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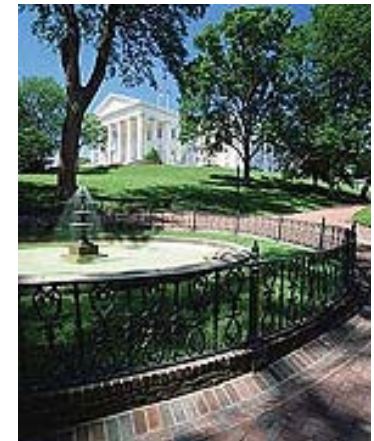
## Virginia Capital Trail

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# Virginia Capital Trail – Project Corridor

From the Canal Walk in the heart of Richmond's modern waterfront, to the Governor's mansion in Colonial Williamsburg, the trail will traverse a unique landscape with unrivaled historic and cultural value.



# Virginia Capital Trail – Project History

- 1957** Completion of Colonial Parkway to Jamestown
- 1975** Route 5 Scenic Byway Designation
- 1997-99** Initial Feasibility Study
- 2004** Establishment of Virginia Capital Trail Foundation
- 2005** Construction of initial phases begins  
East Coast Greenway Corridor Designation
- 2007** Construction of Richmond Riverfront Phase I and  
Charles City Phase I begins
- 2008** Greensprings and Chickahominy Riverfront phases  
open for public

# Virginia Capital Trail – Project Goals

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- **Connect local parks, trails and recreational amenities and historic and cultural sites**
- **Enhance recreation**
- **Promote healthier lifestyles**
- **Provide alternative transportation**
- **Promote tourism**

# Virginia Capital Trail - Progress

- **Trail is being constructed in phases**
  - There are 8 phases
- **Trail is 8 – 10 ft wide separate shared use path**
- **Complex (most expensive) /pressured phases to receive priority**
- **Local, Private, Inter-Agency Partnerships**
- **Use of designated funding sources**
- **Context-Sensitive Design**
- **Use of Existing Right-of-Way where possible**



# Virginia Capital Trail – Greensprings



- 3-mile segment connecting Jamestown Island, Colonial Parkway and Route 5
- Trailhead at Jamestown High School
- 40-Acre Wildlife Preserve Acquisition
- Open to the Public



# Virginia Capital Trail – Chickahominy Riverfront



- 5-mile segment connecting Greensprings with new County Park and Chickahominy bridge
- Open to the public



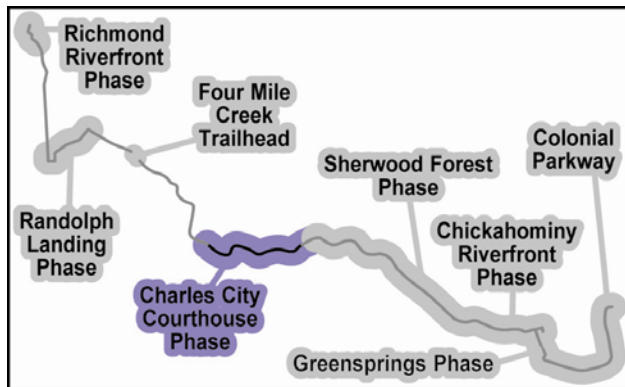


# Virginia Capital Trail – Sherwood Forest



- 13.5-mile phase linking new Chickahominy bridge and Charles City Courthouse
- Design / Public Involvement underway
- Construction complete late 2009/early 2010

# Virginia Capital Trail – Charles City Courthouse



- 8-mile phase linking new historic visitors center with VCU Rice Center
- Historic Clerk's Office renovated for Visitors Center with restroom facilities
- Construction began early 2008



# Virginia Capital Trail – New Market Heights



- +/- 12-mile phase linking VCU Rice Center and new J. Sergeant Reynolds Campus at Route 5/I-295 intersection
- Design planned to begin in late 2008



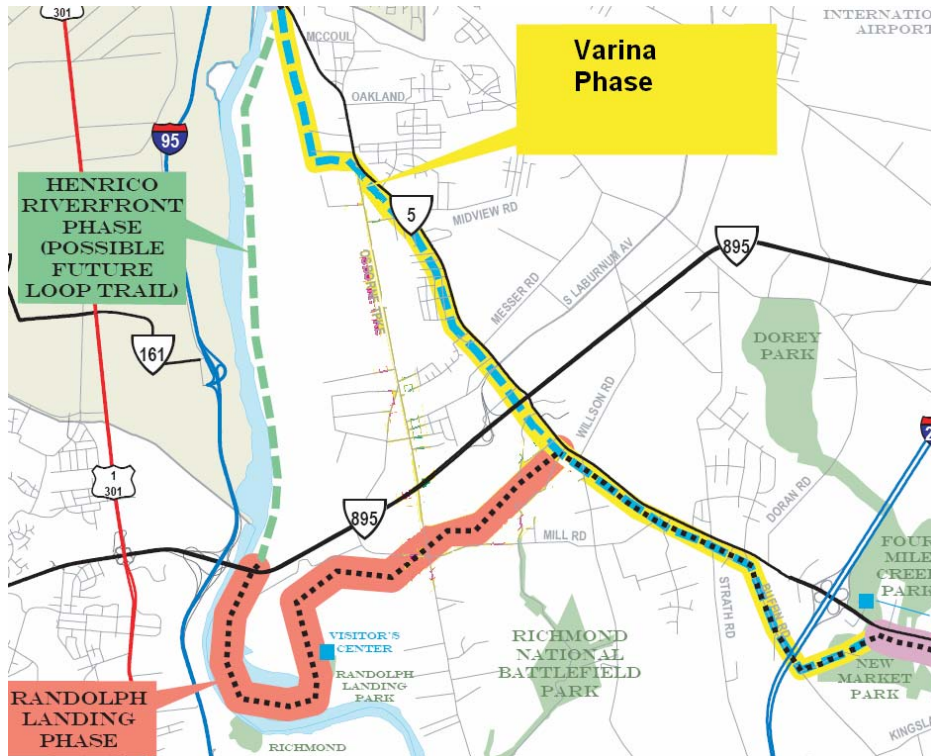
# Virginia Capital Trail – Randolph Landing



- **6.7-mile phase connecting Route 5 corridor with new County Park along river at Wilton development**
- **Enhanced public access to riverfront**
- **100% private cost**
- **Planned opening in 2009/2010**
- **Possible future connection to trail loop along river and proposed riverside parkway**

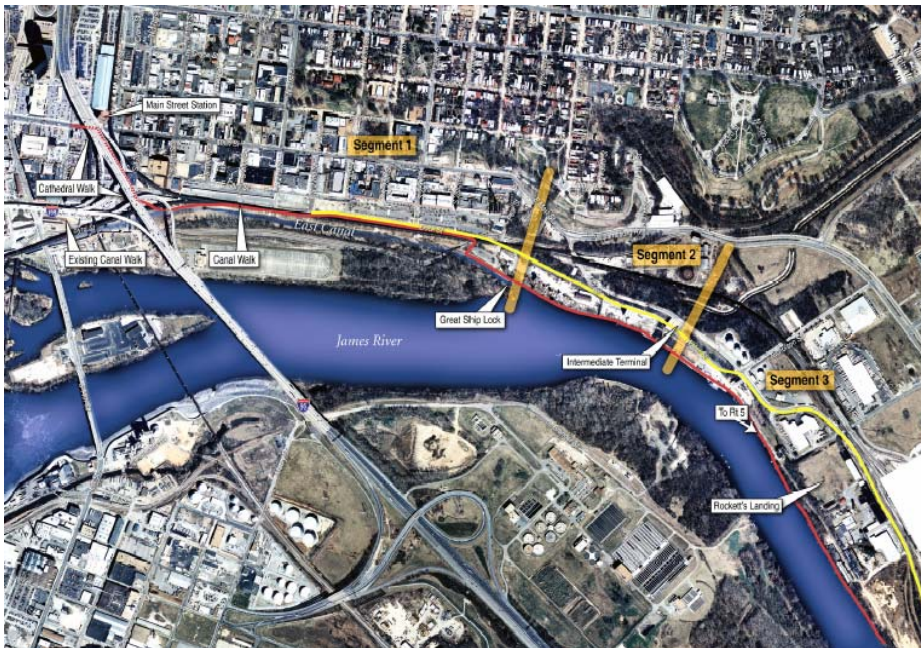


# Virginia Capital Trail - Varina



- 7 mile long phase linking new developments with new J. Sergeant Reynolds campus and downtown Richmond
- Design worked schedule to begin early 2008

# Virginia Capital Trail – Richmond Riverfront



- Partnership with Richmond, developers, non-profits and others
- Being constructed in segments as development progresses
- Connects new developments with downtown Richmond and the Canal Walk
- Serves as a natural extension of the Canal Walk

# Virginia Capital Trail

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**Trail will be an amenity for the region and the Commonwealth**

**Administration is committed to having the entire trail either complete or under development by the 2010**

**Board will consider action item to designate the Virginia Capital Trail corridor at its March meeting**

- Recognize alignment and importance of Trail**
- Ensure that all projects along corridor consider Trail**



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