

Three Notched Trail Shared Use Path Master Plan

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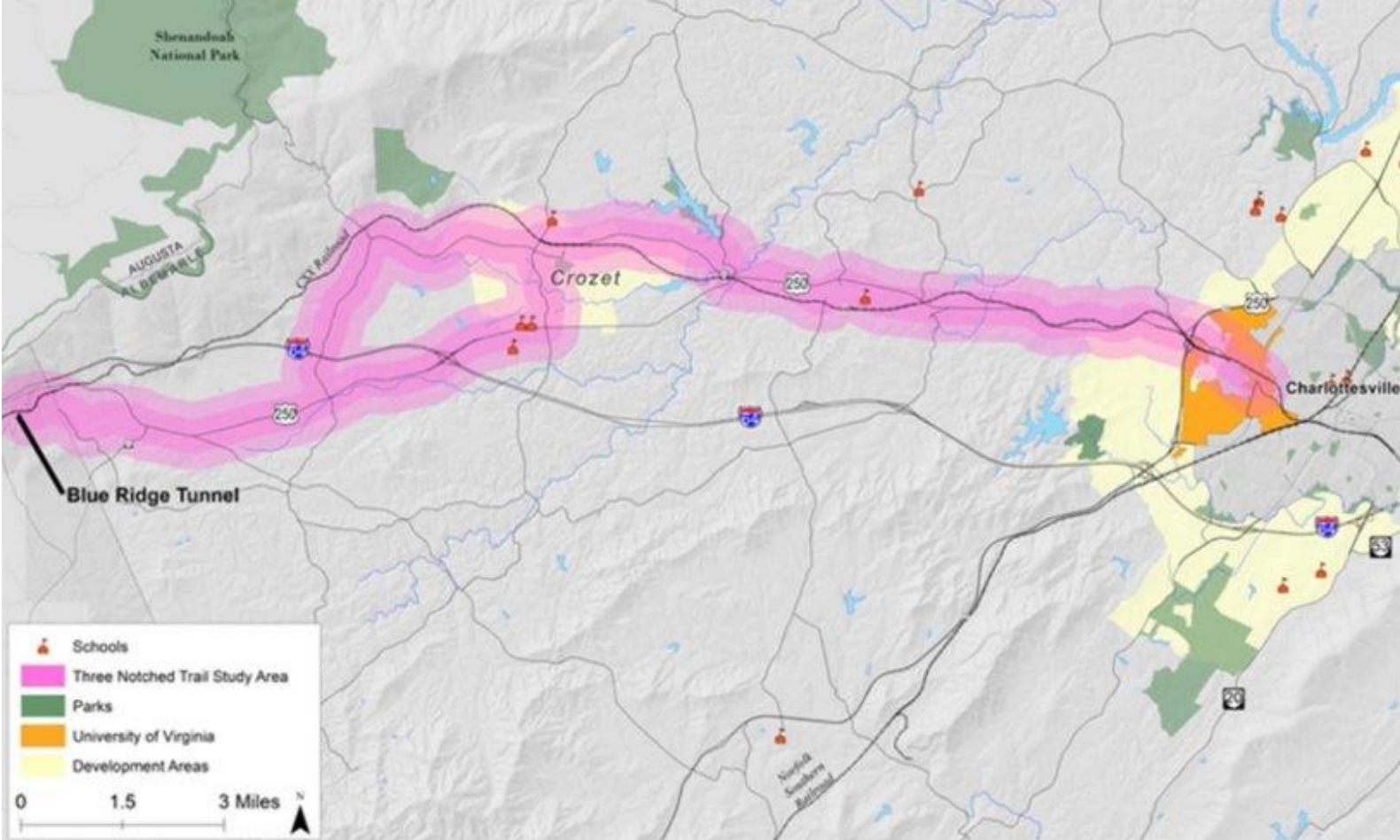
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Presentation Agenda

- Master Plan Scope of Work
- Project Background and Benefits
- Timeline
- Next Steps
- Three Notched Trail Planning Group Efforts

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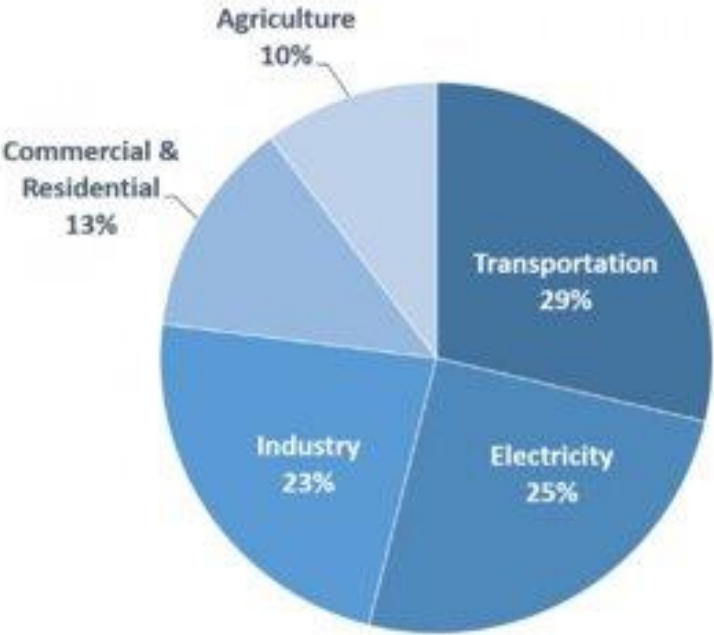
1. Conduct an alternatives analysis of up to three potential alignments for the shared use path
2. Conduct public outreach and meet with stakeholders to determine a preferred alignment
3. Reach functional (30%) design for **high priority segments** of the preferred alignment
4. Develop an implementation plan for the shared use path that identifies segments of the alignment that would have independent utility if constructed separately.

Project Background

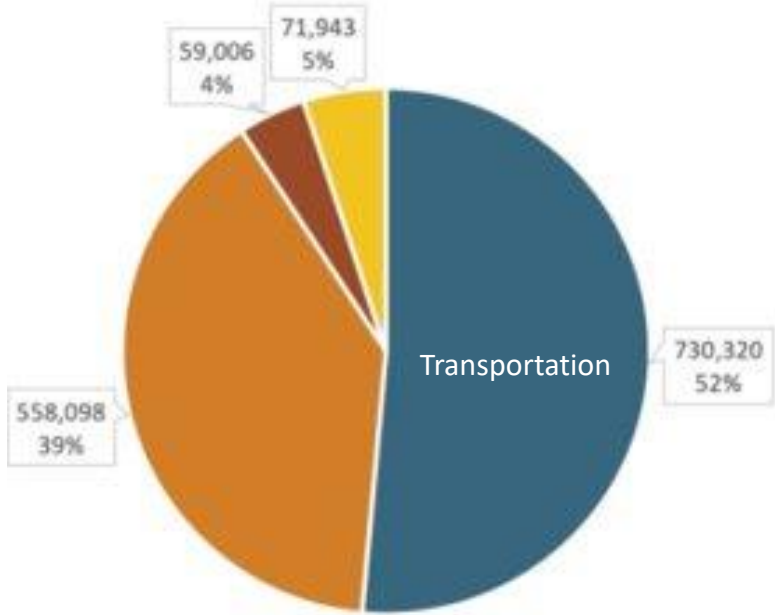
- Long-held local and regional interest in the project
 - Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan, the Crozet Master Plan, the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the Virginia Outdoors Plan
 - Non-profit group associated with the Rivanna Trail Foundation circulated a petition in 2021 in favor of the creation of a Three Notched Trail and received over 4,000 signatures; other work
- Meet both transportation and recreational needs
- Building connections to other successful projects throughout Virginia

Project Benefits

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2019



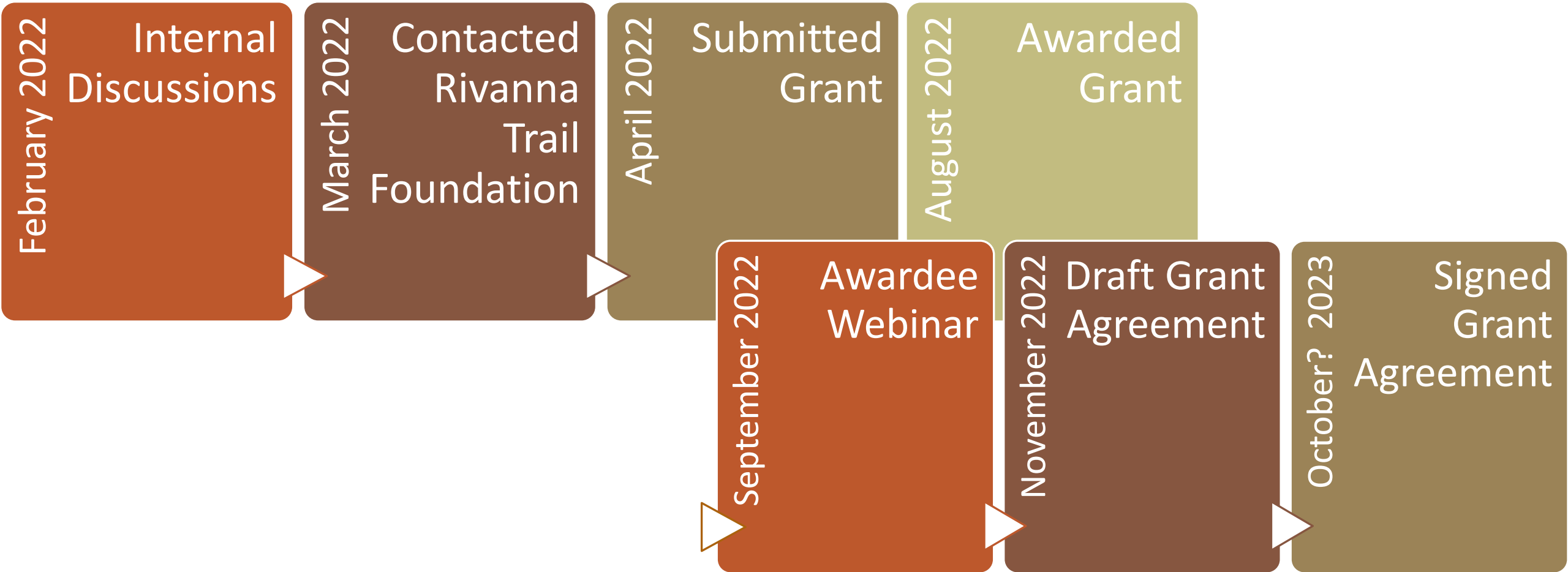
Albemarle County Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2018)



Project Benefits

- An economic impact report showed that the total economic activity stimulated by the Virginia Capital Trail in FY2018-19 was approximately \$8.9M
 - Trail riders typically spent \$22 per visit at local businesses
- The American Automobile Association noted that the average cost of a new motor vehicle in 2021 was \$32,903; the average annual cost of vehicle operations and maintenance was \$9,666

Timeline





Next Steps

- Release RFP for consulting team
- Complete four tasks
- Apply for funding to complete environmental clearances, acquire right of way, and construct segments of the preferred alignment




Proposal – Greater Context

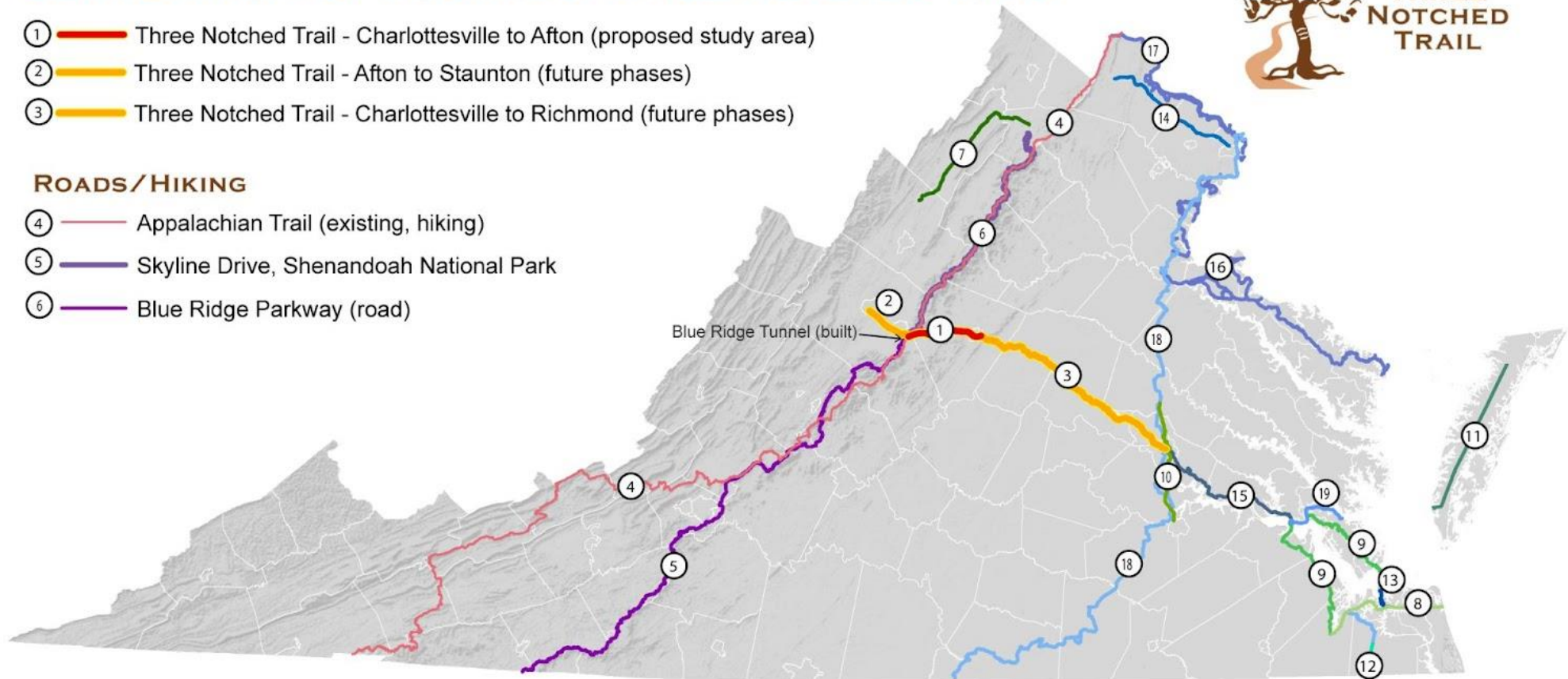
CONNECTIVITY OF VIRGINIA'S THREE NOTCHED TRAIL



- ①  Three Notched Trail - Charlottesville to Afton (proposed study area)
- ②  Three Notched Trail - Afton to Staunton (future phases)
- ③  Three Notched Trail - Charlottesville to Richmond (future phases)

ROADS/HIKING

- ④  Appalachian Trail (existing, hiking)
- ⑤  Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park
- ⑥  Blue Ridge Parkway (road)



Questions/Comments?

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