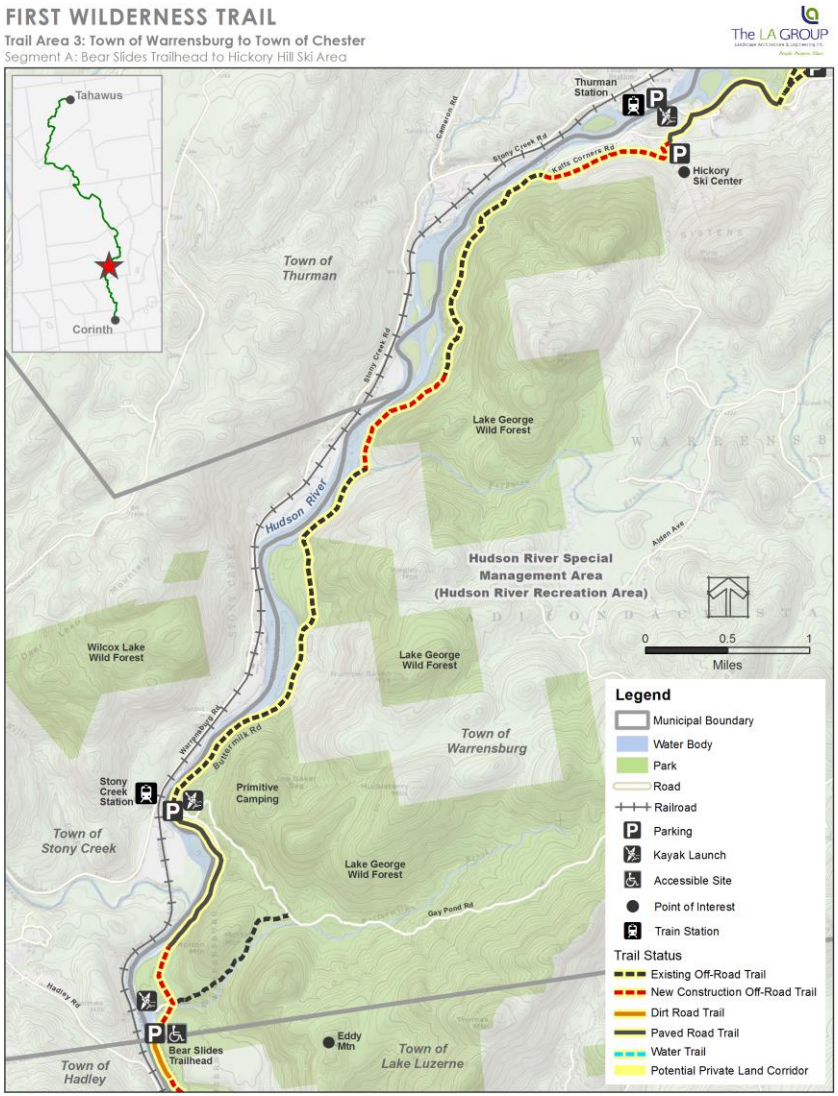
Eddy Mountain from River Road

Hudson River at Luzerne Recreation Area

View North on River Road

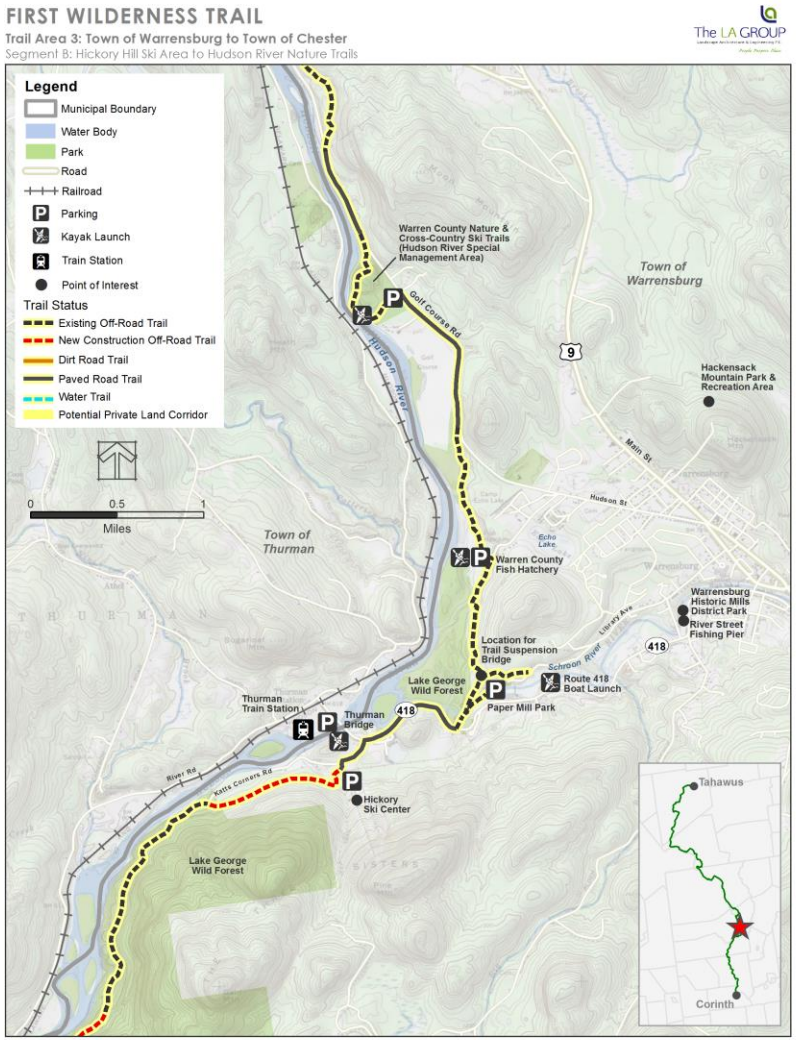
Trail Area 3 – Segment A

Town of Warrensburg to Town of Chester



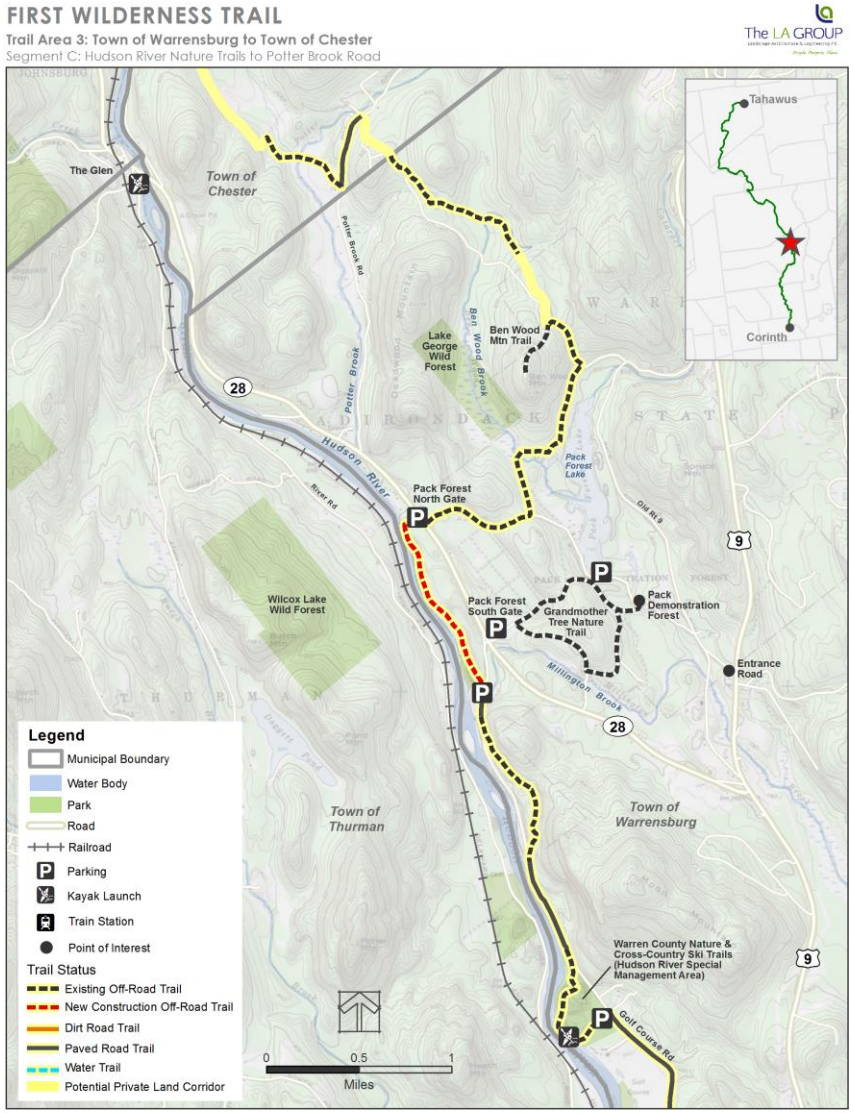
Trail Area 3 – Segment B

Town of Warrensburg to Town of Chester



Trail Area 3 – Segment C

Town of Warrensburg to Town of Chester



Trail Area 3

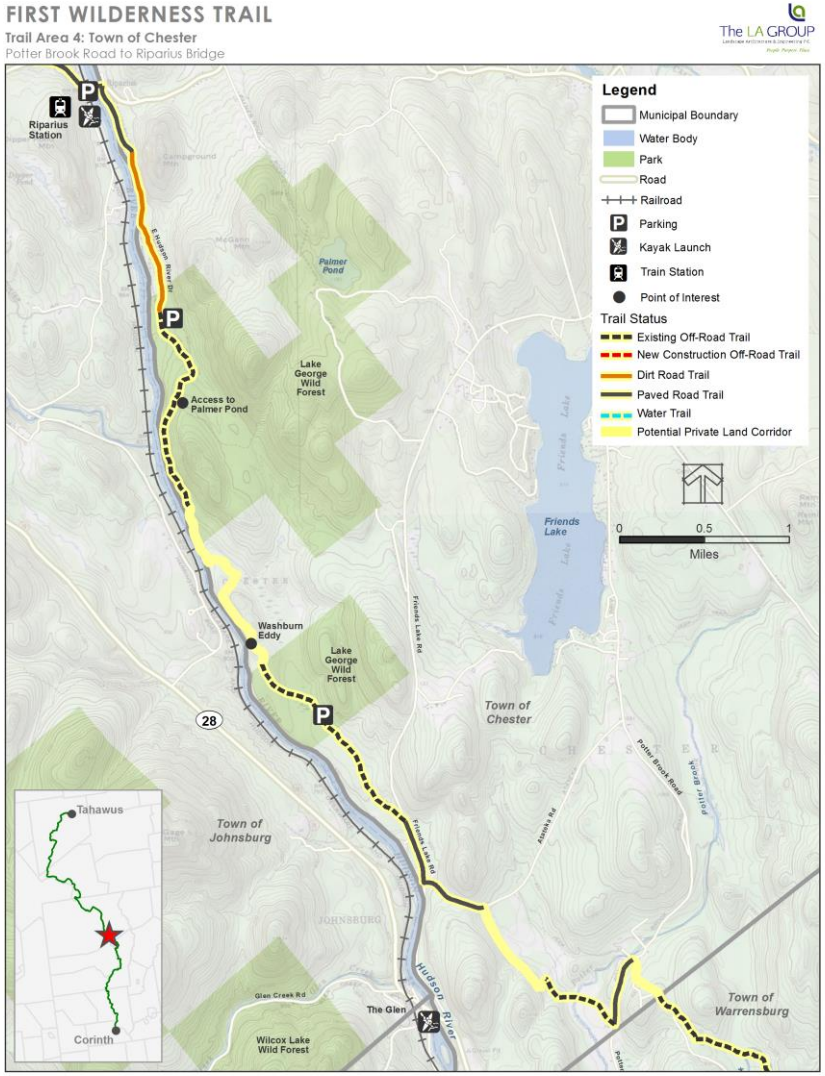
Town of Warrensburg to Town of Chester

Schroon River Dam

Hudson River Ice Meadows

Pack Forest Trails

Trail Area 4
Town of Chester

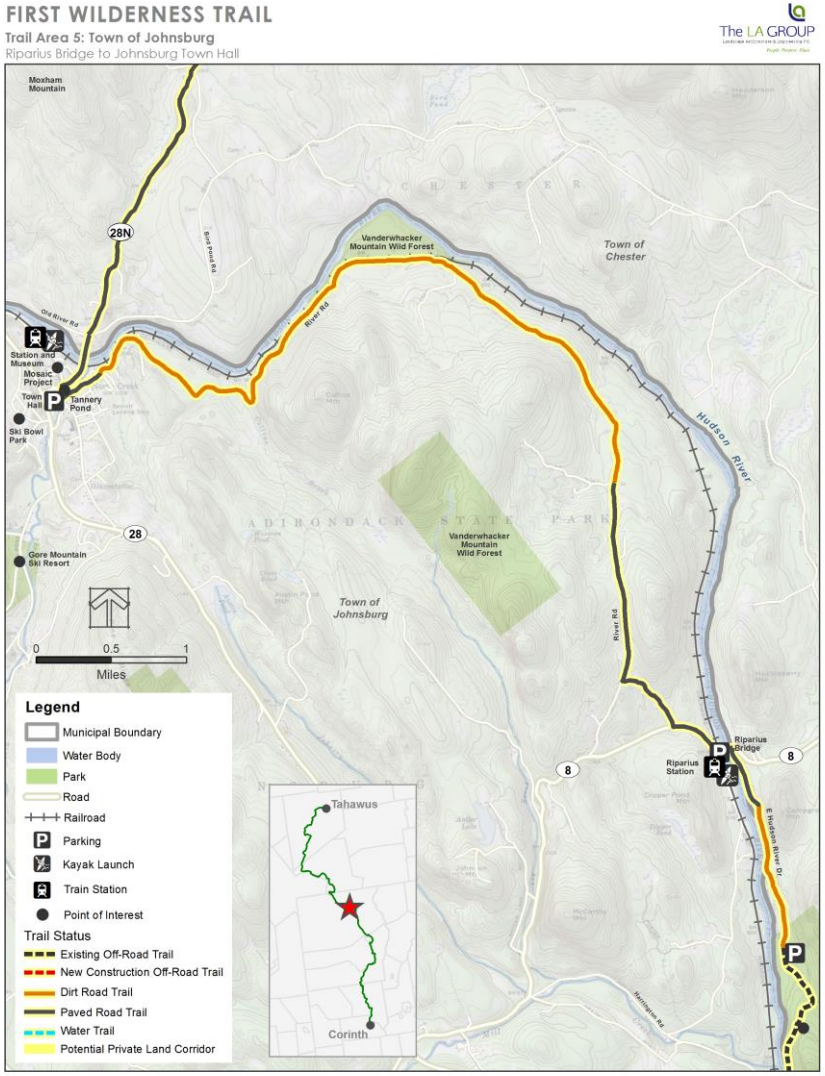


Trail Area 4
Town of Chester

Lake George Wild Forest Trail

Hudson River by Riparius

Trail Area 5
Town of Johnsburg



Trail Area 5
Town of Johnsburg

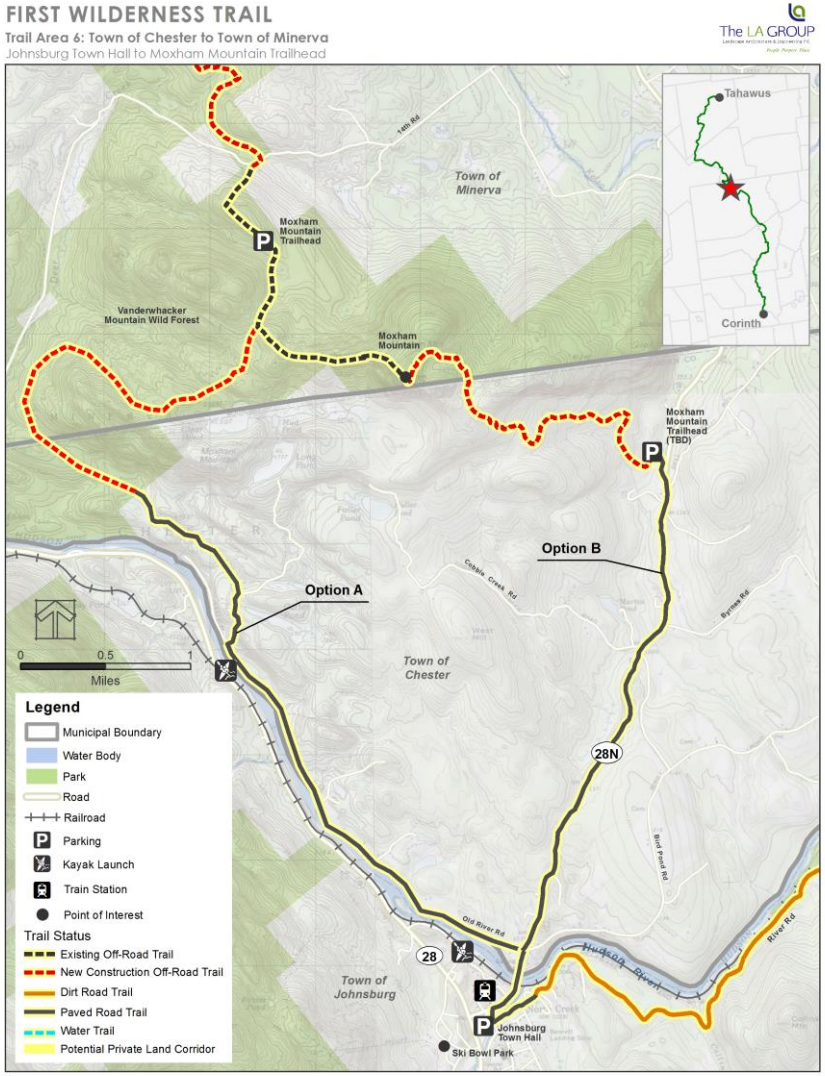
Hudson River in North Creek

River Road

View West on the Riparius Bridge

Trail Area 6

Town of Chester to Town of Minerva



Trail Area 6

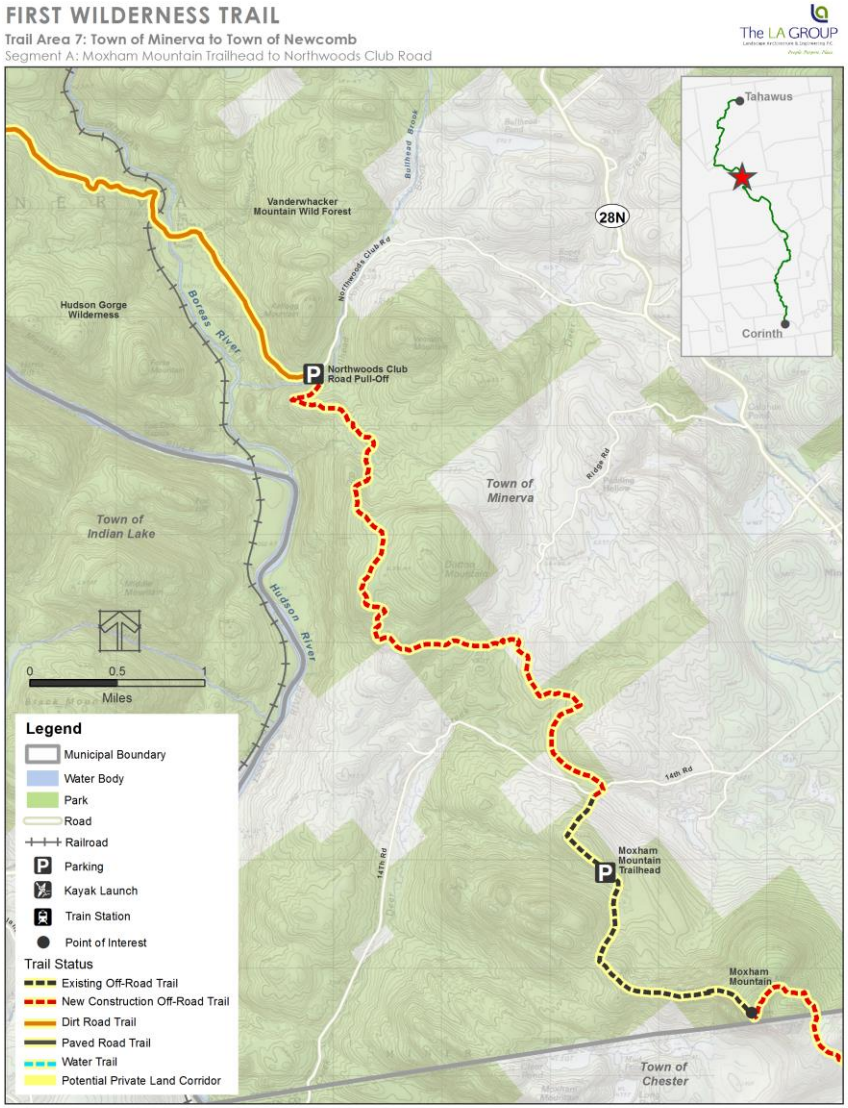
Town of Chester to Town of Minerva

View North on Cobble Creek Road

View from Moxham Mountain

Trail Area 7 – Segment A

Town of Minerva to Town of Newcomb



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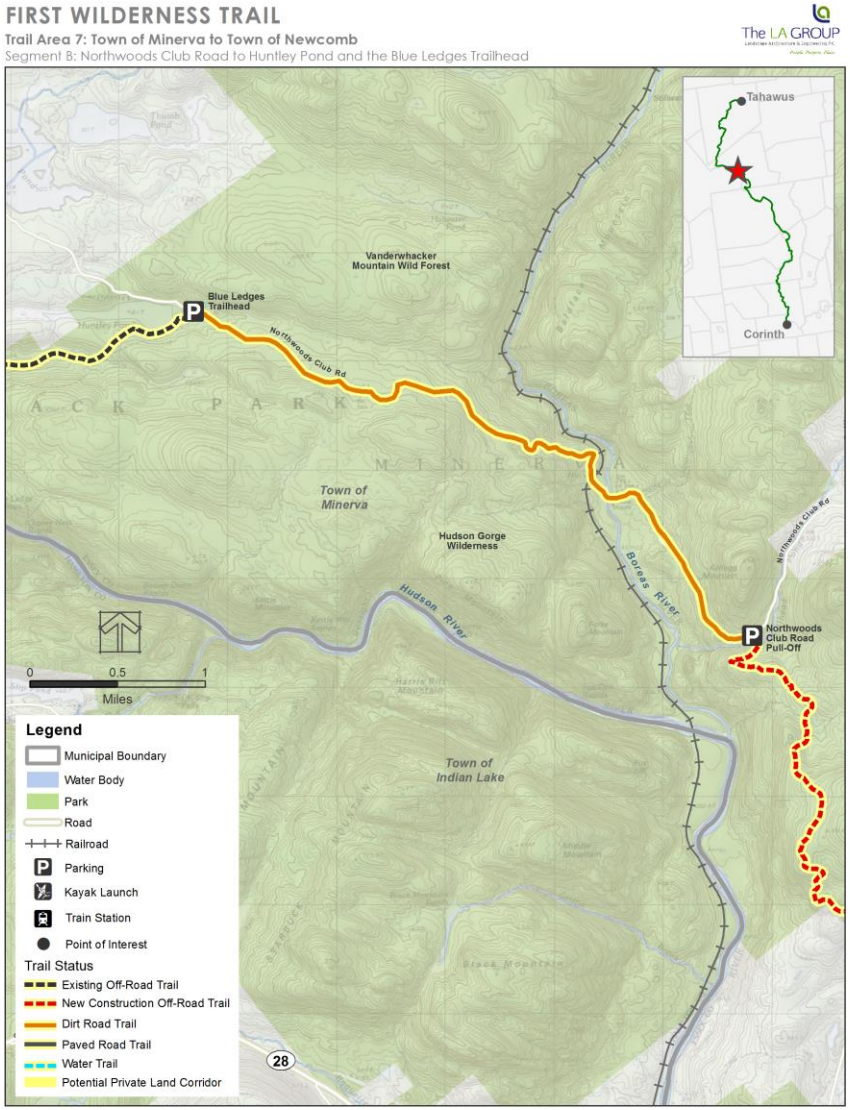
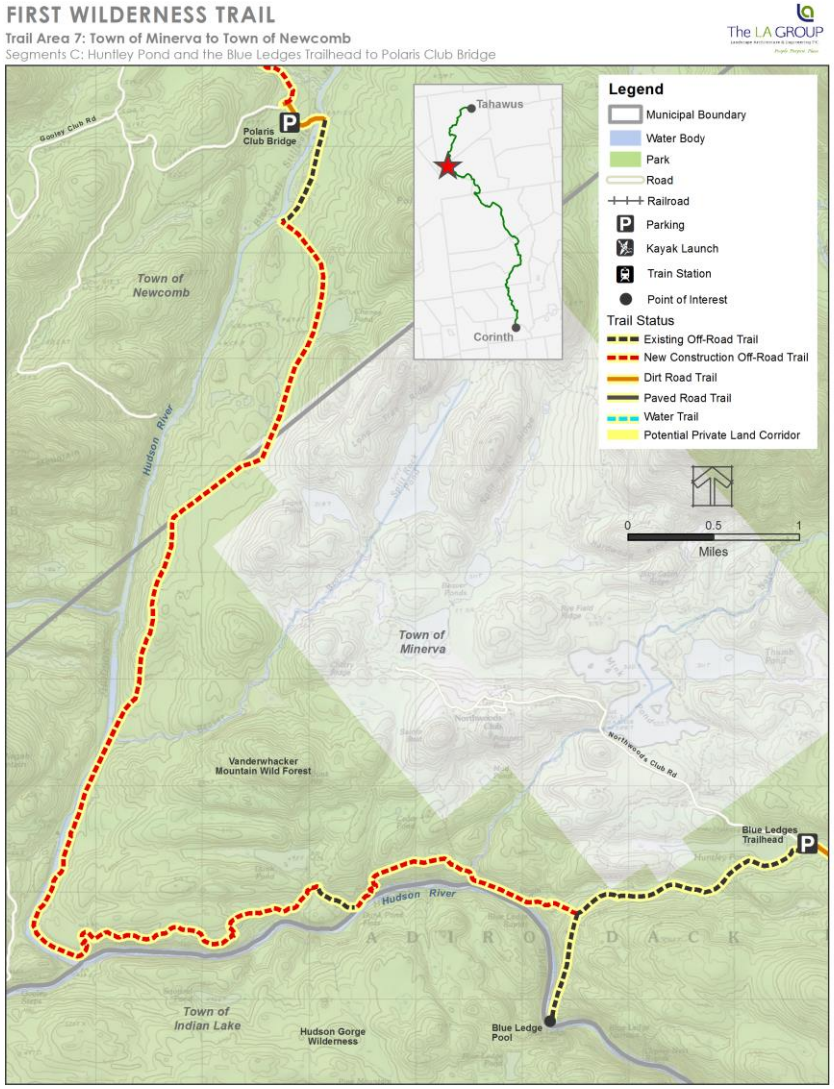
Town of Minerva to Town of Newcomb



Trail Area 7 – Segment C

Town of Minerva to Town of Newcomb



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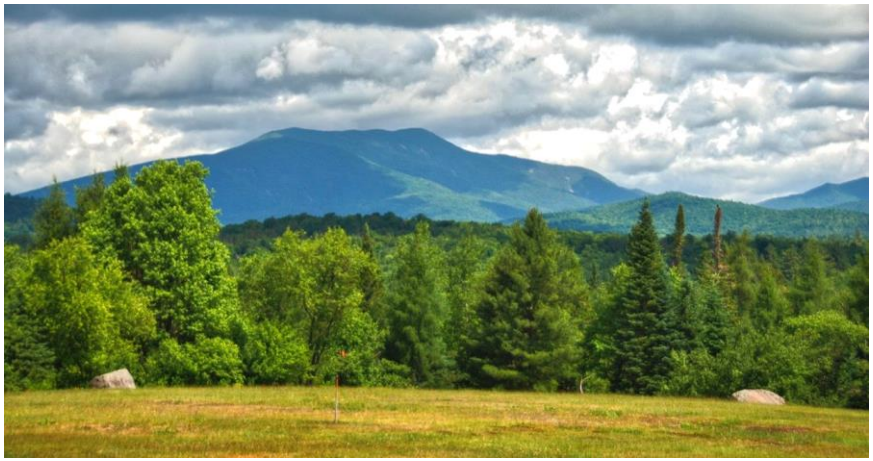
Town of Minerva to Town of Newcomb

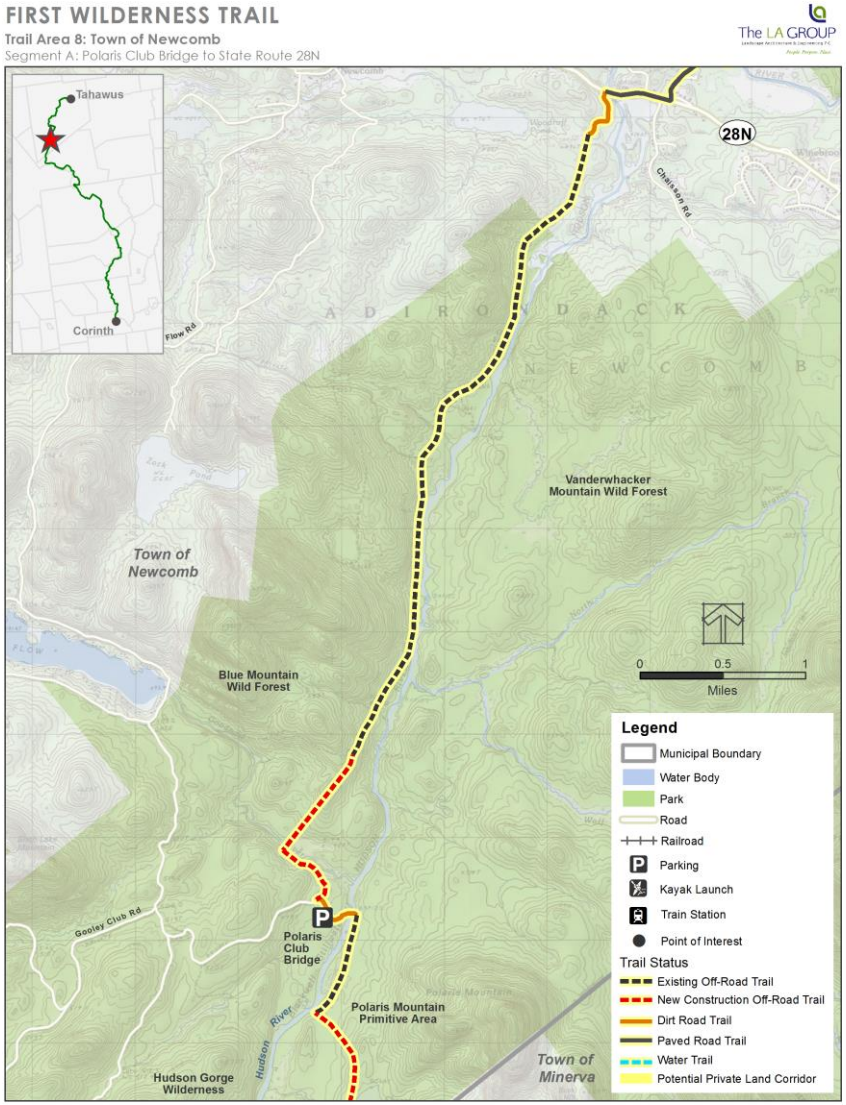
Hudson River at the Blue Ledges Trail



View of Vanderwhacker Mountain

Trail Area 8 – Segment A

Town of Newcomb



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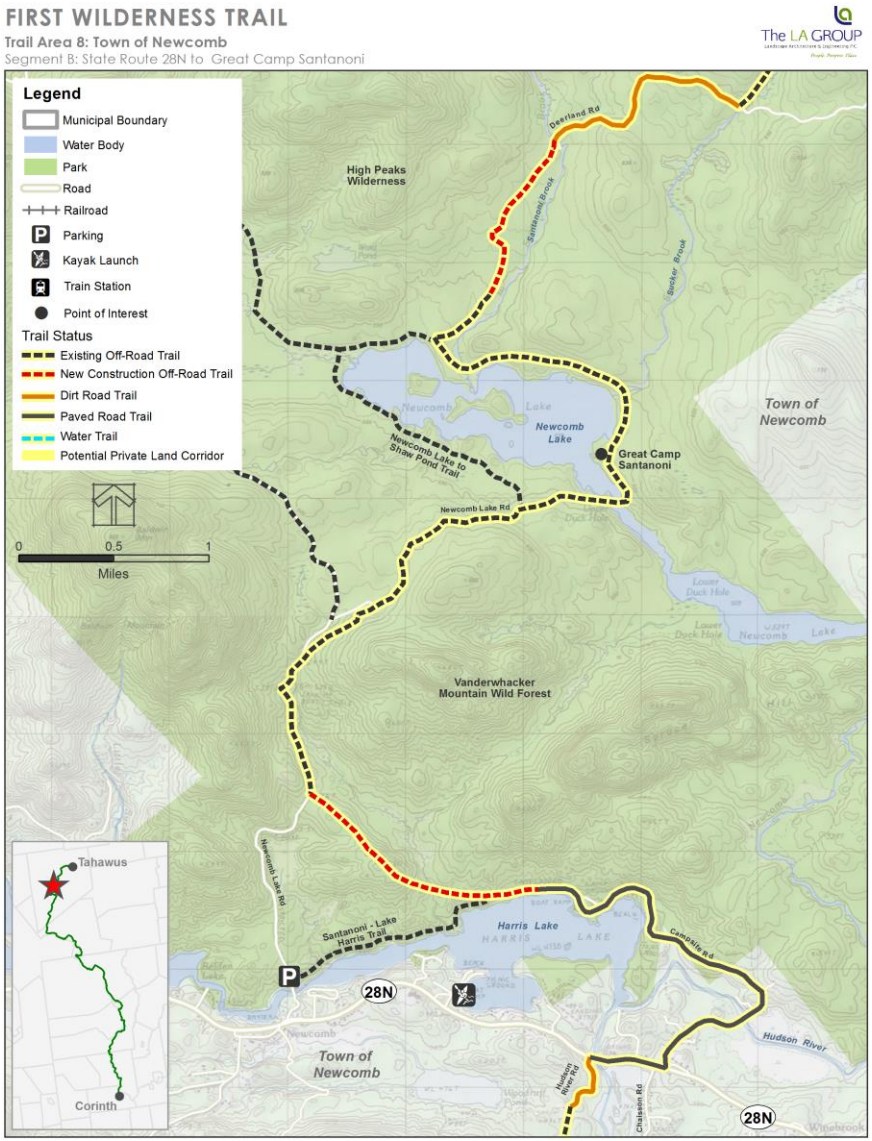

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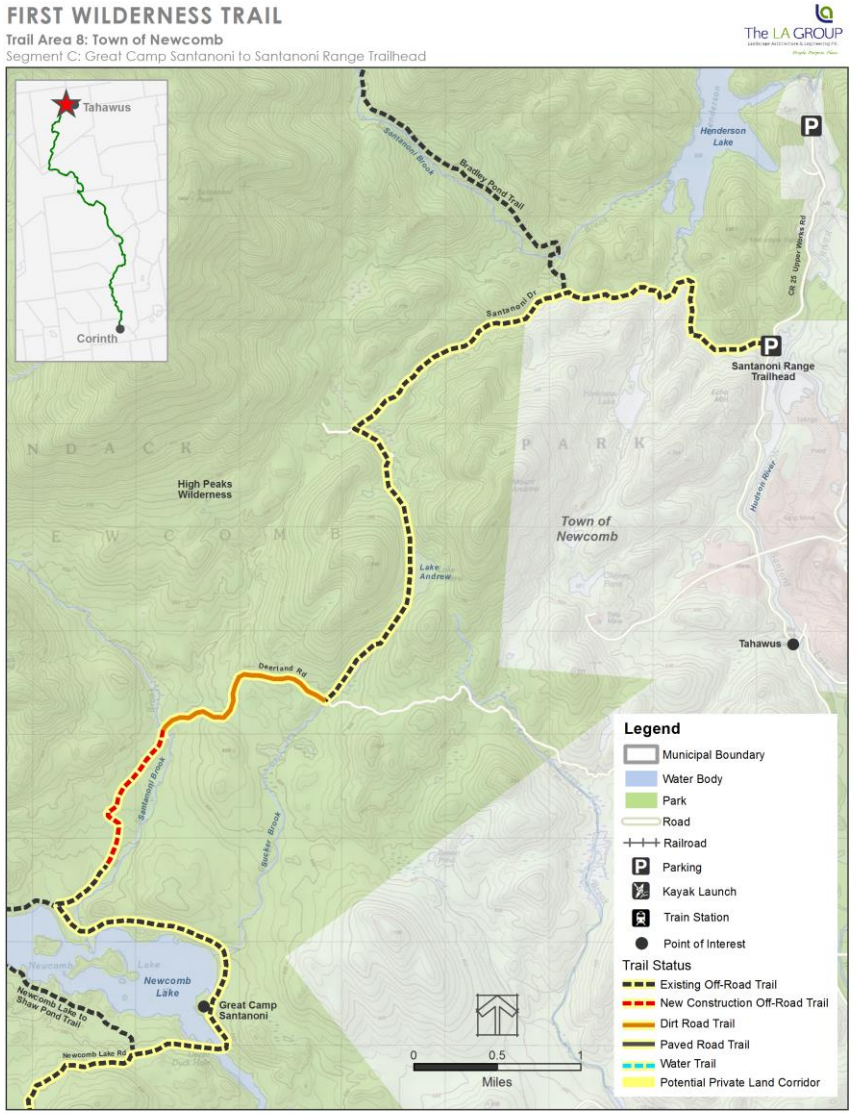


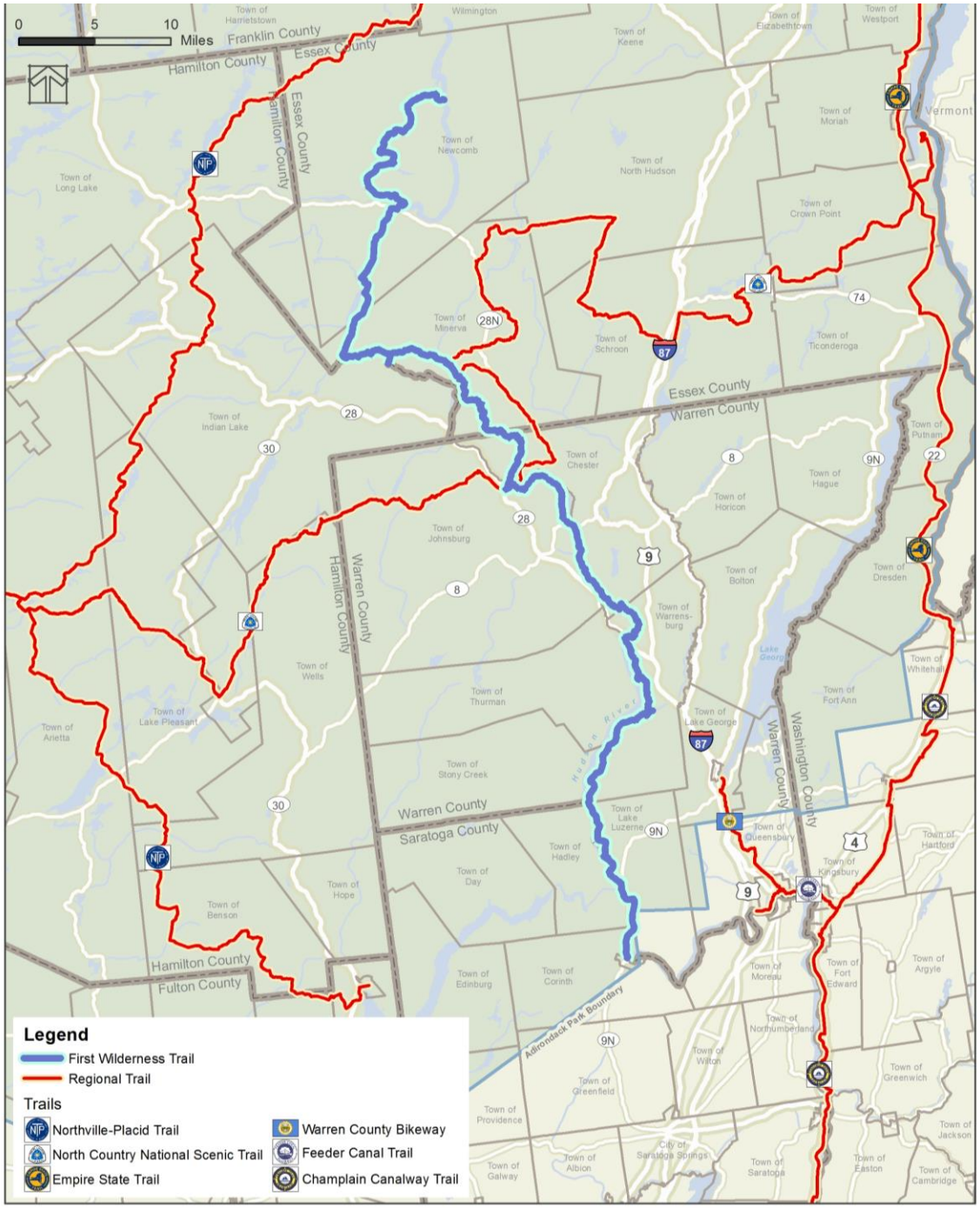
Trail Area 8
Town of Newcomb

Under the Polaris Club Bridge

Lake Andrew near Tahawus

Regional Trail Network

- **Champlain Canalway Trail**
- **Feeder Canal Trail**
- **Empire State Trail**
- **Warren County Bikeway**
- **Northville-Placid Trail**
- **North Country National Scenic Trail**



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