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# HAYWOOD COUNTY GREENWAY PLAN

County Commissioners Meeting 2/6/2023





# Timeline

2022

## SPRING

- ▶ Project Kick-Off & Existing Conditions
- ▶ First Round of Public Workshops

## SUMMER

- ▶ Draft Plan Development & Review

## FALL

- ▶ Second Round of Public Workshops

## WINTER

- ▶ Final Plan Development & Presentation

6 public  
workshops

581 public survey  
responses

8 stakeholder  
meetings

# Background & Purpose

*This plan was funded by  
MPO Planning Funds with  
a match provided by  
Haywood County TDA*



# Benefits to and Role of the County

*Fills in the gaps of the regional Hellbender Trail that are not under municipal jurisdiction*

*Prioritizes where NCDOT will be asked to invest in greenways and complete streets*

*Aligns with the County Recreation Comprehensive Plan and many other plans*

*Is a high level menu of options on how to achieve greenway connectivity, but does not commit the County to anything... in fact municipalities will be doing much of the heavy lifting*



# Partners of This Plan

Haywood Community College  
Haywood Waterways Association  
Haywood County Health + Human Services  
Haywood County Parks + Recreation  
Haywood County Soil + Water  
Conservation District  
Haywood County Greenway Council  
Lake Junaluska Assembly  
Southwestern NC Resource Conservation +  
Development Council  
Town of Canton  
Town of Clyde  
Town of Maggie Valley  
Town of Waynesville  
French Broad River MPO  
Haywood County Development Services  
Volunteers

# What we heard from the Public



*Where should trails connect?*  
Downtowns, Lake Junaluska, and  
river/creek access



*Trail surfaces? We want variety!*



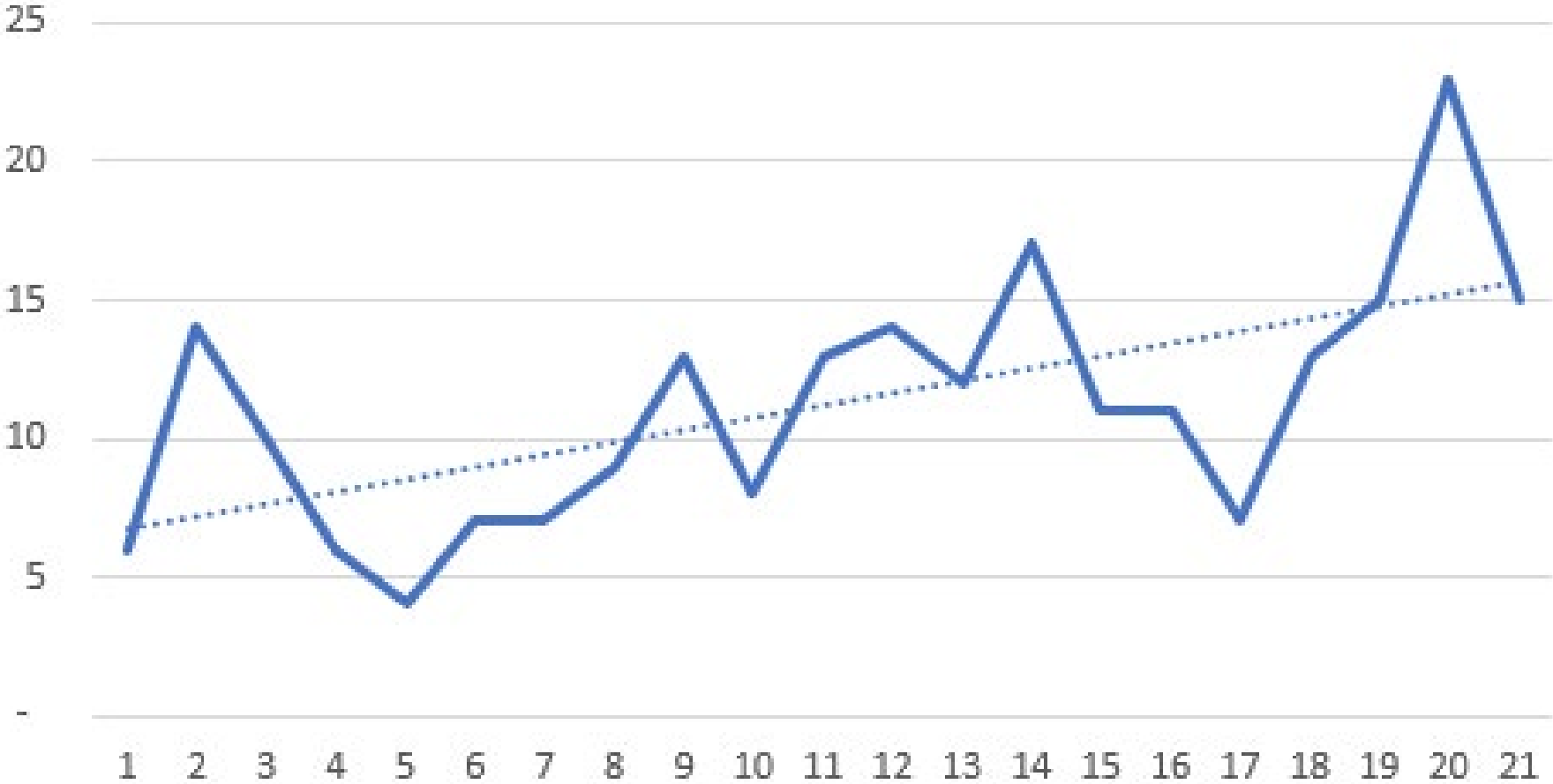
*Top trail benefits? Recreation, access  
to nature, economic development*



*Other key themes: Maintenance,  
conservation, safety, accessibility*

# Why Do This?

## Haywood County Pedestrian Crashes



NCDOT Crash Data, Provided by the French Broad MPO



# NCDOT Complete Streets Policy

*Can help the County and municipalities take advantage of NCDOT projects without the need for additional cost share from local governments*

Complete Street Cost Share			
Facility Type	In Plan and Need Identified Through Evaluation Process	Not in Plan, but Need Identified	Betterment
Pedestrian Facility	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
On Road Bicycle Facility	NCDOT pays full	NCDOT pays full	Local
Shared-use Path/Sidepath	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Separated Bicycle Facility	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Greenway Crossing	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Transit Facilities*	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local

# Other Funding Opportunities

- **Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) through the FBRMPO**
- **FBRMPO policy emphasizes projects be in an adopted plan**
- **Approximately \$5.5 million/year comes to the region, mostly going to greenways and pedestrian projects**



# The Proposed Plan





# What is in the Plan?



Overall  
Network



Pilot  
Projects



Design and  
Implementation  
Recommendations



Public Feedback

# HAYWOOD COUNTY GREENWAY PLAN



**A** Hellbender Trail in Canton



**B** Canton Recreation Park Trail Extension



**C1** Northern Hellbender Trail



**C2** Southern Hellbender Trail



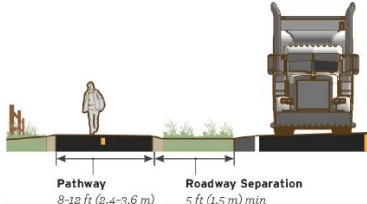
**D** Dellwood Road Crossing Improvements & Path



**E** Raccoon Creek Greenway



**F** Richland Creek Greenway



**G** Russ Avenue Multiuse Path



**H** Western Hellbender Trail



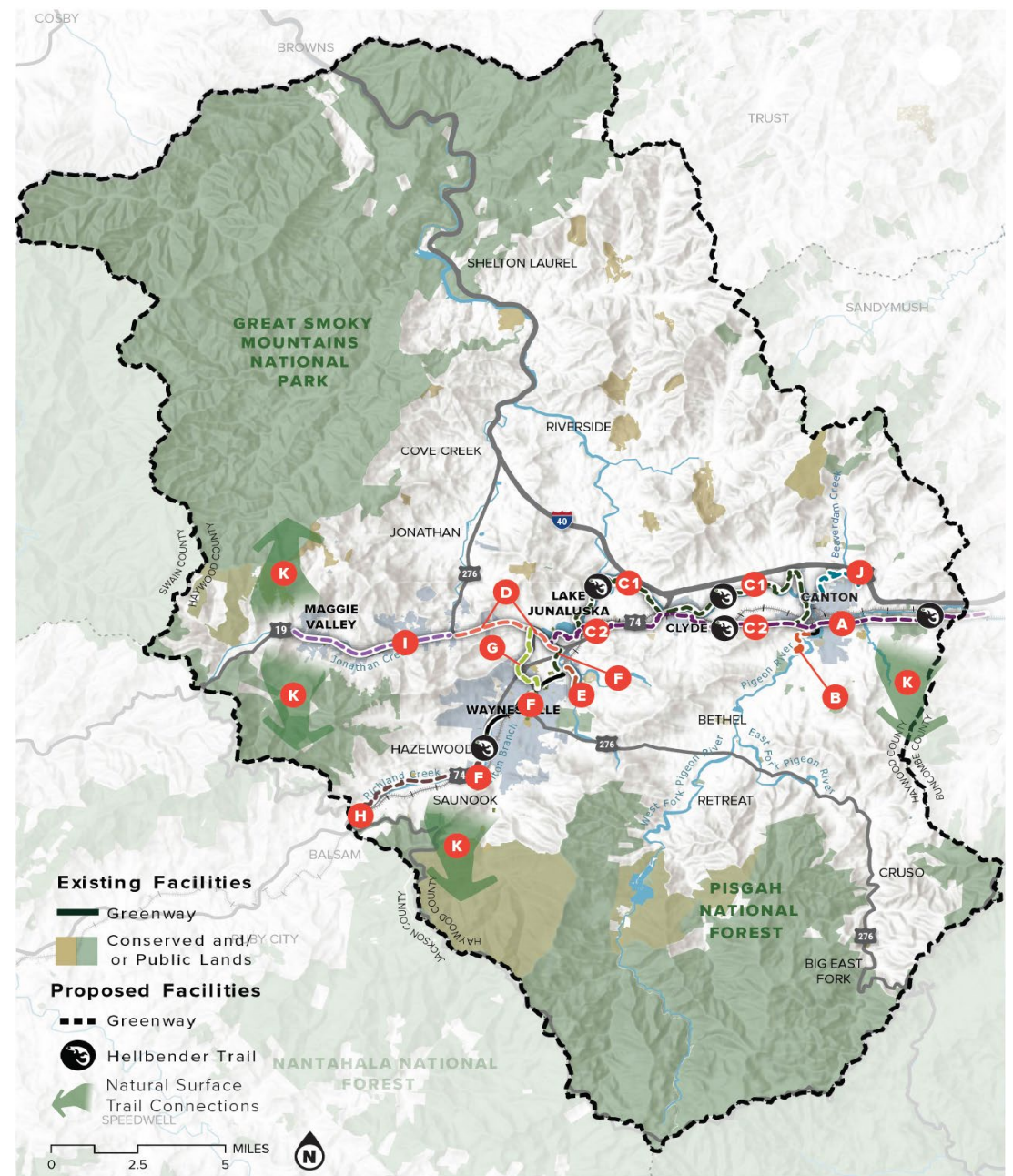
**I** Jonathan Creek District Trails



**J** Beaverdam Creek Greenway



**K** Natural Surface Trail Connections





# Pilot Projects Proposed for the Greenway Plan



RIVERFRONT PARK



COMMUNITY GREEN  
WITH OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE



NORTHERN  
HELLBENDER TRAIL



RIVER'S EDGE PARK



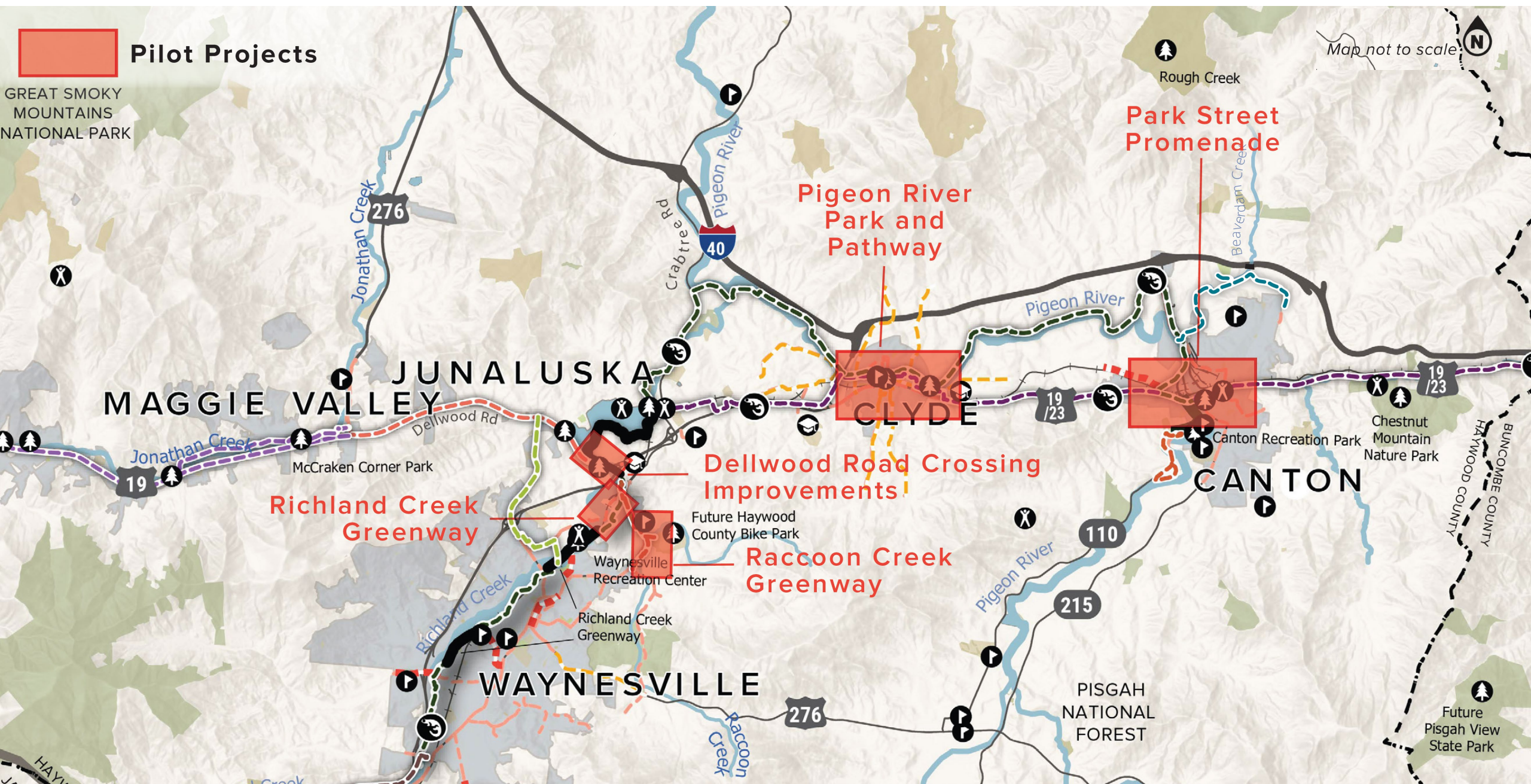
PROPOSED  
GREENWAY  
ALIGNMENT

TO CANTON



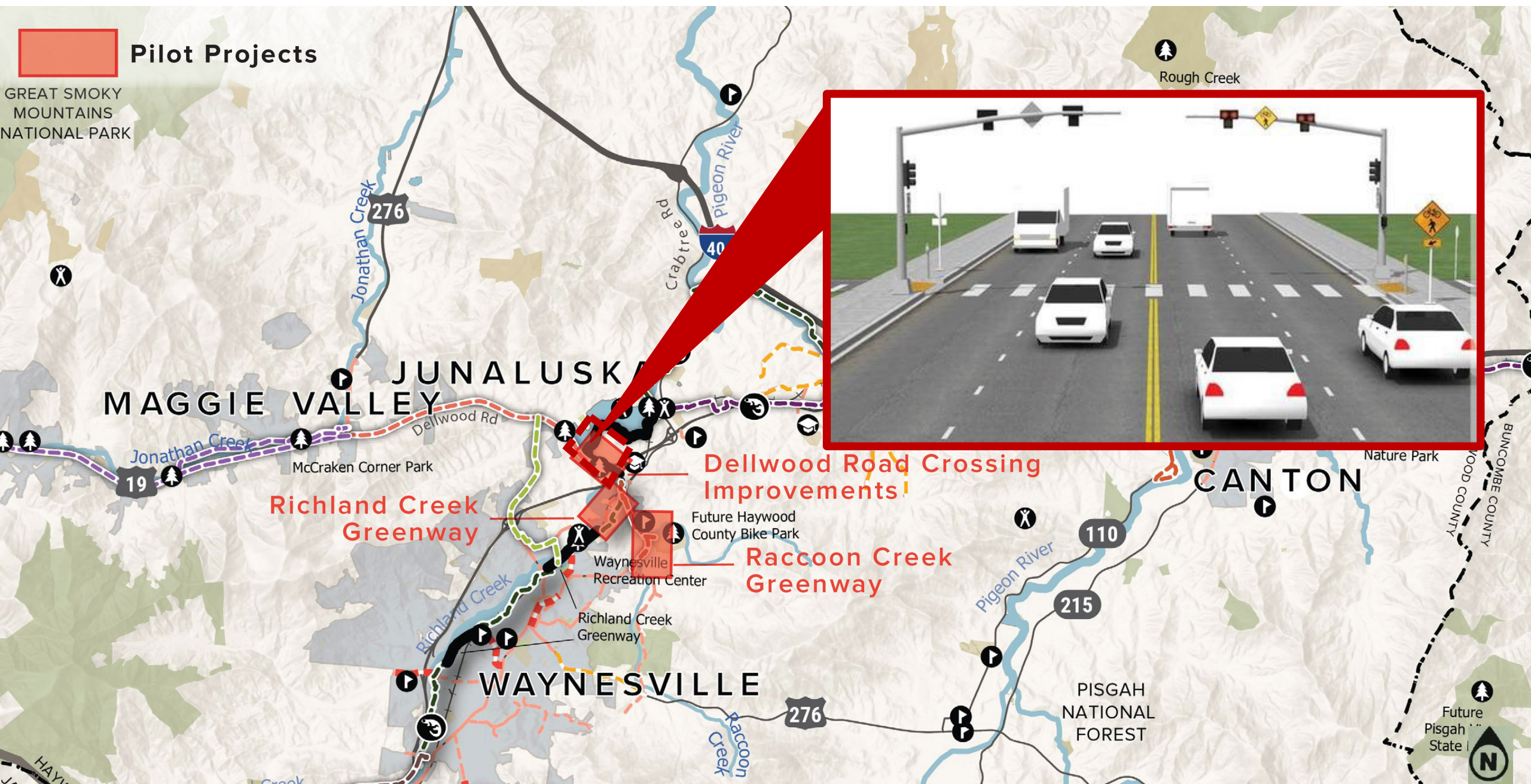


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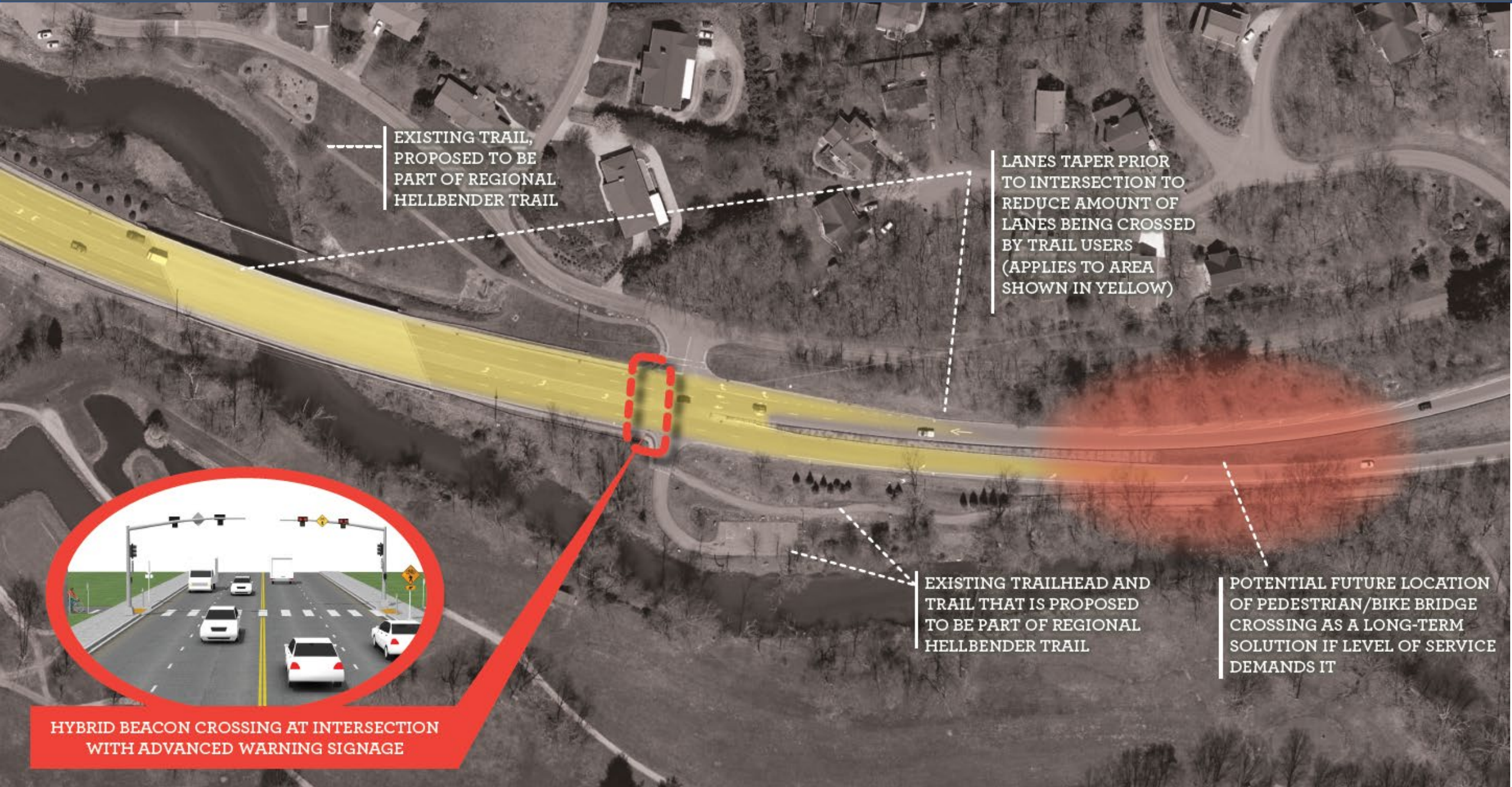


# DELLWOOD RD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS Proposed Pilot Project





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EXISTING TRAIL,  
PROPOSED TO BE  
PART OF REGIONAL  
HELLBENDER TRAIL

LANES TAPER  
PRIOR TO  
INTERSECTION TO  
REDUCE AMOUNT OF  
LANES BEING  
CROSSED  
BY TRAIL USERS  
(APPLIES TO AREA  
SHOWN IN YELLOW)

EXISTING TRAILHEAD AND  
TRAIL THAT IS  
PROPOSED TO  
BE PART OF  
REGIONAL  
HELLBENDER  
TRAIL

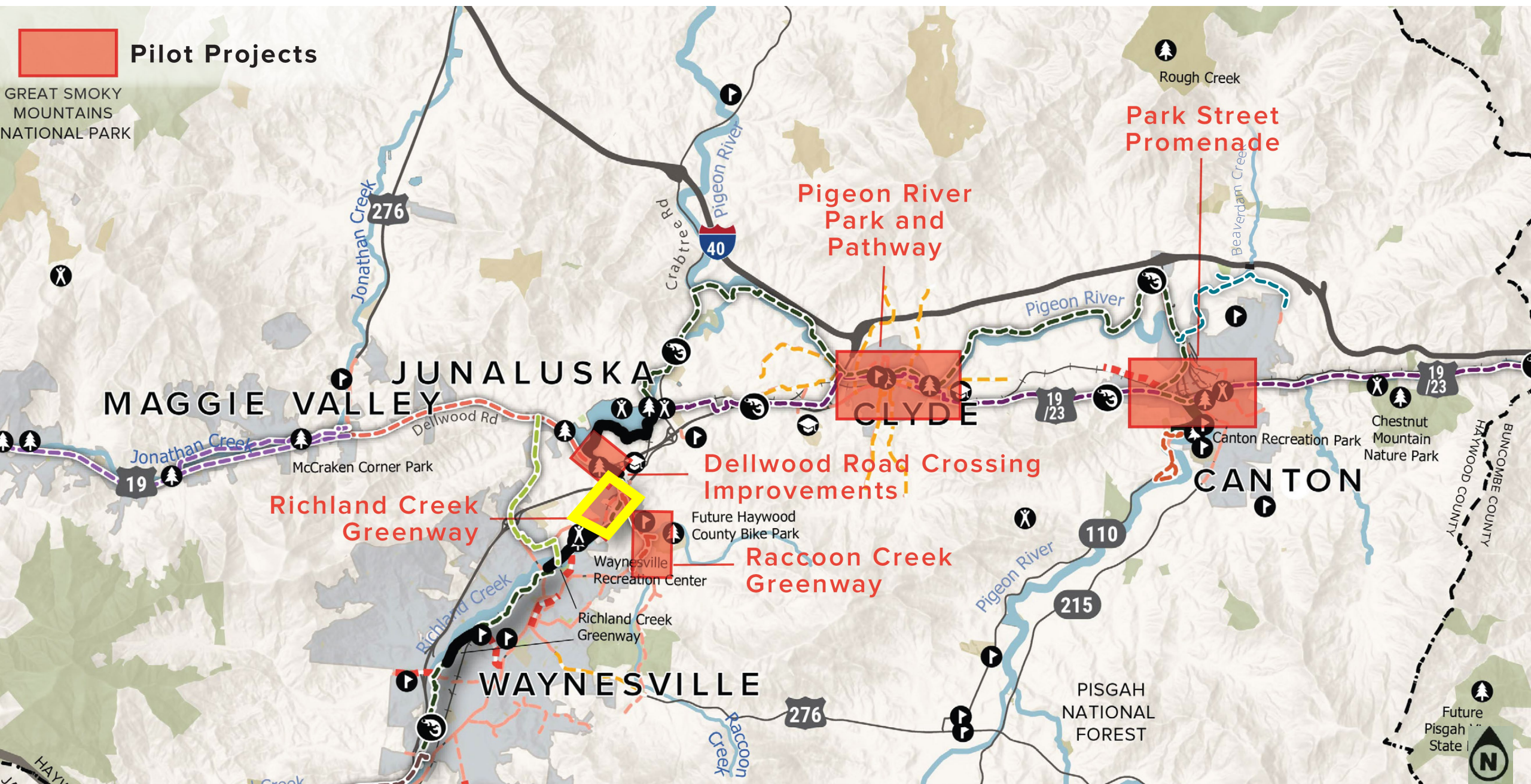
POTENTIAL FUTURE  
LOCATION OF  
PEDESTRIAN/  
BIKE BRIDGE  
CROSSING AS  
A LONG-TERM  
SOLUTION IF  
LEVEL OF  
SERVICE  
DEMANDS  
IT



**HYBRID BEACON CROSSING AT INTERSECTION  
WITH ADVANCED WARNING SIGNAGE**

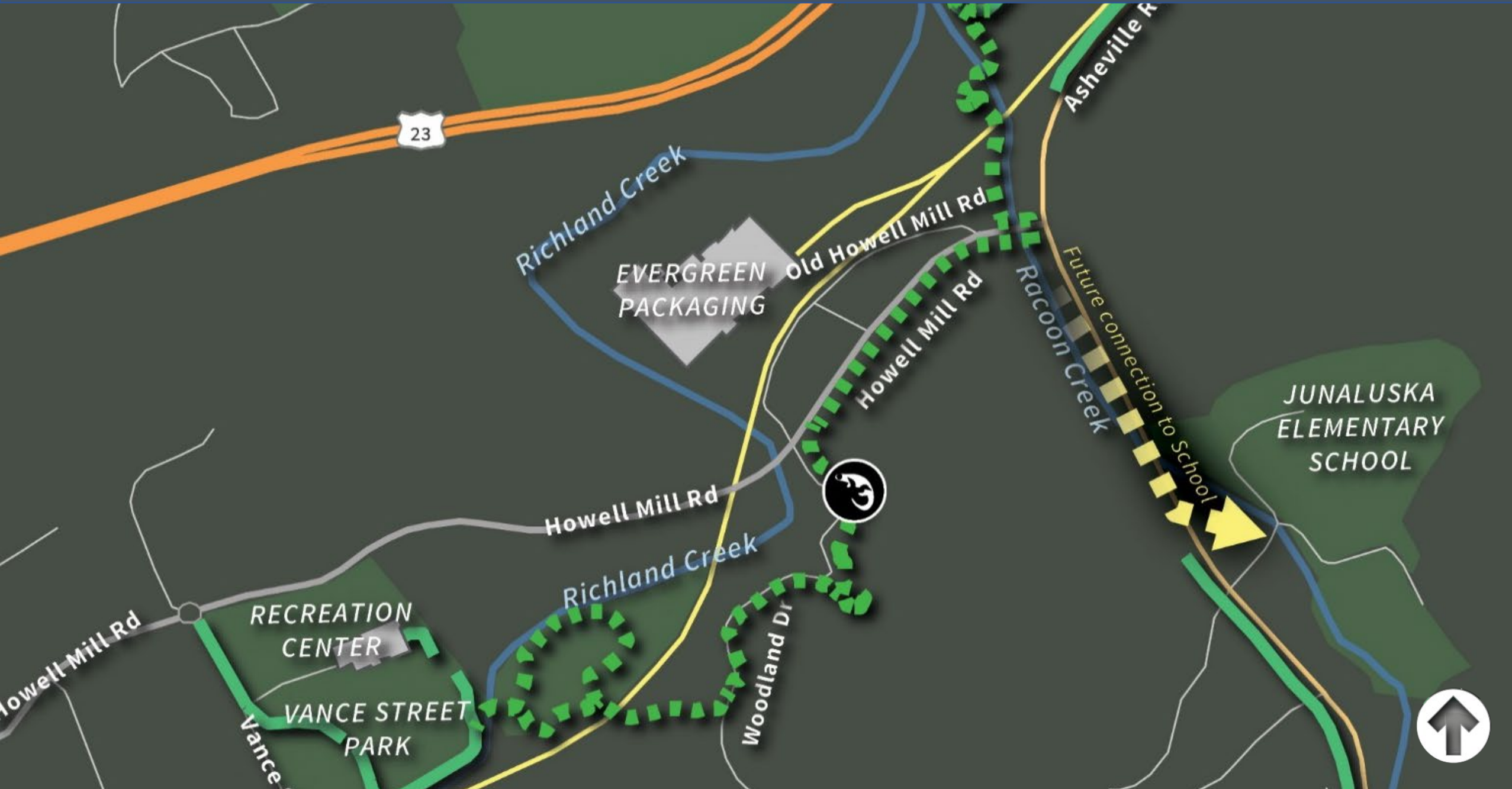


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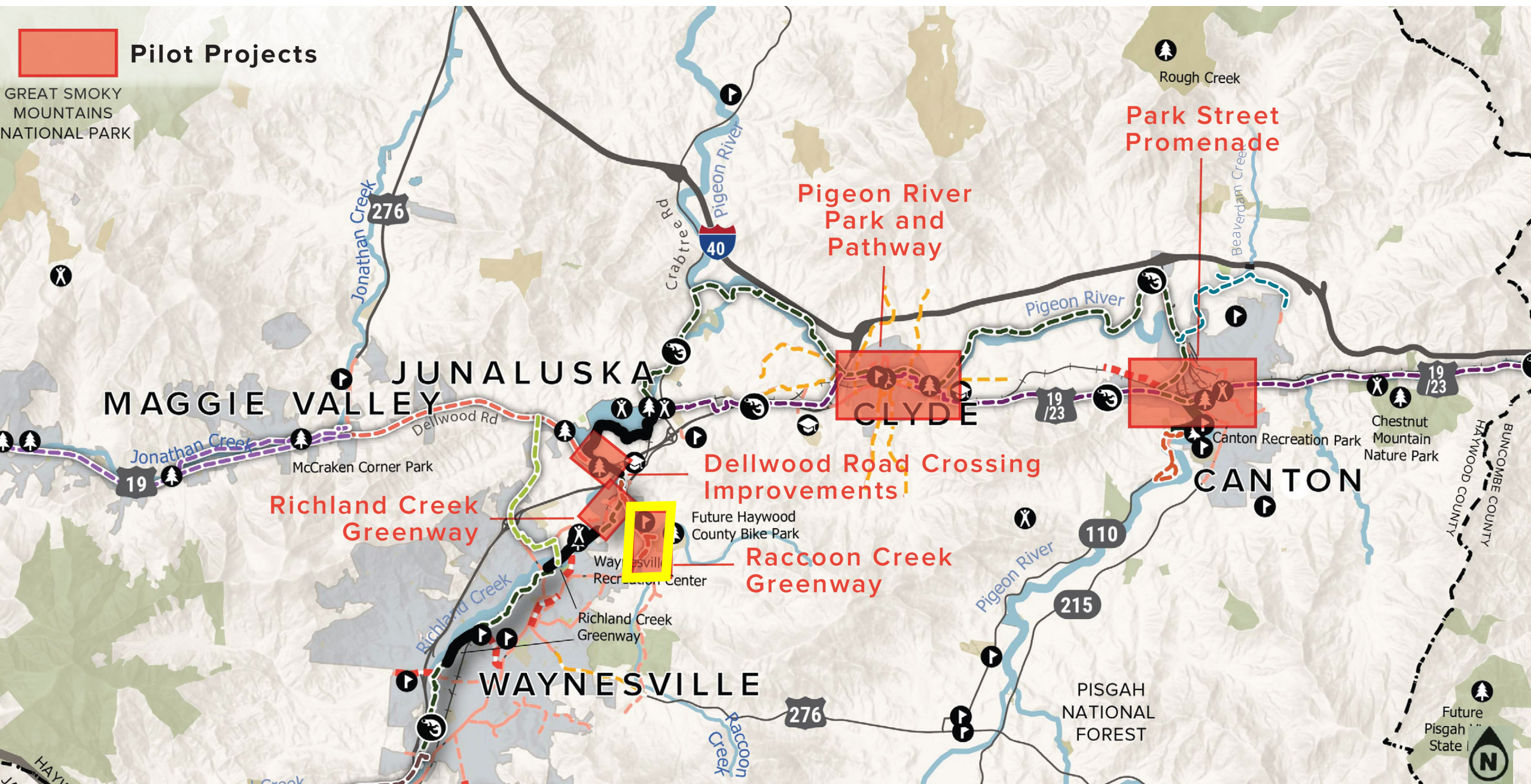


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# RACCOON CREEK GREENWAY Proposed Pilot Project



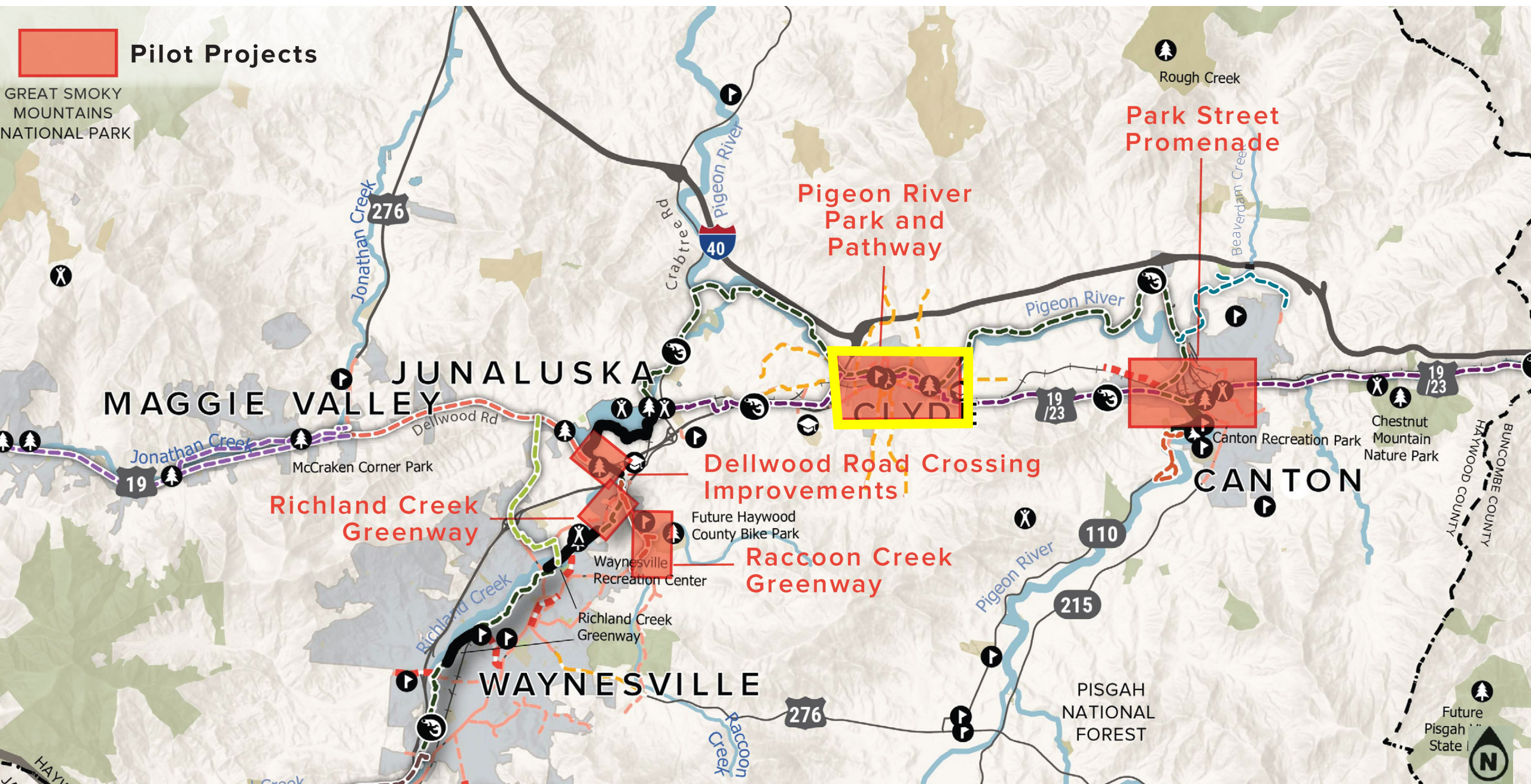


# RACCOON CREEK GREENWAY **Proposed Pilot Project**





# PIGEON RIVER PARK & PATHWAY Proposed Pilot Project





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LYNN'S PARK

KAYAK LAUNCH

RIVERFRONT PARK



COMMUNITY GREEN WITH OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE



COMMUNITY GARDEN



COMMUNITY DOG PARK



PROPOSED GREENWAY ALIGNMENT

NORTHERN HELLBENDER TRAIL

RIVER'S EDGE PARK

Off-Street Segments

Street Redesign or Sidepath

TO CANTON

TO LAKE JUNALUSKA

CHARLES ST

MULBERRY ST

SPRUCE ST

SPRUCE ST

WILLOW ST

MOUNTAIN VIEW ST

BROAD ST

BONNER ST

CAROLINA BLVD

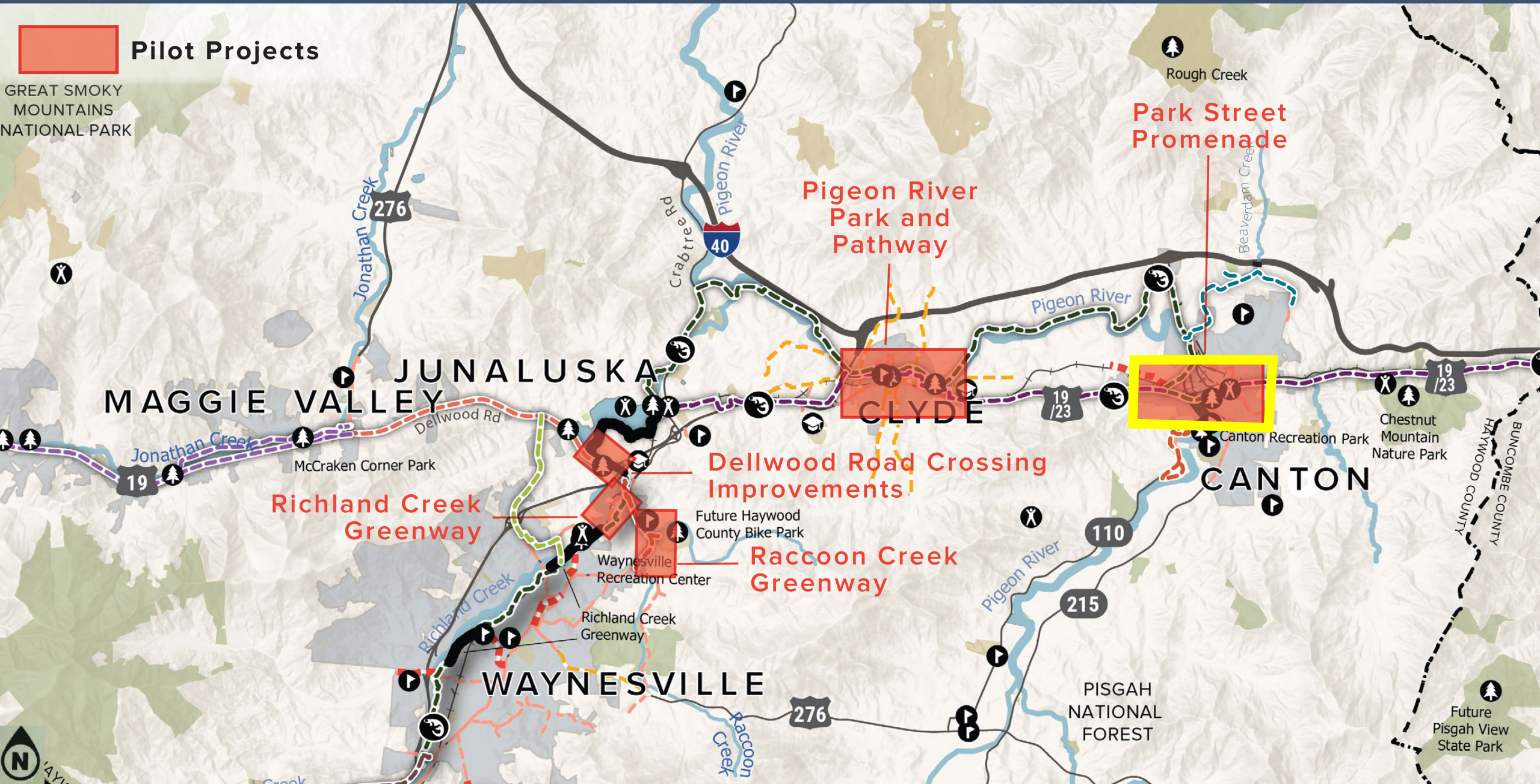
PIGEON RIVER



# PARK STREET PROMENADE Proposed Pilot Project

 Pilot Projects

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK



Park Street Promenade

Pigeon River Park and Pathway

Dellwood Road Crossing Improvements

Richland Creek Greenway

Raccoon Creek Greenway

MAGGIE VALLEY JUNALUSKA

CLYDE

CANTON

WAYNESVILLE

PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST

Future Pisgah View State Park



PARK STREET  
PROMENADE  
(Interim Measure)  
Proposed Pilot  
Project





# CONCEPT DRAWING (LONG-TERM DESIGN OPTION) PARK STREET PROMENADE



MINIMUM 3FT STRIPED BUFFER, BUT IDEALLY SEPARATED 5FT+ WITH CURB AND GUTTER

CONSIDER SMALL POCKET PARKS OR ACTIVATION NODES

VEGETATIVE SWALE AND BREAK IN CURB CUTS ALLOW FOR COLLECTION OF STORMWATER

SEPARATED ZONE FOR CYCLING (OFTEN CALLED A CYCLE TRACK), 8FT CYCLE TRACK IF PROPOSED BUFFER WIDTH IS USED



GREEN STREET RETROFIT

OPPORTUNITY FOR HELLBENDER TRAIL WAYFINDING

BIORETENTION CELLS CAN BE ADDED TO CAPTURE STORMWATER RUNOFF, SLOWLY RELEASING AND TREATING STORMWATER POLLUTANT OVER TIME

**PARK STREET PROMENADE**  
(Long-term Measure)  
**Proposed Pilot Project**



# MAINTENANCE OF THE GREENWAY NETWORK

Municipalities  
Responsible in  
Short & Near Term



County could  
build maintenance  
partnerships in  
the long term







Questions?

