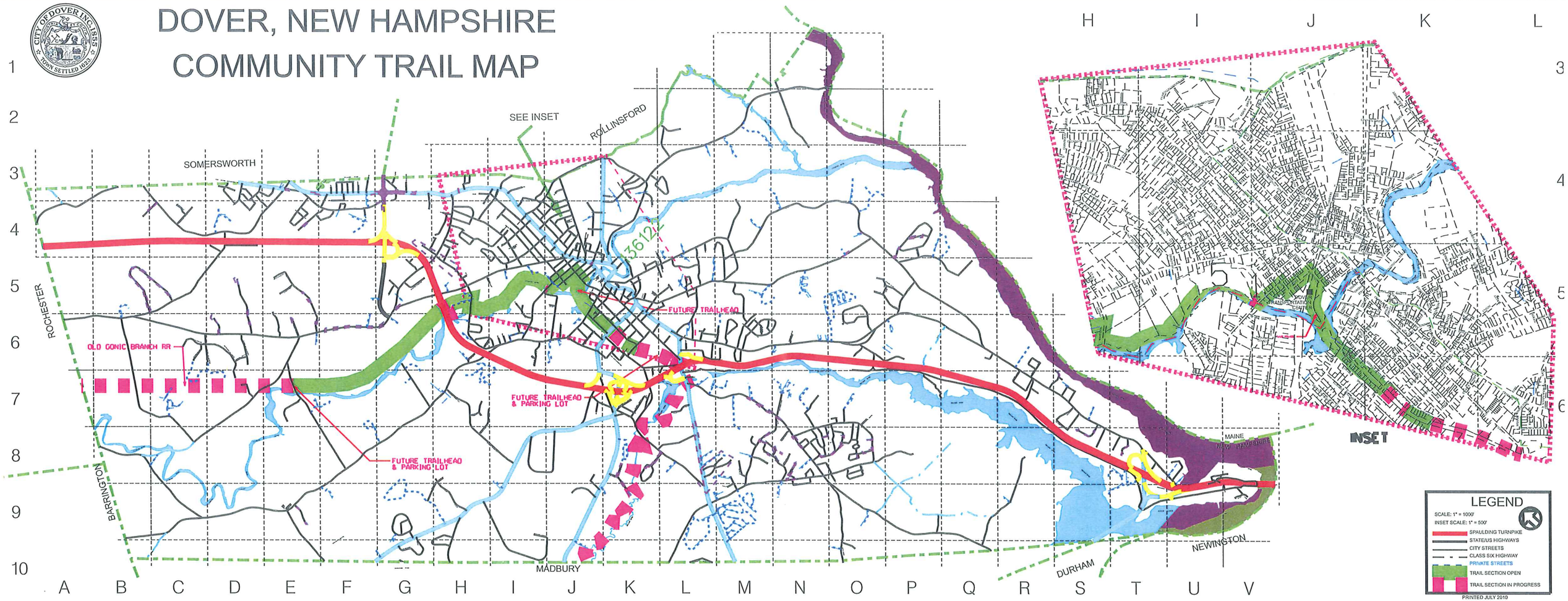
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COMMUNITY TRAIL MAP



Dover At A Glance

Dover is the oldest continuous settlement in New Hampshire and the seventh oldest in the United States. The permanent settlement occurred in what is now the Dover Neck area.

For a few years Dover was an independent colony named Northam. In 1692 Northam became part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The original township of Dover included the present towns of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Somersworth, Rollinsford, and parts of Newmarket, Newington, and Greenland.

Dover has always used the Cochecho and Bellamy Rivers to its economic advantage. The first use of the water power of the Cochecho River was in 1642, when a sawmill was built. In the 1700s Dover had an extensive shipbuilding industry. By 1830, the city had become a leading manufacturer of cotton goods in the country, using the river to power several mills. Later in the nineteenth century, a brick industry flourished and shoe manufacturing developed in the 1900's.

Dover Has...

29,402 People
28.87 square miles of land
50 miles of river frontage
An average elevation of 80'
6 Wards
Over 900 fire hydrants
Over 130 miles of streets
Over 70 acres of parkland
Three elementary schools, one middle school, one high s

Services: Full emergency services (police, fire and ambulance); city water and sewer; public and private solid waste disposal; a recycling program; electricity and natural gas through utilities.