

Proposed New Market Heights Trail

Varina District



LEGEND	
	PROPOSED NEW MARKET HEIGHTS TRAIL
	PROPOSED BRIDGE
	ACCESS POINT
	PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
	EXISTING SIGN
	EXISTING TRAIL
	RESTROOMS
	PARKING
	EXISTING WATER TRAIL
	FOUR MILE CREEK
	TRAIL CONNECTION

Where and how would you arrive at this trail?

Would you hike the entire trail or do smaller loops with other trails?

Do you have any safety concerns regarding the trail? If so, where and what are they?

Would you visit this trail primarily for recreation, history, or both?

Recreation	History	Both
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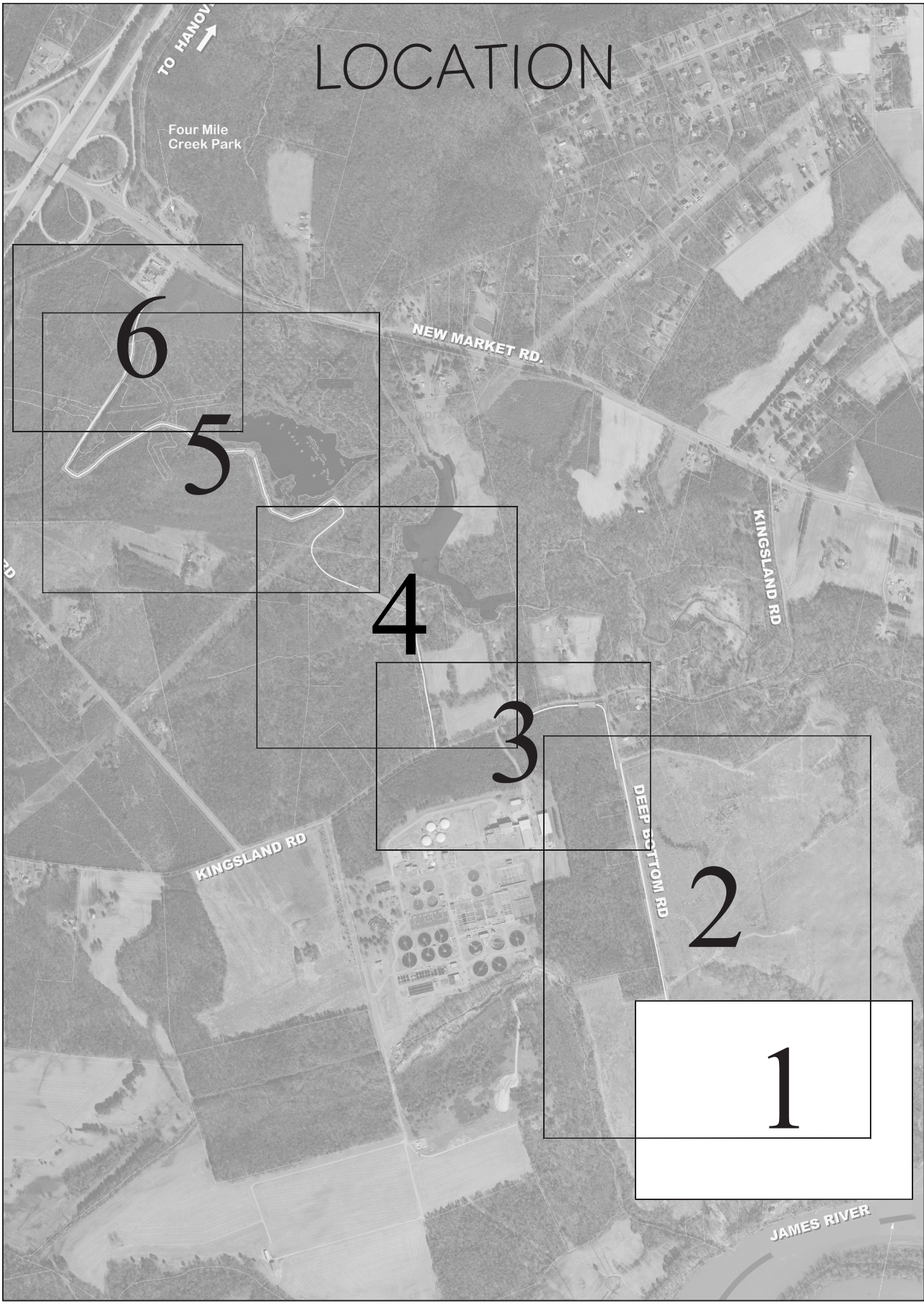
Trail Section 1: Deep Bottom Park Trailhead and James River Landing
(Landowner: Henrico County)



Are there any specific scenic views or natural features in this section that you think should be highlighted or preserved?

Have you observed any wildlife in this area that should be protected or featured in the interpretive signage?

Are there any historical landmarks or stories related to this section that you think should be included in the trail's interpretive signage?



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Existing Strengths

Water Access
Viewshed
Birding & Wildlife

Existing Weaknesses

Limited Parking
Invasive Plants
Limited Shade
Limited Amenities

Future Opportunities

Better Trail Access
Boat Launch Improvements
Fuller Interpretation
Improved Amenities
Recreational Concessions
Partnerships

Future Challenges

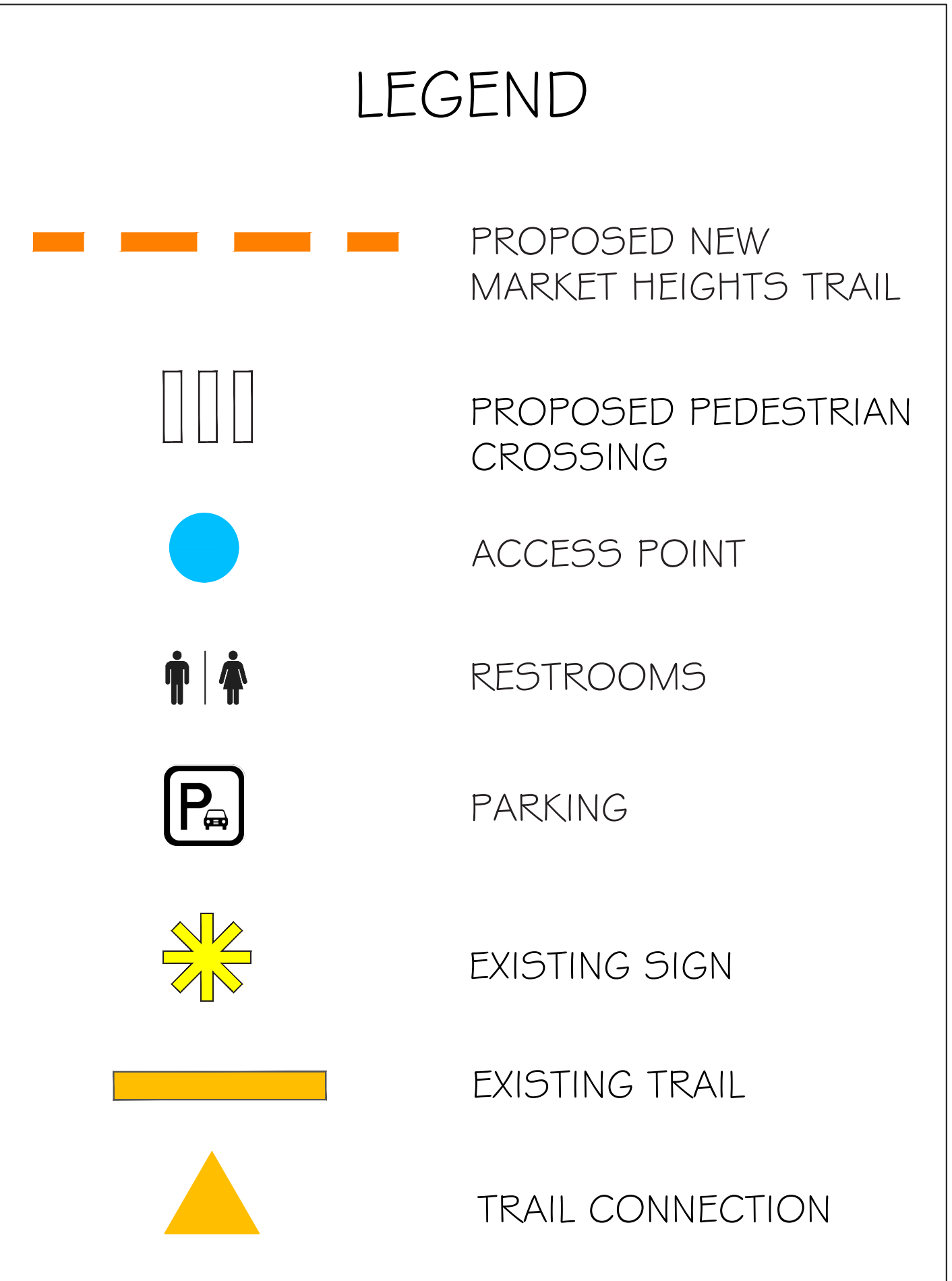
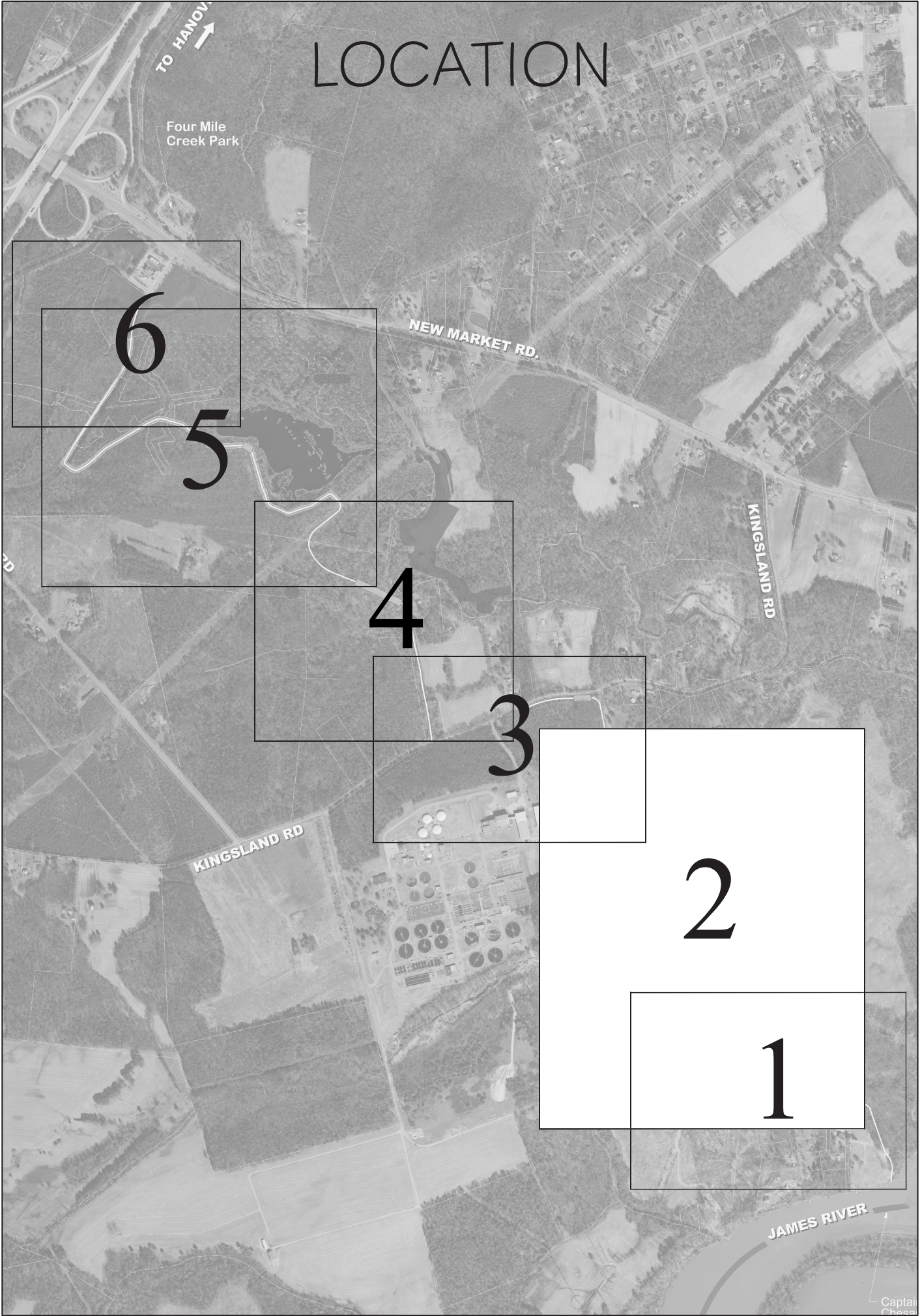
Vulnerable to the River
Potential Noise Interference
Trail Elevation

Have you ever been to Deep Bottom Park?

Yes

No

Trail Section 2: Deep Bottom Road to Varina LandLab
(Landowner: Capital Region Land Conservancy)



Existing Strengths
Multiple Trail Access Points
Existing Trails
Different Habitat

Existing Weaknesses
Limited Amenities
Along the Road
Loblolly Pine Trees

Future Opportunities
Expansive Interpretation
Safe Bike Routes
Vegetation Buffers
Native Plantings

Future Challenges
Traffic to Boat Ramp
Road Crossing
Limited Shade
Close to Road

Have you ever walked the trails at the Varina LandLab?

Yes No

Do the smaller loop trails in this section meet your needs for shorter, more manageable walks or rides?

Yes No

Are there any natural resources in this segment that you believe should be conserved or highlighted?

What shade structures would be appropriate for this trail?

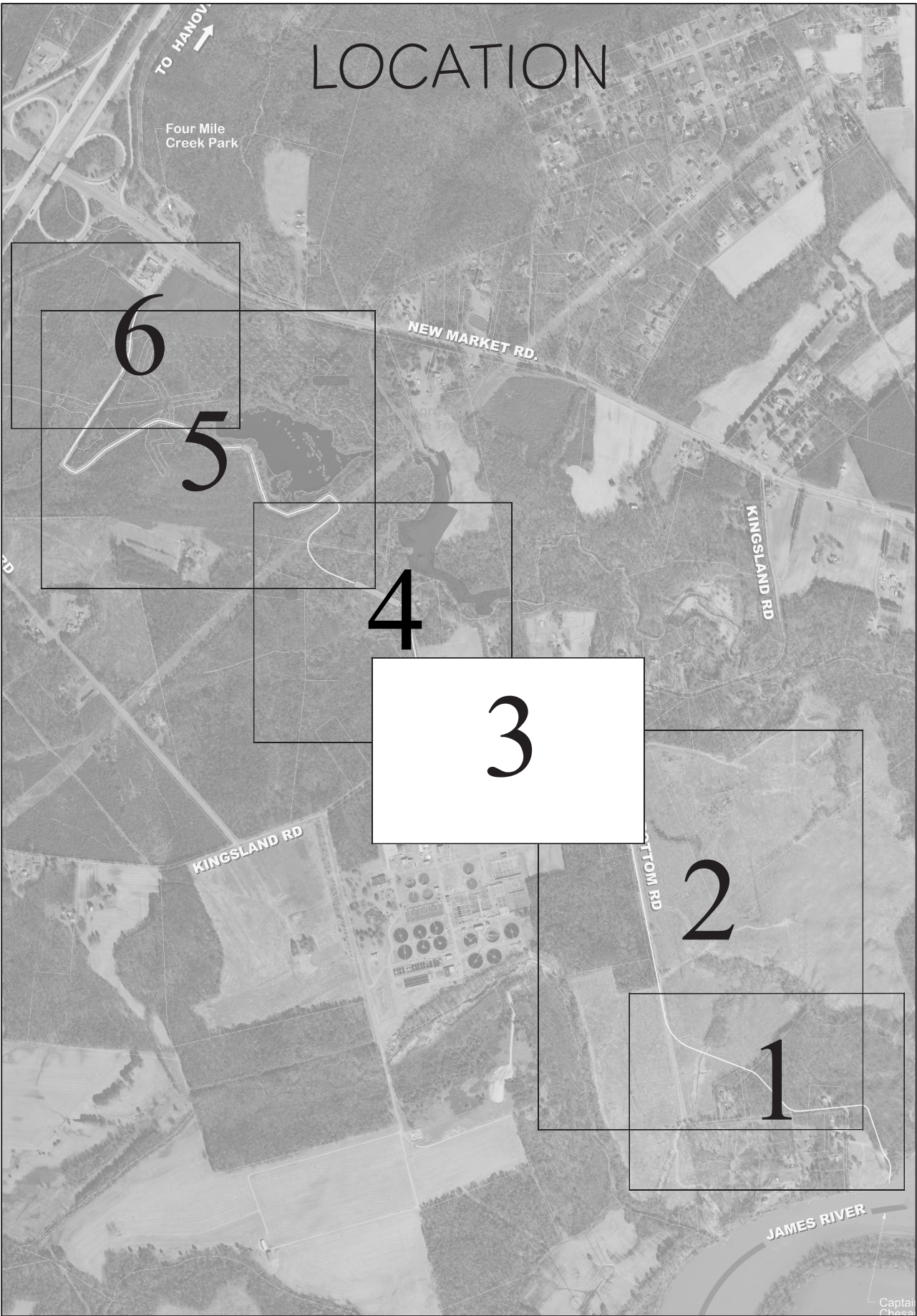
*Restroom at Varina LandLab is a temporary porta potty. Varina LandLab Trails are gravel to natural surface trails.

Trail Section 3: South of Kingsland Road to Henrico Water Reclamation Facility
(Landowner: Henrico County)



How could safety be improved here?

How could trail users be shielded from the view and noise of the Kingsland Rd with cars?



Existing Strengths
Shaded
Existing Interpretation
Tree Screen
Existing Weaknesses
On Road Trail
Traffic
Deep Drainage Culvert
Future Opportunities
Expansive Interpretation
Crosswalk
Cycling Route
Signage
Future Challenges
Road Crossing
Traffic
On Road Trail

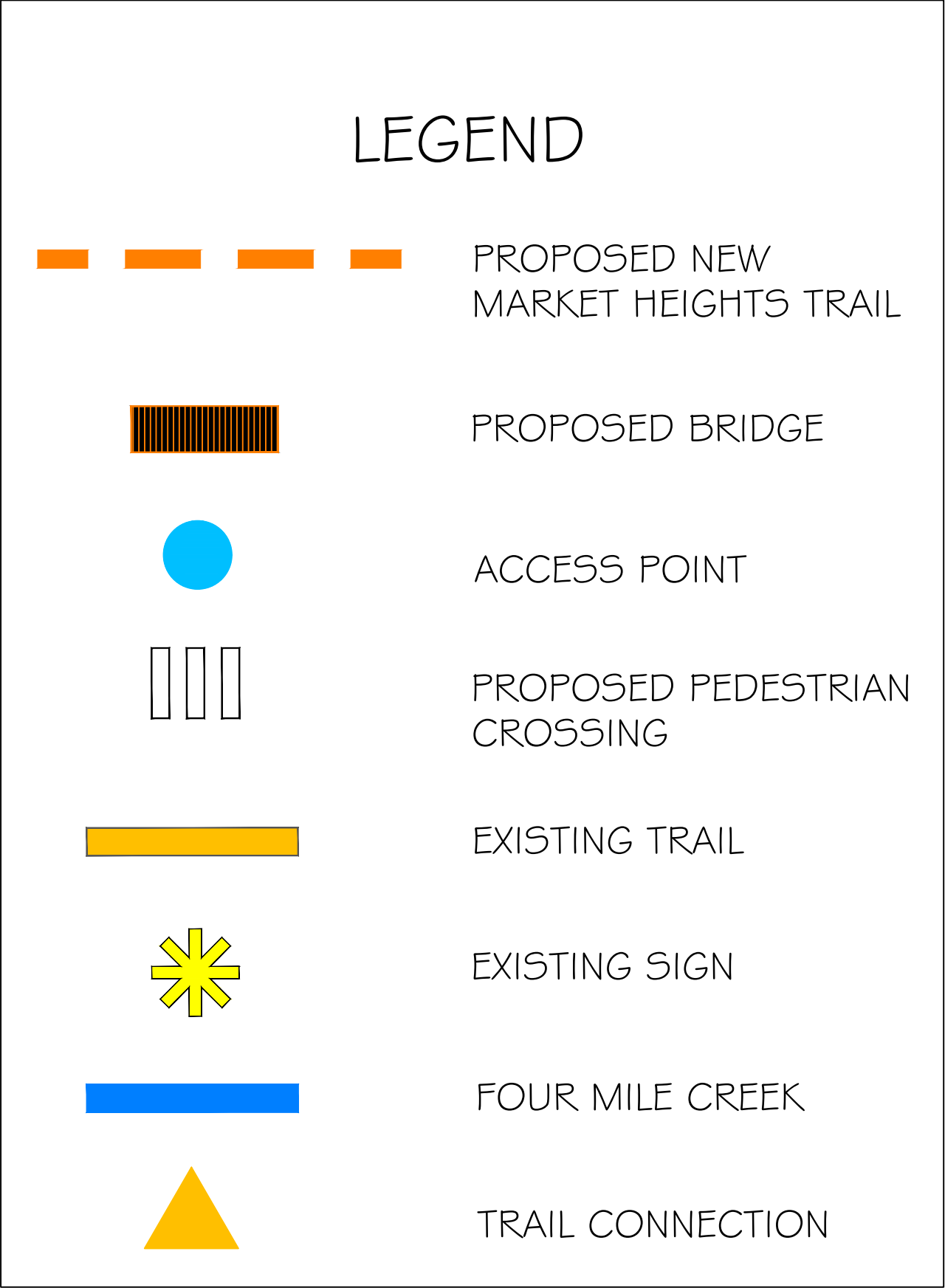
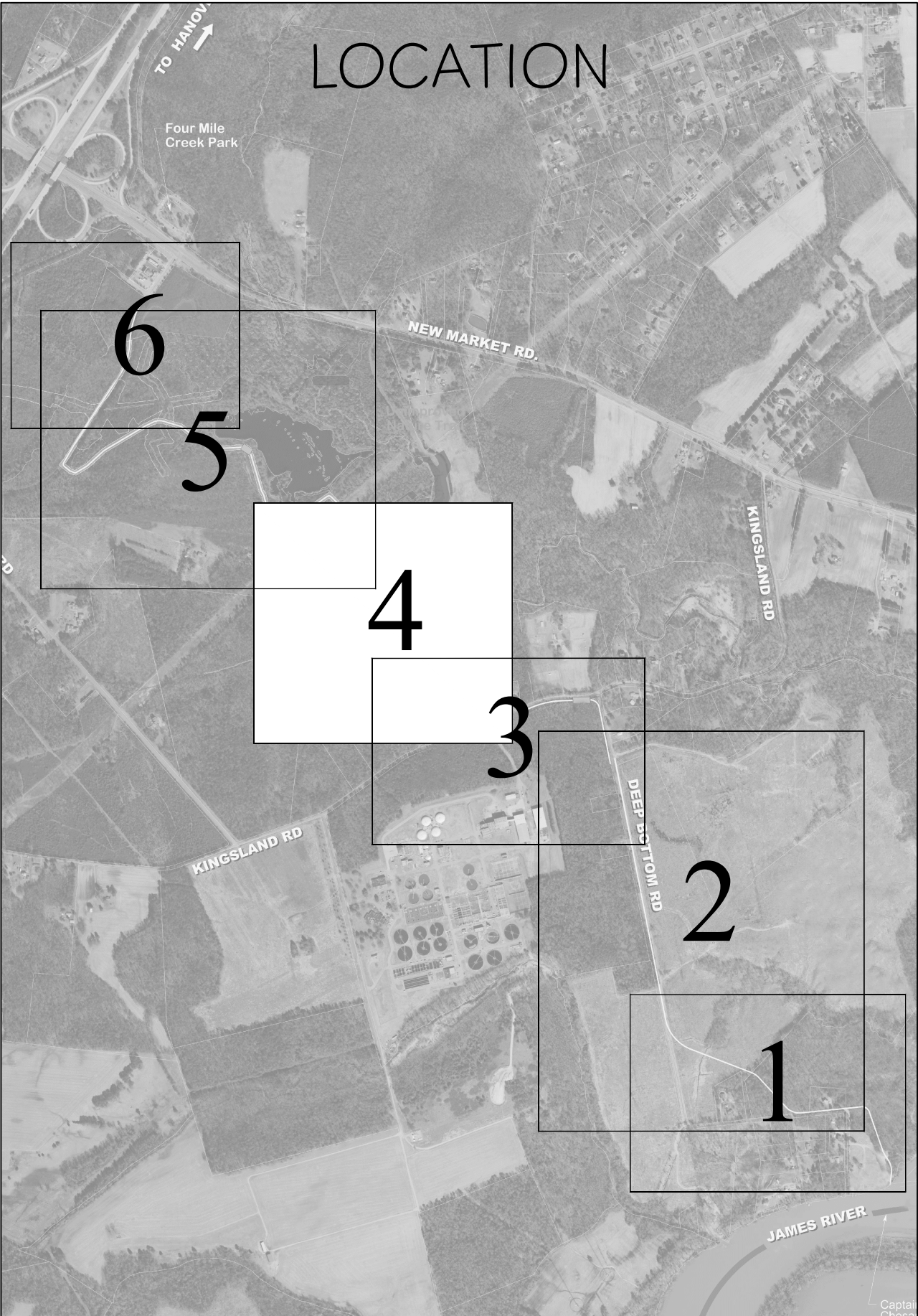
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Have you ever visited the ABT Land on Kingsland Rd.?	
YES	NO

Trail Section 4: Battle of New Market Heights, Core Battlefield
(Landowner: American Battlefield Trust)



How would you want to experience the history of this land along the trail?



Existing Strengths
Beautiful Mature Trees
Historical & Cultural Resources
Pretty Views of Four Mile Creek

Existing Weaknesses
Old Infrastructure
Thick Brush & Briars
Eroded & Steep Banks to Creek
Close to Neighbors

Future Opportunities
Powerful Interpretation
Shaded Structures
Connections to Other Trails

Future Challenges
Close to Neighbors
Site Lines for Crossings
Moderate Slope Grade

What kind of recreation should be permitted on this trail?

Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions for this segment of the trail?

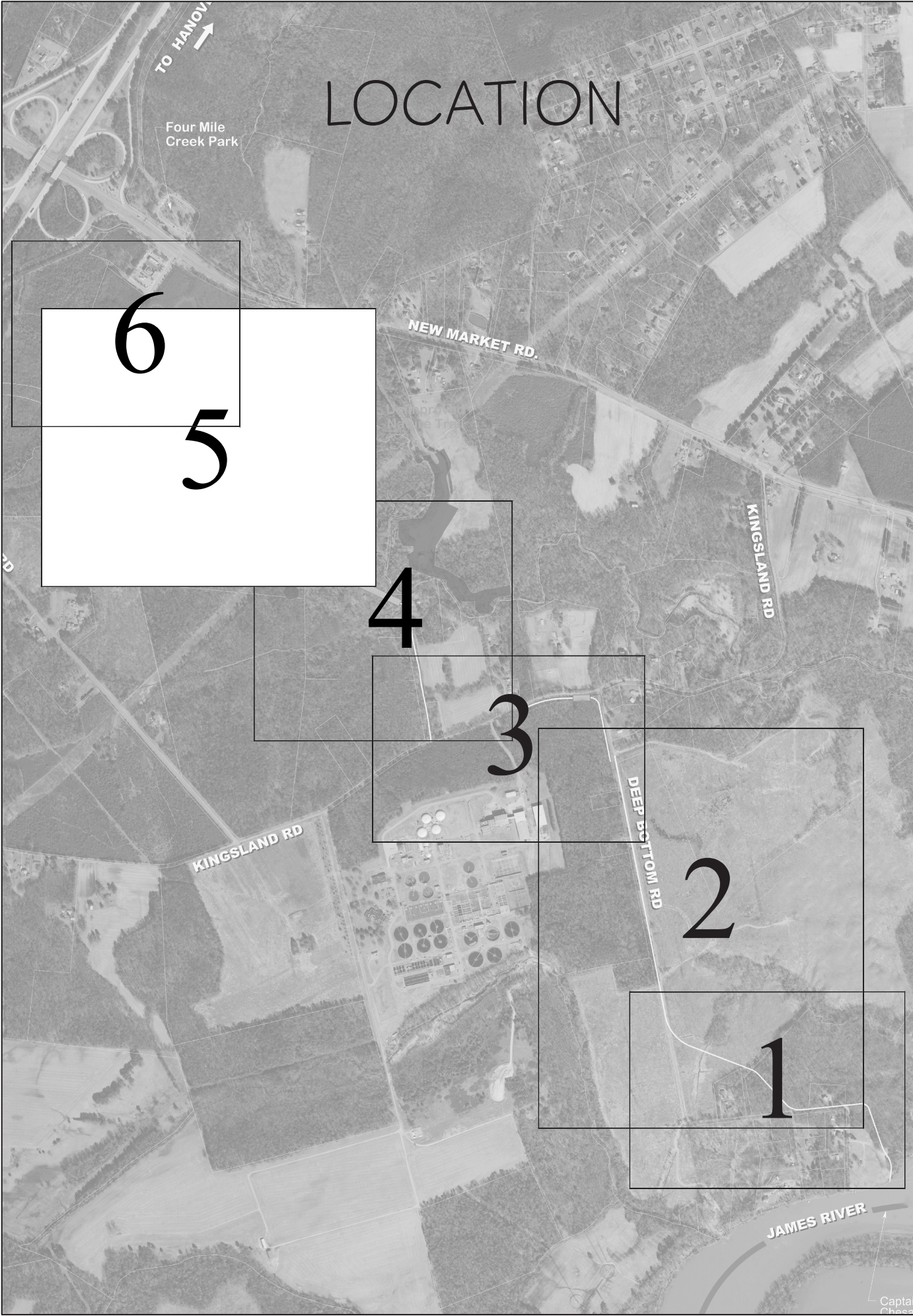
What mode of transportation would you use to reach this site?

Trail Section 5: Battle of New Market Heights, Core Battlefield; New Market Park
(Landowner: Henrico County)



Are there any environmental concerns in this segment that need to be addressed?

What other opportunities and challenges are in Trail Section 5?



Existing Strengths
Wildlife Viewing
Powerful History & Resources
Beautiful Views

Existing Weaknesses
Not ADA Accessible
Noise from Road
Lacking Amenities

Future Opportunities
Resting Places
Water Access
Expanded Interpretation
Expanded ADA Access

Future Challenges
Trespassing
Sewer
Four Wheelers

Have you ever walked the nature trail shown on the map?

Yes No

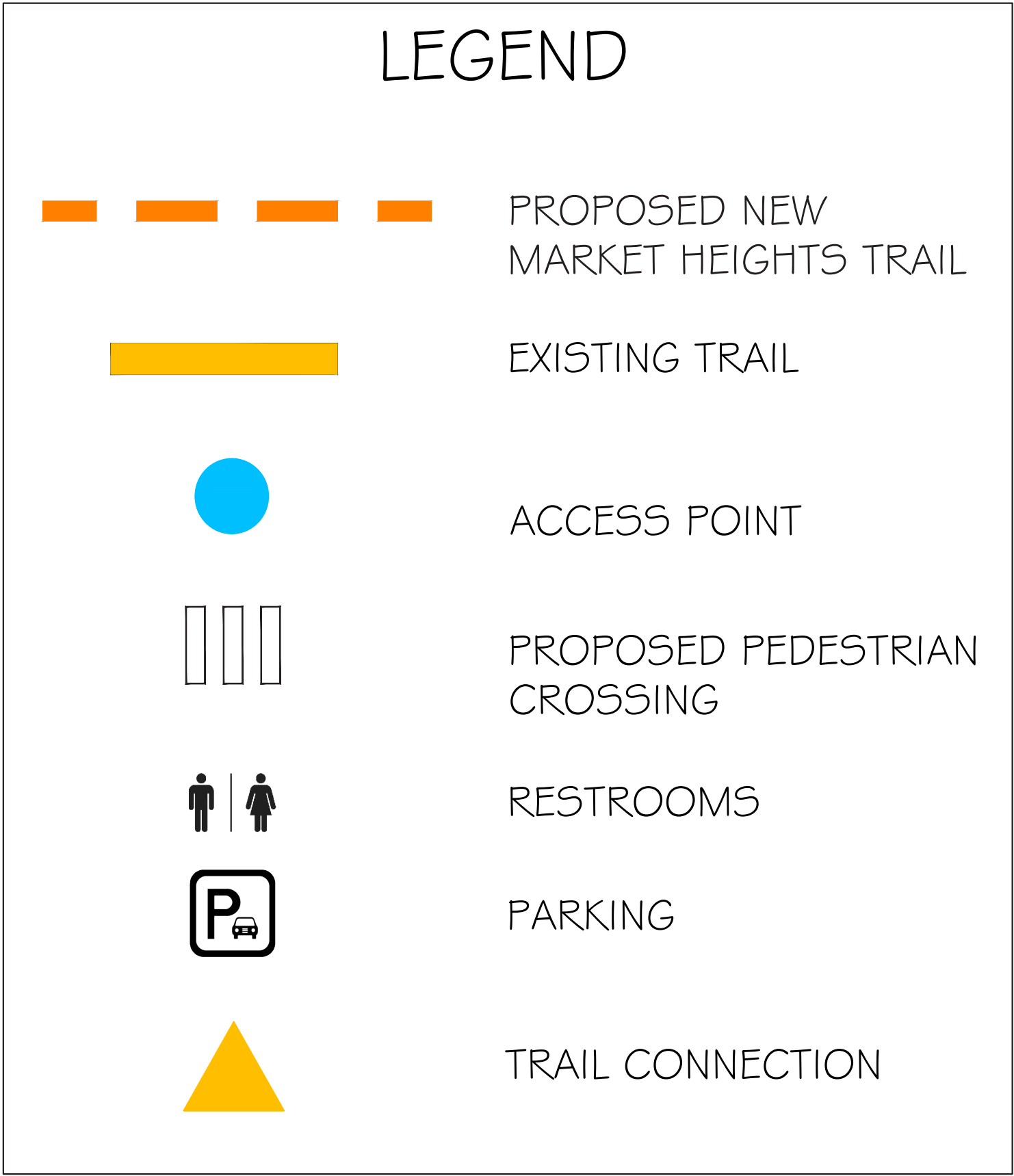
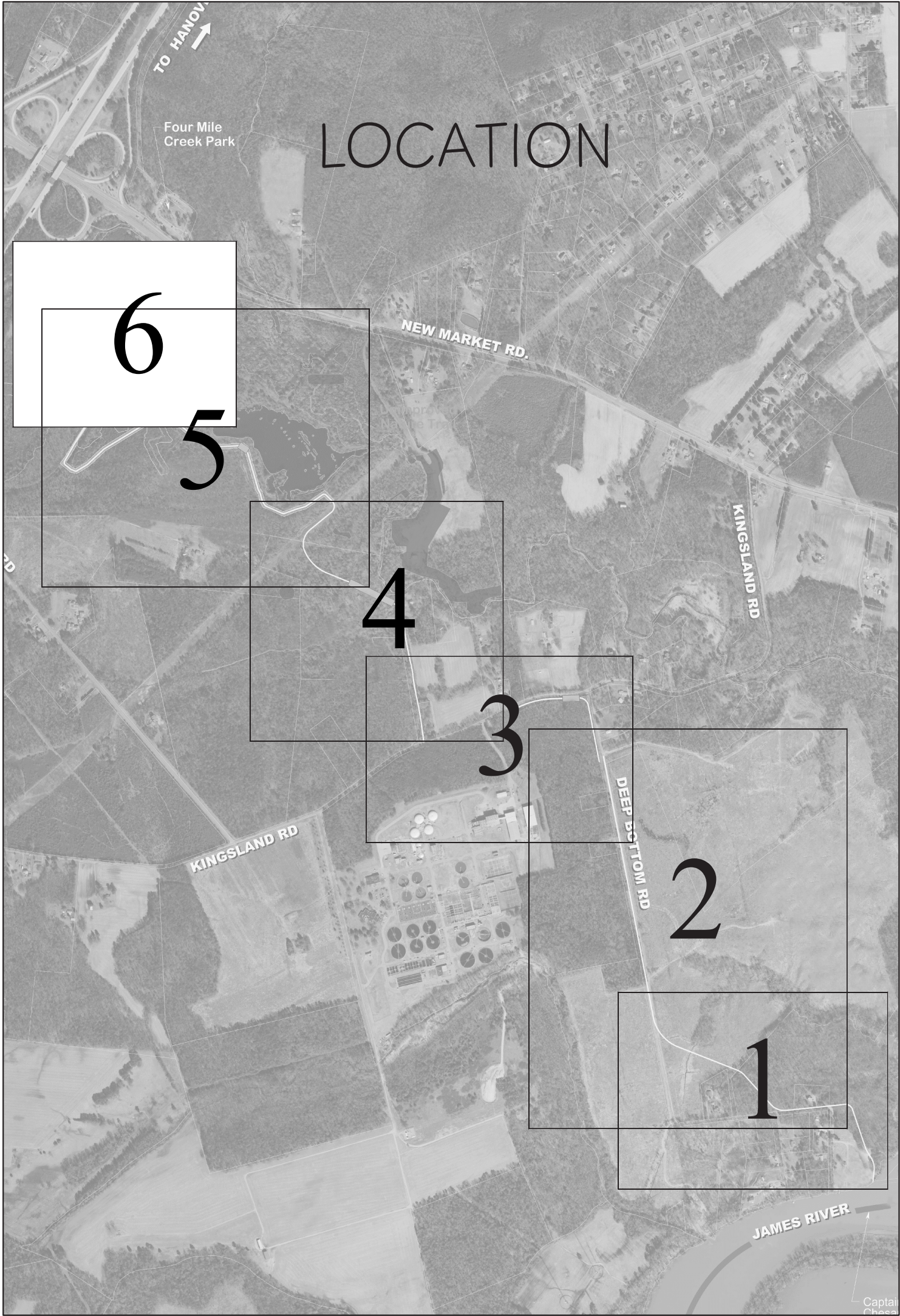
Trail Section 6: New Market Heights Park and Trailhead to Route 5/New Market Road
(Landowner: Henrico County & Private)



Do you think you would start or end the trail here? Are you interested in a loop trail ?

Does this section connect well with other parts of the trail and nearby community areas?

What other opportunities and challenges are in Trail Section 6?



Existing Strengths
Highly Visible Access Point
Connections to Four Mile Creek Park & Virginia Capital Trail

Existing Weaknesses
No current crossing of Route 5
Road Noise
Next to Busy Road & Stop

Future Opportunities
Trailhead
Wider Audience

Future Challenges
Noise
High Parking Area
Trash

Have you been to Four Mile Creek Park?

Yes No