

# The Westside Trail Master Plan





# Why the Westside Trail?



Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan  
adopted in 1992

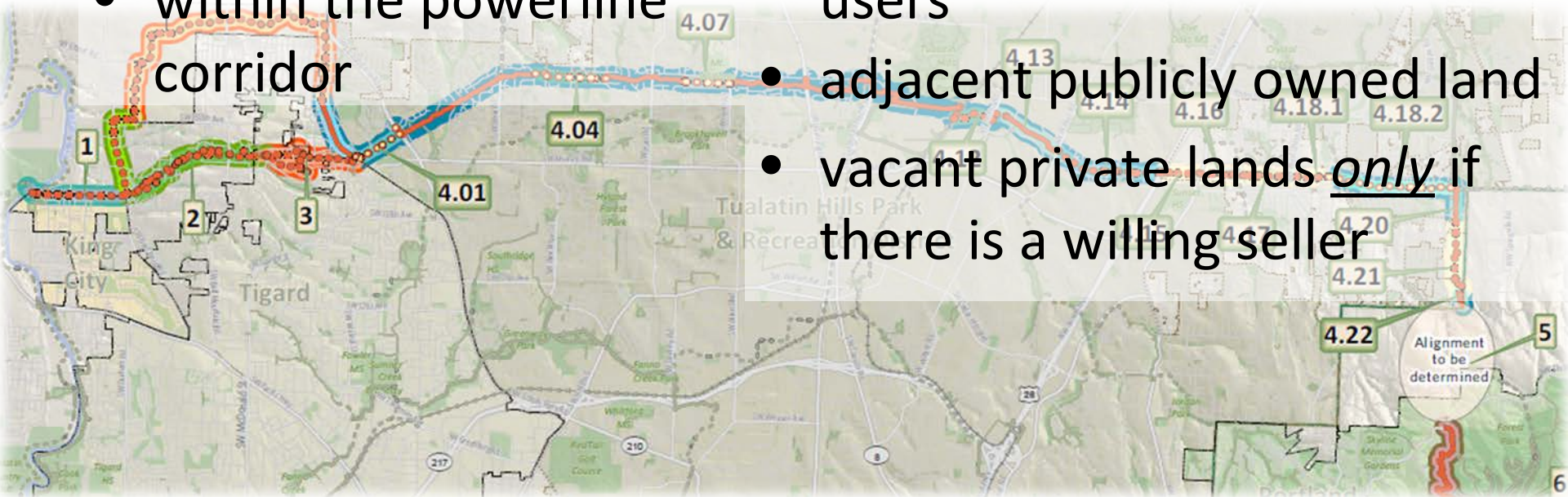
# Planning the trail

## The ideal:

- Off-street
- 10 to 12 foot wide
- paved, hard surface
- 5% grades or less
- within the powerline corridor

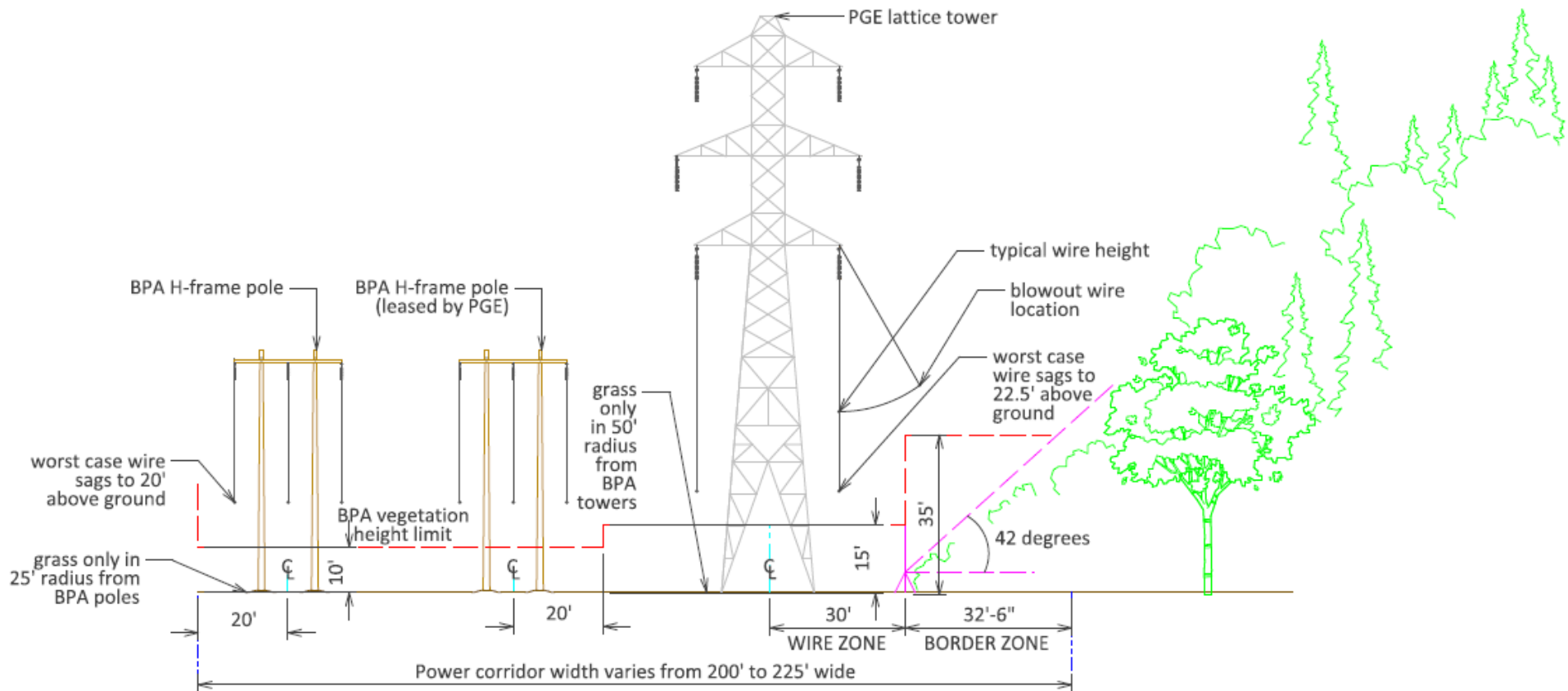
## If not possible:

- Increase grades
- bridges, steps, landings, or soft surfaces
- use alternate routes
- different routes for different users
- adjacent publicly owned land
- vacant private lands only if there is a willing seller





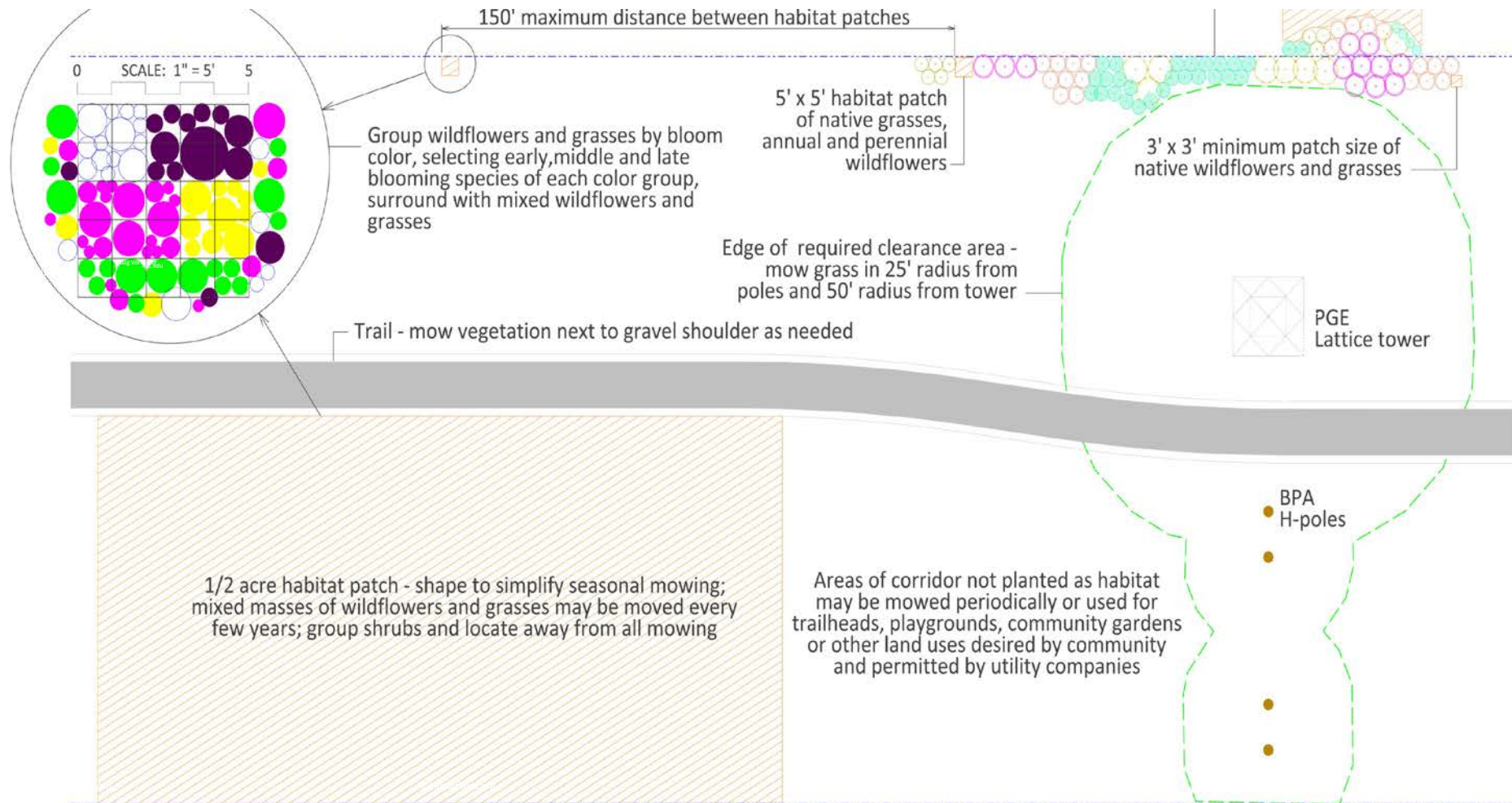
# Working with Power Utilities



## Vegetation limitations in BPA and PGE power corridor

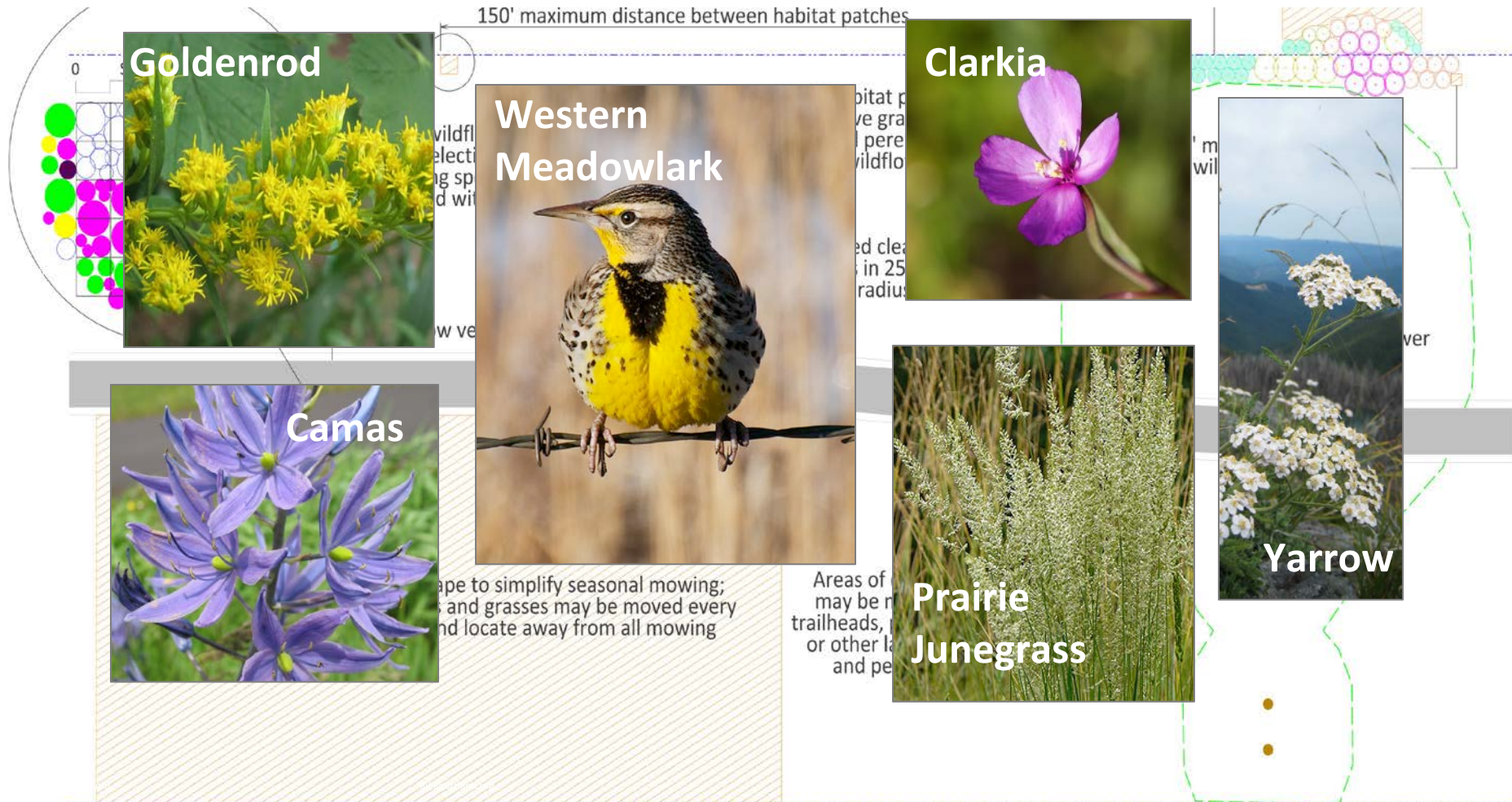
SCALE: 1" = 50' 0 50

# A trail for people and wildlife





# A trail for people and wildlife



# The Wildlife Corridor



Preserve and protect woodlands and wetlands



# The Wildlife Corridor



Enhance and expand native prairies



# The Wildlife Corridor



Provide safe wildlife crossings at roads

# The Wildlife Corridor



Hardy native plants can reduce maintenance costs



# Community input from October 2012

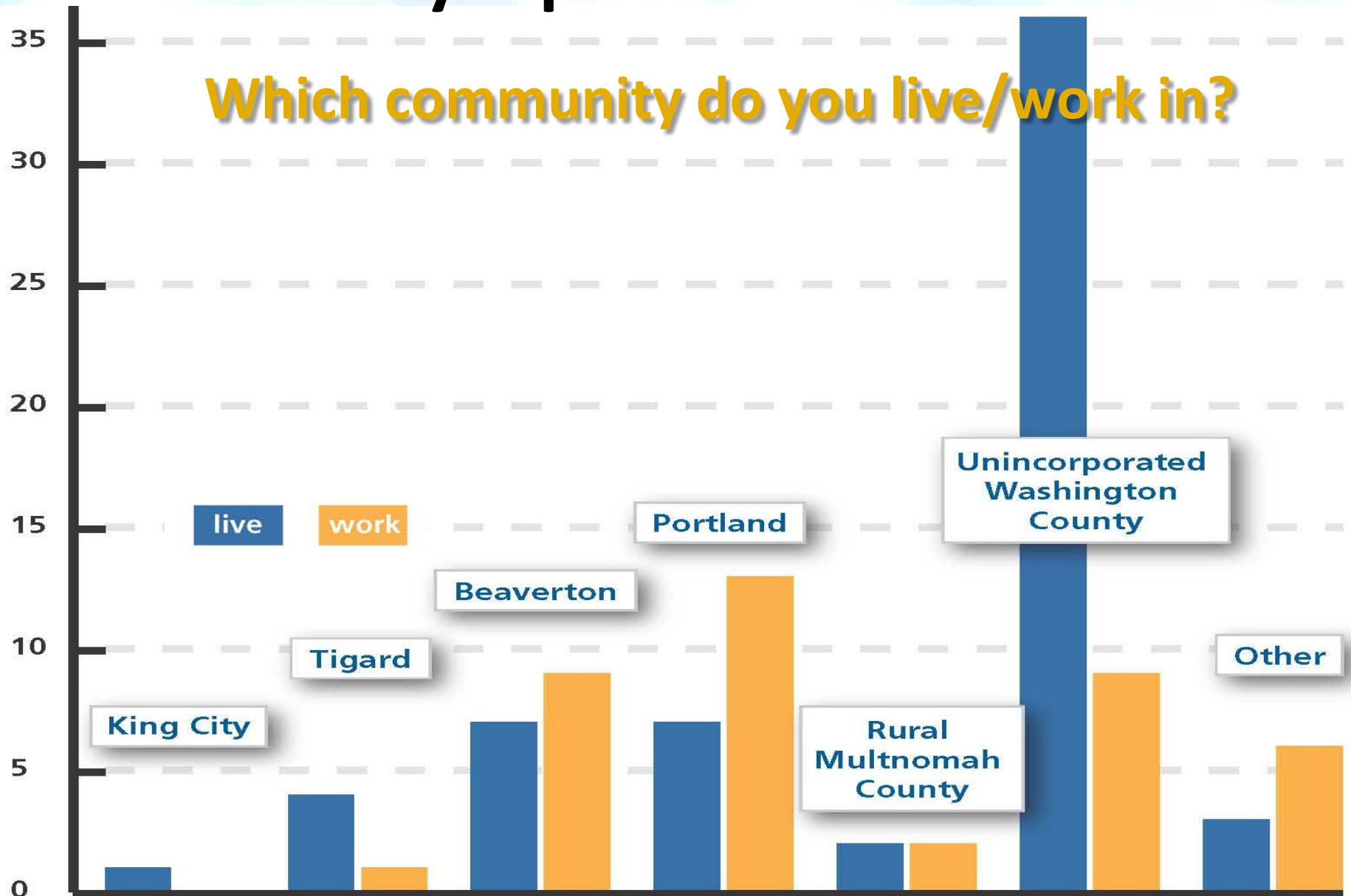
- 120 attendees
- 61 comment forms





# Community input from October 2012

Which community do you live/work in?





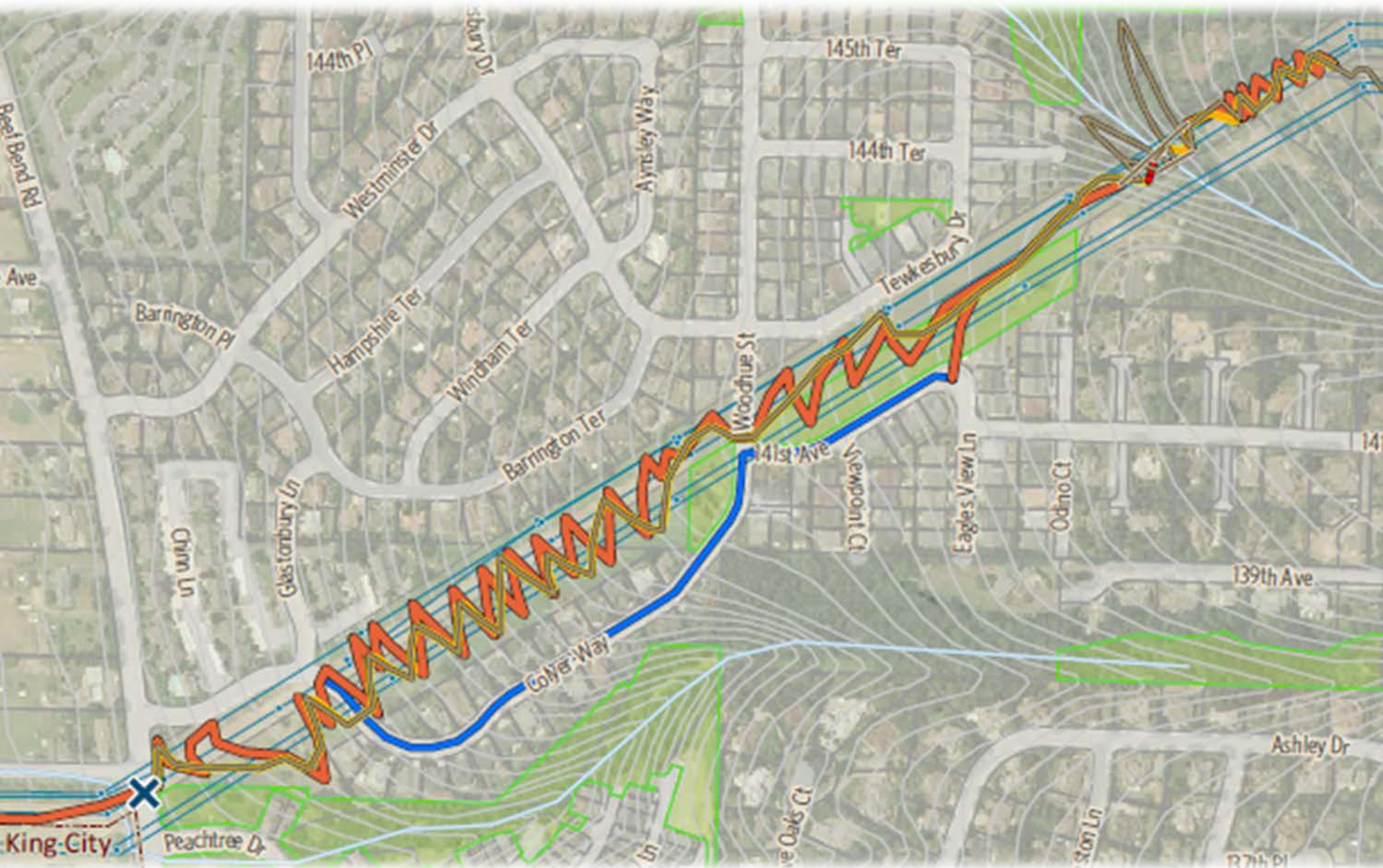
# **“Which part of the trail is the highest priority to you to complete?”**

- Are easier and cheaper to construct because they are flat.
- Allow bicyclists and pedestrians to avoid heavy auto traffic.
- Connect residential areas with schools and shopping.
- Intersect with other existing trails.
- Travel through neighborhoods with more families with children.



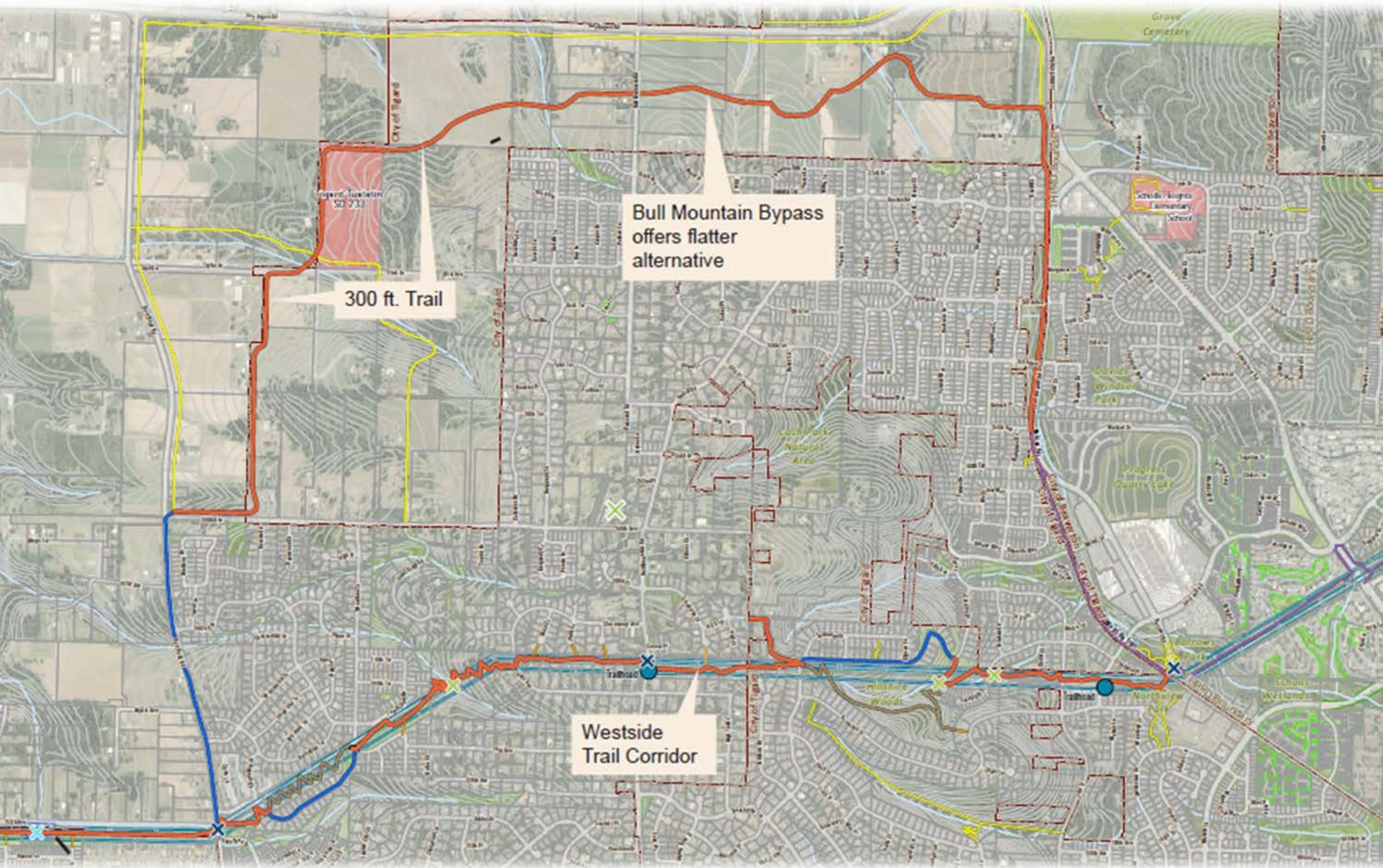


# Community input



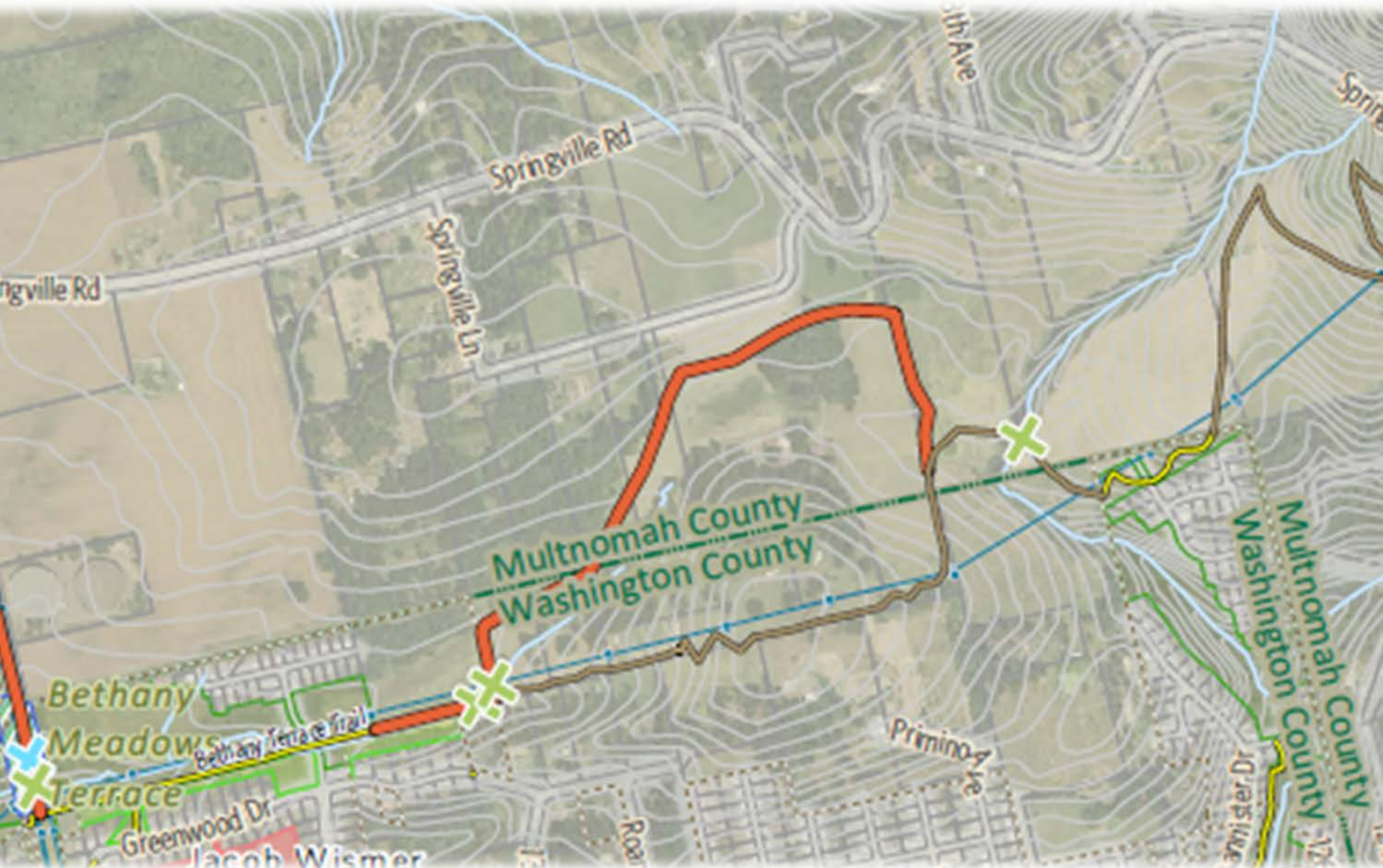


# Community input



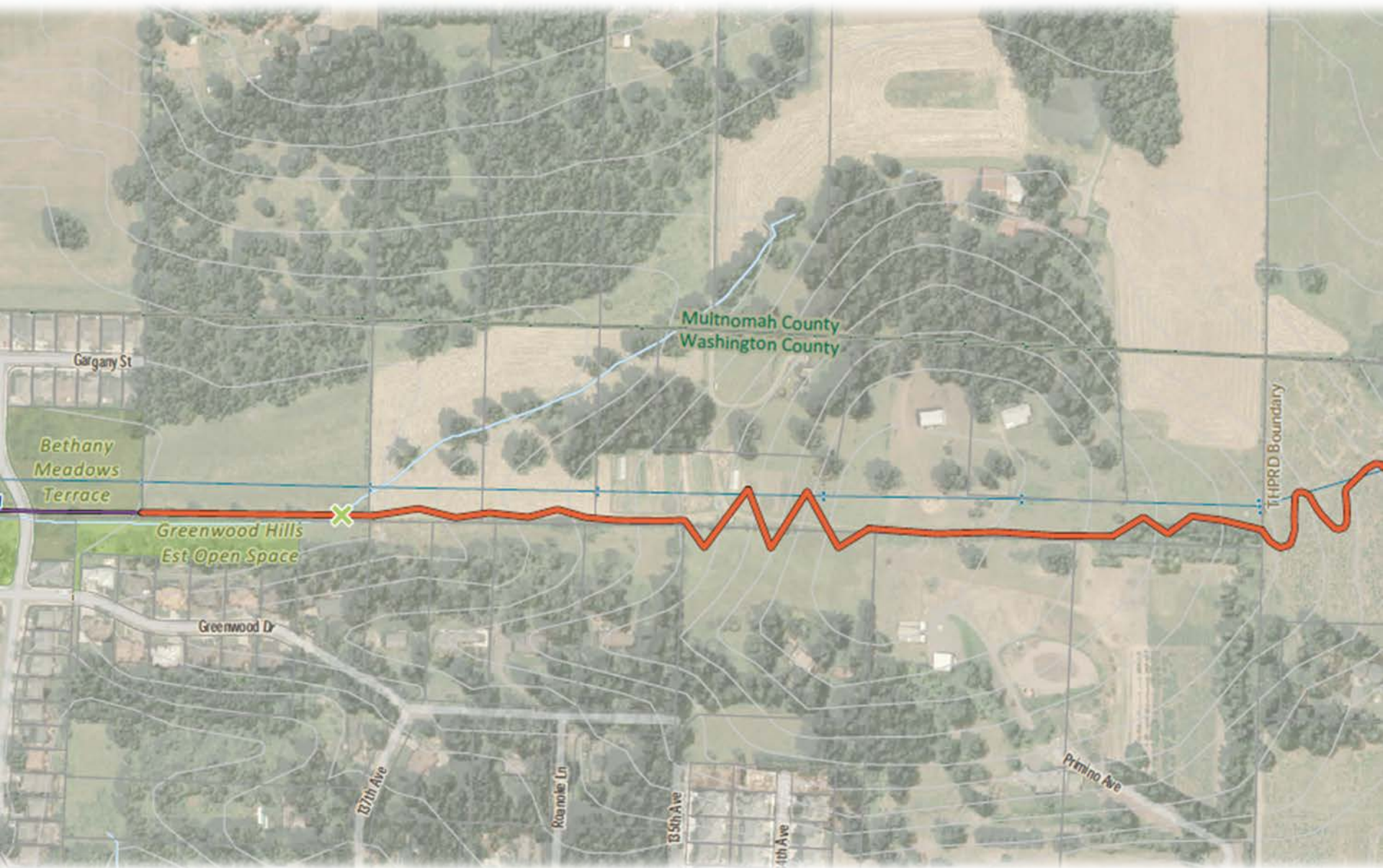


# Community input





# Community input





# How much will the trail cost?

- **3 miles** are built in Portland (Saltzman Road)
- By 2014 THPRD will have built **8.2 miles**
- The remaining **13 miles** will cost *\$30 million*

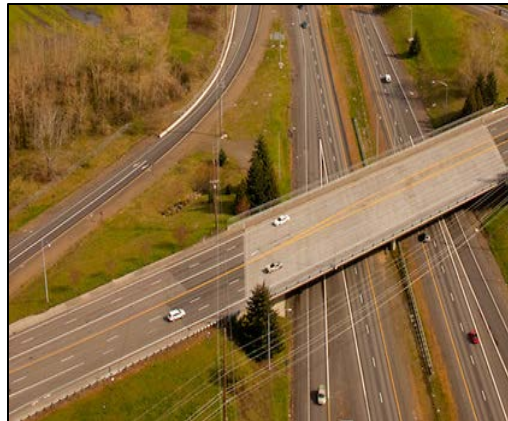


# What else could you buy for \$30 Million?

- A half mile of MAX light rail line



- One highway interchange

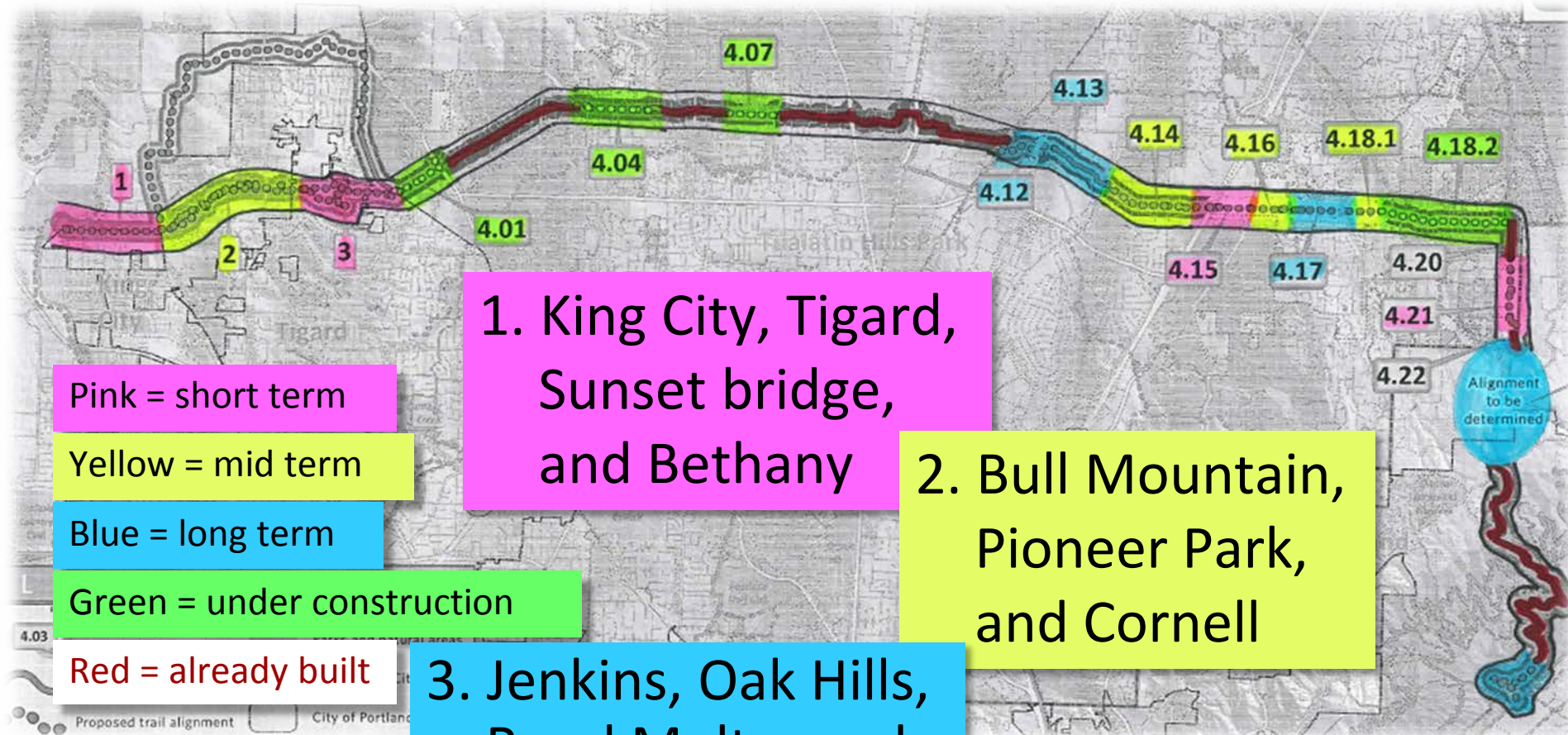


- One mile of street widening





# When will the trail be built?





# Next Steps

- Listen to YOUR input tonight
- Please fill out a comment form!
- Prepare a final master plan document
- Review by cities, counties and parks district in summer 2013
- Adopt final master plan by fall 2013
- Design and build segments one-at-a-time