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Trail Mapping Program Year End Report | 2024

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Introduction

The SRPEDD Trails Mapping Program collects valuable data about the region’s trails. Started in 2020 through our Unified Work Program, the agency collected preliminary data with the help of our regional partners and publicly available information. The goal of the program is to verify and build upon the dataset. This data is collected and updated using Esri’s Field Maps by SRPEDD staff.

Through a combined effort with Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), MassGIS, and other Regional Planning Agencies in the state, we have begun to compile all the data into a state-wide database hosted by MassGIS.

This year-end report highlights and showcases our 2024 season data collection efforts.

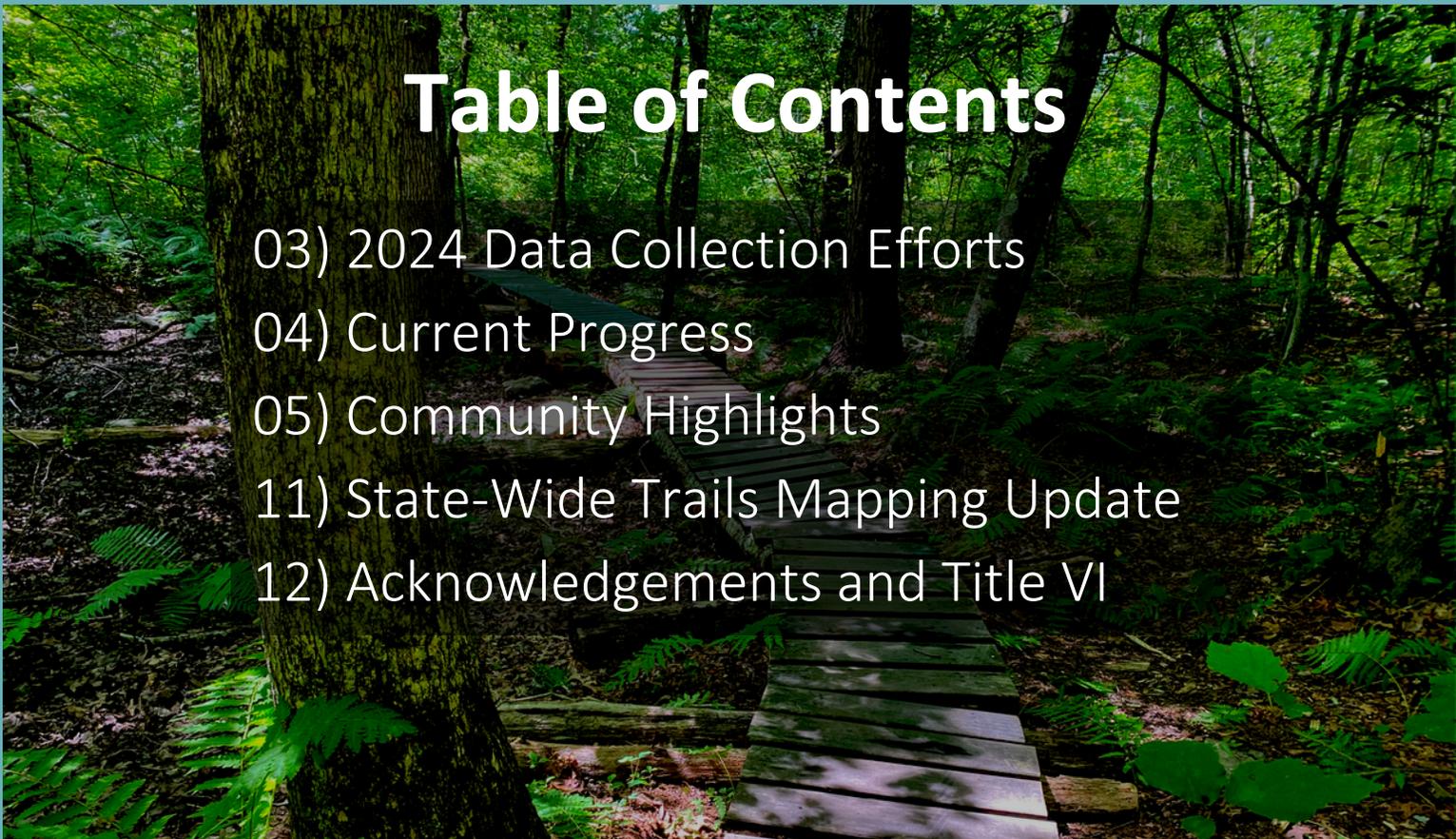


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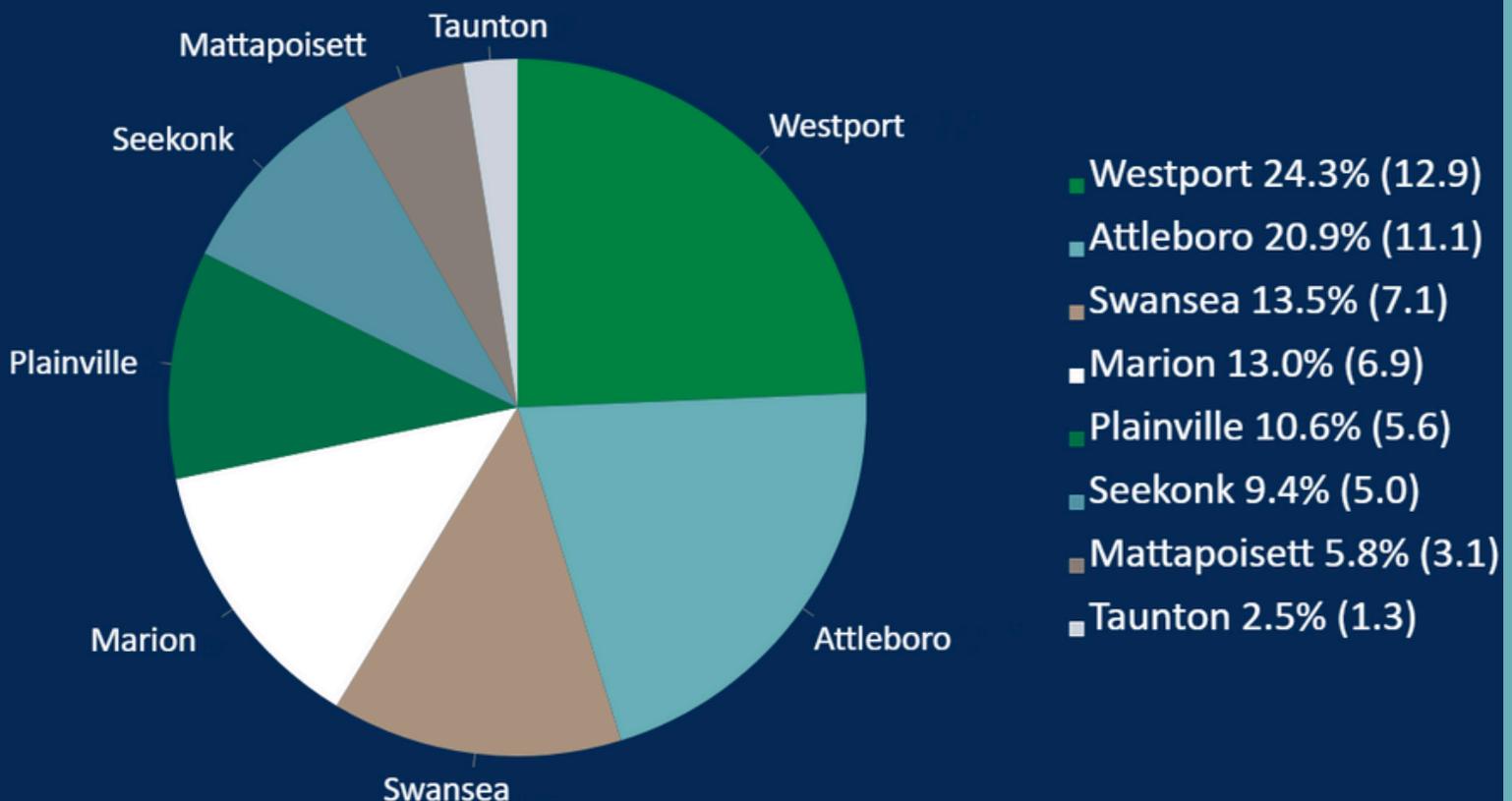
Communities

SRPEDD started the season training new employees at the Gertrude M Boyden Wildlife Refuge in Taunton. This property provides an excellent training environment because it offers several of the surface types and trail characteristics that are present in the SRPEDD region.

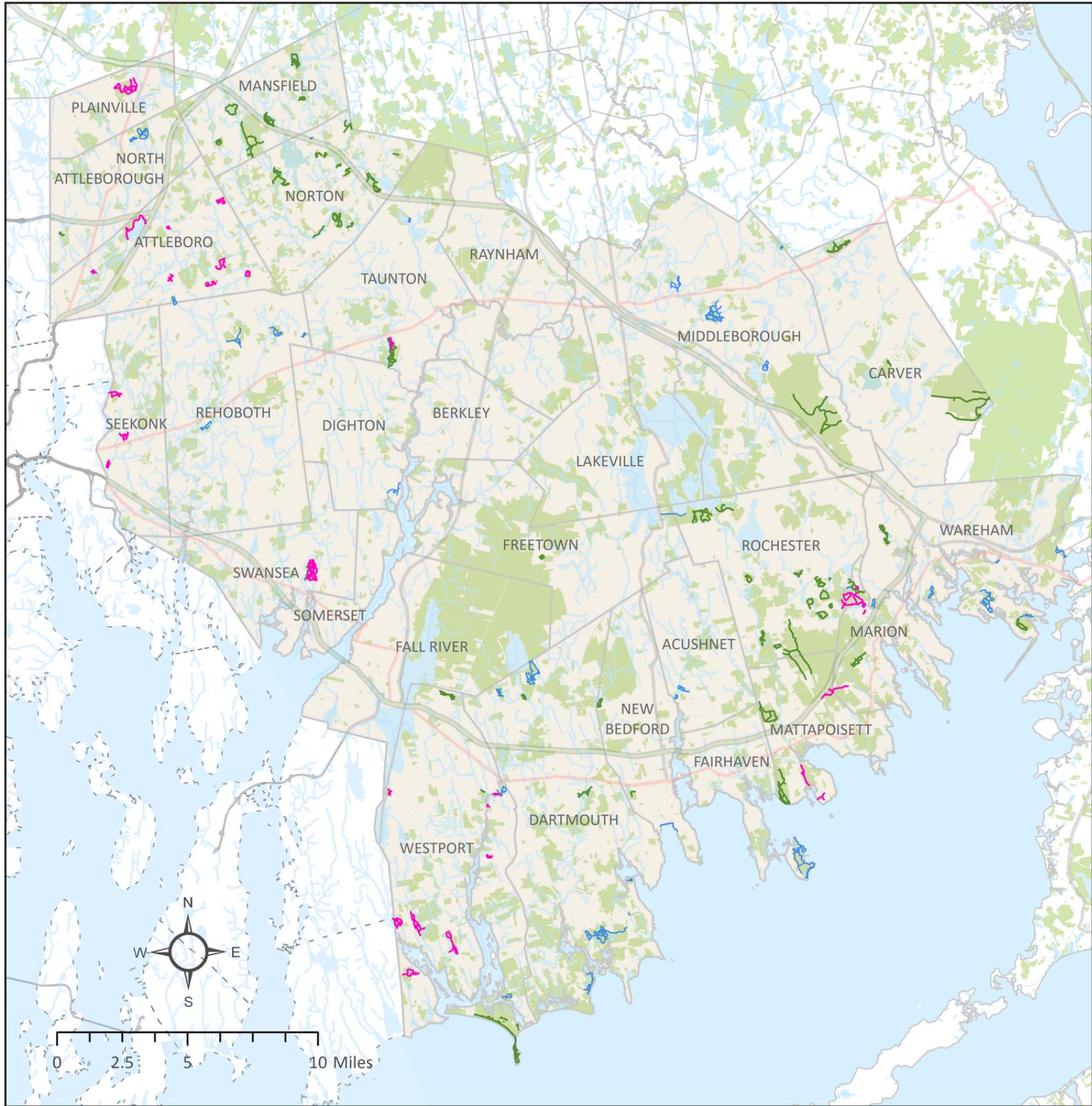
Staff completed data collection efforts, from the previous season, in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Swansea. These efforts encompassed walking each trail and collecting numerous characteristics such as surface type and width. This was followed by new data collection efforts in Westport, Plainville, Seekonk, and Attleboro.

In total, SRPEDD staff collected and verified data on 53 miles of trails within the region. This is a 70% increase over last year which is largely due to better weather conditions and improved synchronized scheduling with other programs.

Trail Miles Verified by Town



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Map Key

SRPEDD Regional Trails

Validation Status

- Fully Validated
- Partially Validated
- Trails Verified in 2024

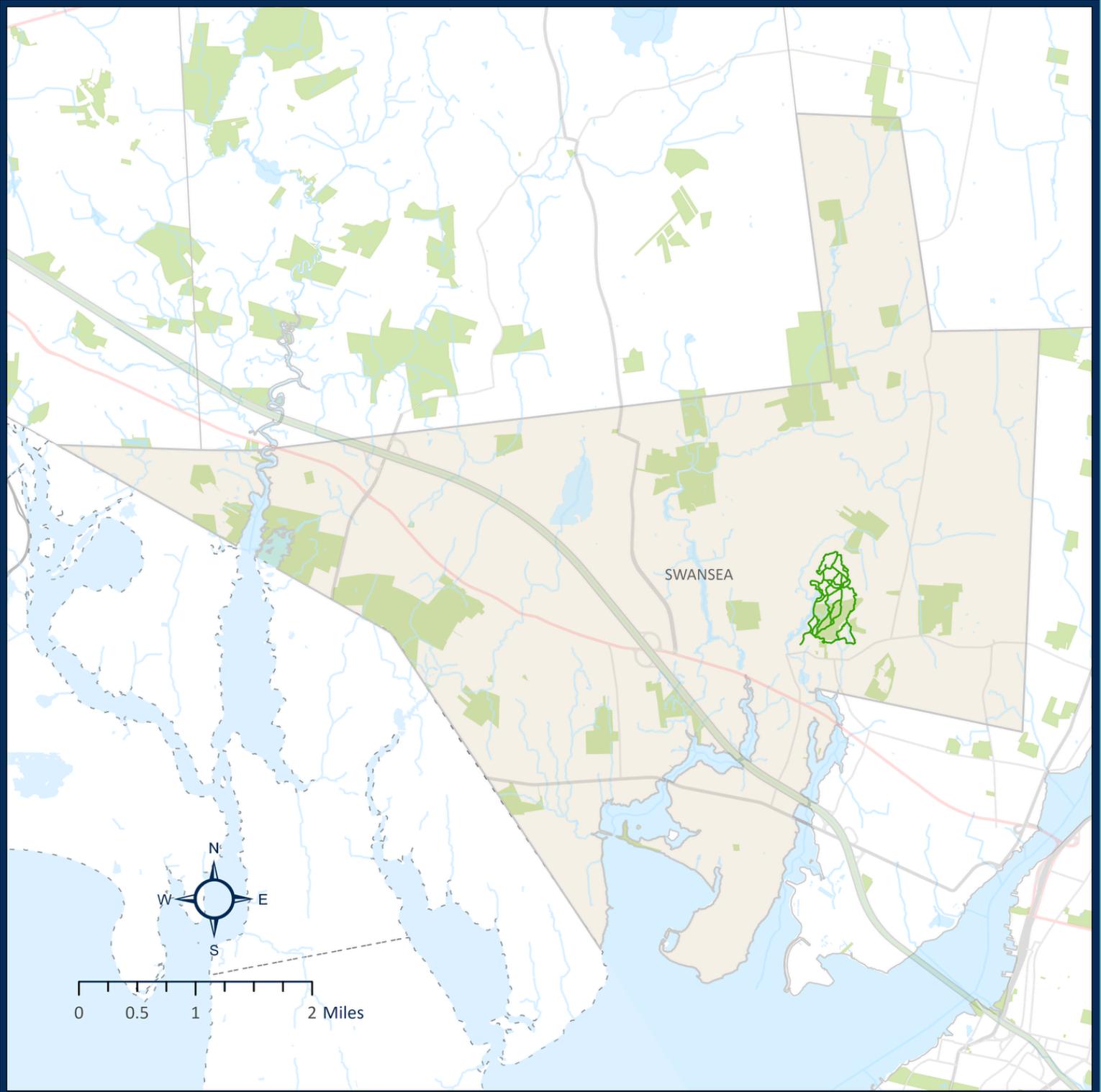


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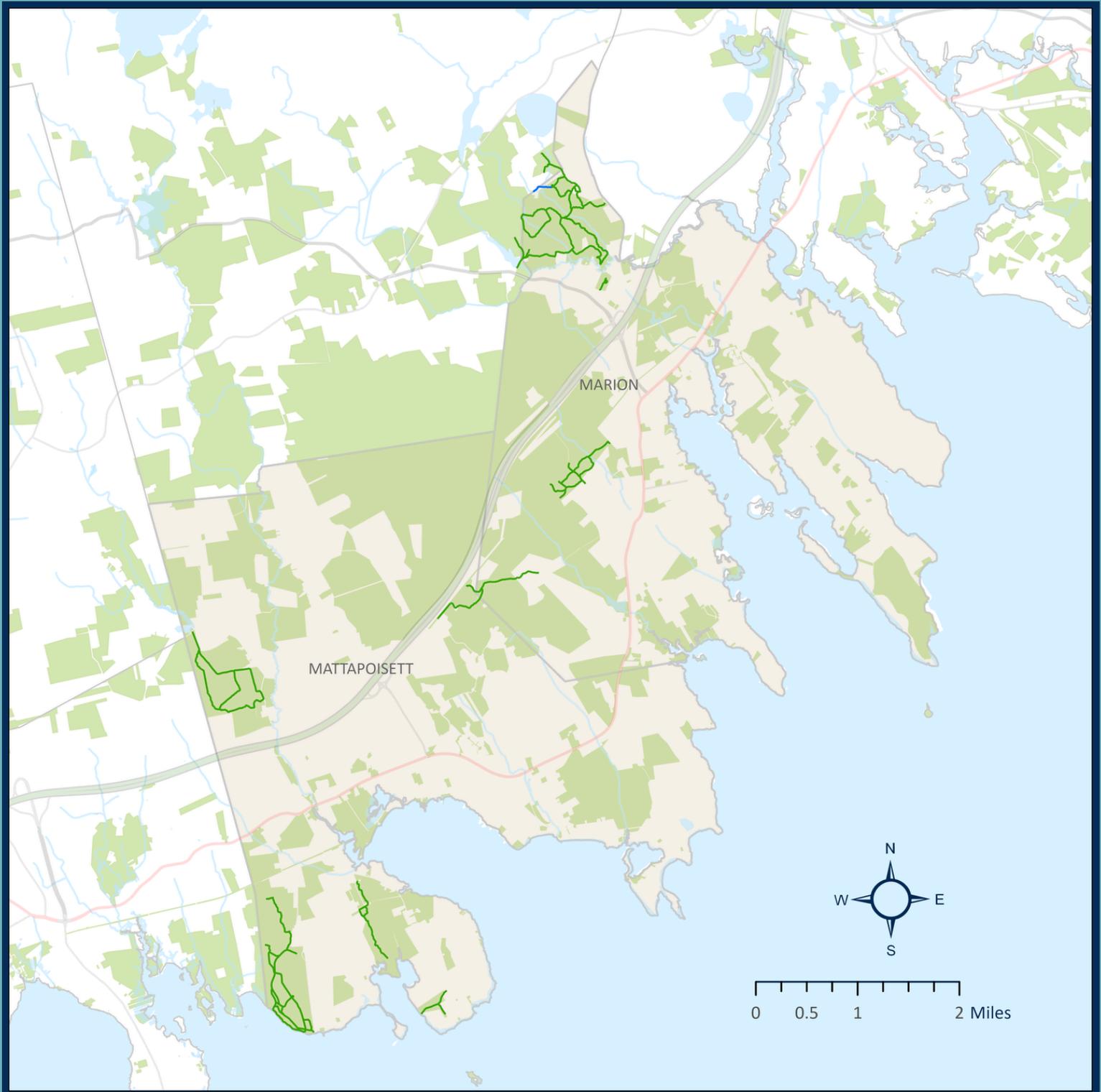
Data Sources:
2022 TIGER/Line Shapefiles (machine-readable data files) / prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau, 2022, Bureau of Geographic Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Technology and Security Services, Mass DEM, SRPEDD, DCR,

Swansea



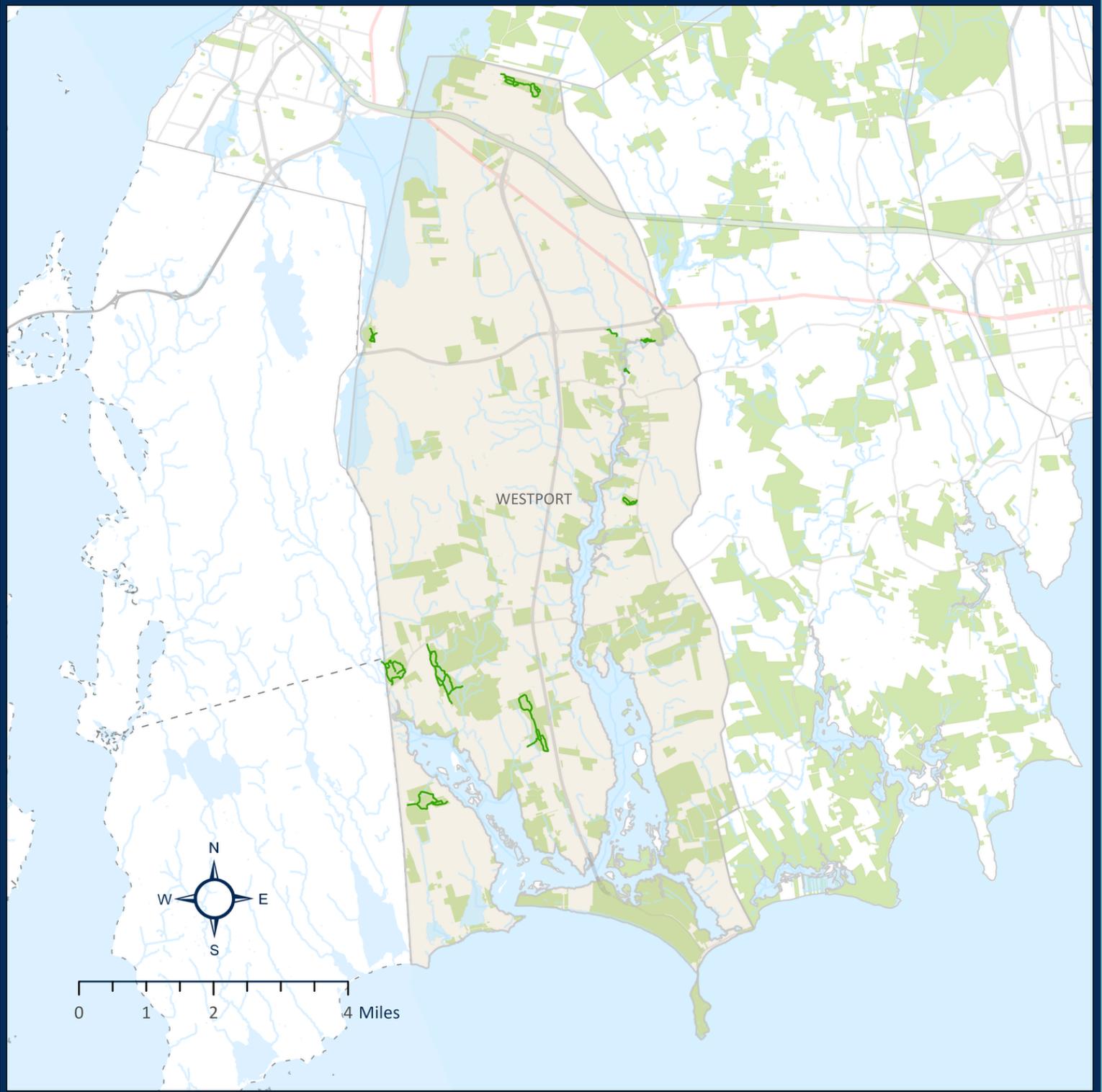
SRPEDD revisited Village Park in Swansea to complete verification of data. We mapped 5.6 miles of trails on this property with many ideal for mountain biking with steep grades.

Marion & Mattapoissett



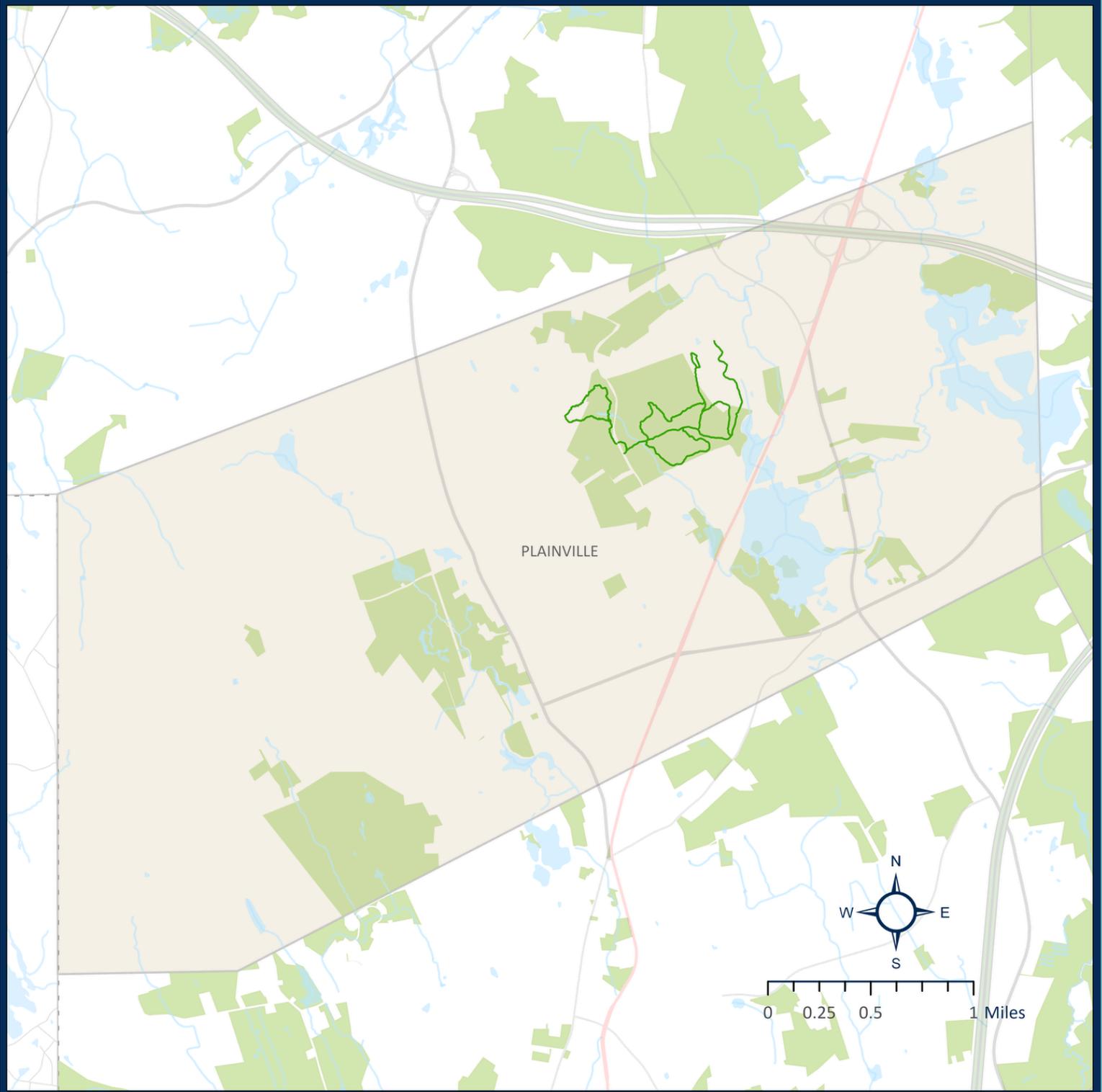
Marion and Mattapoissett verification started in 2023; however, due to inclement weather had to be finished this season. Most of the time in the field between these two towns was at the East Over Reservation in Marion which has boardwalks and scenic areas throughout the property. A total of 10 trail miles were verified between the two towns.

Westport



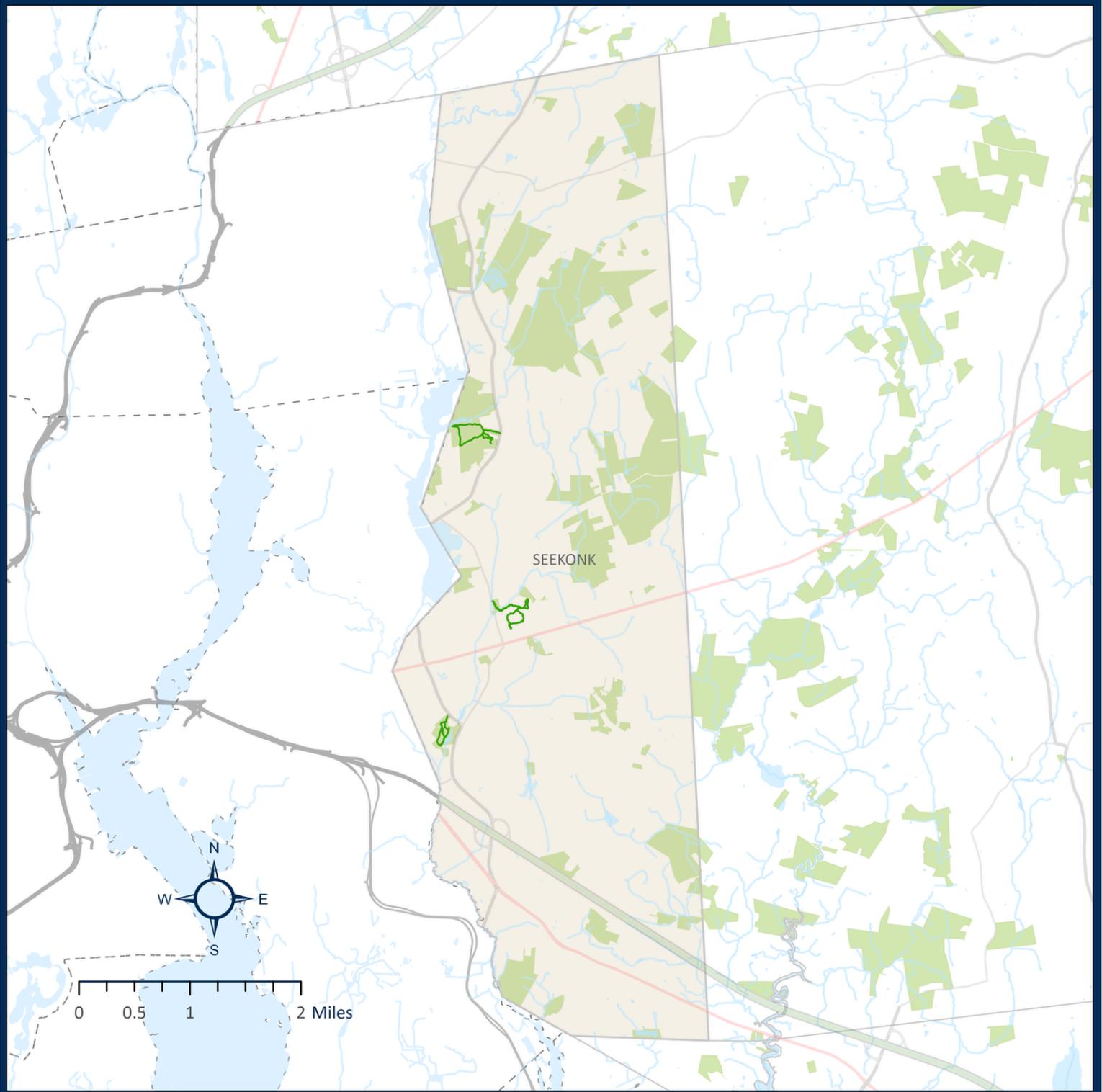
SRPEDD staff were able to verify a total of 13 miles of trails in Westport in 2024 with multiple properties located throughout the community including the Herb Hadfield and Dunhams Brook Conservation areas.

Plainville



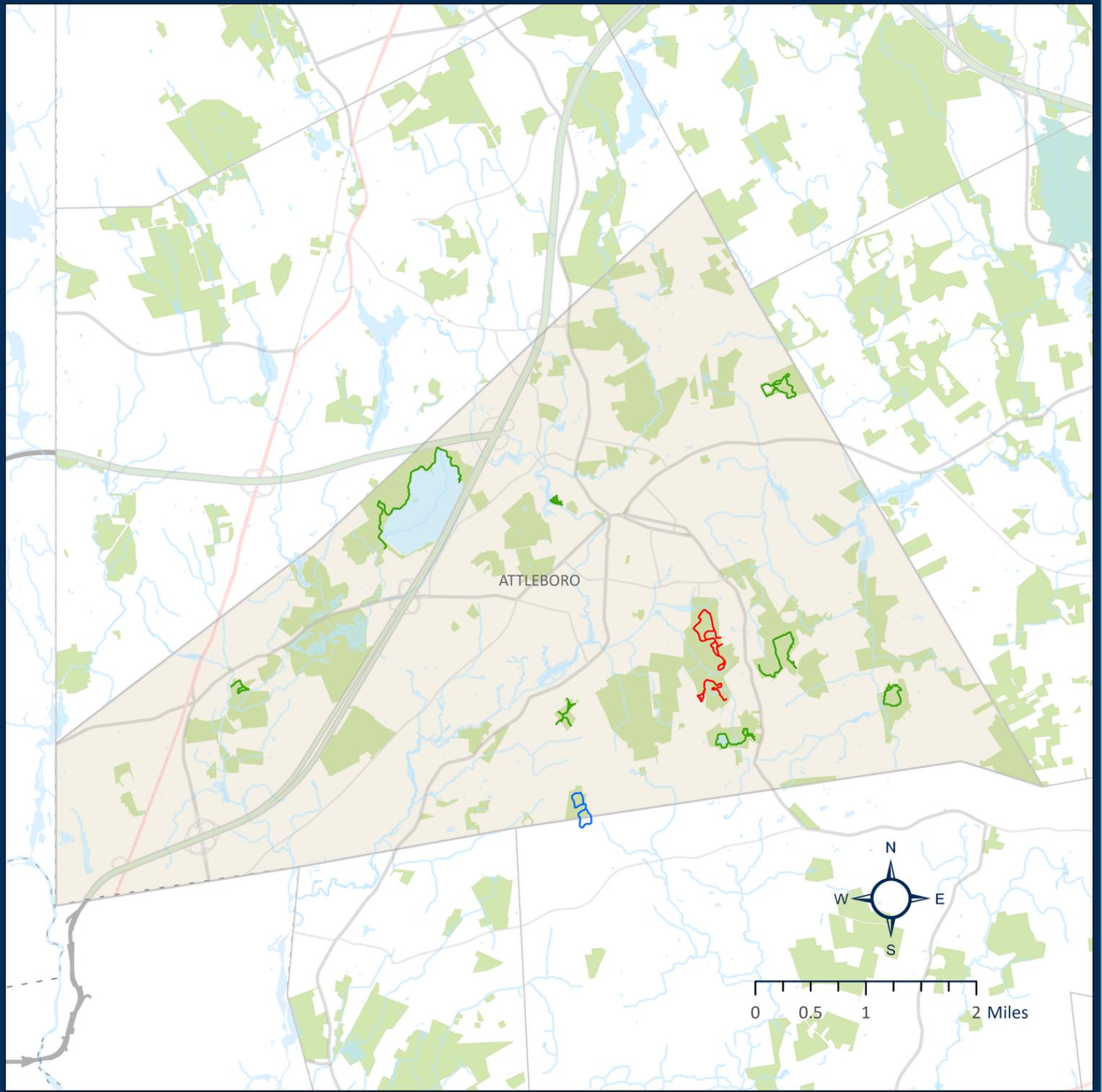
Staff collected trail data in Plainville behind the Plainville Athletic Fields. This property has over 5.5 miles of trails with ample parking available.

Seekonk



Seekonk has multiple conservation properties such as the Martin Wildlife Refuge and Arcade Avenue Woods and Trails that SRPEDD staff were able to verify and collect data on. A total of 5 miles were verified through our efforts. Seekonk Meadows also has a small ADA compatible loop for visitors to access.

Attleboro



SRPEDD staff started collecting trail data for multiple properties in Attleboro including Nickerson Walking Woods Preserve and Manchester Pond Reservoir. Staff will be resuming field work in the community at the beginning of next season. A total of 11 miles were able to be verified this season.

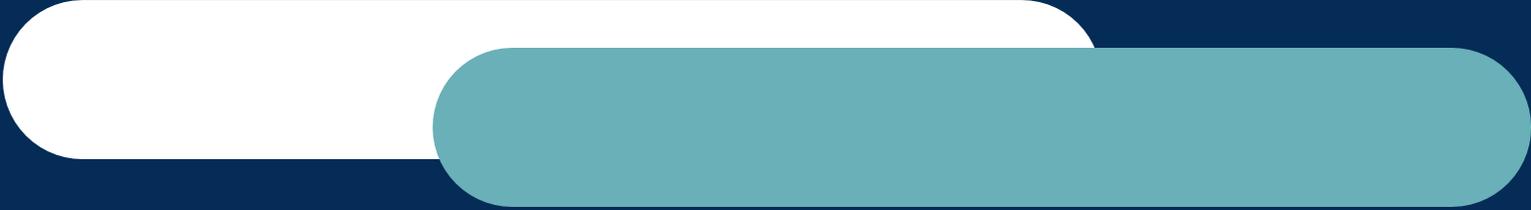
State-Wide Update

The state-wide partnership between RPAs advanced this season with a new partner assuming responsibility for hosting the data – MassGIS. This partnership will allow the collection and distribution of an authoritative trail dataset at the state level.

While this data upload process is still in its preliminary phase, SRPEDD and other RPAs have already started uploading verified data. SRPEDD automatically processed required fields as part of our data collection efforts, which allows for seamless upload into the database.



WHAT'S NEXT?



As we head into 2025, we plan to continue our data collection efforts in the field, as well as our community engagement efforts. We will also be continuing our efforts to connect with municipal governments to share information, inquire about unmapped trails, and grow our database.

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