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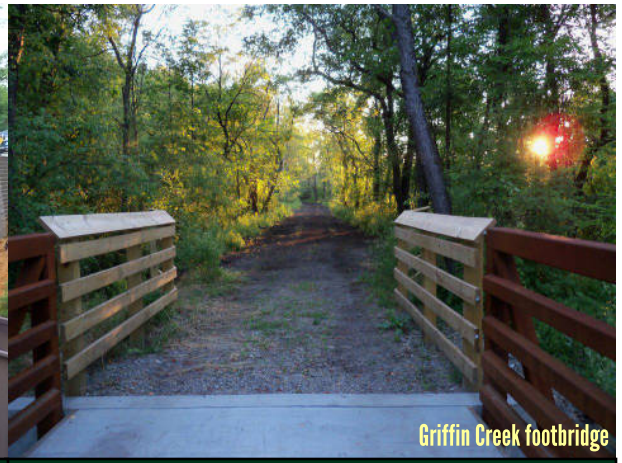
WELCOME TO THE GREENWAY



Prospect Street footbridge



Griffin Creek footbridge

Welcome to Cuba, New York's portion of the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park!

This former canal path and railway has been restored and repurposed into a comfortable and serene 1.5 mile path for our community and visitors to enjoy.

Walk, run, ski or ride the Greenway in Cuba and take in some of the sights of the village while you're out and about. The Greenway can help you access several landmarks, including the recently constructed Prospect Street footbridge, which spans the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad line.

From there, the footbridge can link trail users to the Genesee Valley Canal Railroad Freight Station at Empire City Farms, which each hold a unique history in the region.

There's a restored kiosk and footbridge spanning Griffin Creek at the Bull Street trail head (Mile 89). You'll find plenty of parking there, and parking is also available at the end of the trail (Mile 90) on West Cuba Road.

The Cuba Friends of Architecture would like to thank the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway; the Village of Cuba; the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and all of our friends and volunteers involved with the restoration of Cuba's portion of the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park. This publication is supported by a grant from Parks & Trails New York, funded by the Healthy Heart Program of the New York State Department of Health.

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Cuba's portion of the GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY STATE PARK

Developed through the Cuba Friends of Architecture, the Village of Cuba and the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway in conjunction with the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



Mile 89 trailhead kiosk

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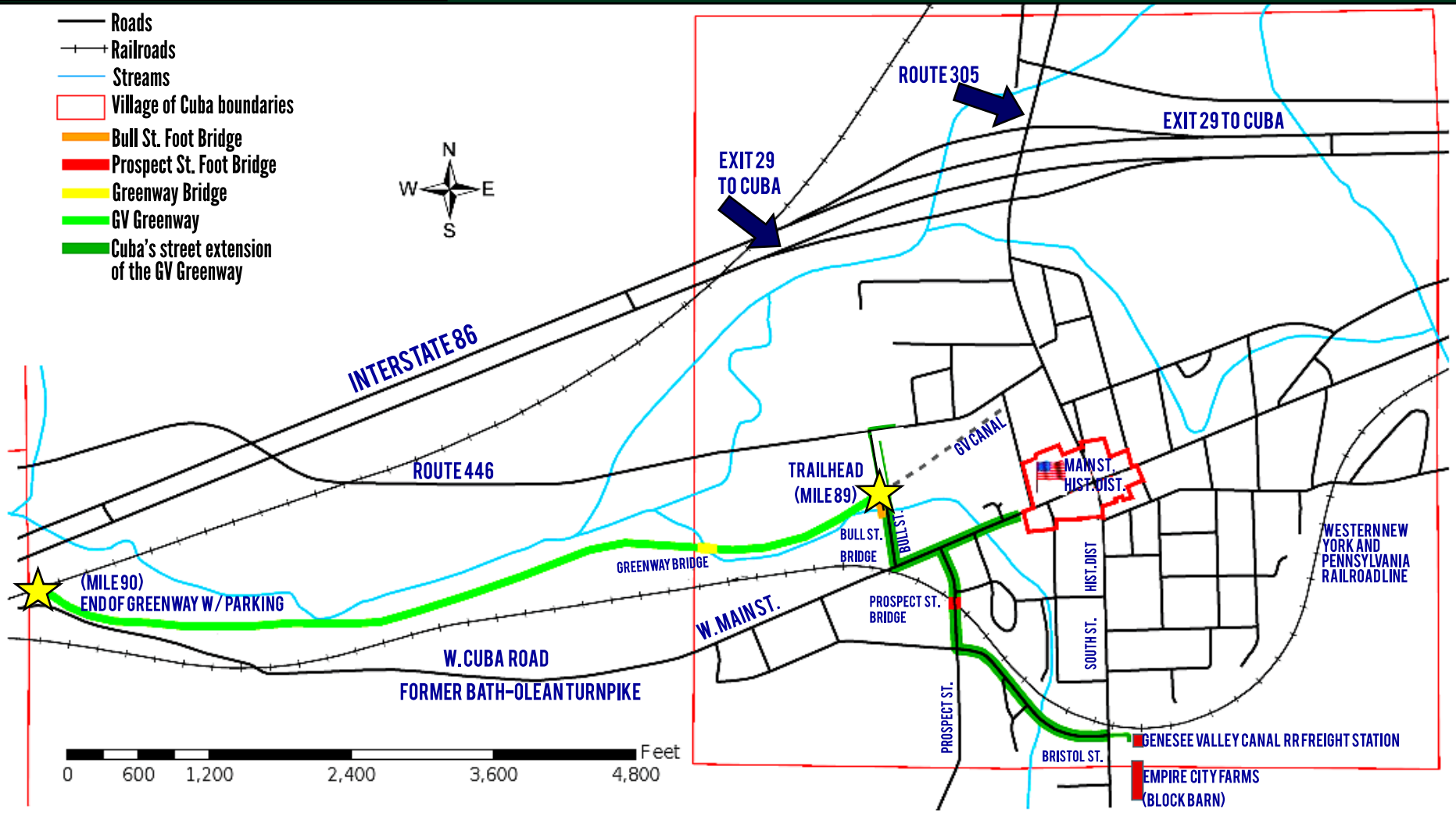
QR CODE FOR GPS DIRECTIONS TO MILE 89 TRAILHEAD

Note: This code takes you to the address immediately south of the trailhead



HISTORY

The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park runs from Rochester to Cuba along the towpath of what once was the Genesee Valley Canal. The canal was abandoned by the state in 1878, and purchased by the Genesee Valley Canal Railroad two years later. Eventually, the Pennsylvania Railroad would take ownership of the line. It became a busy 98 mile track and the main mode of transport between Rochester and Olean. In the early 1900s, six passenger trains and six to eight freight trains ran daily between these cities. With transportation and freight transitioning to America's roadways, the railroad company abandoned the lines in the 1960s. Recently, a movement to restore the former rail line into usable public space has taken shape through the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway (FOGVG); the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The Greenway became the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park in 2011.