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The asphalt trail currently extends over a mile-and-a-half, and it is envisioned to be double that length when complete. Walking, bike riding and other non-motorized uses are welcome on the trail.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Monroe

Length: 1.7miles

Trail end points: Quarry Road to Cherry Street
& Legion Street

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access



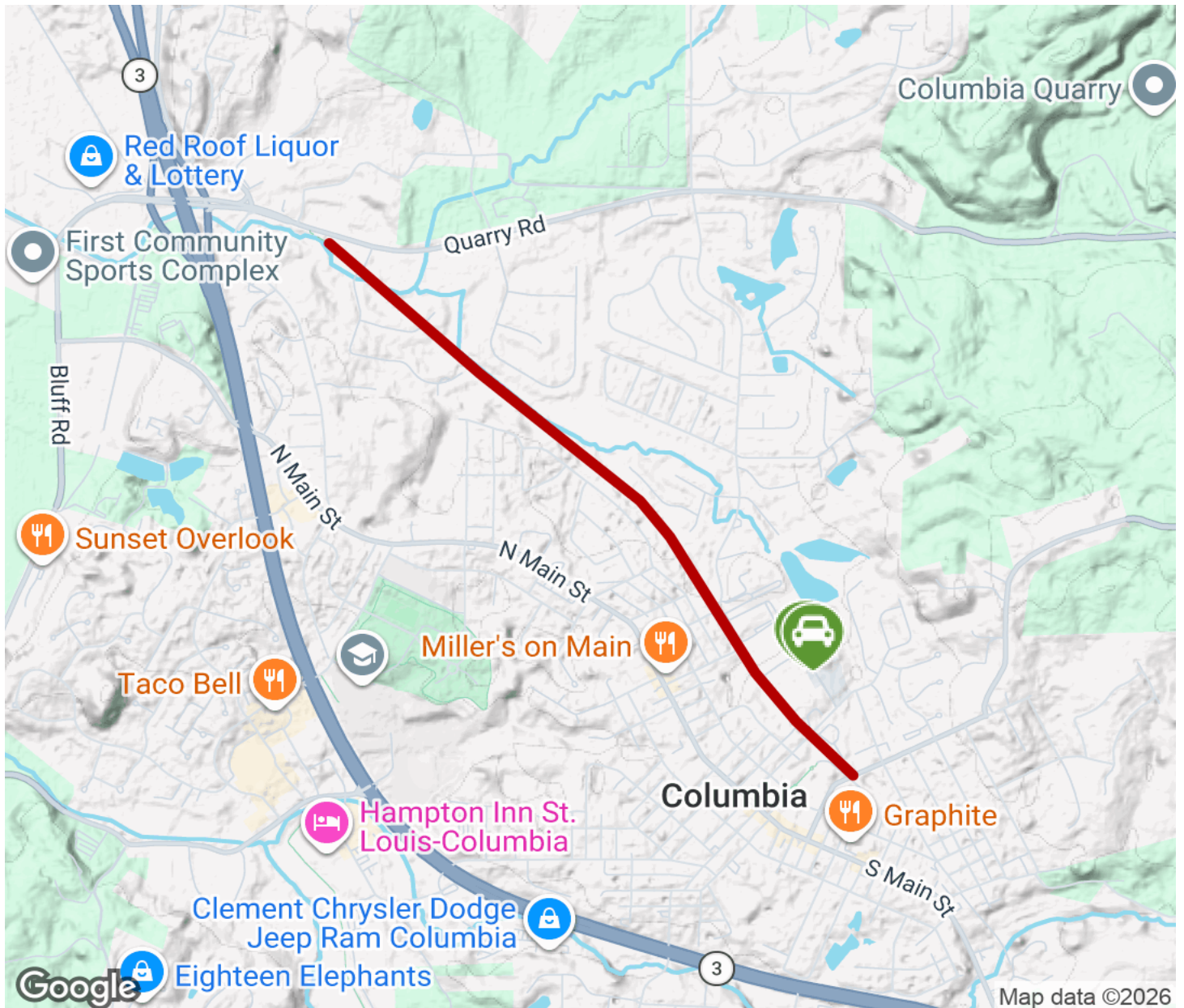
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Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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