Indian Creek Trail Study
Public Meeting – August 2, 2023
Topics

1. Introduction & Trail Benefits
2. Study Area & Data Collection
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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
Trails create linear parks.
Trails bring fresh air, exercise, and interaction with neighbors.
Trails are open for all abilities.
Trail Benefits

Trails build neighborhood identity.
Trails enable active transportation to local destinations.
Trail Benefits

PATH builds trails because trails make life better!
2 Study Area & Data Collection
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

Map showing various locations such as Avondale Dunaire Park, DeKalb County Facilities, Electric Owl Studios, and more.
Memorial Drive Revitalization Corridor Plan

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

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 exiting building fabric can be honored through incremental development.
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
S. Indian Creek Dr toward Rowland Park
Avondale Estates to Indian Creek Sidewalk

GDOT and Avondale Estates Sidewalk Project

DeKalb County DOT Sidewalk Project
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!
Indian Creek at Durham Park – North View

<< Durham Park Rd >>

<< Dunaire Park >>
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

< Bike/Ped Bridge >
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

- Repurpose easternmost parking aisle to 12’ trail?
- Reduce 28’ roadway to 24’, eliminate the NB left turn lane and expand sidewalk from 5’ to 10’

At-grade crossing

Trail underpass

Planned Sidewalk

Manor @ Indian Creek

Durham Park Rd

Electric Owl Studios

Rowland Rd
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 backside of property along a feeder stream
Collingwood Dr – Northeast View

<< Memorial Dr/ QT Development

< Collingwood Dr >
Collingwood Dr - West View

< Collingwood Dr >

Memorial Dr >>
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
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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