

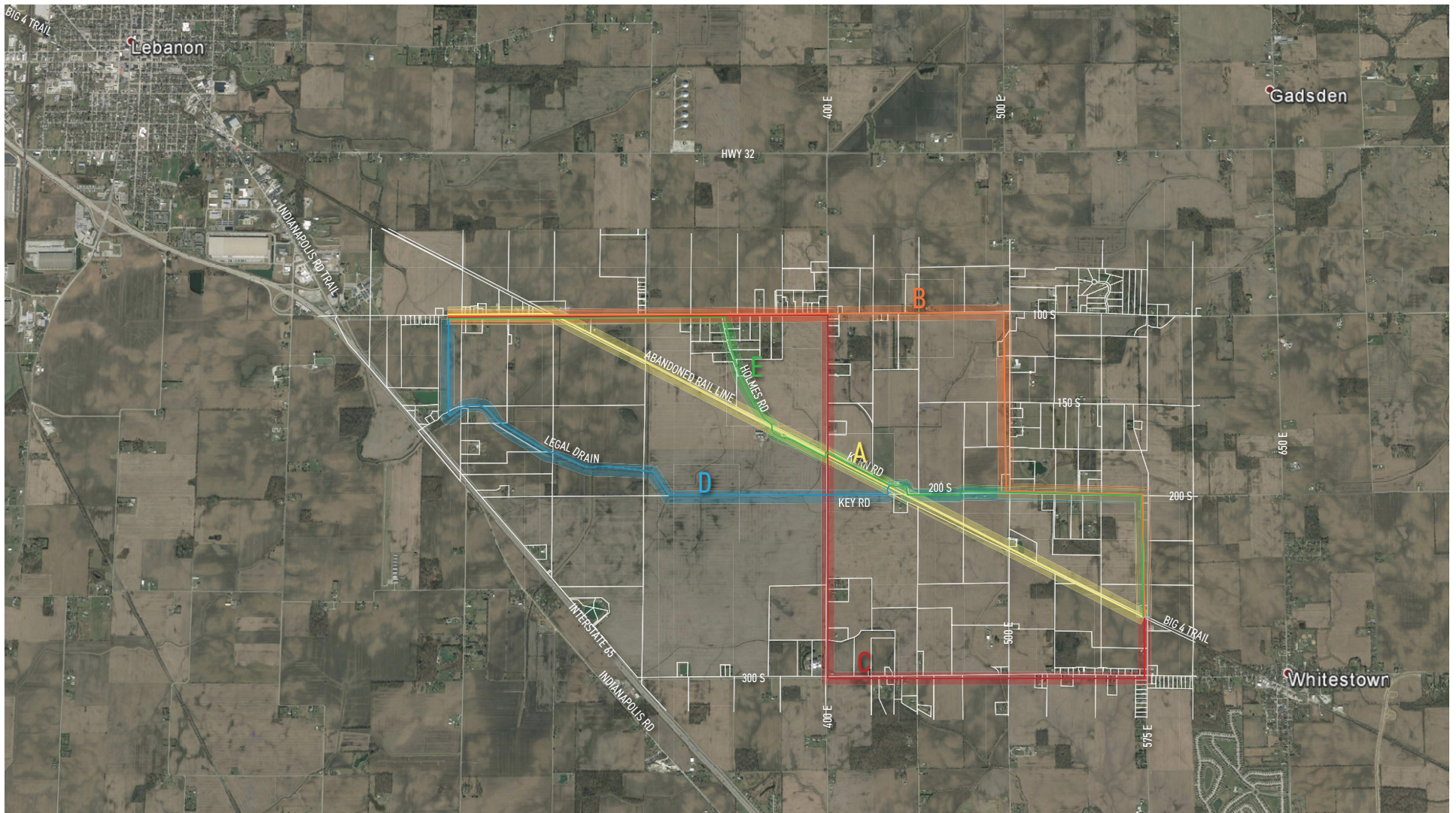


BOONE COUNTY **BIG 4 TRAIL**

MASTER PLAN

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INITIAL ROUTE OPTIONS

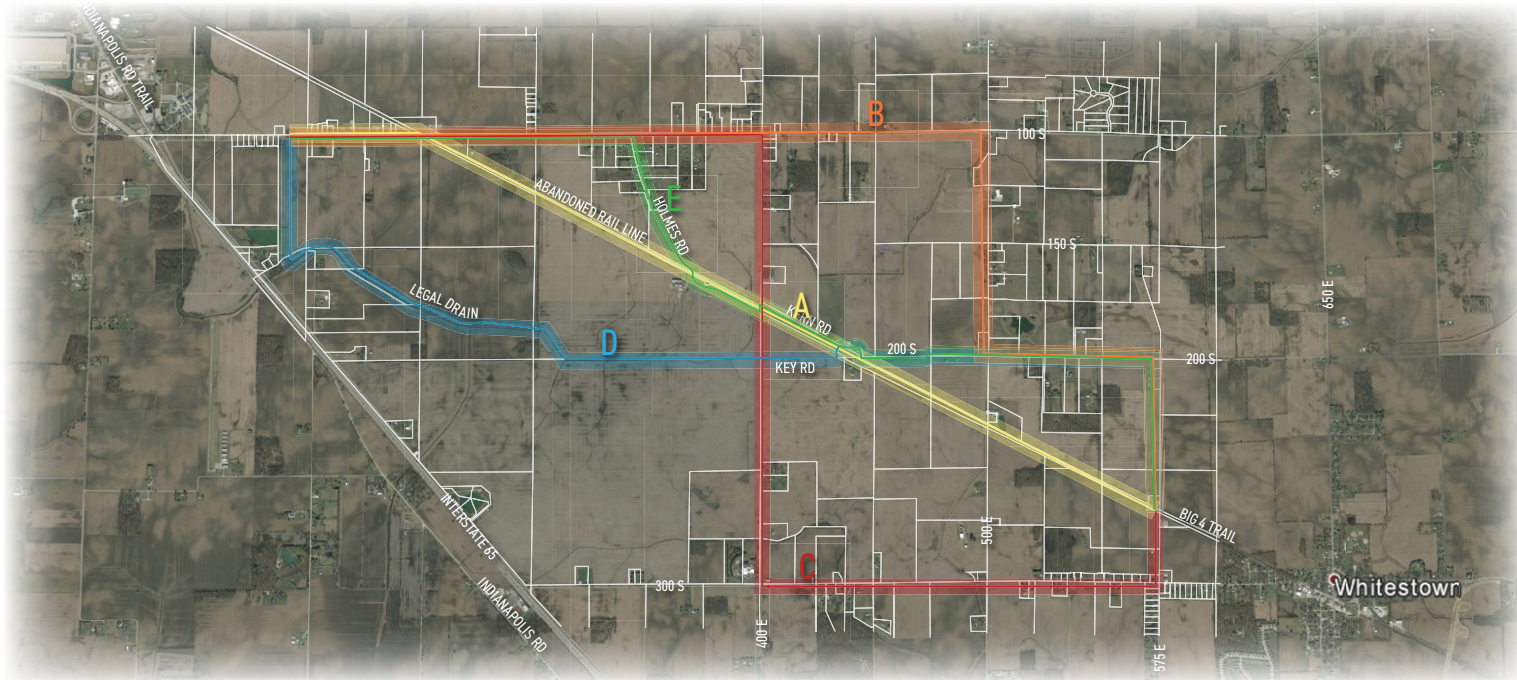


In an effort to take all points of view into consideration, four route options were explored and presented to the public. This included the rail corridor route, an off-road route along a legal drain, and on-road routes.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



BOONE COUNTY - PRELIMINARY ROUTE OPTIONS



Route Comparisons

	Approx. Length	Right-of-Way Width	Approx. Acreage	# of Parcels Crossed	# of Property Owners Affected	# Road/Drive Crossings	# Water Crossings
Route A	22,700 LF	100 FT	52 acres	8	6	6	0
Route B	28,800 LF	50 FT	33 acres	42	26	30	1
Route C	32,400 LF	50 FT	37 acres	46	32	33	1
Route D	31,100 LF	50-75 FT	36 acres	20	11	14	7
Route E	26,600 LF	50 FT	31 acres	35	22	23	1

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

What we heard

In addition to the trail summit, individual meetings were held with many property owners along the rail corridor. A summary of the input from all forms of public engagement follows:





RECOMMENDATIONS

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The future of the Big 4 Trail in Boone County

A robust public involvement process was used to help identify project priorities and refine recommendations for the Master Plan, including one-on-one conversations with property owners, meetings with government officials and emergency responders, and a public trail summit. In general, respondents indicated a desire for a continuous, connected trail; a separation from roadways; as few road crossings as possible; scenic views of the surrounding environment; and a clear system of wayfinding and mileage marking.

Building upon this feedback, along with existing proposals, planning efforts and stakeholder input, this plan recommends that the most appropriate route for the trail is to follow the abandoned rail corridor. The following pages highlight the recommendations for the various sections of the Big 4 Trail, including improvements and new construction. This plan also identifies that some variation from the rail corridor route may be necessary to fully develop the trail. Possible variations are also identified in the following pages.

Why is the Railroad Corridor the preferred route?

SAFETY - This route has the fewest road/drive conflicts, and is largely separated from traffic on county roads

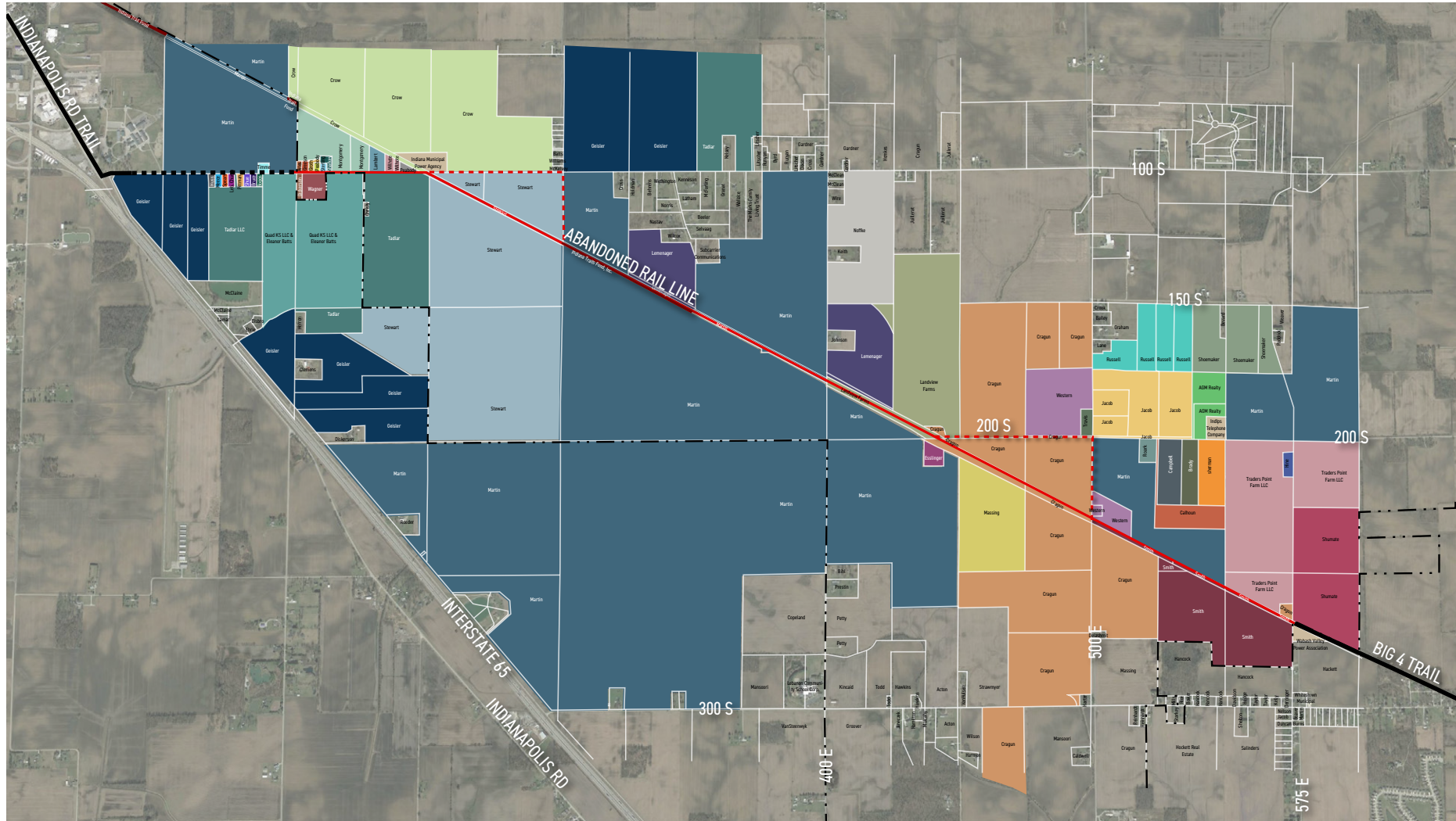
AESTHETICS - This route follows the countryside, instead of along county roads

COST - This is the least expensive route considered

PROPERTY OWNER IMPACTS - This route impacts the least number of property owners

HISTORY - This route preserves the historic integrity of the corridor, especially as it relates to the train route traveled by Abraham Lincoln as president-elect and later by his funeral train

TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDATION

RAIL CORRIDOR