

# NOONDAY CREEK TRAIL

The Noonday Creek Trail project is proposed as an extension of the existing Noonday Creek Trail. The proposed trail follows Noonday Creek from the Bells Ferry Road trailhead to the northern end of Noonday Creek Park. The majority of the trail corridor extends across Cobb County-owned land; however, right-of-way will be required at some privately owned properties. The Noonday Creek Trail is a complex alignment and will require crossing beneath three existing roadways and the installation of boardwalk, depending on the extent

of hydric soils along Noonday Creek. While a sewer easement presents some opportunity for a shared public facility, much of the corridor is in floodplain or floodway, which may impact permits required to construct the trail. This nearly four-mile trail extension would provide additional recreation and active transportation opportunities to a number of single-family neighborhoods in Cobb County, connecting them to Noonday Creek Park, improving access to area schools and Kennesaw State University, and facilitating future connections to the City of Woodstock.

CONTEXT MAP



## PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	✓
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	✓

## LENGTH

- 3.67 MILES

## OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	0.04	1.1%
Public Land	2.55	69%
Private Land	1.09	30%

## EST. CONSTRUCTION COST

- \$11.1 - \$12.2 M
- Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

## KEY DESTINATIONS

- KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
- NOONDAY CREEK PARK
- CITY OF WOODSTOCK

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- CITY OF WOODSTOCK
- KSU
- COBB PARKS
- COBB WATER SYSTEM



The design of the trail should be integrated sensitively in the context of wetland and floodplains along Noonday Creek to provide sustainable access to the creek.

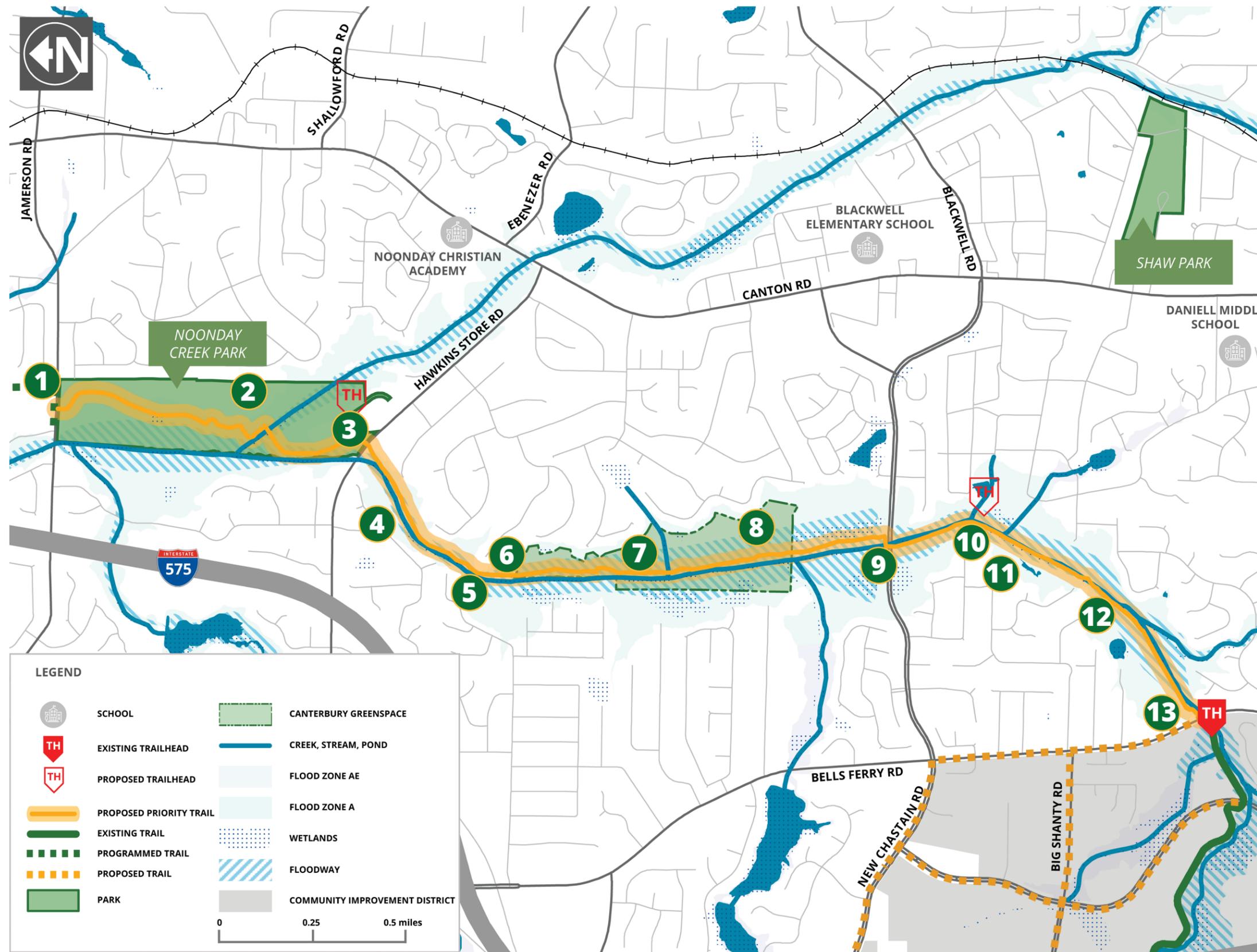


CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS ALONG NOONDAY CREEK



WETLANDS ALONG NOONDAY CREEK

# NOONDAY CREEK TRAIL



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

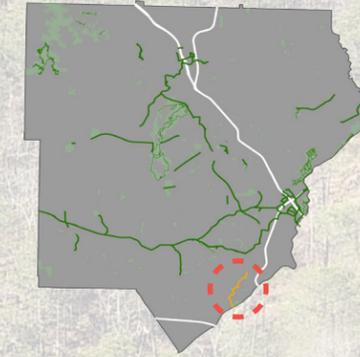
- 1** Work with Cherokee County to align trail with the Noonday Creek Trail Connector, proposed to cross Shallowford Rd at-grade west of Noonday Park Access Rd.
- 2** Existing parking at Noonday Creek Park can be shared with trail users. Work with Cobb PARKS department to provide directional signage within Noonday Creek Park to direct trail users.
- 3** The Hawkins Store Rd roadway bridge provides ample vertical clearance for a trail underpass. This connection will improve access to Noonday Creek Park for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 4** Existing sewer easement provides a potential opportunity for an alternative alignment along the west side of Noonday Creek.
- 5** Work with property owners to control private property access and route trail if a western alignment is pursued.
- 6** Stormwater culverts are necessary in several locations to convey drainage. Additional study is recommended.
- 7** Hydric soils and wetland data indicate this area may constrain trail development. Boardwalk may be required; additional study is recommended. The sewer easement on the west side of the creek could be used as an alternative alignment.
- 8** Coordinate with Cobb PARKS Dept. to develop/integrate Noonday Creek Trail with existing county trails behind Canterbury neighborhood.
- 9** The roadway bridge at New Chastain Rd does not provide sufficient vertical clearance for an underpass. A signalized at-grade crossing is recommended.
- 10** Potential for bicycle and pedestrian access or minor trailhead.
- 11** Small bridge or stormwater culvert will be required to cross this tributary.
- 12** Work with property owners to enhance privacy where homes are in close proximity to the trail corridor.
- 13** The Bells Ferry Rd. roadway bridge provides vertical clearance for an underpass allowing direct connections to the existing Noonday Creek Trail and trailhead.

# NICKAJACK CREEK GREENWAY

The Nickajack Creek Greenway project is proposed as a three-mile shared-use path that will connect Discovery Boulevard near the creek's confluence with the Chattahoochee River to Buckner Road near Nickajack Park. Connections may be provided to Lindley 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy and Whitefield Academy if desired. The trail traverses several large County-owned tracts of land, which will aid the acquisition process. The Nickajack Creek Greenway is a complex alignment that would cross

five existing roadways. Much of the corridor is in floodplain or floodway, which may impact permits required to construct the trail. However, the greenway would serve as a vegetative buffer to minimize pollutants entering Nickajack Creek and would directly connect two existing parks, and multiple proposed trails, including the proposed Silver Comet Connector Trail and the proposed Chattahoochee River Trail. The project would also showcase historic features and natural resources, including multiple County-owned green spaces, earthworks, historic markers, and other sites.

## CONTEXT MAP



The trail's setting will provide an opportunity to connect with Cobb County's vast natural areas.



LOCATION FOR BRIDGE OVER NICKAJACK CREEK



EASEMENT NEAR NICKAJACK CREEK

## FINAL DRAFT

### PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	✓

### LENGTH

- 3.05 MILES

### OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	0.06	2%
Public Land	2.10	69%
Private Land	0.89	29%

### ESTIMATED COST

- \$12.3 - \$13.6 M

*Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

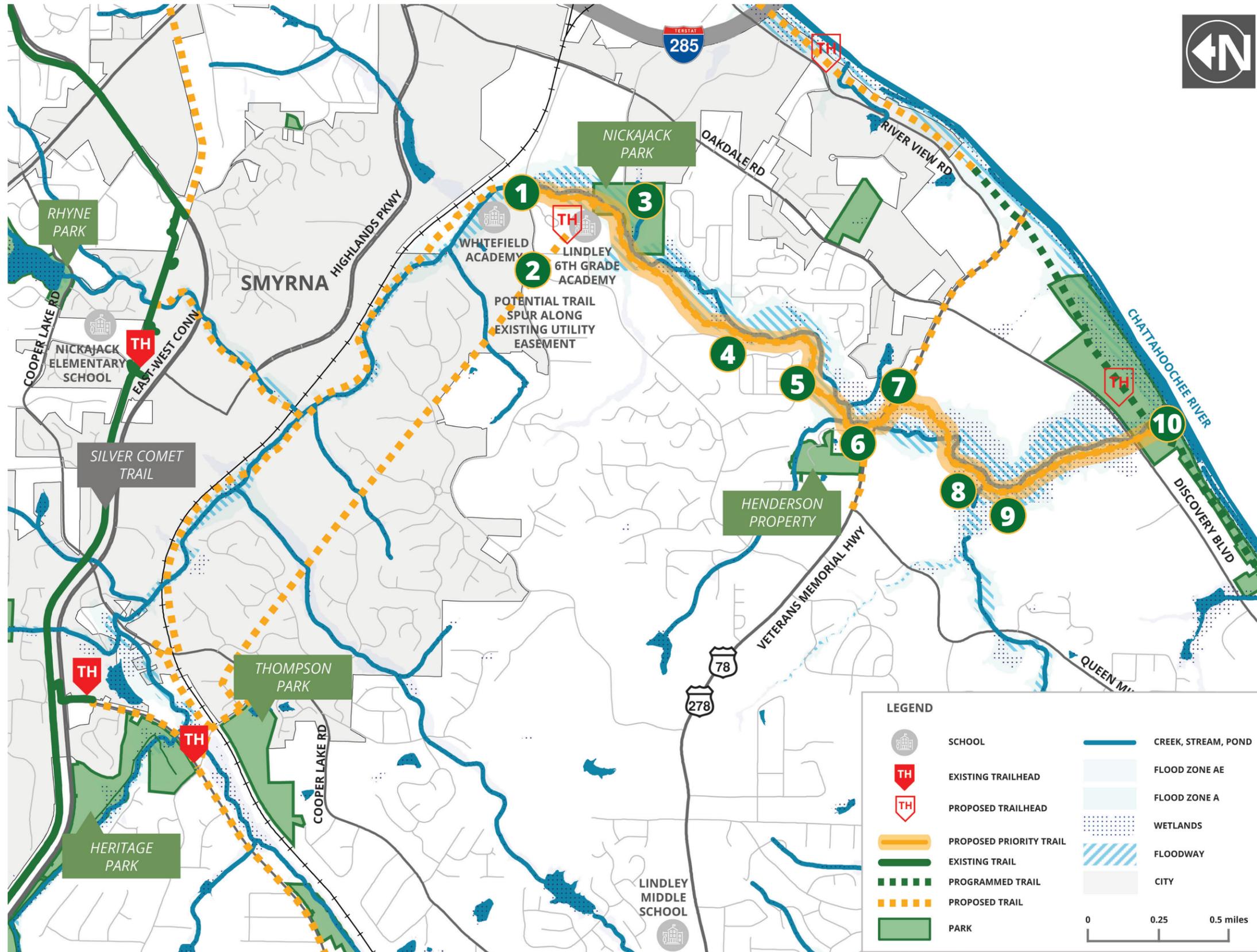
### KEY DESTINATIONS

- WHITEFIELD ACADEMY
- SILVER COMET CONNECTOR TRAIL (PROPOSED)
- LINDLEY 6TH GRADE ACADEMY
- NICKAJACK PARK
- CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER TRAIL (PROPOSED)

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- COBB PARKS
- COBB LAND TRUST
- CITY OF SMYRNA

# NICKAJACK CREEK GREENWAY



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

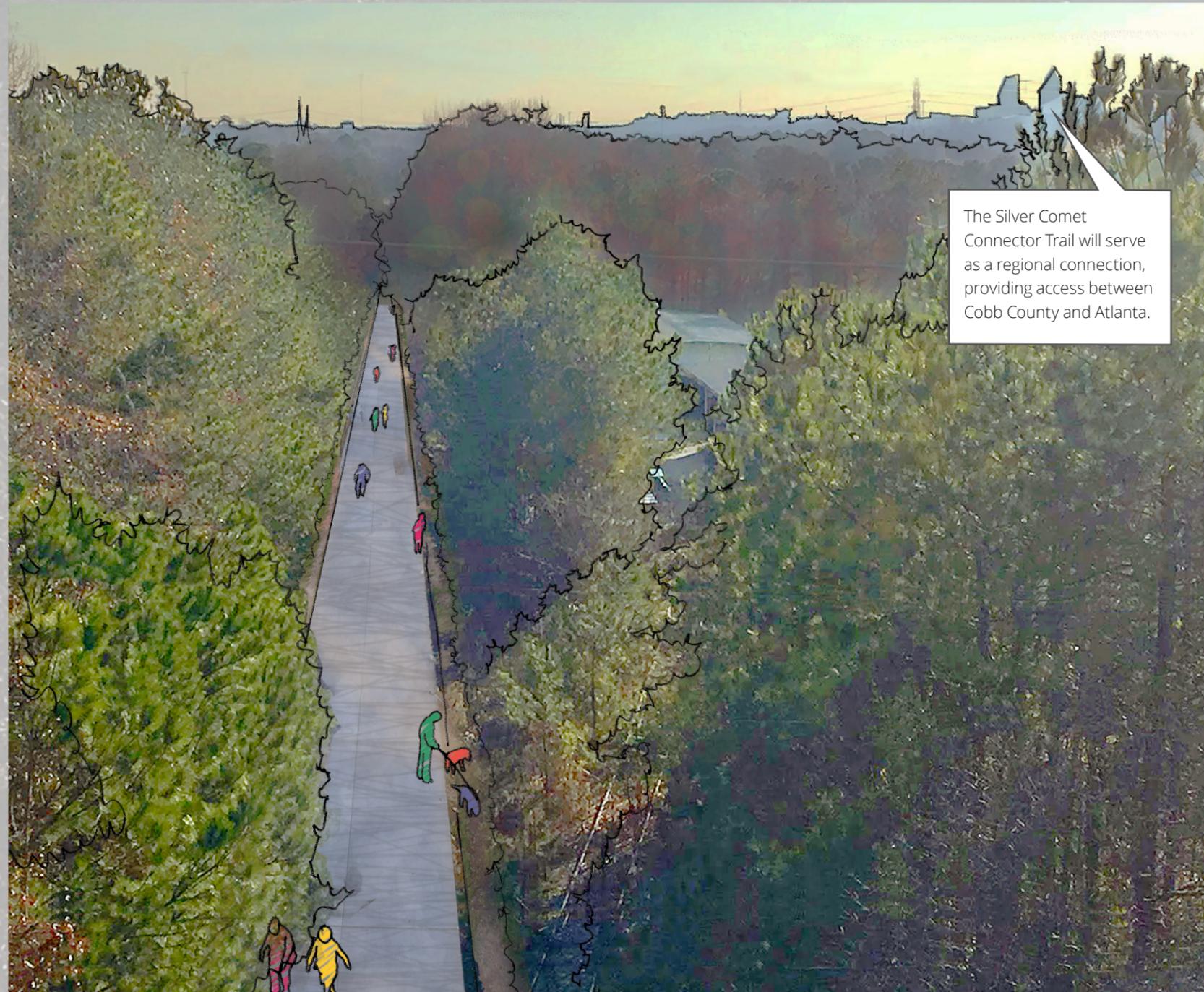
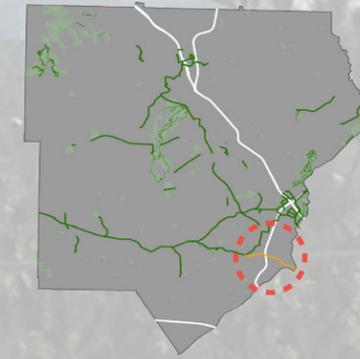
- 1 If a connection is desired to Whitefield Academy, the trail may need to cross under Buckner Rd. There is currently no crosswalk in this location and a trail may not fit beneath the bridge.
- 2 Consider a spur trail along the power line easement that runs from Nickajack Park northwest to Thompson Park.
- 3 Provide a spur trail into Nickajack Park. A bicycle and pedestrian bridge will be required, and the existing power utility may provide access.
- 4 The existing utility provides an opportunity to spur the trail to the Rosie Lane neighborhood.
- 5 There is extensive wetland in this area and boardwalk will be necessary.
- 6 Connect Nickajack Creek trail to Henderson property once programmed.
- 7 Veterans Memorial Hwy provides adequate vertical clearance for a trail underpass.
- 8 Drainage culvert will be required at tributary.
- 9 Use existing utility easement to provide trail spur to existing neighborhoods.
- 10 Discovery Blvd provides ample vertical clearance for a trail underpass and direct connection into the County-owned park.

# SILVER COMET CONNECTOR

The Silver Comet Connector project is proposed as a three-mile shared use path that will provide a crucial connection between the existing Silver Comet Trail and the Chattahoochee River, ultimately connecting to the Atlanta BeltLine. The trail would link to the Silver Comet Trail at the East-West Connector and follow the inactive CSX rail corridor southeast through the River Line Historic Area. The trail would then cross the Chattahoochee River Trail into Fulton County. The Cobb County portion

of the Silver Comet Connector accounts for approximately half of the total "Connect the Comet" project, which has been discussed for years as a **critical piece of the regional trail network**. There is substantial public support for this trail—a petition signed by 4,000+ supporters was delivered to Governor Nathan Deal in summer 2017 to push for allowing access to the CSX rail line for trail development.

CONTEXT MAP



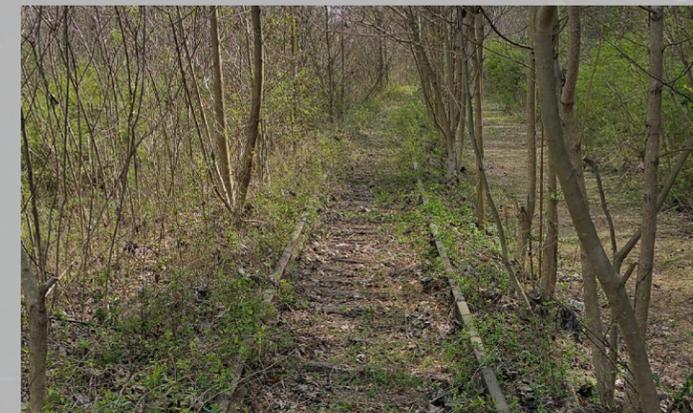
The Silver Comet Connector Trail will serve as a regional connection, providing access between Cobb County and Atlanta.



A CLEARING IN THE CORRIDOR



THE INACTIVE CSX RAIL TRAVERSES THE CORRIDOR



A CLEARING BESIDE THE RAILWAY TRACKS

## PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	
Closes gap in trail network	✓
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & Universal access	✓

## LENGTH

- 3.38 MILES

## OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
CSX Property	3.31	98%
Private Land	0.07	2%

## ESTIMATED COST

- \$9.8 - \$10.7 M

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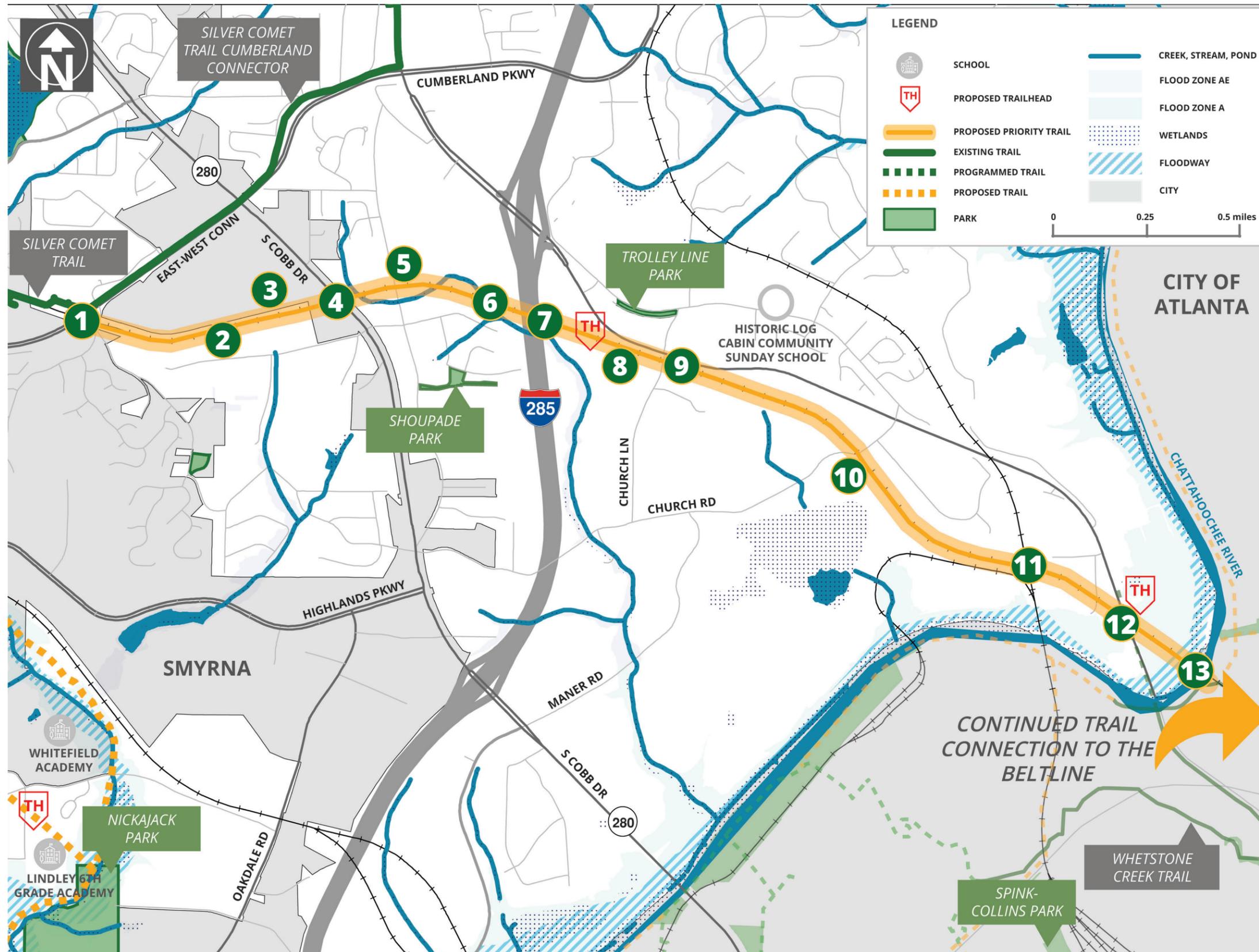
## KEY DESTINATIONS

- SILVER COMET TRAIL
- CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER
- ATLANTA BELTLINE

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- GEORGIA DOT
- CSX RAILROAD
- GEORGIA POWER
- CONNECT THE COMET
- CITY OF ATLANTA
- CITY OF SMYRNA

# SILVER COMET CONNECTOR



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

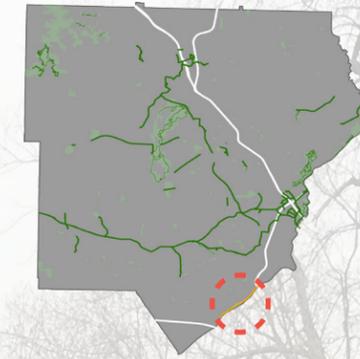
- 1** There is vertical overhead clearance for a trail to pass beneath Cumberland Parkway and Camp Highland Rd.
- 2** Fencing may be needed next to industrial uses to control access.
- 3** Provide access to adjacent multi-family residential land use.
- 4** S. Cobb Dr provides a safe and separated crossing opportunity.
- 5** Oakdale Rd is a relatively low-volume road, and a mid-block crossing is adequate to cross at-grade.
- 6** While there are some existing culverts under the railroad tracks, the existing tributaries may require stormwater design features.
- 7** Interstate 285 provides adequate clearance for a trail underpass. Coordination with Georgia DOT will be required.
- 8** New multi-family housing developments will have direct access to the trail once built.
- 9** There is sufficient vertical clearance for a trail to pass beneath Church Ln.
- 10** Work with adjacent businesses where encroachment is occurring along the rail right-of-way for both company operations and storage. Controlled access will be necessary on the south side of the rail along the Argo property.
- 11** Work with the railroad to establish safe rail trail underpass beneath the existing bridge.
- 12** Two railroad bridges exist along the Silver Comet Connector, at Port Cobb Dr and across S. Atlanta Rd. A structural assessment will be necessary for both bridges to determine additional safety improvements that will be needed to convert the bridges for bicycle and pedestrian use.
- 13** The existing railroad bridge across the Chattahoochee River has the opportunity to become a showcase bridge for the Silver Comet Connector, spanning over 950 feet across the river. A structural assessment and additional safety and aesthetic improvements will be required to bring the bridge up to bicycle and pedestrian standards.

# CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER TRAIL

The proposed Chattahoochee River Trail would follow more than three miles of riverfront in Cobb County, beginning at Mableton Parkway and ending near I-285. The trail provides a scenic destination and forms the spine for a north-south county trail network, with connections to programmed trails such as the Mableton Parkway Trail and proposed trails, such as the Nickajack Creek Greenway. The trail will also provide a key link for a continuous, publicly-accessible riverfront trail network that would boost quality of life and provide unparalleled waterfront

access for Cobb residents. Portions of the proposed trail border vacant industrial sites that present opportunities for redevelopment; other sections will likely follow a sewer easement where possible. Building the Chattahoochee River Trail will require coordination with private land owners and environmental agencies, and crossing two roads: Mableton Parkway and Veterans Memorial Highway. It would then connect to a proposed bridge over the Chattahoochee River near I-285, envisioned as part of the Proctor Creek Greenway, and continue northward on the Atlanta side of the river toward Peachtree Creek.

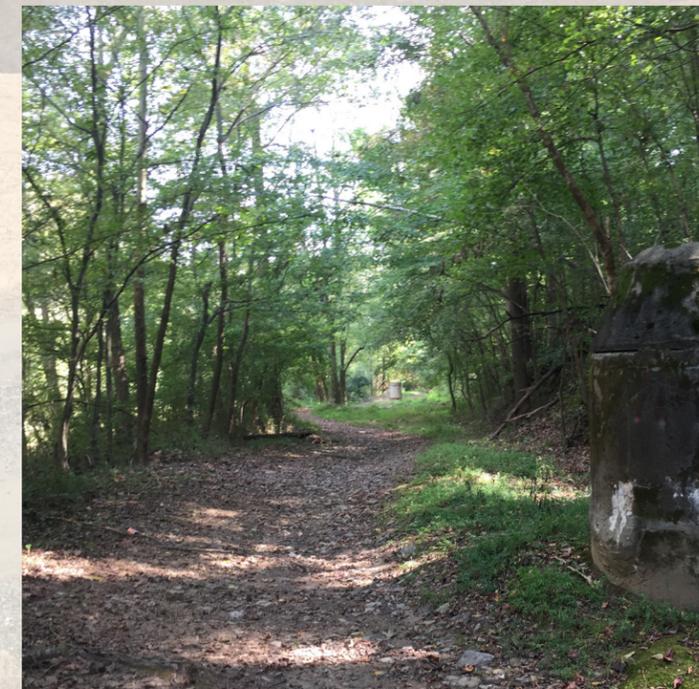
CONTEXT MAP



The Chattahoochee River trail and the new Riverview Landing development will be a hub for recreation, play, and appreciating the river as a natural and cultural amenity.



VIEW OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER



AN EASEMENT ALONG THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

## PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	✓

## LENGTH

- 3.11 MILES

## OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	0.10	3%
Public Land	1.45	47%
Private Land	1.56	50%

## ESTIMATED COST

- \$10.5 - \$11.6 M
- Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

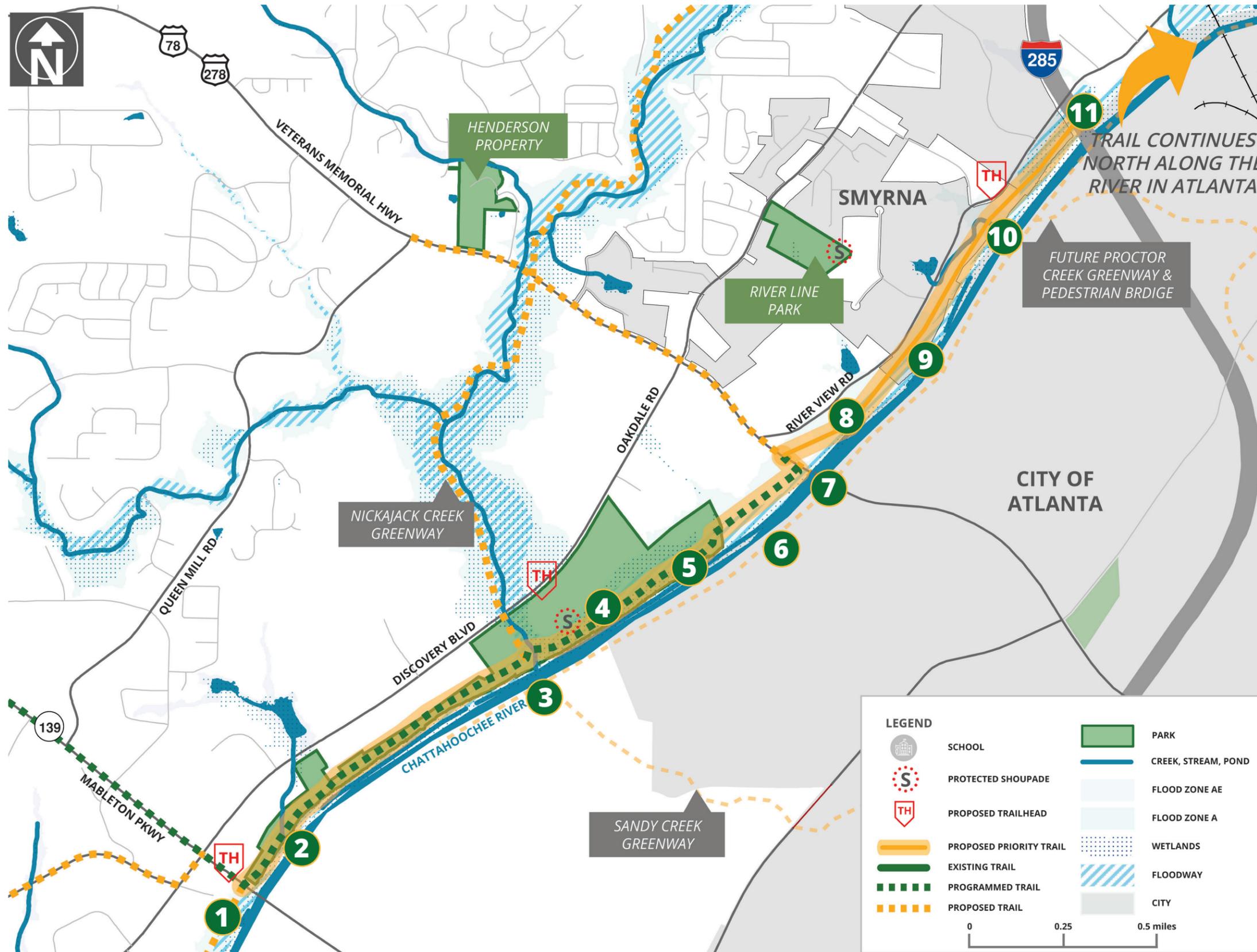
## KEY DESTINATIONS

- COUNTY PARKS
- HISTORIC CIVIL WAR SHOUPADES
- CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER TRAILS

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- GEORGIA DOT
- TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
- CITY OF ATLANTA
- CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER
- CITY OF SMYRNA
- COBB PARKS

# CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER TRAIL



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

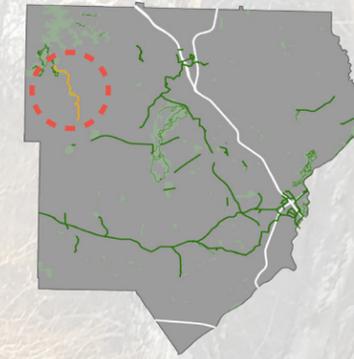
- 1** An undeveloped lot provides opportunity for a trailhead on County-owned property.
- 2** A culvert or other stormwater facility will be required to convey existing drainage at several locations along the corridor.
- 3** A bicycle and pedestrian bridge will be required across Nickajack Creek.
- 4** While not currently an activated park space, this Cobb County-owned parkland provides opportunity for trailheads, programming, and facility integration.
- 5** Some park lands may be environmentally sensitive with the presence of wetlands. Additional study is recommended.
- 6** This floodplain area provides an open, flat shelf for a trail, however the banks will need stabilization and adjacent land use drainage controlled at several locations. Right-of-way and controlled access will be required at all privately owned industrial properties.
- 7** There is vertical clearance for a trail underpass beneath US 78 providing a safe crossing; however, several trees may have to be cleared along the river banks.
- 8** If coordination with private property owners is not feasible, a route arcing north and following River View Rd could be an alternate option.
- 9** Future development at this site is proposed to include river trail access. Coordination with developer is recommended.
- 10** Use existing berm at Oxbow Lake to align future trail along the river, which will provide unique views of this natural feature.
- 11** Work with state officials to provide safe trail underpass beneath I-285.

# ALLATOONA CREEK GREENWAY

The proposed Allatoona Creek Greenway would connect schools, parks, and cultural amenities in a five-mile stretch between Harrison High School and Allatoona Creek Park. More than half of the trail corridor is located within publicly owned property, and it would cross four major roads: Burnt Hickory Road, Hadaway Road, Stilesboro Road, and Mars Hill Road. The mostly-flat trail corridor would follow a scenic route along Allatoona Creek,

utilizing sewer easements where possible, and thus provide a much-needed recreation and transportation connection in West Cobb County for all ages and abilities. Public support for this trail is significant, particularly among community groups such as Friends of Price Park. Highlights include connections to Lake Acworth, paddling access near the trailhead at Allatoona Creek Park, a direct connection to Price Park, and short spur trail that would link to the West Cobb Regional Library and YMCA.

CONTEXT MAP



The Allatoona Creek Greenway will marry recreation and transportation, with a scenic path along the creek that also connects to schools, parks and cultural amenities.



VIEW OF ALLATOONA CREEK



KAYAK PUT-IN ON ALLATOONA CREEK



A PAVED WALKWAY TO THE KAYAK PUT-IN

## FINAL DRAFT

### PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	✓

### LENGTH

- 5.03 MILES

### OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	0.06	1%
Public Land	2.97	59%
Private Land	2.00	40%

### ESTIMATED COST

- \$15.8 - \$17.3 M

*Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

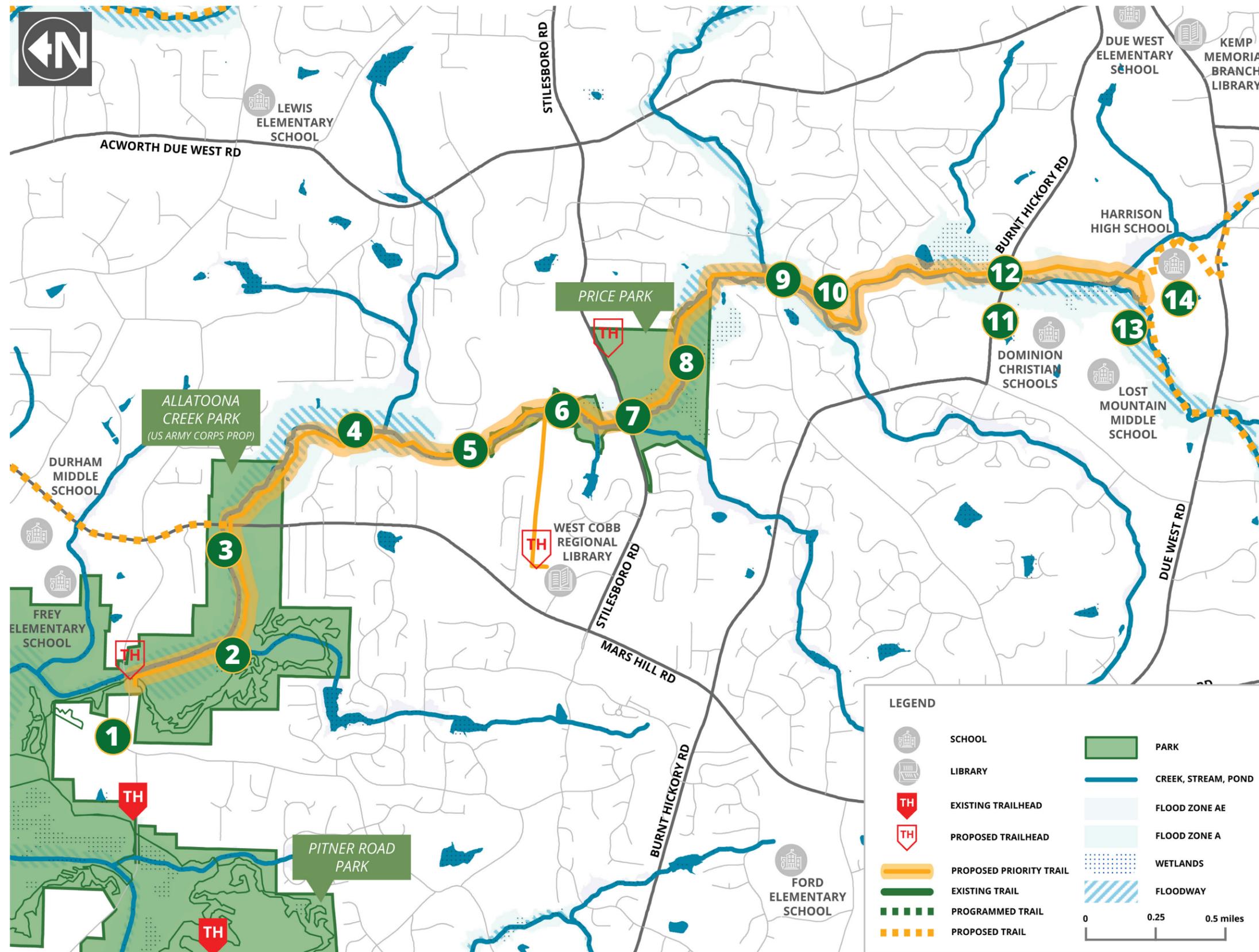
### KEY DESTINATIONS

- LAKE ACWORTH
- ALLATOONA CREEK PARK
- HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
- PRICE PARK AND TRAILS

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- COBB PARKS
- WEST COBB NEIGHBORHOODS
- FRIENDS OF PRICE PARK
- ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

# ALLATOONA CREEK GREENWAY



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

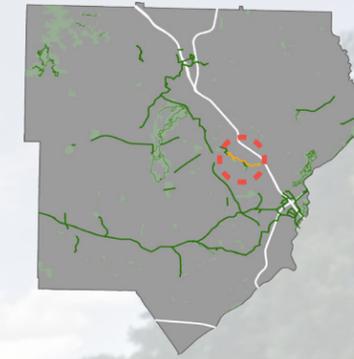
- 1** Proposed trailhead to accompany Allatoona Creek kayak put-in.
- 2** Opportunity for direct connections to existing trails in Allatoona Creek Park.
- 3** Adding sidewalks along Mars Hill Rd would improve potential connections between the proposed trail and adjacent neighborhoods. There is a project underway to replace the Mars Hill Rd bridge (X2115); the replacement will accommodate a trail underneath it.
- 4** The majority of the Allatoona Creek Greenway is within flood zone areas and will require floodplain development permits and resilient materials that can withstand regular flooding.
- 5** Drainage culverts will be needed to cross tributaries at several locations.
- 6** Consider a spur trail along the power line easement to connect to the West Cobb Regional Library, Kroger, and YMCA.
- 7** The Stilesboro Rd bridge will need to be examined to confirm adequate vertical and horizontal clearance for a trail underpass.
- 8** Link the proposed trail to existing parking for Price Park on Stilesboro Rd.
- 9** The Hadaway Rd bridge may provide adequate vertical clearance for a trail underpass; however, further examination will be required to confirm.
- 10** Clearing and a drainage pond present opportunity for public space and trail amenities.
- 11** The Burnt Hickory Rd bridge does not likely provide adequate vertical or horizontal clearance for a trail underpass. An at-grade crossing may be required.
- 12** Formalize wide shoulders on Burnt Hickory Rd as bike lanes to connect the Dominion Christian Schools.
- 13** Provide trail spurs to Lost Mountain Middle School and Harrison High School.
- 14** Consider initiating shared-use agreements for people using the parking lots at the middle and high school to access the trail.

# ROTTENWOOD CREEK TRAIL

The Rottenwood Creek Trail Phase I continues to be a priority for the City of Marietta. Marietta completed a concept report for this project in 2016 and began preliminary engineering in 2017. The trail will be a 10-foot-wide shared-use path that follows Rottenwood Creek beginning at the University Trail on Kennesaw State University (KSU) - Marietta Campus, and ending at city-owned Franklin Gateway Sports Complex. While the majority of

the trail follows the creek, portions of it will follow Barclay Circle, Cobb Parkway, and Wylie Road. On these sections, the trail will include a buffer zone from vehicular traffic and pedestrian-scale lighting. This trail is strongly supported by the public. It provides an opportunity to connect an active area with colleges, multiple parks, and residential and commercial areas. The trail will also aid multimodal connectivity in Marietta by improving access to the Marietta Bus Transfer Center and bus stops along Cobb Parkway.

## CONTEXT MAP

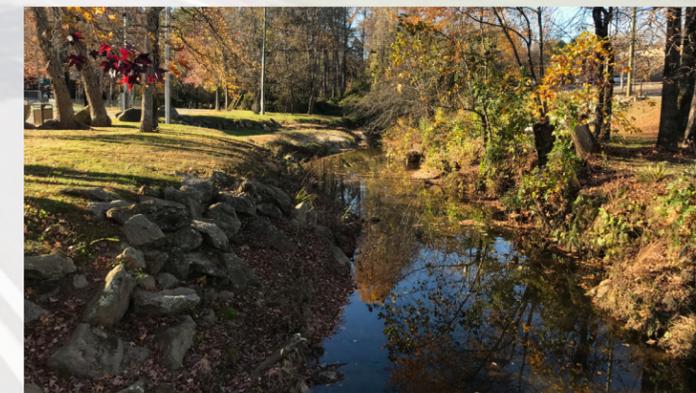


Where the trail runs along Barclay Circle a vegetated buffer and sufficient trail width help maintain a comfortable, low-stress experience for trail users.

Where possible, widen path to 12'-14' to increase user comfort and to facilitate passing movements.



ALUMNI DRIVE ON THE KSU CAMPUS



ROTTENWOOD CREEK ON THE LIFE U. CAMPUS



THE TRAIL CORRIDOR AT BARCLAY CIRCLE

## FINAL DRAFT

### PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	✓

### LENGTH

- 3.31 MILES

### OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	1.13	34%
Public Land	0.88	27%
Private Land	1.29	39%

### ESTIMATED COST

- \$10 M (Source: City of Marietta)

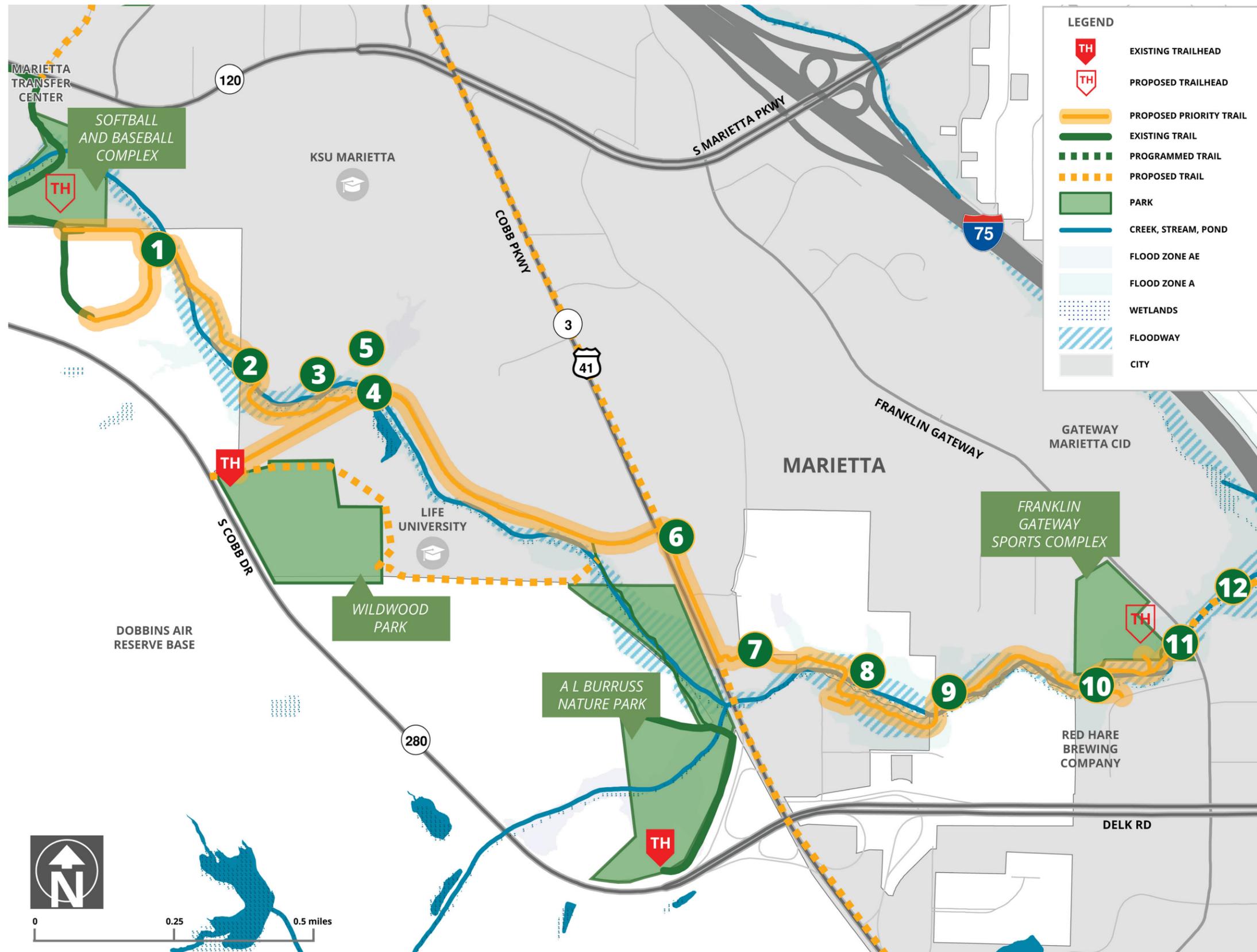
### KEY DESTINATIONS

- KSU MARIETTA CAMPUS
- LIFE UNIVERSITY
- CITY OF MARIETTA
- FRANKLIN GATEWAY SPORTS COMPLEX
- RED HARE BREWING COMPANY

### PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- CITY OF MARIETTA
- KSU
- GATEWAY MARIETTA CID

# ROTTENWOOD CREEK TRAIL



## KEY OBSERVATIONS

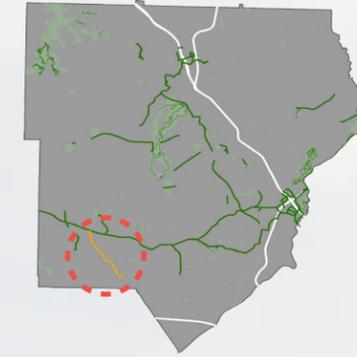
- 1 Add pedestrian bridge over Rottenwood Creek at Aviation Park/entrance to KSU.
- 2 Create trail access points to connect to KSU Marietta Campus buildings and the parking lot for the Engineering buildings.
- 3 Add pedestrian bridge over Rottenwood Creek near Barclay Circle.
- 4 Enhance raised crosswalk at trail crossing at Barclay Circle with additional signage and warning beacons.
- 5 There may be an option to develop a secondary trail connection to Chamblee Way in the future.
- 6 Use the existing crosswalk to route trail on east side of Cobb Pkwy.
- 7 Add pedestrian bridge over Rottenwood Creek where trail rejoins the riparian corridor.
- 8 Build pedestrian bridge over Rottenwood Creek where the trail connects to trailhead and parking lot.
- 9 Add pedestrian bridge over tributary that spurs north from the creek at Ashborough Village.
- 10 Install pedestrian bridge over Rottenwood Creek to Delk Industrial Blvd and Red Hare Brewing Company.
- 11 Build bridge over Rottenwood Creek to Franklin Gateway Sports Complex and trailhead.
- 12 The proposed Phase II of the Rottenwood Creek Trail will ultimately connect to existing trails near Cumberland and to the Chattahoochee River.

# AUSTELL-POWDER SPRINGS TRAIL

The Austell-Powder Springs Trail would be the first designated multi-use trail in Austell, and would follow Austell-Powder Springs Road as a sidepath for approximately four miles. The trail, first proposed in the City's 2017 Comprehensive Plan, would begin at Joe Jerkins Boulevard and use a neighborhood connection to reach the Silver Comet Trail and Linear Park in Powder Springs. Notable destinations along the trail include downtown Austell, the Clarkdale Historic District, Clarkdale Park, and Legion Field. Additionally, the trail would provide connections to Powder

Springs, the Threadmill Complex, the Austell Neighborhood Senior Center, and multiple schools such as Garrett Middle School and Austell Elementary School. A direct connection is also available to Collar Park using sidewalk along Joe Jerkins Boulevard. While the presence of the historic district and constrained right-of-way on some portions of Austell-Powder Springs Road present challenges, a substantial portion of the trail could likely be constructed within roadway right-of-way, increasing project feasibility.

CONTEXT MAP



FINAL DRAFT

## PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	
Provides safe, secure & universal access	

## LENGTH

- 4.16 MILES

## OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	1.93	46.3%
Public Land	1.24	29.8%
Private Land	0.98	23.9%

## ESTIMATED COST

- \$7.0 - \$7.8 M

*Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

## KEY DESTINATIONS

- DOWNTOWN AUSTELL
- CLARKDALE PARK
- SILVER COMET TRAIL AND LINEAR PARK
- LEGION FIELD

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- CITY OF AUSTELL
- CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS
- CLARKDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT



The Austell-Powder Springs Trail alignment along the road network allows it to serve as a major transportation resource, connecting to destinations such as Clarkdale Park, as shown here.



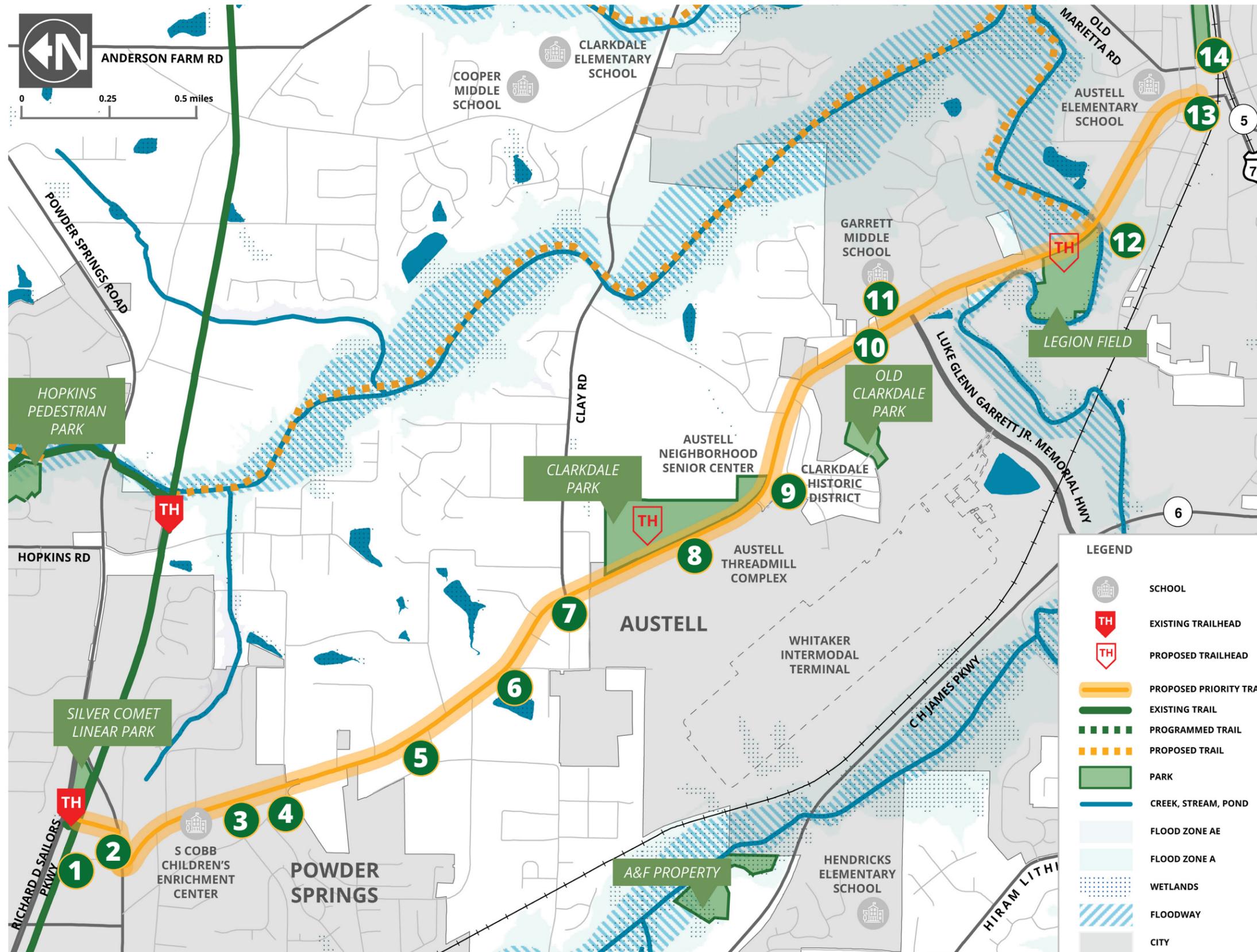
AUSTELL-POWDER SPRINGS RD THROUGH CLARKDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT



LINDLEY RD NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION



# AUSTELL-POWDER SPRINGS TRAIL



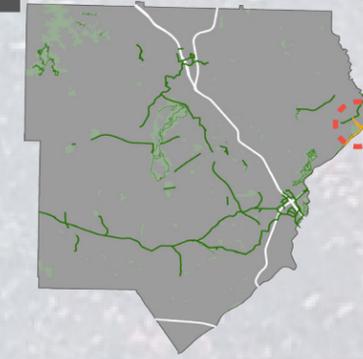
## KEY OBSERVATIONS

- 1** Consider spur trail or neighborhood connection along Lindley Rd to connect to Silver Comet Trail and Linear Park.
- 2** Improve crossing at existing intersection (Marietta St/Powder Springs Rd at Austell Powder Springs Rd).
- 3** Route trail on east side of Austell-Powder Springs Rd to avoid multiple commercial driveways on west side between Marietta St and Old Austell Rd.
- 4** Consolidate driveways to reduce potential vehicle conflict points.
- 5** Work with property owners through residential area to develop appropriate driveway crossing treatments.
- 6** Add mid-block crossings at frequent intervals to facilitate safe crossings and neighborhood access.
- 7** Implement visible and safe at-grade trail crossing treatment at Clay Rd.
- 8** Create direct, accessible trail access to Senior Center and surrounding greenspace.
- 9** Work with the Clarkdale Historic District neighborhoods to create trail amenities that complement and respect historic character.
- 10** Provide direct trail access to Old Clarkdale Park facilities.
- 11** Consider short trail spur to Garrett Middle School along school access road.
- 12** Determine potential for pedestrian bridge over Sweetwater Creek parallel to existing bridge or restriping to fit trail on existing bridge. There may be an opportunity for a potential connection to the proposed trail along Sweetwater Creek.
- 13** Add short trail spur to Austell Elementary School. Explore potential for joint use of school parking lot for trailhead/access point.
- 14** Enhance the connection to City Hall, Police Department, and Collar Park via existing sidewalk on Joe Jerkins Blvd through signage and other means.

# HYDE FARM-JOHNSON FERRY TRAIL

FINAL DRAFT

CONTEXT MAP



The Hyde Farm-Johnson Ferry Trail is proposed as a combination of recreational trail and paved shared-use path connecting the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA) Johnson Ferry North unit to Hyde Farm, jointly owned and operated by the National Park Service (NPS) and Cobb County. Hyde Farm is accessible from Hyde Road off Lower Roswell Road. The Hyde Farm-Johnson Ferry Trail would primarily serve recreational uses, and with its connection from Lower Roswell Road, there is an opportunity to increase access to a more contiguous trail system along the Chattahoochee River south to the Columns Unit, and

ultimately the Cochran Shoals Unit in Cumberland. Steep grades are anticipated in some areas of the north section as the trail approaches the river, limiting the trail to hiking or off-road bicycles. Signage will be important in capturing users along the Lower Roswell Road Trail as well as individuals interested in extending their trip from Columns Drive. The project is almost entirely within public property and will provide neighborhood access to Hyde Farm community gardens and establish Hyde Farm as more of a destination for hikers within the CRNRA if a welcome center or other trailhead feature is considered by NPS.



This trail will improve access to the Chattahoochee River Natural Recreation Area from the Lower Roswell Trail and nearby neighborhoods.



ENTRANCE TO EXISTING FOOT TRAIL AT JOHNSON FERRY NORTH TRAILHEAD



EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLELING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER



VIEW FROM HYDE ROAD ACROSS LAKE AND UTILITY EASEMENT

## PROJECT FEATURES

Proximity to parks	✓
Closes gap in trail network	✓
Connects to other trails or active transportation facilities	✓
Potential for inter-agency partnerships	✓
Available public lands	✓
Public interest	✓
Provides safe, secure & universal access	

## LENGTH

- 2.72 MILES

## OWNERSHIP

PROPERTY TYPE	LENGTH (miles)	%
Roadway ROW	0.04	1.3%
Public Land	2.28	87.3%
Utility Easement	0.30	11.3%

## ESTIMATED COST

- \$4.0 - \$4.4 M

*Planning-level construction cost estimate. Does not include engineering, land acquisition, utilities, or special studies.*

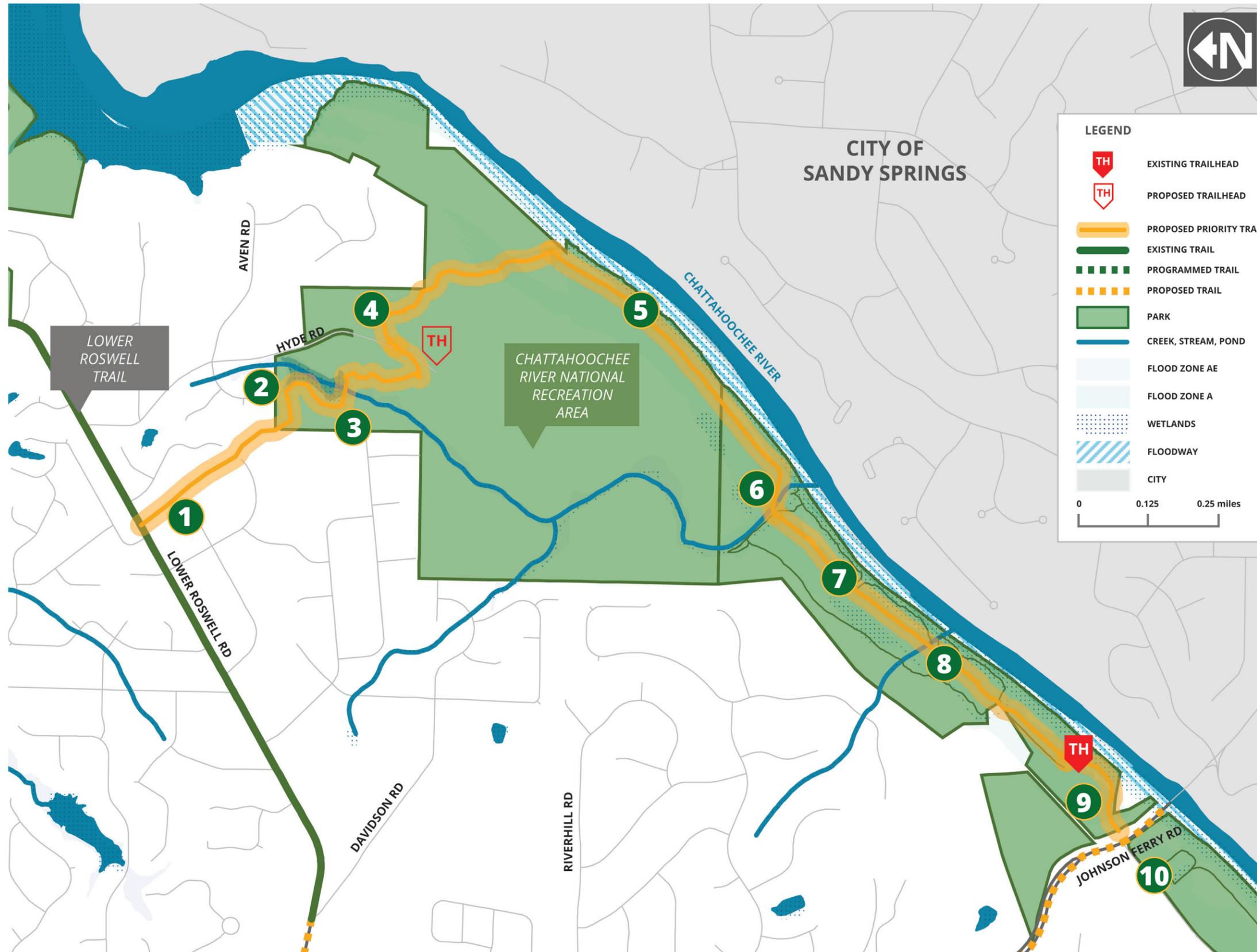
## KEY DESTINATIONS

- CRNRA UNITS – HYDE FARM, JOHNSON FERRY NORTH, COLUMNS, COCHRAN SHOALS
- LOWER ROSWELL TRAIL & NEIGHBORHOODS

## PROJECT PARTNERS

- COBB DOT
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- GEORGIA POWER
- COBB WATER SYSTEM

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## KEY OBSERVATIONS

- 1 A power easement provides a feasible opportunity for trail development and would connect to the existing trail on Lower Roswell Rd.
- 2 Work with National Park Service and Georgia Power to route trail properly around lake and utility towers.
- 3 Drainage culverts will be needed to cross tributaries at several locations, including this crossing.
- 4 Grades are steep in this area, and some areas of the trail will need reinforcement using large stones (armor) to provide positive drainage.
- 5 The riverside trail will be similar to the trail type at the Columns Unit across Johnson Ferry Rd with 10-20-foot width and fine stone surfaces.
- 6 Several of the tributary crossings are significant and include sanitary sewer infrastructure, requiring a pedestrian bridge for crossing trail users.
- 7 Provide wayfinding for the trail system where it crosses other trail networks.
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- 9 Existing parking and boat ramps serve as key trail features for this project. Update kiosks and provide wayfinding signage for trail users at the trailhead.
- 10 Across Johnson Ferry Rd, bike lanes and a shared shoulder on Columns Dr provide an important connection from the Johnson Ferry North Unit to the Cochran Shoals Unit of the CRNRA.