

**LVRT Amenities Plan Update  
Report to the Danville Selectboard  
April 20, 2023**

**Amenities Plan Contractor:** VHB. Vhb.com

**Amenities Plan Outcome:** The final plan will include up to **3 locations per town** for “amenities”/trailheads (based on the Levels outlined in the LVRT Management Plan). One of these locations is the Train Station. VHB will be identifying “alternative” locations as part of the planning process.

**Timeline:**

Task	Date
Project Kickoff Meeting	April 12, 2023
Compile Base Map/Document Existing Conditions	May 12, 2023
Local Concerns Meeting	May 26, 2023
Develop Conceptual Alternatives	June 30, 2023
Alternatives Presentation Meeting	July 21, 2023
Draft Report Preparation	August 18, 2023
Final Public Meeting	September 8, 2023
Final Report Preparation	September 29, 2023

Tentative date and location for first public meeting: Wednesday May 24, 6 pm, St J Welcome Center. Hybrid meeting, virtual attendance is an option.

**Steering Committee:**

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**Discussion and Decision Points for the Selectboard:**

- Preference for at least 2 other trailhead locations in Danville, including West Danville
- What Level of Trailhead/Amenities (recommendations will come from the amenity plan)
  - Who and how to maintain these locations



# Trailhead Amenity Levels



Amenities that should be included for a trailhead of this listed level



Amenities that may be included for a trailhead of this listed level



Amenities not typically found at a trailhead of this listed level

AMENITY	TRAILHEAD TYPE		
	Level 1 Small Trailhead	Level 2 Medium Trailhead	Level 3 Large Trailhead
Wayfinding Trail Map (Direction / Distance, etc.)	✓	✓	✓
Benches and Trash/Recycling Receptacles	✓	✓	✓
Bike Racks and Bike Repair Station	✓	✓	✓
Vehicular Parking	?	✓	✓
Historical / Interpretive Element	?	?	?
Information / Map Kiosk (Nearby Attractions, Events, Direction / Distance, etc.)	?	?	?
Entry / Arrival Signage	✗	✓	✓
Water Fountain / Bottle Filling Station	✗	?	✓
Picnic Area / Tables	✗	?	✓
Restroom Facility	✗	?	✓
Pavilion	✗	?	?
Landscaping	✗	?	?
Lighting	✗	?	?
Public Art	✗	?	?
Pull-Through Trailer Parking (Boat, Canoes, Sport Facility Support, etc.)	✗	✗	?

Current Places People Park in Danville	Issues/Concerns	Advantages
Train Station – Level 3	8 parking spaces only.	Will have restrooms, water, bike repair. Train Station Committee working on “sustainability plan” for maintenance and staffing. Proximity to trail and village center.
Joe’s Pond Beach	Association concerned over increase in use and increased cost of upkeep (port-a-potty). They want to be compensated for the cost.	Convenient location to the trail and West Danville businesses.
VTrans Park and Ride in West Danville	No decision yet if VTrans will allow State Park and Rides to be designated trailheads.	State maintained.
Marty’s and Goodfella’s	VTrans is reluctant to designate a private business as an official “trailhead”. Dangerous to cross Rt 2 at Marty’s.	Plenty of parking and other amenities at Marty’s. Both private businesses have welcomed LVRT users to park there.
STP access road	Limited space.	Proximity to the trail.
Side roads	Not ideal to have vehicles parked along back roads.	