

# GAP

## CLOSURE TRAIL STUDY

Plainville • Southington • New Britain

The public review draft of the **Gap Closure Trail Study** is now available! This public review draft summarizes the process to identify and evaluate potential trail alternatives that would close the remaining gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT), and describes in detail the resultant trail alignment recommendations. This draft report focuses on the north/south trail alignment in Plainville, and not on the east/west connection to CT **fastrak** in New Britain. The public is invited to review this draft, available on the project website at [www.gapclosurestudy.com](http://www.gapclosurestudy.com), and provide comment on or before Monday, February 12, 2018. Comments will be reviewed by Plainville Town Council later in February, 2018.



Thank you to the almost 200 community members who attended our last public workshop October 18th. The feedback received at this meeting helped us refine the preliminary preferred alignment and prepare the public review draft report

We will be hosting a Public Hearing on the public review draft:

**Monday February 5th, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**Plainville Middle School Auditorium**  
**150 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT.**  
 Please attend!

### Alternatives Analysis

As part of the planning process a long list of alternatives were shortened down to the Preferred Alignment.

**Long List of Potential Alternatives** Fall 2016/  
Winter 2017  
 (14 in Plainville, 6 in New Britain)

**Short List of Practical  
and Feasible Alternatives** Spring/  
Summer 2017  
 (4 in Plainville,  
2 in New Britain)

**Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s)** Fall 2017/  
Winter 2018  
 (1 in Plainville, 1 in New Britain)

### Criteria used to Identify Preferred Alignment

During the process a range of Criteria were used to identify the Preferred Alignment.

- ↑ Capability to Remain Off Road
- ↑ Connectivity
- ↑ Safety
- ↑ Security
- ↓ Potential Property Impacts
- ↓ Potential Environmental Impacts
- ↓ Estimated Costs

Uses existing trail on north side of Northwest Drive

Follows western edge of Carling Technologies property

Continues along informal trail network on Town property overlooking wetland/marsh complex

Proposed 190-foot box culvert under Route 72

Existing Town road is converted to paved trail

New bridge over railroad adjacent to existing Route 177 Bridge

New Bridge over Pequabuck River

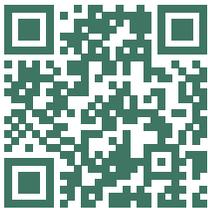
Follow southern riverbank to Fire Department property

Broad Street is narrowed slightly to accommodate multi-use trail

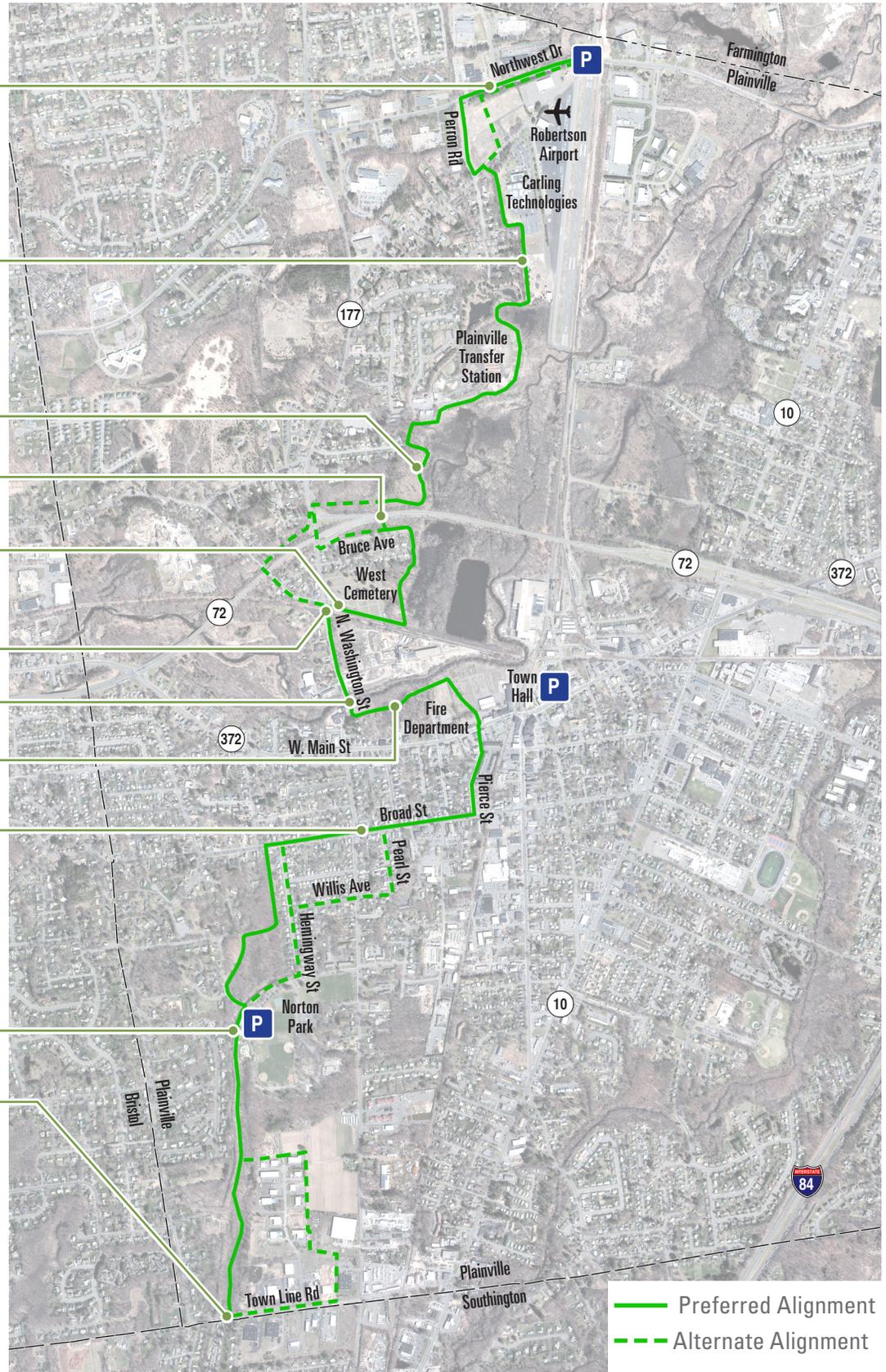
Trail follows historic Farmington Canal remnants

Connects with trail in Southington at Town Line Road and Redstone Street

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<b>Public Hearing</b> February 5, 2018	<b>30-Day Public Comment Period Ends</b> February 12, 2018	<b>Referred to Town Council for Consideration</b> Late February, 2018
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