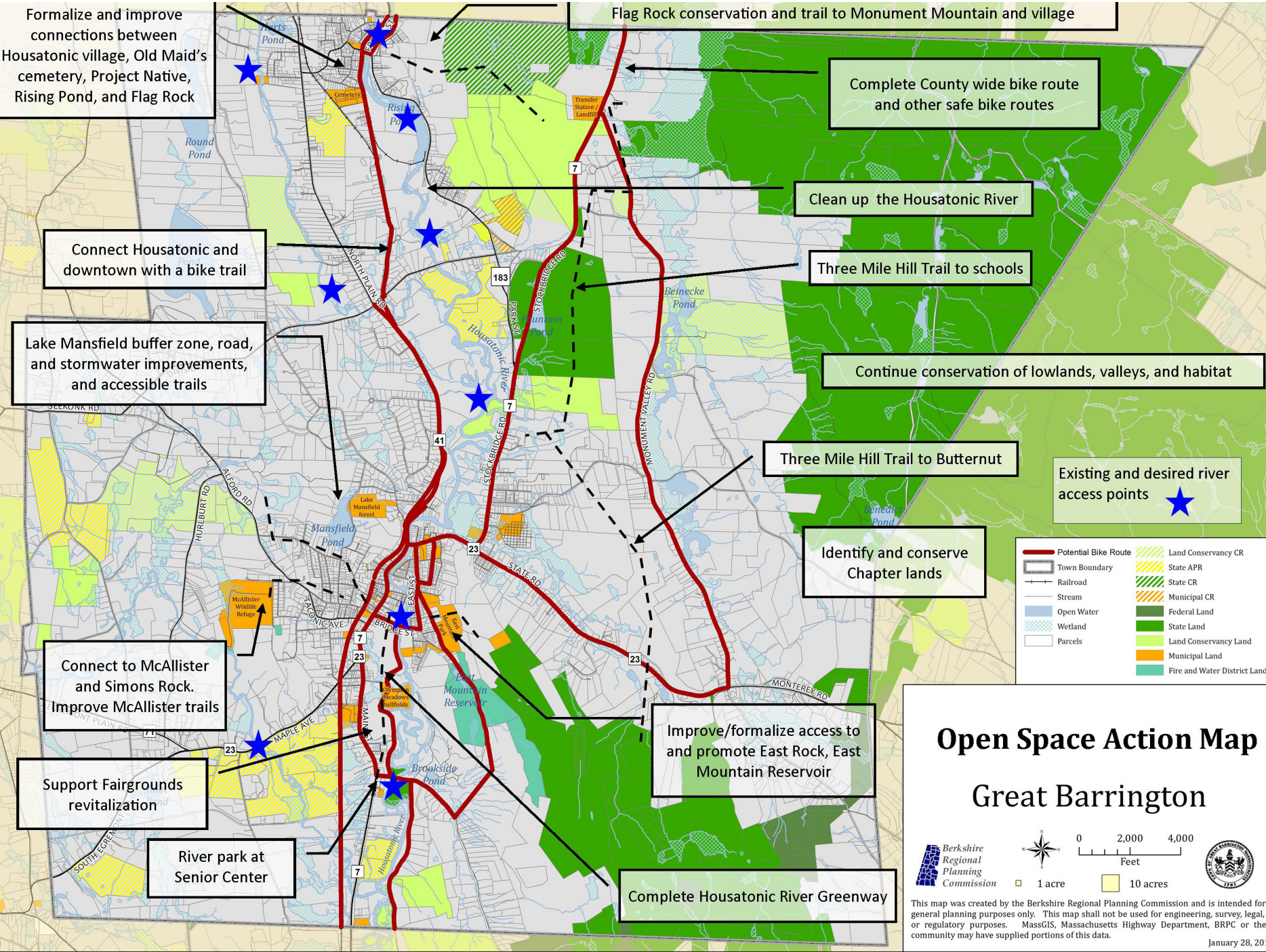
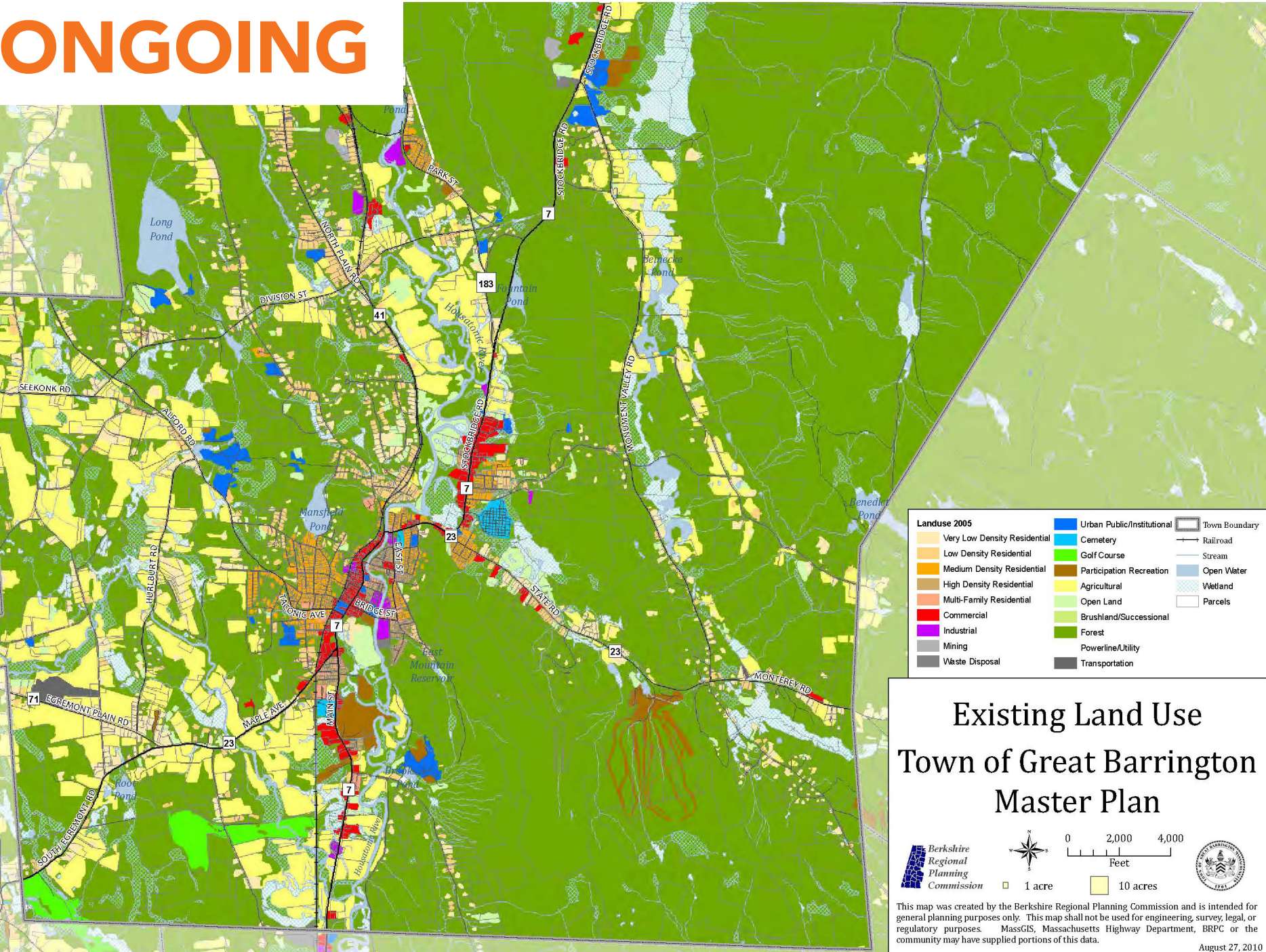


# 2013 Great Barrington Master Plan

## Great Barrington, Massachusetts



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### Description

The 2013 Great Barrington Master Plan was drafted over the course of three years of public participation and stakeholder engagement. The Vision of the final approved plan calls for Great Barrington to continue to balance its small town character, historic buildings and vibrant downtown, with the rural heritage of productive farms, scenic vistas and open spaces, and vast tracts of protected habitat. The Plan groups its implementing actions into a set of four Core Initiatives, these being: Character, Community & Connections, Commerce, and Coordination.

### Opportunities

Key opportunities for Great Barrington include: Redevelopment of historic and contaminated sites, cleanup of the Housatonic River, and restoration of the passenger railroad.

### Challenges

The challenges facing Great Barrington include a shrinking population and burdened tax base; infrastructure and buildings that are aging and in need of repair; and an economy transitioning to tourism.