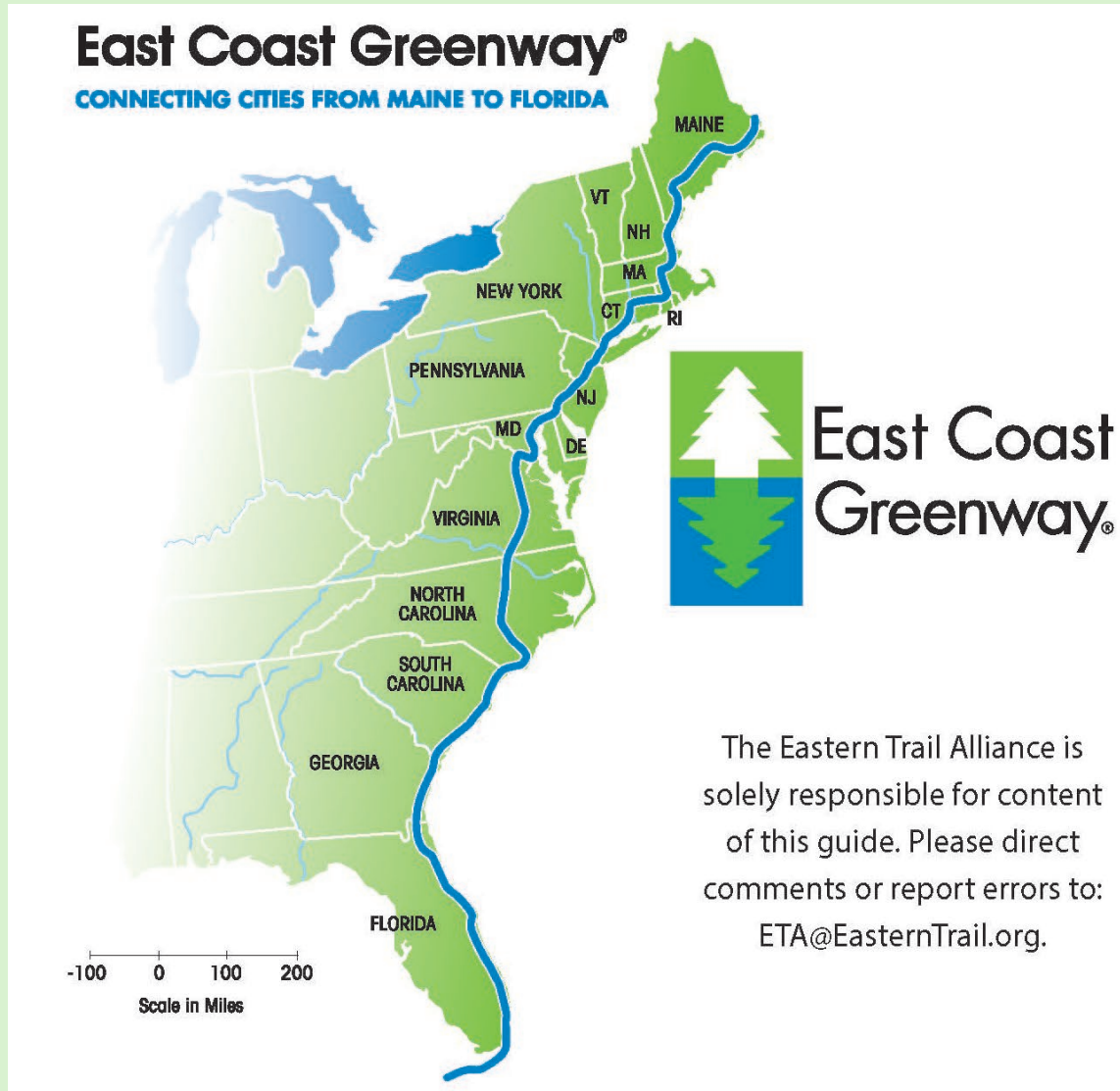


History of the Greenbelt Walkway in South Portland



Maine Trail Conference 2025 – Eastern Trail Close the Gap Session

Part of the Eastern Trail



Greenbelt Walkway w/ ET in Scarborough

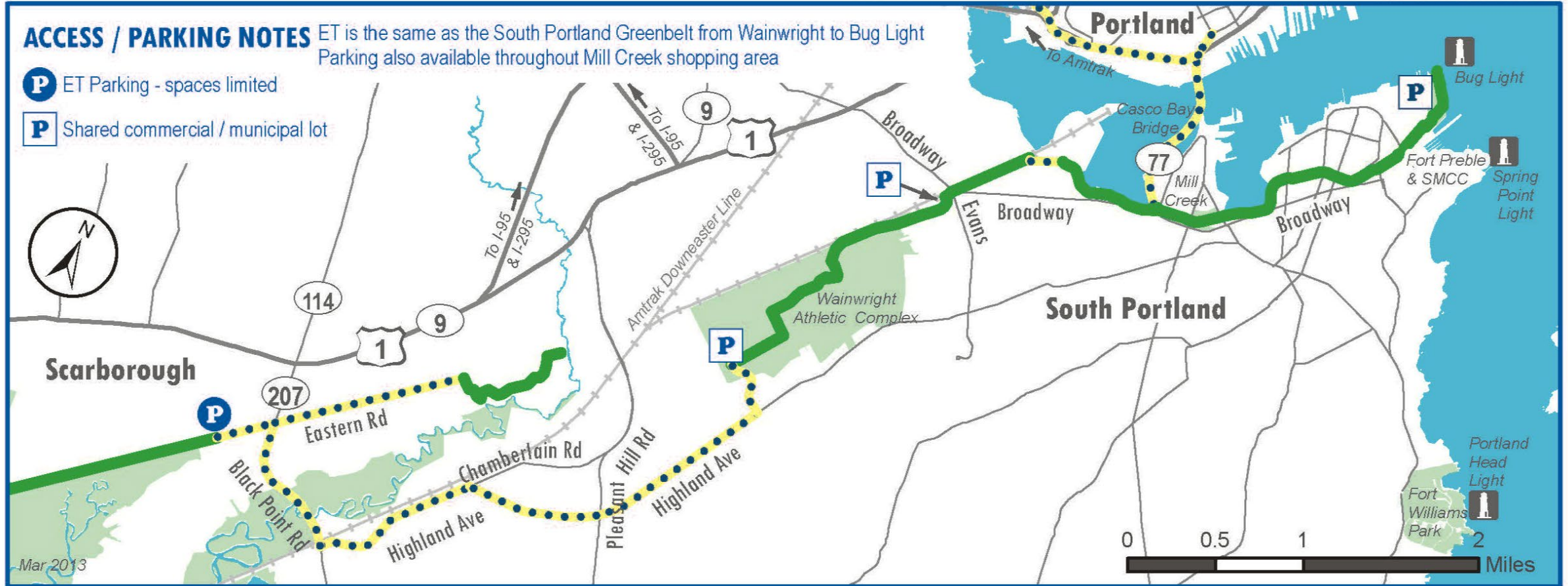
SCARBOROUGH - SOUTH PORTLAND

— Off-Road Eastern Trail ···· On-Road Connector Route

ACCESS / PARKING NOTES

ET is the same as the South Portland Greenbelt from Wainwright to Bug Light
Parking also available throughout Mill Creek shopping area

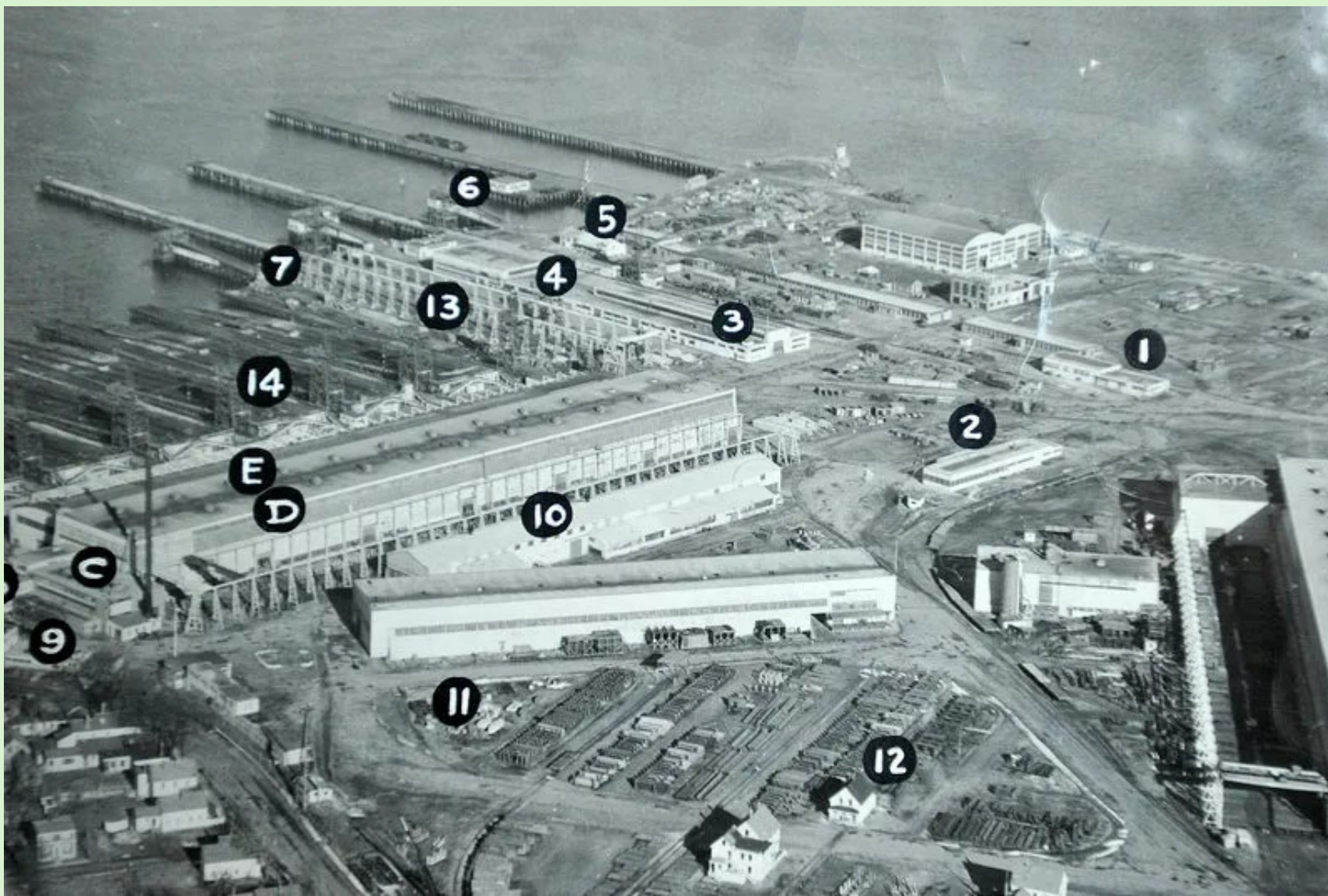
- P** ET Parking - spaces limited
- P** Shared commercial / municipal lot



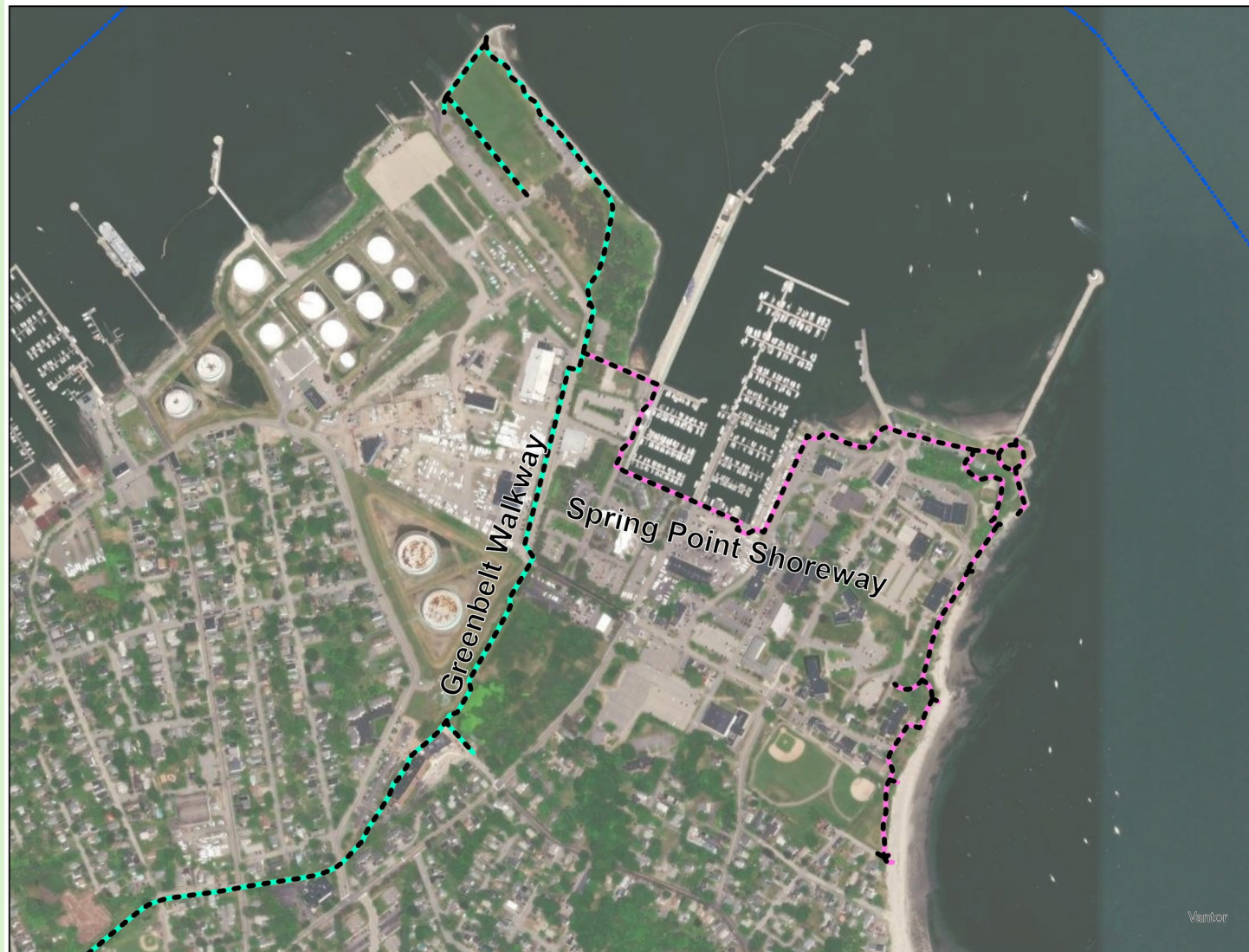
Rail Line to the South Portland Shipyard



South Portland Shipyard



Spring Point Shoreway



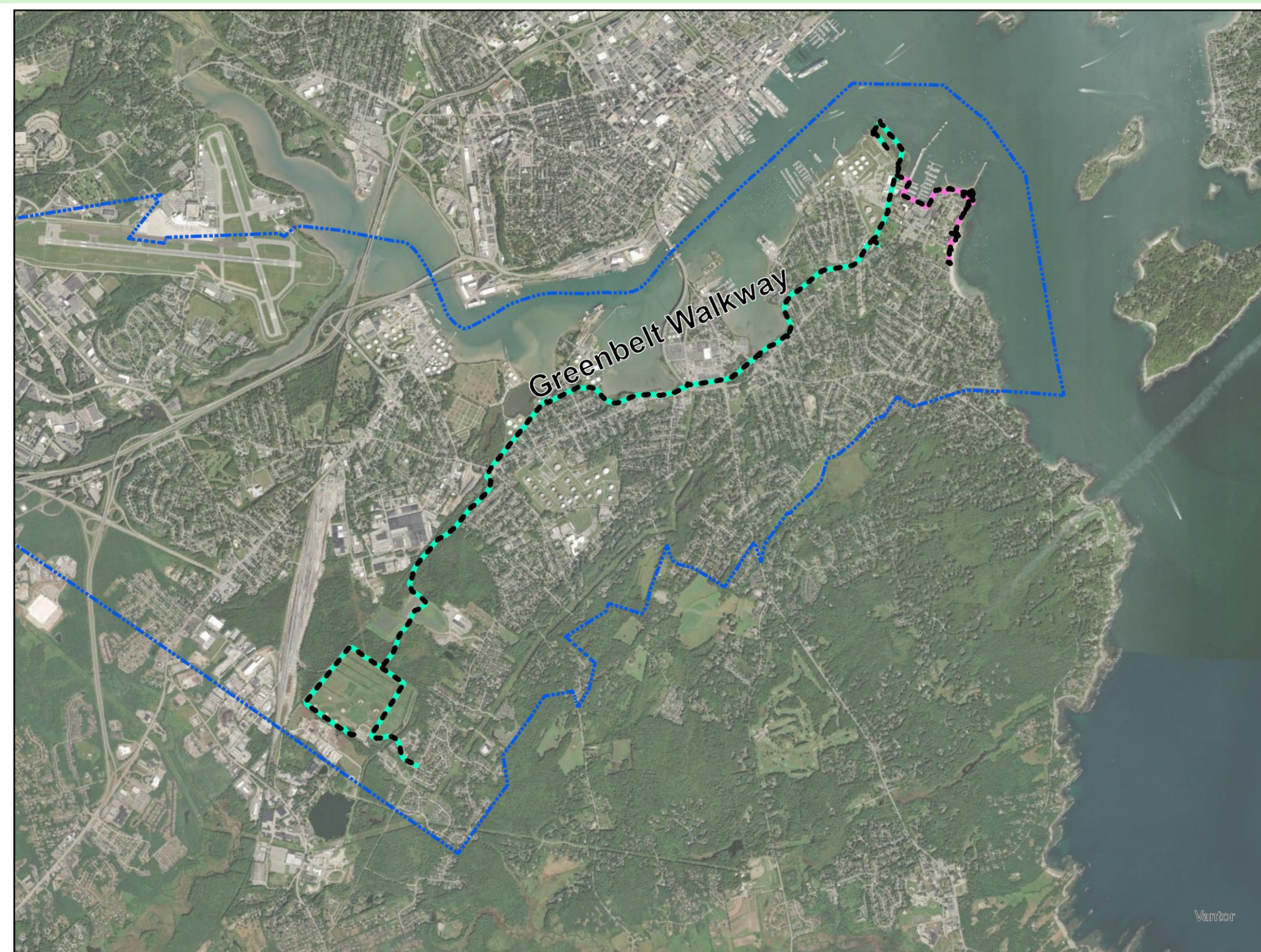
Spring Point Shoreway Development

- 1977 – State legislation for lease from SMVTI.
- National Endowment for the Arts design study and plan.
- Spring Point Marina – land sold to City by ANTEK Corp for \$1.00.
- McCourt Co. Development – agreed to public walkway in 1986
Planning Board approval for Breakwater Condos.
- Public boat ramp – purchased from US Navy in 1978; included land swap with the McCourt Company.

Storm Damage to Spring Point Shoreway



Then Came the Greenbelt Walkway...



Growth Plan for the Eighties

“The enjoyment of city life need not be boxed in by seas of asphalt. South Portland is blessed with harbor vistas, sand beaches, coastal streams and green open spaces....preserve and enhance them.”



Rail-to-Trail

- 1986 – City creates Greenbelt Committee to create a public access plan. Major goal: seek walkway using railroad access as a spine.
- Financial assistance – Maine Coastal Program and City
- 1988 – City accepts deed from Greater Portland Public Development Commission for Spur Railroad ROW from Elm Street (in Pleasantdale) to Stanford Street (in Ferry Village).

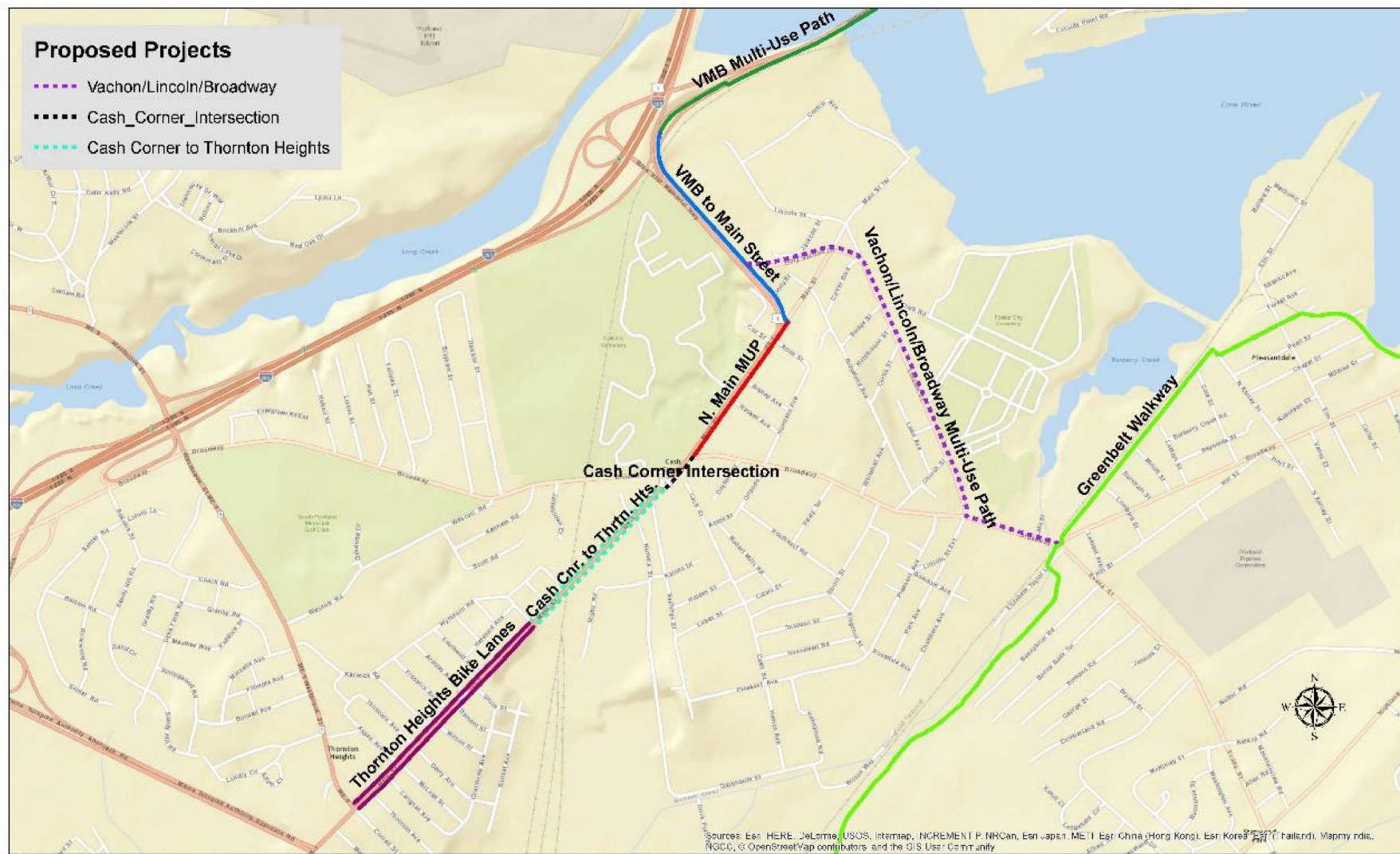
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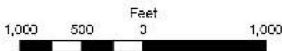
Pleasantdale Walkway Section

- Intervention in sale of active rail spur
- Significant PACTS investment
- Dickey public hearing
- Difficulties dealing with federal rail rules and with construction easements

Vachon-Lincoln-Broadway MUP Project



Recent and Proposed South Portland/PACTS Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

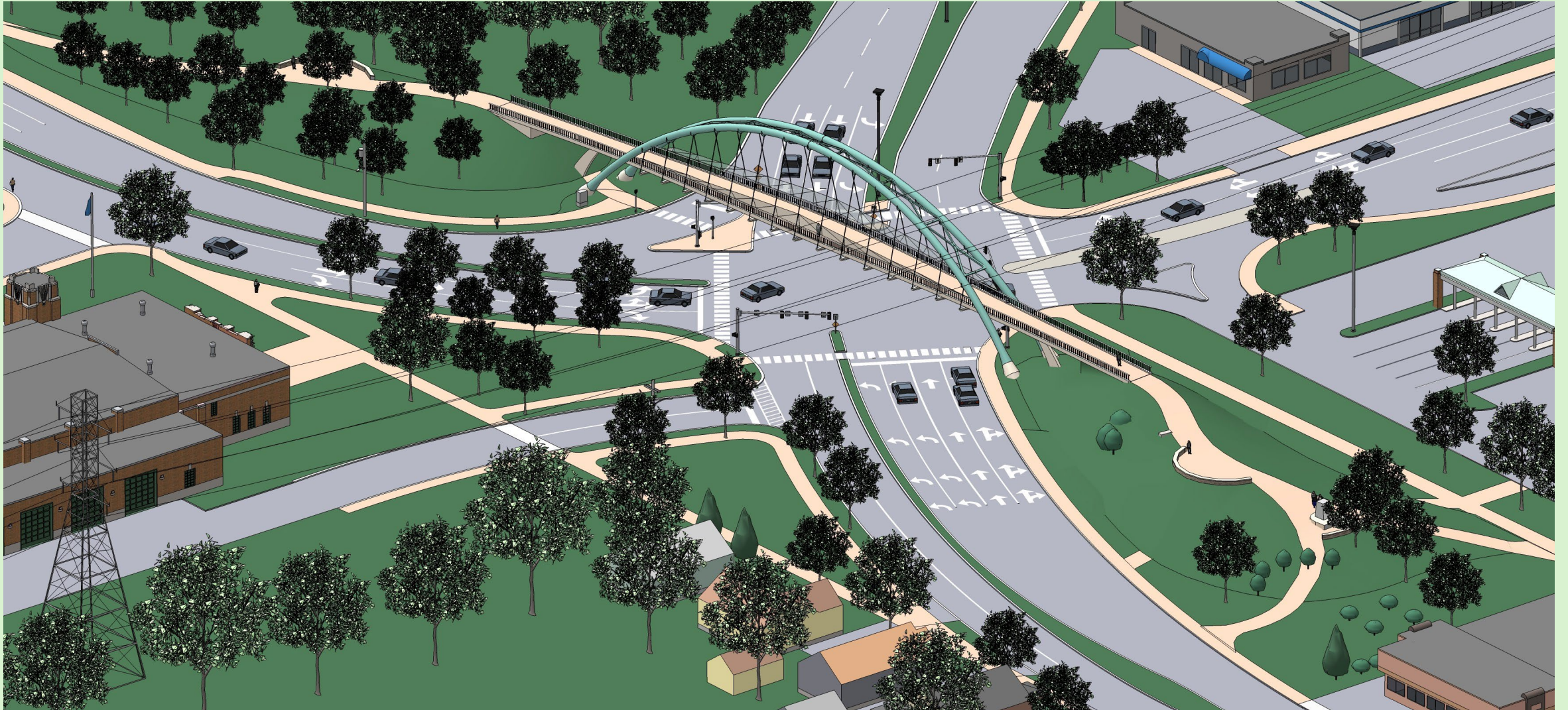


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Share the Trail Event



Still Hoping for a SoPo Bridge...



Thank You!!!!!!

- MaineDOT, Fed Highway, PACTS, SoPo City, other funders.
 - South Portland visionaries, e.g., Frank Morong, Jim Gailey.
 - Property and license conveyors, e.g., Hale family and PPL.
 - Town of Scarborough for taking the lead on the connection.
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- The Greenbelt Walkway is one of SoPo's greatest public facility success stories—soon to become even better with the Scarborough connection.