



Gettysburg Case Study: The Gettysburg Inner Loop



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What is the goal?

A safe bicycle and walking trail linking schools, shops, homes, and community destinations in Gettysburg





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What would be the benefits of the trail?

- Provide a safe close-to-home place to exercise
- Provide a safe alternative form of transportation
- Encourage shopping in Gettysburg commercial areas
- Provide safe ways to school for students
- Provide safe routes to destinations for seniors
- Relieve some traffic congestion
- Reduce pollution from motorized vehicles



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How did it start?

Citizens concerned about safe bicycling and walking and the need for healthy exercise opportunities discussed the idea/concept. These citizens included -

- A local bicycle advocate
- Board members of Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc.
- Members of Gettysburg Borough Council
- Local college staff



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How did it start?

- A couple of the concerned citizens attended a DCNR Trails Summit and learned what other organizations and communities were doing.
- They learned that Gettysburg could get help from The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service (NPS).
- The concerned citizens applied for NPS assistance with a letter from Gettysburg Borough Council.



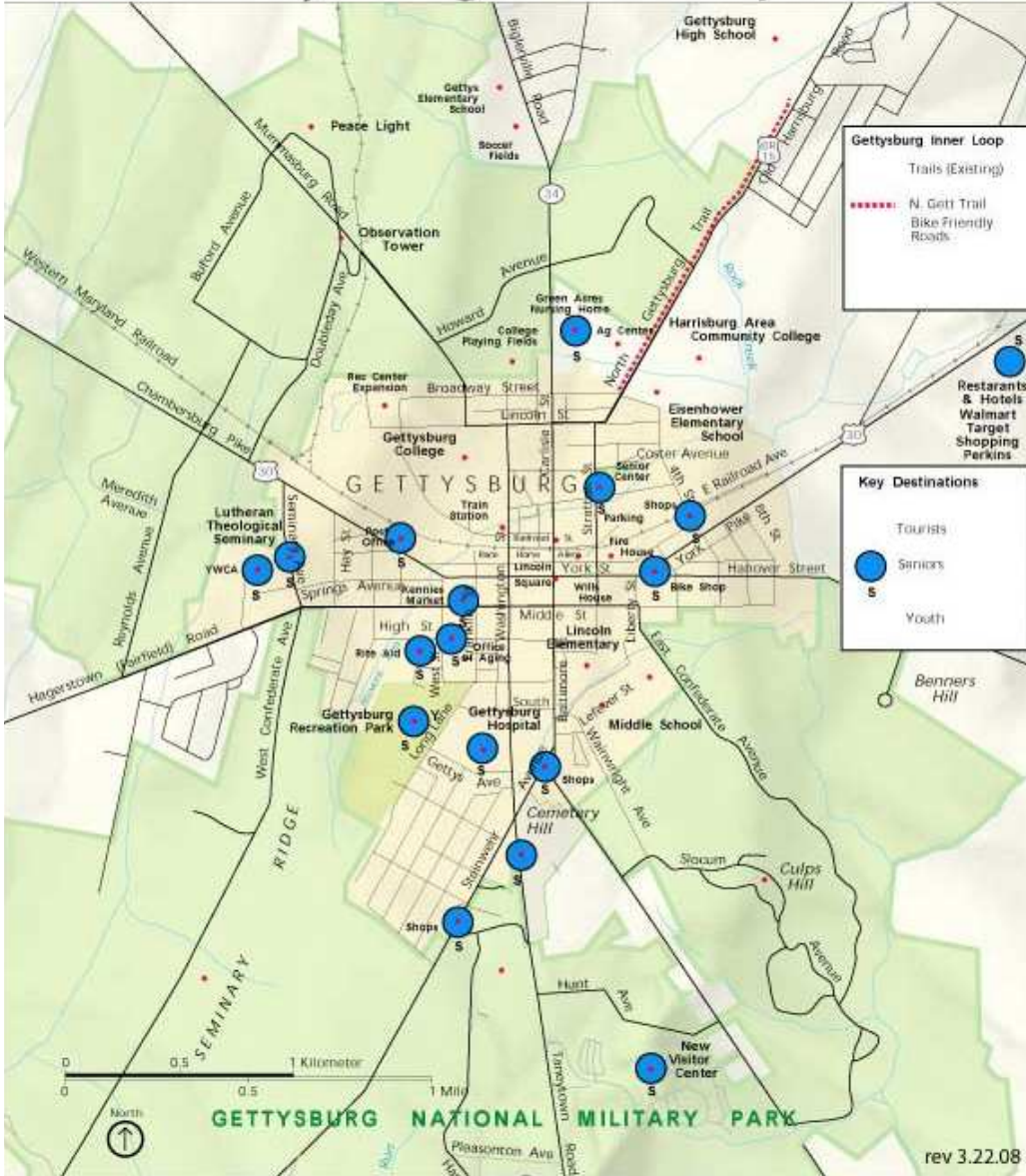
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How did it start?

- The NPS provided a community planner to work with HABPI and the Gettysburg Borough on the project.
- A steering committee was formed to analyze the need for a trail/route, to find a desired “alignment”, and to guide a feasibility study. Several community organizations were represented on the committee.
- Gettysburg Borough Council was a strong participant and supporter.
- Steering committee meetings focused first on key destinations and target audiences.

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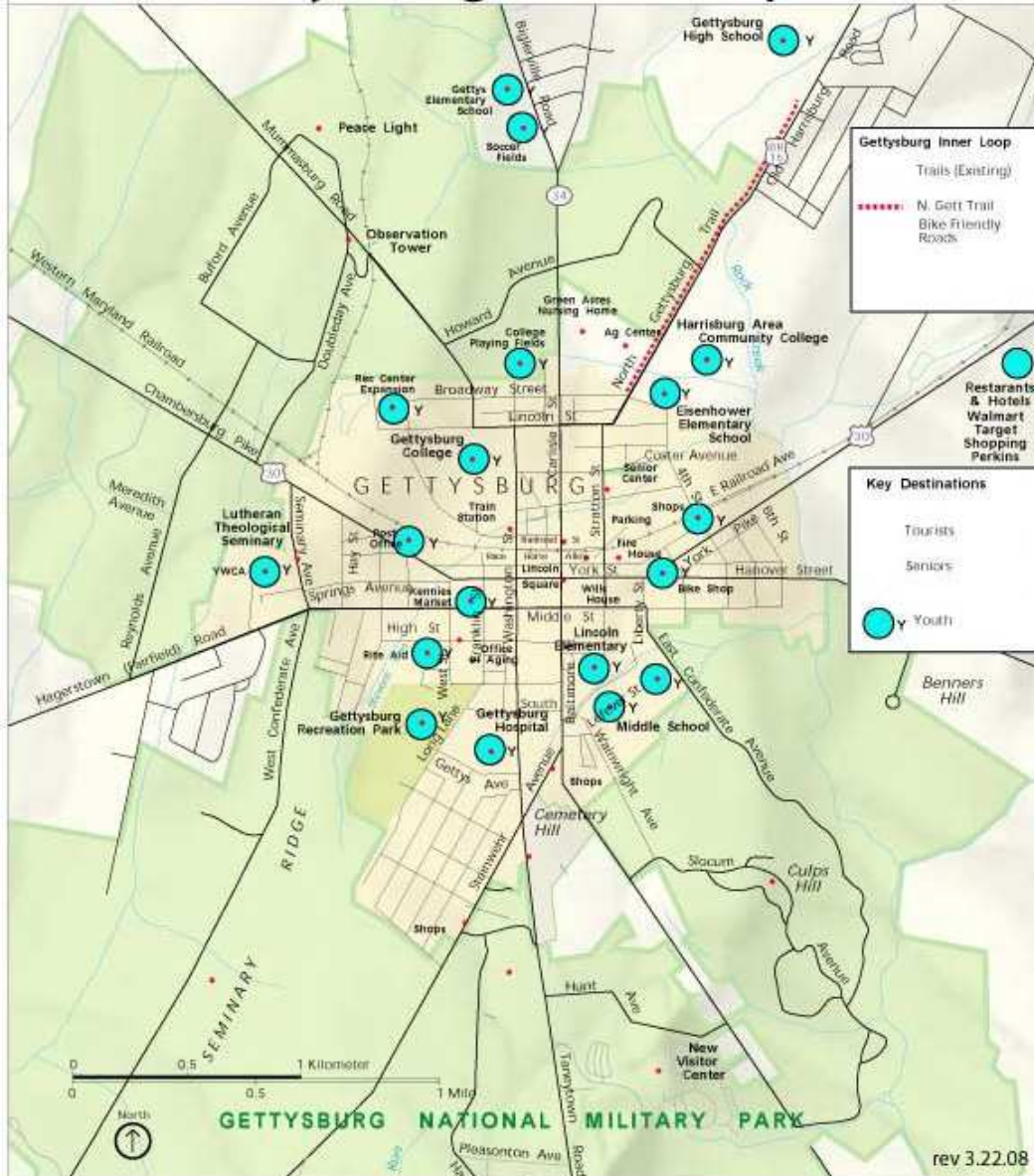


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Key Destinations: Seniors



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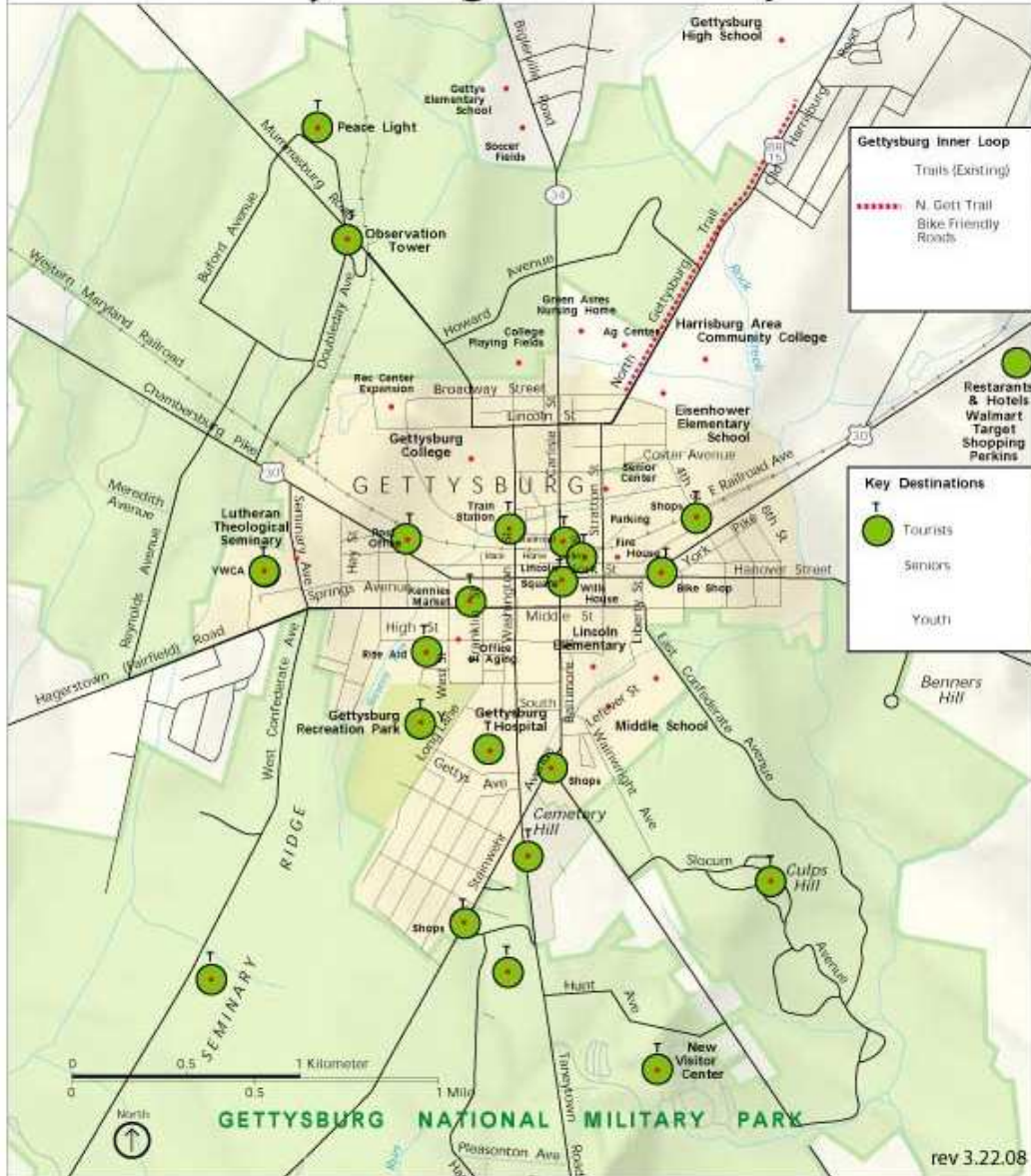


Key Destinations: Youth

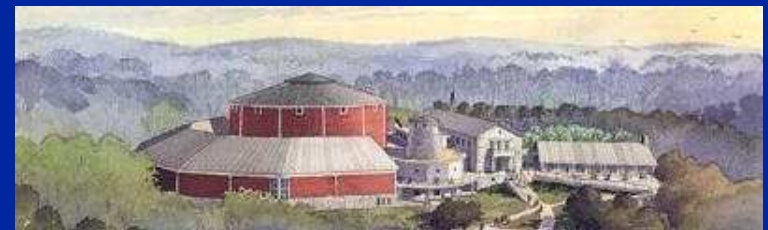


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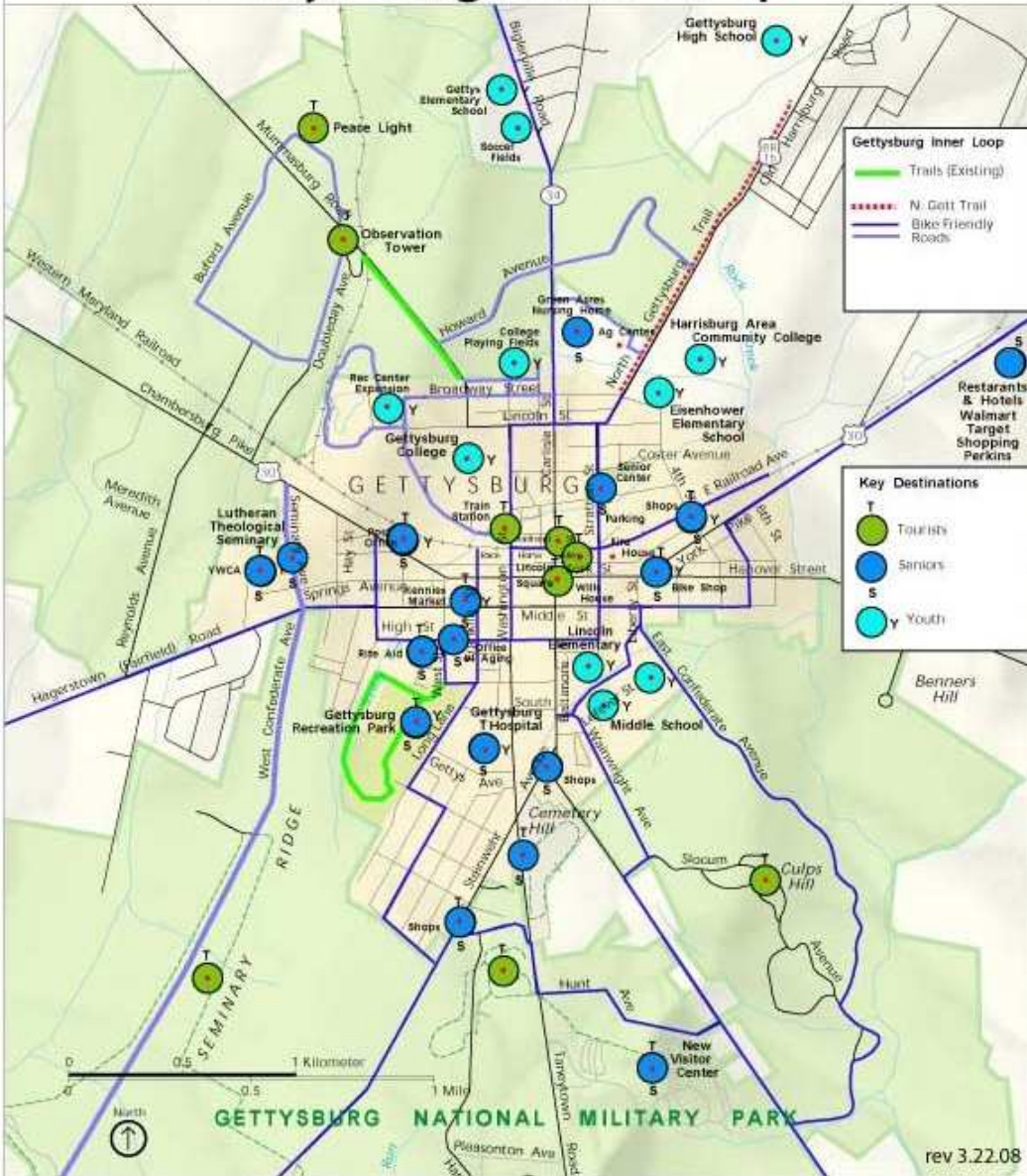


Key Destinations: Tourists



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Key Destinations: All Users



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First steps

- The concept was presented to representatives of organizations within the borough, asking for their support.
- As of October 2010, 22 letters of support have been signed. Visit our website at <http://habpi.org/> to see letters and information.



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Who supports the Inner Loop?

- Adams County Commissioners
- Adams/Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce
- Adams County Office for Aging
- Adams County Office of Planning and Development
- Gettysburg Area School District
- Gettysburg College
- Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Gettysburg Fire Department
- Gettysburg Hospital



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Who supports the Inner Loop?

- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Gettysburg United Methodist Church
- Harrisburg Area Community College-Gettysburg
- Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc.
- Healthy Adams County
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
- Main Street Gettysburg



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Who supports the Inner Loop?

- Representative Todd R. Platts
- Saint Francis Xavier School
- Saint James Lutheran Church
- Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg
- YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County

National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program



Provided:

- Community Planner to provide technical assistance with study process
- PowerPoint presentations for meetings
- Photographs and aerial views of the proposed route
- Assistance with public outreach and involvement
- Support for printing, CDs, and expert review of possible bike routes



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Milestones

- **June 2007** **First letter of support received**
- **July 2007** **Borough Council submits request for NPS RTCA assistance**
- **Nov 2007** **First “adhoc” GIL meeting held**
- **Jan 2008** **Project Steering Committee kickoff mtg.**
- **Apr 2008** **Public Workshop to identify possible bike routes**
- **May 2008** **First letter of support received**
- **Oct 2008** **PCTI application for GIL funding to PennDot**
- **Jan 2009** **Draft alignment prepared by Alignment Cmt.**



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Milestones

- July 2009 Public meeting with key stakeholders
- Aug 2009 Agreement on final trail alignment
- Dec 2009 Applied for PCTI grant
- Feb 2010 Executive Summary completed
- Jan 2010 Presentation on “issues” discussed
- Mar 2010 First draft of Feasibility Study completed
- May 2010 Public brochure completed-1800 distributed within the community
- June 2010 Wellspan Healthy Forum-release of study findings



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Milestones

- **June 2010** Request for funds for Engineering Study presented to ACTPO
- **Sep 2010** PCTI grant submitted to PennDOT
- **Sep 2010** Feasibility Study Report is final
- **Oct 2010** Feasibility Study Report is published

We want to make Gettysburg safer for walking and biking by changing this -



To this-

Bike lanes, street marking and signs



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Trails and pathways



Improved street crossings





And this-

**Implement a
“Complete Streets” Policy
so-**

**All roadways are
designed for all
users of
all ages & abilities**



High Springs, Florida



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What is next?

- Take low-cost actions to improve bicycling in Gettysburg
- Obtain funding for engineering work
- Build public support for actual trail route
- Resolve trail problem areas
- Negotiate easements where necessary
- Obtain funding for construction