

## 2.0 Master Plan Context

As part of the master planning effort the team was asked to perform additional recreation-oriented studies. First, a Town-Wide Trails System Concept Plan was developed. This provided a framework for the long-range development of a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle system for Woodstock. Carried through the same steering committee and public forum process as the master plan, the trails plan will be incorporated by the Town in its current update of the comprehensive plan. A second study provided an assessment summary of existing recreation facilities at the two existing Town parks, W.O. Riley and Riverview. The intent here was to provide a recreational facility baseline which would inform the planning and programming process for Fairview Park.

### Town-Wide Trails System Concept Plan

The benefits of walks, trails, bicycle facilities & greenways include:

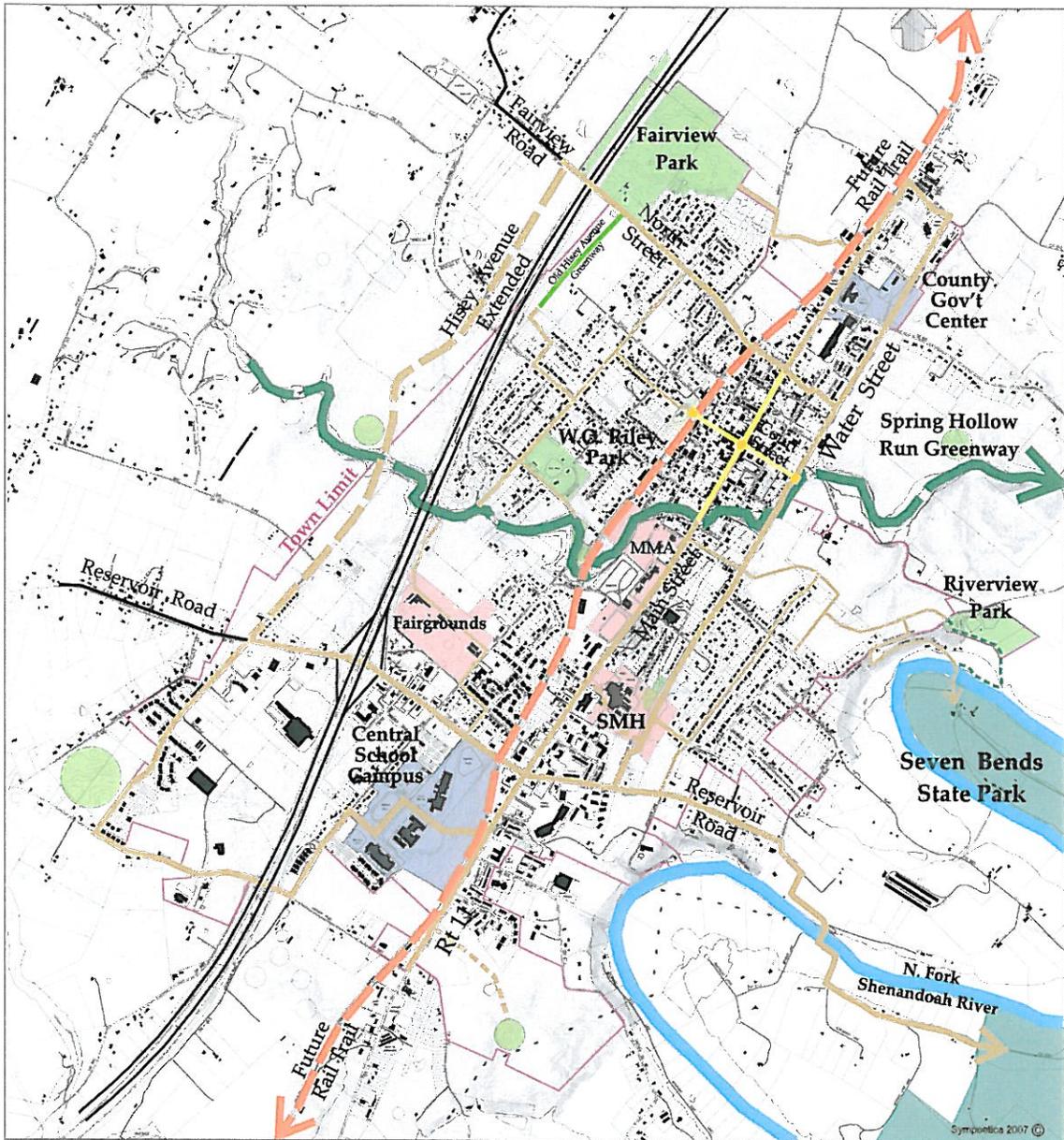
- Provision of Opportunities for Economic Growth, Revitalization & Development, including: direct & indirect support to recreation & tourism-related services; creation of links to historical, cultural & natural areas; creation of desirable amenities for neighborhoods resulting in increased property values; and, providing an overall quality of life enhancement for the entire community.
- Provision of Safe and Healthy Transportation Alternatives, including: the reduction of personal auto usage and enhancement of walkability for a more sustainable community; the provision of links to work, school, shopping/entertainment, transit and recreation; and, providing access to nature and tourist attractions.
- Enhancement of Recreation & Healthy Lifestyle Opportunities, including the reduction of personal auto usage for short trips; provision of links to work, school, shopping/entertainment, transit and recreation; and, air quality benefits of reduced auto usage & emissions.
- Provision of Educational Experiences, including: the study of natural, cultural and historic resources, and creating opportunities for outdoor classroom and interpretive opportunities (natural, historical, cultural)
- Enhanced Environmental Protection and Resource Preservation through the creation of Greenways, including: preservation of natural floodplains; prevention of unsafe development in floodplains; creation of riparian buffers to protect water quality; and, preservation and protection of open space, environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitats.

The Town-Wide Trails System will contain a hierarchy of walks and trails, including:

- Downtown promenades and walks; historic tours ; Historic district/neighborhoods walks
- New neighborhood walks and trails
- Town-wide walks and trails
  - Major arterial streets sidewalks / Multi-use trails
  - Spring Hollow Run Greenway / Multi-use trail
  - Minor greenways and buffers
- In-town bicycle routes (on-street)
- Regional Bicycle Routes (on-street) and Regional Rail Trail (Potential use of existing right of way, if abandoned for railway use)

Key destinations will be connected by the proposed trails system, including:

- Residential Neighborhoods
- Schools & Parks
- Downtown Shopping Districts / Retail Centers
- Government Centers, Employment Centers & Institutions
- Transit Stops & Centers
- Area Attractions
  - Seven Bends State Park
  - Valley Pike
  - Scenic Roadways
  - Towns & Villages



**Map Key:**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Public Streetscape Opportunities | Greenway Trails Opportunities     |
| Neighborhood Sidewalks           | Spring Hollow Run                 |
| Town-Wide Sidewalks              | Regional Trail Opportunities      |
| Multi-Use Trails                 | Potential Future Rail-Trail Route |
| Downtown & Special Streetscapes  | Potential Future Town Park        |



## Town-Wide Trails System Concept Plan

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