



Berkshire Natural Resources Council

MLTC/State Agency Retreat

October 7, 2026

The High Road Vision

The High Road is a long-term trail initiative aimed at improving access to the outdoors across the Berkshires.



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The High Road will:

- Create a **regionally distinct network** of trails
- Provide day hikes connecting trails to towns
- Provide **sustainable, high-quality** trails and vistas



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- Bring people and outdoors closer together



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As of October 2026:

- **13 Miles of High Road Open**
- **15 miles in various states of planning**



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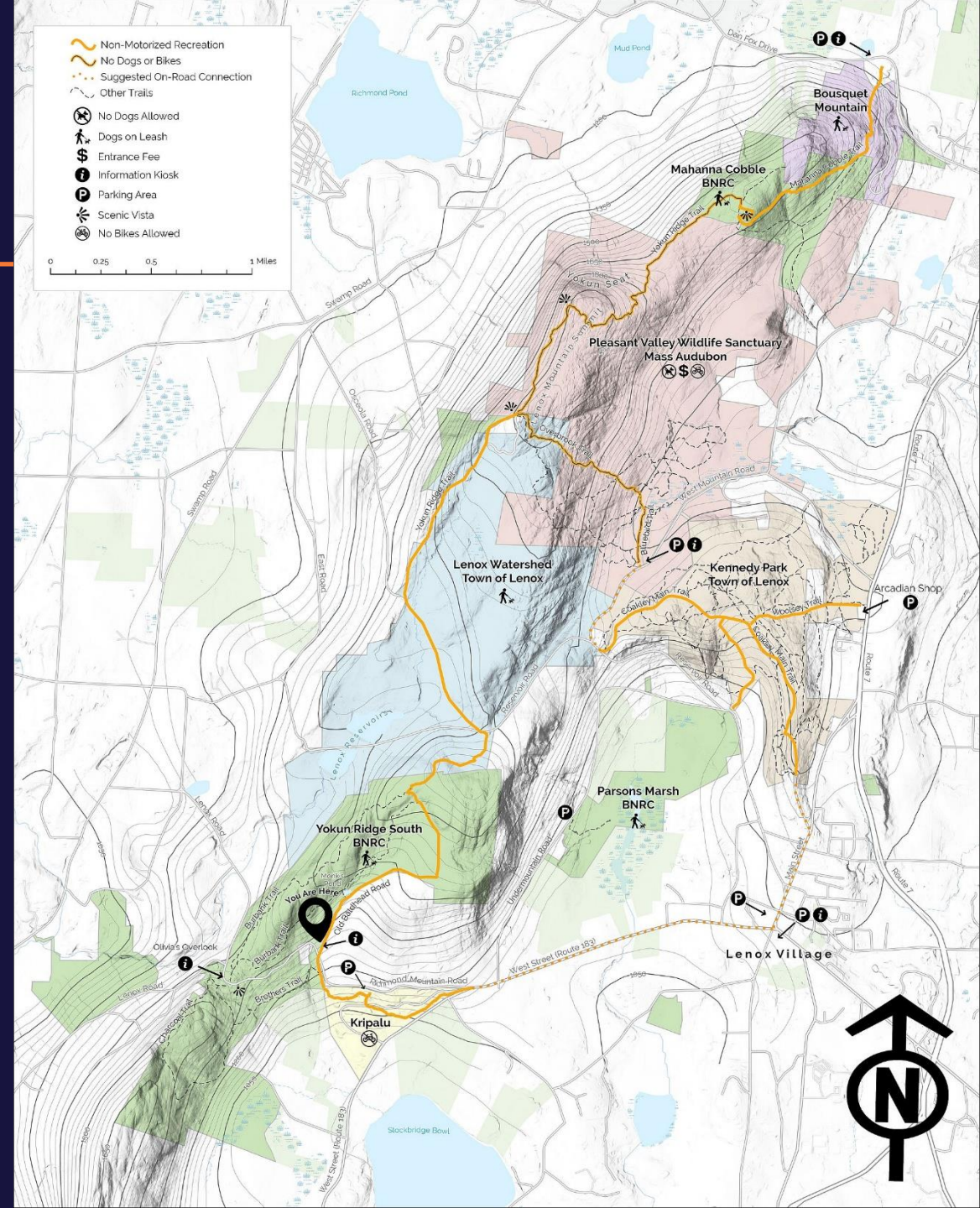
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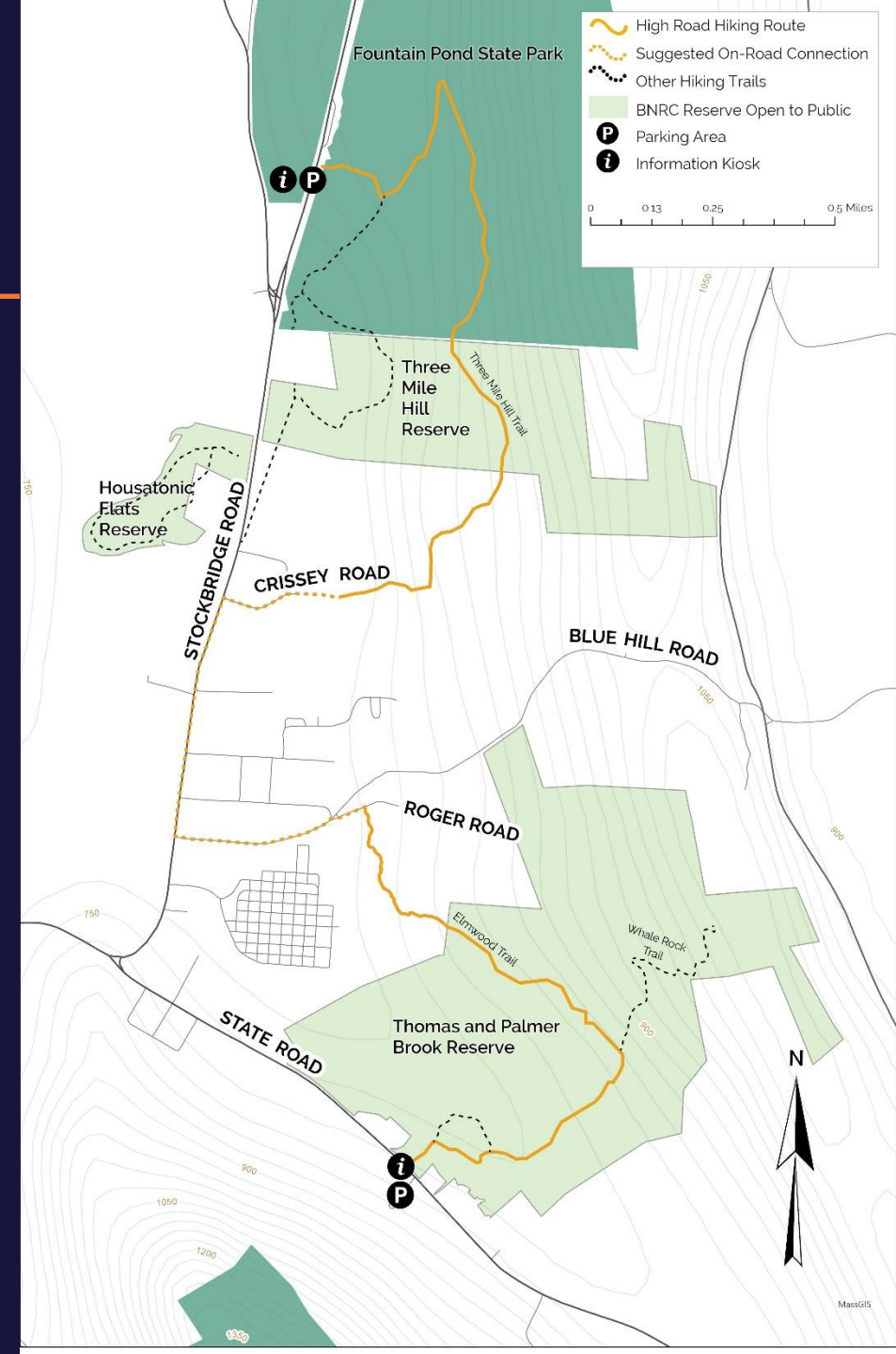
Yokun Ridge

- First section completed in 2021
- 8 Miles from Pittsfield to Lenox
- Partners:



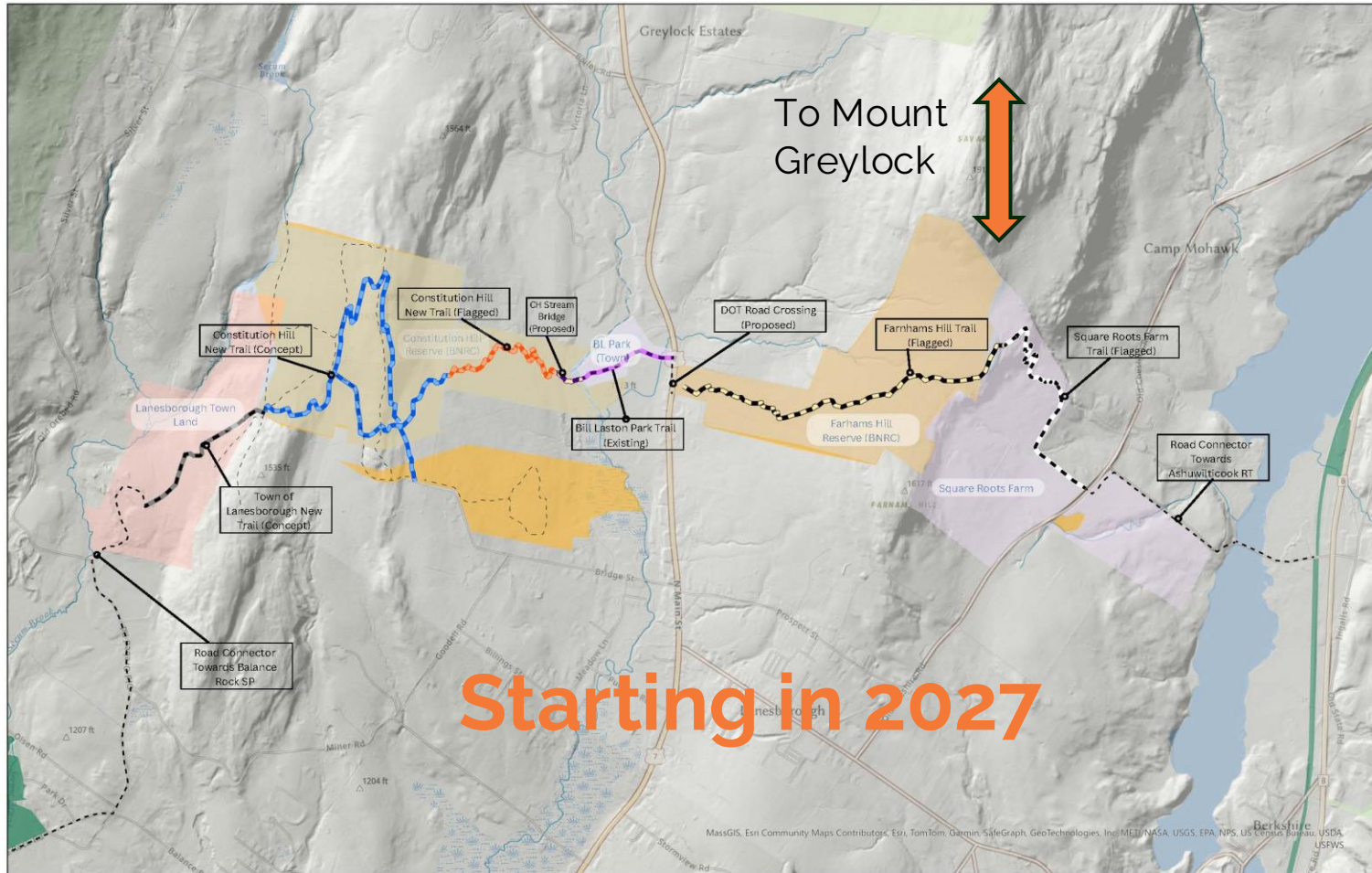
Great Barrington Community Connector

- Completed in Summer 2026
- 5 Miles including urban stretch on Rte 7
- Partners:



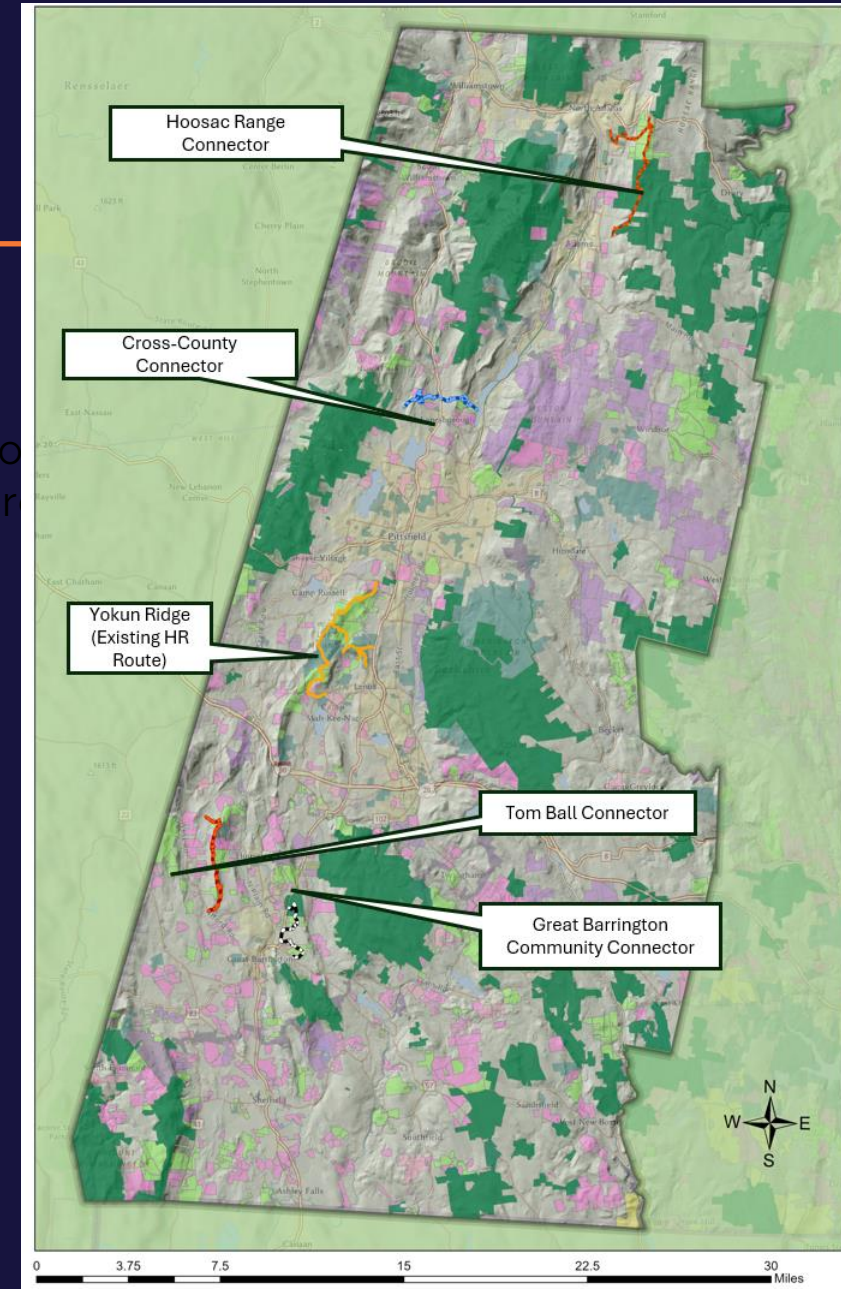
Cross County Connector

Cross-County Connector Concept Map



Future Routes

- Tom Ball Connector
Great Barrington
- Hoosac Range Connector
North Adams
- Yokun Ridge South Extension
West Stockbridge



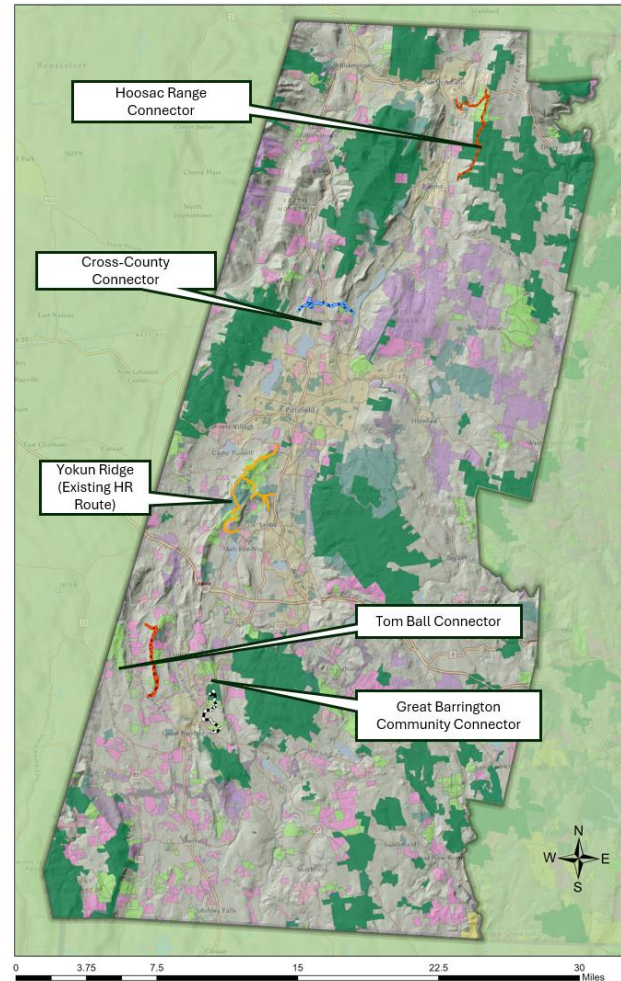
Lessons Learned



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Questions & Comments