

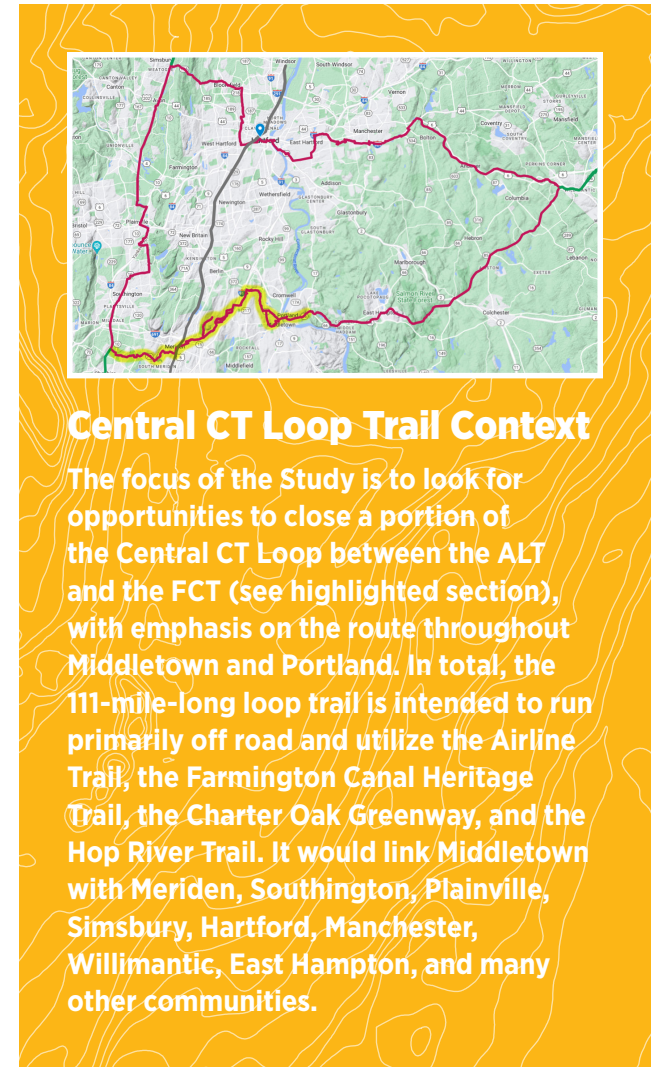


Central CT Loop ALT-FCT Study

The Lower Connecticut River Valley COG

(aka RiverCOG) is currently studying the feasibility of removing a key gap in the Central Connecticut Loop trail. Potentially linking the current end of the **Airline Trail (ALT)** in Cobalt with the **Farmington Canal Trail (FCT)** in Cheshire, a future trail would incorporate the Arrigoni Bridge, the Mattabesset Trolley Trail system in Middletown, and the Quinnipiac Trail in Meriden. Using a robust community engagement plan, the Study will include an evaluation of multiple route alternatives in Middletown and Portland before arriving at a preferred alternative (with cost estimate included).

The team is led by the planning/engineering firm VHB with help from FHI Studio and E-Consult. The roughly 18-month study began in October and will run until early 2025. Public workshops and meetings will be held in June 2024 and late fall.



For more information,
see the project web page:





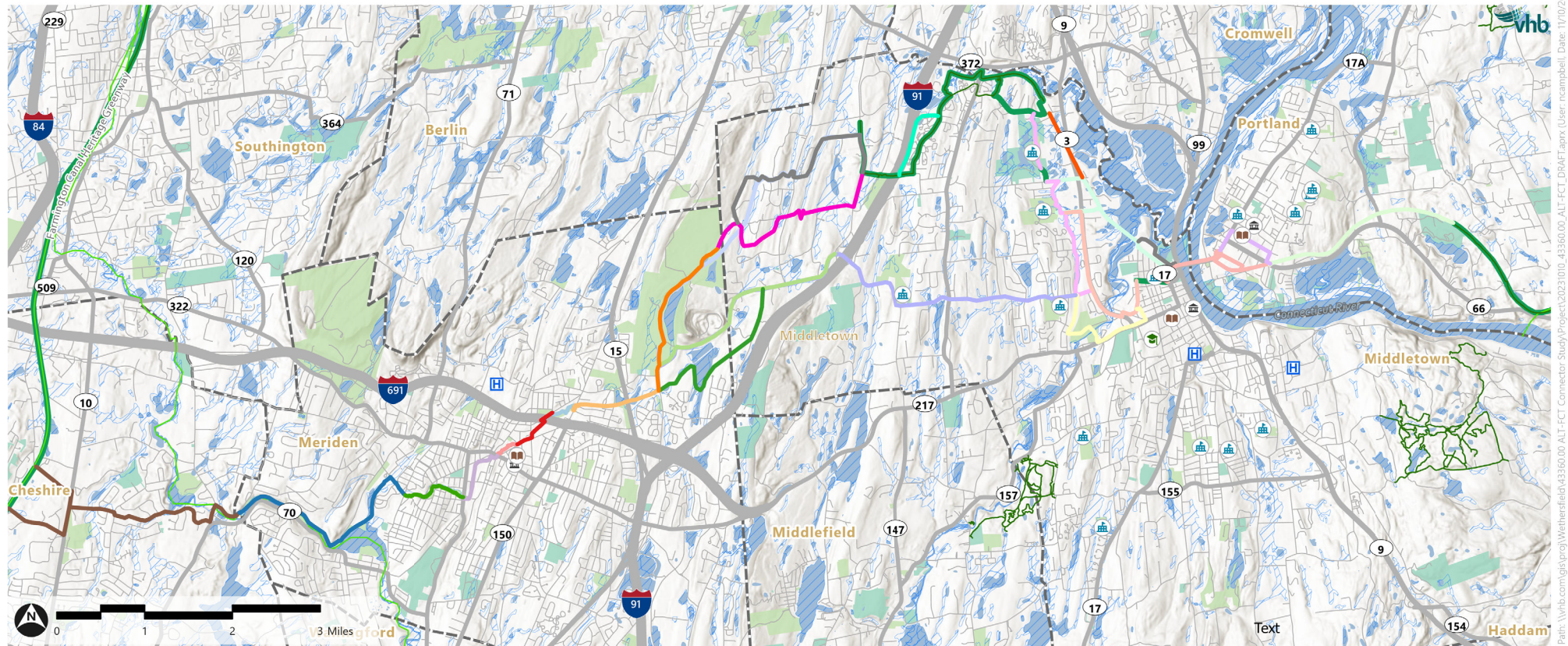
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While the entirety of the Study Area runs from a **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCT)** connection in Cheshire to the current terminus of the **Airline Trail (ALT)** near Jobs Pond in Portland, the primary focus of the Central CT Loop Study is the stretch between the Meriden/Middletown line and the current terminus of the ALT. As shown in the map below, nearly all of the route alternatives—along with their subsequent analysis and evaluation—are to be found within Middletown with a few others in Portland.

Airline Trail - Farmington Canal Trail Connector: Full Study Area

Middleton, Meriden, Portland, Cheshire, CT

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Colleges Public Library City/Town Hall Hospitals 	<p>Trail Alignments</p> <p>Meriden/Cheshire Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookside Park Path Existing Quinnipiac Trail Meriden - alt alignment Meriden Alt2 alignment Meriden Green Path Meriden North Gap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbor Brook Corridor Meriden Preferred alignment Meriden South Gap Under Construction Extension <p>Cheshire Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheshire On-Street Routes <p>Route Name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inactive Rail Corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-Street Option Pickering St./Airline Ave Link <p>Middletown Options</p> <p>Route Name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abandoned Rail/N. Main Corridor East Swamp Brook Corridor Footit Drive option I-91 corridor spur option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newfield St. Corridor Scarborough Lane link Stantack Rd/Scarborough Lane Corridor Wesleyan University Spur Westfield/County Club Rd Corridor Option Sewer Easement TRAIL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Greenways Existing Paths-Bike Connecting Trails Town Boundary Wetlands Open Space (Public) Open Space (Private)
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