

# Part Four – Greenways and Open Space Vision

## Fulton County Project Corridors

Fulton County features the following regional greenway project corridors:

- I. Potomac to Raystown Greenway South;
- J. Tuscarora Greenway; and
- K. The Allegheny Crossing.

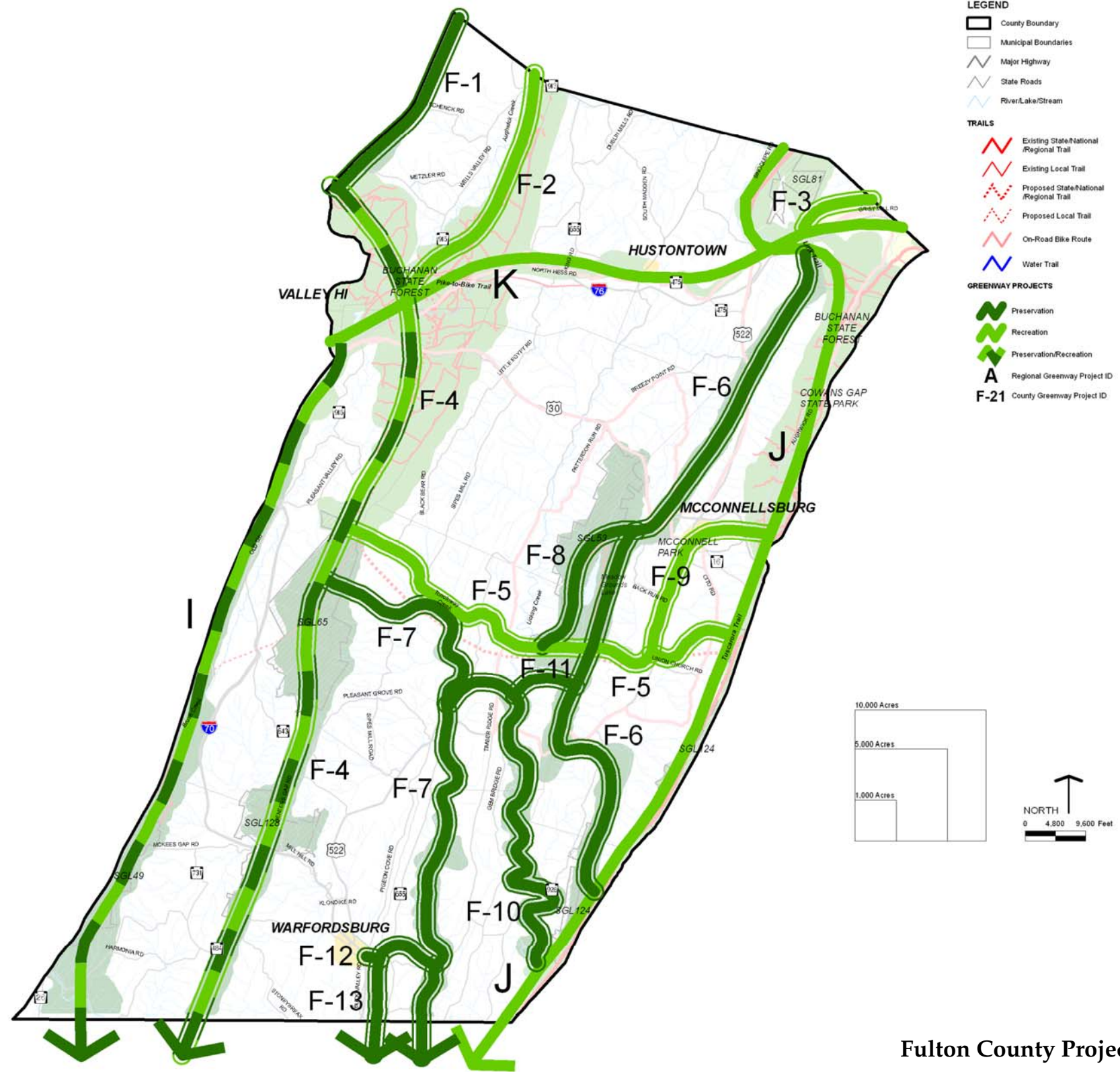
County project corridors within Fulton County are described below.

### F-1. Southern Trough Creek Wildlife Corridor

This Corridor, which generally follows the Great Trough Creek, is situated within the northwestern portion of the County. The Corridor provides a link to the Potomac to Raystown Greenway at the Corridor’s southern terminus. Portions of Buchanan State Forest are included within the Corridor, which is envisioned to contain limited access open space without formed trails.

### F-2. Link Trail Alternate Connector

The approximately 8 mile Link Trail Alternate Connector extends north into Huntingdon County from the intersection of the Allegheny Crossing and the Potomac to Raystown Greenway. The Link Trail, proposed to be renamed The Standing Stone Trail during publication of this Plan, currently extends nearly 68 miles through Fulton and Huntingdon Counties. The entire length of the Connector is situated within Buchanan State Forest, which includes several existing trails that match the maintained dirt character envisioned for



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the Connector. This corridor is part of a trail proposed to connect to the Link Trail.

### **F-3. Fort Littleton Trail**

This Trail meanders northeast from Fort Littleton into Huntingdon County before arching back into Fulton County. The Trail which is nearly 4.5 miles in length, could be developed someday as a maintained dirt trail. Portions of the Trail include areas situated within Buchanan State Forest and could subsequently link to the internal trails and roads.

### **F-4. Sideling Hill Wildlife Corridor**

This open passive space corridor extends along Sideling Hill in Western Fulton County. The 23 mile long corridor passes through portions of Buchanan State Forest and State Gameland #65. The northern terminus is located at the Southern Great Trough Creek Wildlife Corridor; the southern terminus occurs at the southern border of the County.

### **F-5. Link to Tuscarora Connector**

The Link to Tuscarora Connector is envisioned to be an approximately 13 mile maintained dirt trail. The trail crosses the County from west to east connecting the Potomac to Raystown Greenway with the Tuscarora Greenway. The Connector passes through State Gameland #53 and interconnects two regional trails/corridors and four county trails/corridors. A large portion of this project is part of a trail proposed to connect to the Link Trail.

### **F-6. Little Scrub Ridge Wildlife Corridor**

The Little Scrub Ridge Wildlife Corridor is envisioned to be an open space corridor which runs within the eastern portion of Fulton County linking the Tuscarora Trail to the Allegheny Crossing. The nearly 25 mile corridor passes through State Gameland #53 and 124 and accesses Meadow Grounds Lake.



Figure 24: Aerial of Meadow Grounds Lake

### **F-7. Tonoloway Creek Wildlife Corridor**

The Corridor transverses 26 miles along Tonoloway Creek. It runs south from the Potomac to Raystown Greenway and the Allegheny Crossing to the County's southern border. The Tonoloway Creek Wildlife Corridor has been designed to interconnect existing open space areas that feature public access. Furthermore, the Corridor connects to two other county wildlife corridors.

### **F-8. Meadow Grounds Lake Wildlife Area**

This approximately 4 mile stretch of open wildlife area connects the Allegheny Crossing with the Little Scrub Ridge Wildlife Corridor. The entire length of the corridor is near the trail proposed to connect to the Link Trail.

Most of the corridor is situated within State Gameland #53 and is near Meadow Grounds Lake.



Figure 25: Meadow Grounds Lake

### **F-9. Back Run Trail**

Back Run Trail is anticipated to be a maintained dirt trail extending 5.5 miles from the Tuscarora Greenway to the relocated Link Trail which passes in close proximity to McConnellsburg.

### **F-10. Licking Creek Wildlife Corridor**

The Licking Creek Wildlife Connector generally follows Licking Creek and connects to the Tonoloway Creek Wildlife Corridor, the Chestnut Flat Wildlife Corridor and the Tuscarora Greenway. The Corridor is approximately 15 miles long and links existing publicly accessible open space areas.

### **F-11. Chestnut Flat Wildlife Corridor**

This Corridor connects the Little Scrub Ridge Wildlife Corridor with the Licking Creek Wildlife Corridor. The Corridor is nearly 2 miles long and is anticipated to be publicly accessible open space.

### **F-12. Little Tonoloway Wildlife Link**

The Little Tonoloway Wildlife Link is an approximately 0.5 mile long wildlife corridor that links Warfordsburg to the region's greenway and open space network. The short corridor connects directly to the Cove Ridge Wildlife Connector. The corridor is envisioned to be a passive underdeveloped linkage that connects several tracts of publicly accessible open space.

### **F-13. Cove Ridge Wildlife Connector**

This open space wildlife corridor connects the Tonoloway Creek Wildlife Corridor to the Little Tonoloway Wildlife Link and ultimately to Warfordsburg. The corridor is approximately 4 miles long and terminates at the southern border of the County.

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**Table 6: Fulton County Projects Summary**

#	Project / Corridor		Type of Corridor	Total Project Length (mi)	Length of Trail Constructed (mi.) <sup>1</sup>	Length of Water Trail (mi.)	Unimproved/Unsecured Project / Corridor Area (acres)	Low and High Corridor Acquisition Cost Estimates <sup>2</sup>			Low and High Land Trail Improvement Cost Estimates			Water Trail Improvement Cost Estimate	Low and High Total Cost Estimates (Acquisition and Improvement)		
	Name							\$	to	\$	\$	to	\$		to	\$	to
<b>Regional Project Corridors (within Fulton County)</b>																	
I	Potomac to Raystown Greenway South		I, II	22.5	13.9		4,568.3	\$ 1,027,000	to	\$ 3,084,000	\$ 13,000	to	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ 1,040,000	to	\$ 3,097,000
J	Tuscarora Greenway		II	22.0	22.0		-	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -
K	The Allegheny Crossing		IV, V	19.0	3.9		4,513.5	\$ 1,015,000	to	\$ 3,047,000	\$ 600,000	to	\$ 1,350,000	\$ -	\$ 1,615,000	to	\$ 4,397,000
<i>Regional Project Corridors Subtotal</i>				63.5	39.9	-	9,081.8	\$ 2,042,000	to	\$ 6,131,000	\$ 613,000	to	\$ 1,363,000	\$ -	\$ 2,655,000	to	\$ 7,494,000
<b>County Project Corridors</b>																	
F-1	Southern Great Trough Creek Wildlife Corridor		I	6.8	0.9		2,252.7	\$ 506,000	to	\$ 1,521,000	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 506,000	to	\$ 1,521,000
F-2	Link Trail Alternate Connector		II	8.2	8.2		-	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -
F-3	Fort Littleton Trail South End		II	4.5	-		1,689.5	\$ 380,000	to	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 7,000	to	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 387,000	to	\$ 1,147,000
F-4	Sideling Hill Wildlife Corridor		I	23.1	14.8		3,134.1	\$ 705,000	to	\$ 2,116,000	\$ 12,000	to	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 717,000	to	\$ 2,128,000
F-5	Link to Tuscarora Connector		II	13.4	2.2		4,223.9	\$ 949,000	to	\$ 2,851,000	\$ 17,000	to	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ 966,000	to	\$ 2,868,000
F-6	Little Scrub Ridge Wildlife Corridor		I	24.5	7.2		6,516.8	\$ 1,465,000	to	\$ 4,399,000	\$ 26,000	to	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 1,491,000	to	\$ 4,425,000
F-7	Tonoloway Creek Wildlife Corridor		I	26.0	-		9,815.5	\$ 2,206,000	to	\$ 6,625,000	\$ 39,000	to	\$ 39,000	\$ -	\$ 2,245,000	to	\$ 6,664,000
F-8	Meadow Grounds Lake Wildlife Area		I	3.9	3.9		-	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	to	\$ -
F-9	Back Run Trail		II	5.4	-		2,051.6	\$ 461,000	to	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 8,000	to	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 469,000	to	\$ 1,393,000
F-10	Licking Creek Wildlife Corridor		I	14.9	-		5,631.8	\$ 1,266,000	to	\$ 3,801,000	\$ 22,000	to	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 1,288,000	to	\$ 3,823,000
F-11	Chestnut Flat Wildlife Corridor		I	1.7	0.2		563.2	\$ 127,000	to	\$ 380,000	\$ 2,000	to	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 129,000	to	\$ 382,000
F-12	Little Tonoloway Wildlife Link		I	0.3	-		120.7	\$ 27,000	to	\$ 81,000	\$ -	to	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,000	to	\$ 81,000
F-13	Cove Ridge Wildlife Connector		I	3.8	-		1,448.2	\$ 326,000	to	\$ 978,000	\$ 6,000	to	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 332,000	to	\$ 984,000
<i>County Project Corridors Subtotal</i>				136.7	37.5	-	37,447.9	\$ 8,418,000	to	\$ 25,277,000	\$ 139,000	to	\$ 139,000	\$ -	\$ 8,557,000	to	\$ 25,416,000
<b>Project Corridors Total (Regional + County)</b>				<b>200.1</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,529.8</b>	<b>\$ 10,460,000</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 31,408,000</b>	<b>\$ 752,000</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 1,502,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,212,000</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 32,910,000</b>

1: Also includes portions of project corridors that are under public control or have been committed to future trail improvements.  
 2: Acquisition costs estimated at \$900 per acre (low = 25% of full cost, high = 75% of full cost).

Corridor Type:  
 I: Open Space - unblazed / unmarked; public access permitted (price: n/a)  
 II: Maintained Dirt Trail - blazed / marked; pedestrian trail approximately 2' wide (price: \$1,500/mile)  
 III: Improved / Maintained Dirt Trail - blazed / marked; multipurpose trail approximately 6' wide (price: \$10,000-\$15,000/mile)  
 IV: Improved / Maintained Crushed Aggregate / Asphalt Trail - blazed / marked; multipurpose trail approximately 6'-10' wide (price: \$40,000-\$90,000/mile)  
 V: Water Trail - public access points (price: \$10,000 per access point approximately every 5 miles)