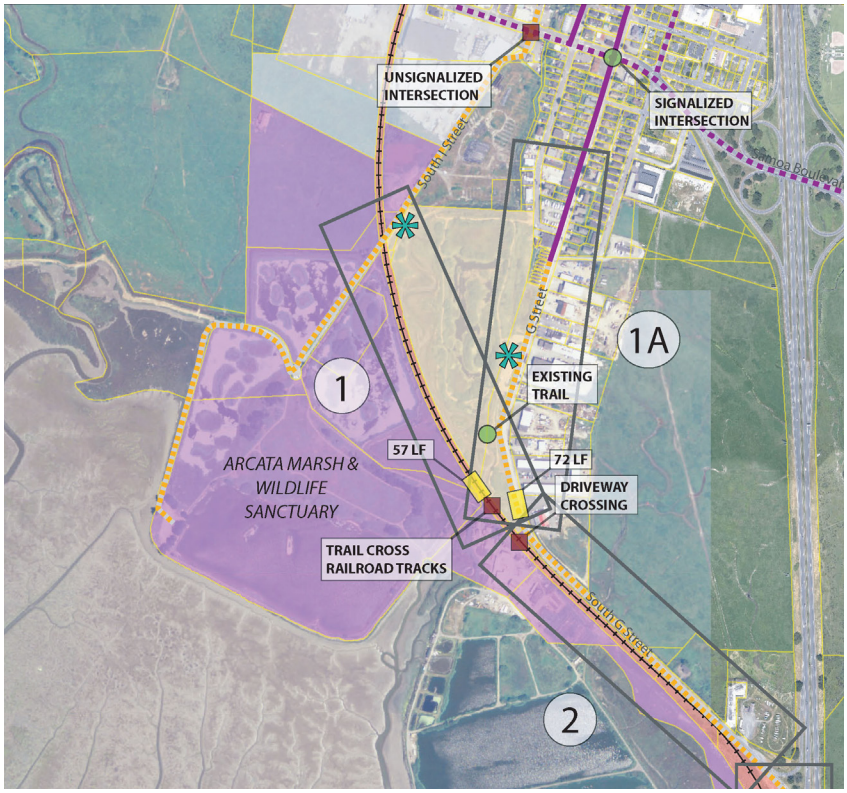
Trail System Master Plans

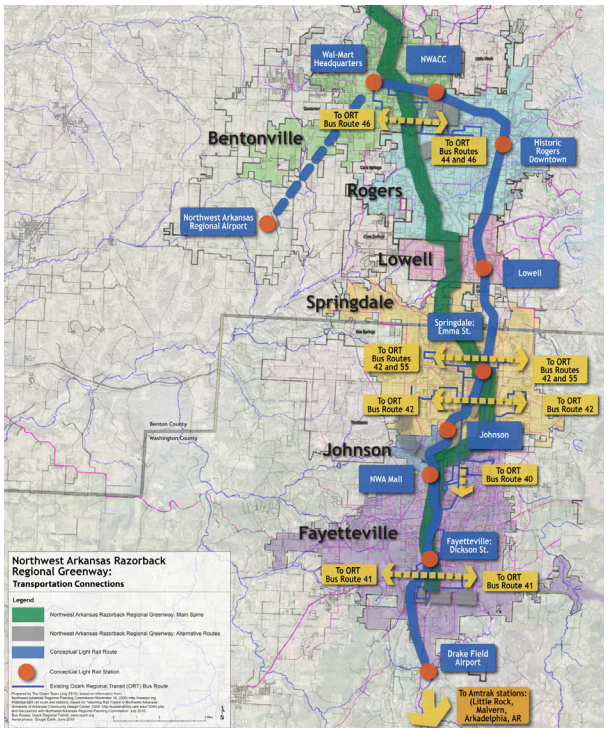
Trails projects often pose unique technical, environmental, and political challenges, requiring creative design solutions.

Trails represent a slice of America's landscape and culture, with the potential to enhance a community's unique characteristics. Alta provides complete trail master planning services, including design, alternatives analysis, environmental documentation, property acquisition strategies, accurate cost estimation, maintenance and management plans, and funding strategies.

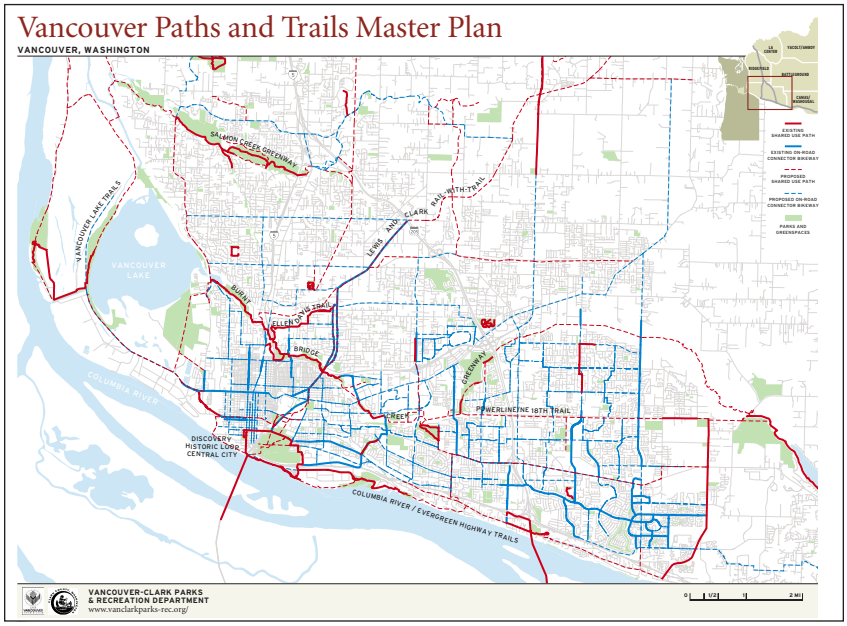
Our experience includes a wide range of environments including greenways, rail corridors, rails-to-trails, street corridors, and multi-use hiking and seasonal-use trails in environmentally sensitive areas, urban core areas, highway corridors and in parks and rural and industrial areas. We strive to enrich the trail user experience through a design identity that responds to the particular needs and opportunities of the project environment.



The Humboldt Bay Trail Feasibility Study evaluated a six and one-half-mile corridor that would link Arcata with Eureka in northern California. The study resolved challenges that include an area of sensitive habitat, as well as an inactive railroad that intends to re-start operations.



Alta's work on the Northwest Arkansas Trail System will create a regional network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, connecting citizens and visitors to heritage, recreational and cultural assets, and a healthier lifestyle.



Alta developed a comprehensive trails master plan for Vancouver, Washington, which proposed improvements and treatments for over 20 individual trail segments, and recommended design guidelines and best practices for development and management of the entire trail system.