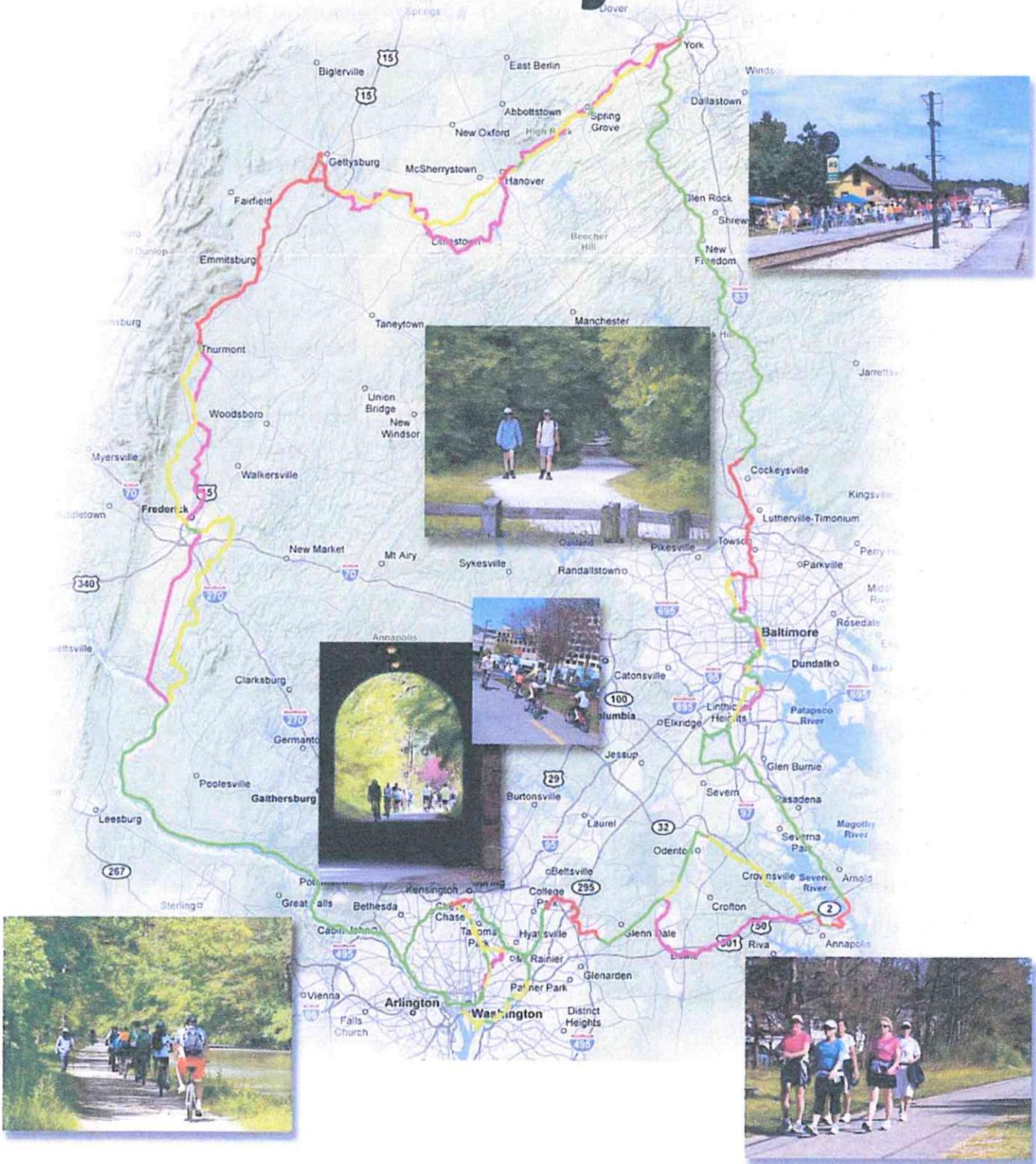




**Grand History Trail Feasibility Study for Adams County
January 22, 2019 Update**

1. Purpose of the study is to analyze the roads and lands in the study area (Gettysburg south to Maryland Border) and recommend two possible routes for an off-road, multiuse trail, similar to other rail-trails in Pennsylvania, ending near Emmitsburg. This trail will be part of the 250-mile Grand History Trail loop (see flyer).
2. The study area includes Cumberland, Liberty, and Freedom Townships. If the trail cannot be located within road rights-of-way, trail easements will be needed where the trail crosses private land.
3. The contract was awarded in June 2018 to Campbell Thomas & Co. (CT&C). They have extensive experience in conducting trail studies and designs. They have visited the area numerous times, studying roadways and land, and using land parcel maps and meeting with the Trail Study Committee (TSC) to discuss possible routes.
4. There are 10 people on the TSC which provides input to the contractor and monitors the work of the contractor. A list of the members is attached.
5. The following meetings with the contractor have taken place or are planned.
 - Initial meeting with the TSC on July 17.
 - Meeting with Acting Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park on August 23.
 - Follow-up meeting with the TSC on September 11.
 - Meeting with a township supervisor from Cumberland, Freedom, and Liberty townships and the Project Officer on October 9.
 - Meeting with landowner Tim Shields on November 8. This meeting was arranged by Jim Paddock. Others participating included Paul Kellett from Freedom Township, Dru Neil with the Gettysburg Nature Alliance, Tammy Myers from the Gettysburg Heritage Center, Dennis Hickethier from HABPI, and Bob Thomas from CT&C (on the phone).
 - Meeting with municipal officials from Emmitsburg, MD and Frederick County, MD was conducted on December 19.
 - A TSC meeting update was conducted on December 19.
 - Another land owner meeting is planned, along with a meeting with the new Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park.
 - A public meeting will probably be held in March or April.

A **VISION** for the Grand History Trail



What is the Grand History Trail (GHT)?

It is a proposed 250+ mile off-road trail connecting Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Stops on the trail include Washington D.C., Annapolis, Baltimore, Fells Point, York, Gettysburg, Frederick, Antietam Battlefield, and Harper's Ferry.

Existing trails comprise over half the Grand History Trail. Approximately two thirds of the trail exists or is planned. Adams County is a big missing link.

Why the Grand History Trail ?

- For health, wealth, joy and history
- Residents and tourists can enjoy health benefits of walking and bicycling on local trails that are part of the GHT
- Many travelers plan vacations where trails take them to interesting and historical places
- Bikers and walkers and joggers bring millions of dollars of revenue to trail towns with no damage to the environment

Who is working on the Grand History Trail?

- Meetings have been held with state officials from Pennsylvania and Maryland and officials from Washington D.C. , under the auspices of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.
- Trail and bicycle advocacy groups have been involved in the meetings and are working with local and state officials to facilitate development of the GHT.
- County and local government officials are working to plan and develop trails which will be part of the GHT.
- A group of riders from York, PA rode the entire loop in September 2015 and met with government officials along the way.

• Go to <http://www.grandhistorytrail.org/>