

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
February 10, 2020**

Council-Manager Briefing

6:00 PM - Fairfield Connects

Mayor Miller called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present were Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Tim Abbott, Chad Oberson and Bill Woeste.

Staff members present were Mark Wending, Dan Wendt, Steve Wolterman, Ben Mann, Erin Lynn, Nick Dill, Steve Maynard, Dave Butsch, Adam Sackenheim, Tiphannie Howard, Scott Timmer, Greg Kathman and Jenny Dexter.

Council and staff discussed the Fairfield Connects, Connectivity Master Plan as presented by Ben Mann, Nick Dill and Erin Lynn, along with the MKSK Consulting team. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Senger led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chad Oberson	Council Member at Large	Present	
Bill Woeste	Council Member at Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Council Member, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Council Member, 4th Ward	Present	
Steve Miller	Mayor	Present	
Councilmember At-Large	Council Member at Large	Excused	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oberson, moved for executive session to discuss collective bargaining and appointment of a public official. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a two (2) year Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Recommendation:

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. The contract is evaluated every two years and pertains to the City's sponsorship of the Chamber, including business retention services.

Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-20. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Public Safety Committee

Vacant, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorizes and directs the preparation of a Resolution of Necessity for the sidewalk/driveway apron repairs.

Councilmember Oberson presented the third reading of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-20. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Public Utilities Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Member

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read one resolution by title only.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Resolution appointing Development Services Director Greg Kathman to the West Chester Joint Economic Development District Board of Directors.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council appoint Development Services Director Greg Kathman to

the Board of Directors of the West Chester Township JEDD-1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-20. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

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AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

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Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Council Member, 1st Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-20. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, February 24 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, March 9 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

C. Monday, March 23 - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____



FAIRFIELD CONNECTS

CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2020

The Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan Update highlight a desire from residents to improve connectivity through the communi

Transportation Goals and Policies

GOAL T-2 Attain greater pedestrian and bicycle mobility for day-to-day and commuter activity.

- **Policy 2.1** Establish multi-modal networks that link neighborhoods, recreational areas, and commercial areas to reduce motor vehicle traffic and points of pedestrian/motor vehicle conflict.

GOAL T-4 Provide for safe non-motorized routes to schools and other activity centers.

- **Policy 4.1** Establish a pedestrian system that reduces conflicts between students walking and bicycling, and motor vehicles.

Implementation Strategies - Transportation

STRATEGY T-2

Develop a multi-modal transportation strategy for the city that establishes criteria and guidelines for citywide connectivity for sidewalks, trails, and complete streets. Require the construction of sidewalks or any non-sidewalk trails or paths identified on that plan by the developer.

STRATEGY T-4

Work with the Fairfield City School District to identify student walking routes to school and to school related activities, and prioritize the establishment of sidewalks and paths to reduce pedestrian/motor vehicle conflicts. Consider incorporating the National Center for Safe Routes to Schools, “Advancing Transportation and Health: Approaches from the Federal Safe Routes to School Program” that offer broad application.

STRATEGY T-6

Revisit and reevaluate the city’s sidewalk policy, that currently does not require the installation of sidewalks south of Nilles on Route 4 and in the industrial areas, based on need and location and determine if sidewalks are necessary along existing and future service drives.

STRATEGY T-7

Implement multi-modal networks within major transportation projects when possible.

CONSULTANT TEAM

MKSK

Trail Planning And Design
Transportation Planning
Landscape Architecture
Community Engagement



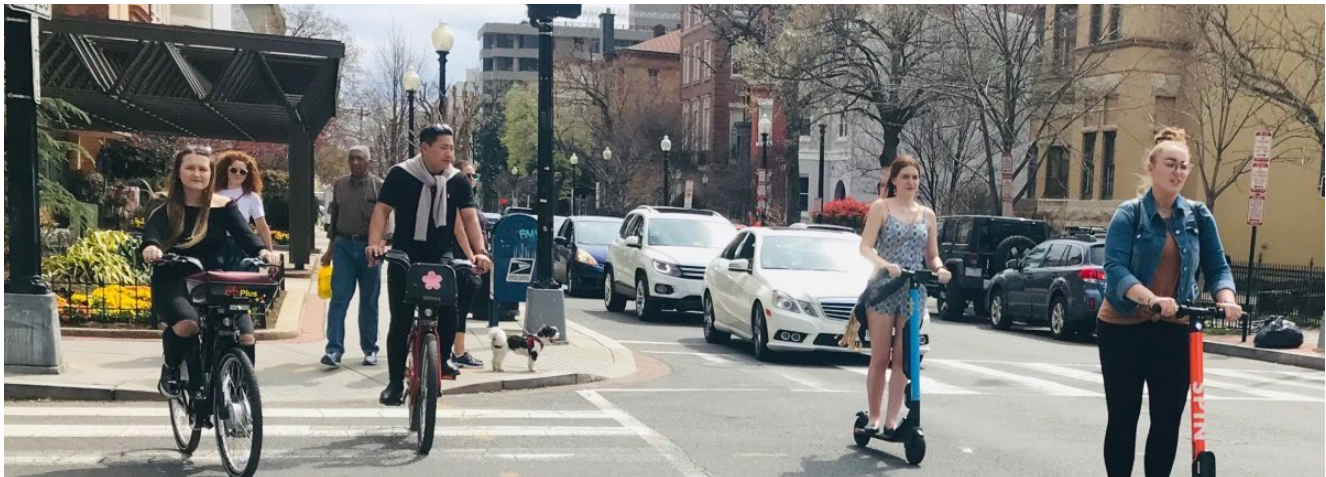
Engineering Assessment
Active Transportation Design
And Implementation

STEERING COMMITTEE



BENEFITS OF CONNECTIVITY

Barracks Row in Washington, D.C. **tripled its economic activity** after implementing new street design and transportation offerings.
-- National Recreation and Park Association



60% of users reported **increased exercise habits** after introduction of more trails in Morgantown, West Virginia.
-- Headwaters Economics

Bicycling tourism produces **\$60 Million annually in economic benefits** in North Carolina's Outer Banks.
-- National Recreation and Park Association



LITTLE MIAMI SCENIC TRAIL

For every foot closer to the trail, property values increased by about \$7.

A home located a half mile from the trail would sell for approximately 9% less than a home adjacent to the trail.
-- Headwaters Economics



WASSON WAY (LITTLE MIAMI SCENIC TRAIL TO XAVIER UNIVERSITY)

\$10 Million in Household savings in transportation costs.

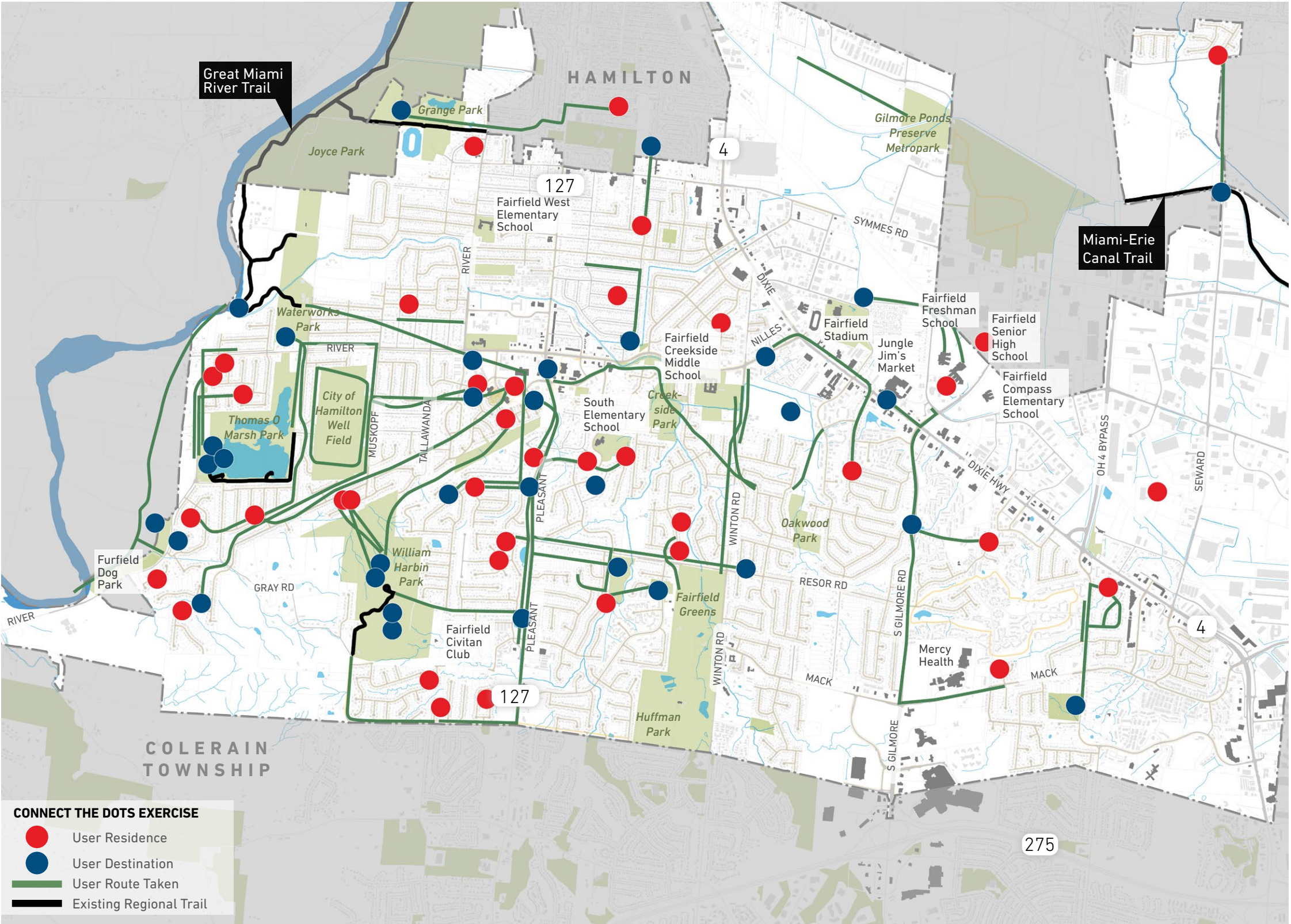
\$16.5 Million value in improved access to recreational facilities that will improve quality of life and promote health and wellness.

27.5 Million less vehicle miles travelled reducing CO2 emissions.

-- UC Economics Center study on the Wasson Way Project.



ENGAGEMENT RESULTS



QUESTIONS ASKED:

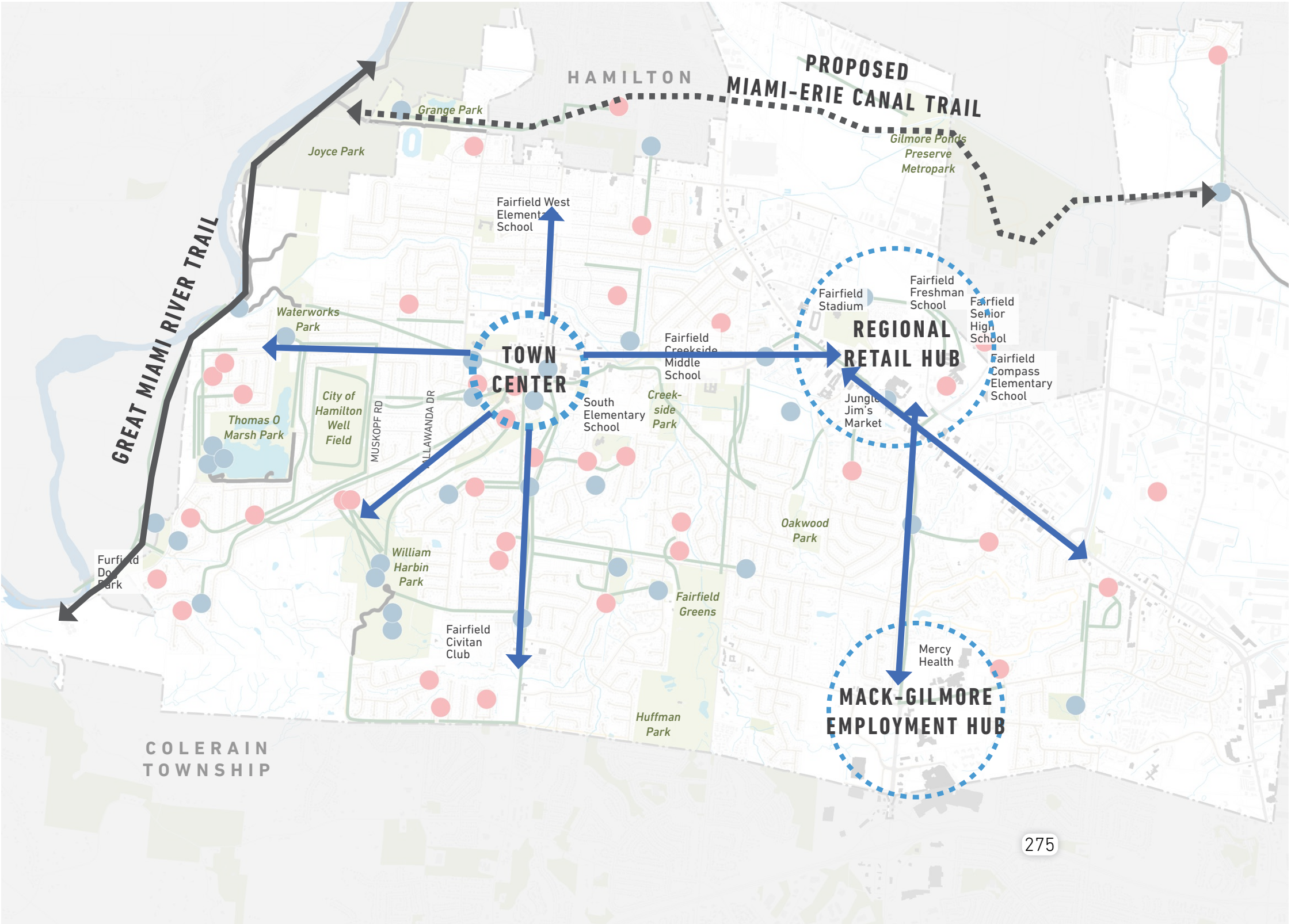
Where do you live?

What are your popular destinations?

How are you getting there?

EVENTS ATTENDED:

Dog Park Grand Opening
Farm-R-Treat



- Connect Fairfield’s Village Center to regional trail & park network
- Connect North to South
- Connect Village Green to Route 4 Retail and School destinations
- Connect Mack-Gilmore Employment Hub to Route 4 and Miami-Erie Canal Trail
- Improve connectivity along Dixie Highway

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CONNECT TO CIVIC & CULTURAL DESTINATIONS



CONNECT TO TOWN CENTER



CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS



CONNECT TO NEIGHBORHOODS



MAXIMIZE BENEFITS TO CITIZENS

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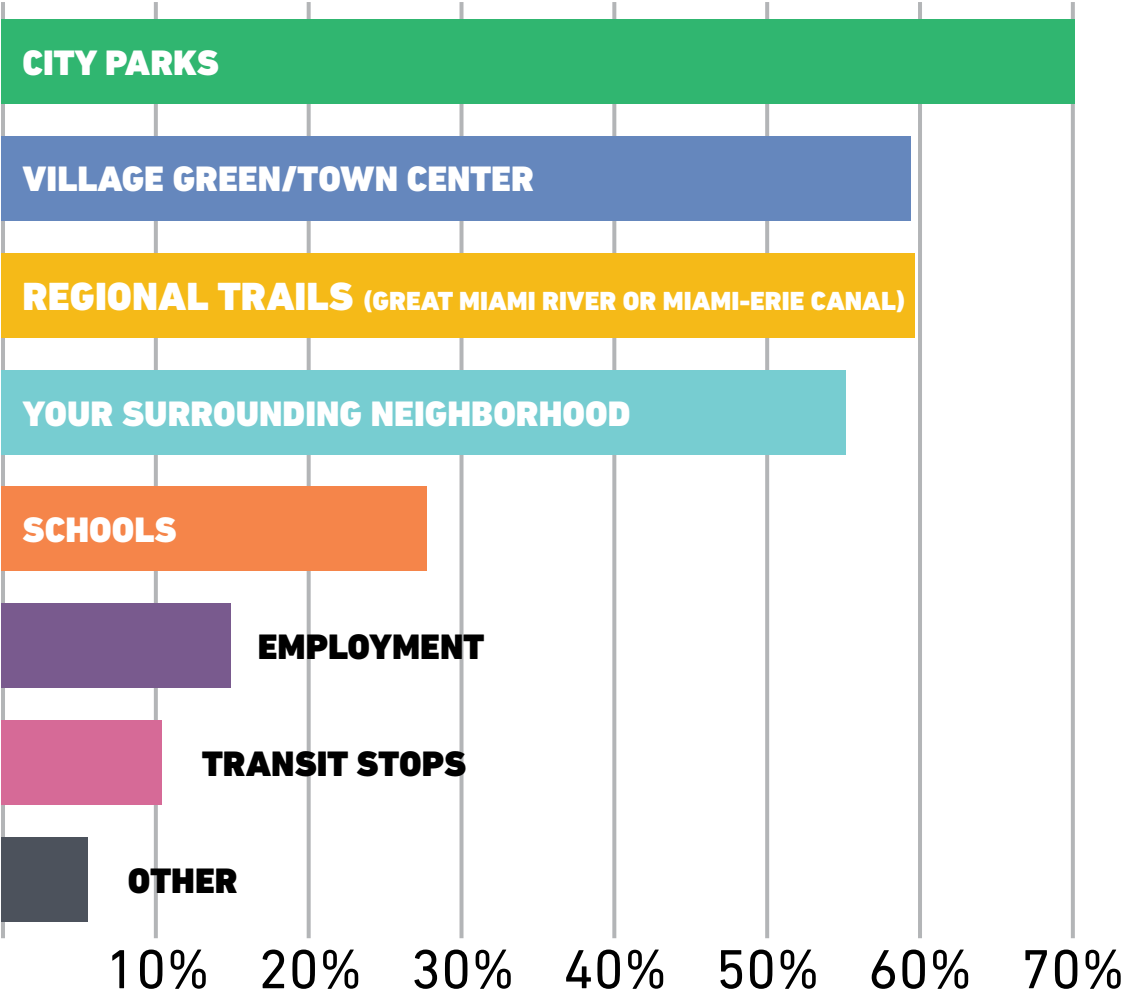
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- Respondents heavily **preferred off-road separated facilities** for bicycling and walking.



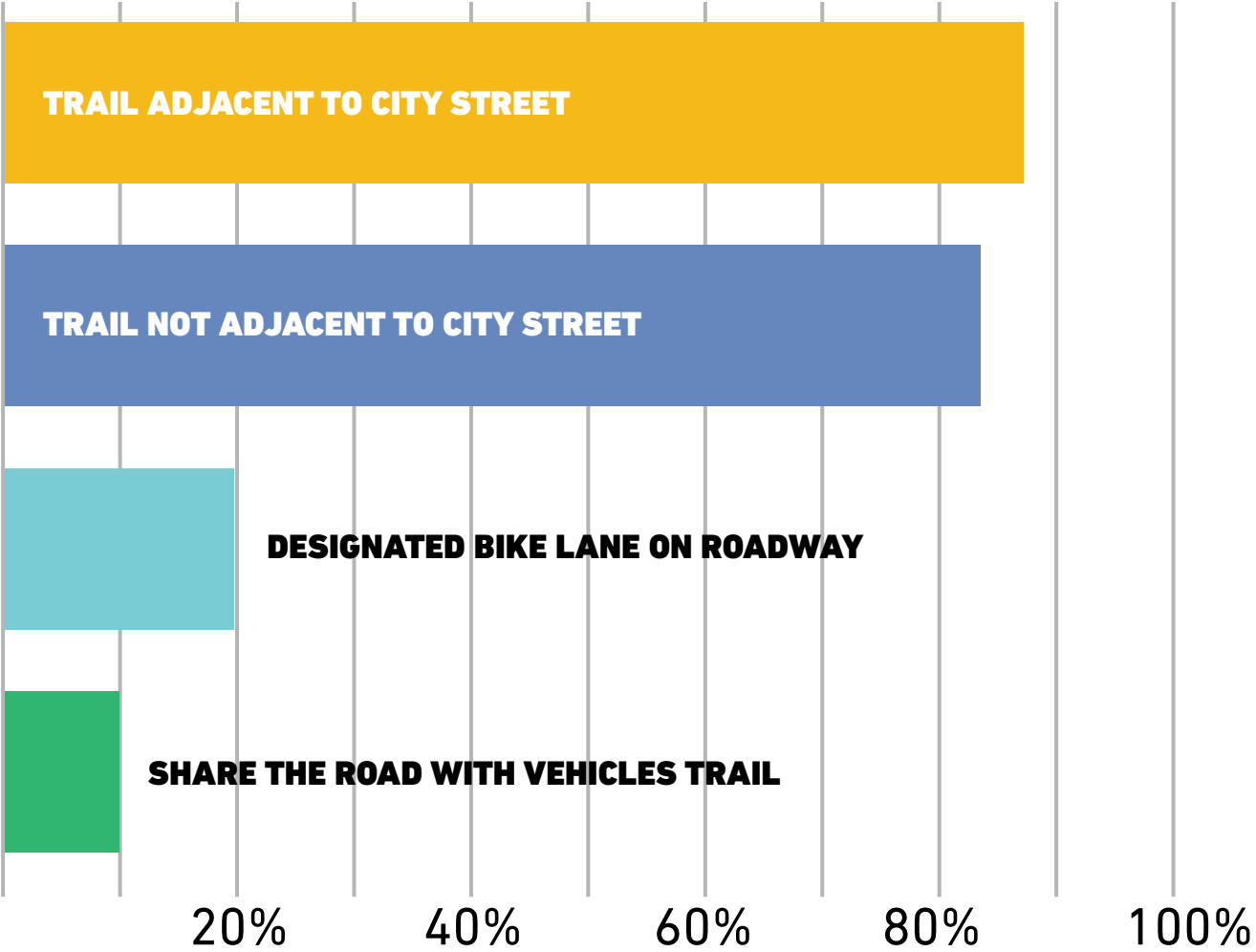
There have been 1,145 responses to the online survey

What areas or places in Fairfield are most important for you to be able to access via walking or bicycling?
(check all that apply)



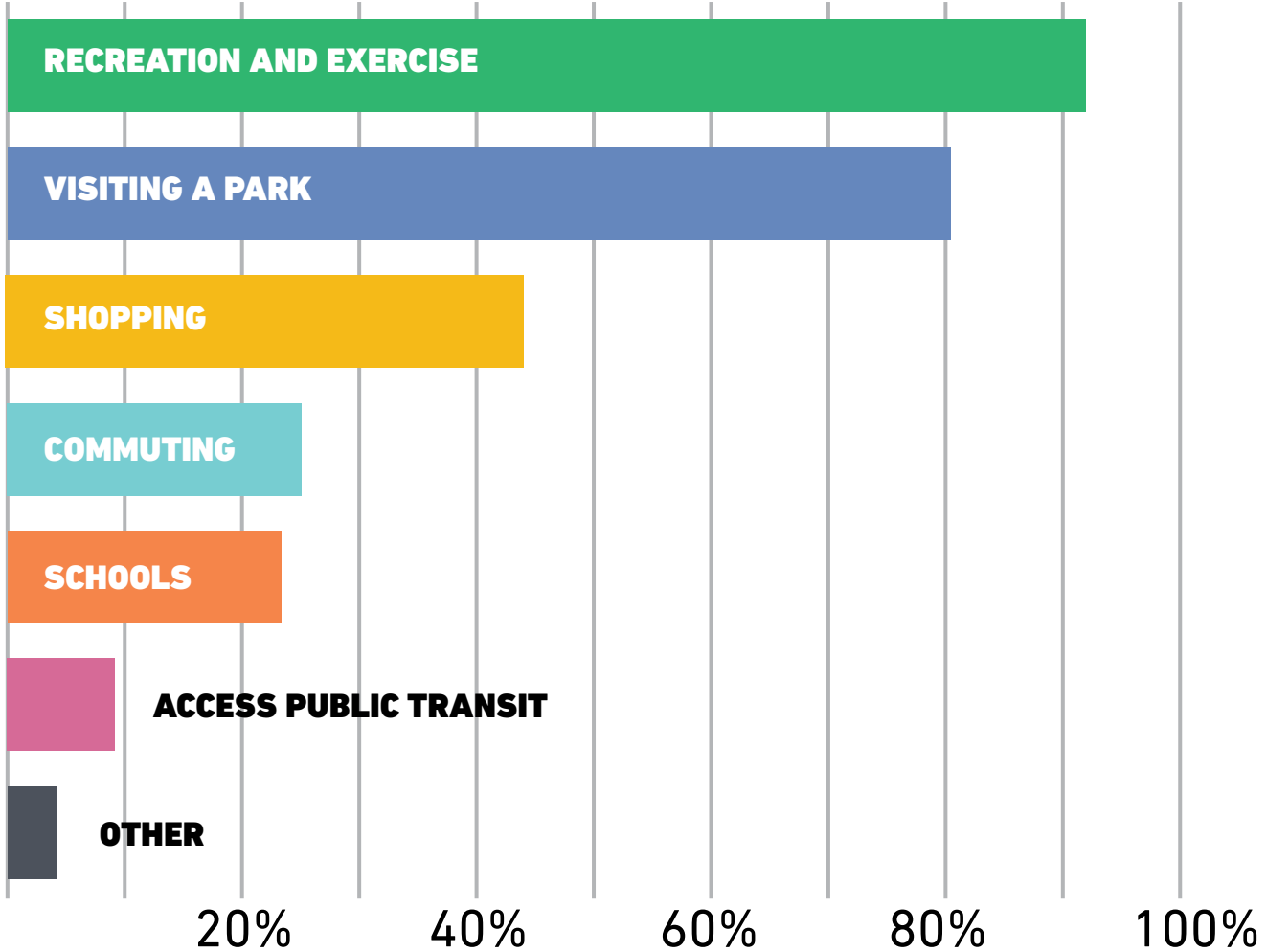
Parks, Village Green and Regional Trails are highest priority destinations for trails.

If it were available, which of the following on-road or off-road pedestrian facilities would you use in Fairfield?
(Check all that apply)



Riders prefer to use off-road facilities primarily trails adjacent to city streets.

If a complete trail network existed within the City, what types of activities or destinations would you use it for in Fairfield? (Check all that apply)



Potential riders seem most interested using the trails for **recreation and exercise**.

What other connections do you feel are missing?

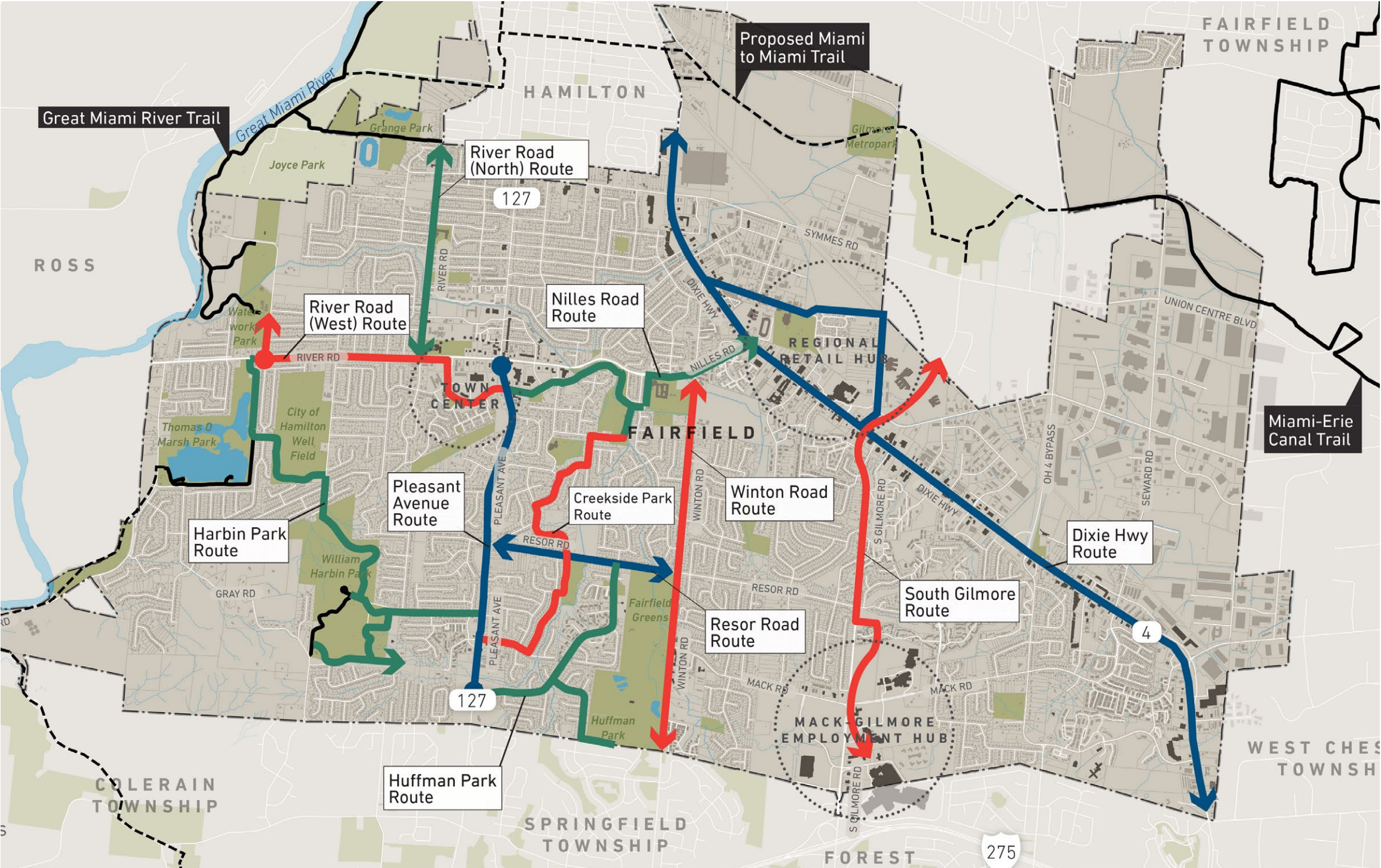
The top five common themes were:

- 1. South-east area of City is lacking.
- 2. Resor Road in its entirety and the neighborhood it connects.
- 3. Ensuring better connectivity to all Schools.
- 4. Mack-Gilmore area.
- 5. Symmes Road Corridor

“Anything that makes it safer for our kids to walk to schools, as many of them do”

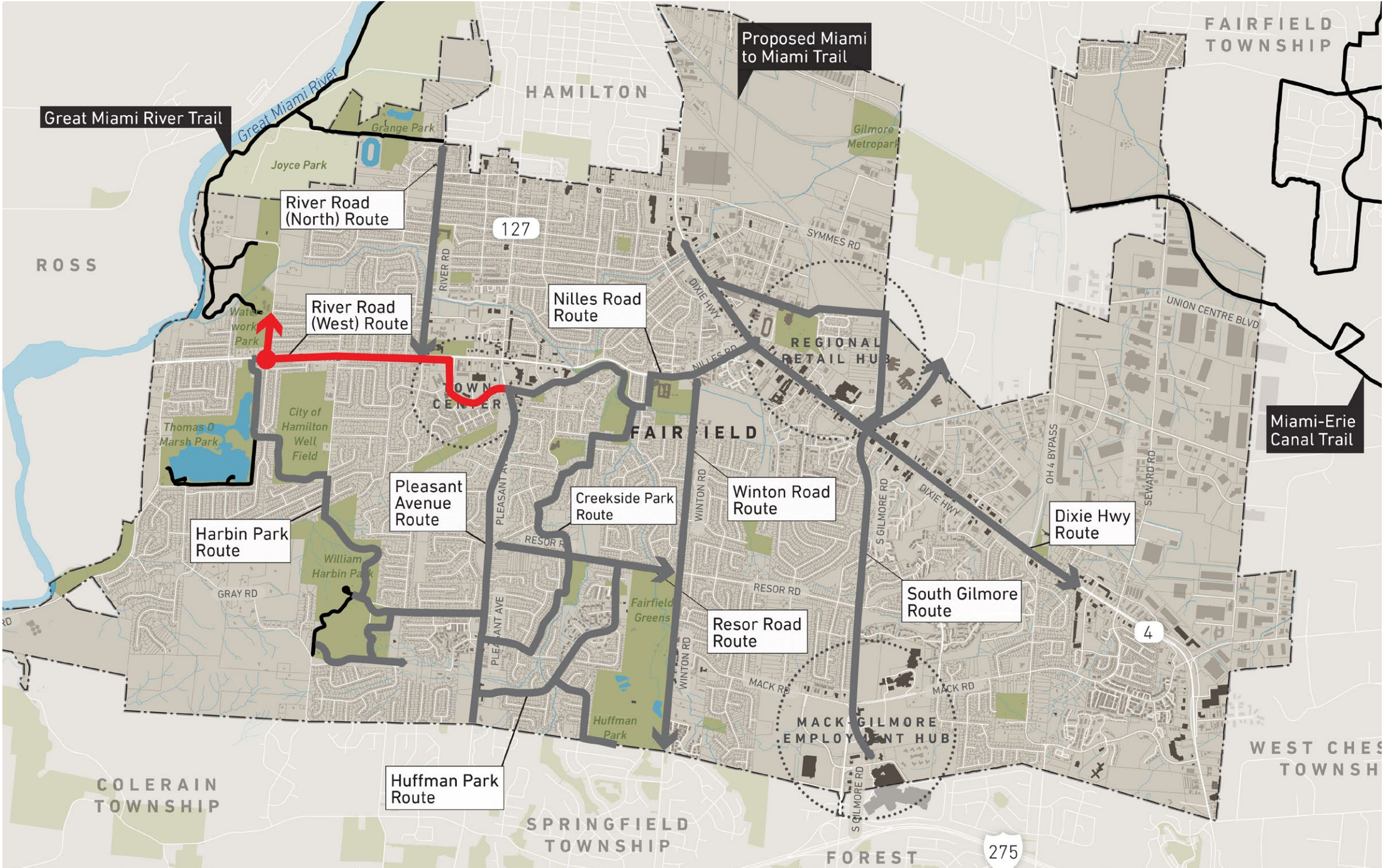
“Don’t forget about connecting the SE residents to the town center avoiding Rt 4.”

Question: rate the overall public benefit of each connectivity option on a scale of 1 to 10



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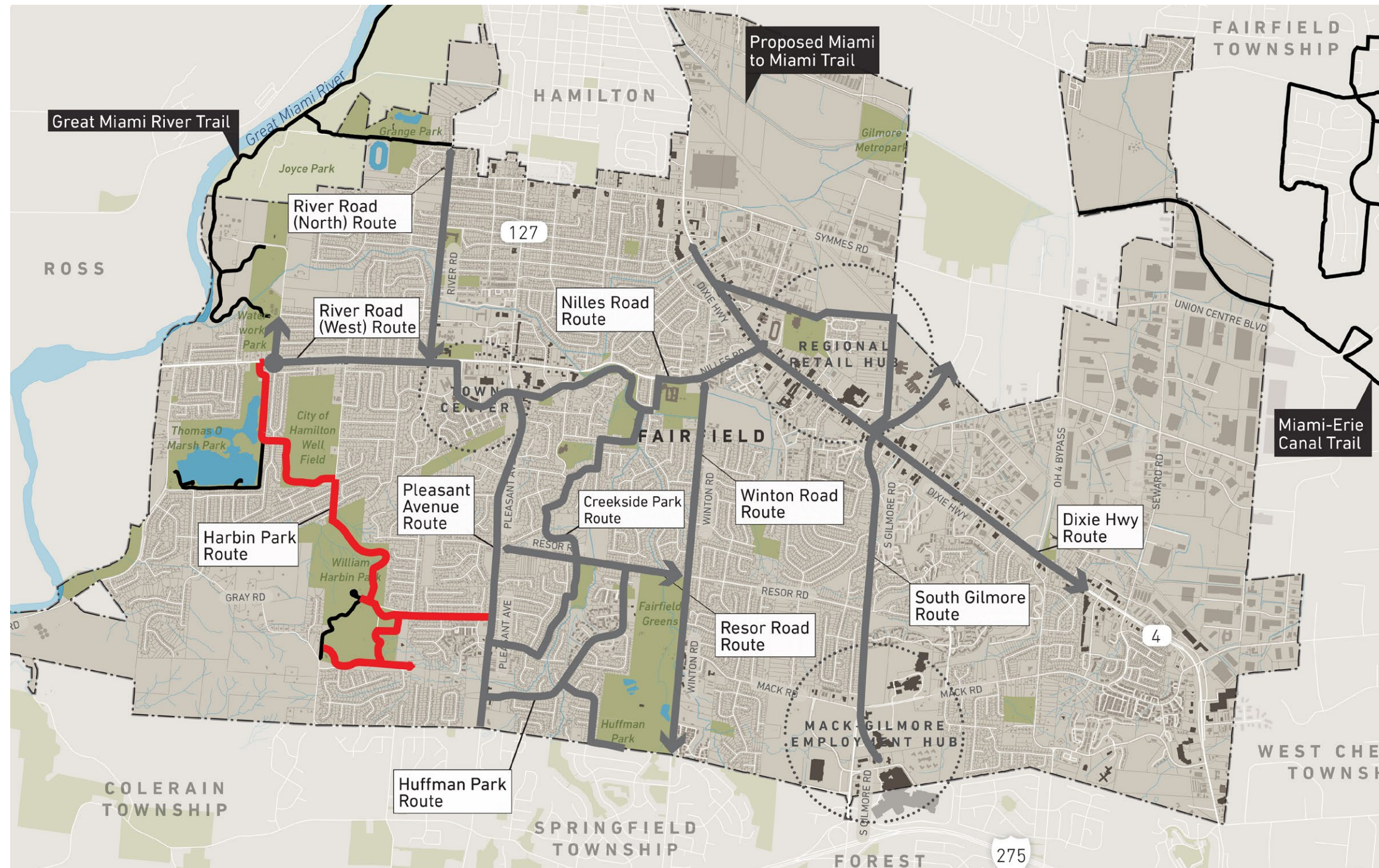


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1. River Road (West)	3.89
2. Pleasant Avenue Route	3.84

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2. Pleasant Avenue Route	3.84
3. Harbin Park Route	3.83

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4. Dixie Highway Route	3.79

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5. Nilles Road Route	3.68

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6. River Road (North)	3.64

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6. River Road (North)	3.64
7. Resor Road Route	3.40

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7. Resor Road Route	3.40
8. South Gilmore Route	3.33

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8. South Gilmore Route	3.33
9. Creekside Park Route	3.24

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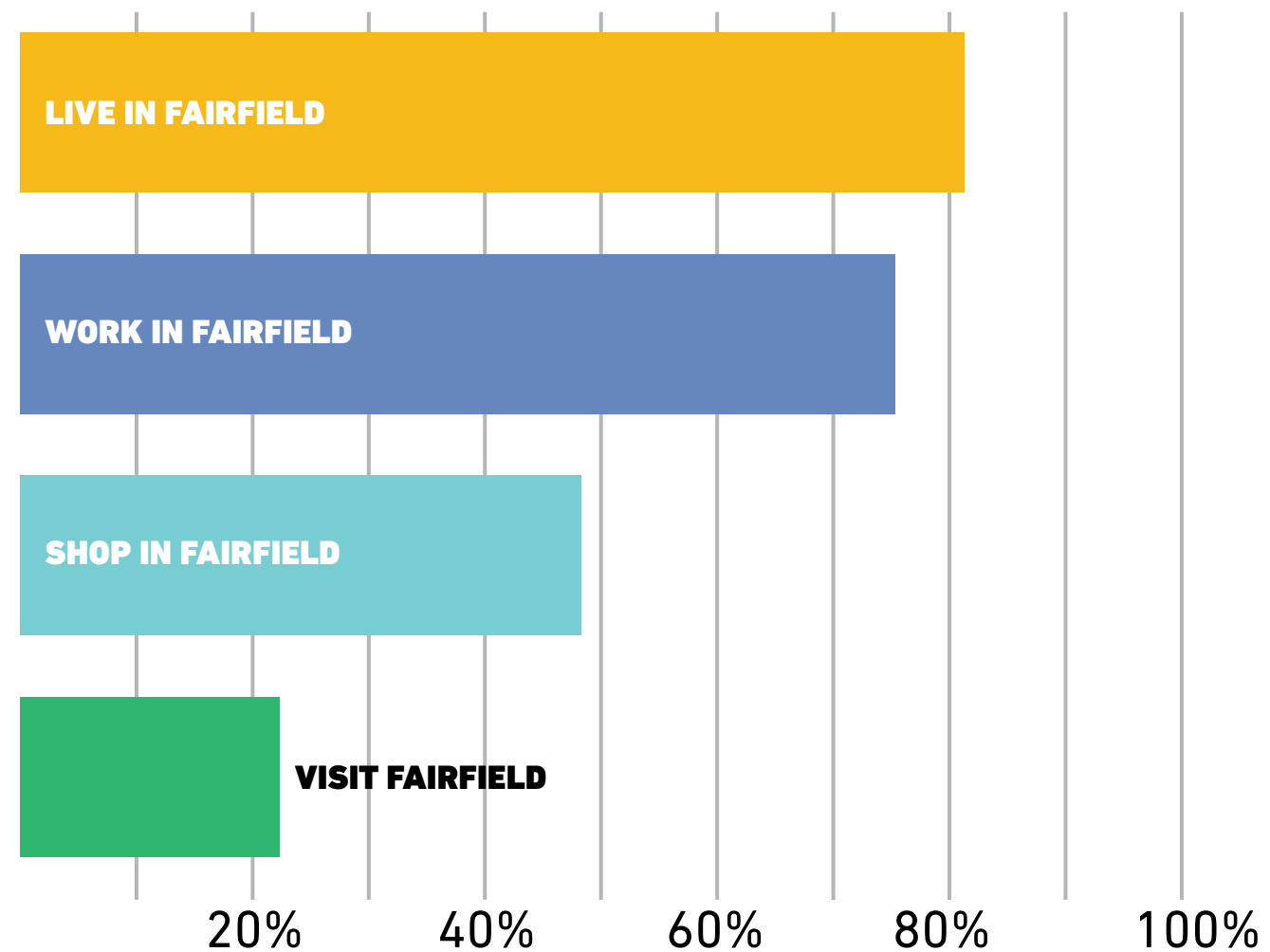


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9. Creekside Park Route	3.24
10. Huffman Park Route	3.17

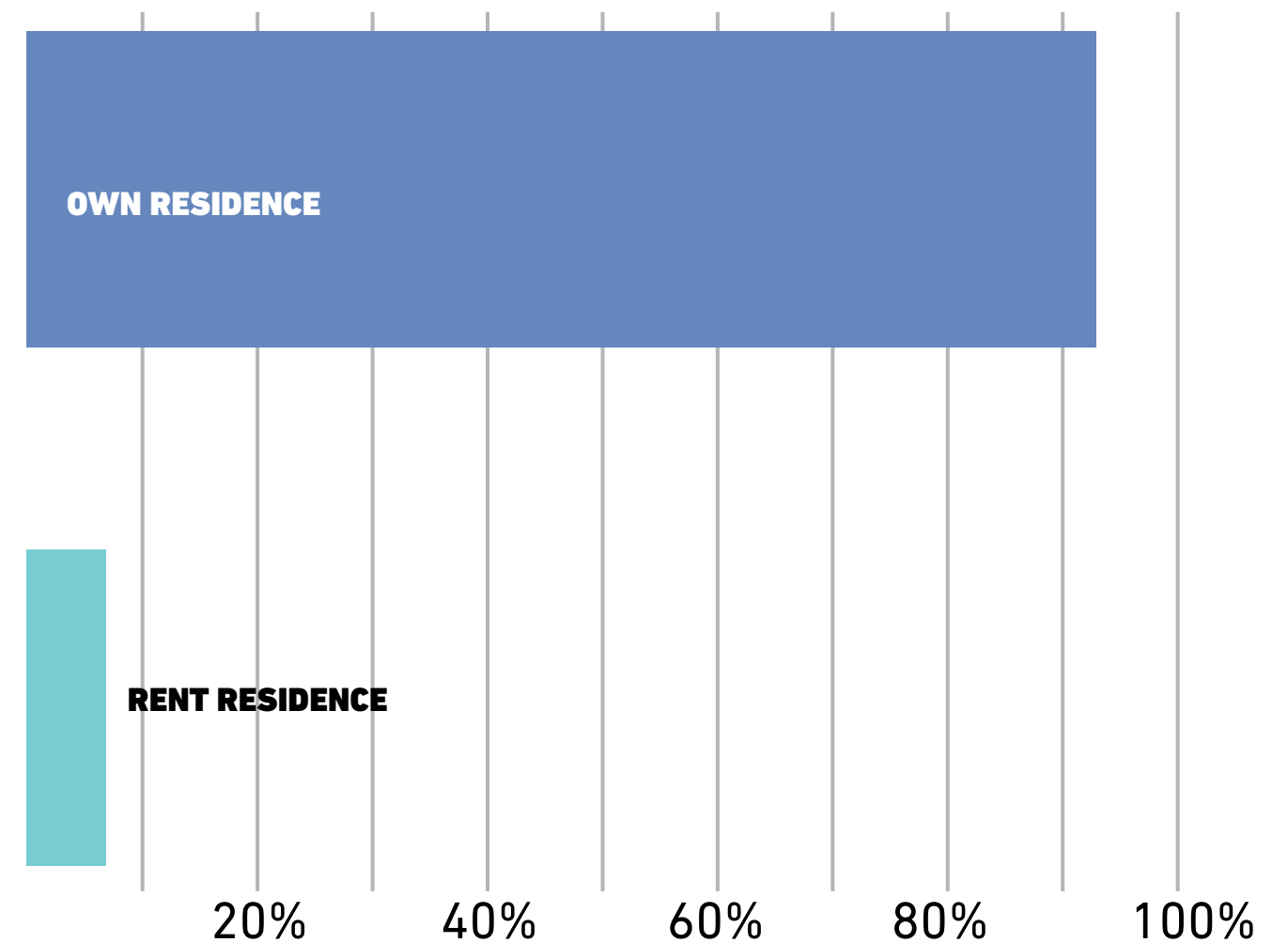
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Check all that apply. Do you...



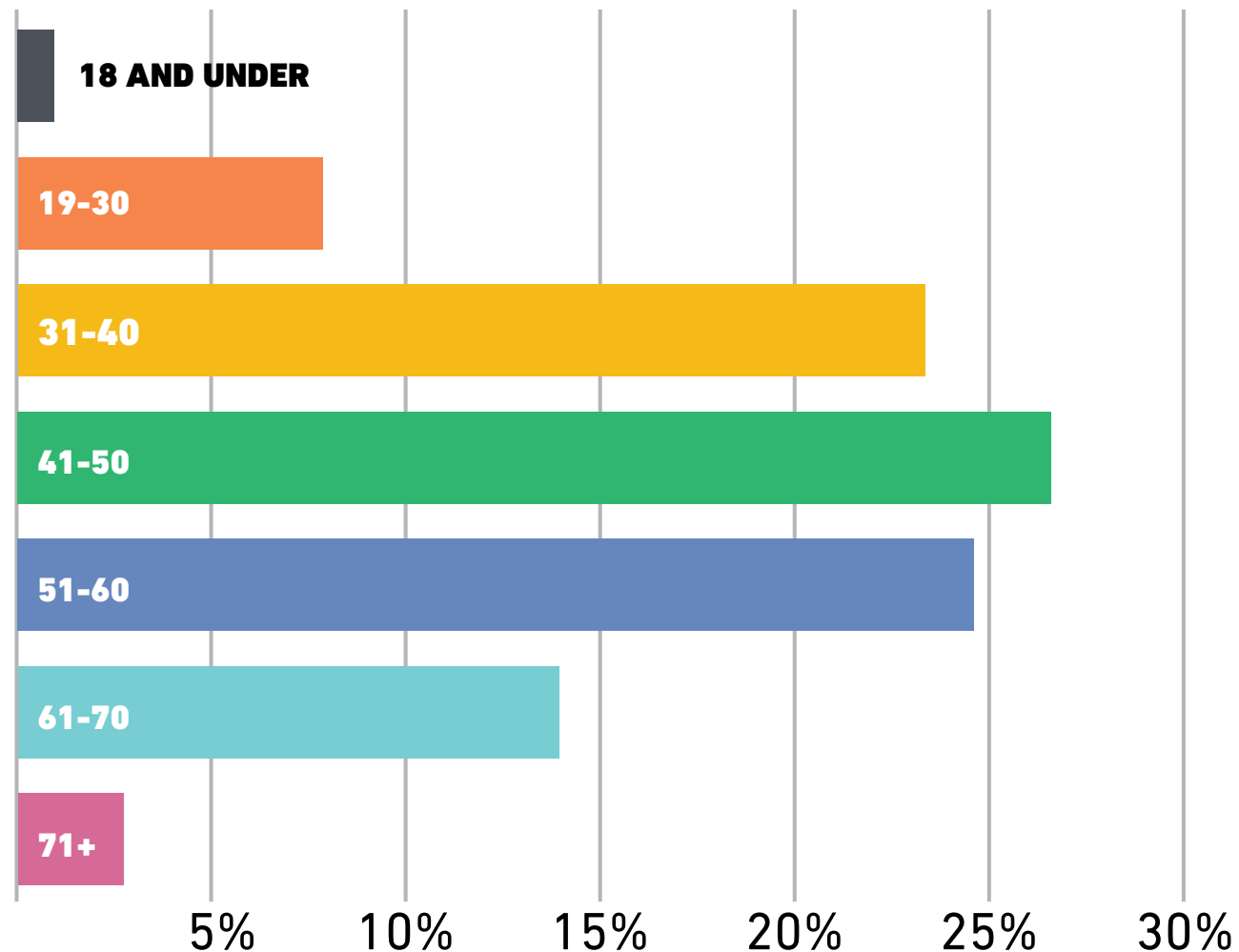
Most respondents of the survey (81%) live in Fairfield. Very few respondents (less than 23%) are visitors to Fairfield.

Do you own or rent your place of residence?



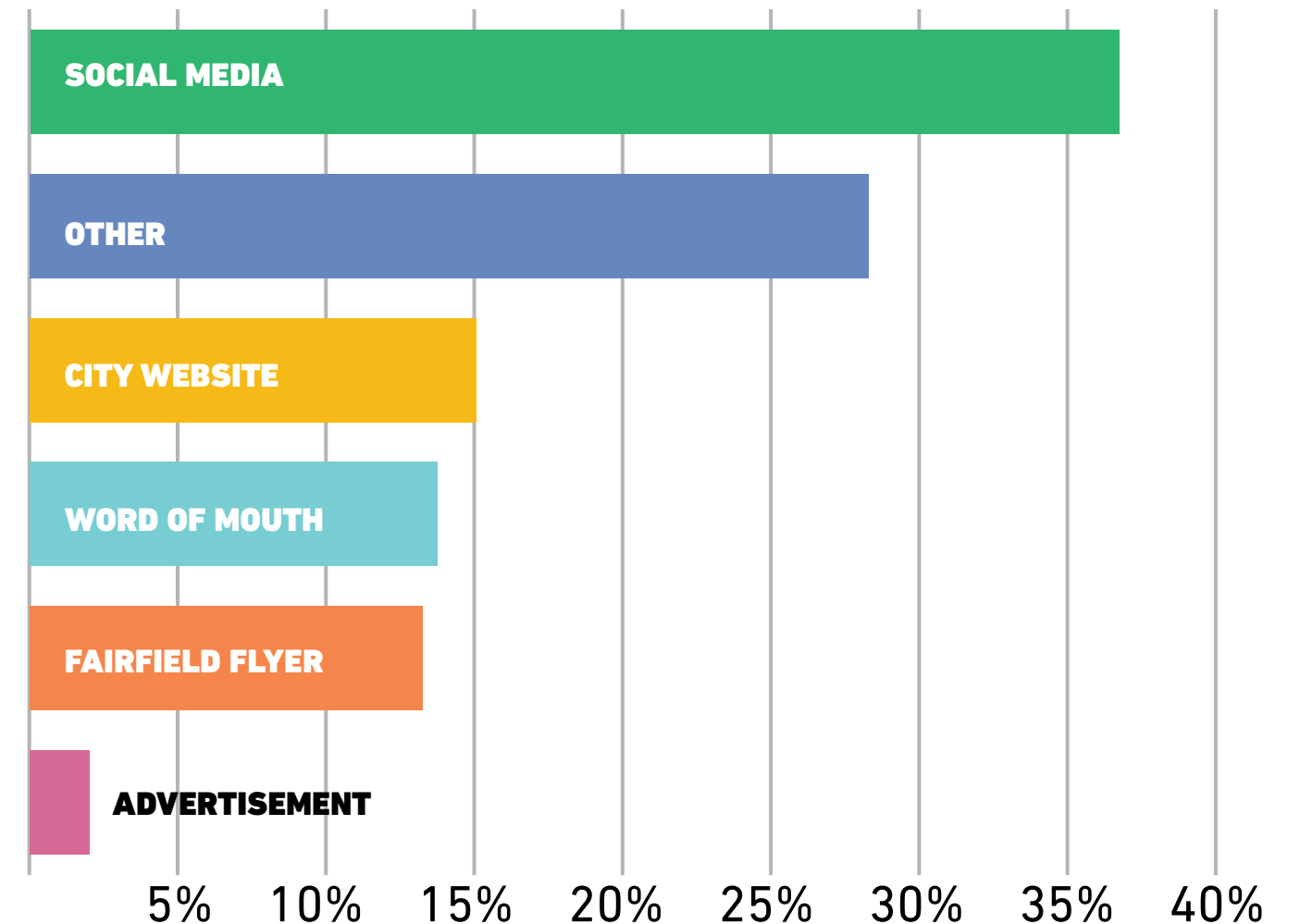
An overwhelming majority of respondents were home owners and not renters.

What is your age?



Most respondents were between 41 and 60.

How did you hear about the survey?



Most respondents heard about the survey from Social Media. The top “Other” responses were:

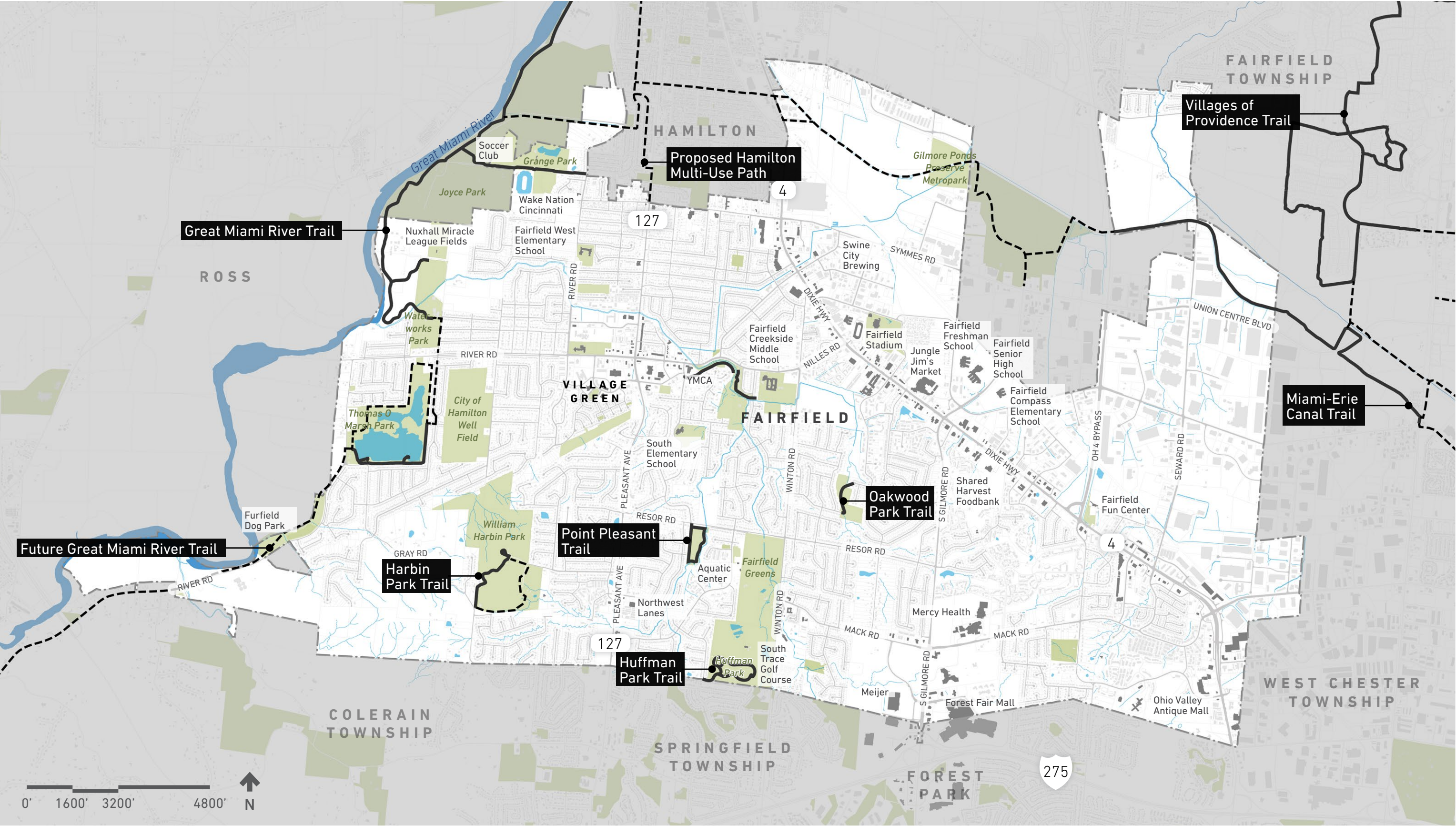
1. Work / Employer
2. Community Arts Center and Library Posters
3. Schools

CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS

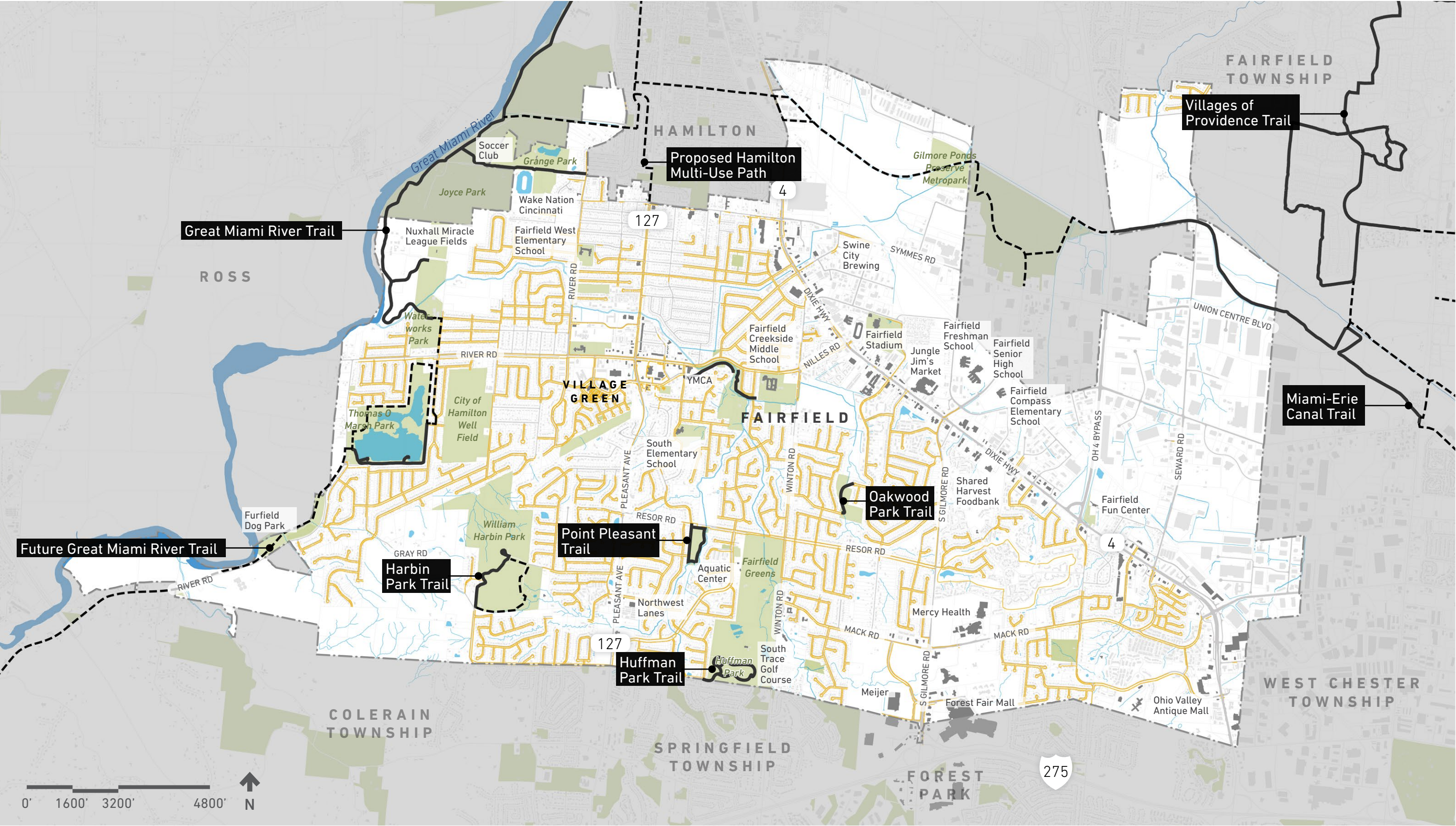
EXISTING CONDITIONS

CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS

MAJOR ROUTES



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Continuous Sidewalk

- Dedicated space for pedestrians.
- Provides basic connectivity throughout a community.
- Minimum of 5 feet wide.



Multi-Purpose Path

- Gives equal priority to bike riders and pedestrians.
- In lieu of sidewalk and on road bike facility.
- Provides safe separation for non-motorized transportation.



Share the Road (On-Road Bike Boulevard)

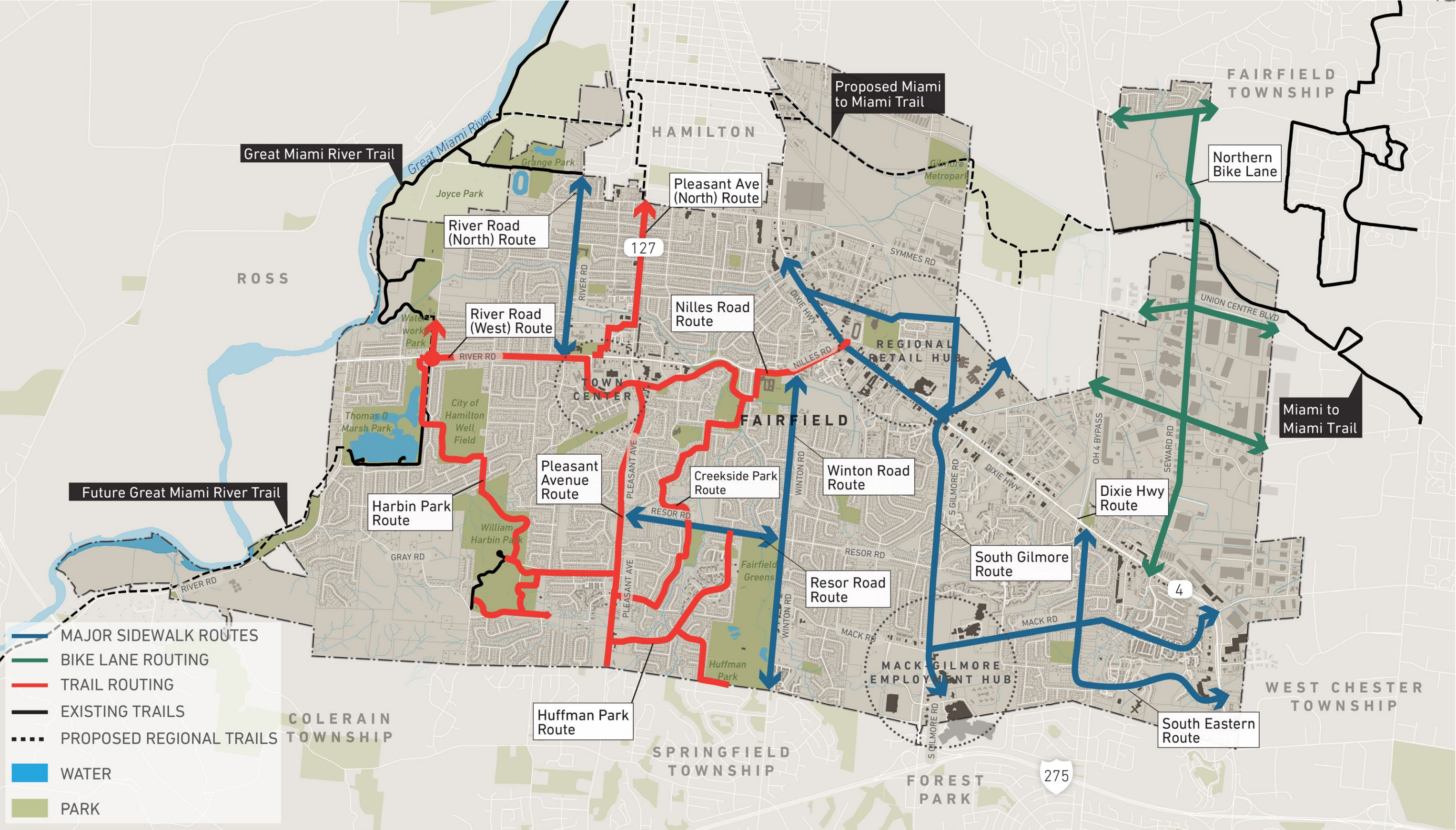
- Gives equal priority to bike riders.
- Does not remove parking or travel lanes.
- Applied to streets with low traffic volumes and speeds.
- Traffic calming measure.

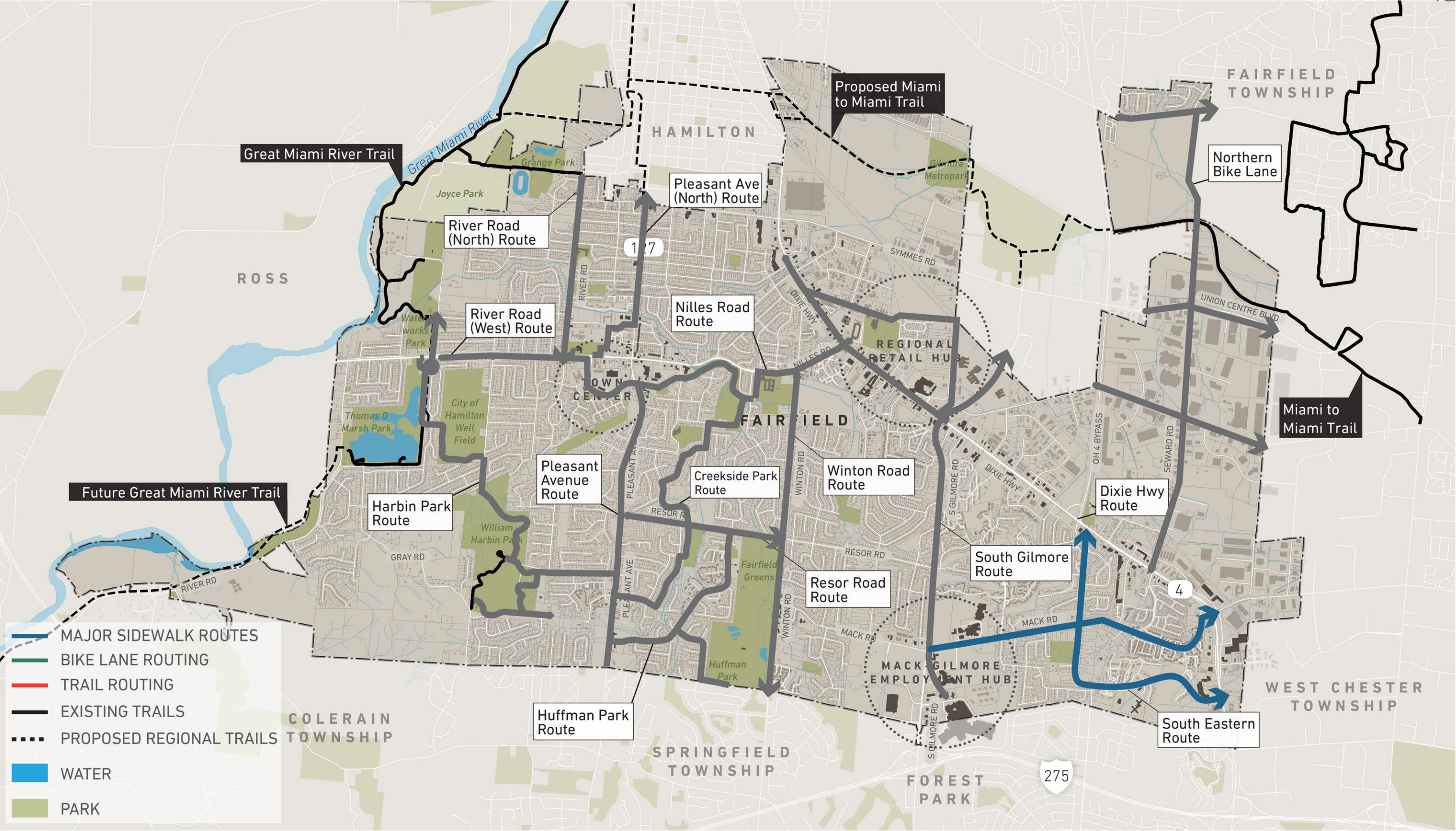


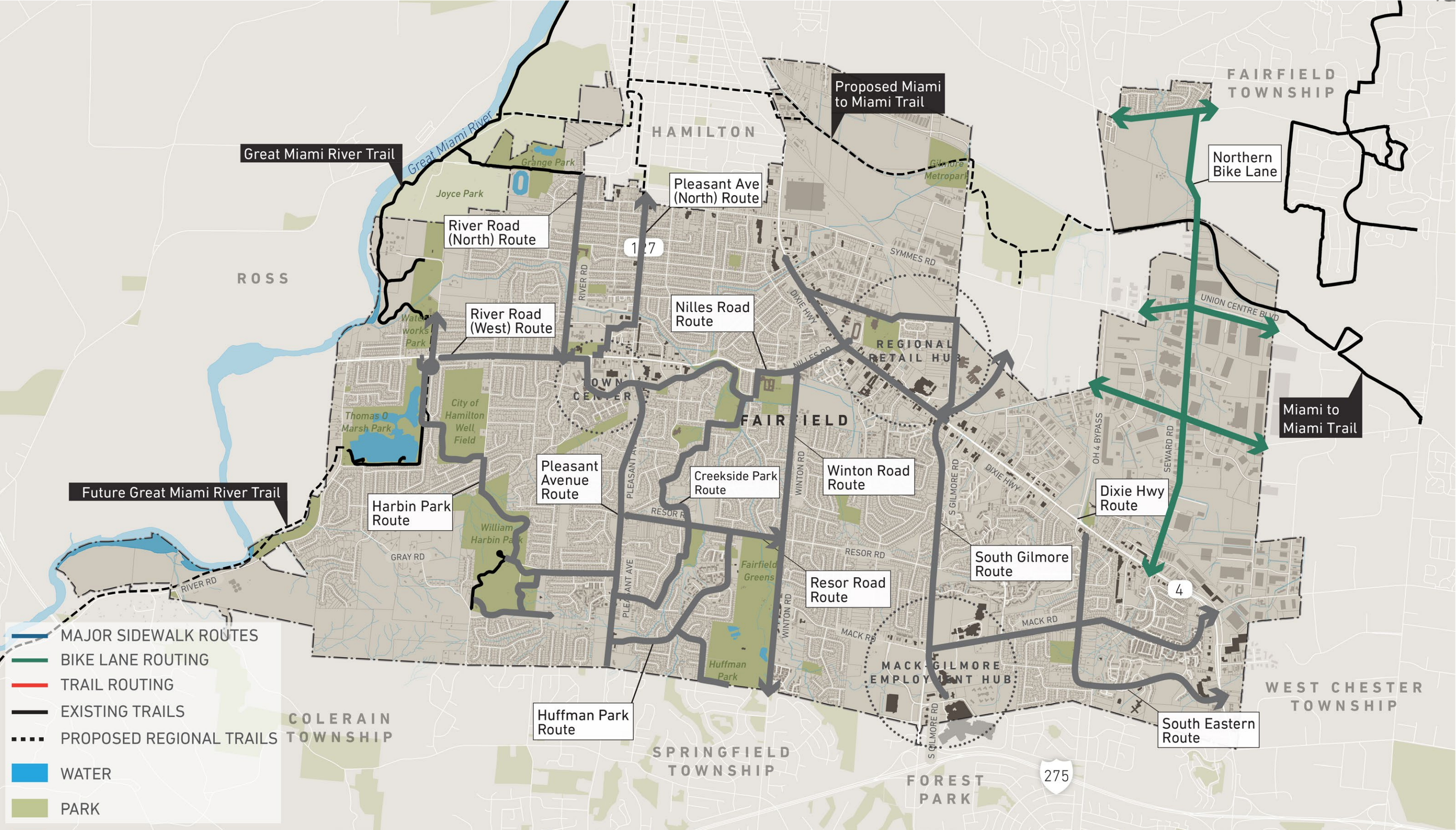
Dedicated Multi-Use Trail

- Connections through non right-of-way area like a park or greenway.
- Has regional connections into larger systems.





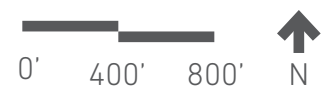






LEGEND

- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Route
- Signalized Crossing

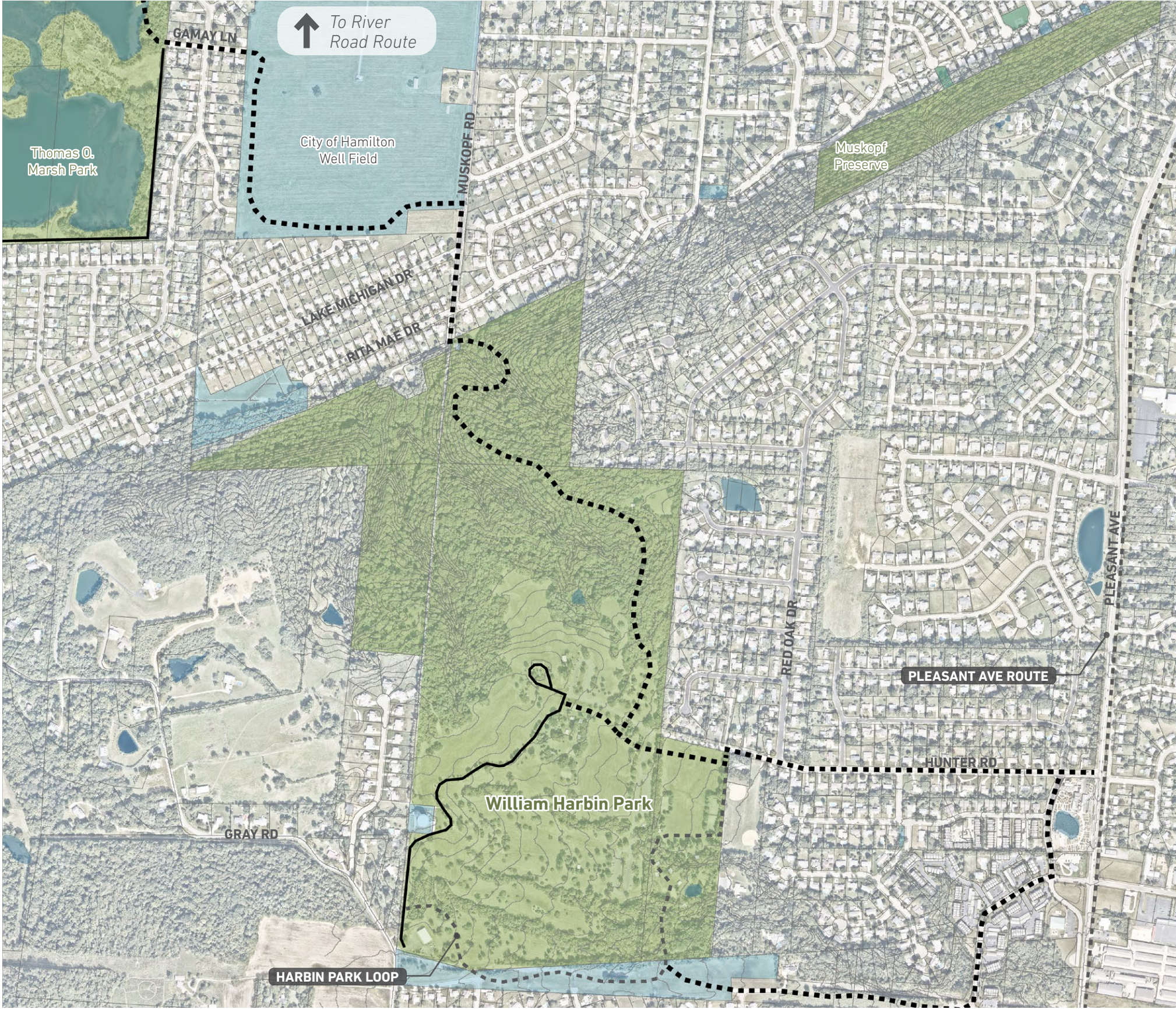


NOTES

- Route serves as primary connection from Great Miami River Trail into Fairfield.
- Bringing riders from Great Miami regional trail into Town Center area promotes tourism and economic development.
- Due to its integration into the regional trail network, this route should be off-road as much as possible in order to attract a diverse ridership.

OFF-ROAD MULTI-USE PATH





LEGEND

- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Route

0'400'800'

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NOTES

- Greenway connects from Pleasant Avenue through Harbin and Marsh Parks up to the River Road Bike Arterial.

OFF-ROAD TRAIL PATH



ON-ROAD BIKE BOULEVARD





LEGEND

Publicly-Owned Parcel

Park / Green Space

Parcel Boundary

Existing Trail

Proposed Route

Signalized Crossing

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- NOTES
- Route connects from the River Road Connector through the Town Center and East to Route 4 (Dixie Highway).

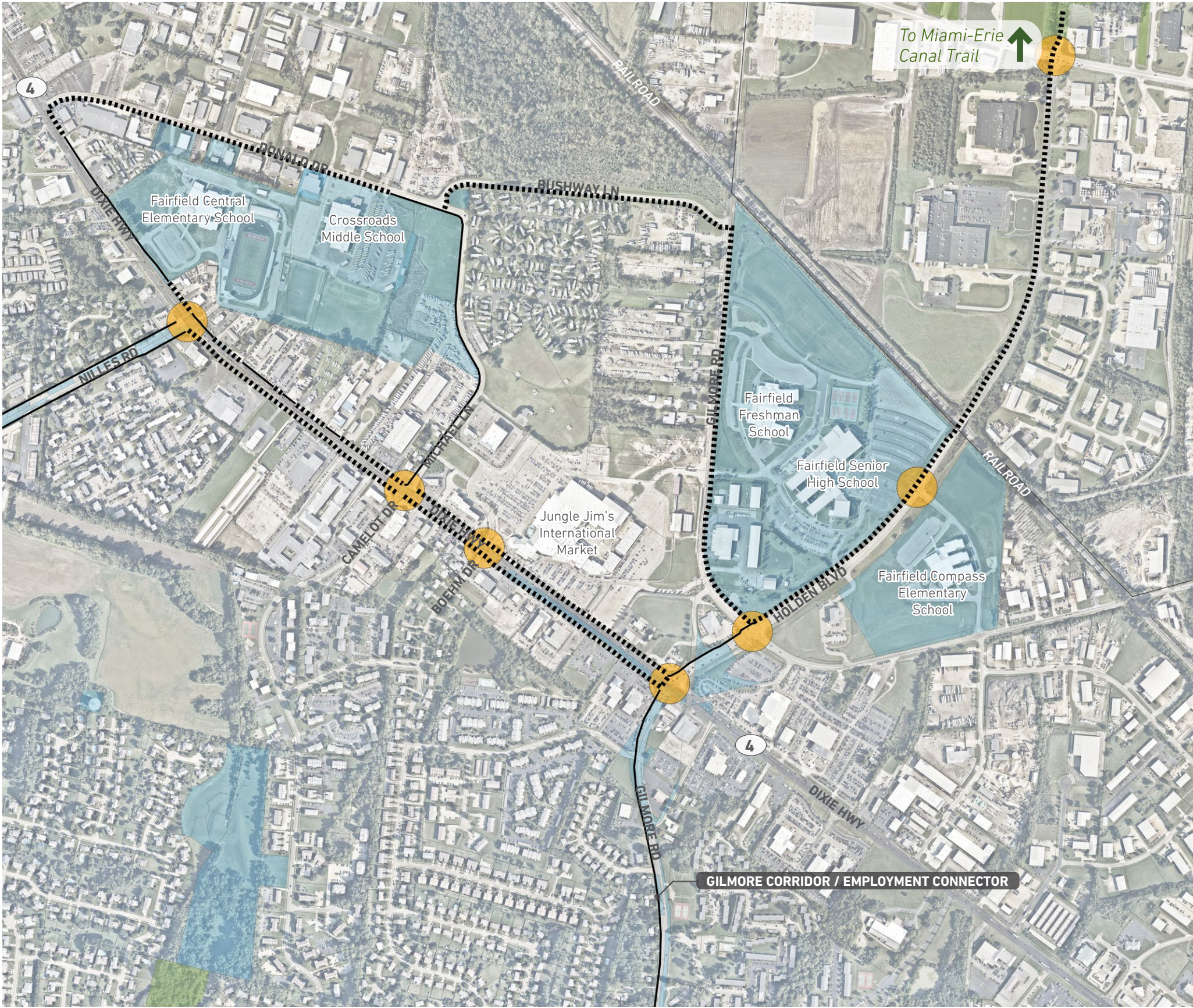
OFF-ROAD MULTI-USE PATH



OFF-ROAD TRAIL PATH

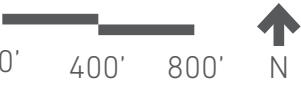


DIXIE HIGHWAY (RT 4) CONNECTOR SIDEWALK



LEGEND

- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Signalized Crossing

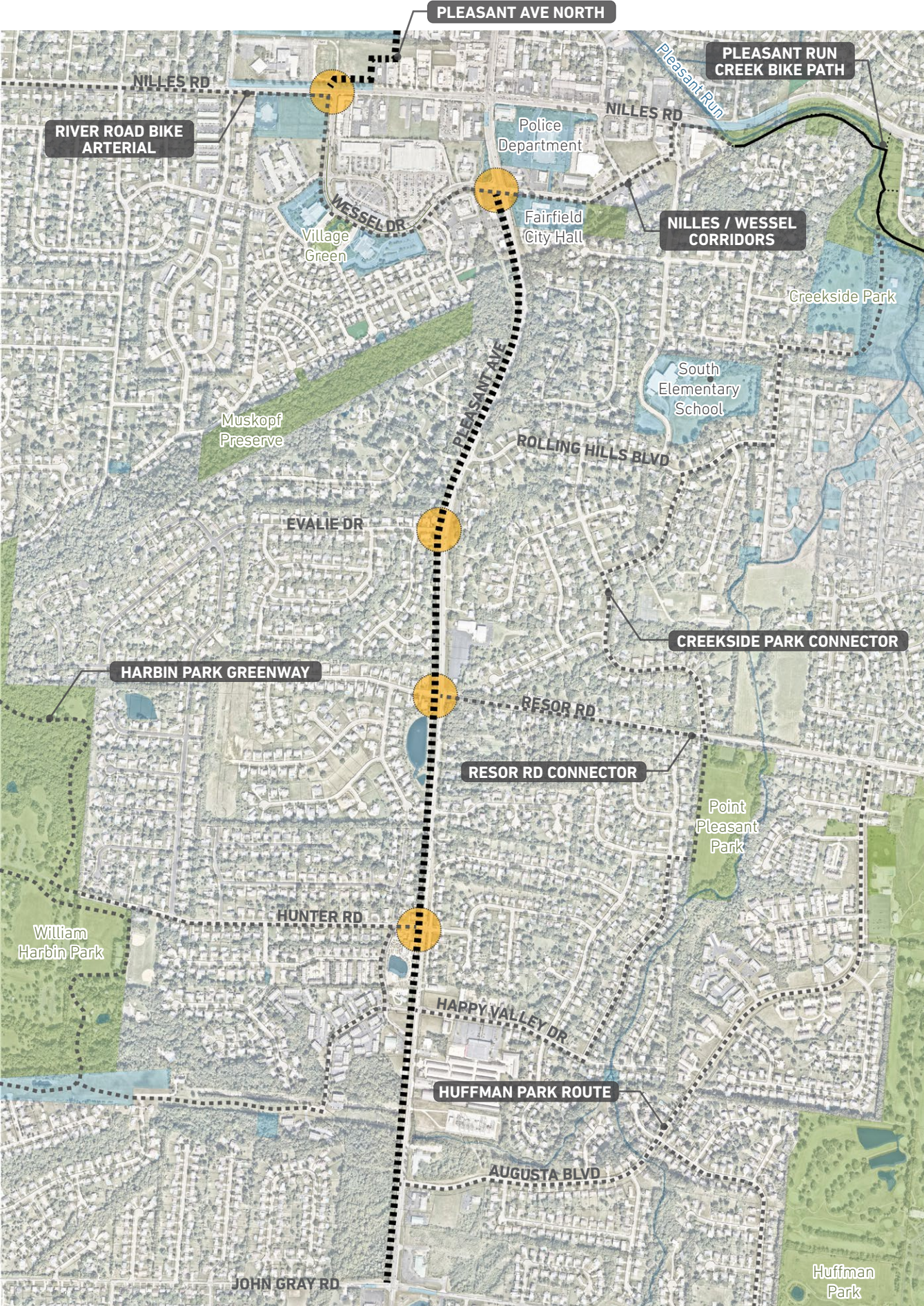


NOTES

- Route provides more complete connectivity around Dixie Highway and the various school buildings.
- Facility type is a sidewalk for improved pedestrian connectivity.

SIDEWALK





LEGEND

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- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Route
- Signalized Crossing

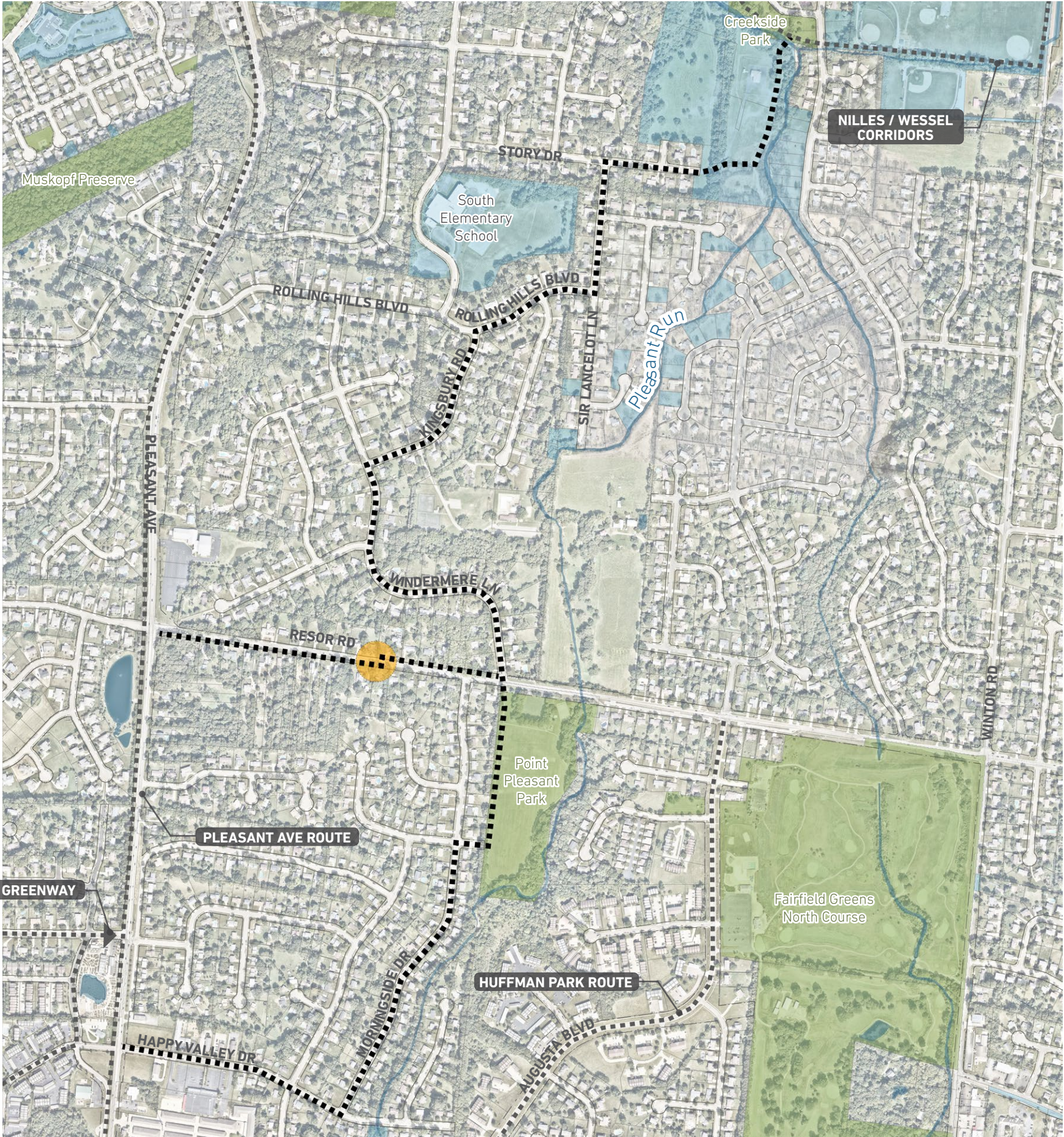


NOTES

- Connection along Pleasant Avenue connecting various neighborhoods and destinations.
- This is a prominent North-South connection within the City.

OFF-ROAD MULTI-USE PATH





LEGEND

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- Park / Green Space
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Route
- Signalized Crossing



NOTES

- Creekside Park Connector connects through primarily residential areas eventually to Pleasant Ave at Happy Valley Drive.
- Creekside Park Connector would be a bike boulevard on low-speed neighborhood streets.
- Resor Road Connection helps fill in a prominent gap in the sidewalk network.

ON-ROAD BIKE BOULEVARD



SIDEWALK





LEGEND

- Publicly-Owned Parcel
 - Park / Green Space
 - Parcel Boundary
 - Existing Trail
 - Proposed Route
- 0' 400' 800' N

NOTES

- Route connects several residential neighborhoods with the Aquatic Center, Huffman Park, and Pleasant Avenue
- Facility would be a Bike Boulevard using the low volume, low speed neighborhood streets.

ON-ROAD BIKE BOULEVARD



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- Public Meeting to gain feedback on final routing plan and opinions on priorities.
- Finalize Routing Strategy
- Develop Preliminary Cost Estimates
- Draft Fairfield Connects Plan
- Develop Implementation / Priority Strategy
- Final Steering Committee Meeting

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PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020
COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER AT 411 WESSEL DR
6 - 8 PM