



# TONTITOWN WALK/BIKE ACTION PLAN

## OVERVIEW

Tontitown is a rural/suburban community that has a population of 2,548 and covers 18.1 square miles in Washington County near the urban corridor. Tontitown, founded by a group of Italian immigrants in the late 19th century, contains a unique cluster of vineyards with a grape festival held every year in the town center. Key opportunities include thoroughly connecting the downtown center of Tontitown, Sbanotto Park, residential areas, Har-Ber Avenue, scenic rural routes (and vineyards), and surrounding communities. Providing safe crossings of US 412 is a key challenge for Tontitown.

### Regional Destinations

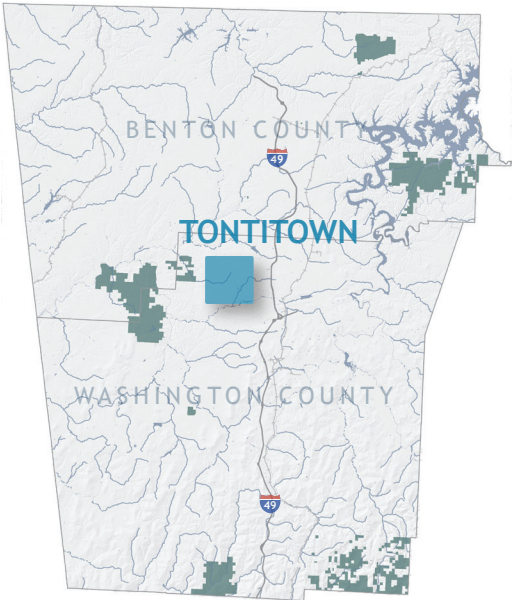
- » Downtown center

### Other Key Destinations

- » Residential areas
- » Sbanotto Park
- » Potential future park site
- » Har-Ber Avenue (toward Springdale Har-Ber High School)



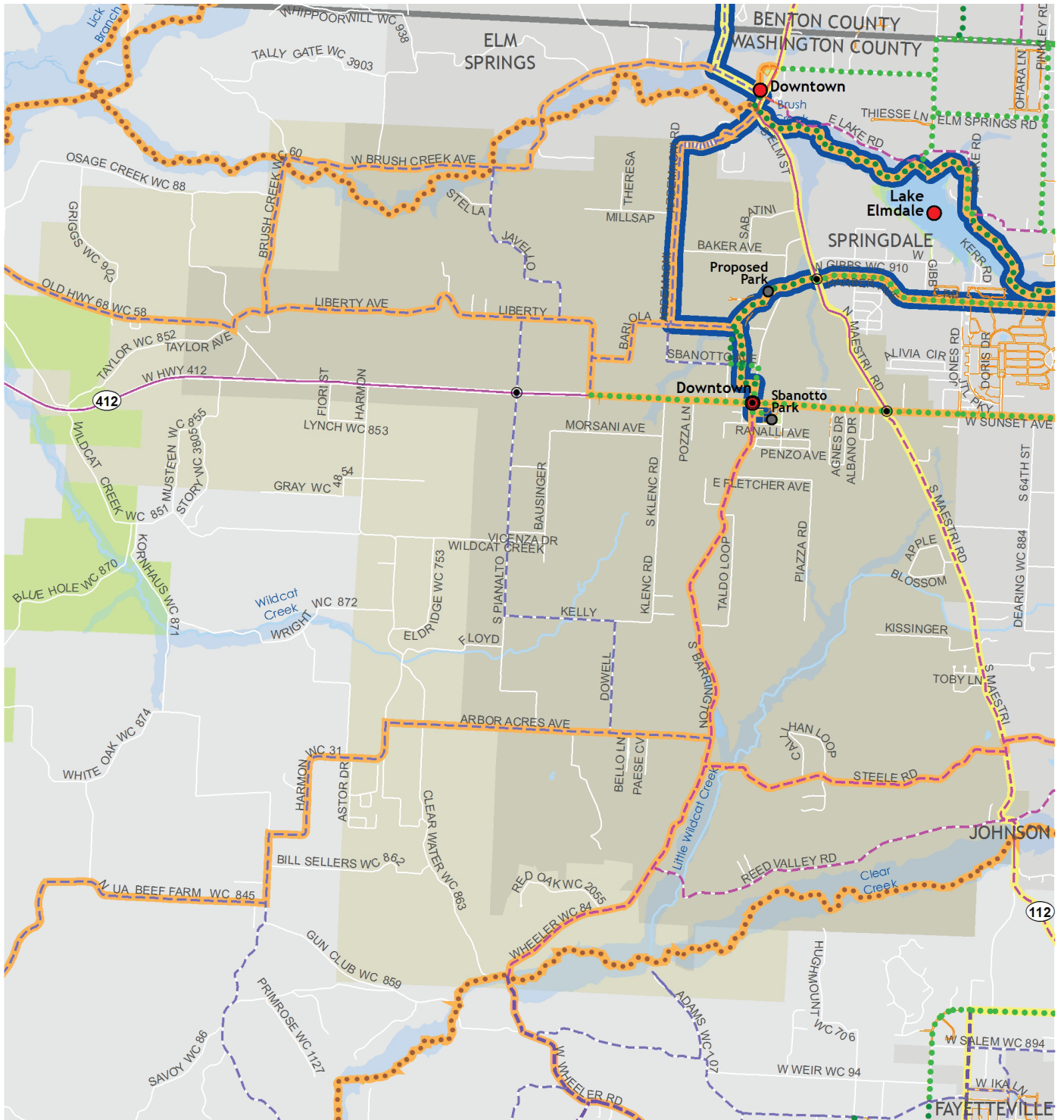
### REGIONAL LOCATION MAP



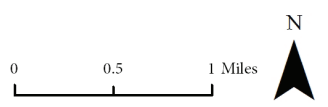
*Clockwise from upper left: Park/Trail opportunities through Belmont Way; Sbanotto Park; Scenic and low traffic volume corridors (Dowell Road)*



# MAP 6.24 TONTITOWN COMMUNITY PLAN



Regional Network	<b>Shared Use Facilities</b>	Proposed Separated Bikeway	<b>Pedestrian Facilities</b>	City Limits
Heritage Trail	Proposed Shared Use Paved Trail	Proposed Shoulder Improvement	Sidewalk	Planning Area
Catalyst Project	Proposed Sidepath	Existing Shoulder	Proposed Sidewalk	Floodplain
Regional Destination	Proposed Natural Surface Trail	Proposed Shared Roadway		Waterbodies
Local Destination	Crossing Improvement	Proposed Gravel Grinding (Shared Roadway)		





## Key Needs & Recommendations for Tontitown

Topic	Key Needs & Notes
<i>Regional Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide links through the downtown area. Connect to surrounding communities and identify opportunities to connect to Lake Wedington.</li> </ul>
<i>Other Key Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provide links to Sbanotto Park</li> <li>» Improve neighborhood connectivity.</li> <li>» Improve Har-Ber Avenue connectivity.</li> <li>» Provide safe crossings of US 412.</li> </ul>
Facility Recommendation	Recommendation Detail
<i>Sidewalks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Residential Areas: Continue developing sidewalks with new residential development.</li> </ul>
<i>Intersections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» AR 412 Crossings: Crossing improvements needed along AR 412 at the Barrington Road and AR 112 intersections. Other intersection improvements may be needed as the network develops.</li> </ul>
<i>On-Street Bike Facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Shoulder Improvements: Add paved shoulder along AR 112 and Barrington Road to provide a safer space for cyclists and cars.</li> <li>» Shared Roadways: Liberty Avenue, Ardemagni Road, Sbanotto Avenue, Javello Road, Brush Creek Road, Pianalto Road, Steele Road, and Reed Valley Road provide lower traffic links in and through Tontitown.</li> </ul>
<i>Shared Use Facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Shared Use Paved Trail – Town center to Har-Ber Avenue: Develop shared use paved trail connecting the town center of Tontitown to Har-Ber Avenue (linking toward Har-Ber Avenue Springdale High School).</li> <li>» Sidepath – US 412: Develop sidepath along US 412 linking the town center with business clusters and residential areas toward Springdale.</li> </ul>
Other Topics	Notes
<i>Multi-Modal Connections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Tontitown is not directly connected by public transit. Ozark Regional Transit serves the urban NWA corridor.</li> </ul>
<i>Heritage Trail</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» The NWA Heritage Trail connects north/south through Tontitown along AR 112 toward Elm Springs and Johnson/Fayetteville.</li> </ul>

### Program & Policy Recommendations

The table below presents a summary of recommendations organized by category which identifies the recommended program, time-frame for implementation, and lead entity. The table identifies Bronze (short-term), Silver (mid-term) and Gold (long-term) actions that can help achieve recognition as a Walk and Bicycle Friendly Community.

For many of these actions, there is an opportunity for the communities of the region to share resources, with individual communities participating in regional programs, attending trainings or meetings convened at the regional scale, or implementing regionally developed programs at the local level. Recommendations specific to the Six E's (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation (with Equity considered broadly through all)) are found below. Economy is included as an additional category to help demonstrate the benefits of implementing all of the E's. Refer to Appendix D for detailed guidance on implementing each item, including a description of recommended actions, regional and local roles, as well as sample programs.

Program	Term	Lead Entity
<b>Engineering</b>		
Non-Motorized Transportation Training for Engineers and Planners	Short	NWARPC, City of Tontitown
Bike/Pedestrian Facility Inclusion in Engineering Documents, Plans, and Drawings	Short	NWARPC, City of Tontitown
Complete Streets Policy	Medium	City of Tontitown
Bicycle Parking	Medium	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Tontitown
Enhanced Funding for Bike and Pedestrian Projects	Medium	NWARPC, City of Tontitown
<b>Education</b>		
Network with existing capacity in NWA	Medium	City of Tontitown, City of Fayetteville, City of Bentonville, City of Rogers, City of Springdale, Bike Bentonville, BCO, IMBA
<b>Encouragement</b>		
Walking and Biking Promotion Activities	Short	City of Tontitown
Equity Oriented Programs	Short	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Tontitown
Bike and Walk Month	Medium	City of Tontitown
Group Rides and Walks	Medium	City of Tontitown
<b>Enforcement</b>		
Targeted Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement	Short	City of Tontitown Law Enforcement
Trainings for Law Enforcement Officers	Short	NWARPC, City of Tontitown Law Enforcement
Bike and Foot Patrol Units	Medium	City of Tontitown Law Enforcement
Annual Meeting with Police, Planners and Engineers to Evaluate Collision Trends, Infrastructure Needs and Areas for Targeted Enforcement	Medium	NWARPC, City of Tontitown
<b>Evaluation</b>		
Active Transportation Committee	Short	NWARPC, City of Tontitown
Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Count Program	Short	City of Tontitown
Walking, Bicycling and Trails Report Card	Medium	City of Tontitown
<b>Economy</b>		
Bicycle and Walking Tourism Strategy	Medium	Northwest Arkansas Council, City of Tontitown