



# Regional Trail Initiatives in Hampton Roads

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# Trails, In Hampton Rds?



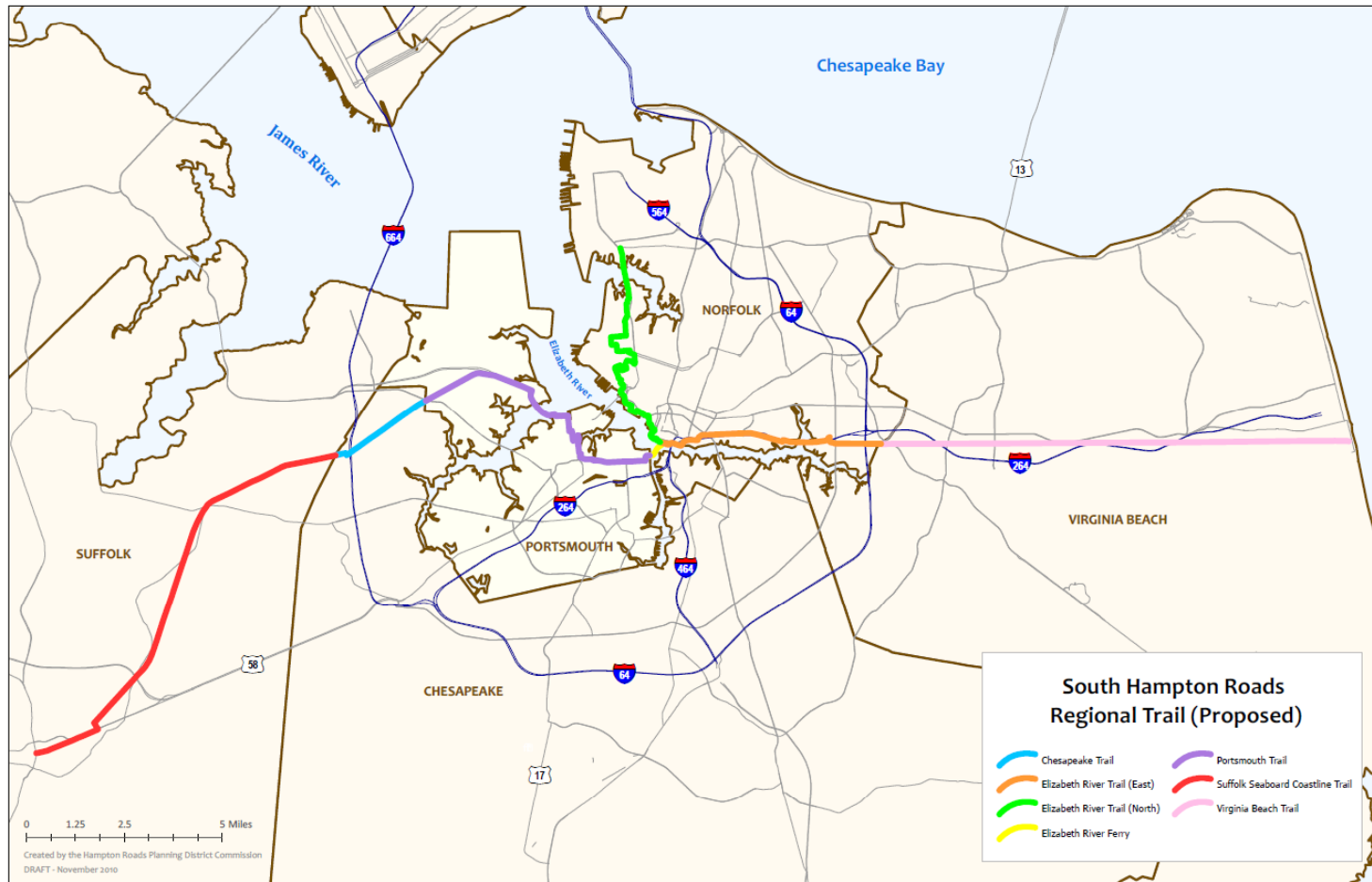
- Yes!
  - South Hampton Rds Trail (41 miles)
  - East Coast Greenway (81 miles)
- But not in my lifetime, right?
  - Actually, both initiatives are already underway
  - Many elements in place or complete: local plans, council/BOS resolutions, some \$\$\$ (need more!)
  - Build on planned facilities wherever possible
  - Identified in the Virginia Outdoor Plan (DCR)

# South Hampton Rds Trail



- Quick facts:
  - 41 miles from downtown Suffolk to Va Bch
  - Federation of projects that traverses our urban core
    - Connects four of five downtowns/town centers
    - Good adjunct for transit and increasing bike-ped mode share
  - Mix of facility types: trail (preferred), bike lanes, shoulders, HRT ferry
  - Key involvement:
    - Suffolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, HRTPO, VDOT, DCR
    - Bike, running, hiking groups, trail advocates; recent interest by health community
    - Ad hoc steering committee

# South Hampton Rds Trail





# East Coast Greenway



- Quick facts:

- 3,000 mile trail linking cities along the East Coast

- Key West, FL to Calais, ME
- Urban counterpart to Appalachian Trail
- Goal is off-road trail where feasible
- 25% completed

- Historic Coastal Route passes through Hampton Rds

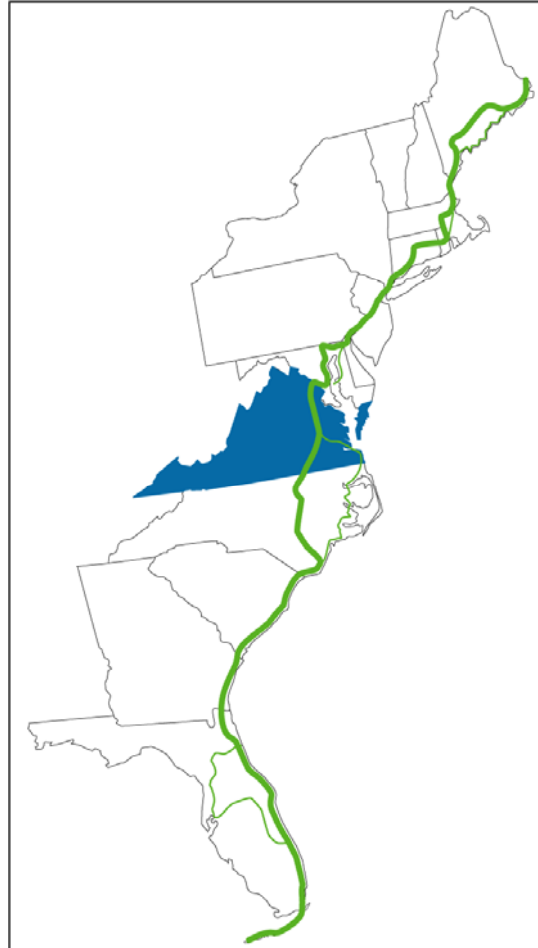
- Connects Elizabeth City to Virginia Capital Trail at Jamestown
- Interim route identified pending long range trail improvements

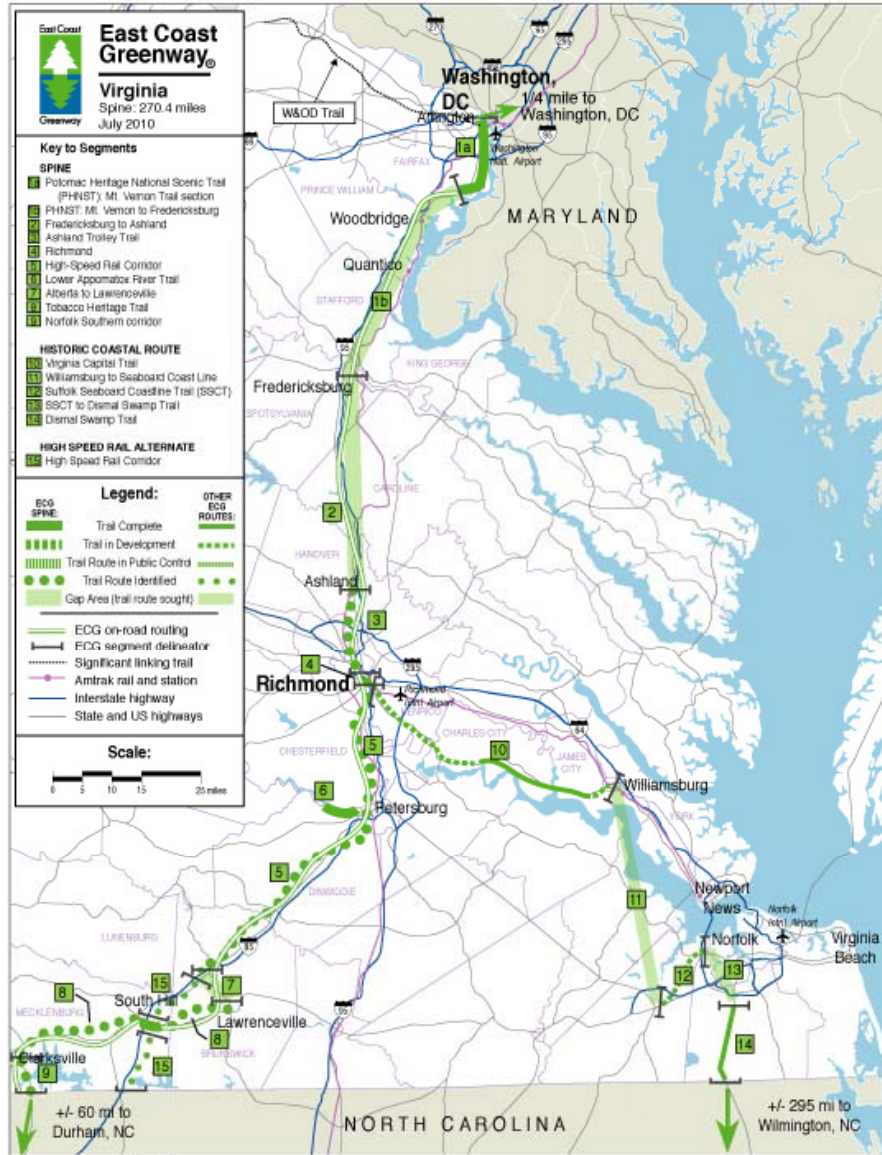
- Key involvement (interim route; to date):

- Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, Isle of Wight Co, Surry Co, ECGA, VDOT, DCR, bicycling & hiking groups, trail advocates



# East Coast Greenway





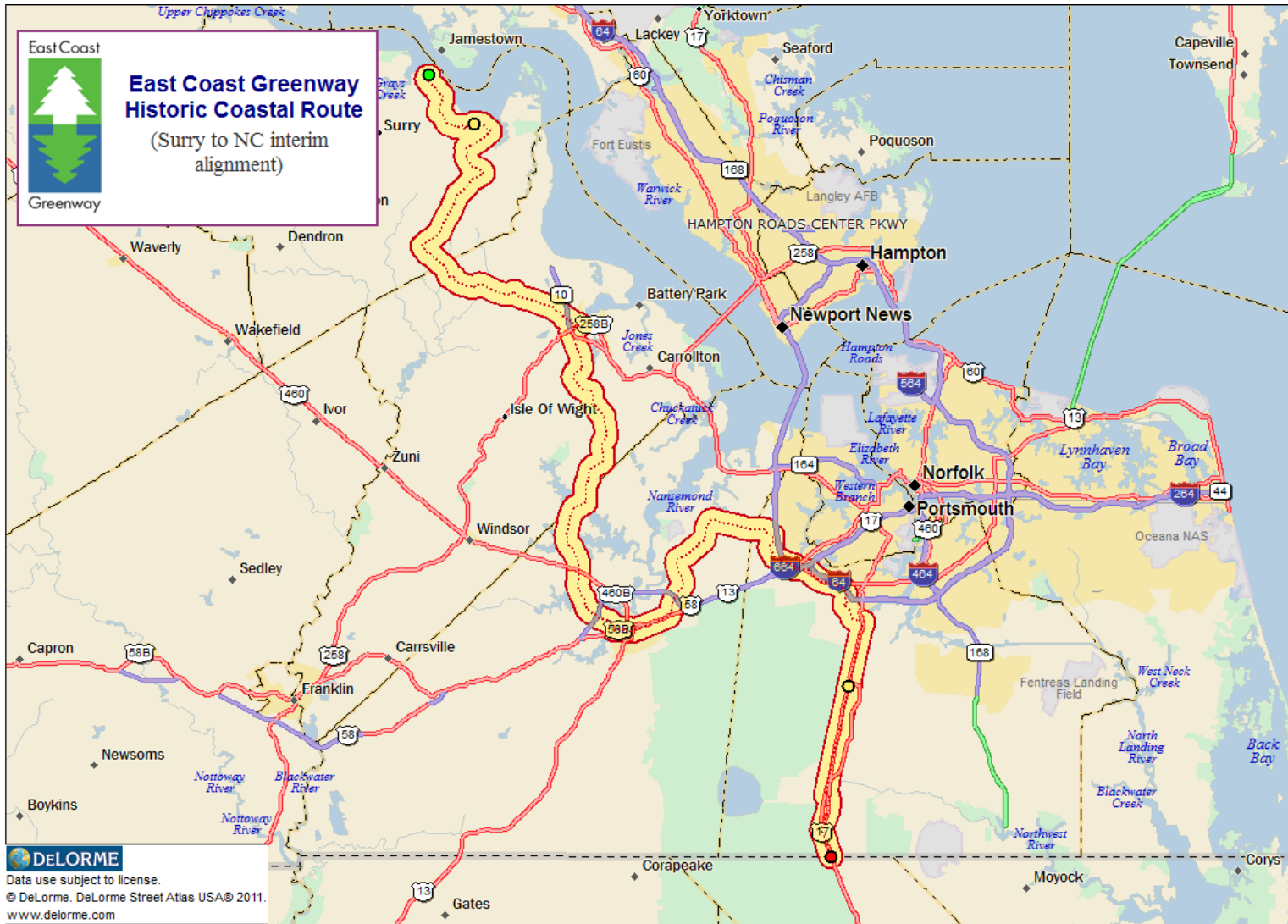
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