

RIVERWALK & PUBLIC LANDING

Forum #3 June 24, 2013

Camden, Maine



PUBLIC MEETING #3 AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview of Project Process
3. TRAIL:
 - Input from Forum #1 and others
 - Presentation of Preliminary Concept Plan, Permitting
 - Questions?
4. LANDING:
 - Input from Forum #2 and others
 - Presentation of Preliminary Concept Plans, Permitting
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5. “Open House” Style Review
6. Next Steps

TIMELINE:

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MEETING #	APPROX. START DATE	MILESTONE
	March 4	Project kickoff meeting with Town: establish milestones, review calendar, establish frequency of Team meetings with Town, communications, etc.
Meeting 1	March 18	Open Forum for River-to-Harbor Trail
Meeting 2	April 1	Open Forum for Public Landing
Meeting 3	June 24	Presentation of concept plans for River Walk and Public Landing
Meeting 4	September 9	Presentation of preferred designs for River Walk and Public Landing
	September 23	Final delivery of schematic plans for River Walk and Public Landing

RIVERWALK PROJECT APPROACH: Camden's Emerald Necklace



Boston... ...Maine... ...East Coast...



Camden's Open Space Legacy...

Bench
Bird/Wildlife Watching
Boardwalk
Boat Launch-Hand-cum
Boat Launch-Trailered
Camping
Climbing
Chairlift Ropes
Community Event
Fishing
Golfing
Hiking
Ice Skating
Kayaking
Lighthouse
Lookout Tower
Parking
Picnicking
Playground
Rock Climbing
Scenic View
Skiing-Alpine
Skiing-Cross-country
Snowmobiling
Snowshoeing
Swimming
Tennis
Toilets
Totling/Totloggonging
Visitor Information
Walking
Waterfall
Featured Park (Green icon)
Conserved Land/Open Space (Light Green icon)

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Photograph courtesy: johnroy
MapScale 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles
MapScale 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Kilometers

Central Mountains Land Trust Preserves
 The Central Mountains Land Trust (CMLT) is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve the natural and human heritage of western Penobscot County. To get more information about the Mt. Bald, Mt. Megantic, Mt. Tuck, and Mt. Katahdin Preserves, and to view detailed trail maps and maps, visit CMLT's website: [cmlt.org](http://www.cmlt.org), or call 238-7091. CMLT's office is located at 101 Mt. Bald Street in Bangor and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Road 52 Boat Ramp (Meganticook Lake)

Getting there: From Village Green, proceed south on Route 1 to the boat ramp.

Hog Bridge Boat Ramp (Meganticook Lake)

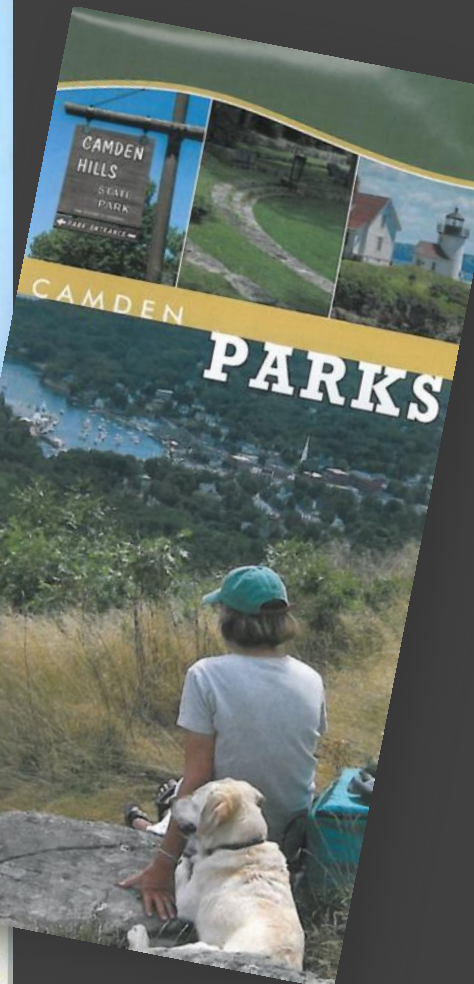
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Land's End (Meganticook Lake)

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Camden Harbor
Penobscot Bay
Rockport Harbor

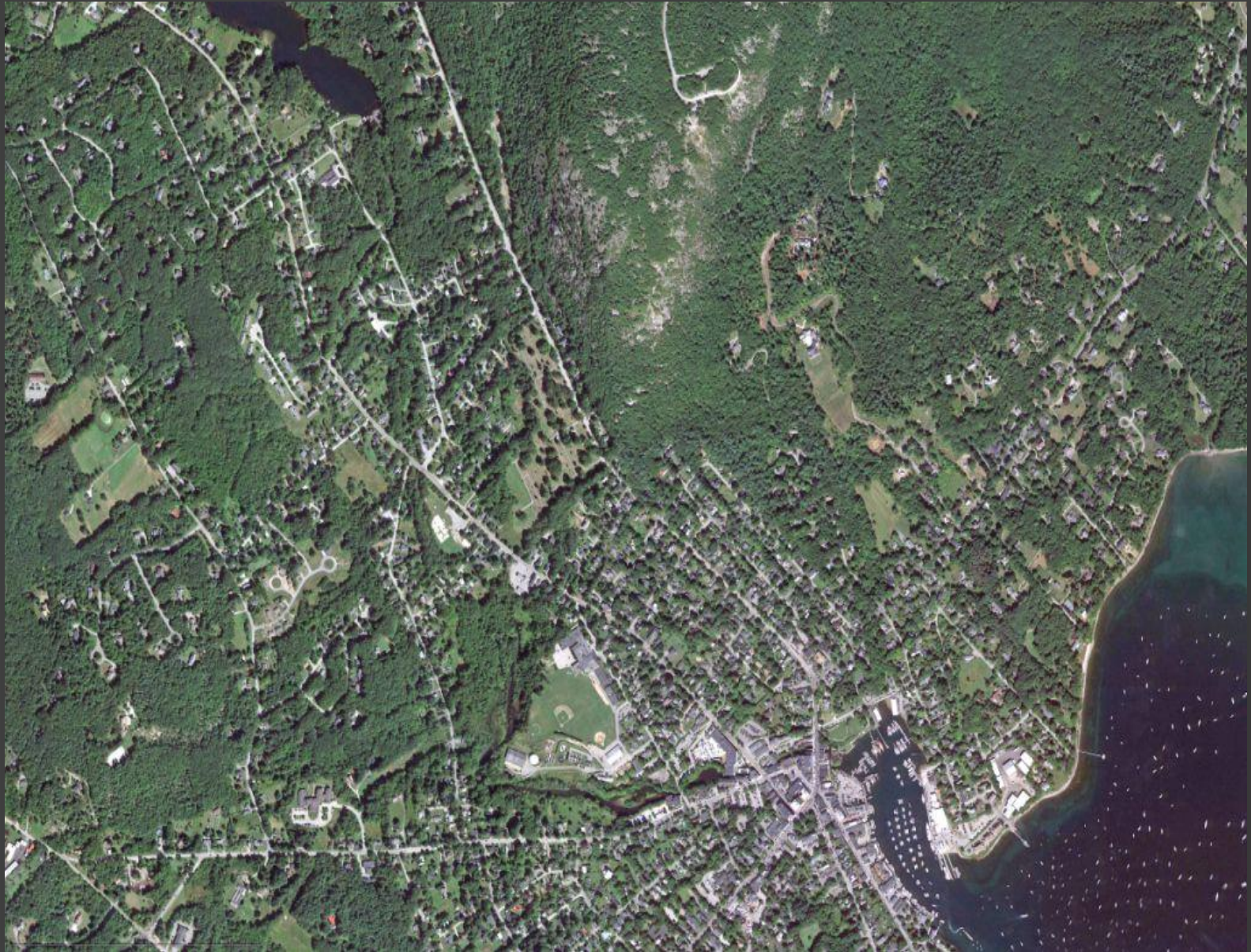
Ragged Mountain Recreation Area (Site of the Camden Snow Bowl)
 The Ragged Mountain Recreation Area and Recreation Department provides outdoor activities for all ages throughout the center of this 270-acre property. It is a town-owned ski area with 850 feet of vertical lift, four lifts, snowmaking and night skiing.
 The Snow Bowl is the only ski area in view of the ocean from the ski slopes. The Toboggan Chute is the setting for the "Toboggan Championships" every fall. It provides tracks and turns for "Nordic" skiers and for hikers and bikers during the other seasons. A tubing run is especially popular with youngsters.
 After the snow melts, Ragged Mountain turns into a mecca for mountain bikers with miles of singletrack (connected to trails on adjacent property owned by the Central Mountains Land Trust and other private landowners).
 The parking lot is the starting point for an eventual Round the Mountain Trail, a collaboration among the Land Trust, the Town and surrounding landowners. During the warmer months, hikers, bird watchers, dog walkers, and other outdoor enthusiasts also use the recreation area extensively.
 Along the entrance road to the Snow Bowl are tennis courts, a sports field, a boat launch into 55-acre Human Pond, swimming areas, and an extensive parking lot. Maps and much additional information are available at www.CamdenSnowBowl.com.
Getting there: From Village Green, proceed across Route 1 (Main St) to Route 105 (Washington St) beside the Camden-Town Office. Go 300 feet to Main St; see the left turn left.



FORUM #1 Summary of Comments

1. Existing open spaces provide starting points, open space opportunities, and visible trail access.
2. Adapt trail design and materials to specific locations.
3. The Middle School is interested in increasing use of experiential learning in natural environment.
4. Several landowners are ready and willing to allow trail across their properties by easement.
5. We will respect privacy where requested and use existing sidewalks as links.
6. Use icons or 'branding' to identify trail, encourage use and increase safety.
7. Keep a Camden look to things: Simple, durable, rugged, and natural.
8. Connect the RiverWalk to other trails and attractions (e.g. waterfalls) to promote visitor use.

RIVERWALK: Benefits



An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. A dense forest covers most of the area, with a small town or village visible in the lower right quadrant. A large body of water, likely a lake or reservoir, is situated on the right side of the image. The overall scene is a mix of natural greenery and human development.

People are talking about trails...

- “fitness and health”
- “relaxation and solitude”
- “fun and enjoyment”
- “seeking a challenge”
- “learning about nature”

Community Benefits

- Increase livability
- Places for casual meetings
- Foster community involvement
- Provide accessible recreation
- Connect people and places
- “Eyes on the streets”

Transportation Benefits

- Reduce congestion and parking
- Provide alternative to cars
- Decrease traffic
- Provide alternatives to people who do not drive or own a car

Health Benefits

- Lower the risk of heart disease
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Help control body weight
- Reduce risk of diabetes

Economic Benefits

- Reduce cost of medical care and sick leave (\$3 saved for every \$1 trail cost)
- Maintain independence of elders
...reduces cost of institutional care
- Affordable transportation... 13% of household income spent on cars
- Property: Value increases when served by trails and open space (RWJ)

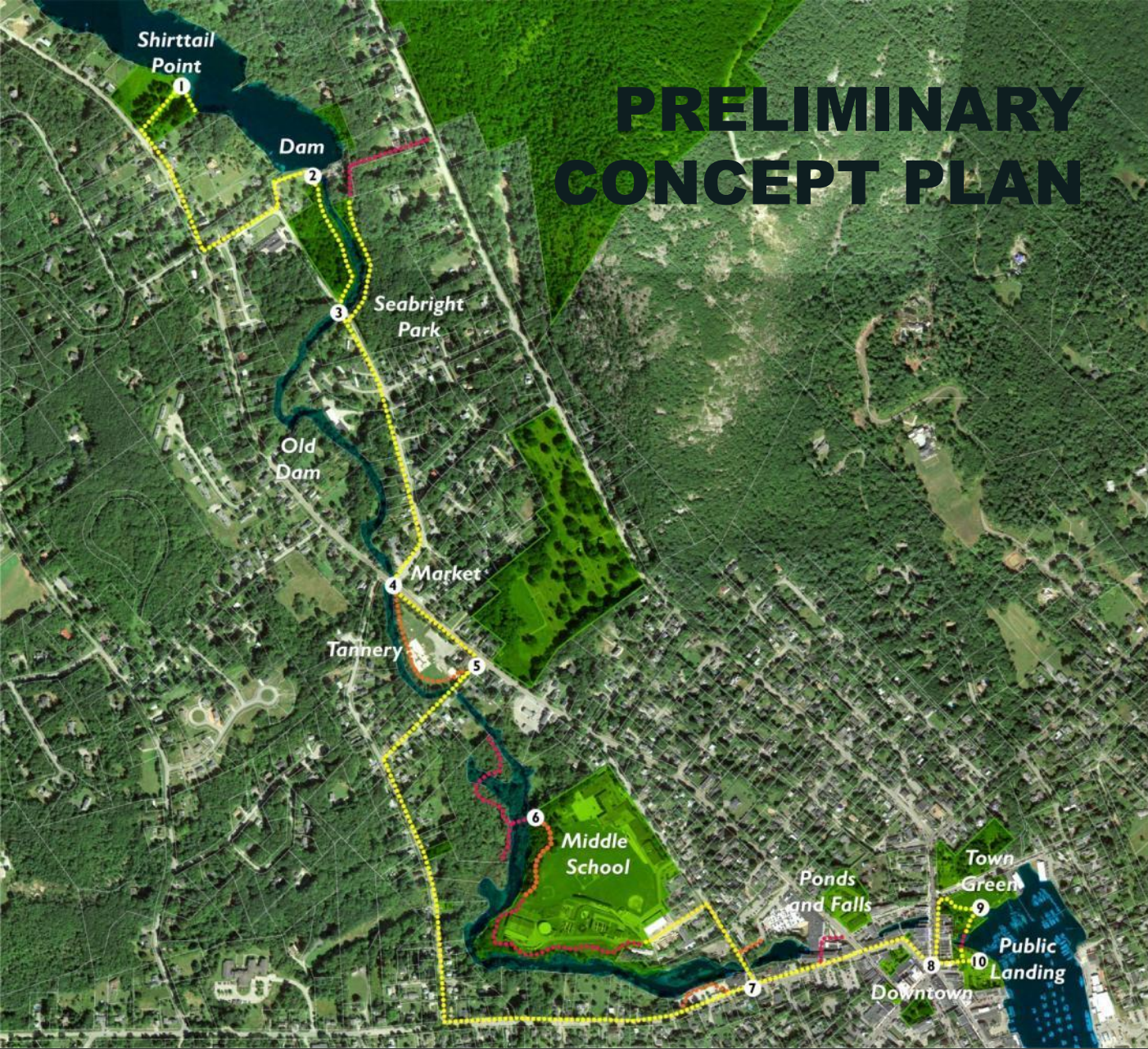
Camden Riverwalk

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN

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- proposed short-term
- proposed long range



















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Bird-watching from Park shoreline; canoe and kayak put-in.

Coastal Mountains Land Trust

Fishing access between points 3 and 4

Dam remnant

Mt. View Cemetery (notable graves; bird watching).

Trail access to Mt. Battie with parking.

Notable floodplains with excellent bird-watching potential

Bird-watching and vernal pools.

Floodplains, geese, herons, and ducks, etc., all in proximity to the School (educational opportunity)

Good place to watch for waterfowl and herons in the river.

Good place to watch for ducks, seabirds, loons, etc.

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Point 1 to Point 2
.42 miles

Point 2 to Point 3
.18 miles

CAMDEN RIVERWALK



Trail / Sidewalk Segment

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Point to Point	1 to 2
Distance	.42 miles
Existing or Proposed	Existing & Proposed sidewalks
Existing or Proposed surface	Asphalt
Current Ownership	Town ROW
Adjacent Land uses	Open Space, Residential
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Battie Street, Se

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.36 miles

Point 4 to Point 5
.21 miles

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Point 5 to Point 7
.85 miles

Point 6 SPUR
.61 miles

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Point 7 to Point 8
.23 miles

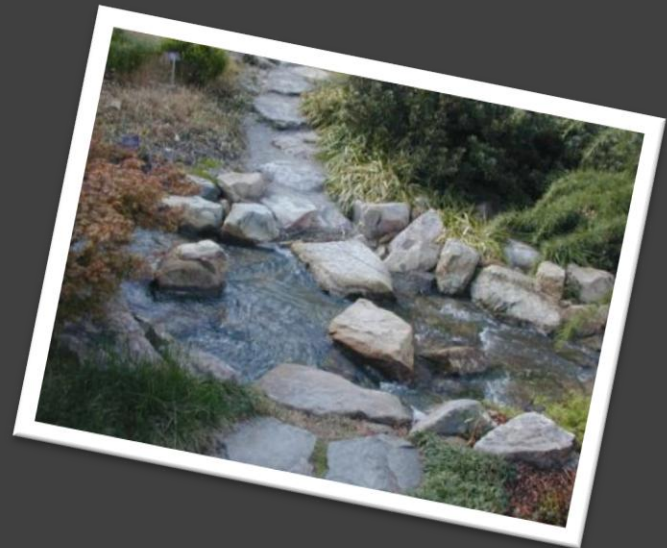
Point 8 to Point 9
.15 miles

Point 8 to Point 10
.10 miles

PRELIMINARY PERMITTING OVERVIEW:



1. We didn't find any deal-breaker resources (e.g., known endangered species) that would prevent the trail or landing projects;





4. As with the Tannery section of the trail, specific projects will need site-specific wetland delineations;

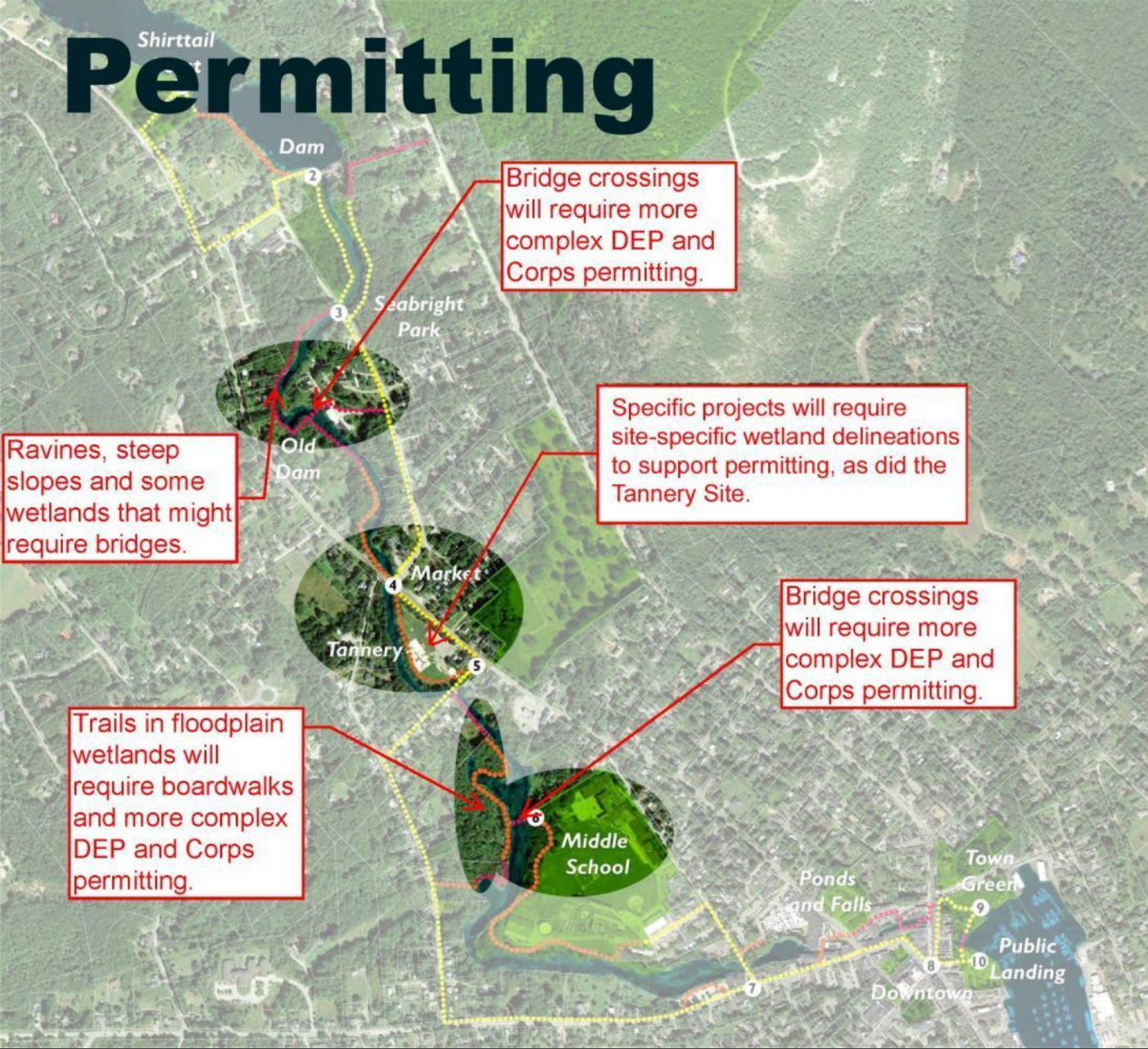
5. Proposed bridges would go through more complex permitting processes;

5. A bridge in the harbor would be the most complex element to permit;

6. Trails in wetlands will likely need to be boardwalks on piles.



Permitting



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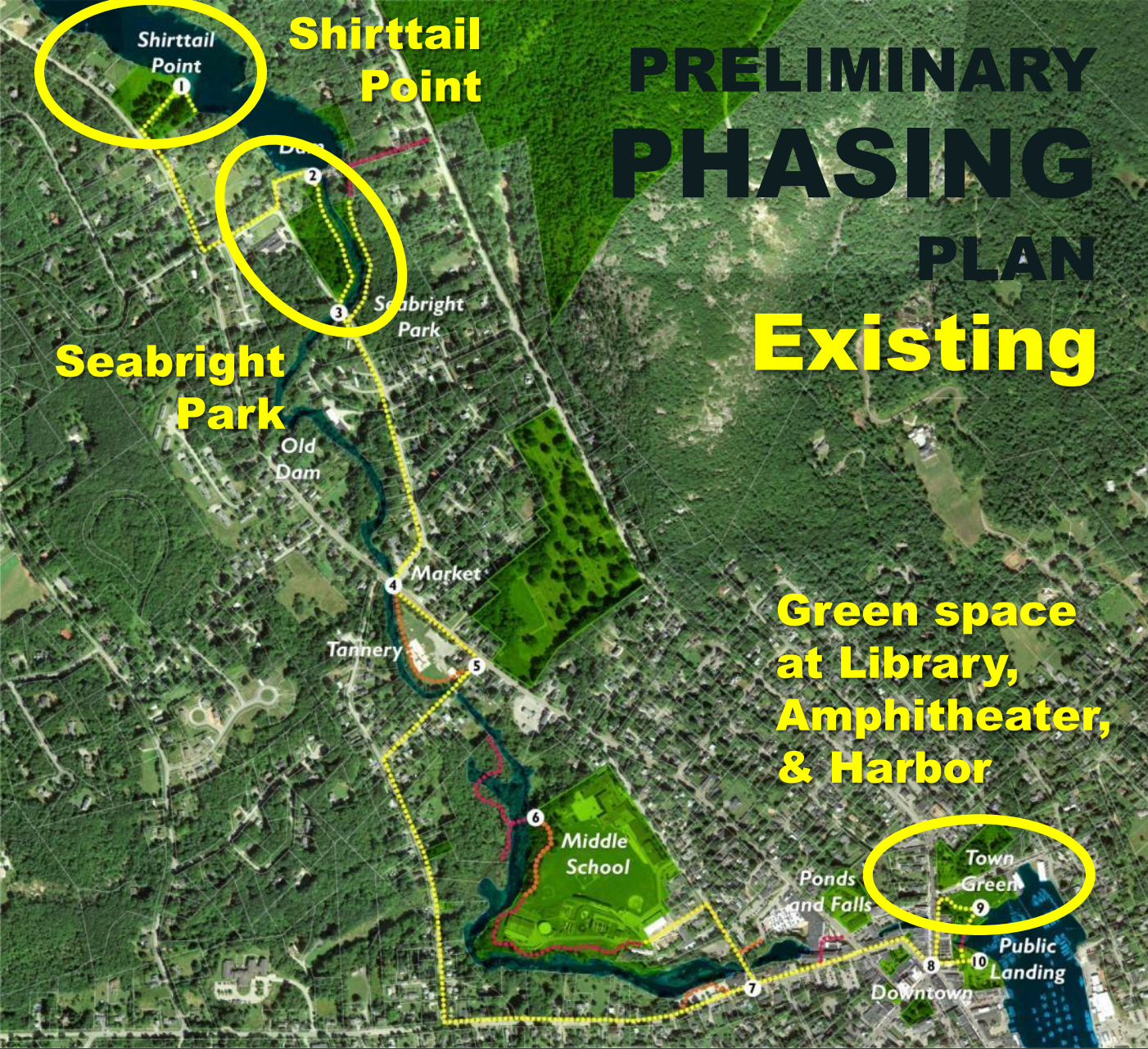
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Shirttail Point

Seabright Park

Green space at Library, Amphitheater, & Harbor



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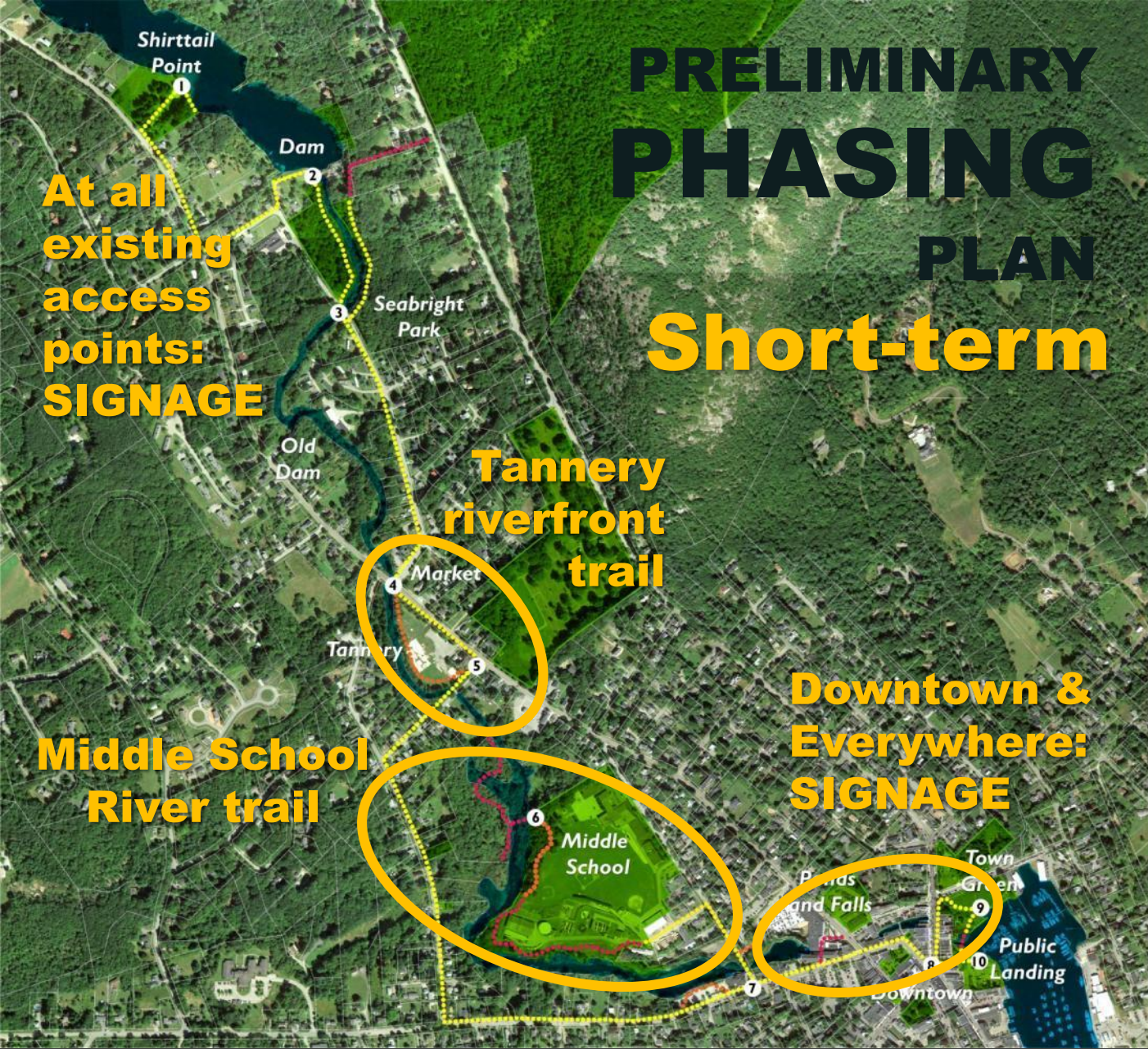
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At all existing access points: SIGNAGE

Tannery riverfront trail

Middle School River trail

Downtown & Everywhere: SIGNAGE



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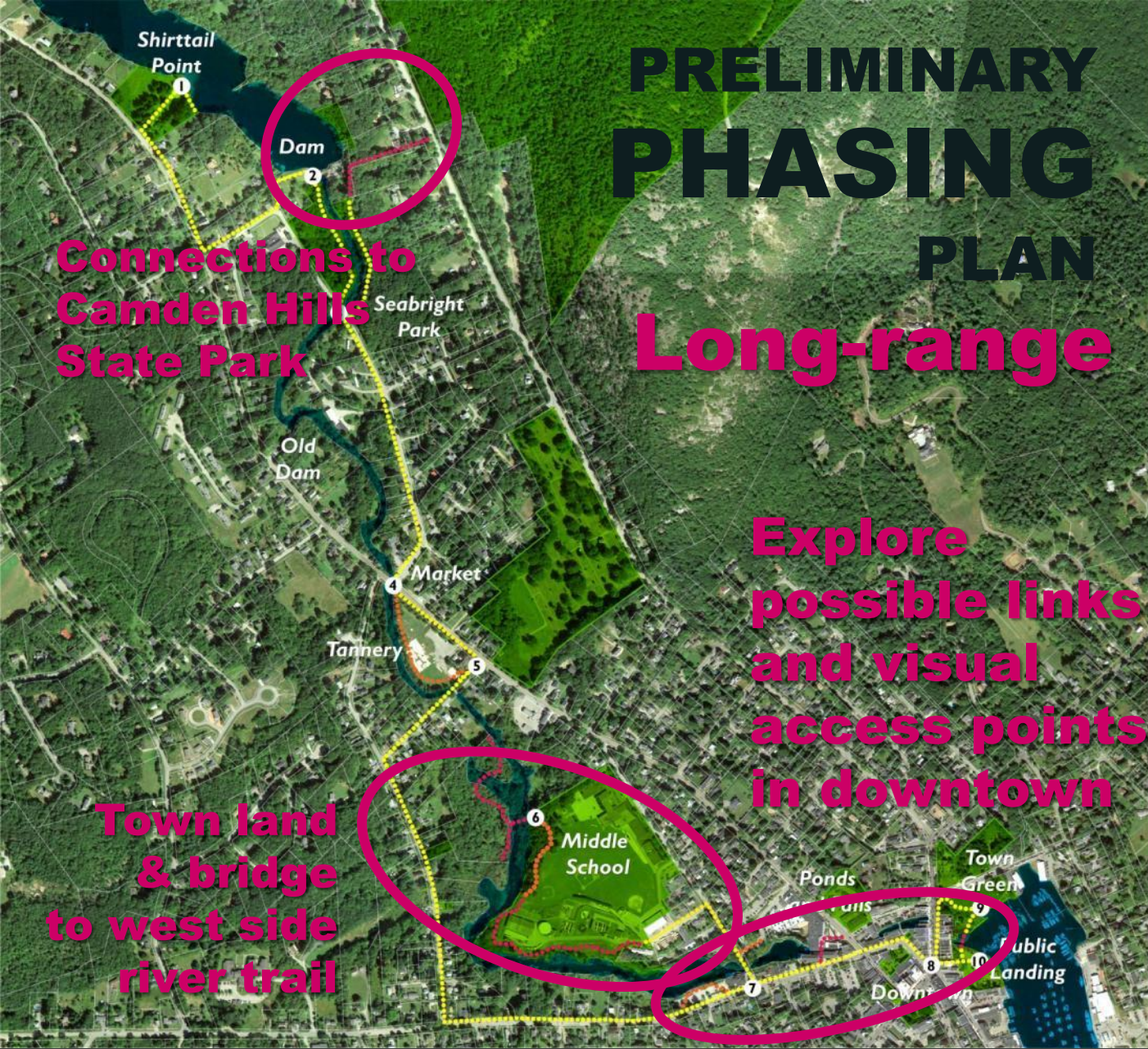
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Long-range

Explore possible links and visual access points in downtown

Connections to Camden Hills State Park

Town land & bridge to west side river trail



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