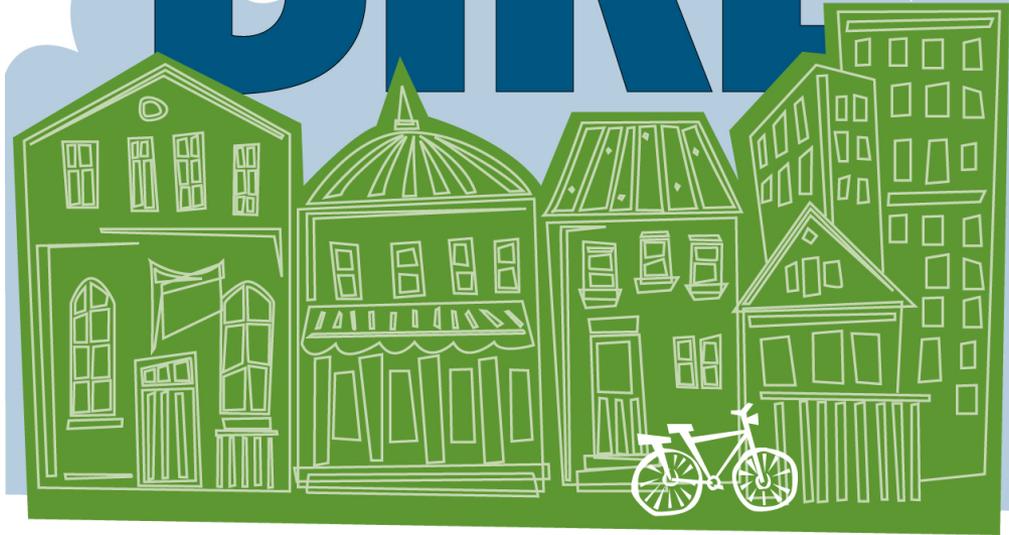


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Context of Western Loudoun Bike Route

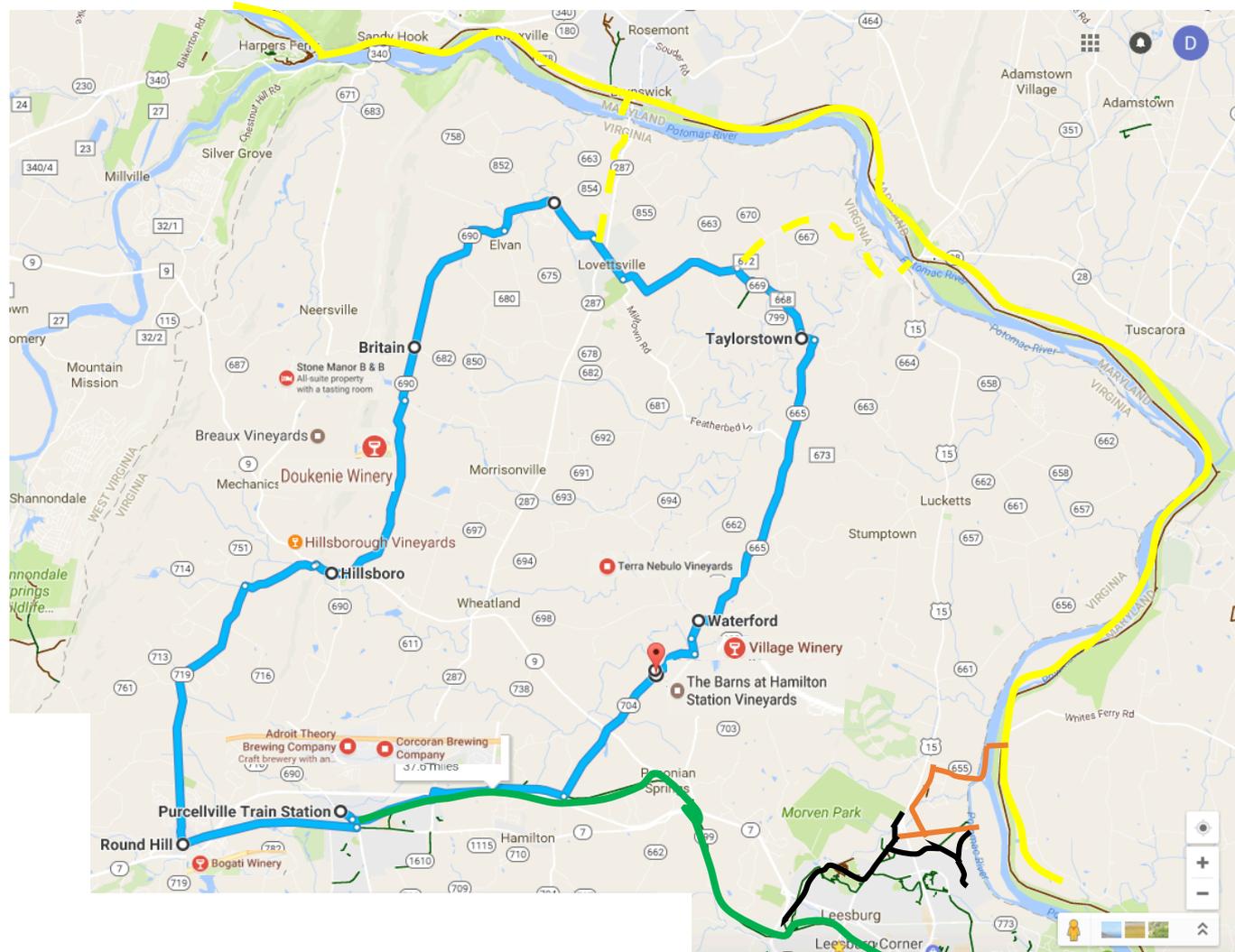
- Committee of local residents, council member and Mayor of Hillsboro, and other interested parties are proposing this route.
- Meetings with Mayors, Town Councils and / or citizens of Lovettsville, Hamilton, Waterford, Round Hill and Purcellville have either been completed or are in progress
- Many routes were analyzed and committee believes this route has the lowest traffic speeds and least congestion of all possible routes
- Rural Economic Development Commission (REDC) supports this route, Route will encourage bike tourism to local breweries, wineries, shops and restaurants
- Bike Route may help to calm traffic and directly supports “Drive Gently” a program sponsored by REDC
- Could be marketed as well by County Economic Development, Visit Loudoun, the various towns or other org.’s via brochures and maps

Proposed “Hill, Hops and Vine Ride” Bike Route

- Scenic Ride along multiple vineyards and breweries
- Very low traffic roads all on paved surfaces
- Blue Route to be signed

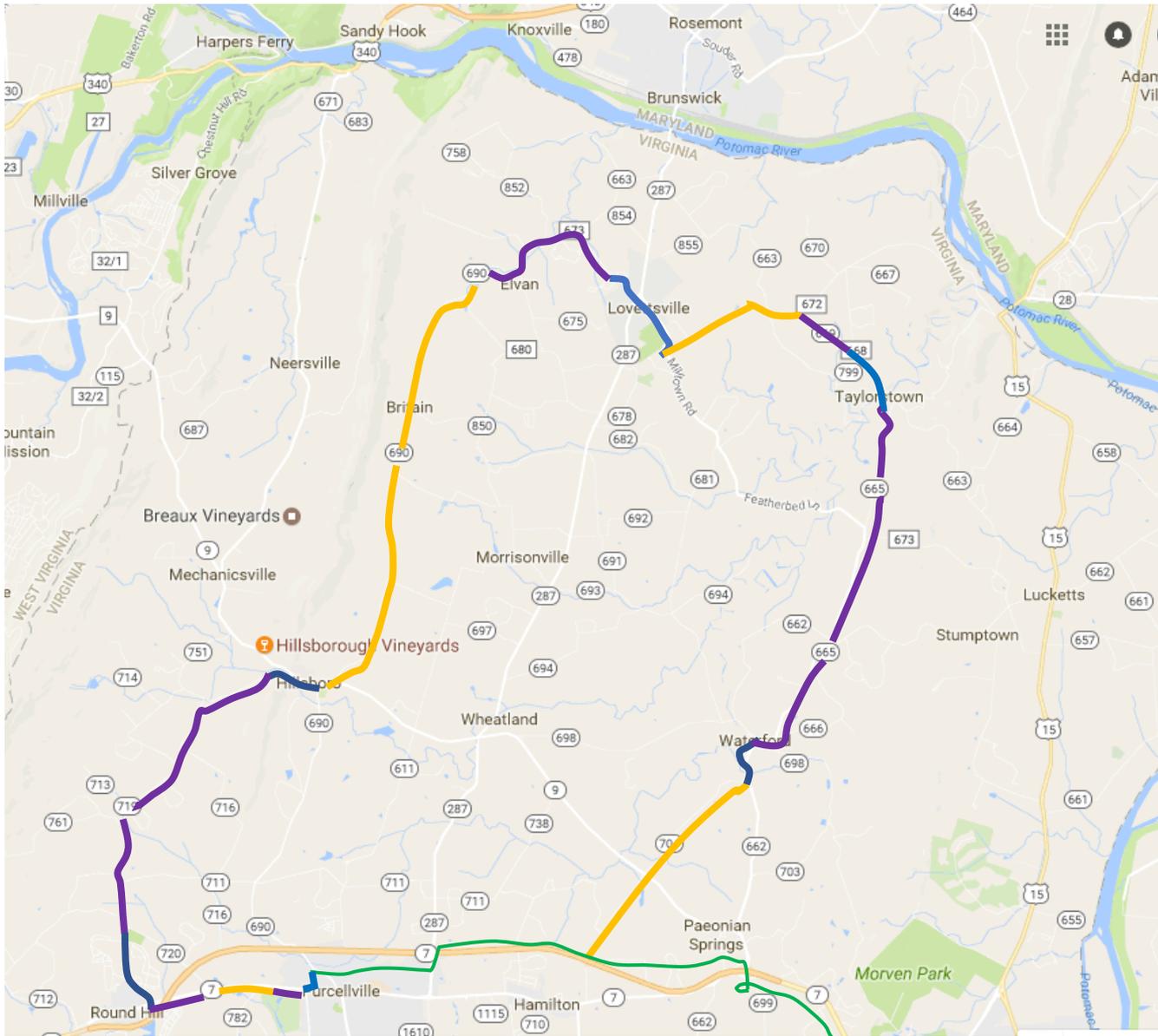


via Washington and Old Dominion Trail and State Rte 662
3 h 38 min
38.4 miles
↑ 1,394 ft · ↓ 1,388 ft



- Hill, Hops & Vine Ride
- W&OD Trail
- Leesburg Bike Trails
- White's Ferry Trail
- C&O Canal Path
- - Possible Extensions to C&O

Speed limits on Route, posted by VDOT or Towns



- 20/25 MPH
- 35 MPH
- 45 MPH
- 55 MPH (none)
- W&OD Trail

Most of these roads are designated as Virginia Scenic Byways

Note: the route between Lovettsville and Round Hill and between Waterford and Taylorstown has no painted center line or edge lines.

All other roads have a yellow centerline

Why sign the Route?

- Increased awareness by vehicles to probability of bike traffic
- Bicyclists need route directions to ensure they are on the correct route of low traffic roads (Cyclists should not ride on Berlin Turnpike for example)
- Better routing of bike tourists to key towns and stopovers
- Option to name and brand the route with a logo

Supvr. G. Higgins is drafting a Board Member Initiative (BMI) to fund new county wide bike signage program. This route would be first pilot project of such program

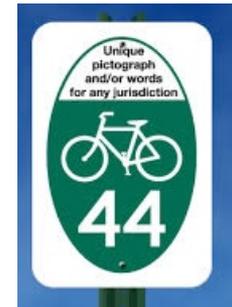
- VDOT will allow Bike Route signage on suggested route, but need County to fund
- County pays for sign production, installation, and sign maintenance, but this can be outsourced to VDOT
- Expense is minimal, current operational funds are probably sufficient for this, but needs validation with County staff
- Supervisor action required to request cost estimate and assigned project manager from Dept of Transp. Staff



Example of signage in Leesburg, which is part of new Leesburg Bike Trails

County can make some choice in type of signage, but needs to adhere to MUTCD* guidelines, per VDOT

- Option 1: Green Bike Route sign which is larger and more visible. Trail name, logo and direction info can be located below Bike Route sign
- Option 2: Oval Bike Route, number below is used for Route numbering if multiple routes exist, top white section can be logo or name of route
- Other signage (“Sharrows”, “Share the Road” or “BMUFL”) may be appropriate if local conditions warrant it

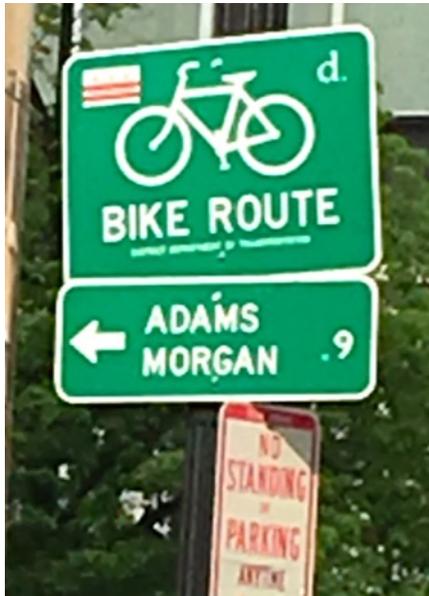


* Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, issued by Fed Highway Admin.

Examples of Leesburg Bike Signage



More Examples of Signage



Washington DC



Oakland, CA



Decision Sign

Portland, OR



San Francisco, CA



Local

Cross-town

Berkeley, CA



Type 1A (Identification)

Type 1B (Wayfinding)

Chicago, IL



D11-1c Modified Bike Route Sign

D11-1c Guide Signs

