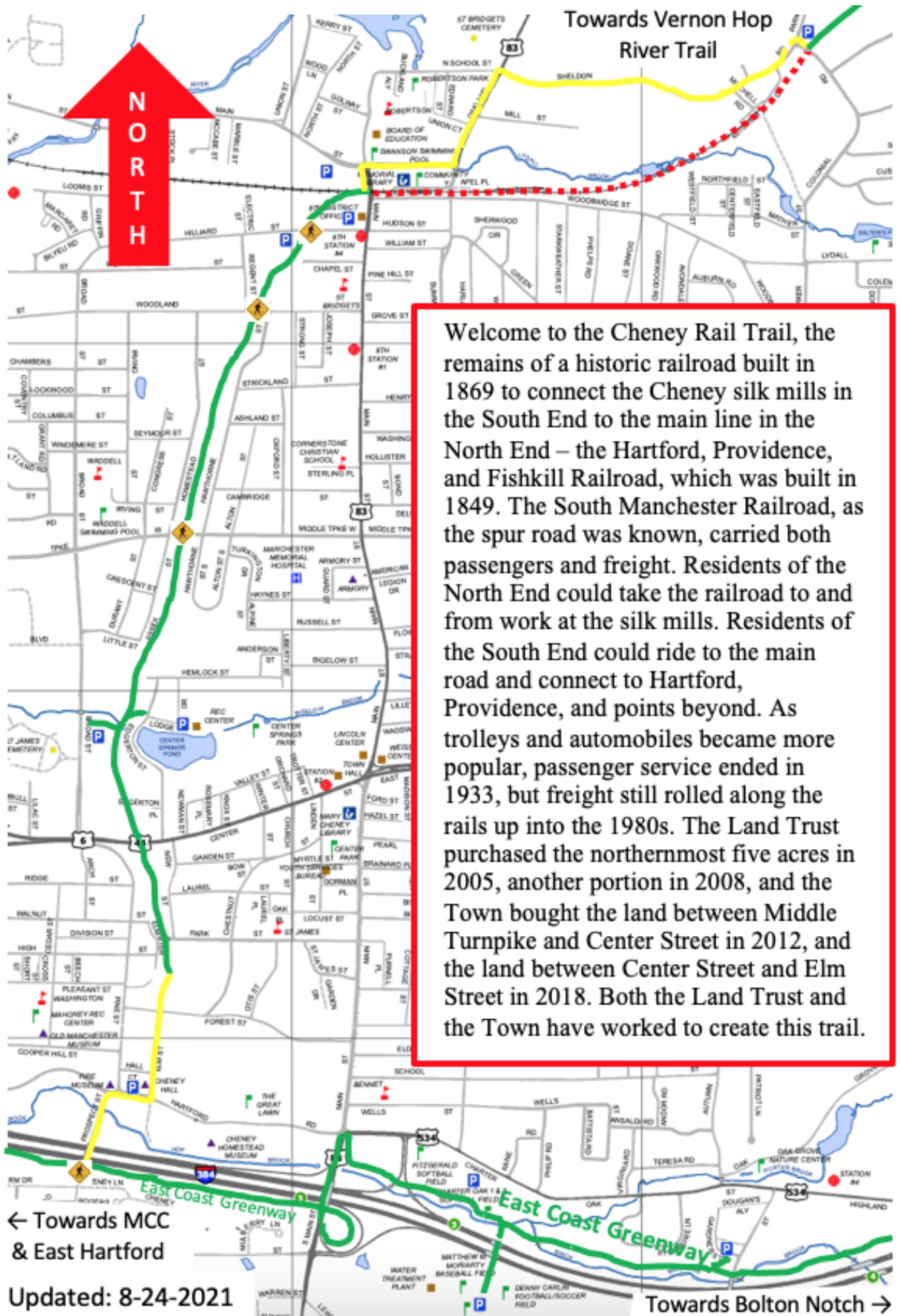


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The Trust leads free hikes on the Cheney rail trail – check website and Facebook pages for schedule. Founded in 1972, the Trust is an all-volunteer organization, maintaining 591 acres of property in Manchester and surrounding towns. If you want to volunteer, or if you find maintenance problems on the trails. Contact: Info@manchesterlandtrust.org or phone Terry Parla at 860-643-1823. There are maps on our website of trails on our other properties – explore on your own or catch up with one of our guided walks. All welcome to join the Trust; see *Join Us* on the website.



Welcome to the Cheney Rail Trail, the remains of a historic railroad built in 1869 to connect the Cheney silk mills in the South End to the main line in the North End – the Hartford, Providence, and Fishkill Railroad, which was built in 1849. The South Manchester Railroad, as the spur road was known, carried both passengers and freight. Residents of the North End could take the railroad to and from work at the silk mills. Residents of the South End could ride to the main road and connect to Hartford, Providence, and points beyond. As trolleys and automobiles became more popular, passenger service ended in 1933, but freight still rolled along the rails up into the 1980s. The Land Trust purchased the northernmost five acres in 2005, another portion in 2008, and the Town bought the land between Middle Turnpike and Center Street in 2012, and the land between Center Street and Elm Street in 2018. Both the Land Trust and the Town have worked to create this trail.

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- Map Key:**
- = Parking Area
 - = Road Crossing

- = Dedicated Multi-Use Trail
- = Road/Sidewalk Connection
- = Future Dedicated Trail



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