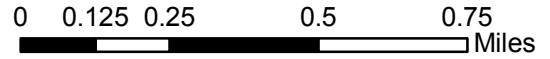


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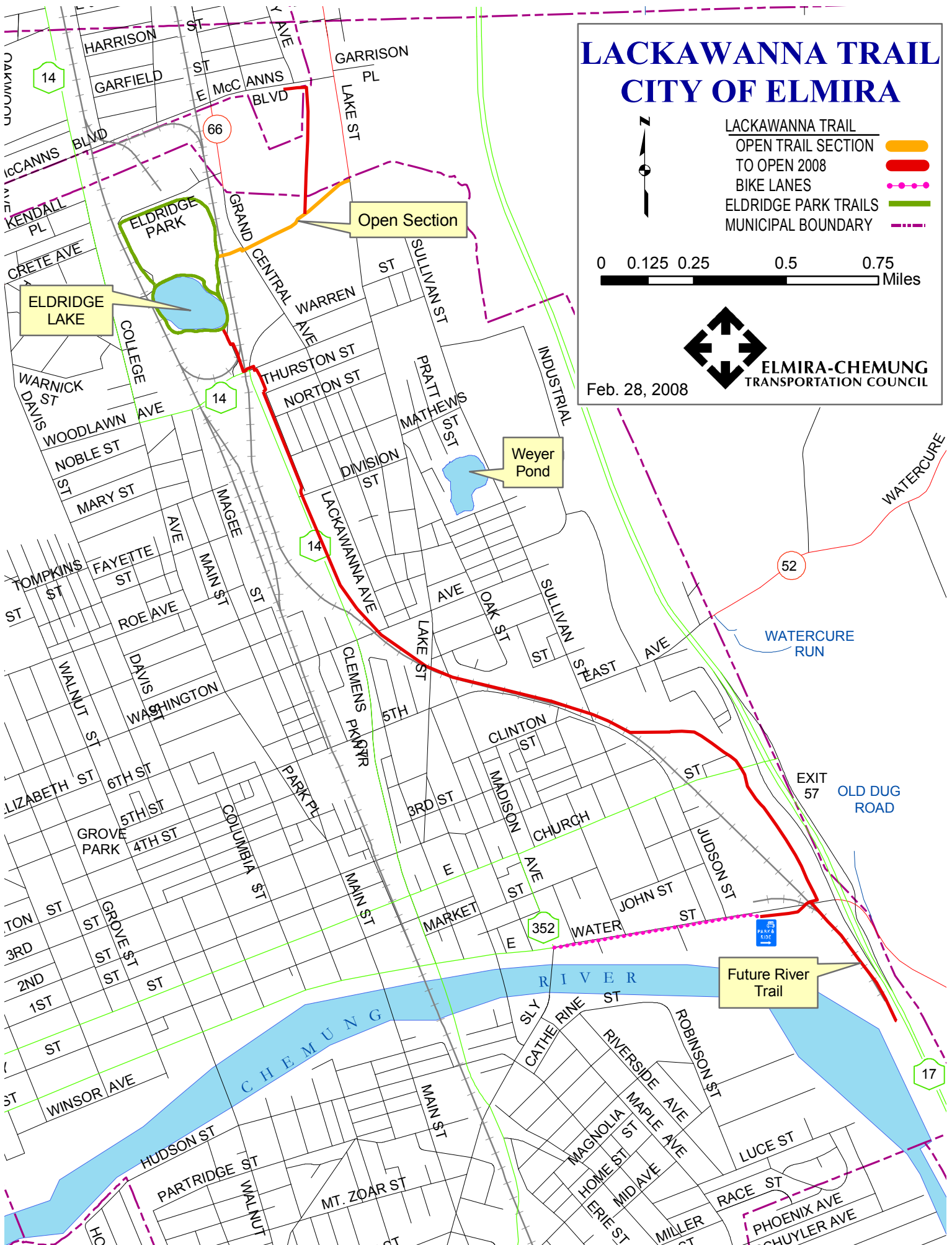


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Lackawanna Trail



The City of Elmira is constructing a new multi-use trail along the recently purchased Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western (Lackawanna) railroad corridor on the east side of Elmira. The trail will extend from the Chemung River north to Eldridge Park and east to Lake Street. The section of Trail between Eldridge Park and Lake Street has already been constructed and there is already a trail system around Eldridge Lake. The rest of the trail will be under construction this year with completion by 2008.

The Trail will convert an abandoned railroad corridor in the City of Elmira to bicycle and pedestrian use. An alternate transportation corridor free from the hazards of motorized vehicles will be created, stretching 3.5-miles through the northeast side of Elmira.

The trail will be an all-season facility, able to accommodate bicycles, pedestrians, cross-country skiers, and snowshoe participants. The trail will be paved with a 10' wide asphalt surface. It will be largely barrier free and will accommodate those with disabilities. Connections will be made between three parks in the City of Elmira and one park-and-ride lot at the south end of the project. An on-road connection will be established from the south trailhead east on Water Street, connecting with State Bike Route 17 at Madison Avenue.

The connection to the "Park & Ride" lot at E. Water St. will provide trail users with multi-modal transportation opportunities, allowing users to ride their bikes to the trailhead to connect to transit. Motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian modes of travel can be combined at the trailhead.

The City of Elmira is working with the Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council (ECTC), the local Metropolitan Planning Organization that oversees transportation planning for the area, to create a regional bicycle and pedestrian network. The Lackawanna Trail is a key link in this network and is a facility that will require community support if it is to become the important community asset it is envisioned to be. One possible way to get the community involved in the project would be the formation of a Trail Steward Program. Trail Stewards would offer information about the trail and the area, provide assistance and report trail problems.

If you want further information about the Lackawanna Trail or are interested in becoming involved in the project you can call:

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