

Catonsville to Baltimore

GREENWAY COALITION

A ONE-OF-A-KIND OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT OUR COMMUNITIES, SUPPORT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & RECREATION, AND INVEST IN THE SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE REGION.

The **Catonsville to Baltimore Greenway** would create the only safe, direct route for walking, biking, and running between main street Catonsville and downtown Baltimore. A **two mile gap** currently separates the Gwynns Falls Trail and Catonsville Short Line Trail. By filling that gap and linking those existing trails, the Catonsville to Baltimore Greenway would connect dozens of communities, businesses, parks, schools, and places of worship along a nine-mile accessible trail.

OVERVIEW

The Catonsville to Baltimore Greenway:

- Requires just **two miles** of new trail!
- Links the Catonsville Short Line Trail (CSLT) and Gwynns Falls Trail (GFT).
- Fulfills the proposed trail in **Baltimore City's 2015 Bike Master Plan**.
- Is supported by a coalition of community associations, nonprofits, and individuals.
- Increases transportation, recreation, and environmental equity in Southwest Baltimore.

The Greenway leverages existing parks, infrastructure, and rights-of-way:

- **Catonsville Short Line Park**, the historic Catonsville Short Line Railroad right-of-way owned by Baltimore City since 1977.
- The **Primrose Passageway**, a wide, intact passageway beneath Amtrak's Northeast Corridor.
- The long-disused **Claremont Branch**, which crosses over South Caton Ave and Wilkens Ave.

By leveraging the existing trails, parks, disused rail rights-of-way, and existing infrastructure, we can build a **transformational active transportation** amenity for our communities and the Southwest Baltimore region.

CONNECTIONS WITHIN A HALF MILE OF THE GREENWAY FROM CATONSVILLE TO CARROLL PARK

- 22 Parks
- 10 K-12 Schools
- 1 University (Future UMBC Spring Grove Campus)
- 1 Hospital (St. Agnes Hospital)
- Approximately 32,000 Residents and 18,000 Jobs



Just 2 miles of new trail would connect our area's best trail networks.

CHALLENGES

MTA's **Penn-Camden Connector** project:

- A **multi-hundred-million-dollar** project to connect the MARC Penn and Camden lines.
- Could **prevent** the use of the unused Claremont Branch as a Greenway.
- Claremont Branch alternatives would place the Greenway on **dangerous roads** listed on [Baltimore City's High-Injury Network](#), fail to connect institutions/communities, and/or impact parking or travel lanes.

Please urge MTA to support the Catonsville to Baltimore Greenway and build Component 1 of the Penn-Camden Connector as "rail-with-trail."

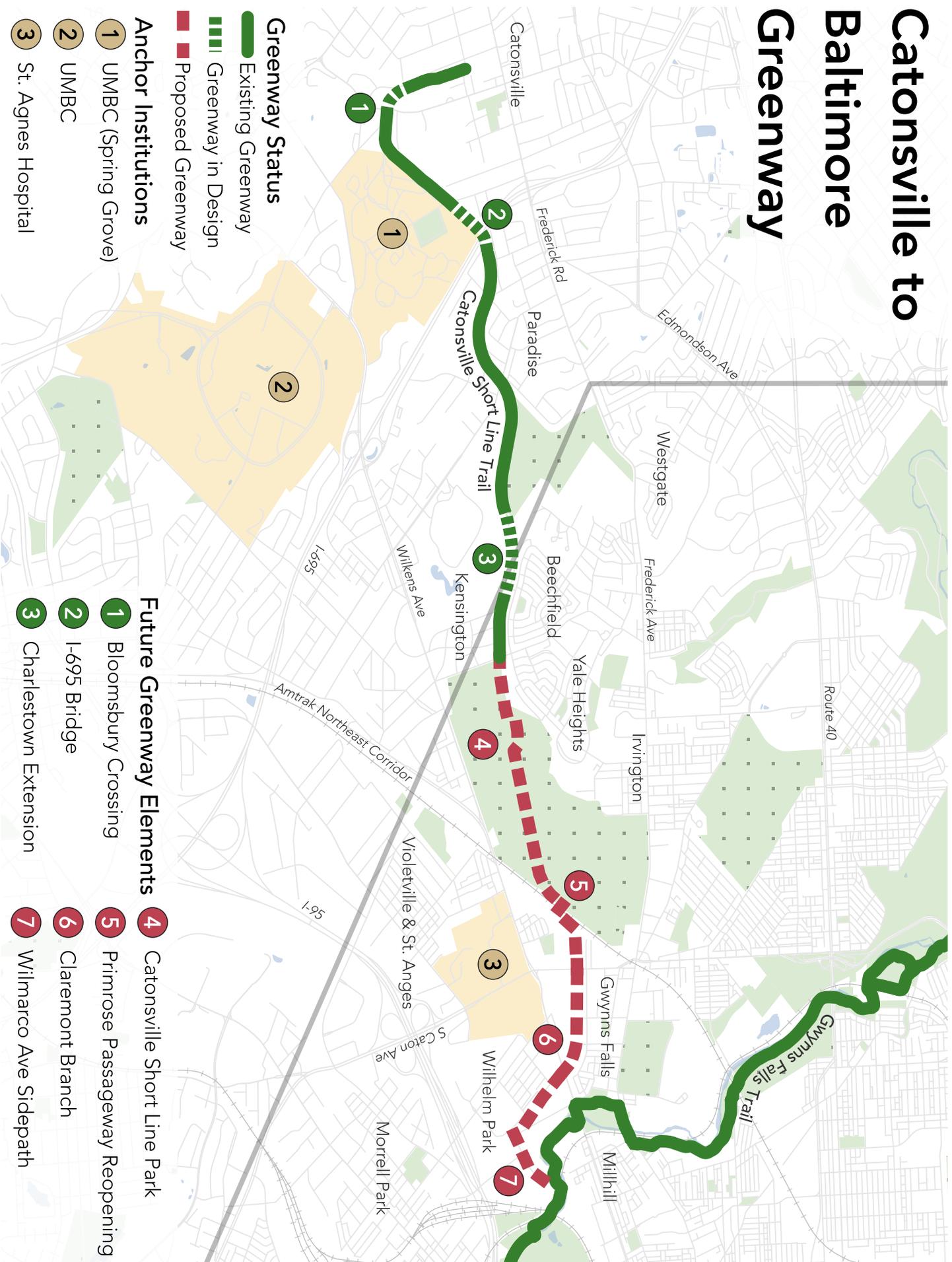
Loudon Park Cemetery:

- Began **burials** in a small section of the **Baltimore City owned** Catonsville Short Line Park in 2018.
- Tried to buy the park from Baltimore City in 2024, but Baltimore City declined.
- **Continues** to bury within Catonsville Short Line Park.

Please urge Baltimore City to defend their land rights to Catonsville Short Line Park and work to build the Catonsville to Baltimore Greenway.



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Greenway Status

- █ Existing Greenway
- - - Greenway in Design
- - - Proposed Greenway

Anchor Institutions

- 1 UMBC (Spring Grove)
- 2 UMBC
- 3 St. Agnes Hospital

Future Greenway Elements

- 1 Bloomsbury Crossing
- 2 I-695 Bridge
- 3 Charlestown Extension
- 4 Catonsville Short Line Park
- 5 Primrose Passageway Reopening
- 6 Claremont Branch
- 7 Wilmarco Ave Sidepath

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