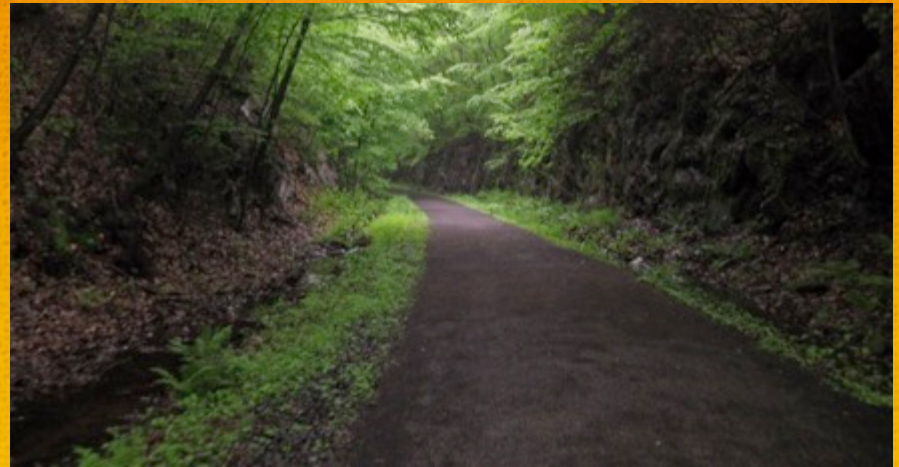


# Historic Portland Air Line Trail



## Portland Air Line Trail Update



January 2018



# Recent Major Accomplishments

- The Town of Portland received a Trail Development Grant from CT DEEP to design and construct Phase 1 of the Portland Air Line Trail.
- The Town purchased 32 acres of land on the former Keegan property to serve as a trail head access point and parking area.
- Dichello Construction won the bid to construct Phase 1 of the trail and began construction in late October 2017 with a scheduled completion timeframe of Spring 2018.



# Portland Air Line Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony

October 28, 2017





# Groundbreaking Ceremony





# Portland Air Line Trail - Phase One

Eversource-Owned Property Under a License Agreement

Currently Under Construction with a Scheduled Completion of Spring 2018



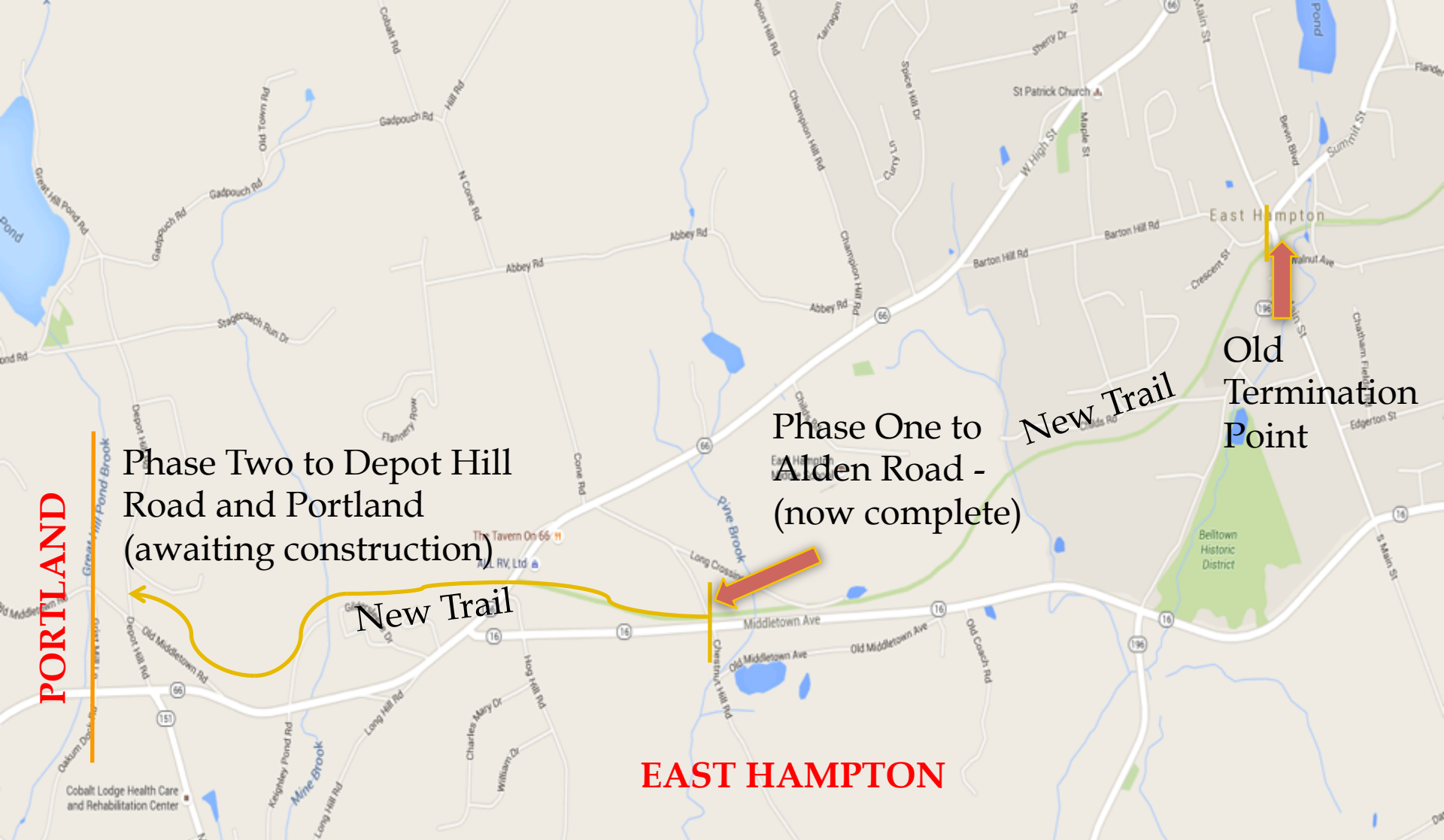


# Related Development

East Hampton and CT DEEP are proceeding to develop, the Air Line Trail from its current termination point at Main Street towards Portland.

- The first phase runs to Alden Crossing near Rt. 16 and is now complete and open to the public.
- The second phase continues to Depot Hill Road at the town line of Portland. This phase is currently held up by complications with a wetlands issue, but the problem will hopefully be resolved soon.

# East Hampton Air Line Trail Development for 2018

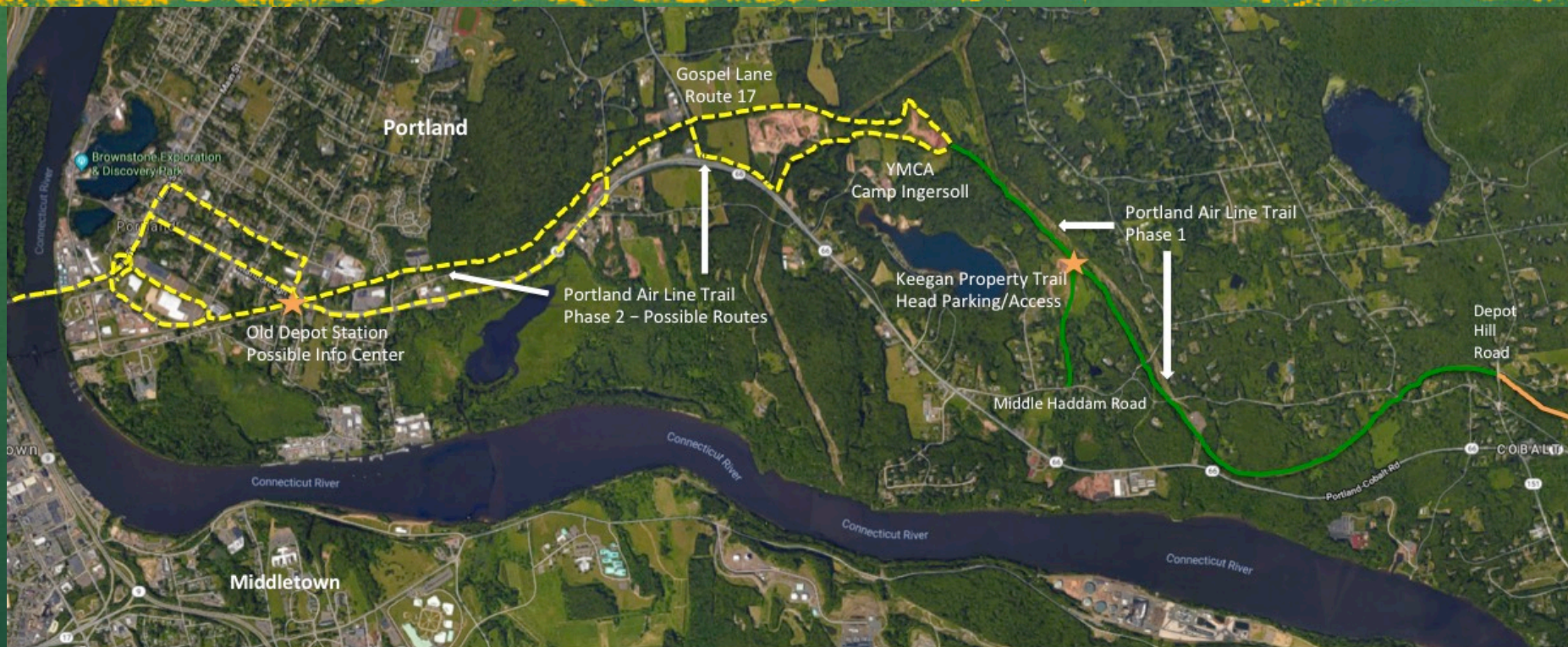


# PHASE II




- The original train route includes land now owned by private property owners. Negotiations are beginning. Some owners are receptive to allow trail access. Others are unknown at this time. We are also looking at a possible alternative trail route along Rt. 66. in cooperation with the State DOT.
- Considering cooperative purchase of the Railroad Depot on Marlborough Street.
- Will explore a usage agreement with the Providence & Worcester Railroad to establish a parallel trail from Marlborough Street to Airline Avenue.
- Work with the Complete Streets Group to connect the Air Line trail to other streets, the Arrigoni bridge, and the Riverfront Park.



# Map of Portland Air Line Trail Phase 2 – Possible Routes



**Portland Air Line Trail – Phase 1 Route and Possible Phase 2 Routes.**

-  Portland Air Line Trail, Phase 1 – Estimated Completion Spring 2018
-  East Hampton Air Line Trail Connector – Estimated Completion 2018
-  Portland Air Line Trail, Phase 2 – Potential Routes: including possible use of public roads and streets as well as private property, if negotiated.



# POSSIBLE PHASE III

- Celebrate the completion of the Air Line Trail from Depot Hill Road to the Arrigoni Bridge.
- Connect the Air Line Trail to the Portland Riverfront Park and continue a trail north along the river.
- Work with the towns of Portland and Glastonbury to develop a bike trail on Tryon Street from the fairgrounds to Glastonbury and the Cumberland/Hollester Ferry.



# Previous Accomplishments of Portland and the Air Line Trail Committee

- Secured development funding from the Board of Selectmen.
- Hired an engineering trail consultant, Kevin Grindle, of Anchor Engineering, who also works with East Hampton's trail development.
- Formed an active partner "Complete Streets" Committee to examine bike and pedestrian use issues throughout town.
- Developed a trail "Site Plan."
- Negotiated an agreement with Eversource Energy to use their land for Phase 1 of the trail in Portland.
- Negotiated with YMCA Camp Ingersoll for possible trail access through their property.
- Organized Trail walks.

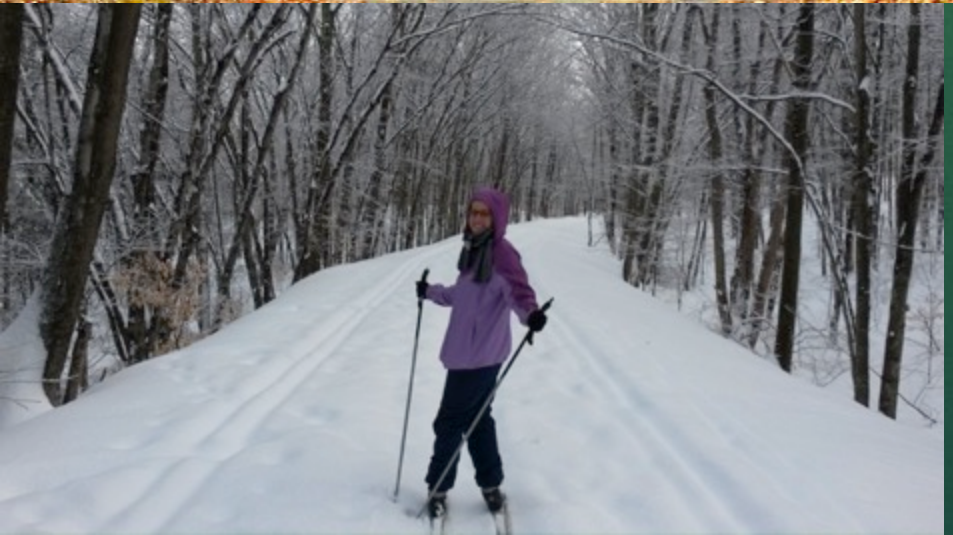


# Current Trail Conditions (under construction)





# The Dream Is Almost A Reality





# *Freezin' for A Reason* Trail Walk 2017

This year's walk scheduled for Jan. 13, 10 AM





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