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Southwest Study Group: Southwest Beltline Project Updates

Southwest Study Group

August 17, 2026





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Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Murphy Crossing Redevelopment – Phase 1
- Westside Trail – Segment 6
- Oakland+Murphy Connector
- Enota Park
- Q&A
- Lantern Parade
- Q&A
- Meeting Wrap Up



Our Vision

To be the catalyst for making Atlanta a global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable life.

22

MILES

of pedestrian-
friendly rail transit

1,100

ACRES

of environmental
cleanup

33

MILES

of multi-use
urban trails

1,300

ACRES

of new
greenspace

\$10B

in economic
development

50K

PERMANENT
JOBS

5,600

UNITS

of affordable
workforce housing

48K

CONSTRUCTION
JOBS

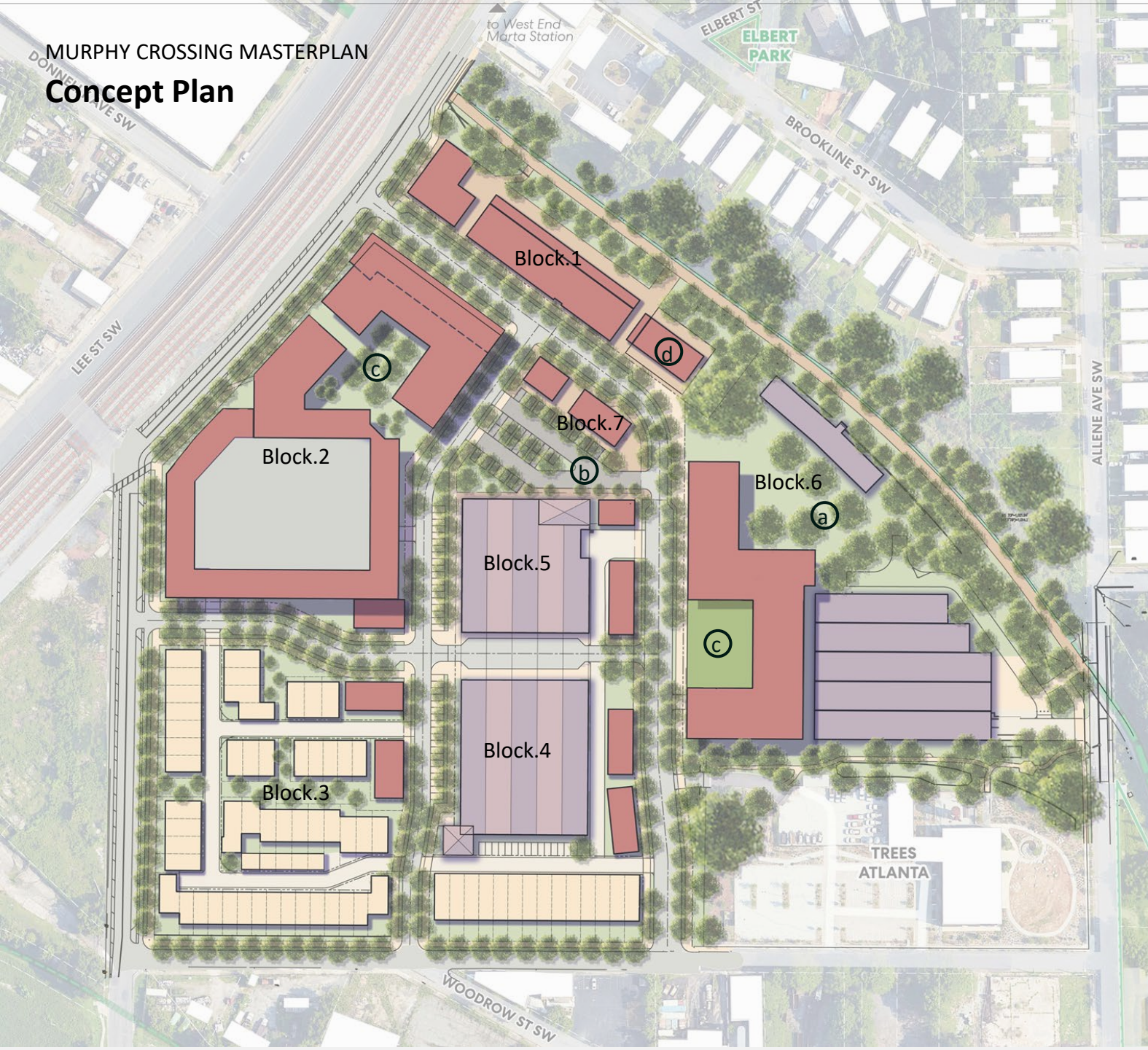


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Murphy Crossing Redevelopment Updates

MURPHY CROSSING MASTERPLAN
Concept Plan



Land Use

Block 1

Units.....8
Non-Residential.....45K

Block 2

Units.....368
Non-Residential.....12K

Block 3

Units.....87
Non-Residential.....4K

Block 4

Units.....20
Non-Residential.....61K

Block 5

Units.....3
Non-Residential.....53K

Block 6

Units.....134
Non-Residential.....97K

Block 7

Units.....7
Non-Residential.....4K

Site Total

Units.....625
Non-Residential.....256K

Highlights

- a. Stormwater Park
- b. Parking Bosk
- c. Amenity Space
- d. Open Shed (Breaker Breaker Concept)

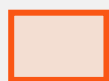
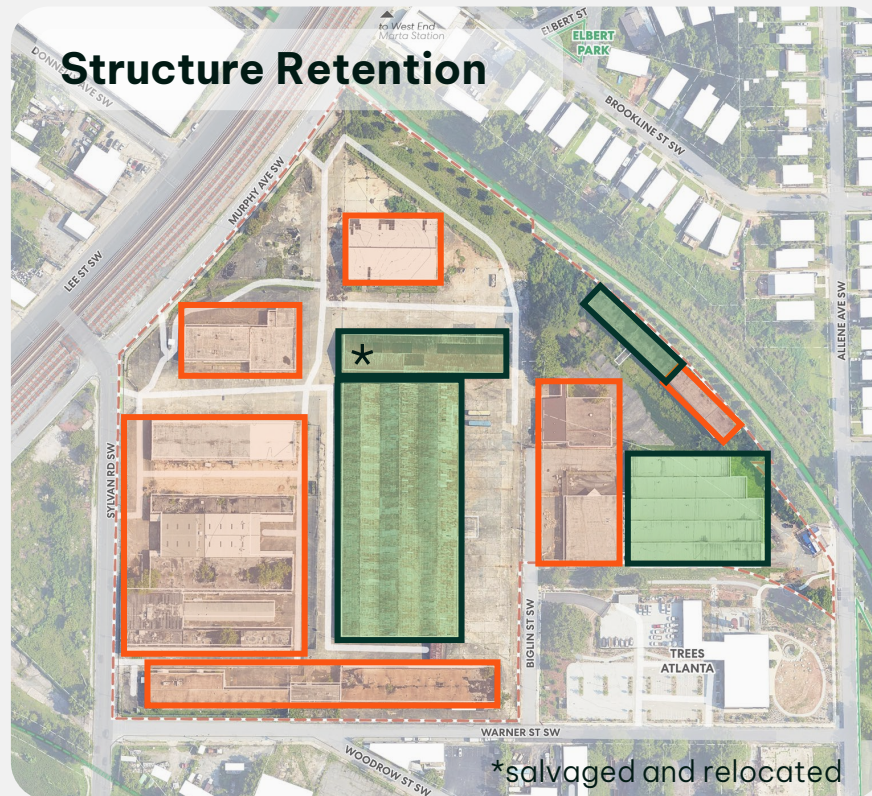


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Phase 1 Development Strategy

Phase 1

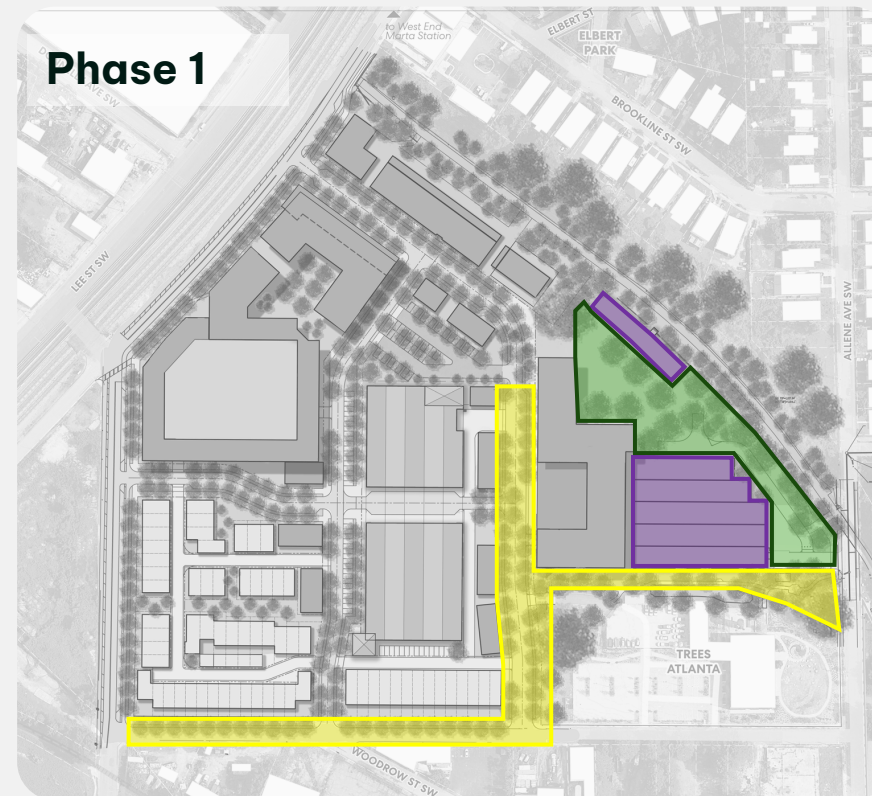
- *Vertical Improvements*
 - Archives Building adaptive reuse
 - Curved "Egg" Building adaptive reuse
- *Horizontal Improvements*
 - Stormwater Park (1.4 acres)
 - Archive Building surface parking
 - Biglin Street improvements
 - Sidewalk/path improvements
- Most onsite demolition work



Buildings Planned for Demolition



Buildings Planned for Reuse



Adaptive Reuse



ROW / Circulation Improvements



Stormwater Park / Open Space



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Special Administrative Permit (SAP)

- Application request: Complete demolition and removal of eight (8) existing buildings and the partial demolition of two (2) additional structures which are intended to be reincorporated within the redevelopment.
- Approval: Granted conditional approval on July 16, 2026, for vertical demolition only.
- SAP next steps: Further review on the application will resume when proposed redevelopment documents are submitted.



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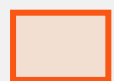
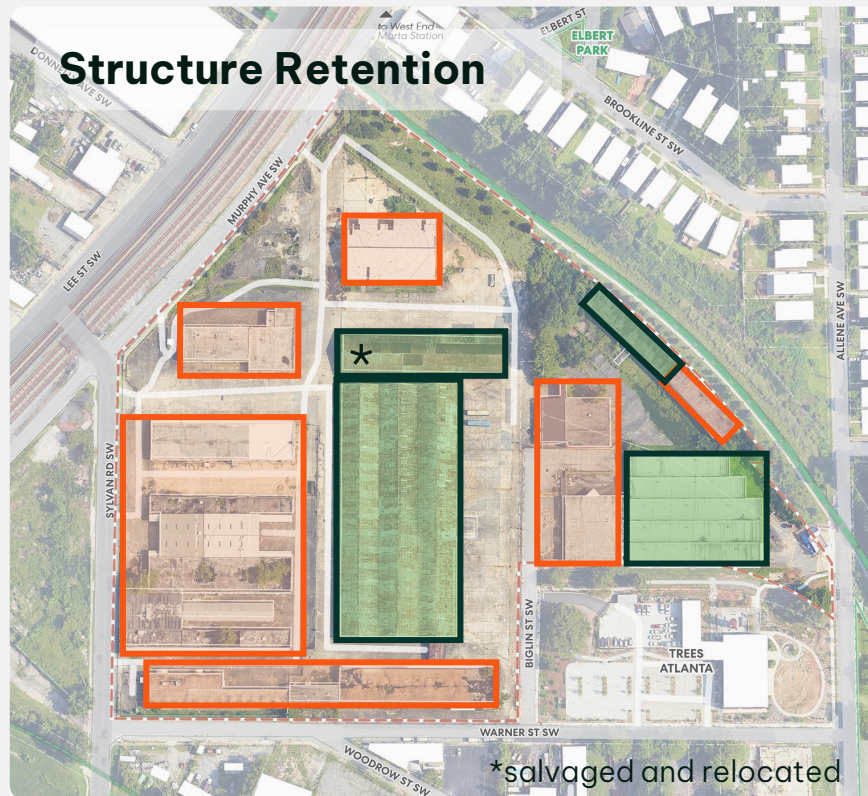
Demolition & Next Steps

Demolition Timeline

1. Demolition contractor procurement (current step)
2. Demolition permitting
3. Anticipated start: Fall 2026
4. Estimated completion: ~5 months after start

More details will be posted on the Murphy Crossing project page

bit.ly/murphy-crossing



Buildings Planned for Demolition



Buildings Planned for Reuse

Next Steps

- Advance design of Phase 1 adaptive reuse buildings, stormwater park
- Complete demolition of existing structures
- Begin Phase 1 horizontal infrastructure improvements
- Initiate vertical construction of Phase 1 adaptive reuse buildings



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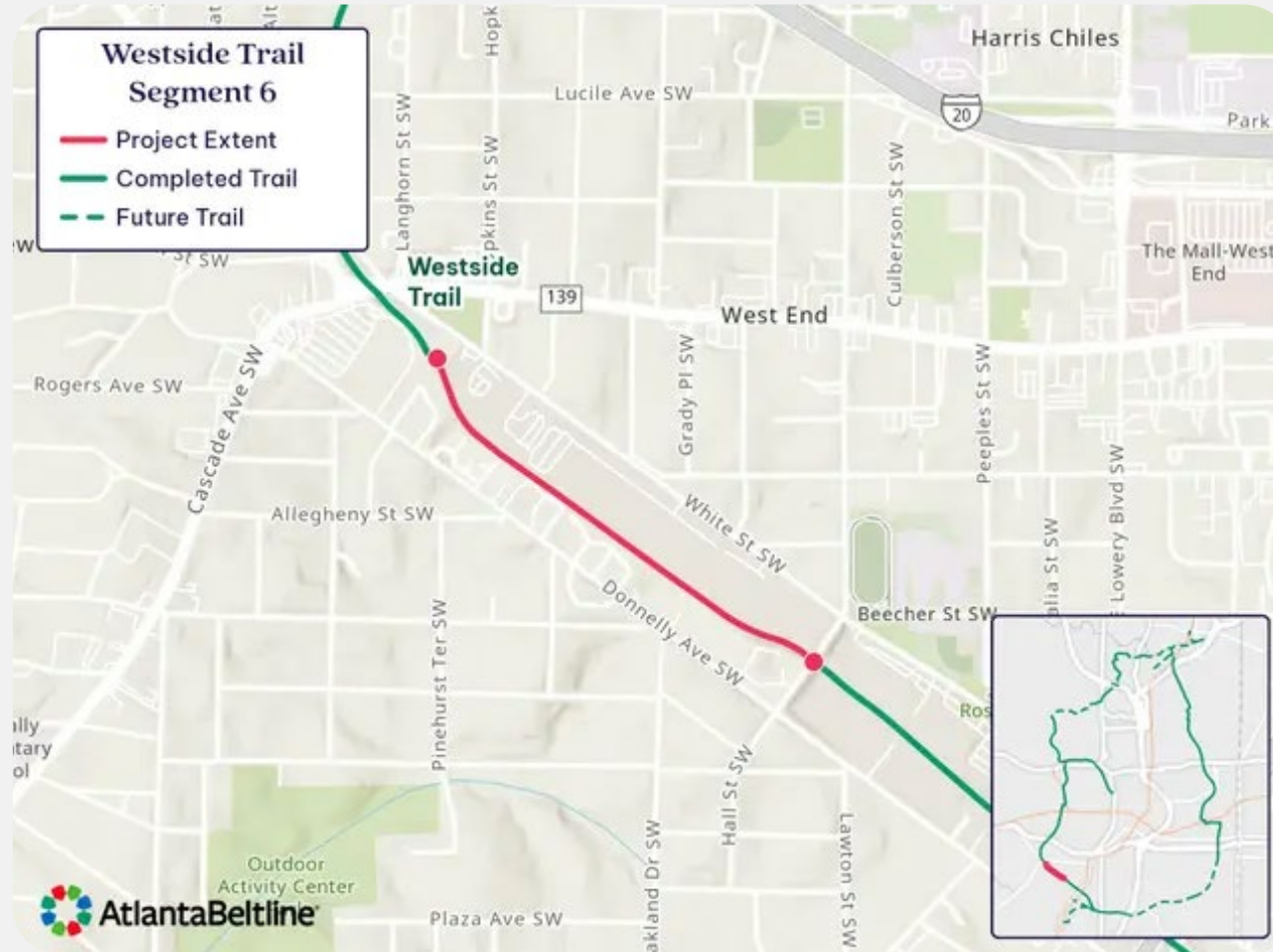
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Westside Trail- Segment 6



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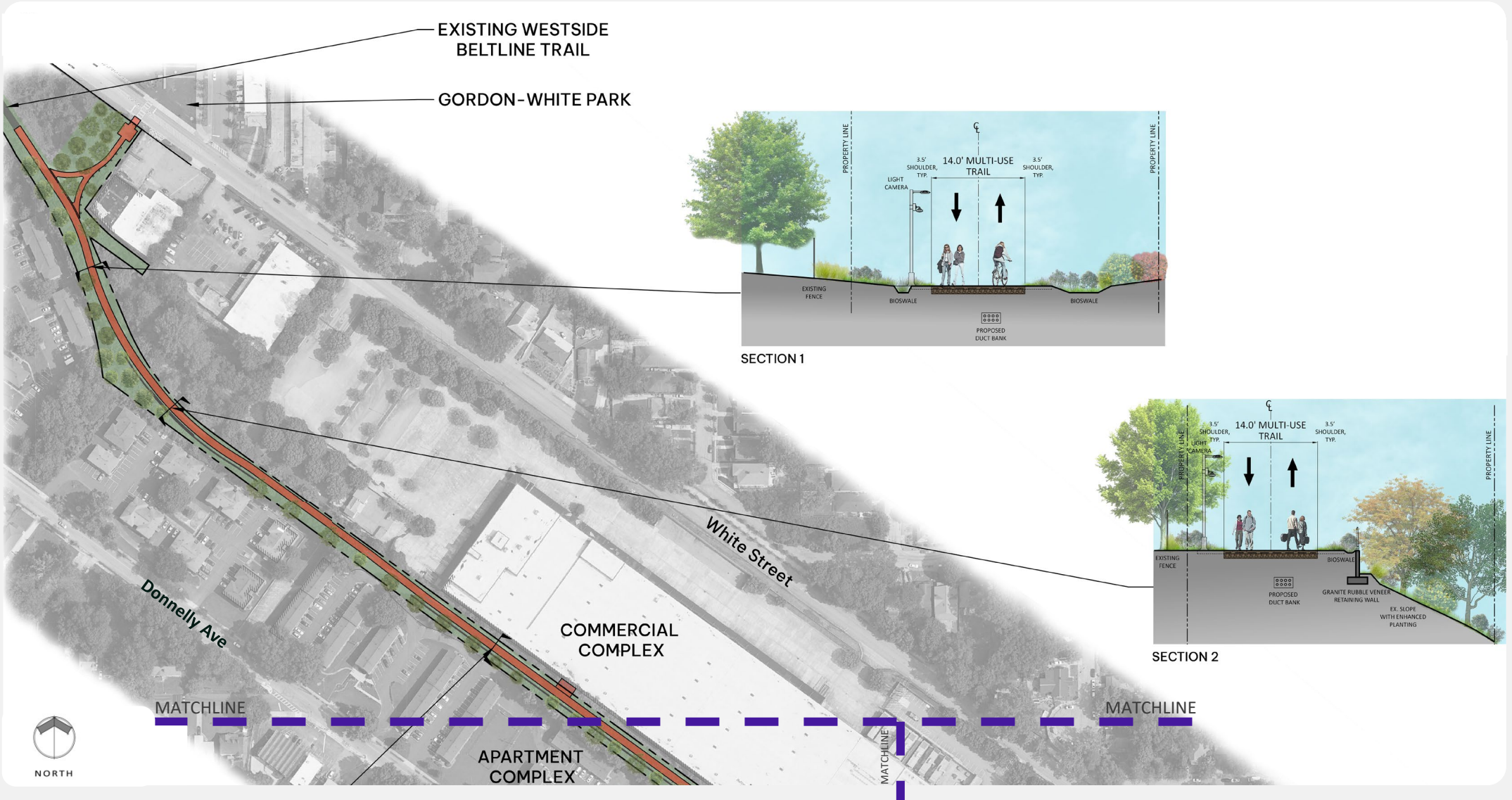
Westside Trail - Segment 6



- Length: 0.6 Mile
- Former rail corridor
- Located in West End neighborhood, near Westview
- Lee + White Complex and Southwest Trail adjacent to southern end
- Gordon White Park And Westside Trail adjacent to northern end

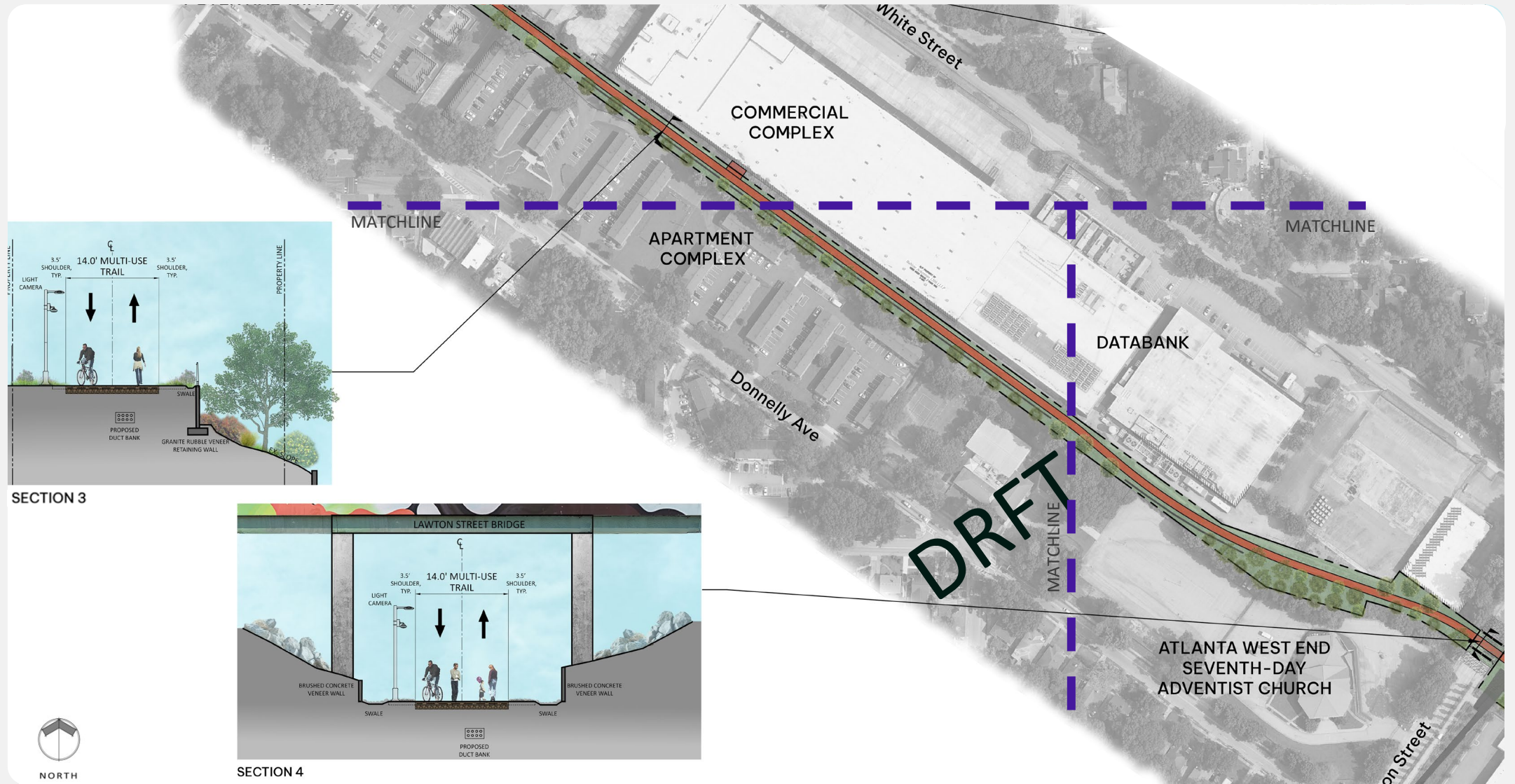


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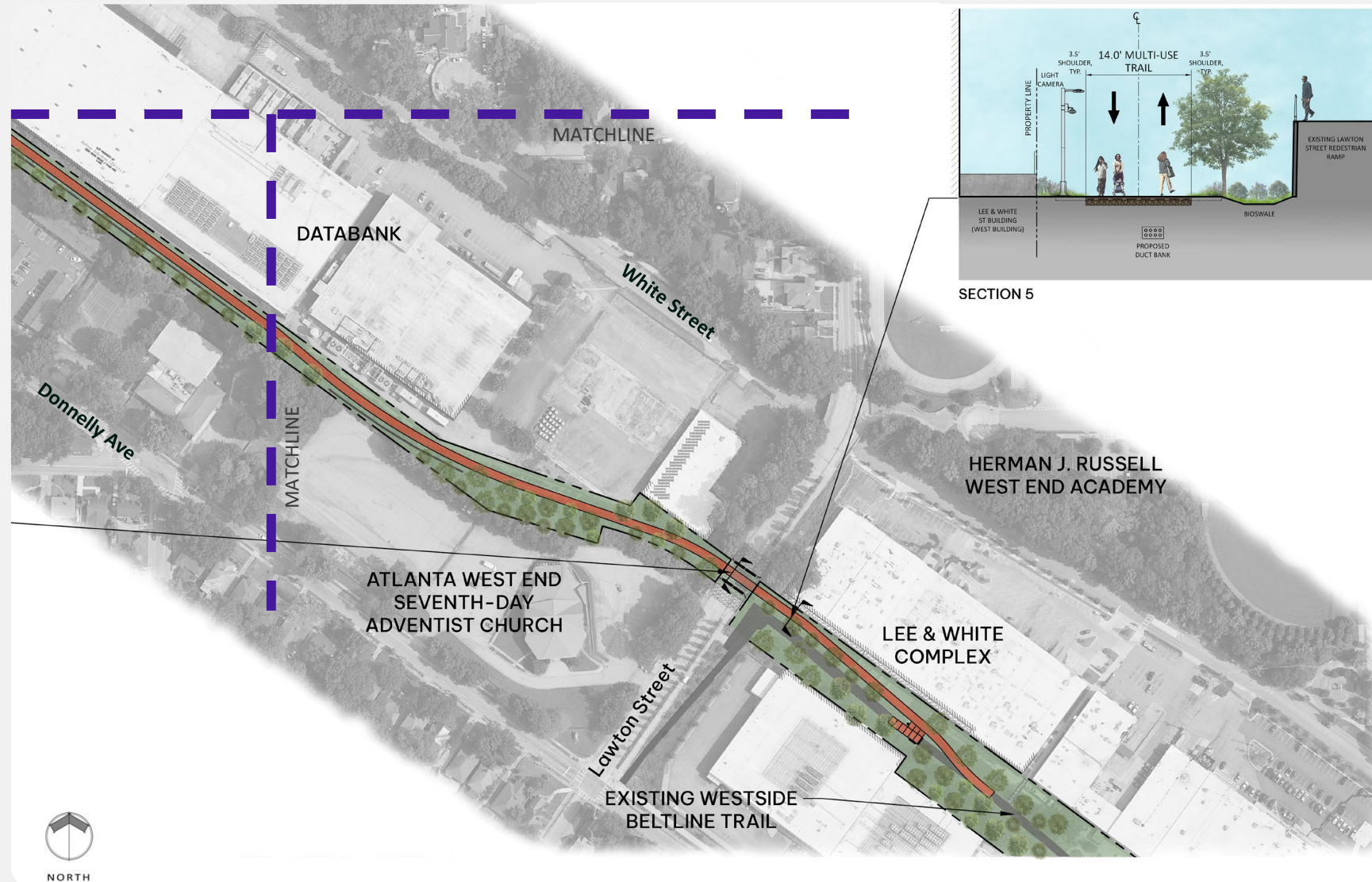


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View 1 at White Street trail entry looking southeast



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View 2 looking northwest near
Lawton St and existing ramp



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View 3 looking northwest near Lawton St
and existing ramp



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Schedule

- Permitting Submitted Aug 2026
- Bidding Fall 2026
- Construction Spring 2027-Spring 2028



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Oakland + Murphy Connector Trail

1.31-mile section of trail connecting Murphy Avenue
& the Oakland City MARTA station to the existing
Southwest Trail

Design Lead: Martin Rickles Studio



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Project Overview



- Segment 1: 0.45-mile segment will cross over Sylvan Road SW and end at Murphy Avenue.
- Segment 2: 0.86-mile segment will run adjacent to Avon Ave, crossing over Sylvan Road and Dill Ave before ending at the Murphy Oakland City MARTA station.



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PROJECT TIMELINE

Oakland + Murphy Connector

90% Plans

ATLParks Permit

Submit Plans for Permit

100% Plans

Construction Begins

Completed

Received!

August 2026

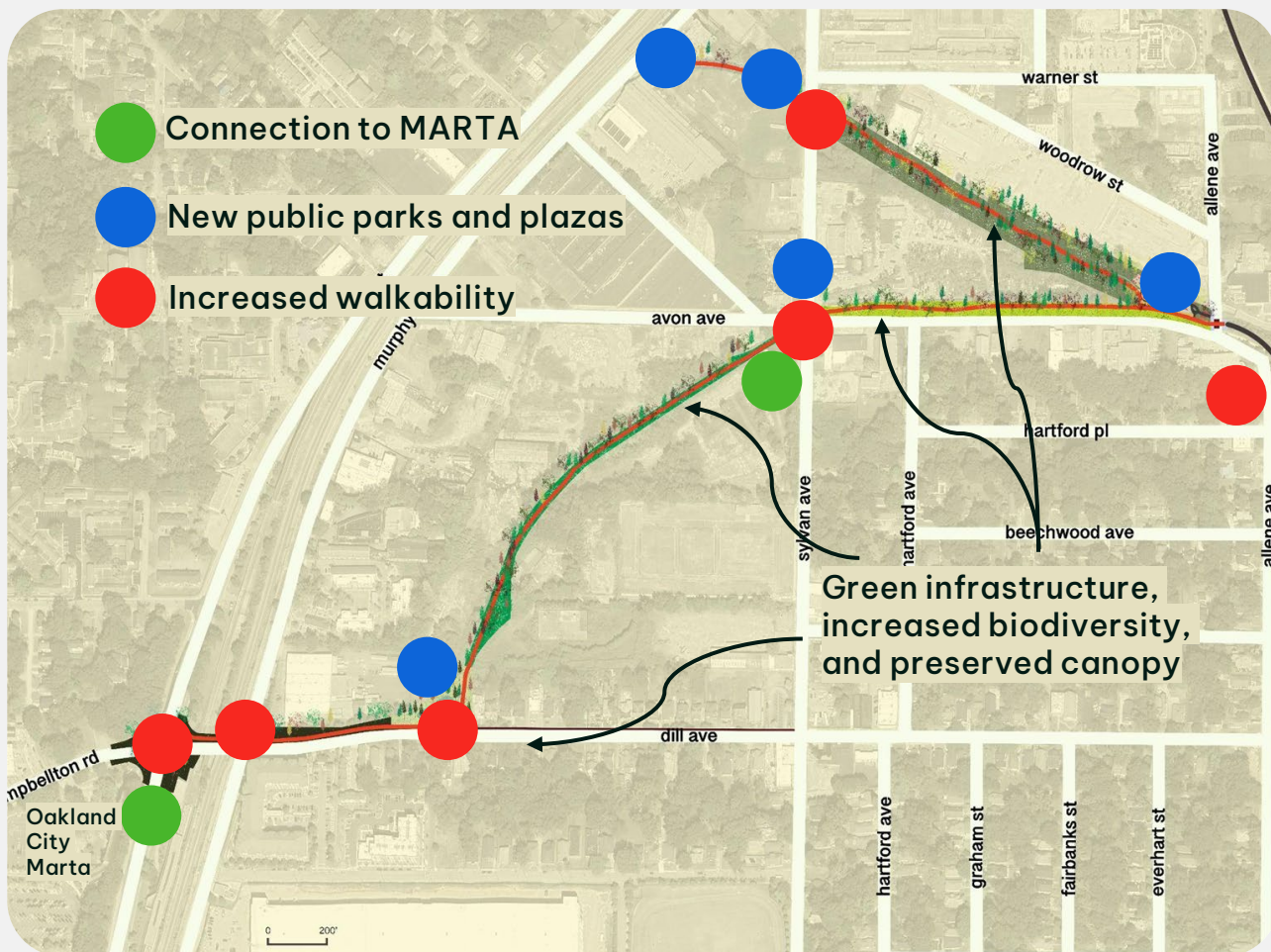
Fall 2026

Early 2027



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Design Highlights



Our design considered ecological health, neighborhood context, tree canopy, accessibility, mobility, slope, hydrology, historic layers, utilities, circulation, and more.



Improved public realm



Improved ecological health



Improved social health



Improved mental health



Improved physical health

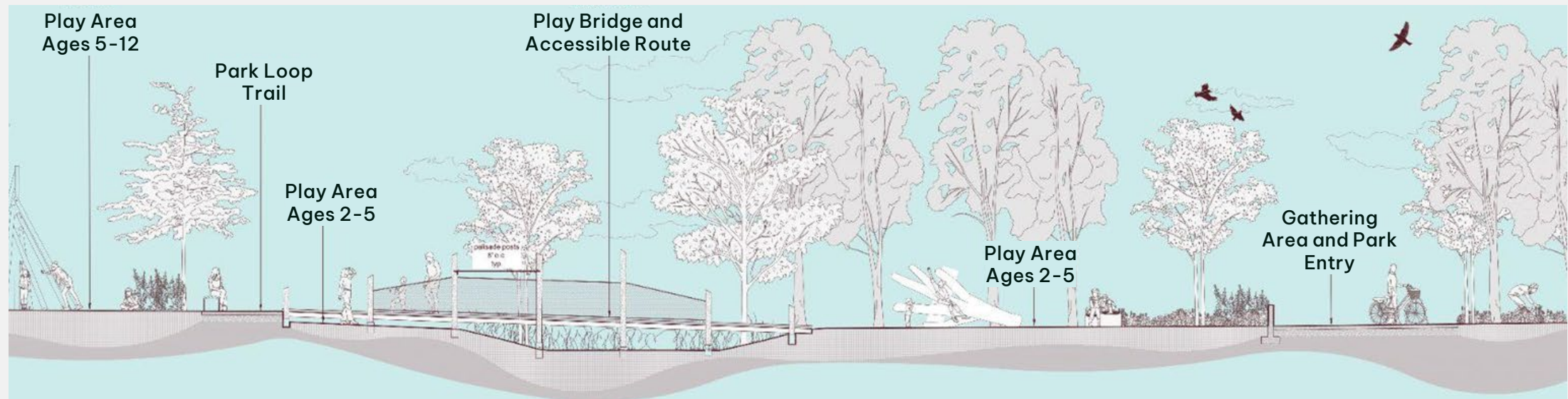
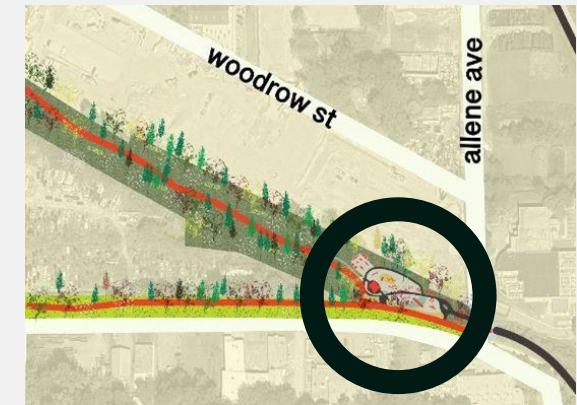
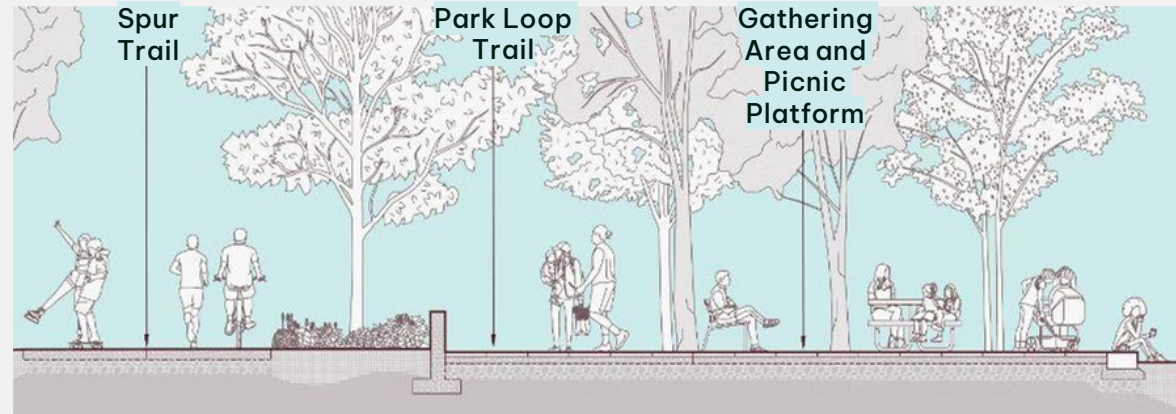


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Oakland Murphy Park



- Nature play for all ages and abilities
- Large and small gathering areas
- Caretaker areas
- Access to nature





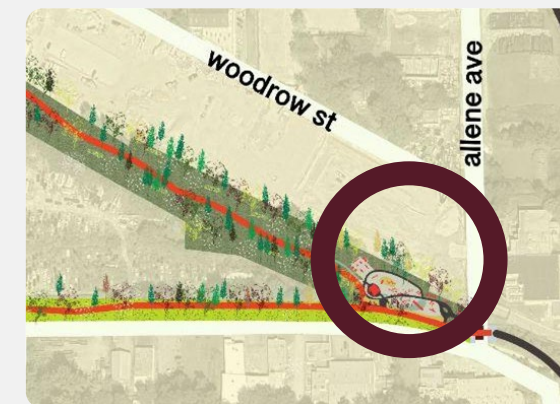
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Oakland Murphy Park Audience Questions:



1. What neighborhood do you live in?
2. What are the ages of your household?
3. How often does your household engage in physical activity?
4. What types of physical activity do you engage in?
5. How far do you travel for physical activity?
6. How do you see yourself and/or your household using this park space?

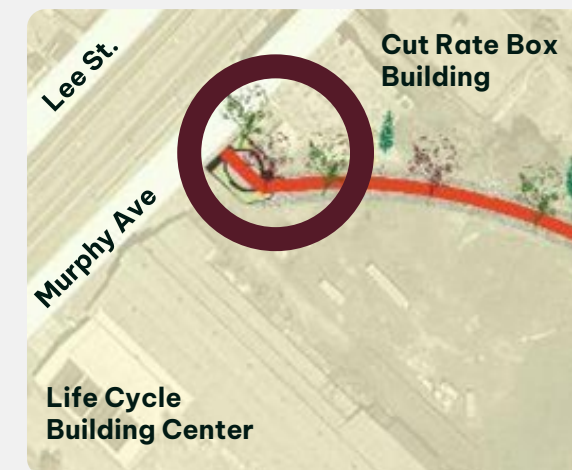




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Murphy Plaza



- Trail connection to Murphy Ave
- Seating under the canopy
- Biodiversity
- Tiered seating
- Bike parking
- Access to nature



Dill Ave Plaza and Crossing

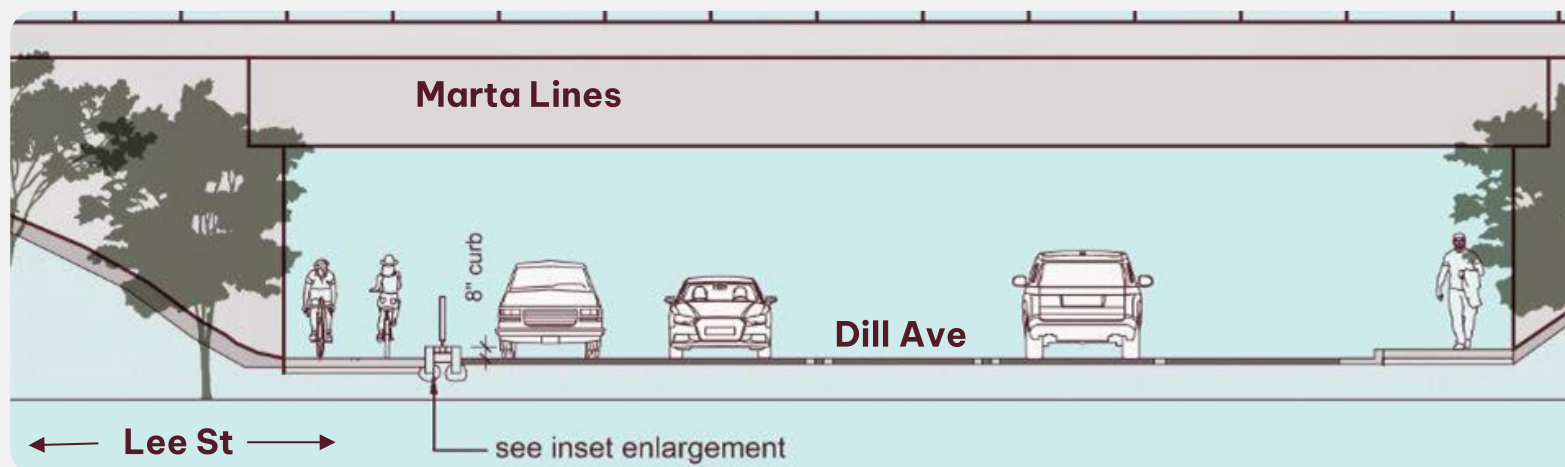
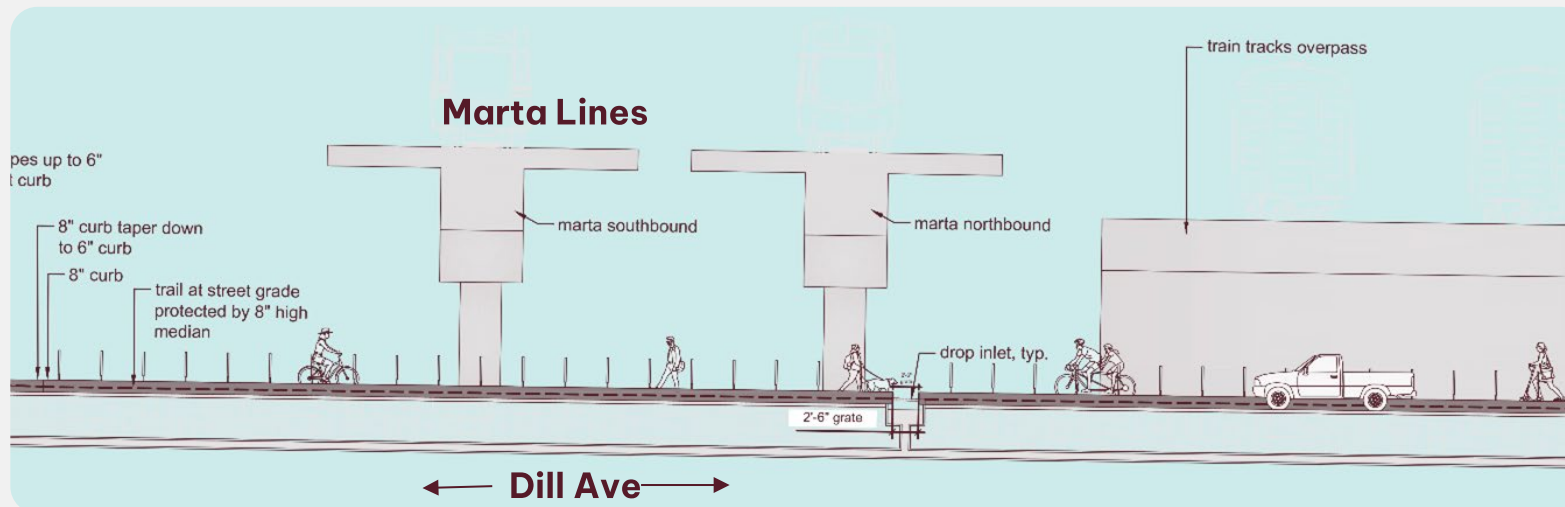


- Trail connection to Division St/ Dill Ave (crossing added!)
- Bike merge lane (becomes protected)
- Plaza space with seating and a view to Atlanta's skyline and an overlook
- Access to nature



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Campbellton Rd / Dill Ave & Lee St Protected Intersection



- Connection from Oakland + Murphy Trail to Oakland City Marta
- Protected bike lane connection from Murphy to Lee street (Dill/Campbellton)
- Protected intersection at Campbellton Rd and Lee St
- Between the Beltline and MAARTA, that's over 1,081 miles you can now travel without a car!



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Campbellton Rd / Dill Ave & Lee St Protected Intersection Audience Questions



1. What neighborhood do you live in?
2. What are the ages of your household?
3. Are you familiar with the Campbellton Rd and Lee St intersection?
4. If so, how and how often do you traverse it?
5. Do you feel safe when you travel through the Campbellton Rd and Lee St intersection?





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Improved Ecological Health



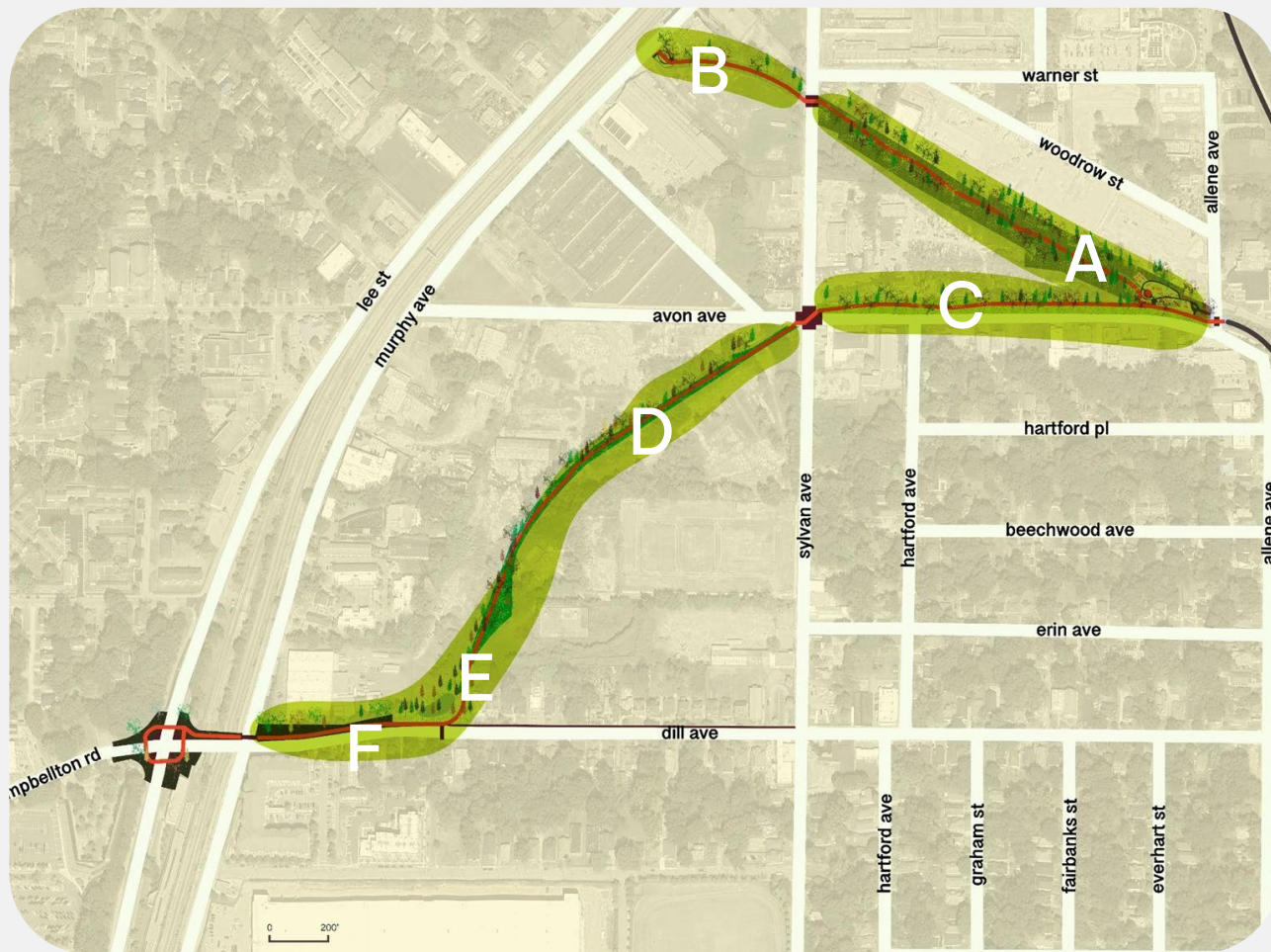
- 99% of the Oakland + Murphy Trail will have tree canopy
- Increased biodiversity
- Wildlife corridor
- Non-native species management
- Green stormwater management
- Reduced erosion



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Planting Native GA Ecologies



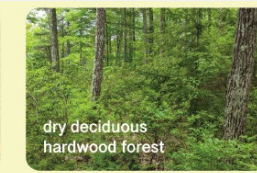
pine oak
woodland forest



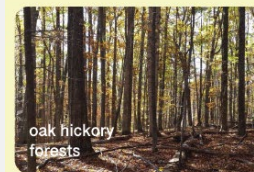
upland longleaf
pine forest



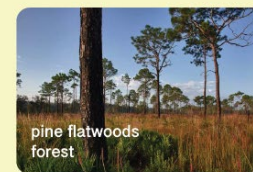
woodland
meadow



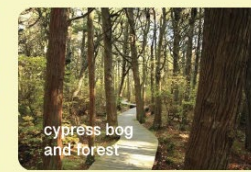
dry deciduous
hardwood forest



oak hickory
forests



pine flatwoods
forest



cypress bog
and forest



streetscape
plantings

Planting Zones

- A. Pine-Oak Woodland & Upland Longleaf Pine
- B. Woodland Meadow & Dry Deciduous Hardwood Forest
- C. Oak Hickory Forest & Upland Longleaf Pine
- D. Pine Flatwood & Dry Deciduous Forest
- E. Cypress Bog and Forest
- F. Resilient Streetscape and Stormwater Planter



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Enota Park

Located along the Westside Trail between I-20 and Lucille Avenue

Design Team: POND

Contractor: Reeves + Young

Landscape Installation + Maintenance: Trees Atlanta

Beltline Project Manager: Meghan Injaychock / Minjaychock@atlbeltline.org



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Enota Park



Upper Section (by I-20):

- November 2026 completion
- Trees installed
- Pavilion and maintenance building are complete
- Boardwalk is complete

Middle Section:

- September 2026 completion
- Trees installed
- Walkway to be completed in August
- Final lighting and cameras late August + plantings

Lower Section (by Lucille Ave):

- October 2026 completion
- Restroom + maintenance building completed
- Stairs + walkway by Lucille poured
- Active elements ongoing



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Enota Update: Lower Section



Current view from no.14 on the map looking towards the stairs and pavilion space (no.17) that is parallel to Lucille Avenue.



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Enota Update: Lower Section



View showing the multiuse field (no.14) looking towards the plaza and stairs at Lucille Avenue.

Major Items for completion:

- Lighting and cameras
- Landscape + tree installation
- Final grading and stormwater installations
- Handrails + final stonework
- Multi-use field sod installation



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Enota Update: Lower Section



Current view from bathroom and maintenance building (no.12) looking towards Lucille Avenue.

Major Items for completion:

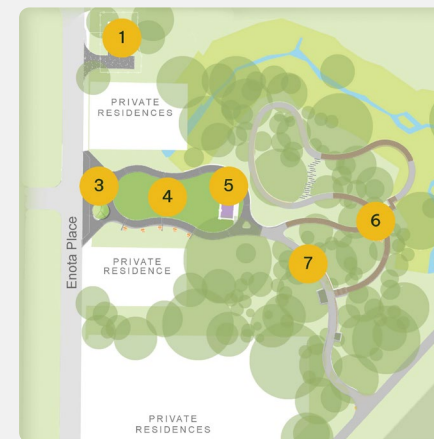
- Lighting and cameras
- Landscape + tree installation
- Final grading and stormwater installations
- Handrails
- Active area installations



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Enota Update: Upper Section



Current view of the boardwalk (no.6)

Major Items for completion:

- Lighting and cameras
- Landscape installation
- Final grading and stormwater installations
- Handrails



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Enota Update: Upper Section



Current view of the boardwalk overlook
(no.6)

Major Items for completion:

- Lighting and cameras
- Landscape installation
- Final grading and stormwater installations
- Handrails



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Enota Update: Upper Section



Current view of the pavilion (no.5)

Major Items for completion:

- Lighting and cameras
- Poured walkways
- Sod and landscape installation
- Final grading and stormwater installations



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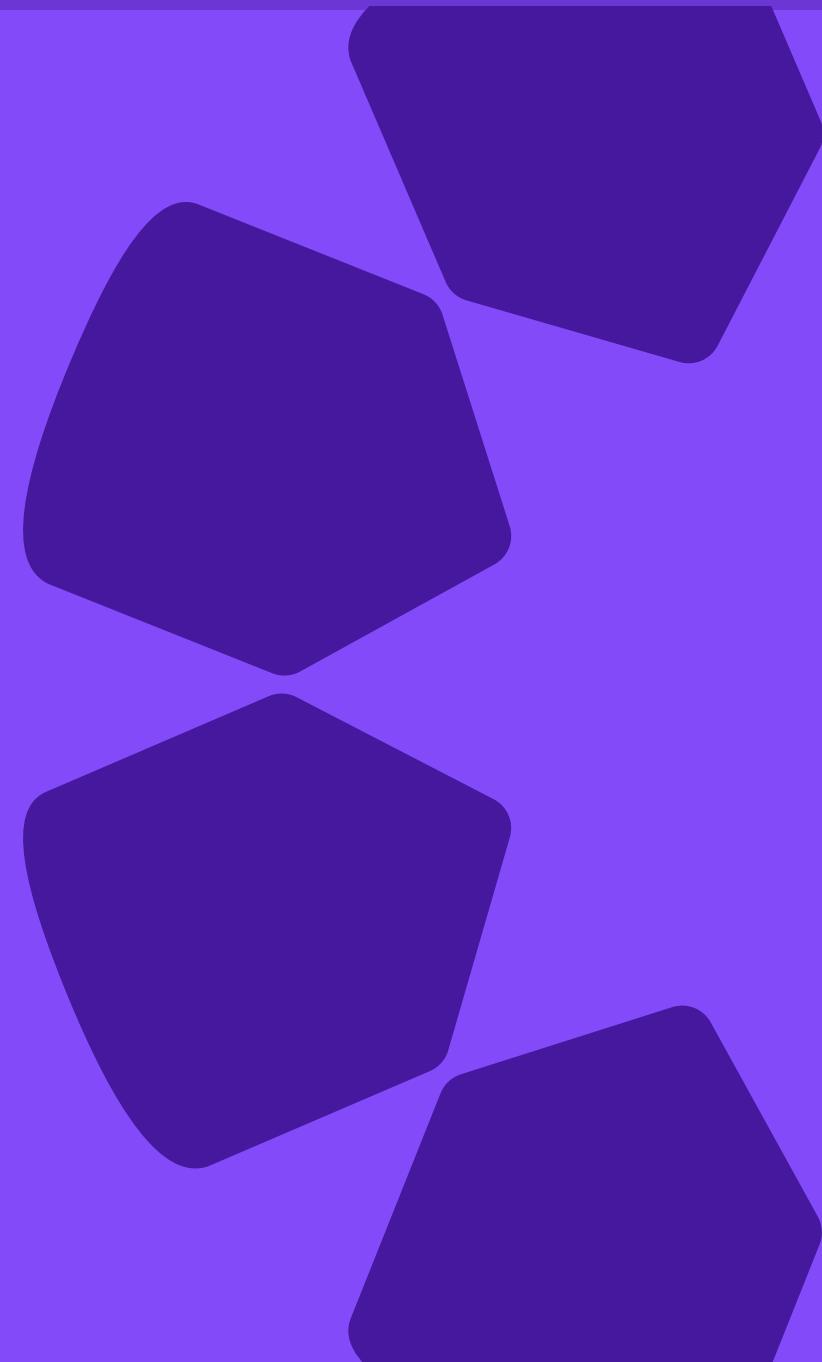


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About Lantern Parade

In 2010, the Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons answered a call for proposals from Atlanta Beltline Art with the idea of a lantern parade where everyone is invited to make a lantern and participate, like Mardi Gras Day marching down the Beltline. The first lantern parade in 2010 drew a spirited 400 participants, and zero spectators. By 2019 the parade was drawing an estimated 70,000 in spectators and participants. This is the 16th year of the Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade.





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Background



The Atlanta Beltline Lantern Parade was founded and continues to be hosted by Chantelle Rytter and Krewe of the Grateful Gluttons.



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Parade Route & Schedule



• Schedule

- 7:15 p.m.: Line-up at Beulah Colbert Park (formerly Adair Park II)
- 8:00 p.m.: Parade steps off at Tift Ave SW
- 9:15-10:00 p.m.: Jam session/finale in Lee + White Food Hall parking lot.

• Participating Bands

- Atlanta Drum Academy
- Atlanta Freedom Band
- Black Sheep Ensemble
- Mausiki Scales & the Common Ground Collective
- Seed & Feed Marching Abominables
- Kebbi Williams and the Wolfpack



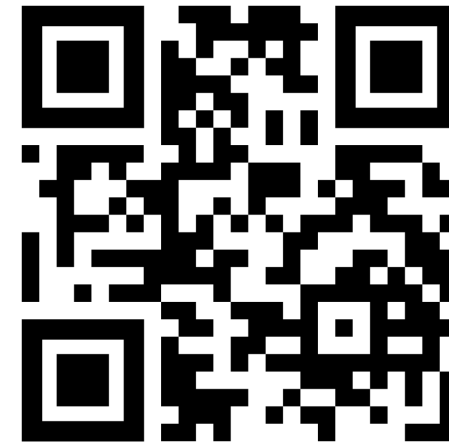
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Lantern Parade Workshops



All workshops are held at the multiple locations: Krewe's Lantern Parade Studio, Lee + White Food Hall, & Trees Atlanta





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Pre-Parade Activities





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Kids Parade & Lantern Making Workshop



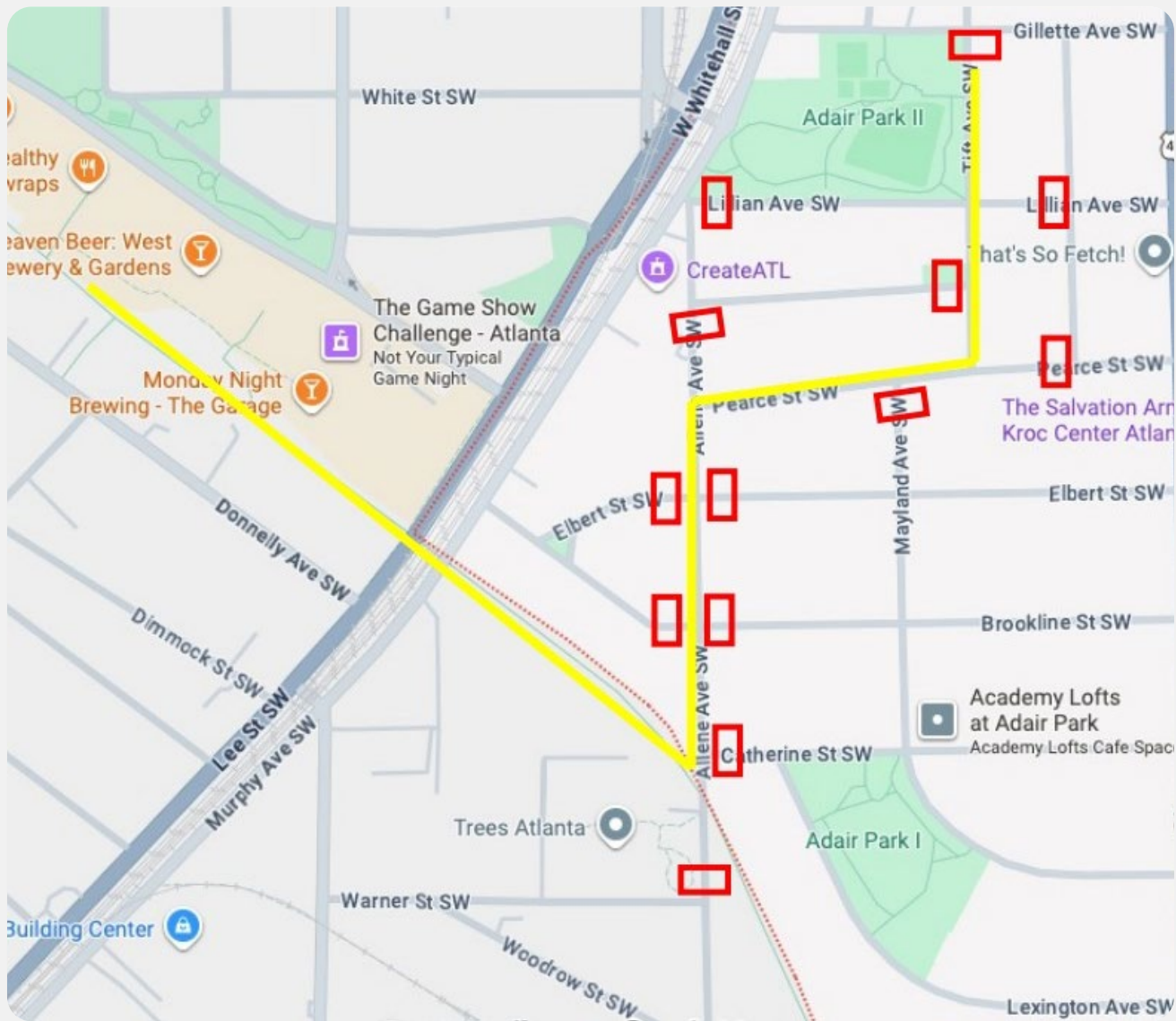
- Pittsburgh Yards®
 - Dj Willy WOW!
 - Face painting and balloon twisting from Color Me Happy Academy
 - Performances from Atlanta Drum Academy
 - Lantern-making station with Happy Black Parent.
- **4:00 p.m.:** Festivities begin
- **4:30 p.m.** Kids Parade step-off
- **5:00–7:00 p.m.:** DJ performance, hula hoop contests, and more.



Path Route

Bike Barricades for
proposed street closures.

APD will close roads at
6:00 pm





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Get Involved!

Become an Atlanta Beltline Lantern
Parade Volunteer





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Lantern Parade Etiquette



- You need a lantern to walk in the parade.
- Walk/dance slowly, no passing.
- If you need to stop, please step off to the side.
- Yield generous space for bands and large lanterns.
- Leave your pets at home.
- Walk your bike.
- No flying lanterns.
- Take your trash with you.
- Smile & wave! You're in a zillion photos.
- Go to the end for the giant puppet & jam band!



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Neighborhoods

The 2026 Beltline Lantern Parade will make its way through the Historic West End, touching several neighborhoods and communities.





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Stay Engaged

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