



DeKalb County
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Indian Creek Trail Study

Public Meeting – August 2, 2023



Topics

1. Introduction & Trail Benefits
2. Study Area & Data Collection
3. Preliminary Alignments
4. Look Ahead

A paved trail winds through a lush green forest. The path is light-colored and curves gently through the trees. The foliage is dense and vibrant green, creating a canopy overhead. A person is visible in the distance on the path. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

1. Introduction & Trail Benefits

Project Team

- District 4 – Commissioner Steve Bradshaw
- DeKalb County Planning
- Trees and Trails Community Action Group
- PATH Foundation

Project Partners

- MARTA
- DeKalb Dept of Transportation
- DeKalb Dept of Watershed Management
- DeKalb Dept of Recreation Parks and Cultural Affairs

Who is the PATH Foundation?

- Planned trail networks for > 30 communities
- Built 315+ miles of bike/ped facilities in the southeast
- Raised \$64.5M private to match \$255M public funding



Trail Benefits



Trails create linear parks.

Trail Benefits



Trails bring fresh air, exercise, and interaction with neighbors.

Trail Benefits

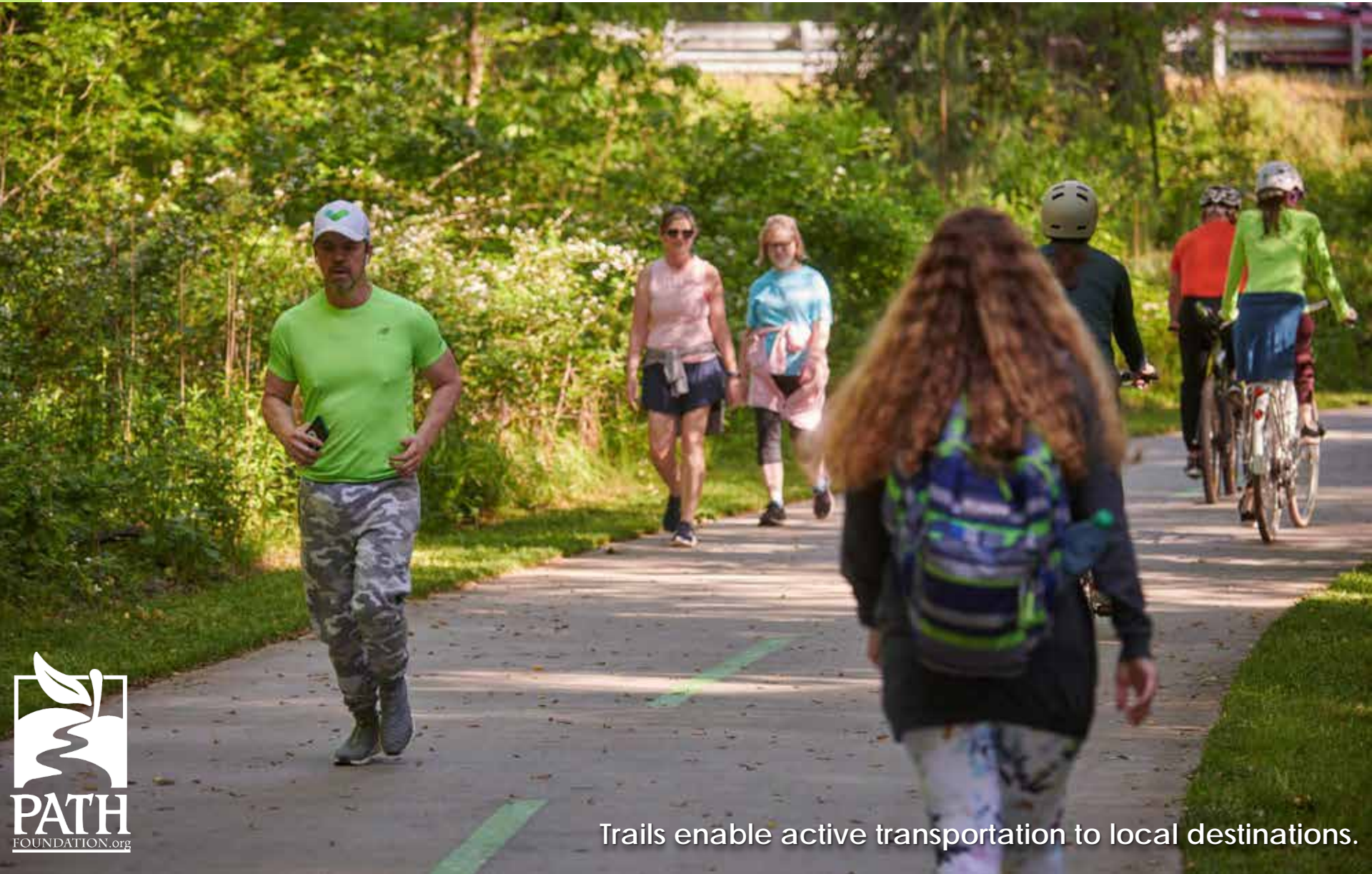


Trail Benefits



Trails build neighborhood identity.

Trail Benefits



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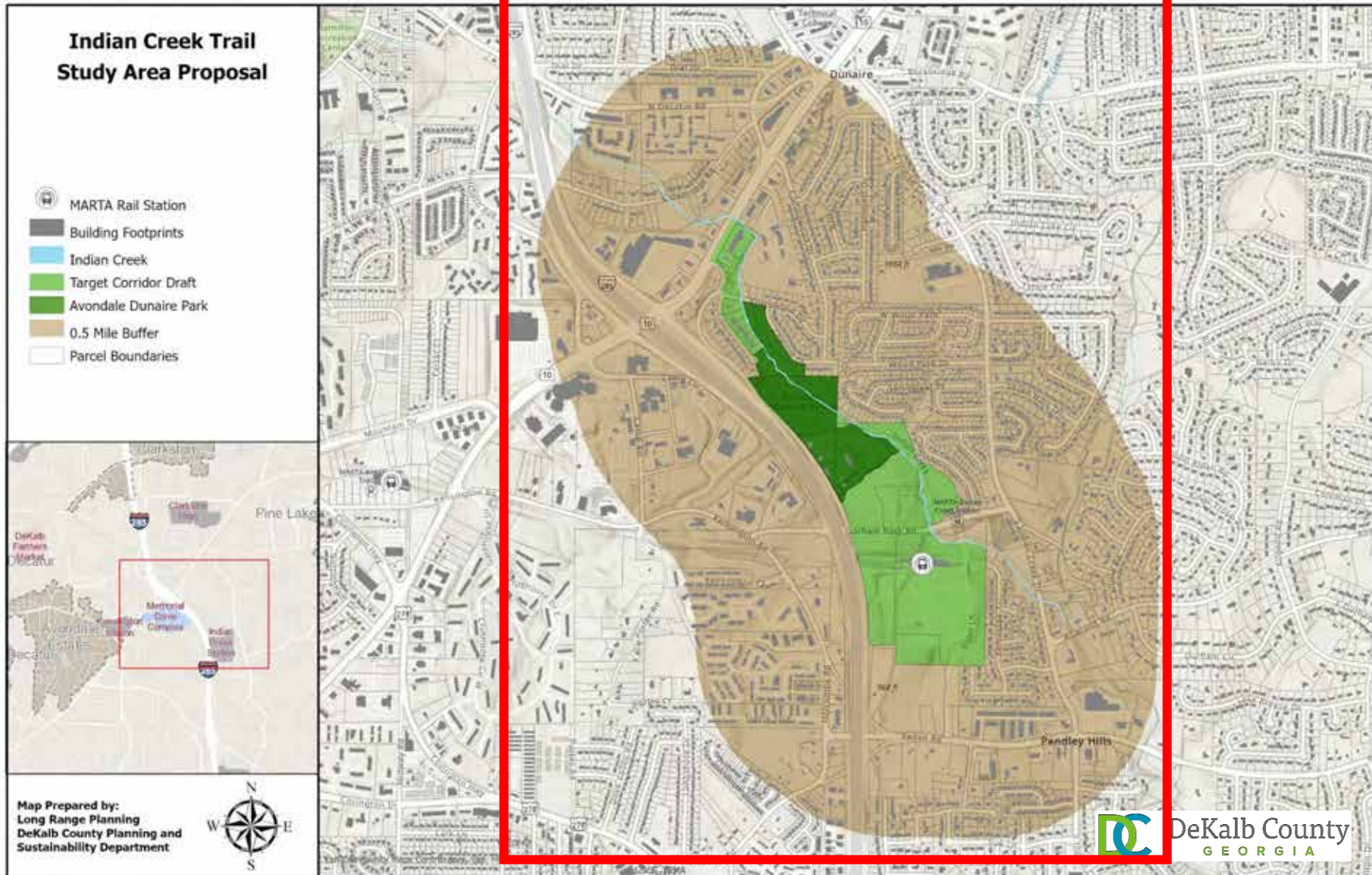


PATH builds trails because trails make life better !

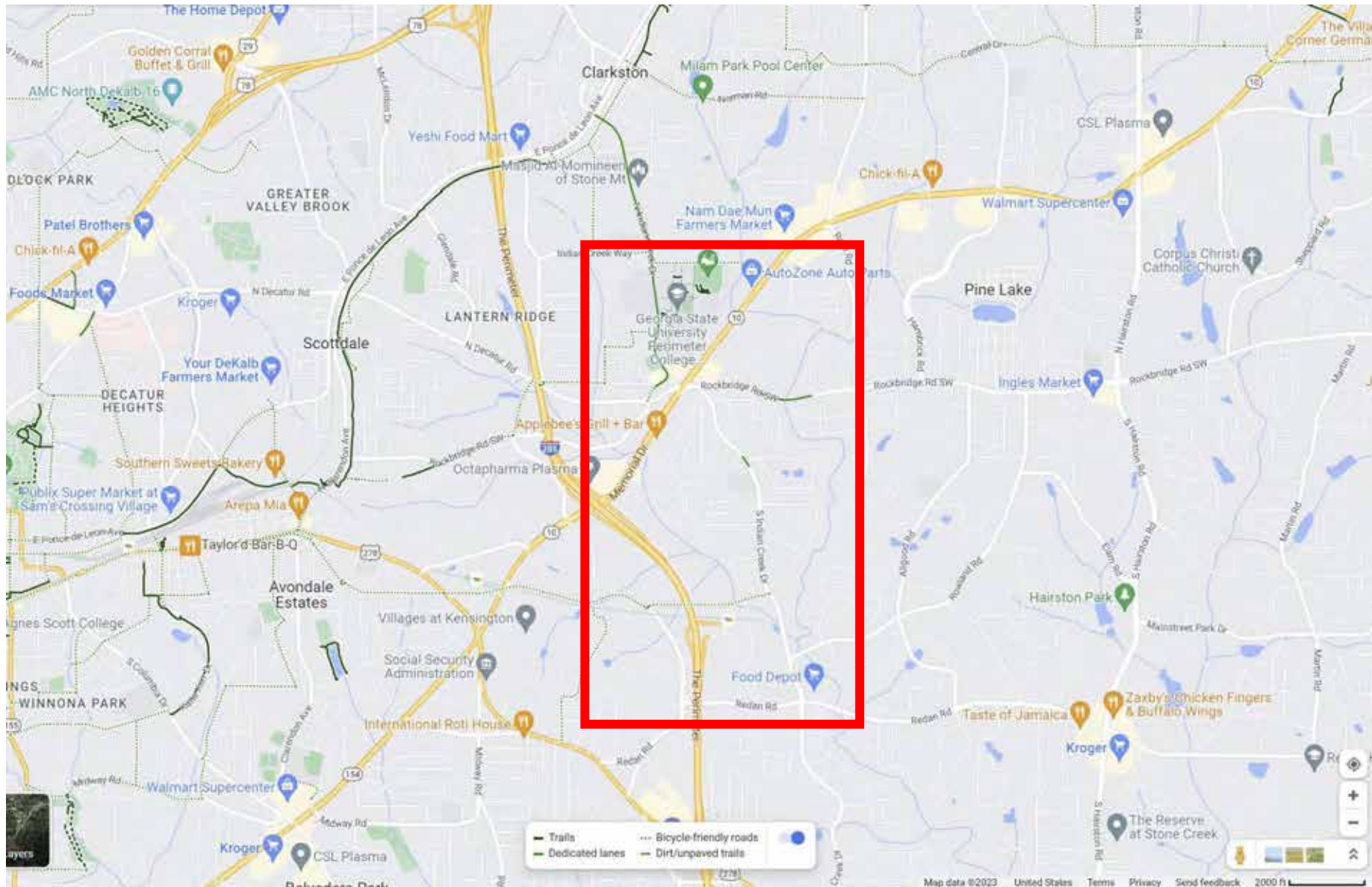
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Indian Creek Trail Study Area



Study Area Lacks Trail Access

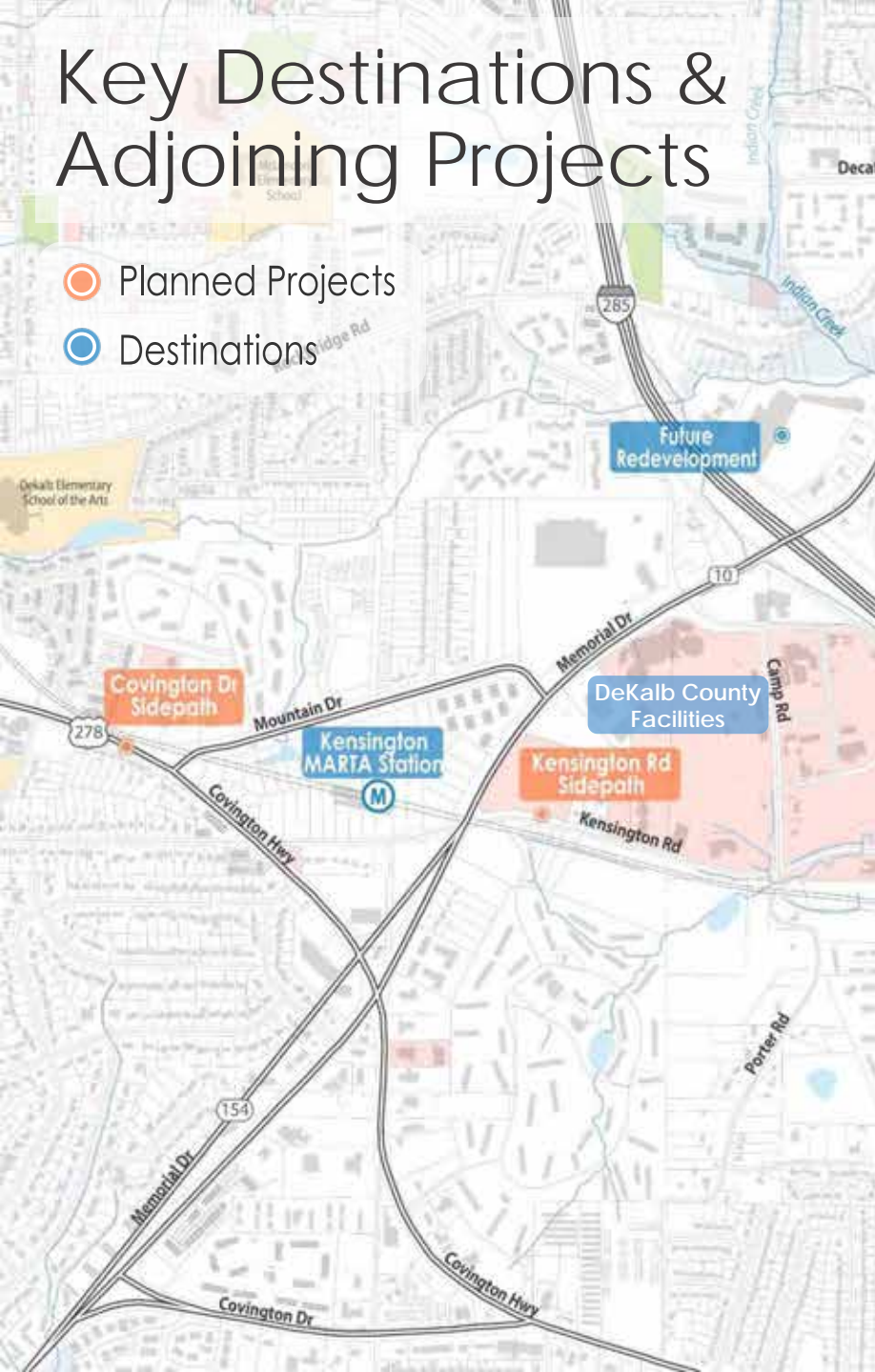


Plans and Projects in Study Area

- Memorial Drive Revitalization Corridor Plan
- Avondale Dunaire Park Expansion and Remodel
- Rowland Park (new RPCA facility)
- DeKalb Transportation project on Kensington Rd
- Bike/ped friendly entrance to Indian Creek Station
- Proposed gas station project on Memorial Drive

Key Destinations & Adjoining Projects

- Planned Projects
- Destinations



Memorial Drive Revitalization Corridor Plan

The illustrative redevelopment plan above includes various features including green and public spaces and a tighter urban network of buildings and streets to reflect the vision for the area. This image also implies how the existing building fabric can be honored through incremental development.

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- Study is vetting bike/ped alternatives to connect along and across Memorial Drive
- Greenway would provide access

Avondale Dunaire Park



- Expand, amenitize, and redesign existing park facilities
- Trail could provide access for pedestrians and bicyclists

Existing Sewer Corridor North of Avondale Dunaire Park



Avondale Dunaire Park - Existing



Avondale Dunaire Park - Proposed



Rowland Park



- Need coordination with RPCA on a trail opportunity
- Potential expansion at undevelopable parcel on S. Indian Creek
- Trail could connect south to Redan Road

Rowland Park Master Plan (2020)



Rowland Park



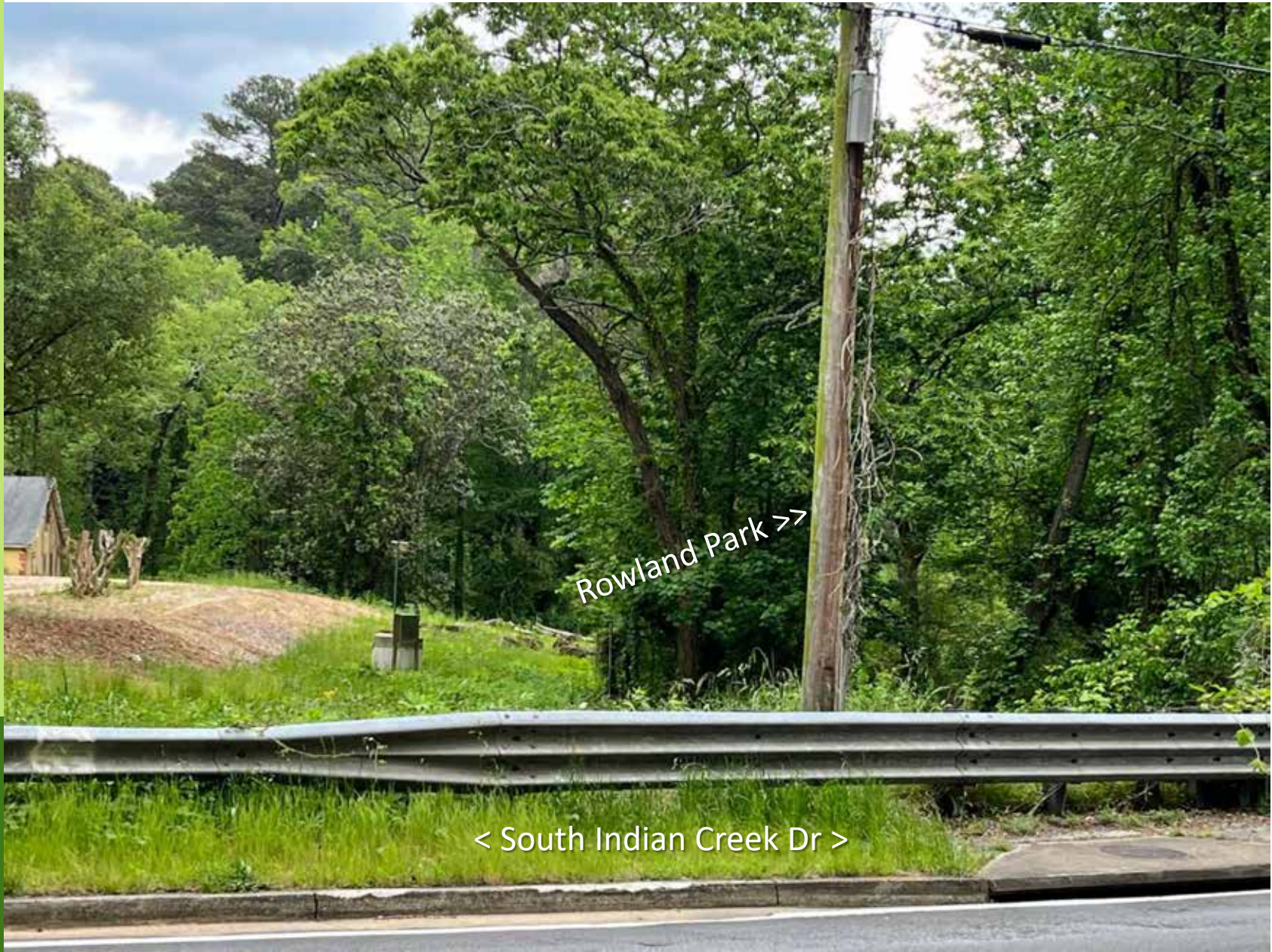
Rowland Park

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At South Indian Creek Rd. –Northwest View



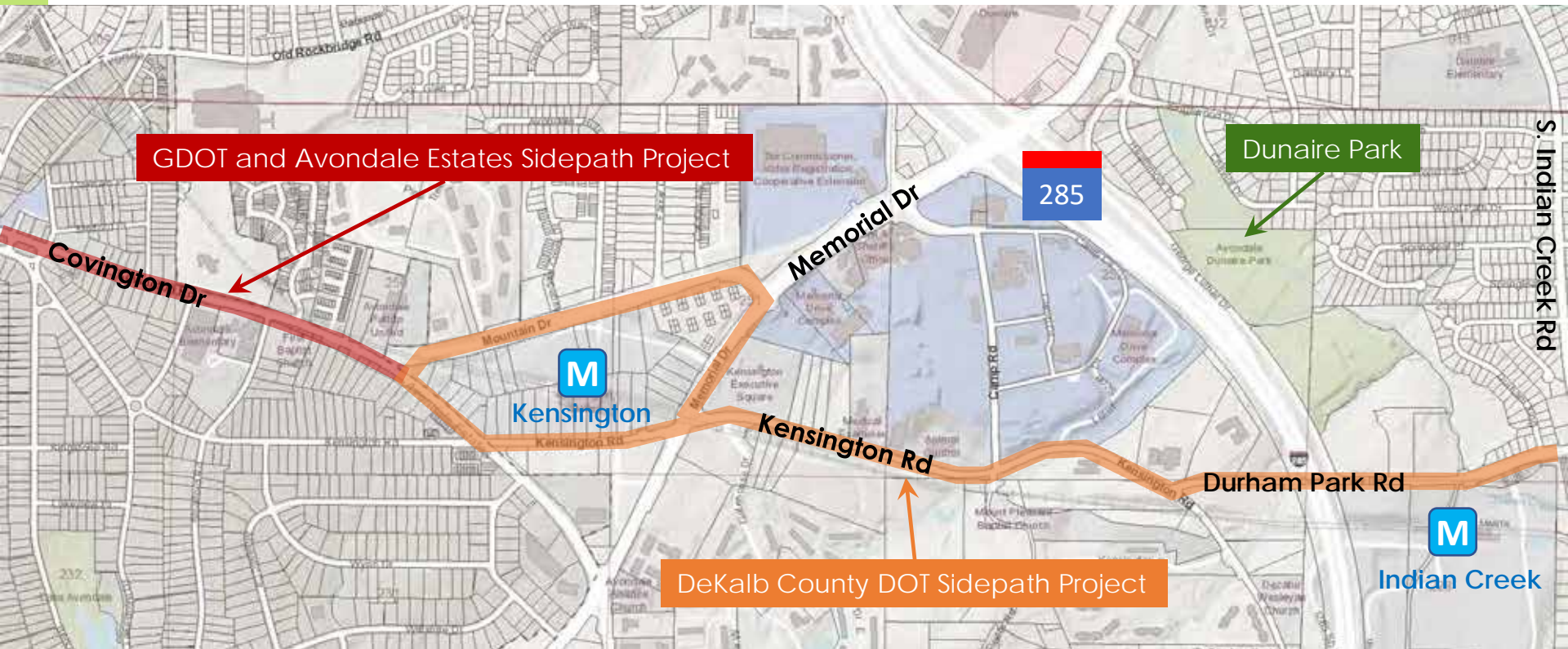
S. Indian Creek Dr toward Rowland Park



Rowland Park >>

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Avondale Estates to Indian Creek Sidepath



GDOT and Avondale Estates Sidepath Project

Dunaire Park

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Covington Dr

Memorial Dr

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Kensington

Kensington Rd

DeKalb County DOT Sidepath Project

Durham Park Rd

M
Indian Creek

S. Indian Creek Rd

Sidepath Project near Indian Creek



- 12' sidepath with **minimum** 5' landscape strip
- Need to integrate with MARTA project
- Street crossing to Manor Indian Senior Housing

Native shade trees
want wider strips!

Durham Park Road at Manor Housing



Indian Creek at Durham Park – North View

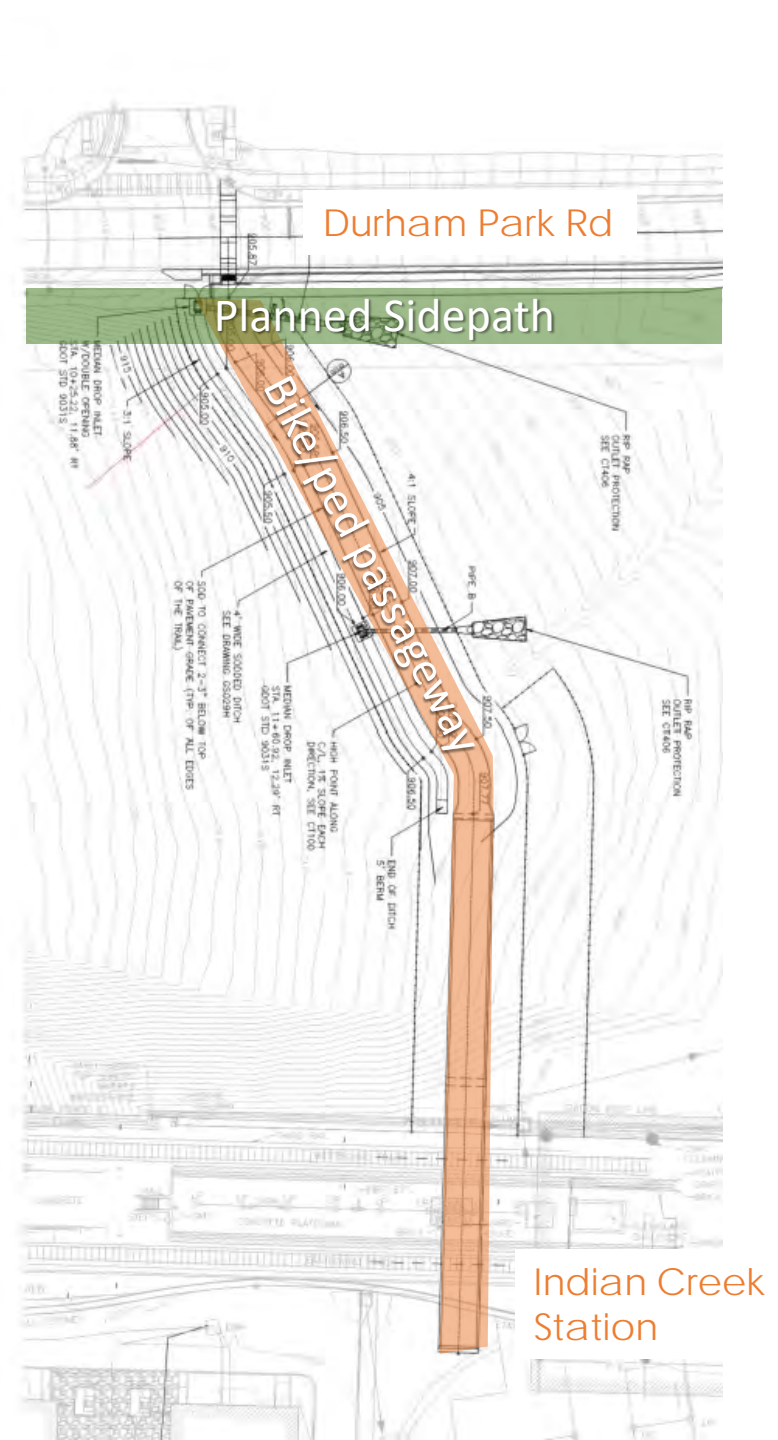


Indian Creek at Durham Park – South View

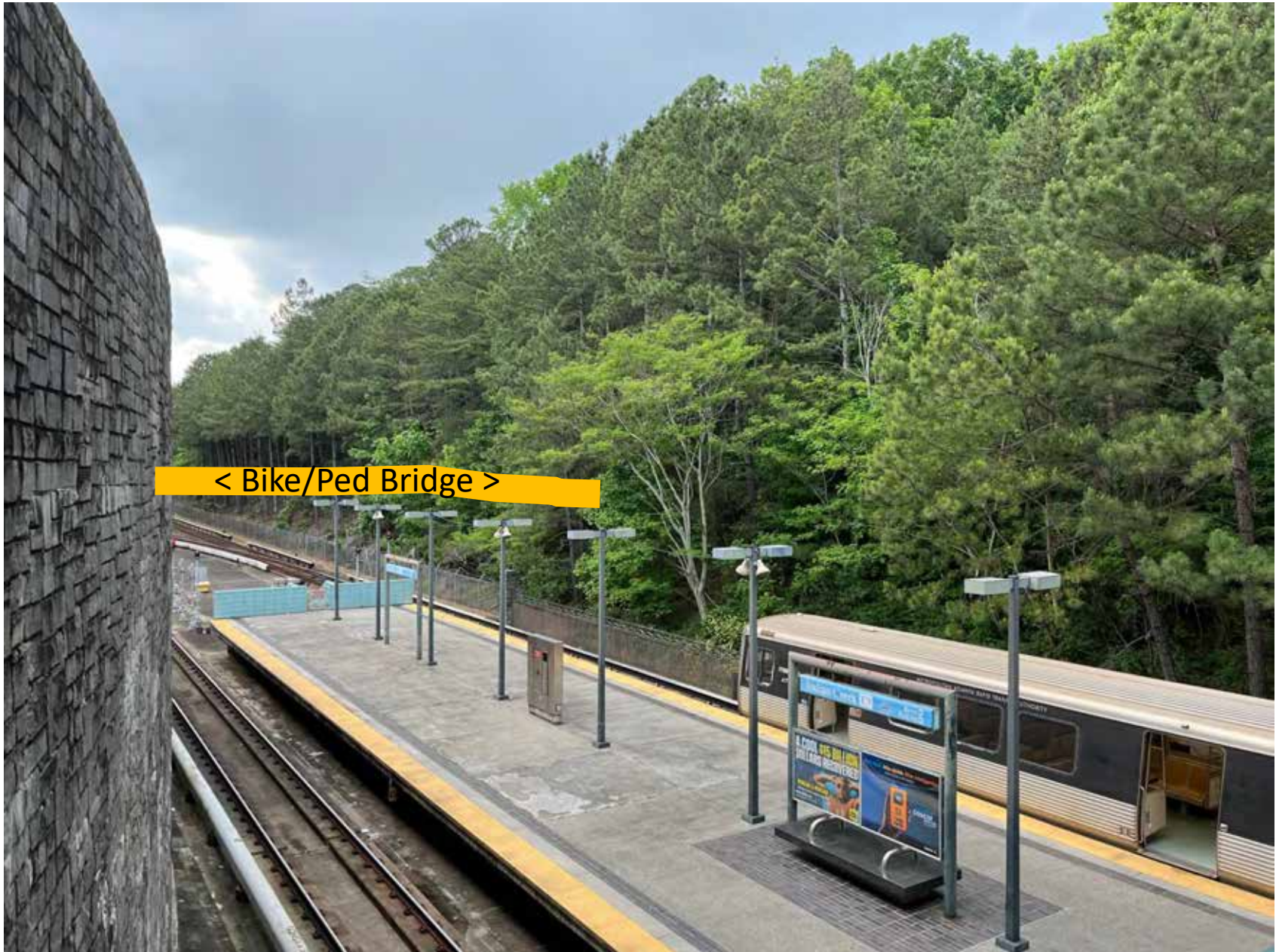


MARTA Station Rehab

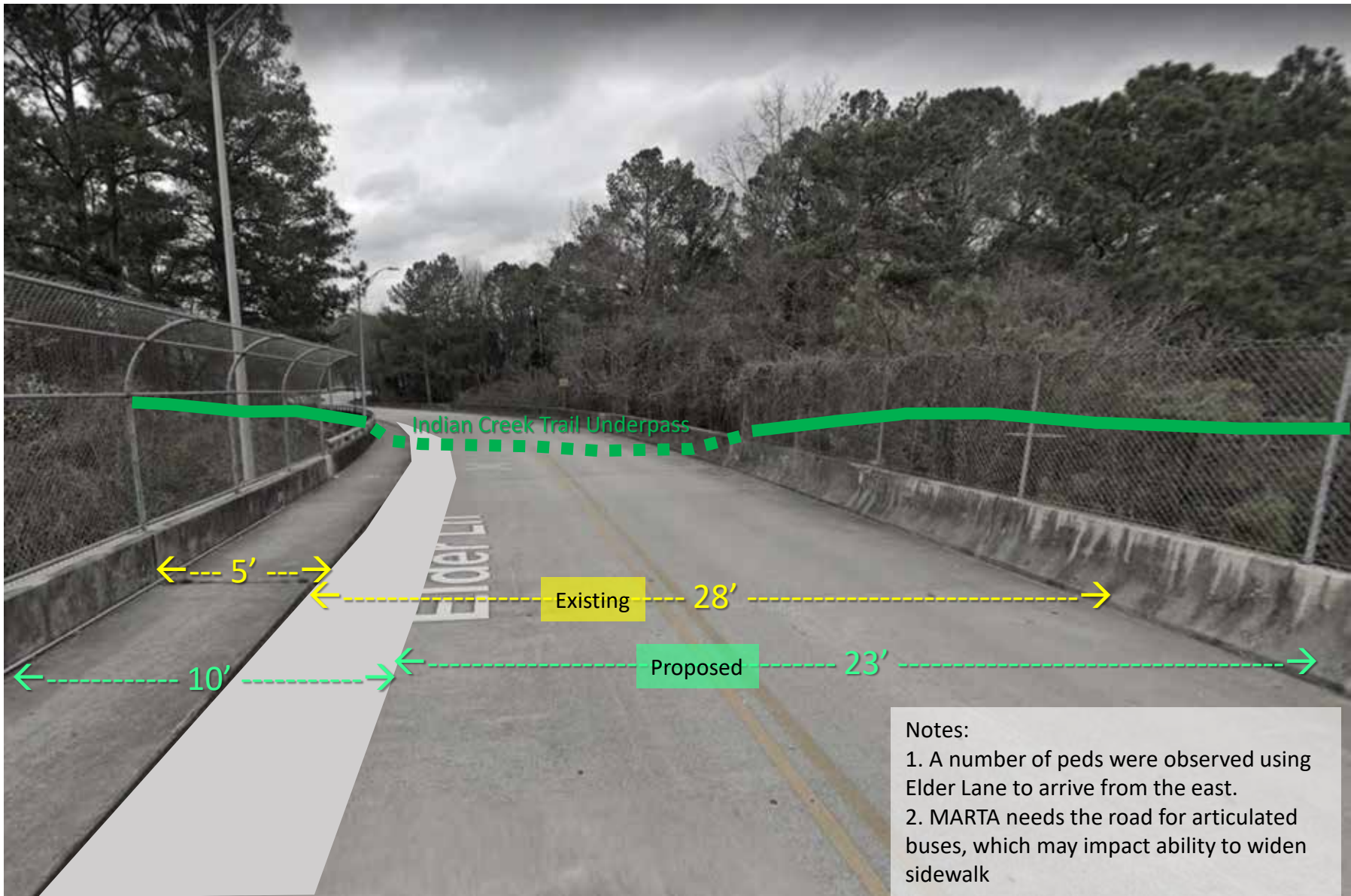
- Indian Creek Station Renovation
- Adds new bike/ped bridge over tracks
- Estimated opening late 2024
- Design at 90%
- MARTA and DeKalb DOT to collaborate on sidepath project and safe street crossing on Durham Park Rd



Indian Creek Station



Elder Lane Lane Adjustments?



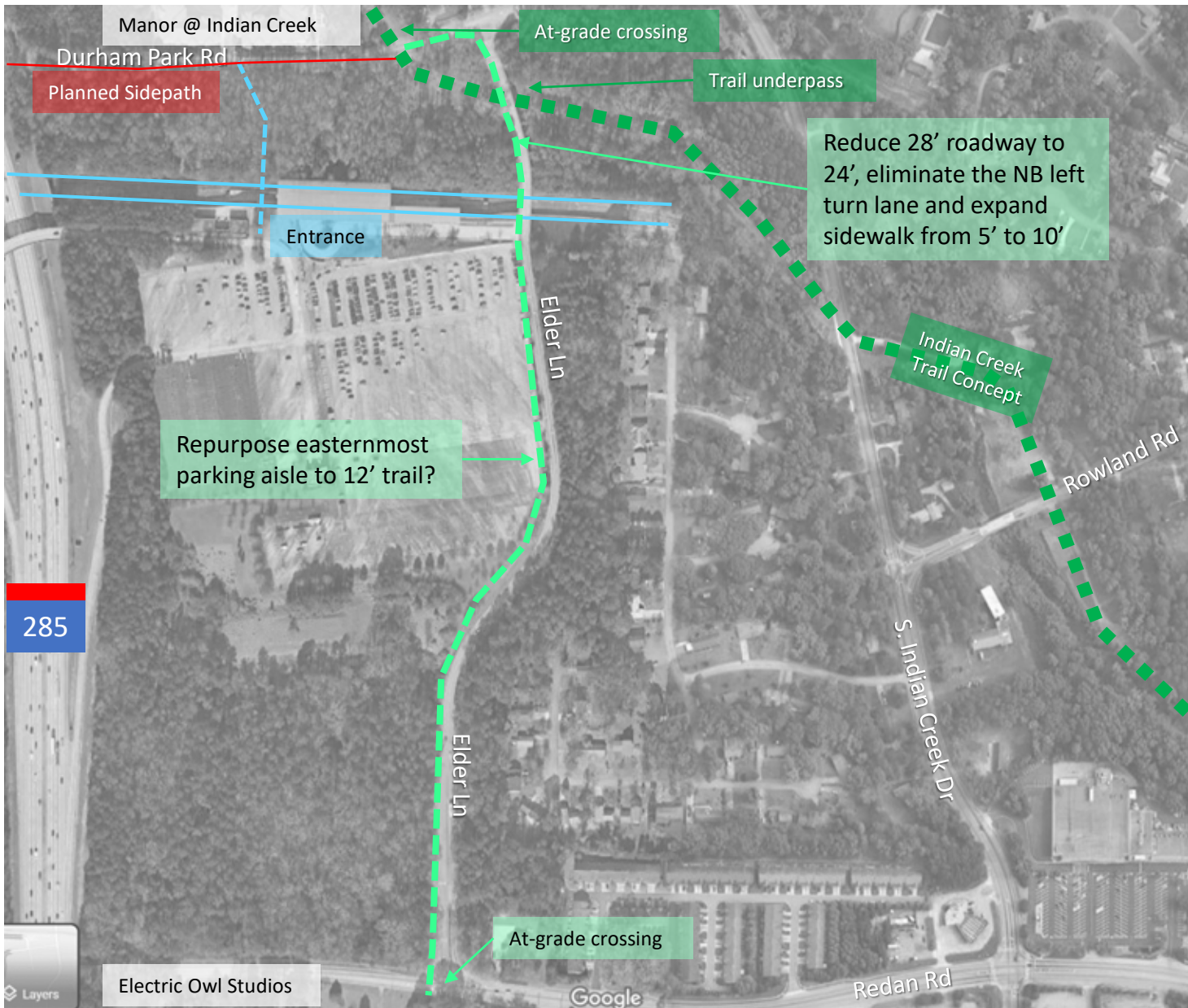
Notes:

1. A number of peds were observed using Elder Lane to arrive from the east.
2. MARTA needs the road for articulated buses, which may impact ability to widen sidewalk

Example: Clairmont Road Underpass at South Peachtree Creek Greenway



Indian Creek Trail Station Access Spur

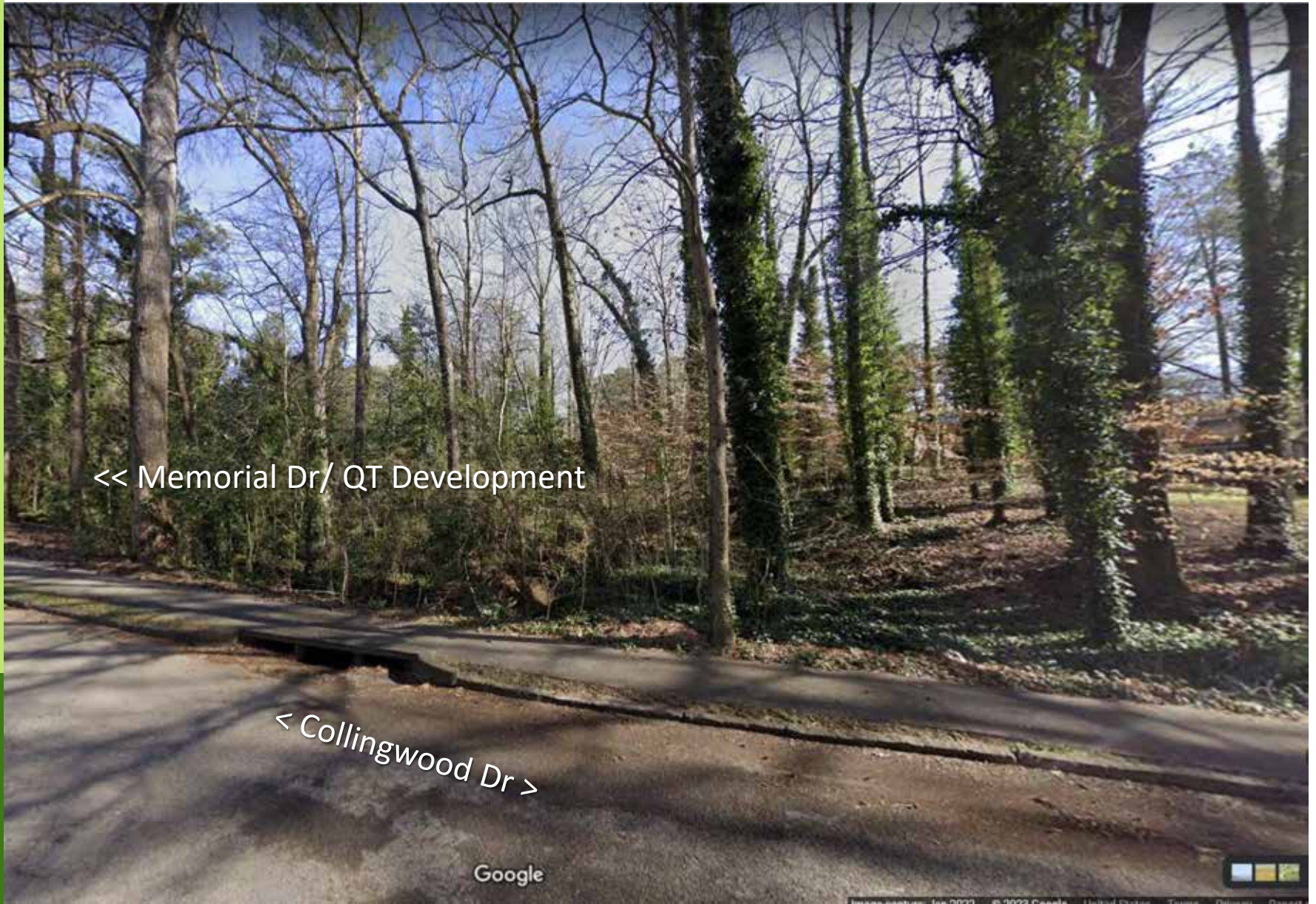


QT Proposal at Collingwood and Memorial



- Project would replace smaller retail structures
- Car-focused with major traffic impact on bikes/peds
- Negative impacts could be mitigated with trail easement on undevelopable forested portion on back side of property along a feeder stream

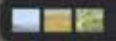
Collingwood Dr – Northeast View



<< Memorial Dr/ QT Development

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Collingwood Dr – West View



Memorial Dr >>

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Memorial Drive Alternative



Sidepath Alternative

- Recent sidewalk and lighting upgrades
- ROW may not allow for landscape buffer
- Very exposed
- Close to traffic noise and vehicle emissions

People Data: Schools + Transportation

Schools

- Clarkston High School ~1,500 students
- Piedmont Technical College ~ 2,800 students
- GSU Perimeter College Clarkston ~5,000 students

Indian Creek MARTA Station

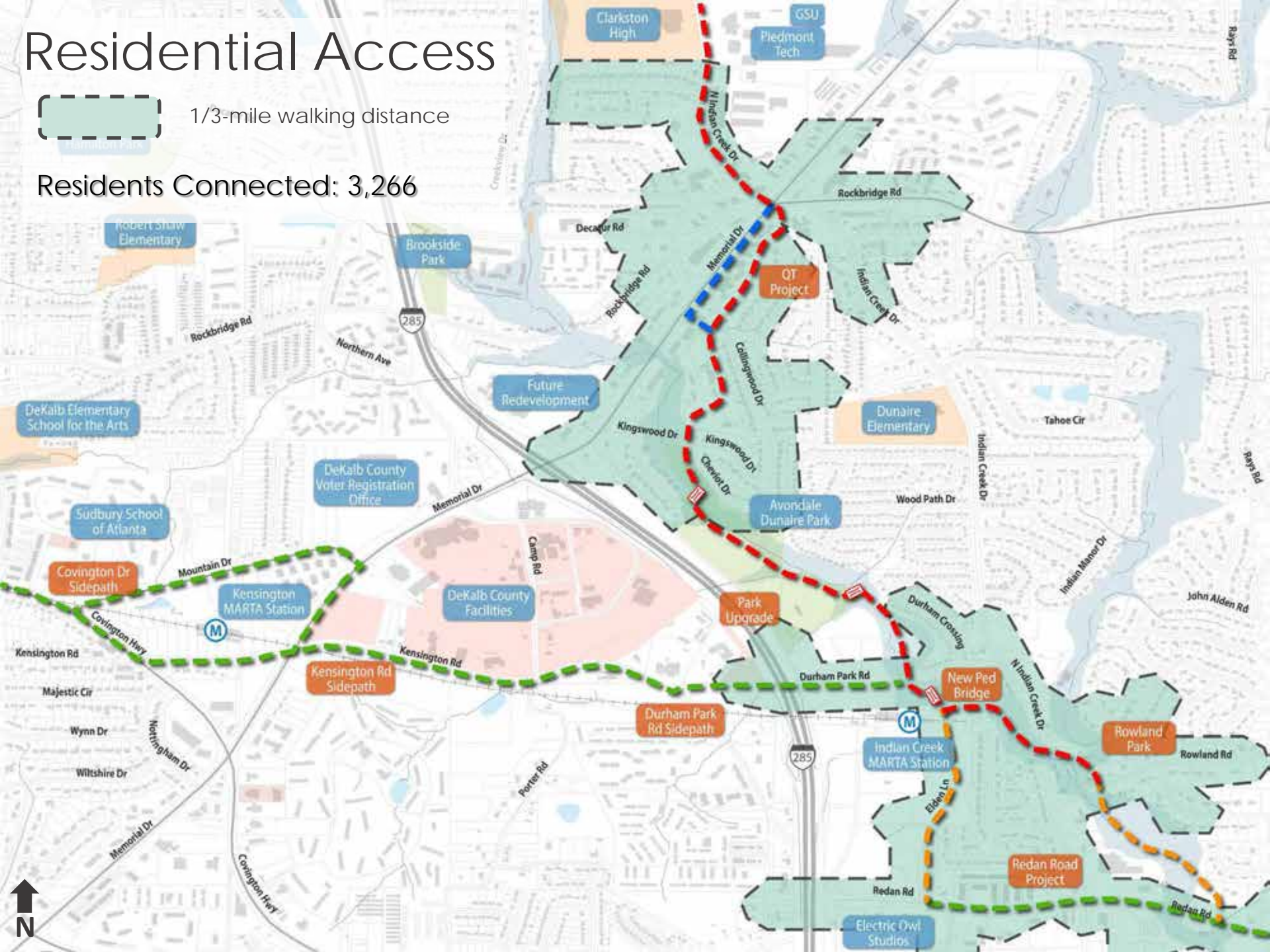
- Approximately 5,000 entries per day
- 5 connecting bus lines

Residential Access




1/3-mile walking distance

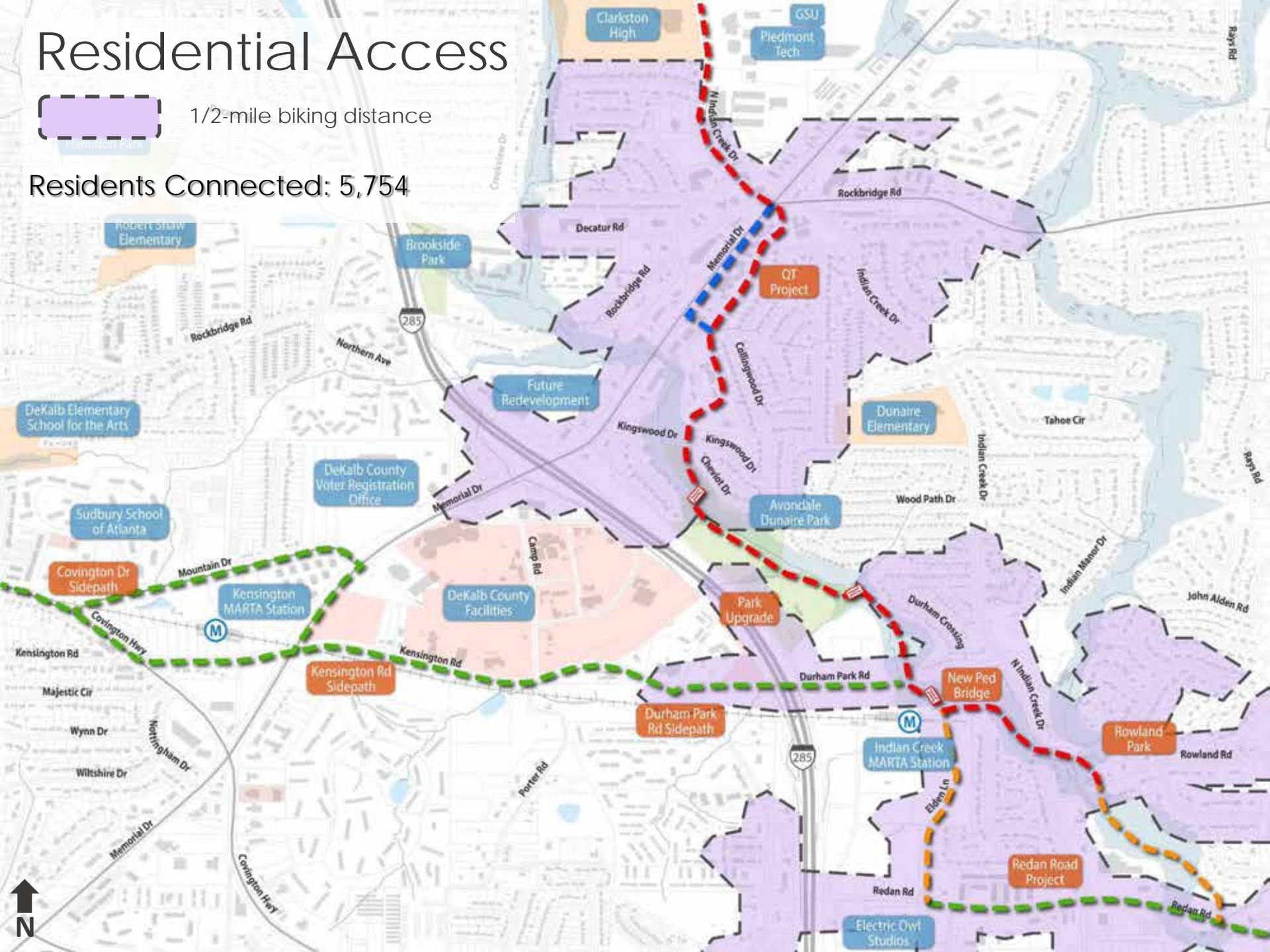
Residents Connected: 3,266



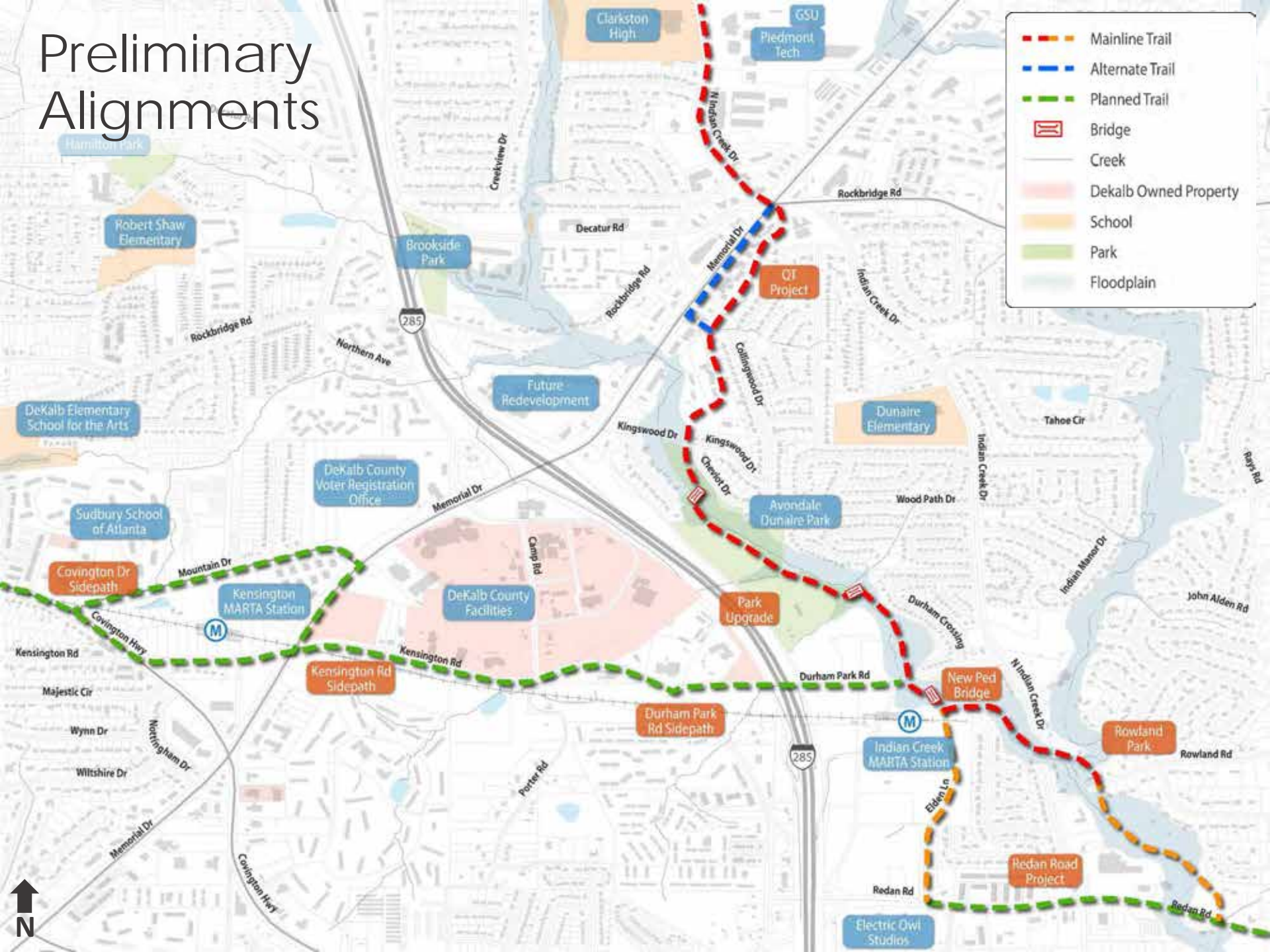
Residential Access

 1/2-mile biking distance

Residents Connected: 5,754



Preliminary Alignments



- - - Mainline Trail
- - - Alternate Trail
- - - Planned Trail
- Bridge
- Creek
- DeKalb Owned Property
- School
- Park
- Floodplain



Look Ahead

- Finalize Trail Study
- Incorporate to upcoming DeKalb County Trail Master Plan
- Seek Funding
- Complete Design
- Build Trails
- **Enjoy Improved Quality of Life!**

Take our Survey!



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