

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER GREENWAY STUDY

FOR THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERLANDS

Atlanta Regional Commission
Board Meeting
July 24, 2019

Chattahoochee RiverLands Greenway Study

- **Determine feasibility of a 100-mile Greenway between Buford Dam and Chattahoochee Bend State Park**
- **Identify locations for a continuous public realm to provide travel along or for access to the Chattahoochee River**
- **Greenway Study:**
 - Budget: \$1.5 million planning study
 - Team: SCAPE, Gresham-Smith, Biohabitats, et al
 - Schedule: 18 month process (October, 2018 to April, 2020)
- **Key opportunities to build on local and regional momentum:**
 - Existing places: CRNRA, Roswell Riverwalk, Big Creek, etc
 - New trail plans: Forsyth County, Gwinnett County, Cobb County, etc
 - Parks underway: Johns Creek, City of Atlanta, and others
 - Trails in development: Proctor Creek, Peachtree Creek, Douglas County, PATH400, Silver Comet Connector, etc

An aerial photograph of a wide river flowing through a dense, green forest. The river is the central focus, with some rocky patches visible in the water. In the background, a line of trees separates the forest from a city skyline with several tall buildings. The sky is overcast and grey.

THE RIVERLANDS VISION

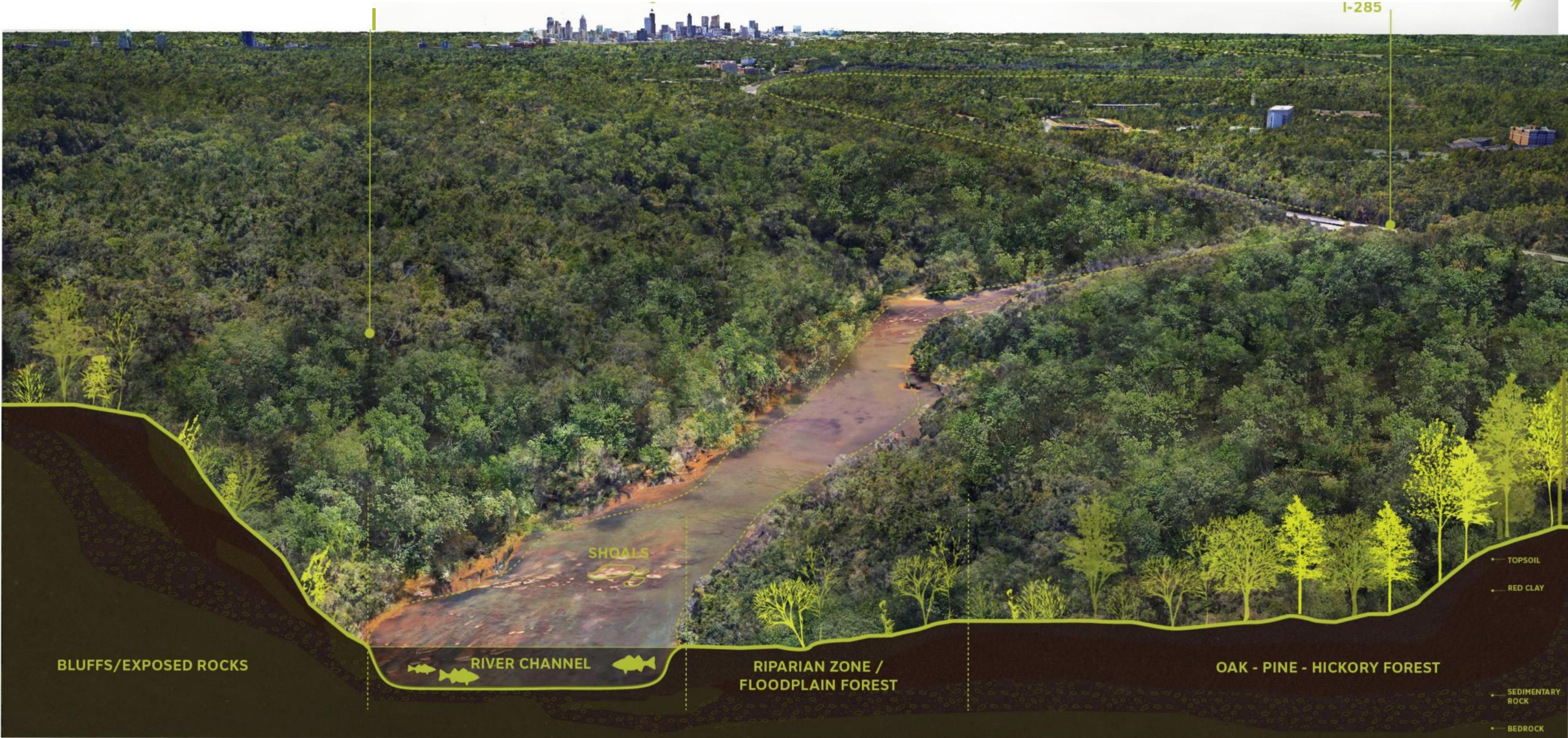
THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERLANDS IS A **CONTINUOUS** PUBLIC REALM. ENVISIONED AS A LAND TRAIL, WATER TRAIL, TRIBUTARY TRAILS, AND A SERIES OF PUBLIC DESTINATIONS



DOWNTOWN ATLANTA

COCHRAN SHOALS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

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SHOALS

BLUFFS/EXPOSED ROCKS

RIVER CHANNEL

RIPARIAN ZONE / FLOODPLAIN FOREST

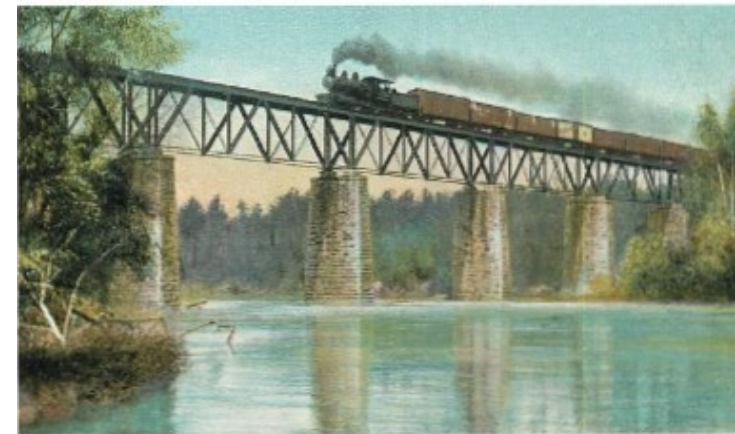
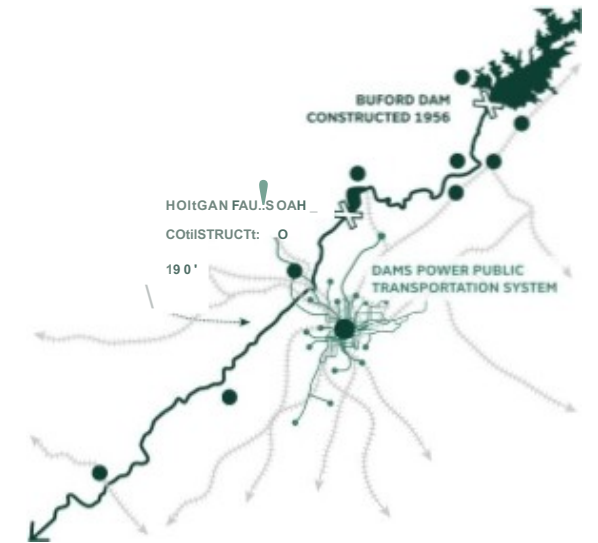
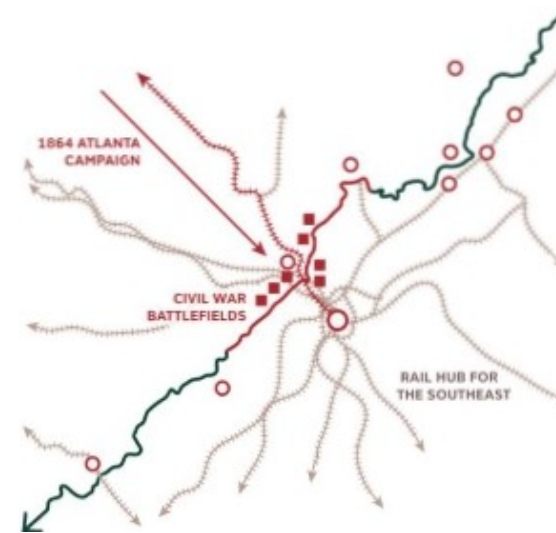
OAK - PINE - HICKORY FOREST

TOPSOIL

RED CLAY

SEDIMENTARY ROCK

BEDROCK

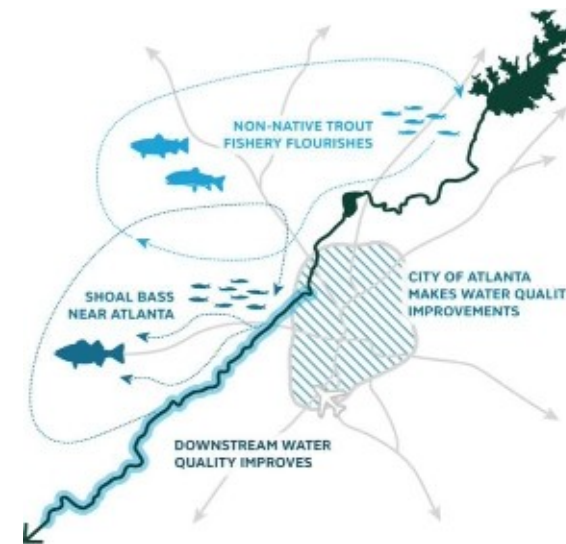
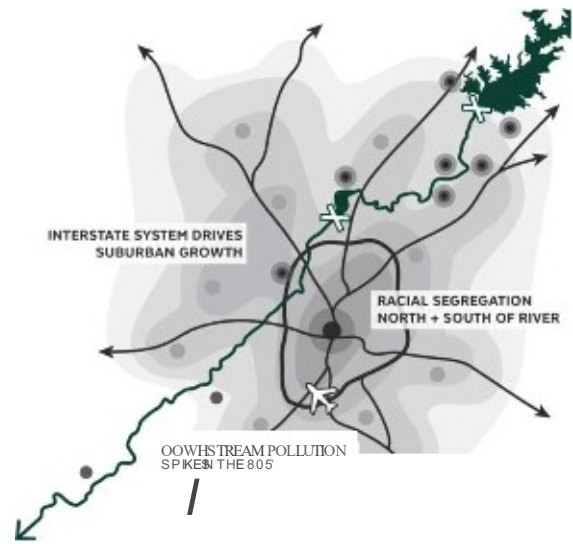


9350 B.C.E.-1400 C.E
THE RIVER AS A WAY OF LIFE

1800-1860
THE RIVER AS A DRIVER OF INDUSTRY

1860-1900
THE RIVER AS A BARRIER TO MOVEMENT

1900-1950
THE RIVER AS A REGIONAL UTILITY



1950-1980
THE RIVER AS A NEGLECTED RESOURCE

1970-1990
THE RIVER AS A CATALYST FOR ACTIVISM

1990-PRESENT
THE RIVER IN RECOVERY

TODAY
IT'S TIME TO RECONNECT WITH THE RIVER

Chattahoochee Working Group

Convened to coordinate activities along the River:

- RiverLands branding (April 2018 to August 2018)
- Chattahoochee River Greenway Study (October 2018 to April 2020)
- Platform for shared advocacy (Ongoing)

Invitees:

- Counties bordering Chattahoochee River
- Cities bordering (or near) Chattahoochee River
- Federal (National Parks Service, EPA, others)
- Non-profit organizations (river-related mission/focus)
- Others (CIDs, State, Chambers, etc)

Ongoing:

- Meetings fourth Wednesdays, 10:00 to noon
- Over 50 organizations represented
- Growing list of affiliated organizations



SUB-AREA 1

SUB-AREA 2

SUB-AREA 3

LAKE LANIER

CUMMING

BUFORD

SUWANEE

ROSWELL

JOHNS CREEK

DULUTH

PEACHTREE CORNERS

MARIETTA

SANDY SPRINGS

VININGS

ATLANTA

AUSTELL

CAMPBELLTON

MCWHORTER

CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS

WHITESBURG

YELLOW DIRT

CHATTAHOOCHEE BEND STATE PARK

SARGENT

I-75

GA-400

I-85

GA-400

I-285

I-20

I-20

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I-75

Sub-Area Committees

Local experts convened to engage with the study team:

- Local Knowledge and Expertise
- Diverse Interests and Subject Areas
- Advise Team for Chattahoochee RiverLands Greenway Study
- More Locality-Based Dialog
- Specific for this Project (Greenway Study)

Meetings:

- Sub-Area #1 – Thursday, June 20
 - River Landing; 245 Azalea Dr, Roswell
- Sub-Area #2 – Wednesday, June 19
 - Atlanta City Studio; 2311 Cascade Rd SW, Atlanta
- Sub-Area #3 – Friday, June 21
 - Cherry Hollow Farms; 125 Jones Ferry Rd, Chattahoochee Hills



SAC 2 Meeting Presentation



SAC 2 Trail Alignment Workshop



SAC 2 Meeting Project Goals Discussion



SAC 3 Design Workshop Break Out Session Table 1



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SAC 1 Design Workshop Break Out Session Table 2

Public Forums

June 22, 2019

Northwest Library At Scott's Crossing, City of Atlanta

- Community members hoped the project would address affordability and inclusivity in the Urban Core.
- Forum attendees noted the trails should tie into the many mill ruins, and historic ferries that dot the river.

June 23, 2019

Chattahoochee River Environmental Education Center, Johns Creek

- Homeowners along the River stressed that private property rights should be respected with the trail alignment.
- Others felt it was important to make the river available to all and saw value in knitting together the CRNRA units and other parks.



Public Forum at the Library - Research Station



Public Forum at the Library - Groundwork Atlanta Station



Public Forum at the Library



Public Forum at CREEC



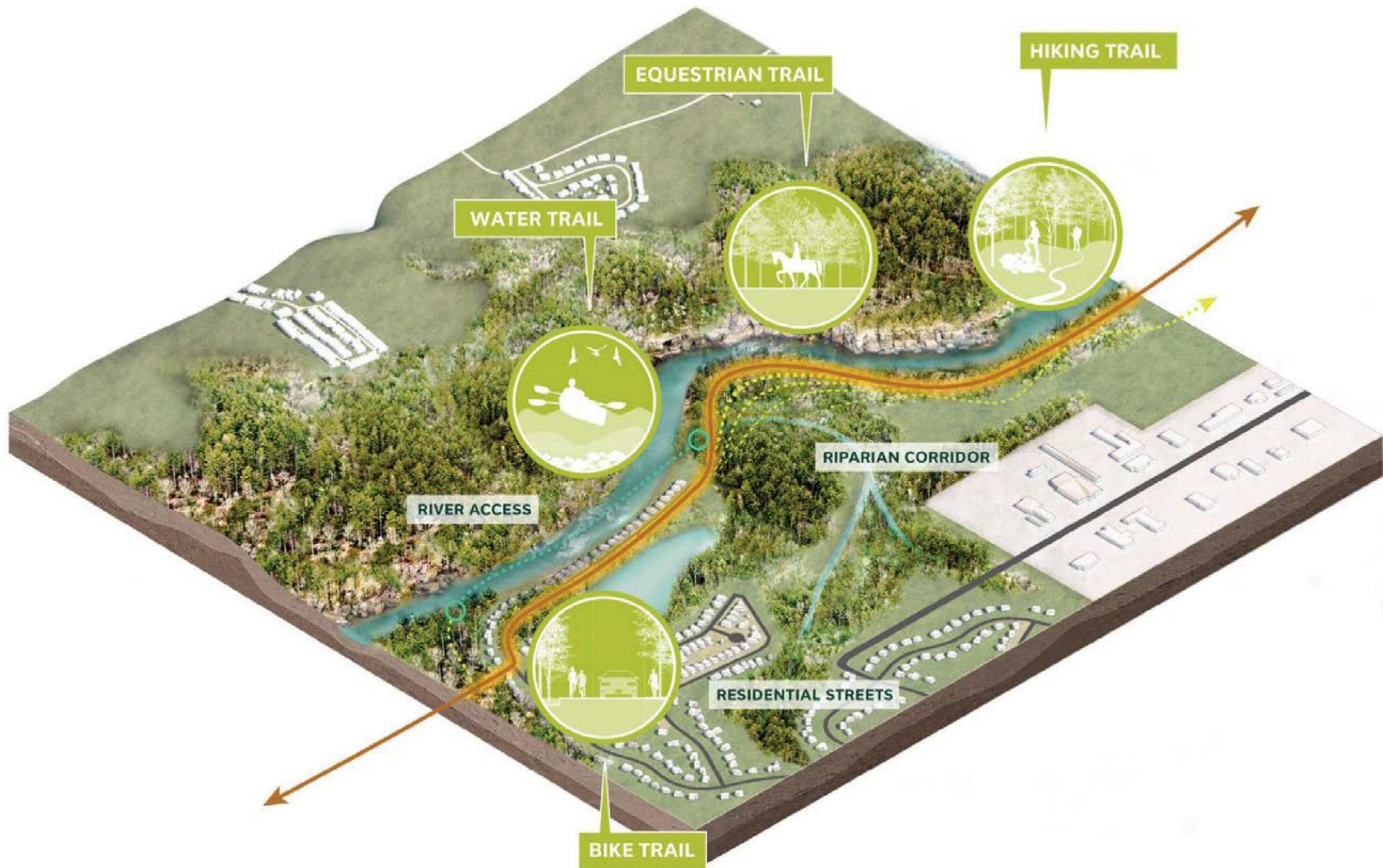
Public Forum at CREEC - Visioning Station

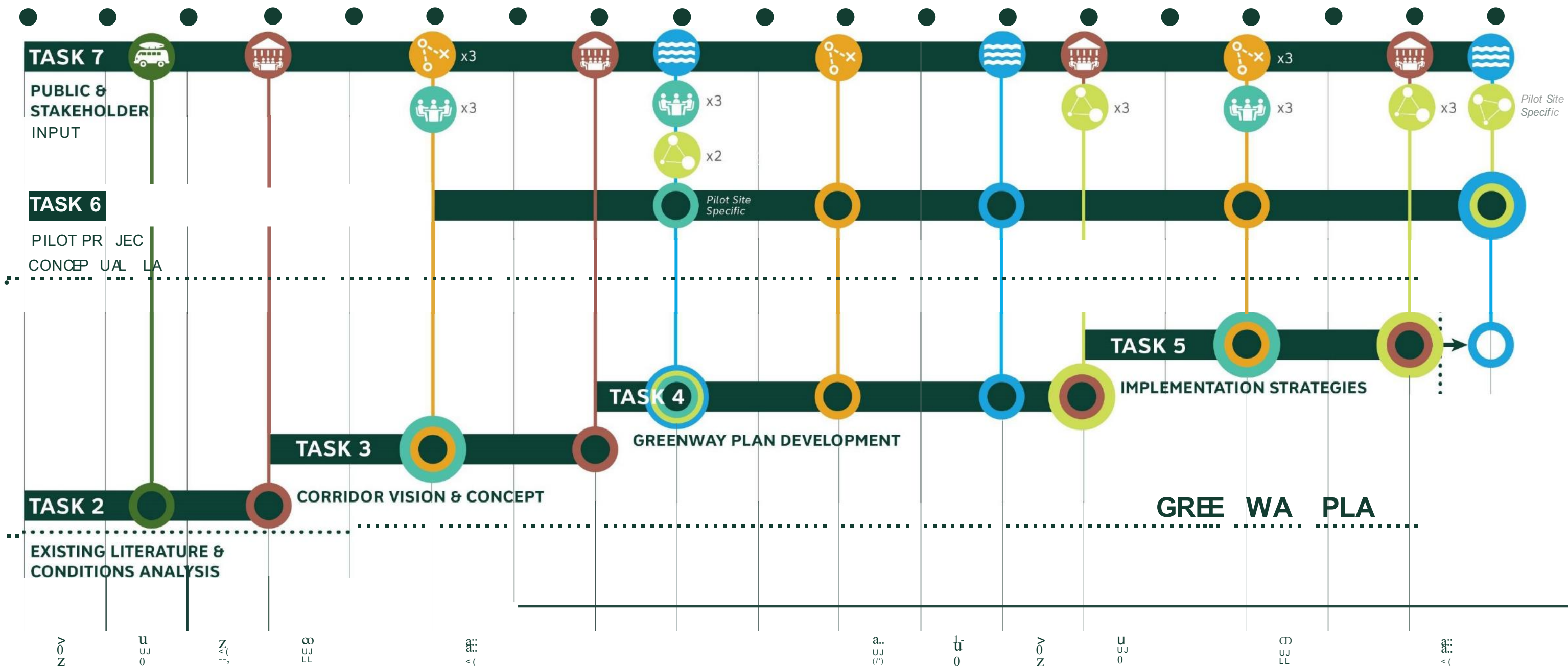


Public Forum at CREEC - Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy

Project Goals & Aspirations

- A SAFE, CONNECTED CORRIDOR
- AN ECOLOGICAL REFUGE FOR THE REGION
- A COMMON GROUND FOR ALL
- A LIVING LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS





PROJECT SCHEDULE LEGEND








-  SUB-AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS (TO BE IDENTIFIED IN TASK 2)
-  PUBLIC FORUM (WITH SAC, LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS + COMMUNITY MEMBERS)
-  RIVER RAMBLES (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
-  WINDSHIELD DRIVING TOUR
-  DESIGN CHARRETTES (WITH SAC + LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS)
-  FINAL TASK PRESENTATION (WITH THE CWG)
-  CHATTAHOOCHEE WORKING GROUP MEETING



Photo Looking Downstream Along the Chattahoochee River Above Azalea Park - SCAPE