

CITY OF
MECHANICVILLE



Mechanicville City Dock

Mechanicville, with its nearly two miles of Hudson River waterfront, has been an important crossroads since Colonial times. Like many communities in the northeast United States, Mechanicville was affected greatly by the 19th century Industrial Revolution. Located just north of Albany, the city was a key point on the Erie Canal and Champlain Canal systems and a major hub for railroads and other industries. The latter half of the 1800s and the early 1900s brought a succession of various immigrant groups, and the city's rich character, to this day, is a reflection of these colorful Americans.

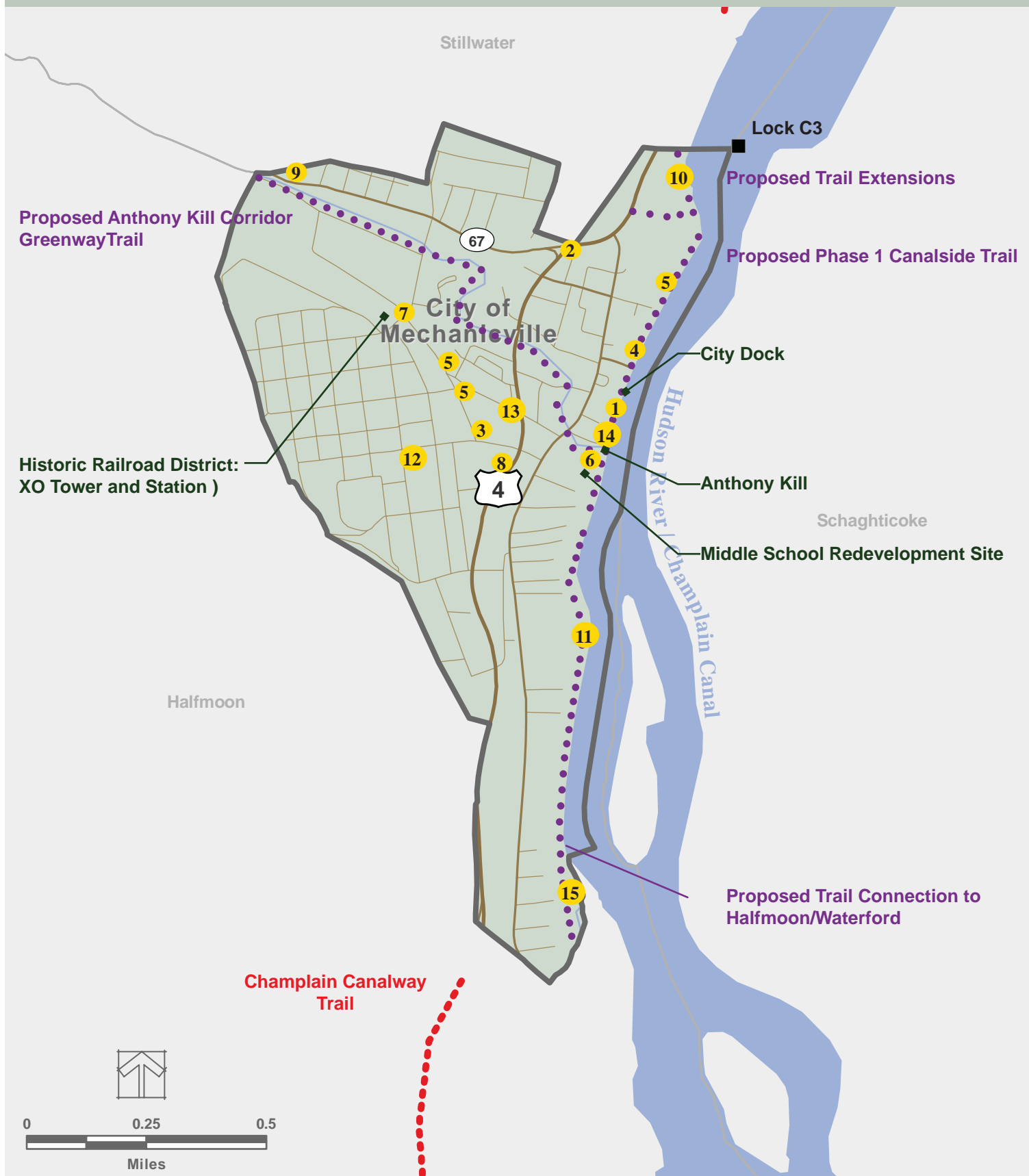
By the end of the 19th century, Mechanicville had established itself as a major rail center. The rail connections created hundreds of jobs locally for craftsmen and laborers in the transportation industry. In the aftermath of the depression, that industry would be reshaped by consolidations and mergers, all of which would have a major impact on Mechanicville's development as an industrial center and transportation hub. Since then, the city has struggled with its identity and place in the Capital District landscape.

Things are turning around for Mechanicville as it becomes relevant in the immediate shadow of the GlobalFoundries project. Less than ten miles away, the Luther Forest Tech Park offers new hope for revitalization for the city. To prepare for the potential new demand for housing and downtown services, the City has been investing in planning for the downtown and the waterfront. A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and the Mechanicville Downtown Revitalization Strategy have recently been completed and implementation of the many vital projects is underway.

This effort is already showing signs of paying off for the City. Private investment in the Esplanade at the old Westvaco paper mill along the Mechanicville waterfront, now in the planning stages, will move towards defining Mechanicville as a distinctive destination.

Essential improvements to the City Dock are underway, and the planned rehabilitation of the Historic Railroad District will celebrate the city's transportation heritage.

PROJECTS AND RESOURCES



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**Estimated Cost
Grant Received**

1	Improvements to the City Dock and Terminal Street (Funded, Underway)	\$468,000 \$234,364 EPF 2008 NYS OPRHP
2	Phase 2 of the Downtown Gateway and Signage Project (Ongoing)	\$11,000 \$5,500 Greenway Communities Grant Program 2009
3	Downtown Streetscape Enhancements and Waterfront Gateway Improvements (Pending)	\$494,150 \$247,075 EPF 2009 NYSDOS
4	Public Boat Launch and Pocket Park (Not Funded)	No Estimate
5	Pocket Parks (3) (Not Funded)	No Estimate
6	Middle School Redevelopment Site (Seeking Private Developer)	No Estimate
7	Historic XO Tower and Railroad Station Rehabilitation and Linear Park (Not Funded)	\$463,300
8	Central Avenue Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation (Not Funded)	\$95,000
9	Anthony Kill Corridor Greenway Trail (Not Funded)	No Estimate
10	Riverfront Trail from City Dock North to Route 67 Plaza (Not Funded)	No Estimate
11	Riverfront Trail from City Dock South to City Border (Not Funded)	No Estimate
12	Park Avenue Plaza Project (Not Funded)	\$144,534
13	New Park at Mabbet and Central Ave. (Not Funded)	No Estimate
14	Pedestrian Bridge Over the Anthony Kill (Not Funded)	No Estimate
15	Waterfront Redevelopment of Westvaco Paper Mill Site (The Esplanade)	\$40,000,000