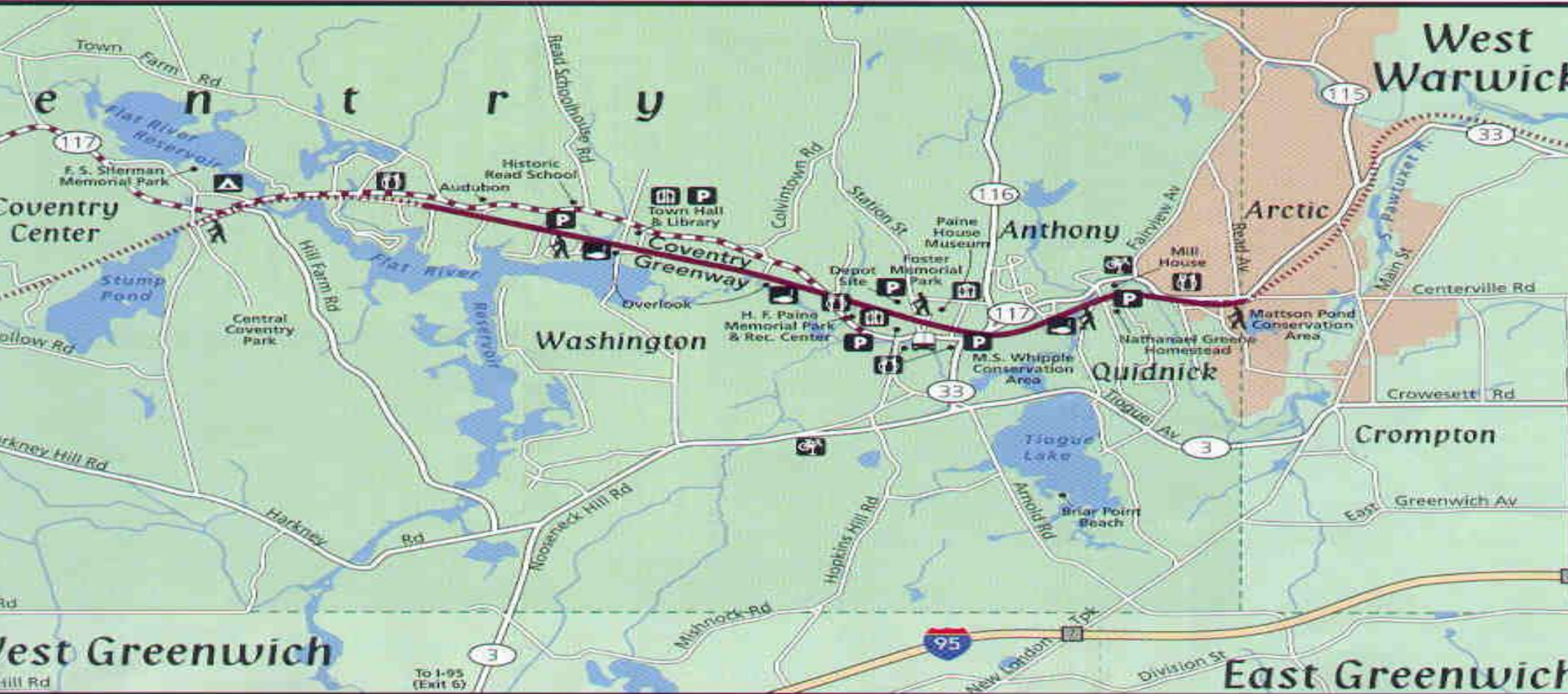


The Coventry Greenway



If you venture on the Coventry Greenway, you might find yourself hiking through the historic Anthony Village Mill, cycling over the Pawtuxet River with its panoramic view of the river banks. You may stop and fish along the Moosup River, Carbuncle pond, Stump or Johnson's Pond in Western Coventry. Our rail trail provides many opportunities for the public to engage in recreational activities along the 9.2 miles of fully constructed bike, walk, and horseback riding path on the Coventry Greenway. The trail provides linkage to parks, schools, government centers, historic mill sites, and commercial areas. The fifteen mile stretch of abandoned rail corridor, now under ownership of the Town of Coventry and D.E.M., extends from West Warwick to the Connecticut state border.

Approximately six miles of rail property slated to be constructed by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation in the year 2017, lies west of Summit Street, the current end of the line for the Greenway trail.

History of the Greenway

The Washington Secondary Line was built in the 1840's by the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad. It serviced Providence, Cranston, Warwick, West Warwick, and Coventry to Connecticut and New York. First operated as part of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad, the line eventually became a part of the New Haven Railroad System called the "Willimantic Branch." Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (P&W) obtained ownership in 1982 from Conrail. Over the years, P&W sold off the five mile section to eastern Coventry to the Town of Coventry. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has since taken ownership of the western Coventry section from the Narragansett Electric Co., known as Trestle Trail.