



In Partnership with:



Austell-Powder Springs Trail Scoping Study

Public Meeting



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Agenda

- Team Introduction
- Purpose
- Project Scope, Schedule, and Process
- Overview of Existing Conditions
- Exercises
- Next Steps



Client

Partners



Project Managers +
Engineering

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Trail Design + Landscape
Architecture + Public
Engagement



Public Engagement



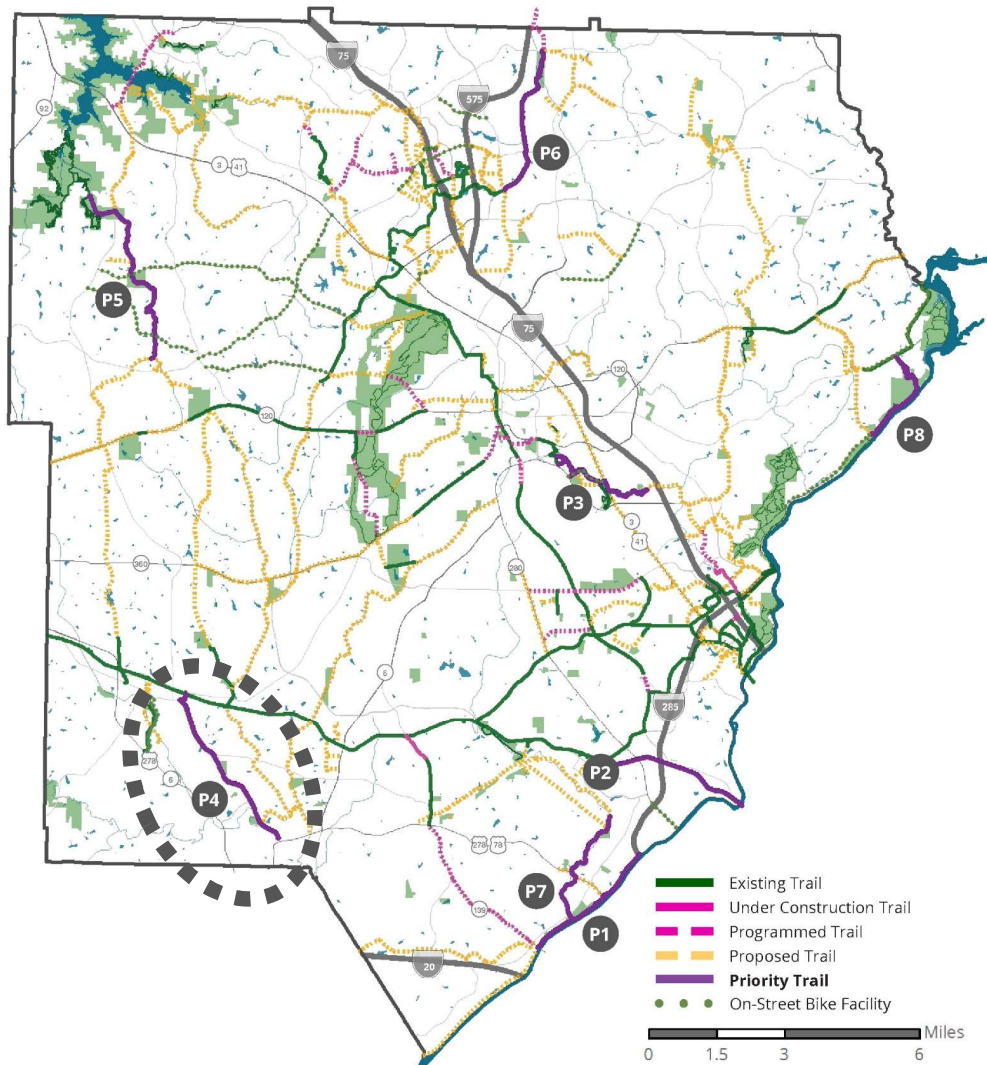
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Screening



Environmental Testing



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Project Background

Cobb County Greenways & Trails Master Plan

Top Priority Trail Project

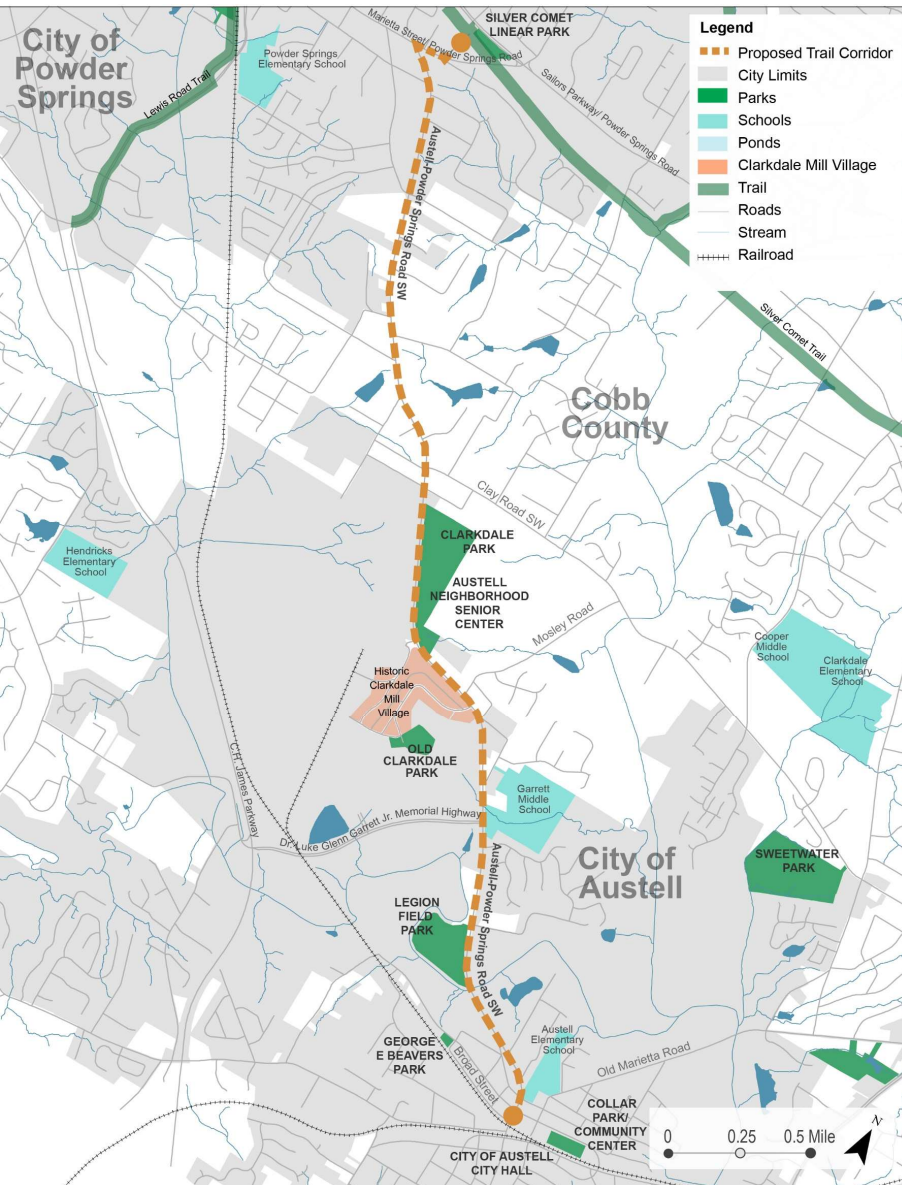
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Project Goals

- Improve Connectivity
- Improve Mobility and Accessibility
- Ensure Comfort and Safety
- Support and Drive Economic Development
- Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment
- Foster Healthy Behavior
- Increase Awareness of Greenways and Trails
- Maintain a Good State of Repair

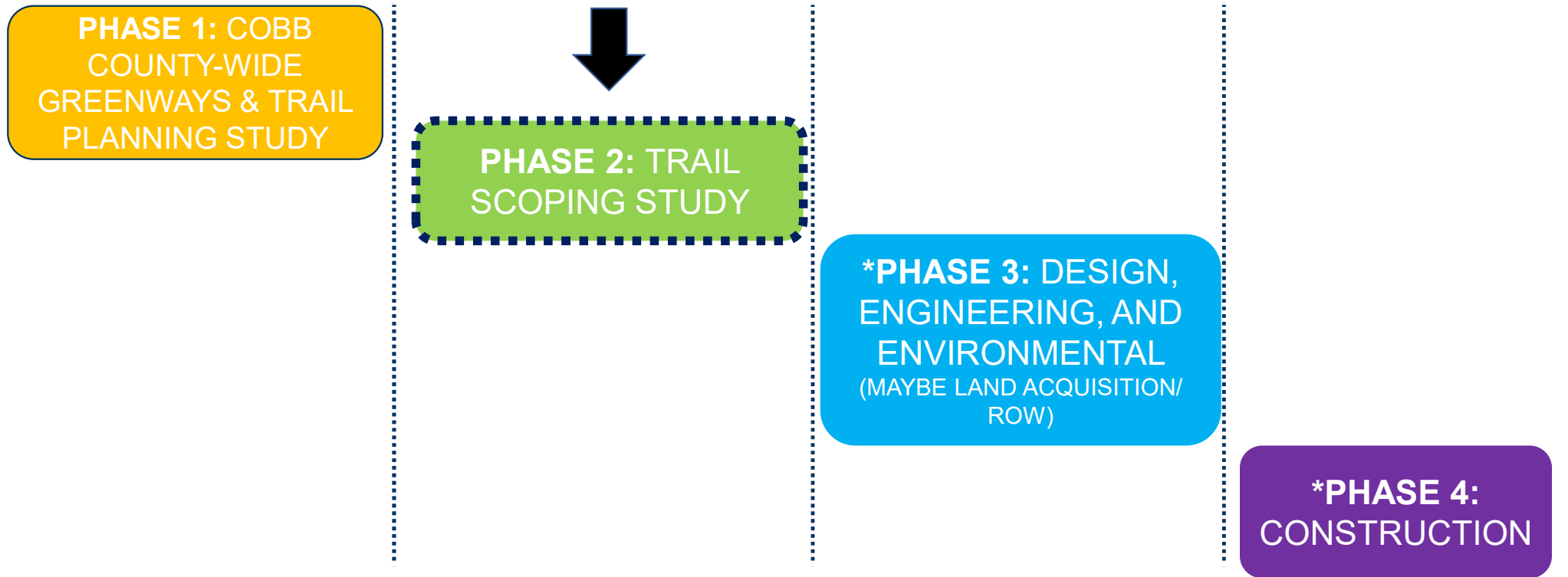
Purpose

- Develop project concepts that improve safety, mobility and access while also preparing for advancement to Project Engineering
- Develop safe, connected, multimodal, and cost-effective solutions to the project trail and to study the feasibility of alternatives
- Criteria and considerations:
 - Consistency with the vision and goals set forth in the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Greenway and Trail Master Plan, and the Atlanta Region's Plan.
 - Maximize safety, connectivity, and efficiency throughout the trail.
 - Potential to address the existing and future needs of pedestrian and bicycle users.
 - Prepare data and materials for the future federal funding eligibility of all project phases.



Overall Trail Planning and Project Delivery

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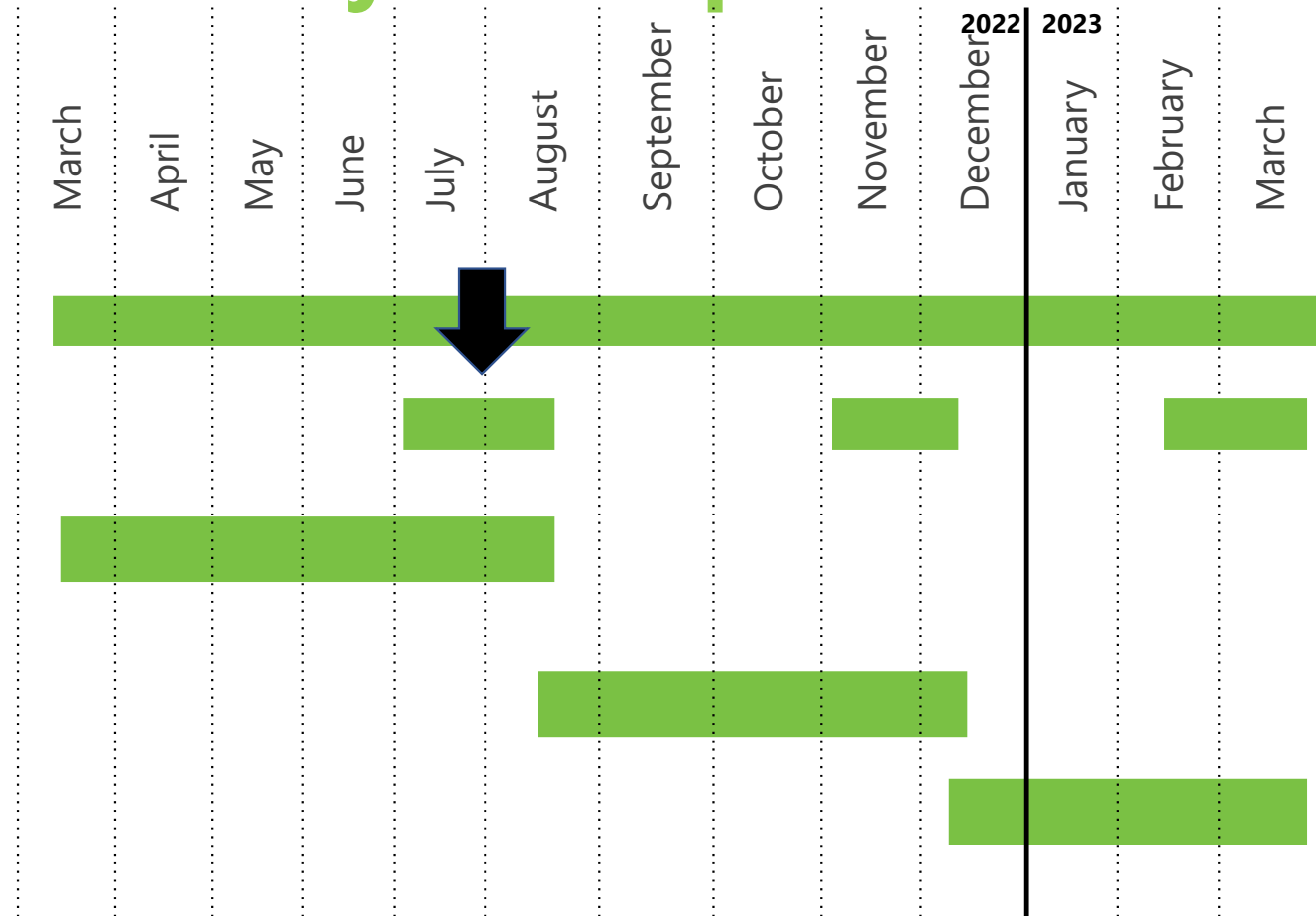
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Project Scope + Schedule

1. Project Management
2. Stakeholder + Public Engagement
3. Existing Conditions + Technical Analysis
4. Alternative Analysis + Concept Development
5. Final Plan +

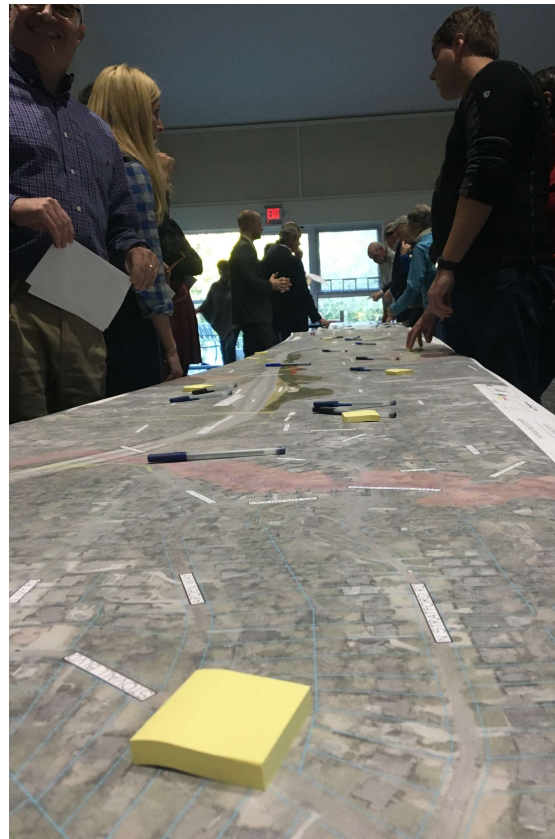
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2. Stakeholder & Public Engagement

- Project Branding
- Project Website
- E-Comments/ Surveys
- Stakeholder Steering Committee
- Public Meetings/ Events
- Focus Group Meetings



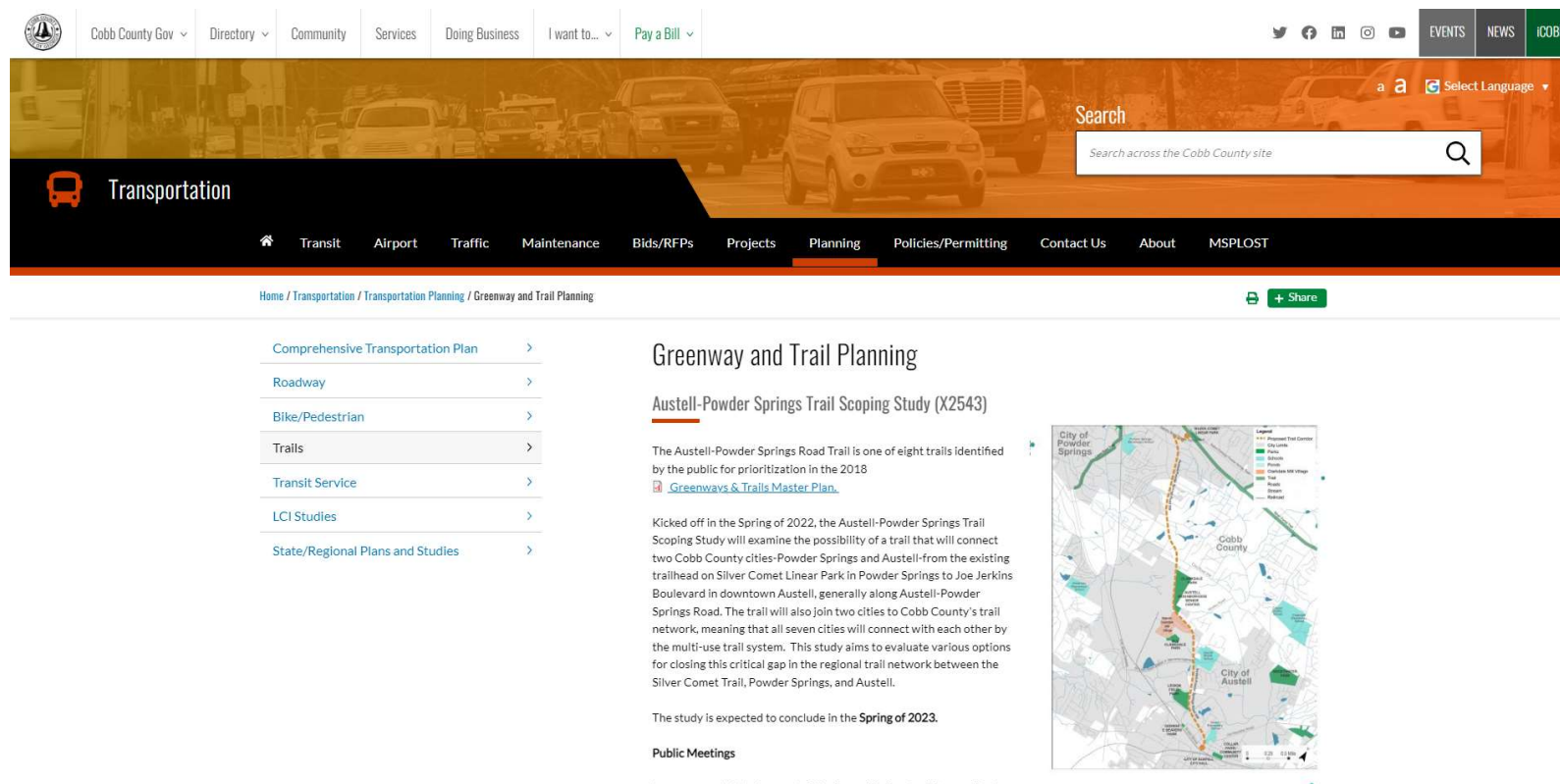
Stakeholder Steering Committee



- Meet 4 times throughout the project
- Provide strategic direction
- Provide advice and input
- Serve as advocates

Project Website

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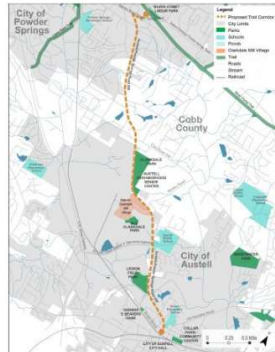
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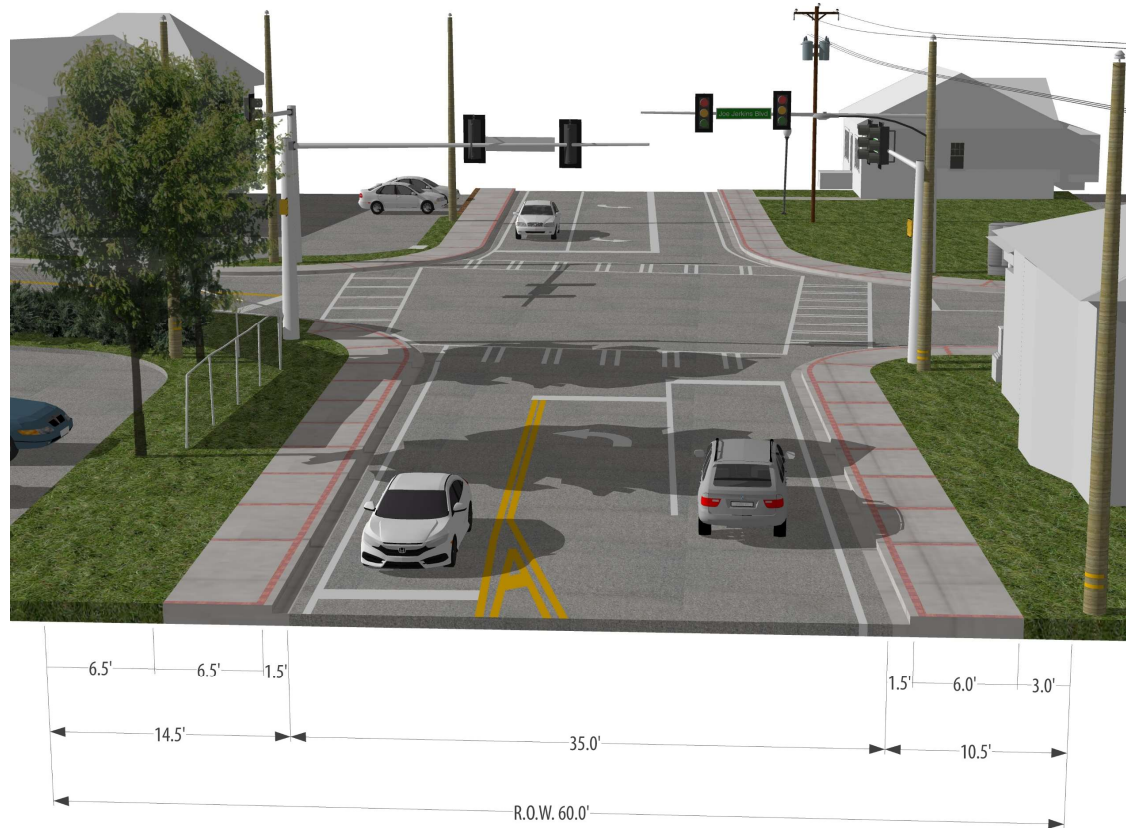
3. Existing Conditions & Technical Analysis

- Review of relevant previous plans
- Review of current land use/transportation policies
- Inventory and prioritization of destinations
- Environmental screening (e.g. historic, natural/ecological resources)
- Pre-existing utility identification
- Right-of-Way research



4. Alternatives Analysis & Concept Development

- Preliminary layout and typical sections
- Evaluation of alternative concepts
 - Costs
 - Feasibility
 - Constructability
 - Impacts to Right-of-Way
 - Environment
 - Utilities



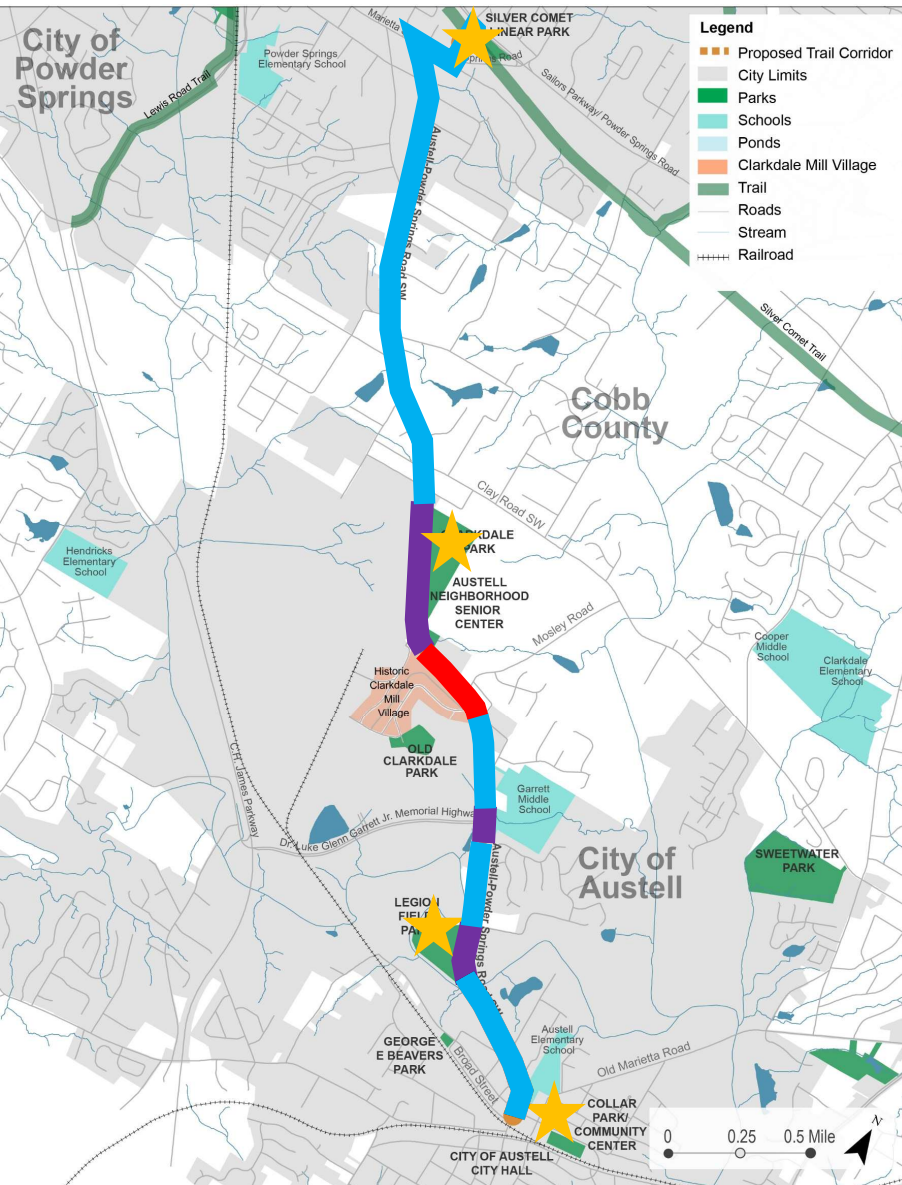
5. Final Project Deliverables

- Final report
- Recommendations
- Detailed costs
- Implementation plan
 - Phasing
 - Costs
 - Partners
 - Timelines
 - Funding sources



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Austell Powder Springs Trail

Corridor Overview*

4.16 Miles in Length

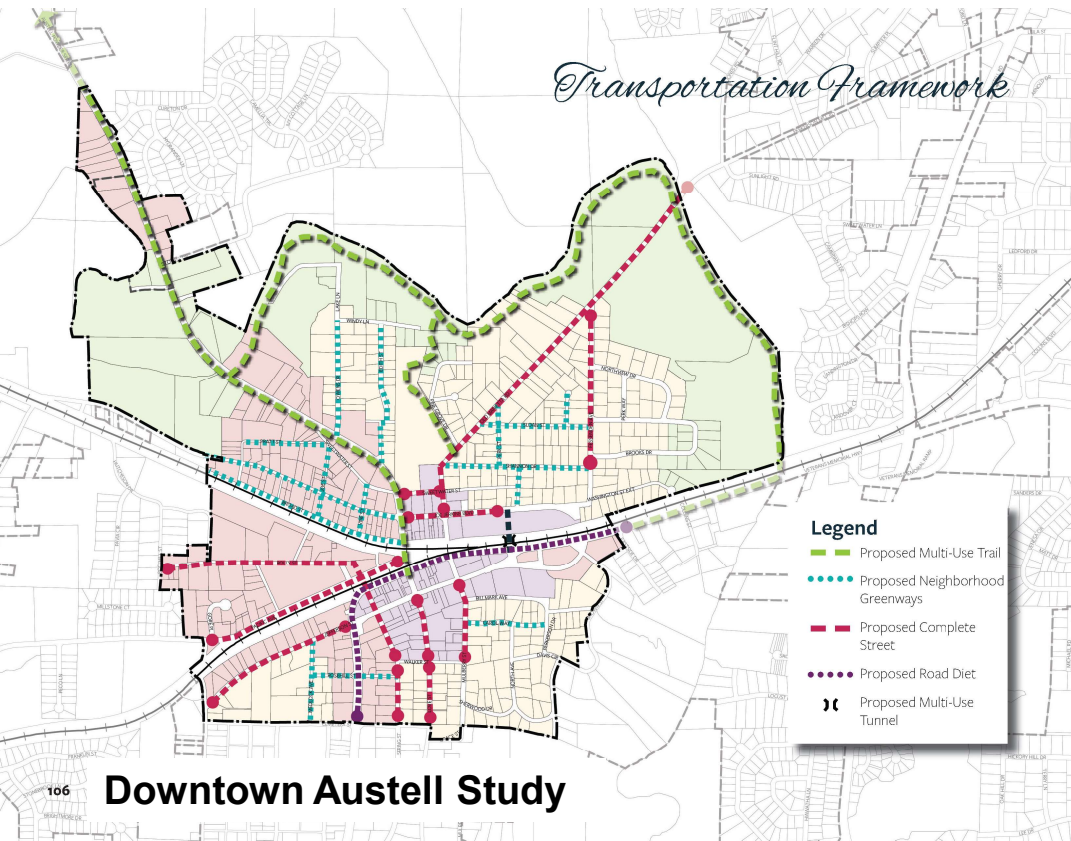
- Roadway ROW – 1.93 miles (46.3%)
- Public Land – 1.24 miles (29.8%)
- Private Land – 0.98 (23.9%)

• Key Destinations:

- ★ Silver Comet Trail and Linear Park
- ★ Clarkdale Park/ Senior Center
- ★ Legion Field
- ★ Downtown Austell (Near Joe Jerkins Road)

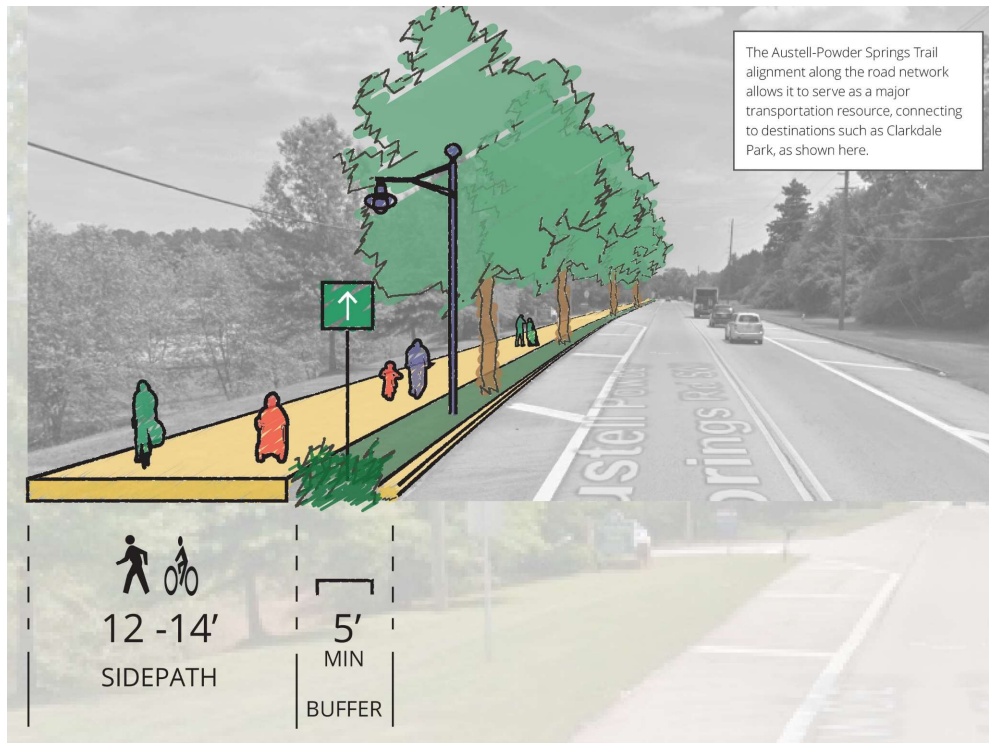
Source: Cobb County Greenways & Trails Master Plan

Previous Planning Projects



- Fostering economic development, enhancing multi-mobility, and facilitating health and wellness through a high-quality pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Regionally connecting Downtown Austell and the City of Powder Springs to the Silver Comet Trail through pedestrian and bicycle linkages.
- Connecting natural areas, parks, schools, civic centers, and businesses to neighborhoods through safe, comfortable, and attractive pedestrian and bicycle linkages.

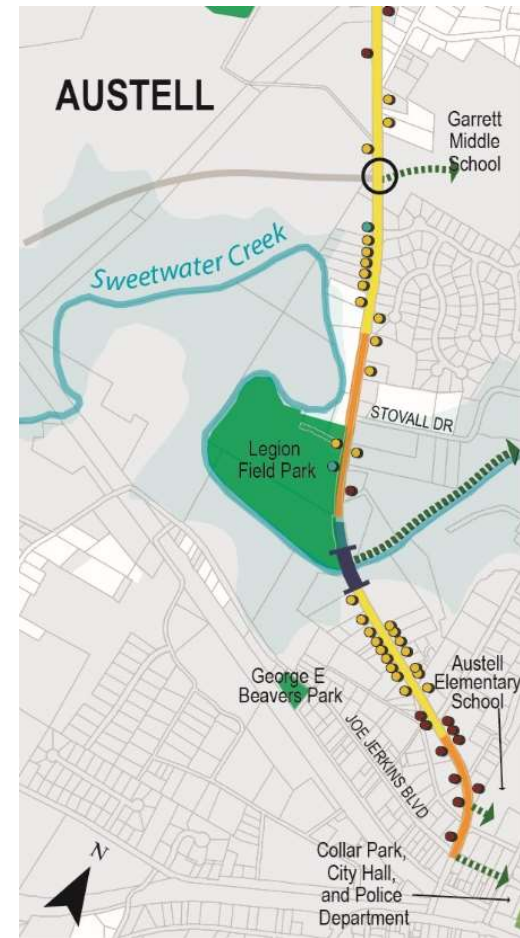
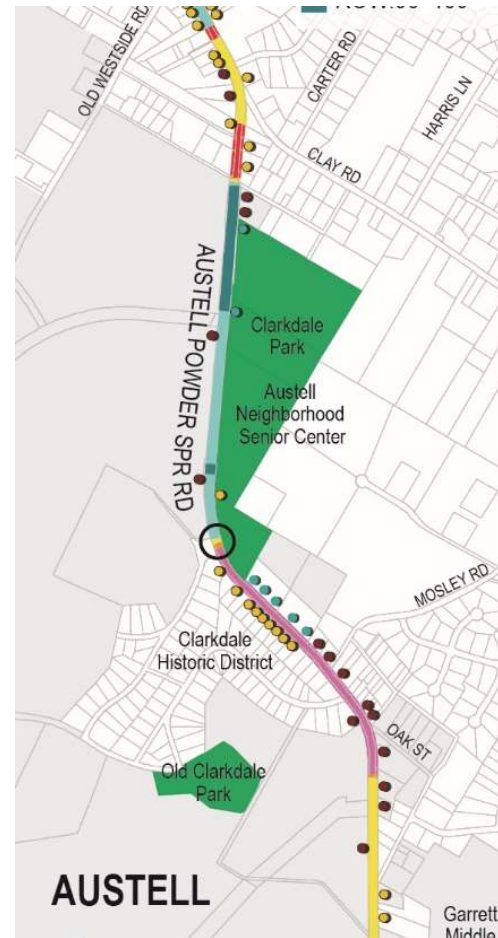
Project Guiding Principles



- Safety and Security
- Accessibility
- Economic Competitiveness
- Connectivity and Access to Destinations
- Comfort and Design for Everyone
- Equity
- Environmental Sustainability
- Prioritization/ Opportunistic Implementation

Opportunities and Constraints

- Varying R.O.Ws
- Curb Cuts
- Historic District
- Utilities



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TRAIL AMENITIES

Following are TYPICAL AMENITIES that you typically find along trails. PLEASE LET US KNOW which these typical amenities you would like to see along the Austell-Powder Springs Trail by PLACING A DOT on these amenities:



• Lighting

Place your dots here



• Public Art

Place your dots here



• Signage + Wayfinding

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• Trash & Recycling Receptacles

Place your dots here



• Fixed Seating Areas

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• Bicycle Fix-It Stations

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• Movable Sitting Areas

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• Emergency Call Boxes

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• Security Cameras

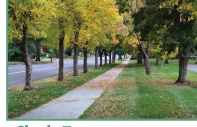
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• Bicycle Racks

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Others ?



• Shade Trees

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Exercise Boards

1. Trail Use
2. Barriers to Trail Use
3. Trail Surface
4. Trail Amenities
5. Historical and Cultural Opportunities Along the Trail
6. Trail Branding
7. Is there anything else on your mind that you would like the Project Team to be mindful of?

Role Plot

1. What are some ideas and opportunities that come to mind regarding the trail along the corridor?
2. What are some issues or concerns that come to mind regarding the trail along the corridor? How would you approach those?

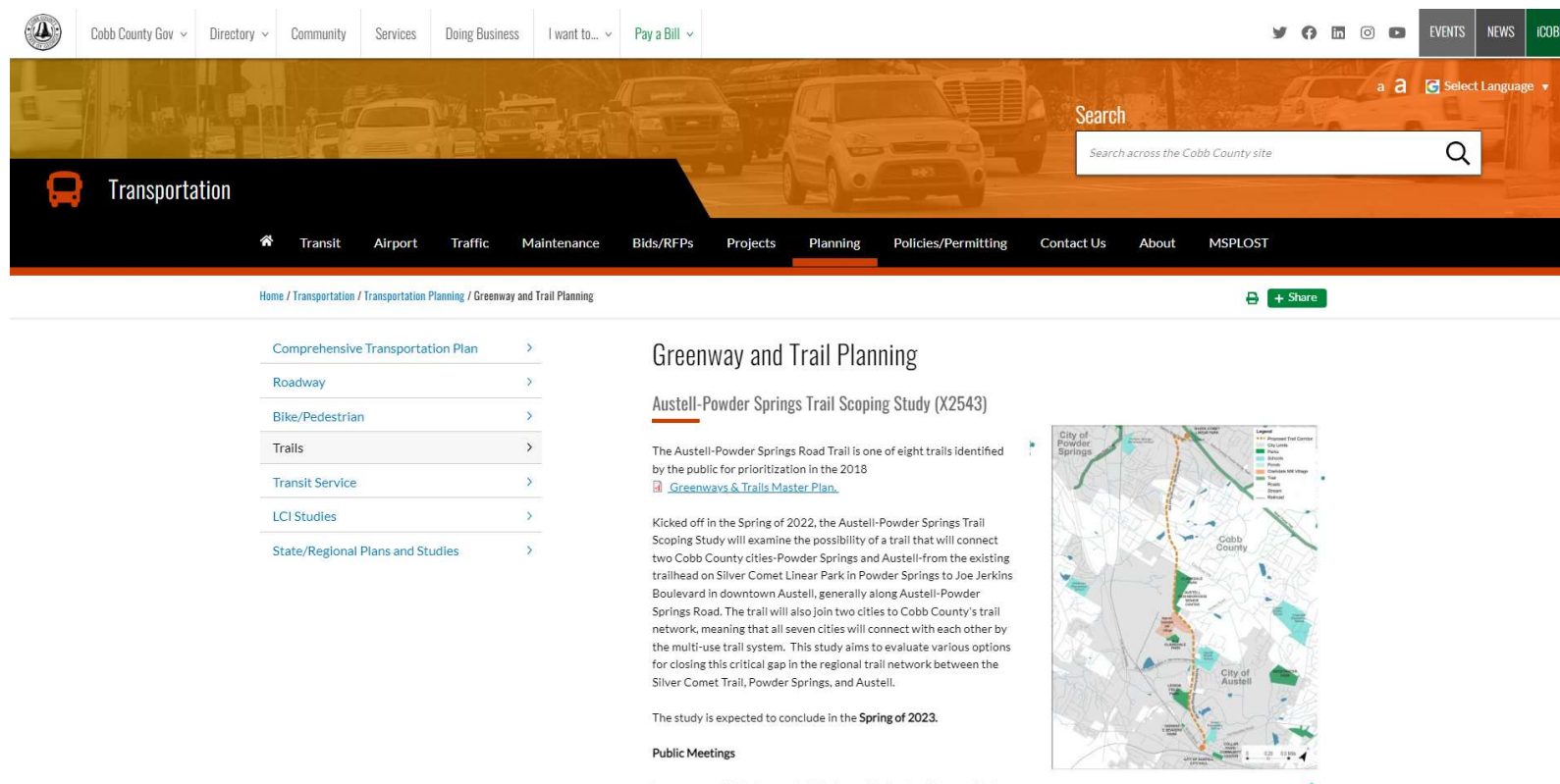


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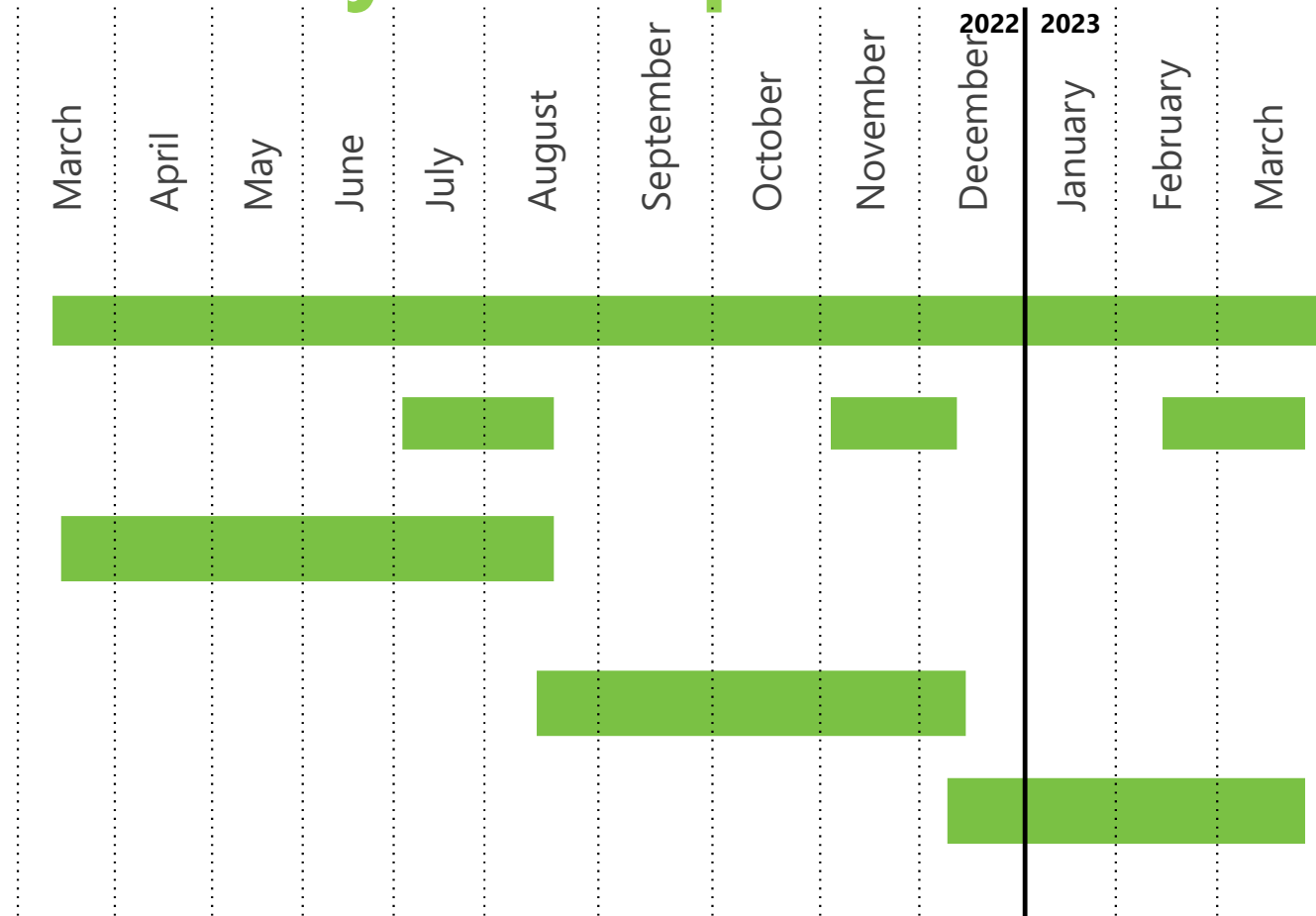


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