
Upper Darby

Trail Construction and Planning Update



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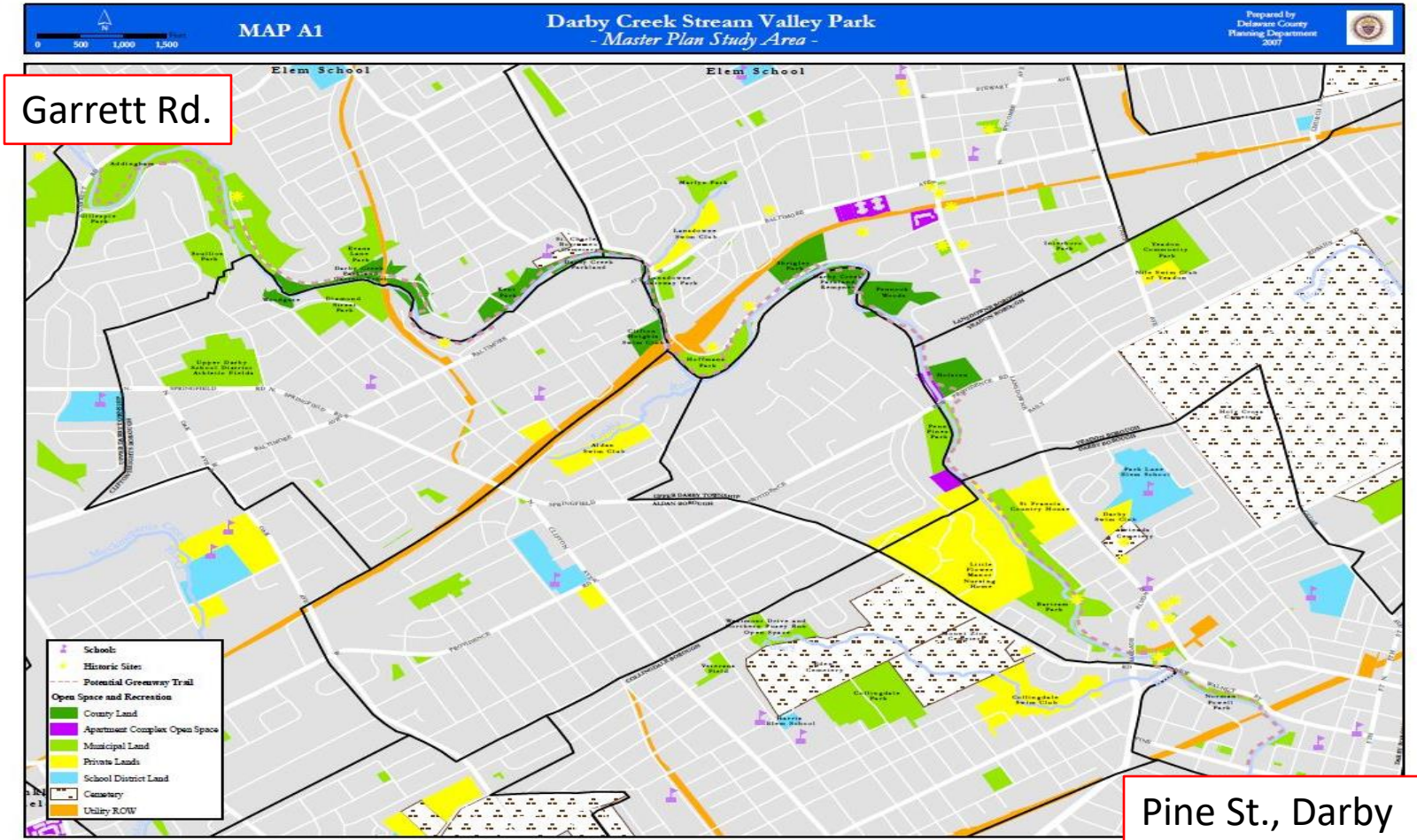
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Darby Creek Trail

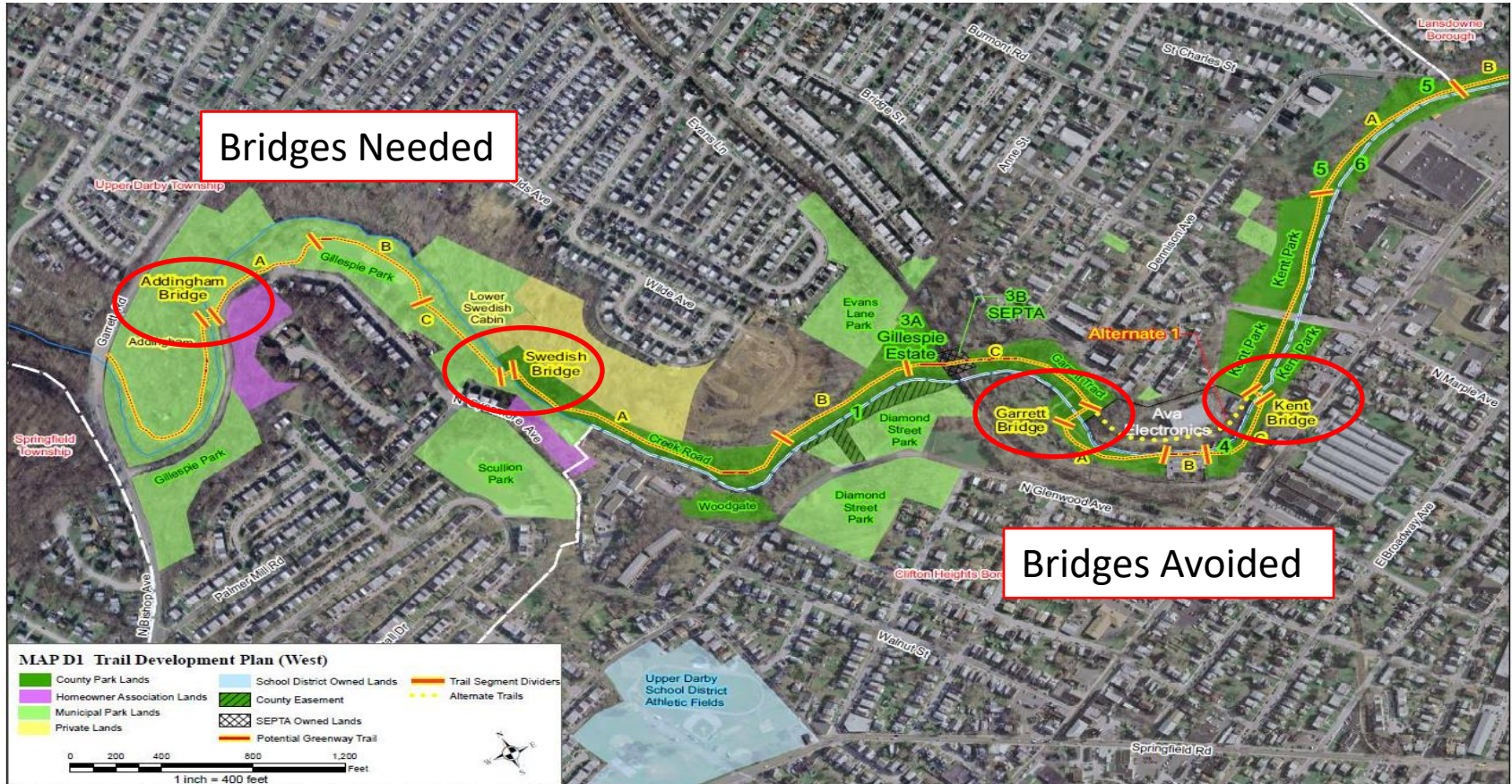


- A major regional Circuit Network paved multi-use trail
- Darby Borough to Haverford Reserve and hopefully beyond
- Upper Darby, Haverford and Lansdowne are all working on sections in their area

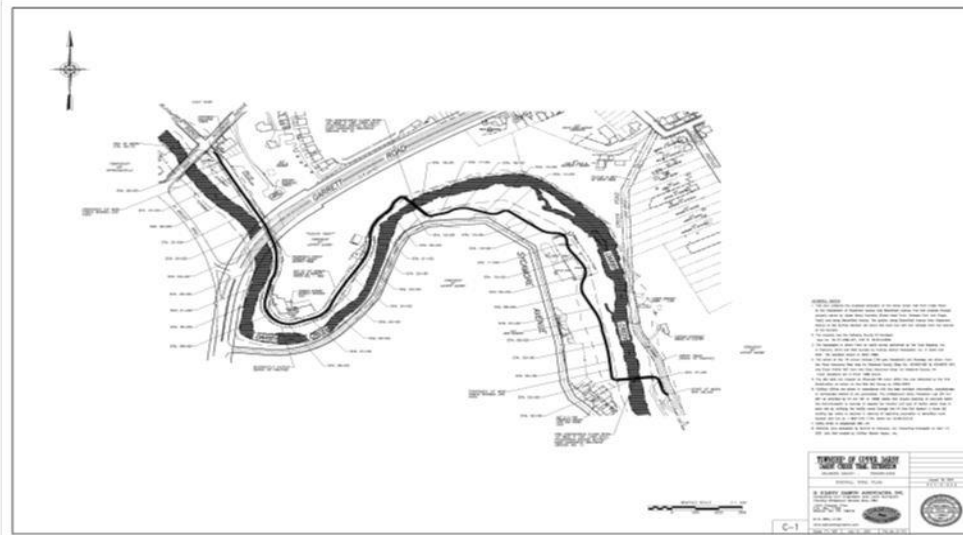
Darby Creek Stream Valley Park – 2009 Master Plan



Darby Creek Trail – 2009 Master Plan (Western Third)



DARBY CREEK TRAIL AT GILLESPIE PARK

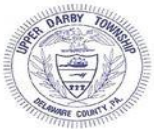


TRAIL EXTENDS FROM
ROSEMONT AVENUE
THROUGH GILLESPIE PARK
TO SWEDISH CABIN

0.75 MILES

TWO (2) BIO-RETENTION
BASINS AND BIO-SWALE

130' AND 150', 10' WIDE
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



Swedish Cabin Bridge



- Abutments are poured and curing
- The 150-foot long bridge will apparently arrive in two sections
- Expected to arrive 1st week of March
- Hoping to open and dedicate on Earth Day, April 22, 2023

Darby Creek Trail – Swedish Cabin Bridge Abutments



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Gillespie Park Trail Segment



- Trail is already mostly paved
- Earthen ramps need to be built up to the bridge ends
- Paving at ends can then be completed
- Many trees already planted in park - \$100,000+ DCNR “TreeVitalize” grant for streambank restoration

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Addingham Bridge



- Upstream of Swedish Cabin Bridge, at other end of Gillespie Park segment
- Additional funding being sought due to COVID-era cost increases
- Trail paving in Addingham tract complete except at future bridge construction location

Newtown Square Branch Trail



- Also a major regional Circuit Network paved multi-use trail

Upper Darby – Lansdowne area to
Haverford Township and beyond

Haverford extending its existing
“Pennsy Trail” segment toward
Upper Darby

Upper Darby Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan



- Upper Darby Township selected a consultant team in 2022
- Performing a comprehensive study of parks, open spaces, trails, sidewalks, bicycling facilities and links to transit
- Completion expected in latter 2023