

Readington Township announces the preservation of a key open space parcel along the Rockaway Creek in Whitehouse Village. The current greenway totals 97.2 acres in two separate parcels and will now be connected and expanded by 6 acres to a total of 103.2 acres. This will allow further protection of the Rockaway Creek and for future trail extensions within the greenway just north of old Highway 28.

Shaded Green parcel is the additional open space



View of the 1st Lt. Dale Haver Whitehouse Greenway, north of old Highway 28 in Whitehouse

Currently there are two information kiosks which provide trail access to the greenway.

- The parking lot of East Whitehouse Park, 95 Old Highway, behind the fire house, which is the trailhead for the yellow trail.
- Curbside at 61 Old Highway, about four houses west of the Methodist Church, the trailhead for the white trail.

Funding for this project was provided by Readington's Open Space Trust Fund.



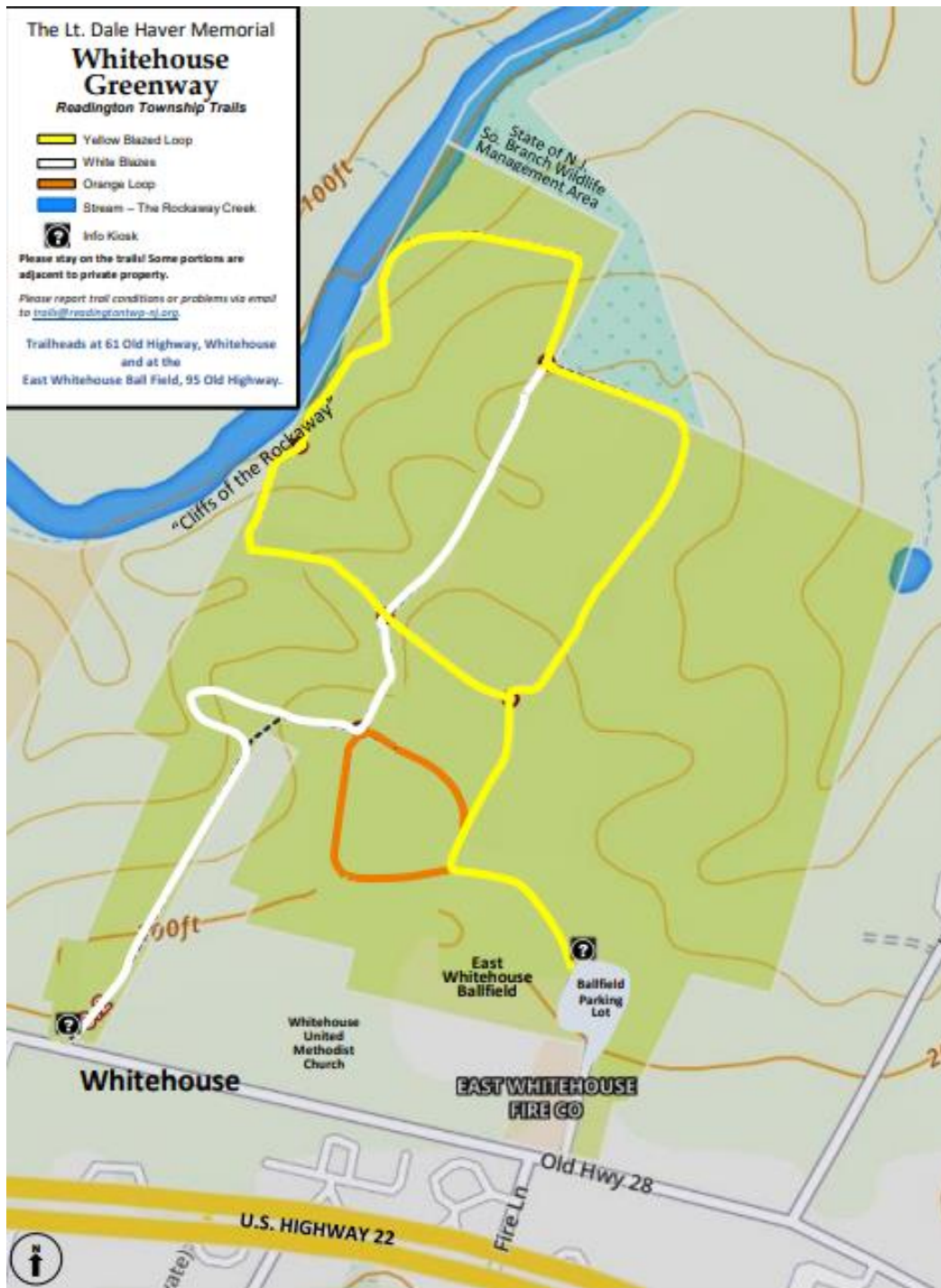
In 2022, the Township officially renamed this preserve to honor First Lieutenant Dale Haver, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot from Readington Township who heroically lost his life serving in the Viet Nam conflict. First Lieutenant Dale Haver was killed in April 1969 trying to rescue a comrade in the wreckage of their downed aircraft. He is the recipient of two Air Medals, a Bronze Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Born 02/20/1943 in Whitehouse and growing up on Old Highway 28, at the edge of what is now preserved open space, Dale and his friends spent many hours as a youth in these woods and along the banks of the Rockaway Creek.



A view of the Rockaway Creek, Whitehouse Village



View from Trail along bluff along Rockaway Creek



Trail map showing Trails and two trailheads / Access Points

Juergen Huelsebusch, Chair - Open Space Advisory Board