Multi-Use Trails for Georgetown

FULFILLING OUR COMMUNITY'S VISION - CONNECTIVITY

COMMUNITY PRIORITY

NANCY CREEK TRAIL IDENTIFIED IN PLANS

A multi-use trail along Nancy Creek has been identified by our community through planning processes including the Parks Master Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Georgetown Master Plan.

Each of these plans speaks to the community's vision for connectivity and the importance of providing walking and biking connections between our neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial areas.

CITY COMMITMENT

NANCY CREEK TRAIL STUDY FUNDED THIS YEAR

The City is committed to implementing our community's vision for the future by creating multi-use trails to improve connectivity.

In May 2012, the City selected a consultant for the first phase of the design-build contract for the trail within Brook Run Park to which the Nancy Creek trail will ultimately connect. Additionally, as part of the 2012 Budget, the City committed funds to study possible routes for the Nancy Creek trail.

ACTIVE COMMUNITY

WALKING AND BIKING A PRIORITY

As part of the Parks Master Plan, the City surveyed residents and asked what programs or activities in which people currently participated and ones in which they would like to participate. Walking on trails was the top response for both questions.

As part of the Georgetown Master Plan, the community identified priority locations for multi-use trails. Along Nancy Creek to Brook Run Park and connecting the 16 acre (former "PVC" site) to the 19 acre (former hospital site) were top priorities.

As of the 2010 Census, Dunwoody is home to 46,267 residents. The largest age groups in Dunwoody are individuals 25-34 and 35-44, in the prime of their working and family lives. The Georgetown area is home to approximately 12,773 residents and 6,013 households within a 1 mile radius.

MULTI-USE TRAILS

Multi-use trails are linear open spaces established along a natural corridors, converted to a recreational use for pedestrian and bicycle passage.

BENEFITS OF MULTI-USE TRAILS

Multi-use trails have many benefits for nearby residents, visitors, and area businesses.

- Increasing connectivity and linkages between parks, neighborhoods, and area businesses
- Promoting healthy living - providing options for physical activity such as walking, running, and biking
- Protecting and preserving the natural environment - by controlling access to a designated path
- Increasing property values for adjacent residences and businesses due to added connectivity benefits
- Attracting active users, visitors, and participants who often frequent nearby businesses
- Improving community engagement by fulfilling plans and visions created by the community

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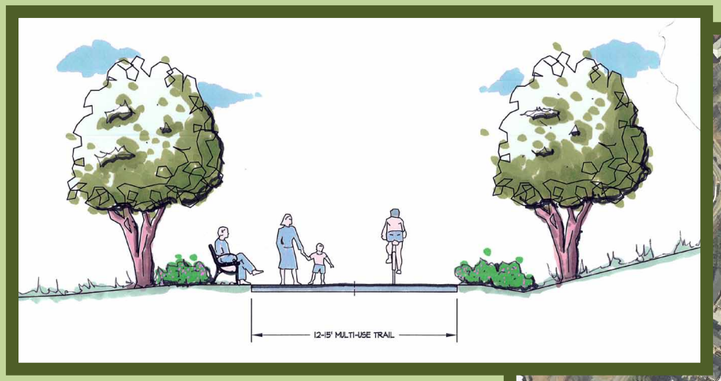
✓ COMMUNITY PRIORITY ✓ CITY COMMITMENT ✓ IDEAL NATURAL CORRIDOR ✓ IMPROVES CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESS

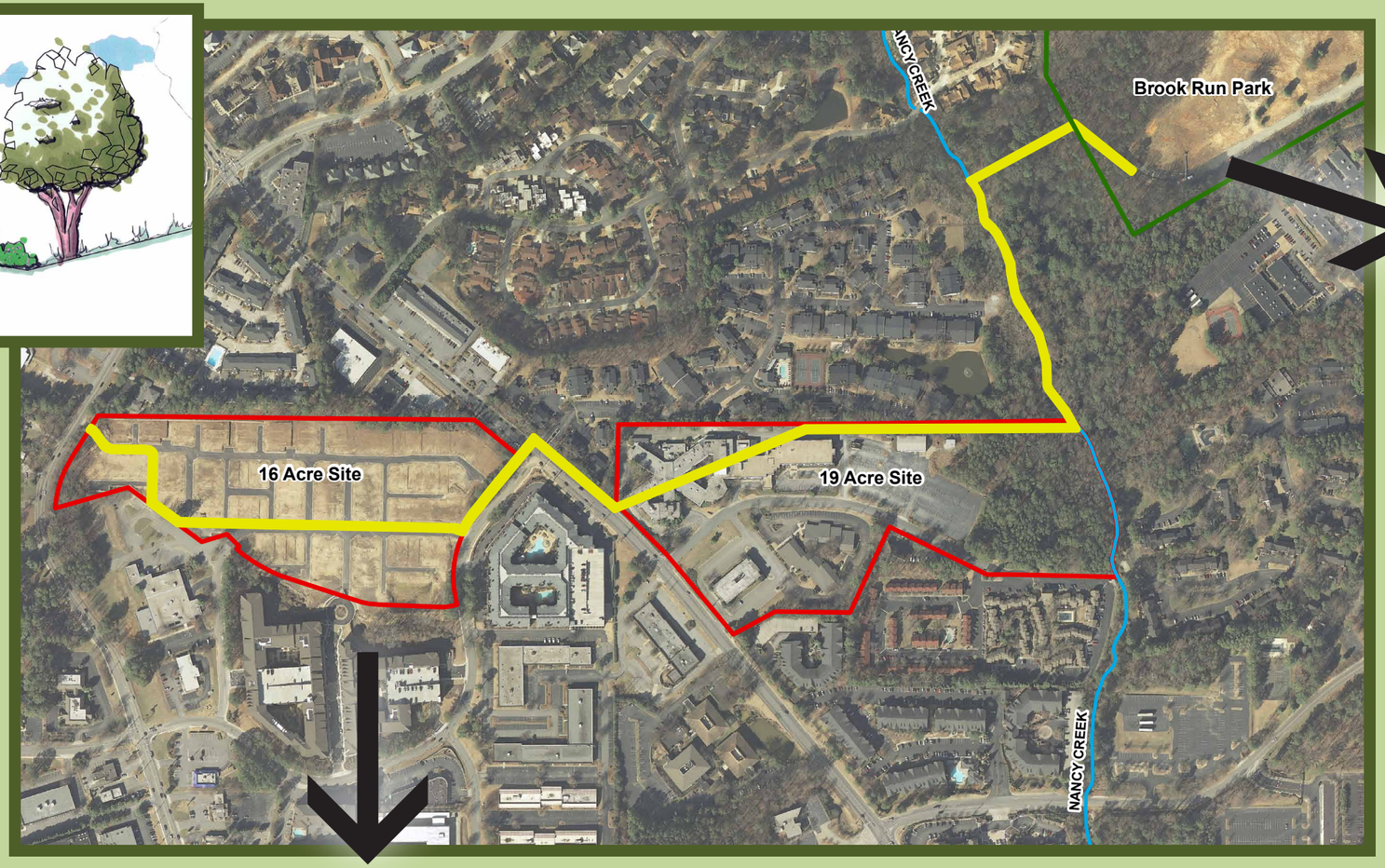


Multi-Use Trails
Multi-use trails typically range from 10 to 15 feet wide and are most often a concrete or paved surface allowing users of all abilities easy access.

Walking and biking on multi-use trails has become one of the most popular family recreation activities across the country.

In terms of recreation, education, and resource production, greenways are invaluable. They serve to link between parks, schools, commercial areas, and neighborhoods in a way that provides both a safe mode of transportation while preserving the natural environment.

By traveling along a natural corridor, such as Nancy Creek, a multi-use trail can provide a connection to nature while mitigating and minimizing the impact to the natural environment through proper design and construction practices.

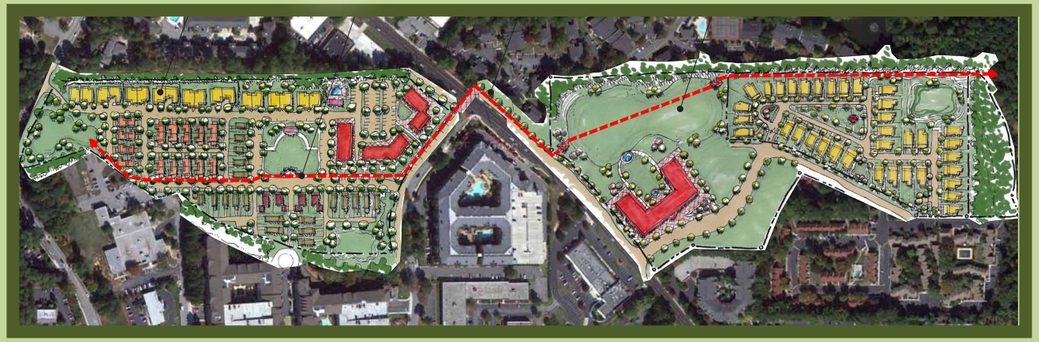


Brook Run Park Multi-Use Trail
In late 2011, the City was awarded a $100,000 Recreational Trail Grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to build the first phase of the Brook Run Park Trail.

The trail will begin at the front of the park by the Children's Adventure Garden and create the first half of an eventual perimeter loop - connecting the park's many amenities.

In May 2012, the City approved a contract for the design-build of this first phase of the trail and construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

The second and final phase of the trail is planned for design-build in 2013 and the City has been awarded a second DNR Recreational Trails Grant to use towards the completion of this project.



Project Renaissance - A New Georgetown
In March 2012, the City announced a new redevelopment initiative: Project Renaissance - A New Georgetown. This revitalization effort is targeted to implement the community-developed vision for Georgetown by activating 35 acres of land off of North Shallowford (a 16 acre parcel owned by the City and a 19 acre property the City has under contract).

In May 2012, the City announced its intention to partner with John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods for this redevelopment. John Wieland proposes utilizing roughly 13 acres for a low-density, owner-occupied residential development. The City proposes adding parks, a signature playground, and a multi-use trail running across and connecting both properties.

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