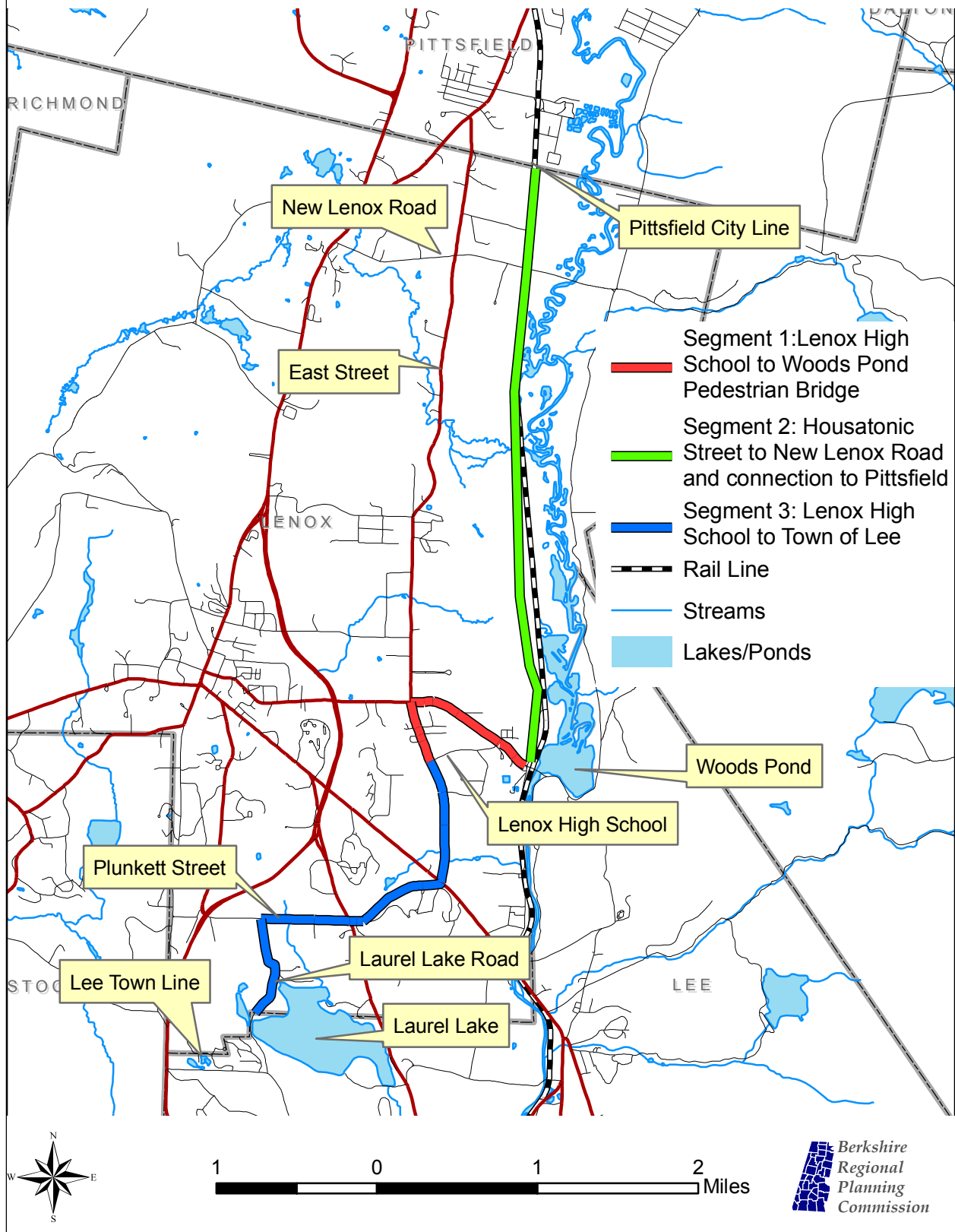


Lenox Proposed Bike Path



Lenox Multi-Use Trail

Fact Sheet

February 2008

Summary:

The Town of Lenox seeks to construct a 7.75 mile long multi-use path from the City of Pittsfield in the north to the Town of Lee in the south. A route has been identified that includes town owned land, state owned land, and some privately owned land. The route was chosen to include the Housatonic River pedestrian bridge, Lenox Memorial Middle and High School, Eastover Resort, Blantyre Resort, Cranwell Resort, Seven Hills Resort, and Canyon Ranch Resort along its route. The town had completed survey work, preliminary design, and wetland permitting for a 4,700 foot section along Housatonic Street from East Street to the Woods Pond Pedestrian Bridge for which all permits have been secured. A 1.5 mile section north of Housatonic Street to Eastover Resort is on town land and could be constructed with the completion of design and permitting. An additional 2.5 miles crossing private and state owned land would complete the connection between Housatonic Street and the City of Pittsfield. A 3.6 mile section south of Housatonic Street to the Town of Lee is planned to be completely in the town right-of-way and could also be constructed with the completion of design and permitting.

Timeline:

With funding, the 4,700 foot section along Housatonic Street could have final design and bidding completed within twelve months with construction to follow immediately. The 1.5 mile section north of Housatonic Street on town owned land needs only design and permitting to be completed before construction could start. Conceivably, construction could be started by the spring of 2010 if funding is received soon enough. Half of the 3.6 mile section south of Housatonic Street could conceivably be constructed in FY2010 if funding is secured soon enough. This section south of Housatonic Street is within town right-of-way and there is minimal permitting required. The second half of the 3.6 mile section would have preliminary design and permitting completed at the end of FY10 and final design completed and construction begun in late FY11.

Funding:

The Town of Lenox budgeted and spent \$17,900 for survey work, preliminary design, and wetland permitting. On the Town's behalf, BRPC used \$4,500 of FFY06 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funds through a contract with MassHighway, and about \$4,000 of FFY05 UPWP and FFY07 UPWP funds to complete Initial Site Review and Concept Development. The Town recently applied for a grant from DCR Greenways for \$37,800 in grant money to perform further feasibility work for the Housatonic Street to New Lenox Road segment. The Town anticipates receiving an answer in the Spring 2008. The total cost of completing the feasibility work for this segment is estimated at \$47,250. The Town is prepared to cover the \$9,450 difference. The Town has also signed a \$32,100 contract with Foresight Land Services to bring the Lenox High School to Woods Pond segment to 25% design. MPO has indicated its support to program funding for construction of this segment in FY '09.