

Route 9 Paths Plan

Scope of Work

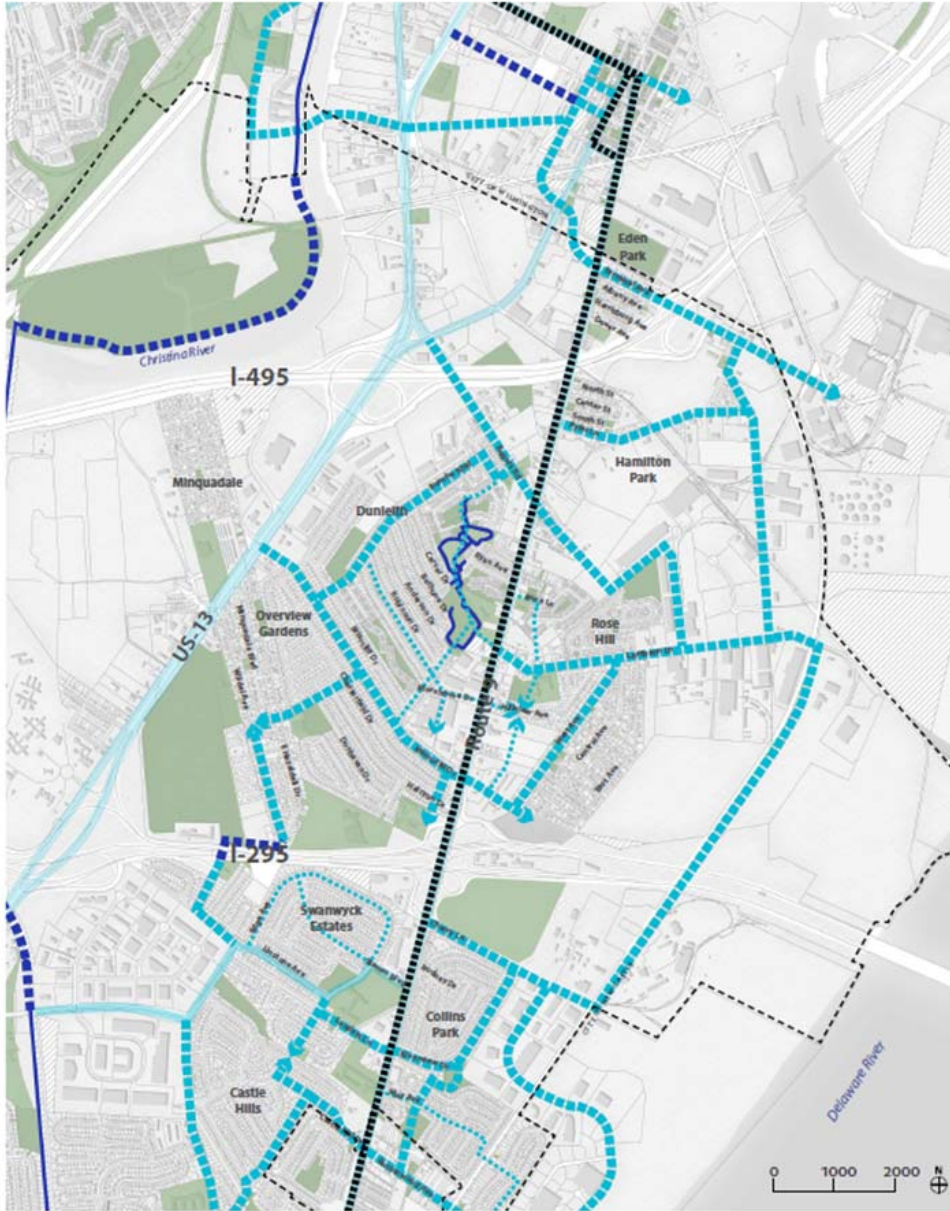
The Route 9 Paths Plan will further develop the concepts for new walking and biking neighborhood pathways proposed in the Route 9 Corridor Master Plan. While these concepts were derived from community feedback and enjoy strong community support, they are high level ideas that would benefit from further thought, detail, and public outreach.

This project will be guided by the Route 9 Corridor Master Plan's Monitoring Committee, specifically its Health Subcommittee. The Monitoring Committee and Health Subcommittees are comprised of civic leaders working with government, non-profits, and other stakeholders to implement the Master Plan. This work will be coordinated with active Safe Routes to School, Transportation Alternatives Program, and other transportation initiatives in the area. WILMAPCO will serve as the lead agency to develop the plan and ensure coordination.

The Master Plan proposes a mixture of new walking and bicycling paths. On the western side of Route 9, the idea is to extend the existing network of paved park trails (linking Surrate to Oakmont parks) north and south to tie each of the neighborhoods together, with key connections built out to Route 9 itself. The same north-south concept (with links into Route 9) is proposed for the eastern side of Route 9. Some of these paths will be off-road routes, while others will utilize sidewalk and painted bicycle lanes to delineate the routing. The Route 9 Paths Plan will confirm these routings and preferred markings.

Most importantly, this plan will identify and provide options for making connections between neighborhoods where road right-of-way is absent or inconvenient. Good examples of this are links across the I-295 Expressway and links into McCullough Middle School's trail or into the Castle Hills neighborhood. A review of best practice literature will be completed, along with additional stakeholder and public outreach to tackle these trouble spots.

Given its implications to improve area health through better active transportation and recreation, the Route 9 Paths Plan will be a rolling item on the Health Subcommittee's agenda. The group will provide monthly guidance on its progress. Periodic presentations will also be given to the larger Monitoring Committee. We expect at least two public workshops during the duration of the study, which will be supplemented by online and on-the-street outreach with a focus on outreach to area youth. The Plan should be completed by the Fall of 2020.



Existing and Recommended Bicycle On- and Off- Road Routes

Key

- EXISTING ON-ROAD ROUTES
- PROPOSED PRIMARY ON-ROAD ROUTES
- PROPOSED SECONDARY ROUTES
- PROPOSED PRIMARY OFF-ROAD ROUTES
- EXISTING SECONDARY OFF-ROAD ROUTES
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