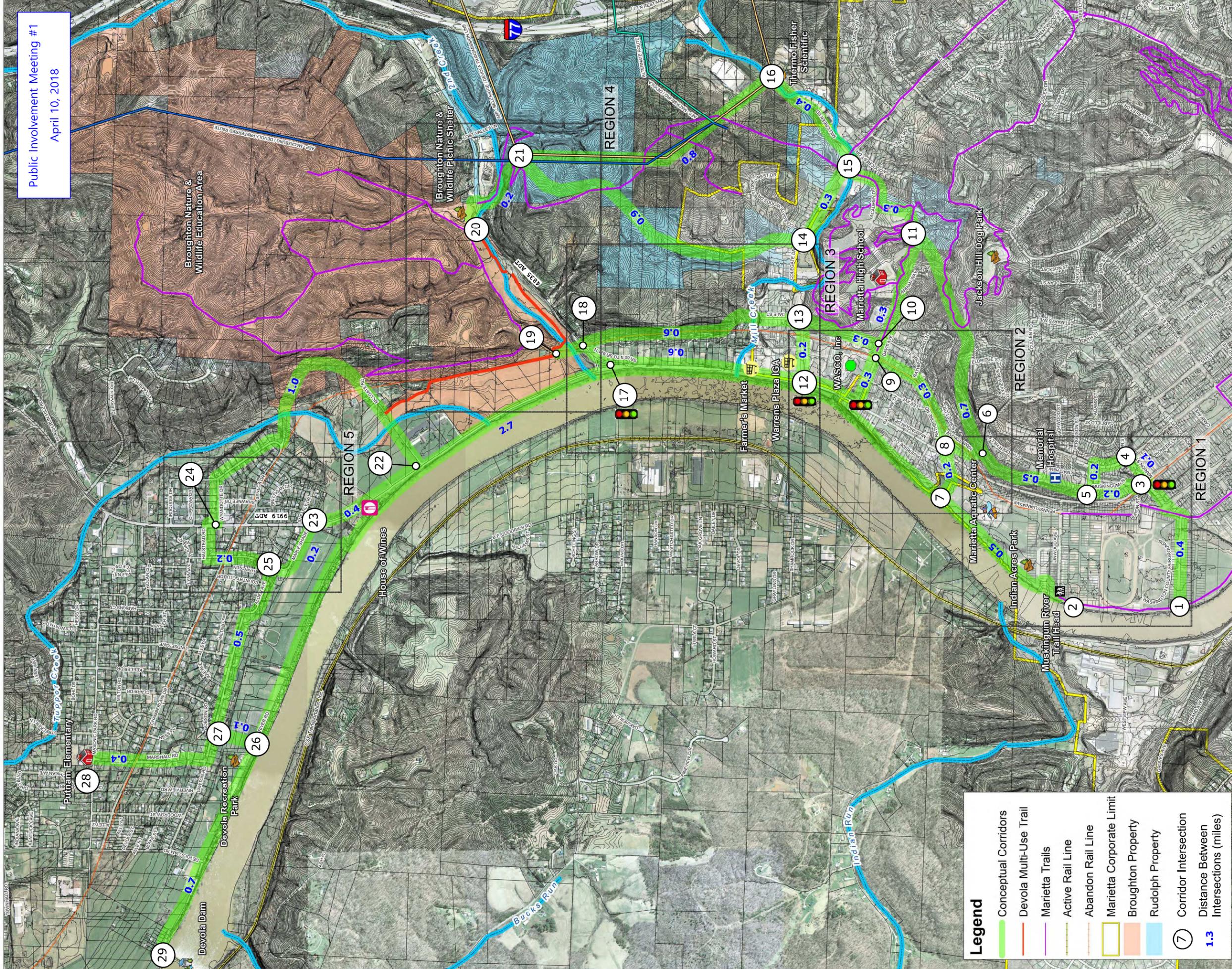


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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING #1

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April 10, 2018

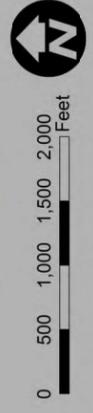


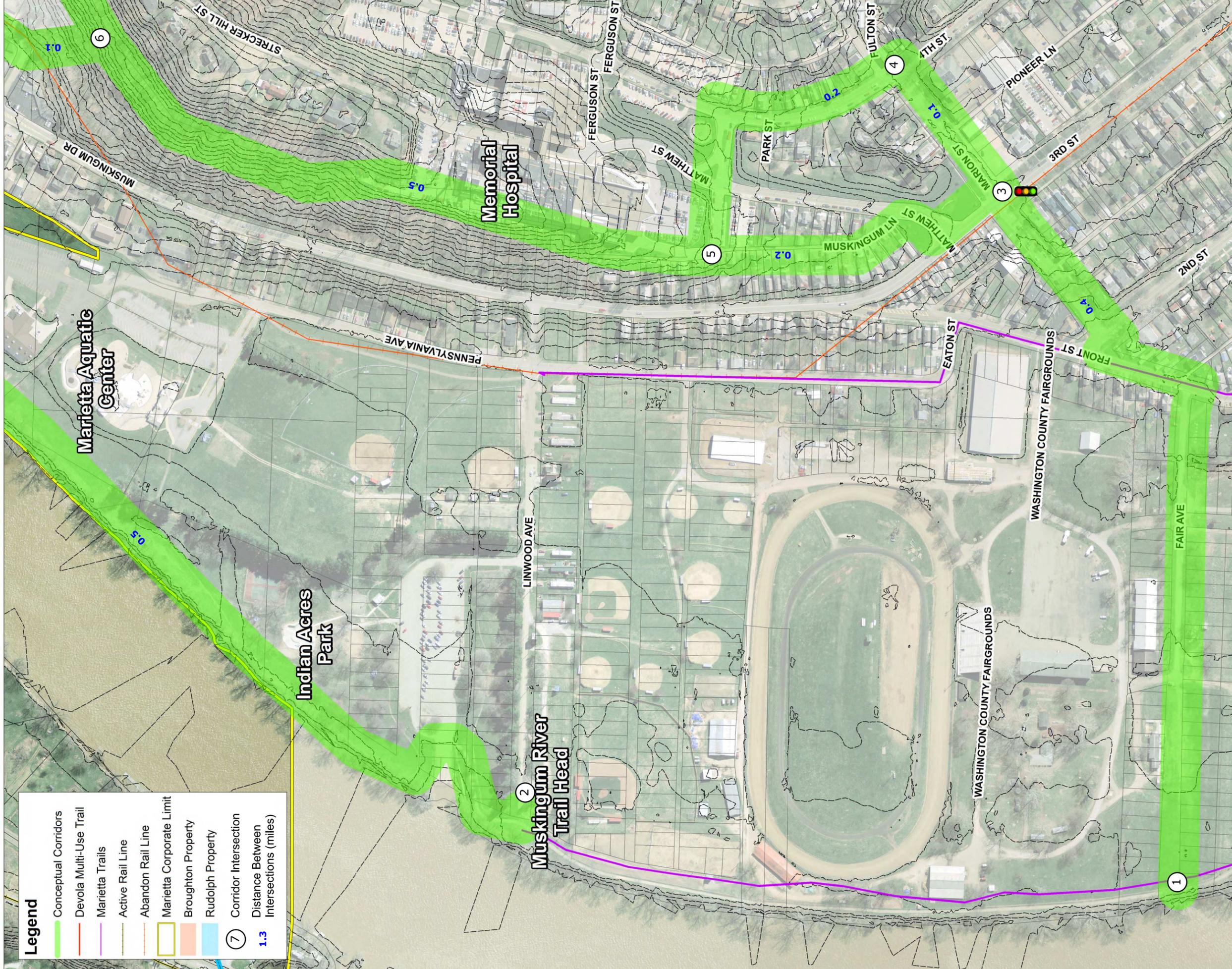
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Devola Multi-Use Trail

Washington County, Ohio

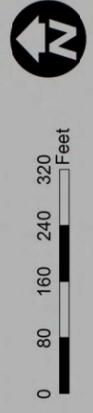


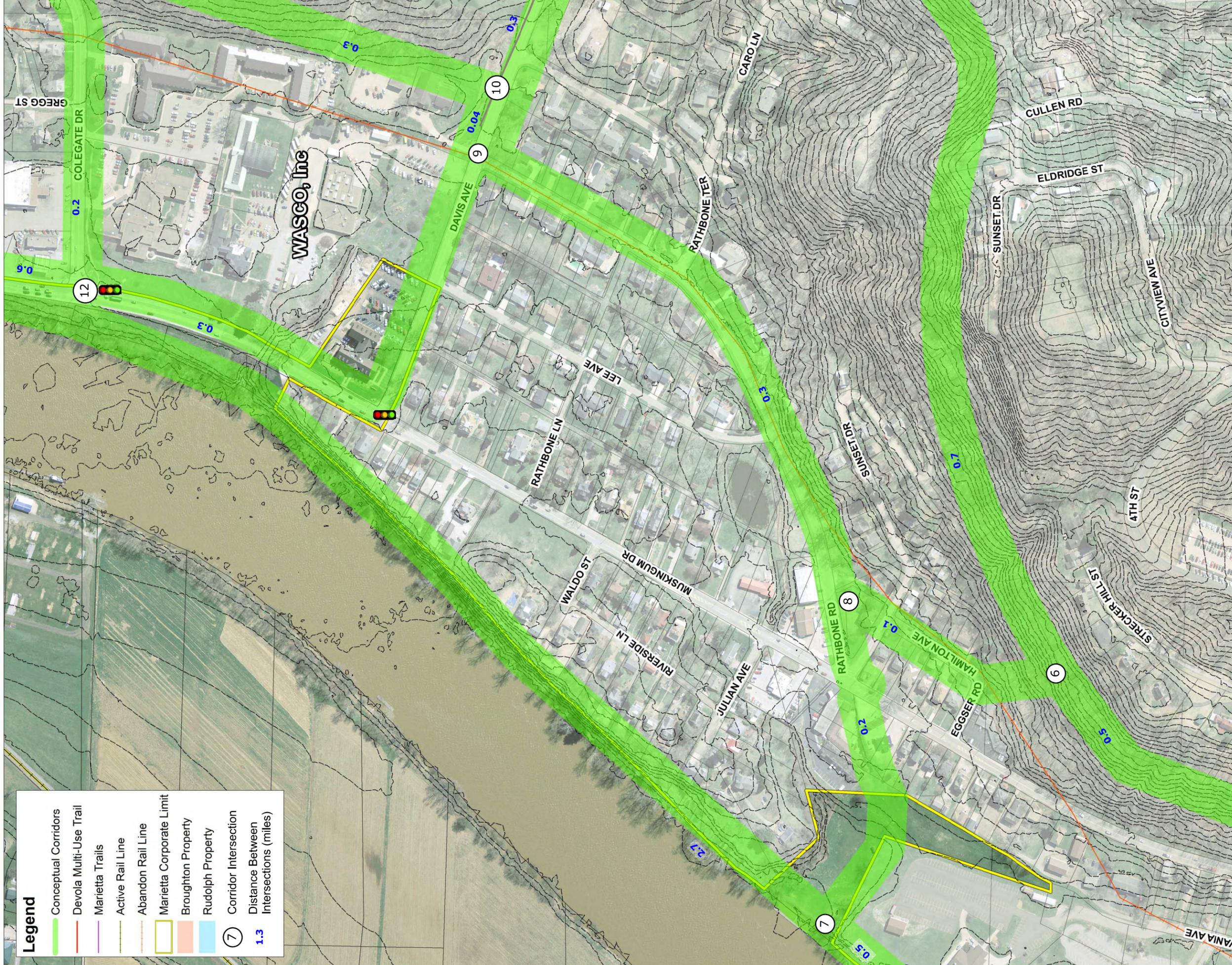


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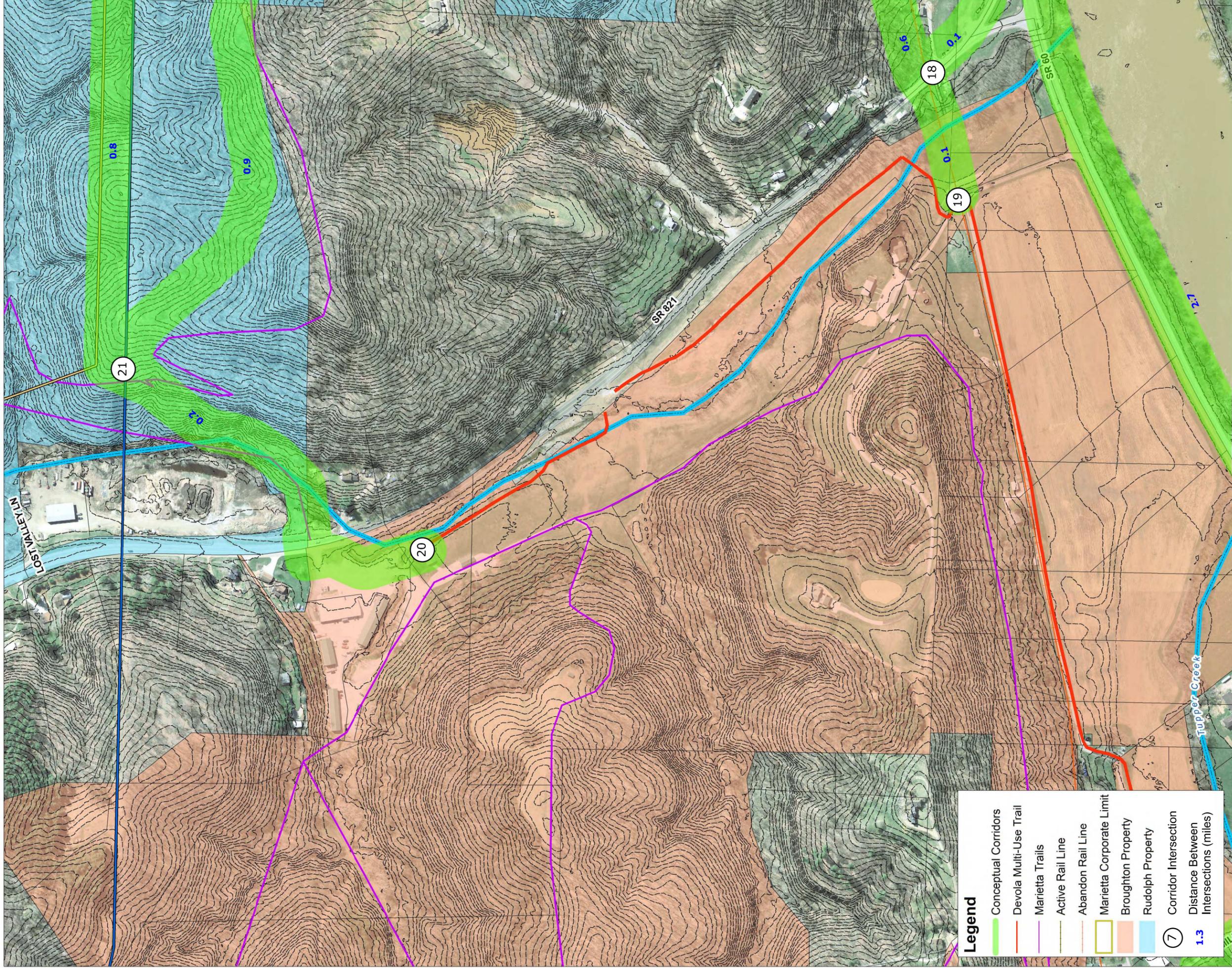




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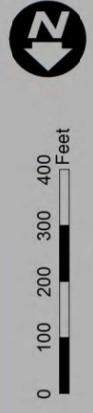


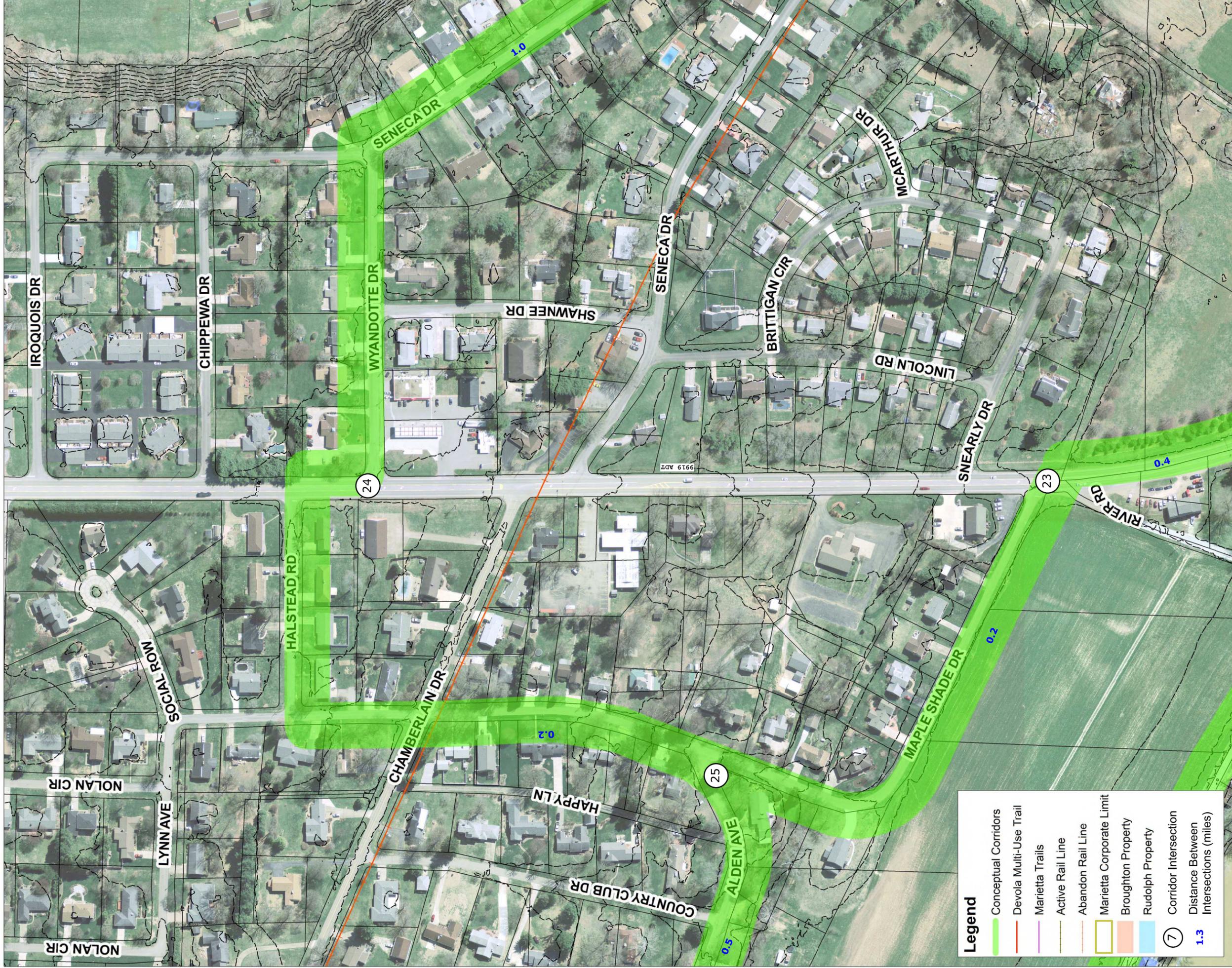
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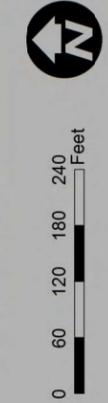
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DMUT Region 5

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March 9, 2018

RE: WAS-Devola Multi-Use Path Study, PID 102092
Public Meeting Invitation

Dear Property Owner, Business Owner and/or Tenant:

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If you have questions, please contact me at (740) 629-1472. While comments on the project are welcome at any time during the course of the project, we ask that you please provide comments on what is presented at the meeting by **May 10, 2018** so that we may consider and address them in a timely manner. We sincerely appreciate your involvement!

Sincerely,

Ken Schilling
President, Board of Trustees for Muskingum Township

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Grant will help traumatized students

Teachers will get training to have tools in dealing with classroom issues

By Michael Kelly
 The Marietta Times
 mikelly@mariettatimes.com

Understanding the needs of traumatized children is a skill more often associated with psychologists than it is with teachers, but in Washington County schools, teachers and other staff members encounter those needs daily.

The professional background and training of educators doesn't necessarily prepare them for the intricacies of navigating their students' mental health needs.

The six districts, along with the county's Head Start providers and the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center, will get some help in the coming year. The Washington County Behavioral Health Board has approved a grant of \$120,000 to fund training for teachers and other

At a glance

Students and mental health

- Washington County school districts, HeadStart programs and the Ohio Valley Educational Service Center have been awarded a grant of \$120,000 to train staff in dealing with students who have mental health difficulties.
- The grant comes from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, which in part was able to offer it because of the passage in Washington County.

school staff to be delivered by Life and Purpose Behavioral Health, a mental health treatment agency in Marietta.

Traumatized children can be disruptive at school, they

sage of the mental health levy in November.

Training will be delivered by Life & Purpose Behavioral Health, a mental health services agency in Washington County.

"Some of these kids have witnessed and felt trauma at home — yelling, violence," said David Browne, executive director of the behavioral health services agency.

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CONNECTING TRAILS

April 10 meeting to get public views on tying in Devola path with Marietta's



JANELLE PATTERSON The Marietta Times
 Muskingsum Township Trustee Ken Schilling looks over a map of Devola as he talks about possible extensions of the Devola Multi-Use Trail and the Marietta River Trail Monday at the potential destination site, Devols Dam.

feel most comfortable talking it," said Schilling. "You've got different groups that may have an interest, of course, the cyclists and avid runners but also the young families that may not want to be near state highways for safety reasons. I'm interested in hearing their perspectives, too."

The meeting is a part of the grant-funded engineering study being performed by Woolpert's Engineering, which also contributed to both the current Marietta River Trail and the coming extension this summer.

"There are lots of challenges, some technical and others simply of who is using this," explained Ron Mattox, practice leader for the firm. "The challenge of staying along the riverbank is the range of private property and easements that would have to be acquired, but elsewhere if you go up a hill you're dealing with some slip-prone areas and also how to remain (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant and accessible."

The meeting will be to gather feedback, both Mattox and Schilling said. Available at the meeting will be drawings on topographic maps of where different connections between the two trails could be made, and which routes future trails could take.

"This discussion started two years ago with (The Ohio Department of Transportation) and has evolved

If you go

What: Public Meeting to discuss the future extension and connection of Marietta River Trail and Devola Multi-Use Path.
 When: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Devola Volunteer Fire Company, 1286 Masonic Park Road.

Questions/comments may be directed to Muskingsum Township at 740-373-0189, or Township Trustee Kenneth Schilling, 740-629-1472.
Source: Muskingsum Township Trustees.

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Old, new drugs creating deadly mixtures to raise Ohio tolls

By Dan Sewell

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — New surges in use of methamphetamine and cocaine mixed with a powerful synthetic opioid are contributing to rising drug overdose death tolls in already hard-hit Ohio.

As county coroners have begun releasing their 2017 tallies, a trend has emerged of more deaths involving meth or cocaine mixed with fentanyl, the painkiller blamed for increasing U.S. fatalities in recent years as authorities focused on reducing heroin overdoses.

U.S. authorities say illicit fentanyl made in China has flooded in while there is increased availability of meth and a rebound in cocaine. All



The Associated Press
 Cincinnati Fire Department medic nasally administers Naloxone to a man while responding to a possible overdose report at a gas station in downtown Cincinnati.

have been contributing to the national rises in overdose deaths and are increasingly being seen in lethal mixes. Authorities say many drug users may be unaware they are taking

fentanyl or have any idea how much is in what they're taking. States as different as New Hampshire, West Virginia and Florida have seen rising overdose death

rates in recent years. The problem is particularly acute in Ohio, where overdose death rates have been climbing steadily this decade.

Spreading fentanyl and increased meth use "have turned an already bad situation into something far worse," Butler County coroner Dr. Lisa Mannix announced a fifth straight record overdose toll in the southwest Ohio county just north of Cincinnati. At 232 deaths, it was up 21 percent over 2016, and Mannix said meth-related deaths quadrupled last year and have soared from one in 2014 to 46 last year. Cocaine-related deaths have doubled in Butler over five years from 28 to 56 in 2017.

Mannix said the cocaine and meth deaths predominantly involved fentanyl mixes.

"It shows the ebb and flow of drugs," said Newtown Police Chief Tom Syman, who's on the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition. "They fade out and come back with deal-ers always trying to find ways to make it more potent, more addictive ... more money."

Hamilton County's reported second highest number of cocaine cases of cocaine mixed with illegally manufactured fentanyl as the Cincinnati-based county's toll jumped 31 percent over 2016 to 529 overdose deaths overall.

The Franklin County

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Trump pushes 'nuclear option' on border

By Jill Colvin
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trump administration officials said Monday they're crafting a new legislative package aimed at closing immigration "loopholes" hours after the president called on Republicans in Congress to immediately pass a border bill using the "Nuclear Option if necessary" to muscle it through.

"Border Patrol Agents (and ICE) are GREAT, but the weak Dem laws don't allow them to do their job. Act now. Congress, our country is being stolen!" President Donald Trump wrote in a series of sometimes-misleading tweets, fired off after returning from a holiday weekend spent in Florida with several immigration hardliners.

Trump also declared protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants "dead," claimed the U.S. has "no effective border laws" and warned Mexico to halt the passage of "caravans" of illegal immigrants or risk retribution. "They must stop the big drug and people flows, or I will stop their cash cow, NAFTA. NEED WALL!" he wrote.

Trump has been seething over immigration since realigning the major spending bill he signed last month barely funds the "big, beautiful" border wall he has promised his supporters. The \$1.3 trillion funding package included \$1.6 billion in border wall spending, but much of that money can be used only to repair existing segments, not to build new sections.

Among the measures the administration is pursuing: ending special safeguards that prevent the immediate deportation of children arrested at the border and traveling alone. Under current law, unaccompanied children from countries that don't border the U.S. would be placed under the supervision of the Department of Health and Human Services and undergo often-lengthy deportation proceedings before an immigration judge instead of being deported.

The administration is also pushing Congress to terminate a 1997 court settlement that requires the government to release children

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ioral health board. "Trauma can be as simple as not knowing where your next meal is coming from. Some kids go to bed at night not knowing where their parents will be in the morning, they're living a life of fear." The training is intended to give teachers and other school personnel insights about how the traumatized

ment. Frontier Local Schools superintendent Brian Rentsch said the district intends to provide the training to every person who comes into contact with children, from maintenance workers to principals," he said.

The proposal submitted by Life & Purpose estimated that 854 people in the county education system will be trained through the program. "The premise of the

training will be around student behaviors, how to teach in class, consulting with administration, reaching out to families," Rentsch said. "Anybody who contacts a child, we will make every effort to get them trained."

Pfeiffer said the program visualized will run three years, with training for the first year starting in the fall when school resumes. The subjects will range from structuring a trauma-informed school to how the

developing brain of a child works and recognizing traumatic behavior. "Teachers and other staff members who interact with these students often share that they need more professional learning on understanding the needs of students impacted by trauma said. "One thing I'm very excited about is the collaboration, everyone wanting the same thing. I'm hoping that by bringing this focus on children age 3 to 18 that it will be transformational, that we're going to change the next generation."

Trails

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One option to negotiate that safety concern is to extend the Marietta trail behind homes and businesses along Muskingum until reaching the stretch between the river and Ohio 60 before the House of Wines. Another, according to Schilling, is to jump into the hospital area and back behind the Rathbone neighborhood near the high school.

The planning of the recreational trail includes considerations for different entry points, with available parking.

"There are families in Devola, do they want the trail to come out to the pic-

Drugs

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coroner, based in the capital of Columbus, earlier said overdose deaths for 2017 had already topped full-year totals for 2016, with increases in cocaine and meth-related deaths. Preliminary numbers from Cuyahoga County showed 349 cocaine-related deaths in 2017, up from 115 in 2015, with most involving fentanyl mixes. The overall estimate for the year was 822 overdose deaths, up from

666 in 2016 in the Cleveland-based county. Combining opioids and stimulants isn't anything new: The comedian John Belushi died in 1982 from a cocaine-heroin "speed-ball" mixture. But using fentanyl, which authorities say can be 50 times or more stronger than heroin, has heightened the danger.

"Today it is more lethal than it ever was, because now many times it does have this fentanyl mixed in, so it's really a new concoction," Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said about increased cocaine and meth. "People don't really know how potent it is."

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Ohio's 4,329 drug overdose deaths in 2016 gave it the second-highest age-adjusted death rate after West Virginia, showed a 36 percent rise in Ohio deaths in the 12-month period ending August 2017.

Coping with the emerging mixes of fentanyl with meth or cocaine adds to the frustration for those on the front lines of the drug crisis.

"As soon as we come up with a program and we try to work on one drug, then another drug comes up," said Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones.

Studies link legal marijuana with fewer opioid prescriptions

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Can legalizing marijuana fight the problem of opioid addiction and fatal overdoses? Two new studies in the debate suggest it may.

Pot can relieve chronic pain in adults, so advocates for liberalizing marijuana laws have proposed it as a lower-risk alternative to opioids. But some research suggests marijuana may encourage opioid use, and so might make the epidemic worse.

The new studies don't directly assess the effect of legalizing marijuana on opioid addiction and overdose deaths. Instead, they find evidence that legalization may reduce the prescribing of opioids. Over-prescribing is considered a key factor in the opioid epidemic.

Both studies were released Monday by the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

One looked at trends in opioid prescribing under Medicaid, which covers low-income adults, between 2011 and 2016. It compared the states where marijuana laws took effect versus states without such laws. The comparison was done each quarter, so a given state without a law at one point could join the other category once a law kicked in.

Results showed that laws that let people use marijuana to treat specific medical conditions were associated with about a 6 percent lower rate of opioid prescribing for pain. That's about 39 fewer prescriptions per 1,000 people using Medicaid.

And when states with such a law went on to also allow recreational marijuana use by adults, there was an additional drop averaging about 6 percent. That suggest the medical marijuana laws didn't reach some people who could benefit from using marijuana instead of opioids, said Hefei Wen of the University of Kentucky in Lexing-

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mind of a child affects behavior and how to meet the needs of traumatized children.

"Understanding how trauma impacts brain function makes you rethink your traditional interventions, like detention or removal from class, and realize that they aren't effective," said Douglas Pfeiffer, executive director of Life and Purpose. "They're really asking for ways to deal with these children who are having trouble functioning."

The project is a big com-

turesque location at Devol's Dam?" said Schilling. "But then there's also the dream of eventually having a dedicated trail from Marietta up to Zanesville. Do we detour, or do we head farther north?"

Schilling said the upcoming meeting will include two 15-minute presentations followed by question and answer sessions with the engineering firm about the feasibility of different options.

The first of the presentations will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 5:45 p.m.

"We want as much input as possible, that's why we've placed the meeting at a location with plenty of parking and are holding it after the general workday," he added.

promoter Don King and former New York Police Commissioner Bernie Kerik.

Staffers with Trump over the holiday included policy adviser Stephen Miller, one of the chief architects of the administration's anti-immigration policies, but not his chief of staff John Kelly or his elder daughter, Ivanka, both considered more moderate influences.

Trump's past calls to use the "nuclear option" — changing the Senate rules to require a simple majority of 51 votes to override a rule instead of 60 — have been repeatedly dismissed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who argues Republicans will welcome the filibuster if they return to being the Senate minority. The current split is 51-49 favoring Republicans.

Notably, Trump's favored DACA solution mustered only 39 votes in the Senate, meaning it couldn't have passed even if the Senate did approve the changes.

Trump's tweets calling on Mexico to halt "caravans" filled with immigrants in the country illegally came after a "Fox & Friends" report early Sunday that featured the leader of the union representing border patrol agents predicting that those in the caravan would create havoc and chaos in the U.S. as they wait for immigration reform.

About 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, have been marching along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

These "Stations of the Cross" migrant caravans have been held in southern Mexico for at least the last five years.

They began as short processions of migrants, some dressed in biblical garb and carrying crosses, as an Easter-season protest against the kidnappings, extortion, beatings and killings suffered by many Central American migrants as they cross Mexico.

Allred to represent 3 women in Ohio fertility case

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS —

Women's rights attorney Gloria Allred has agreed to represent three women who lost eggs when an Ohio fertility clinic storage tank malfunctioned.

Allred said at a news conference in Cleveland on Monday that her clients are cancer survivors who delayed chemotherapy to undergo fertility treatments at the clinic run by University Hospitals.

She says mistreatment of women is wrong anytime, but especially in such an intimate and personal part of

4,000 eggs and embryos.

Several lawsuits have been filed against University Hospitals. A message was left with the hospital system seeking comment.

