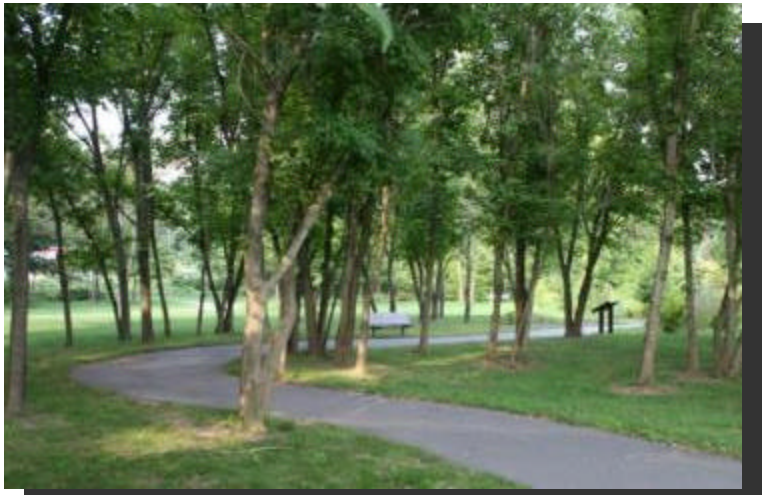
Clingman Forest Greenway, Town Branch Greenway and Five Points Roundabout

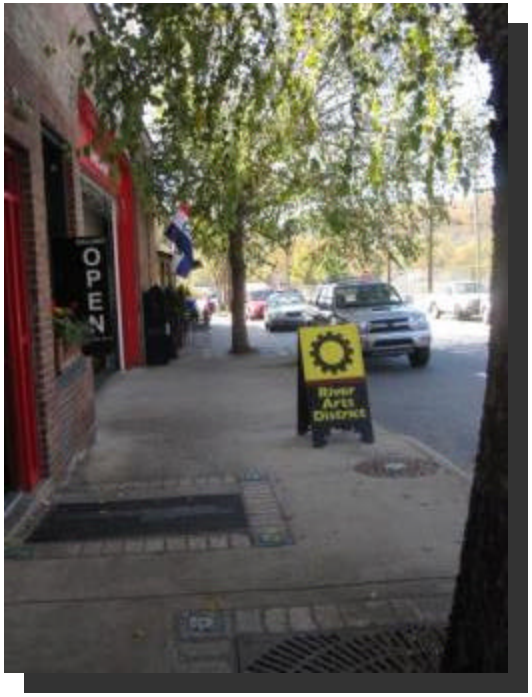
for

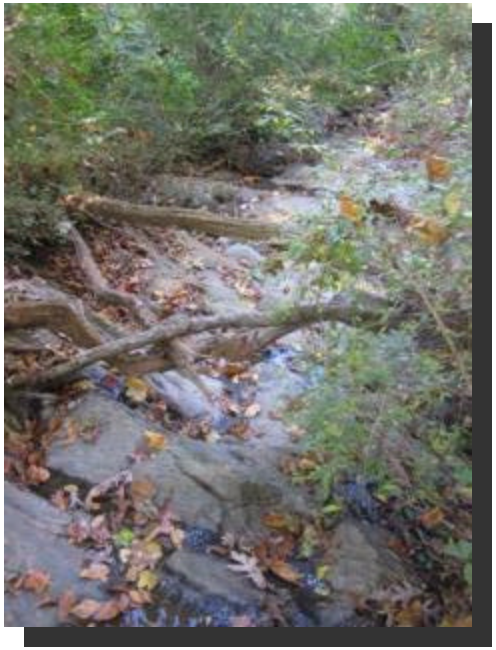
The City of Asheville



East of the Riverway

Asheville's Sustainable Community





Town Branch and Clingman Forest Greenways
Five Points Roundabout

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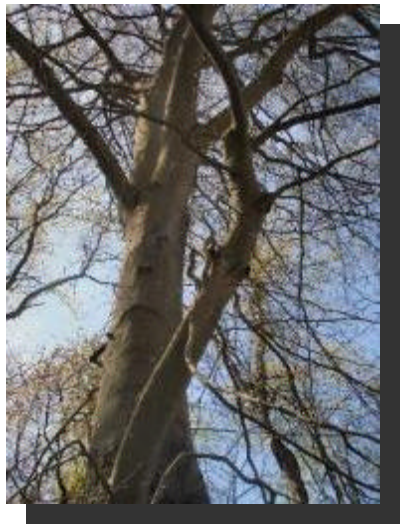

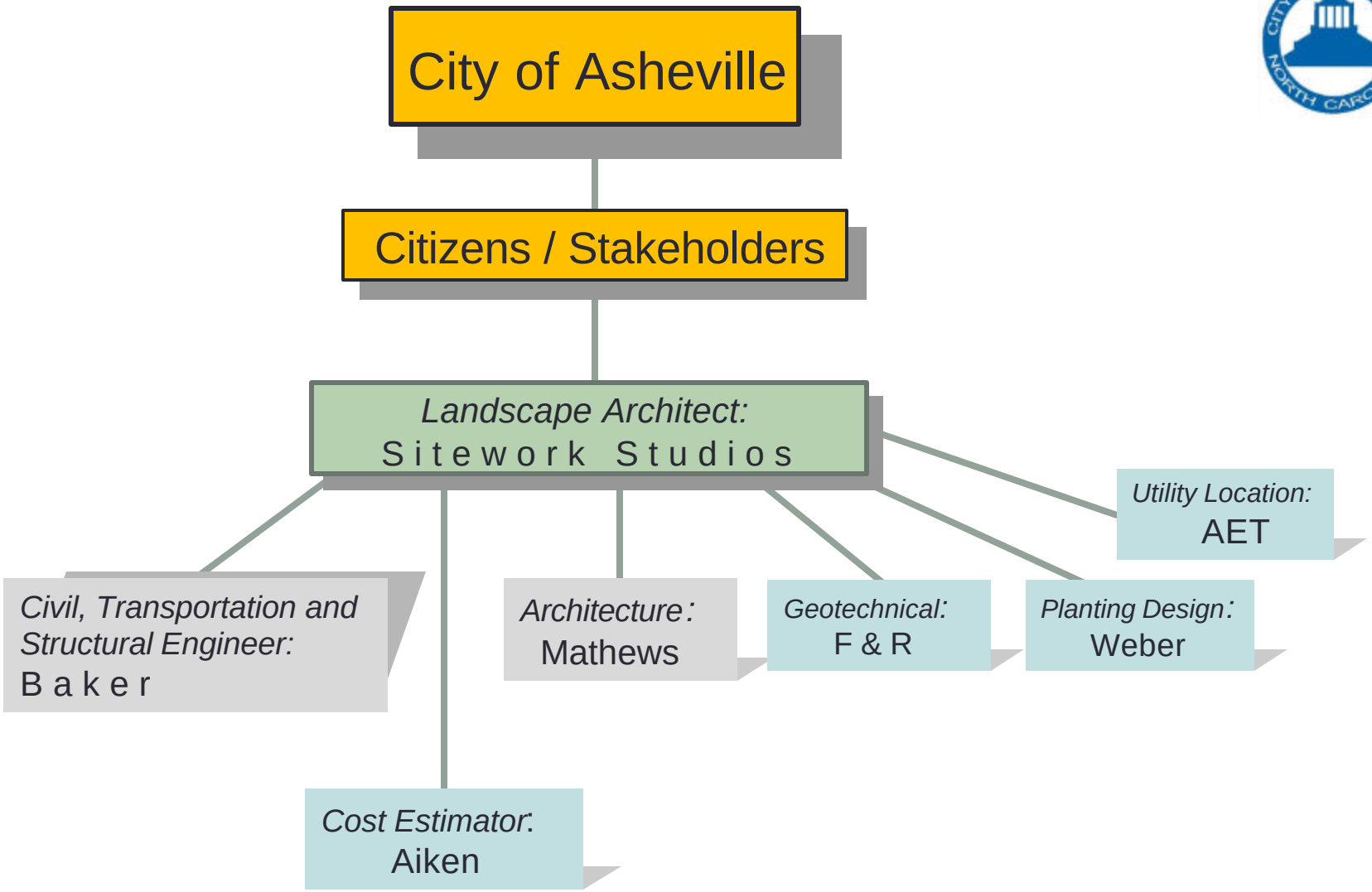
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Citizens / Stakeholders
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Sitework Studios
Utility Location:
AET
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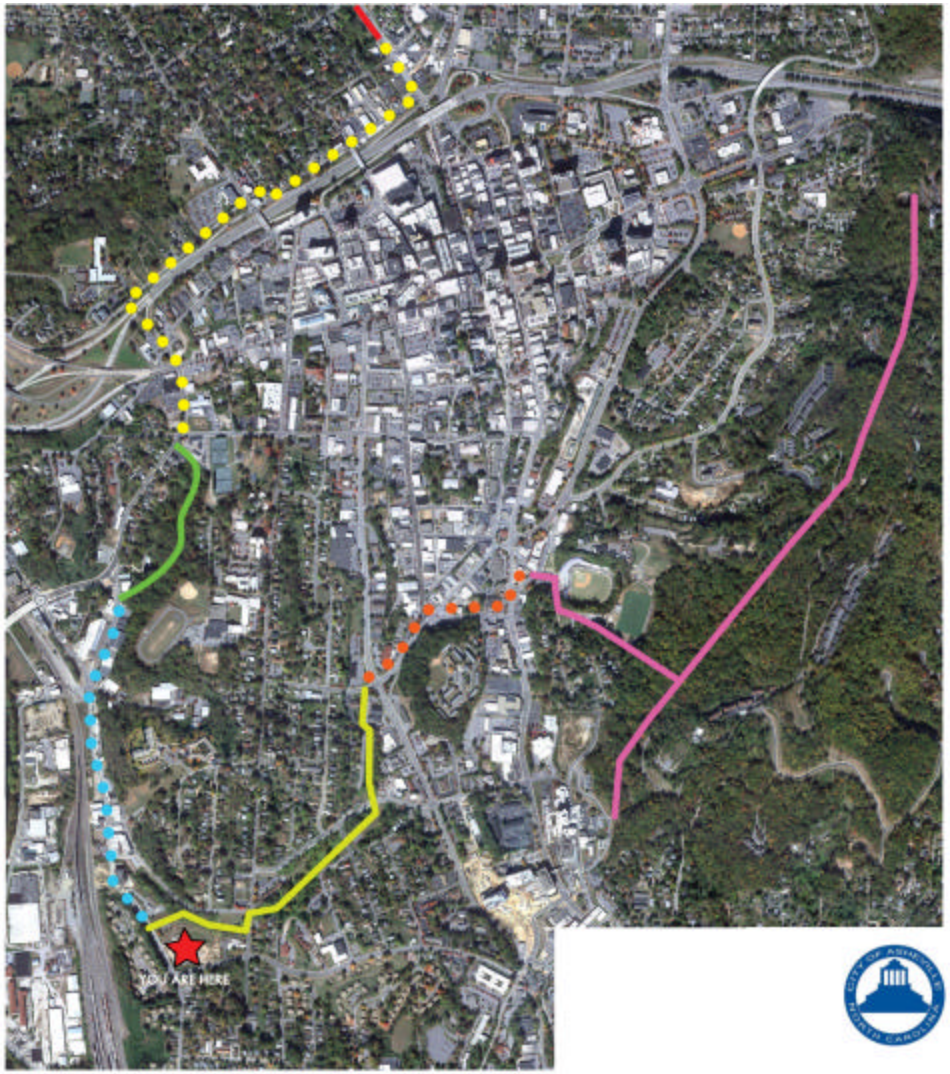
The Big Picture



CLINGMAN FOREST GREENWAY

TOWN BRANCH GREENWAY

BEAUCATCHER HEIGHTS GREENWAY

REED CREEK GREENWAY

CHERRY & HILL ST. CONNECTOR

DEPOT ST. CONNECTOR

SOUTHSIDE CONNECTOR

ASHEVILLE GREENWAY CONNECTIVITY

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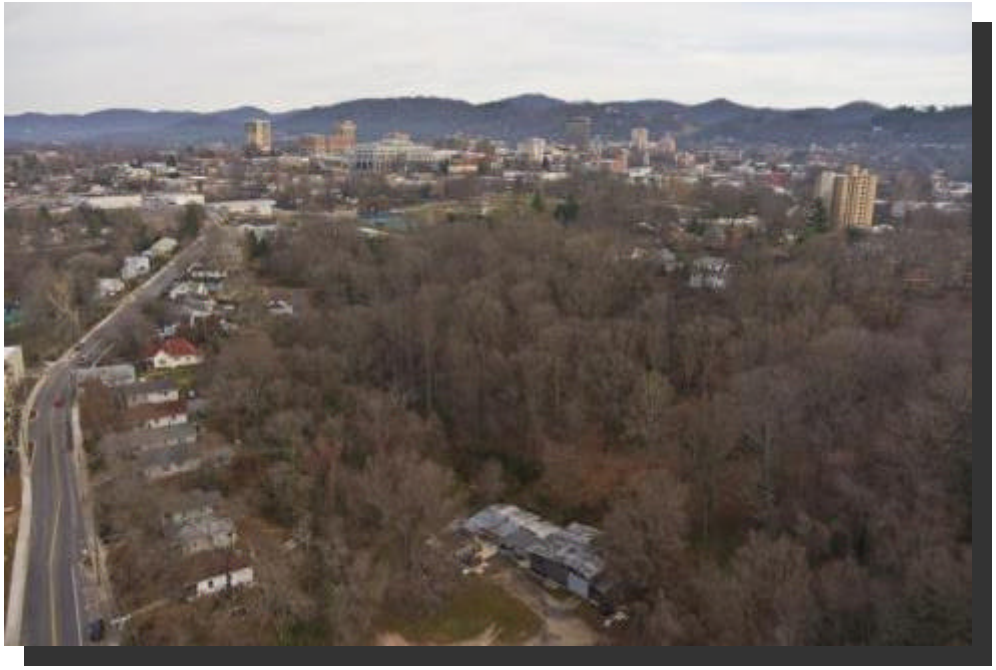
Town Branch Corridor

Clingman Forest



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Five Points Roundabout

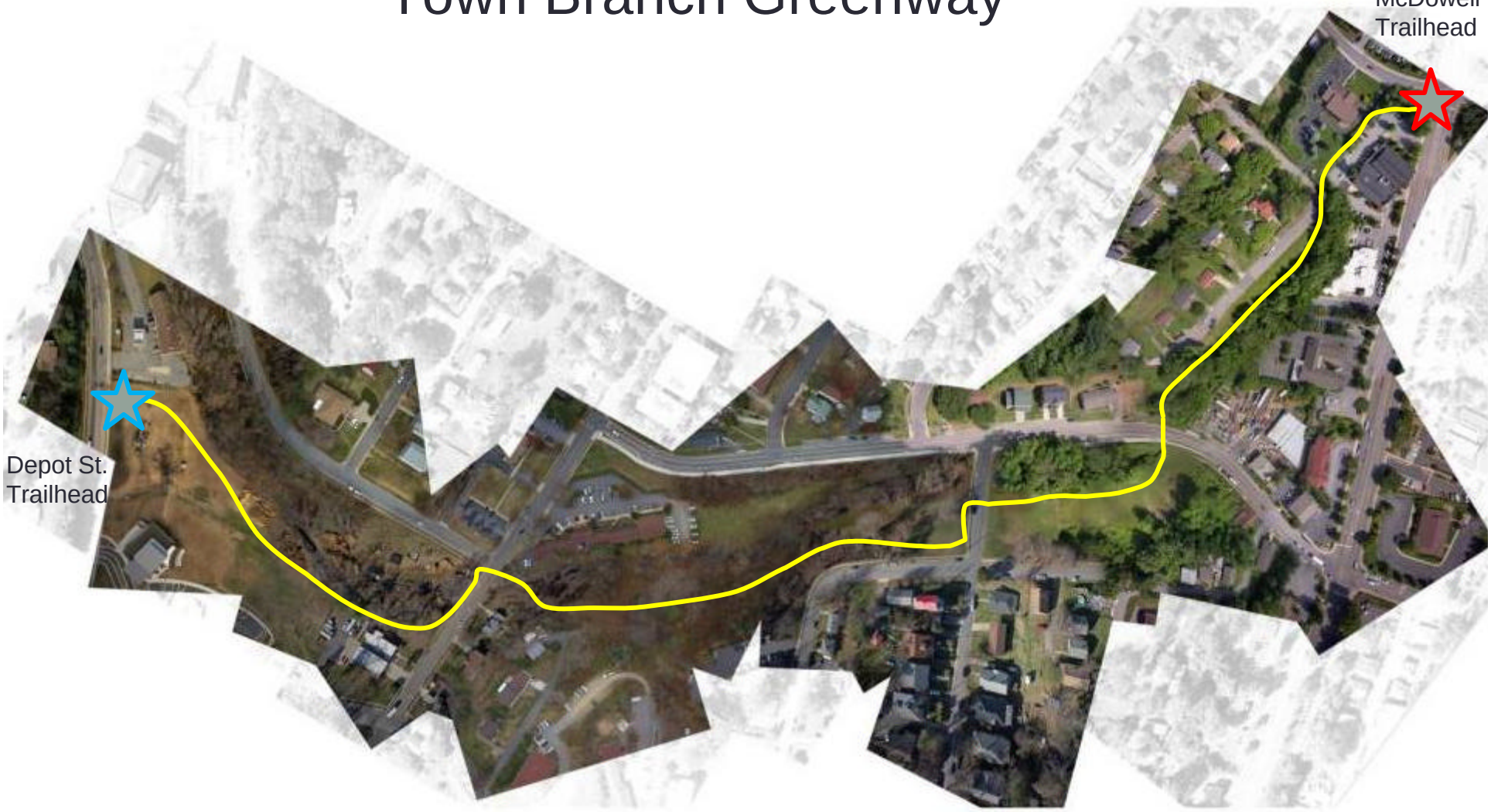
Community Input

- Identify stakeholders and neighborhood groups

- Community Meetings
  a. Southside Neighborhood Representatives
  b. River Arts District Business (RADBA) & Artist (RADA) Assocations
  c. West End Clingman Avenue Neighborhood Association (WECAN)
  d. South French Broad Neighborhood Association
  e. Housing Authority of the City of Asheville Residency Council

- Additional Community Outreach
  a. Asheville Greenway Commission
  b. Asheville Area Riverfront Redevelopment Commission
  c. WRES Public Service Announcements
  d. Hand-delivered flyers to Southside Neighborhood residents
  e. Southside Community Church representatives
  f. Southside Community Day

Town Branch Greenway



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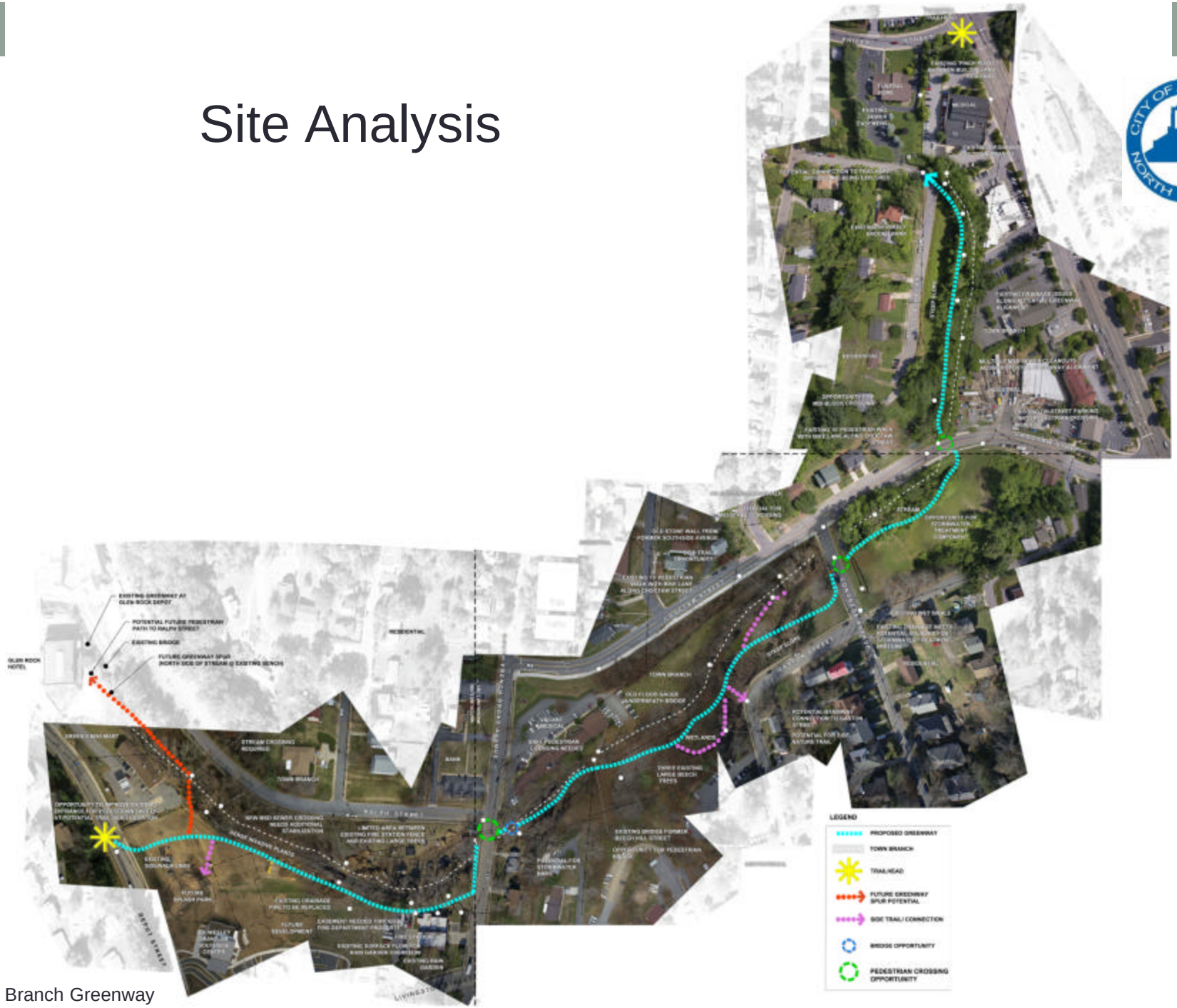


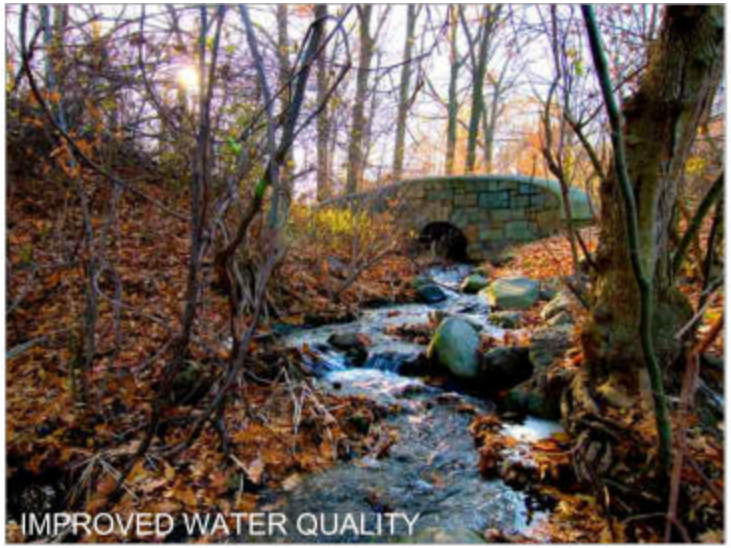
Town Branch Greenway

Town Branch Greenway

Requests from Stakeholders

1. Educate about greenways, demonstrate opportunities
2. Explore the history of the former neighborhood and community
3. Develop both a transportation and recreation corridor
4. Develop sustainable features that are functional and educational
5. Incorporate Public Art

Educate


IMPROVED WATER QUALITY

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY

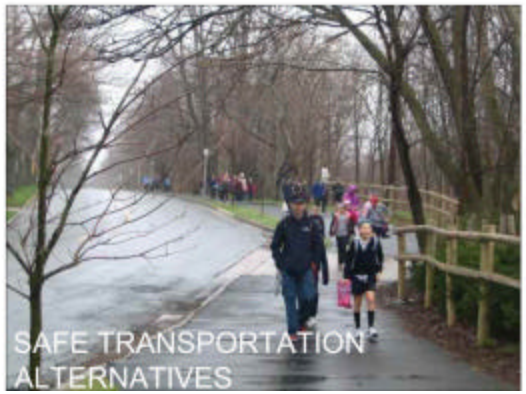
RECREATION / EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

IMPROVED CONNECTIVITY /
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

URBAN CORRIDOR THAT LINKS
NEIGHBORHOODS

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

CONNECTION WITH NATURE


SAFE TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES

Neighborhood History

1925-1951 Sanborn Maps

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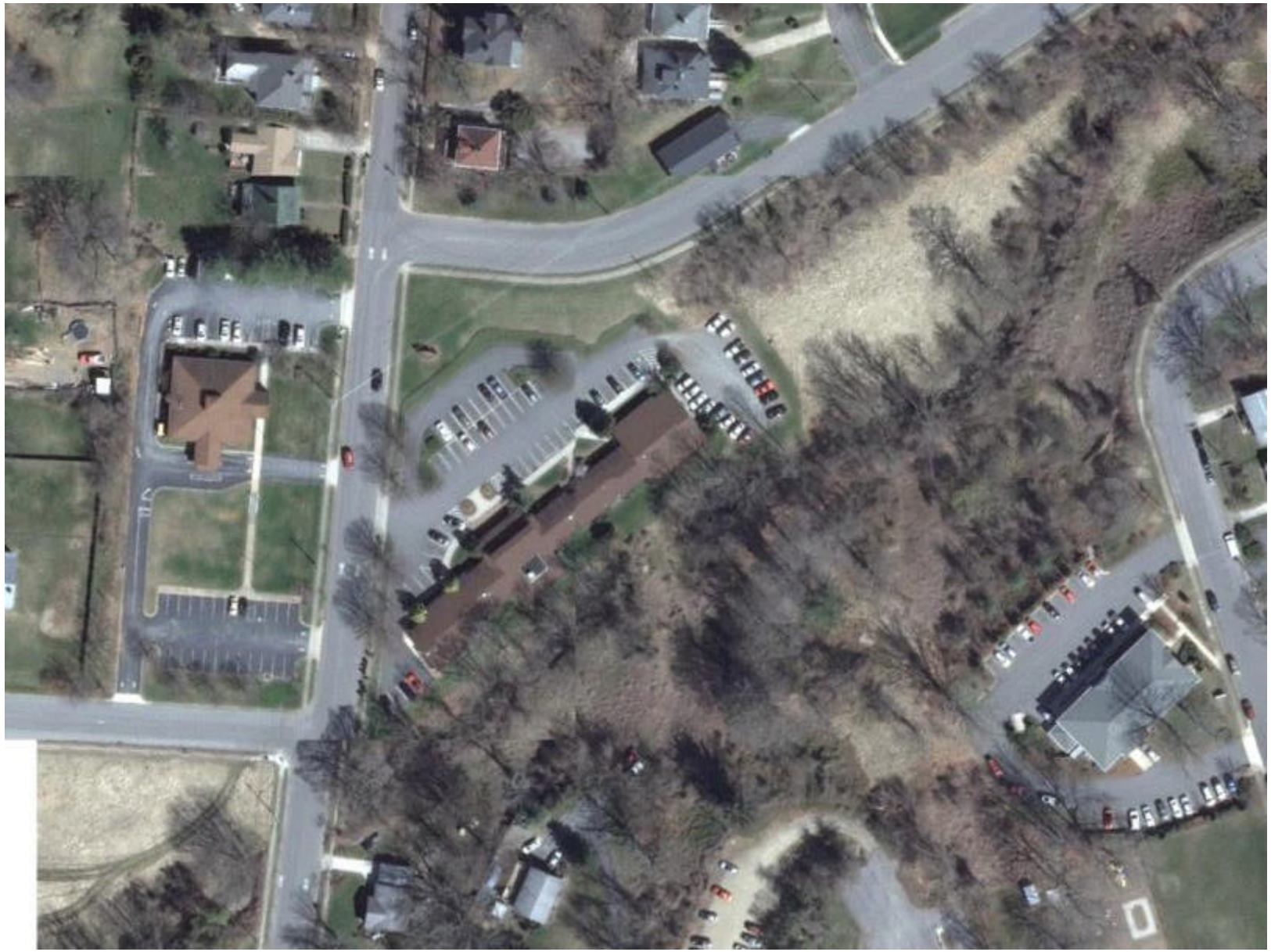

Intersection of S. French Broad and ‘Southside Ave.’

Transparent overlay of 1925-1951 Sanborn map detail

Should the Town Branch Greenway tell the story of what came before?

422 Depot Street - Nantahala Hotel

335-337 Southside Avenue, corner of South French Broad Avenue

217-223 Southside Avenue - Southside Apartments, Smith Apartments, Cox Cash Grocery

428 Depot Street - OK Cash Grocery Store

273 Southside Avenue - Artistic Cleaners

334-340 Southside Avenue - Howell's Cafe, Williams Cleaners

279 Southside Avenue, Victoria Barber Shop

322 Southside Avenue - Asheville Diaper Service, Robertson & Fitzgerald auto repair, Young's Beauty Shop

Archival images from
The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville Records
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Lacy Haith
Teacher
Lacy Thomas Haith, 1909-1994
Reverend Lacy Haith worked with Asheville City Schools from 1937 to 1972. He earned his masters degree from the University of Michigan and came to Asheville to be the vocational/trades teacher at Stephens-Lee High School. He also operated Haith Furniture House. While he was a teacher he built houses, using them to teach his students the building trades. He bought the land behind his house and developed the Oakland Heights neighborhood off Oakland Road, as well as building other houses throughout Asheville.
Later in his life he was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He went on to construct a large two-story addition at St. James AME Church on Hildebrand Street, housing the education rooms and church kitchen. Working with only one other man, he built it in five years, moving forward as more money was raised.
(From Visionaries: Asheville Men of Color, by Helen Moseley-Arlington)
Stephens-Lee H.S. teacher Lacy T. Haith (left) with student Vincent Baker Christopher (U.S. Navy before the end of WWII) and librarian Mrs. Irene G. Hendrick, with model airplane display at the Market Street Branch Library, in the YMCA Building. During WWII, Haith worked on V-24 bombers in Atlanta.
Builder
Haith Drive (above and below), the entrance into the Oakland Forest development, where Haith provided his students with hands-on training in building construction.
(Below) The large, two-story addition Lacy Haith built for the St. James AME Church on Hildebrand Street.
Community Leader
Lacy Haith (second from Right) at an event for Black Heritage week in Asheville that was organized by the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee 2-16-1982. Local historian, Johnny Hunter, sits to the left.
CITY OF ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHSIDE
This historic marker is part of the Southside Heritage Trail along the Town Branch Greenway, made possible by the City of Asheville and the Federal Transit Administration, 2014

Dr. Wesley Grant, Sr.
Rev. Dr. Wesley Grant, Sr., 1915-2007
Born January 31, 1915 in Sumter, South Carolina, Grant came to Asheville in the 1950s and began his ministry preaching in Pritchard Park. He served as pastor at New Bethel Missionary Baptist in 1962, then at Pleasant Hill Baptist, before founding Worldwide Missionary Baptist Tabernacle Church in 1958.
He attended Shaw University Extension Classes, Shaw University Summer Convention Classes, and received Honorary Doctorates from Covington Theological Seminary and Emmanuel Theological Seminary.
Grant also had a weekly Sunday morning program "Count on Me," which aired on WLOS. Grant and then his son Louis, also a preacher, have had a weekly radio program radio on the Blue Ridge Broadcasting station WFGW since 1962. The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners salated Grant for his "positive impact on race relations in Asheville and Buncombe County."
During racial tensions following school desegregation in the 1970s, Grant went every morning and every afternoon to sit on the steps of Asheville High. He was a calming influence, according to his daughter, Mary Grant McDaniel.
He worked not only on building a strong family at home and at church, but to achieve strides such as the election of Rabon Daley as the first African American Asheville city council member in 1969.
The Reverend Wesley Grant, Sr. died in 2007.
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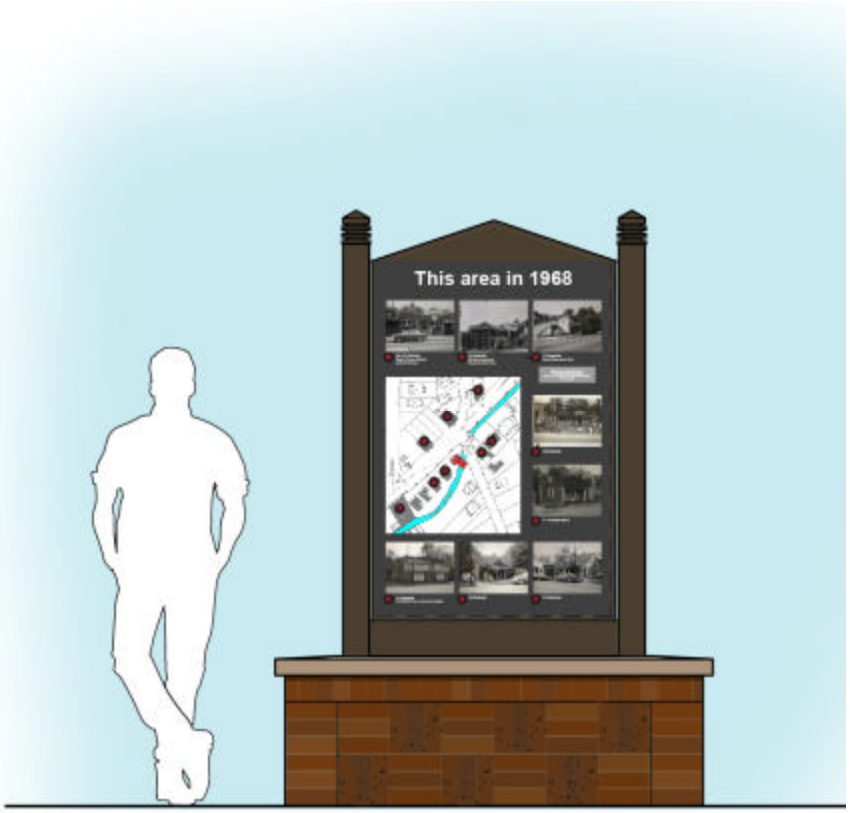
Historic Markers

Front



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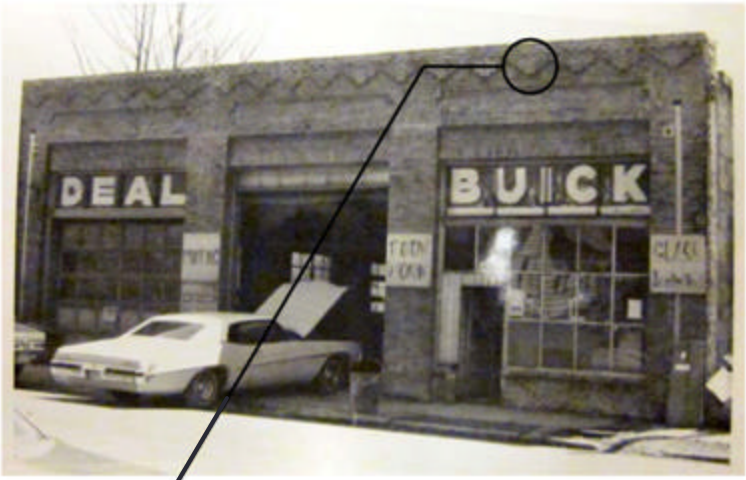
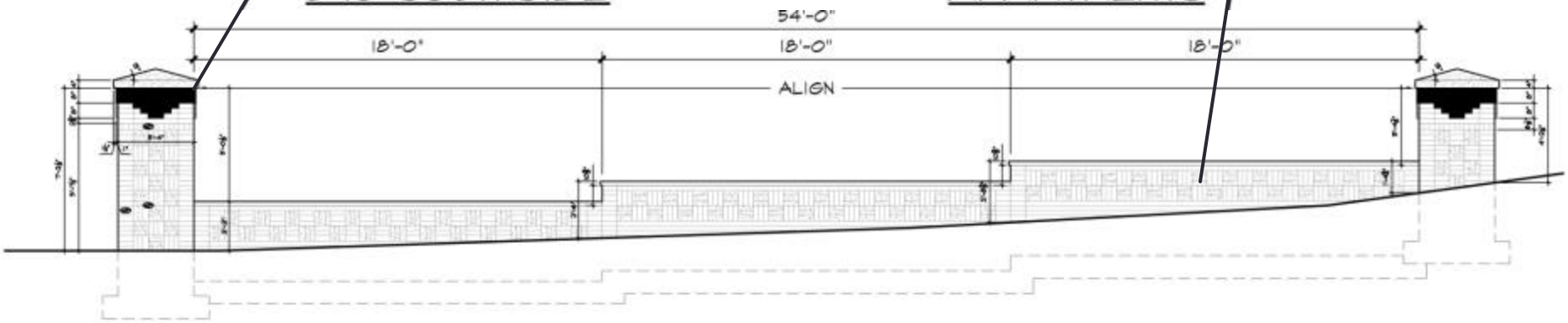


DEAL BUICK -
390 SOUTHSIDE

217-223 SOUTHSIDE
APARTMENTS



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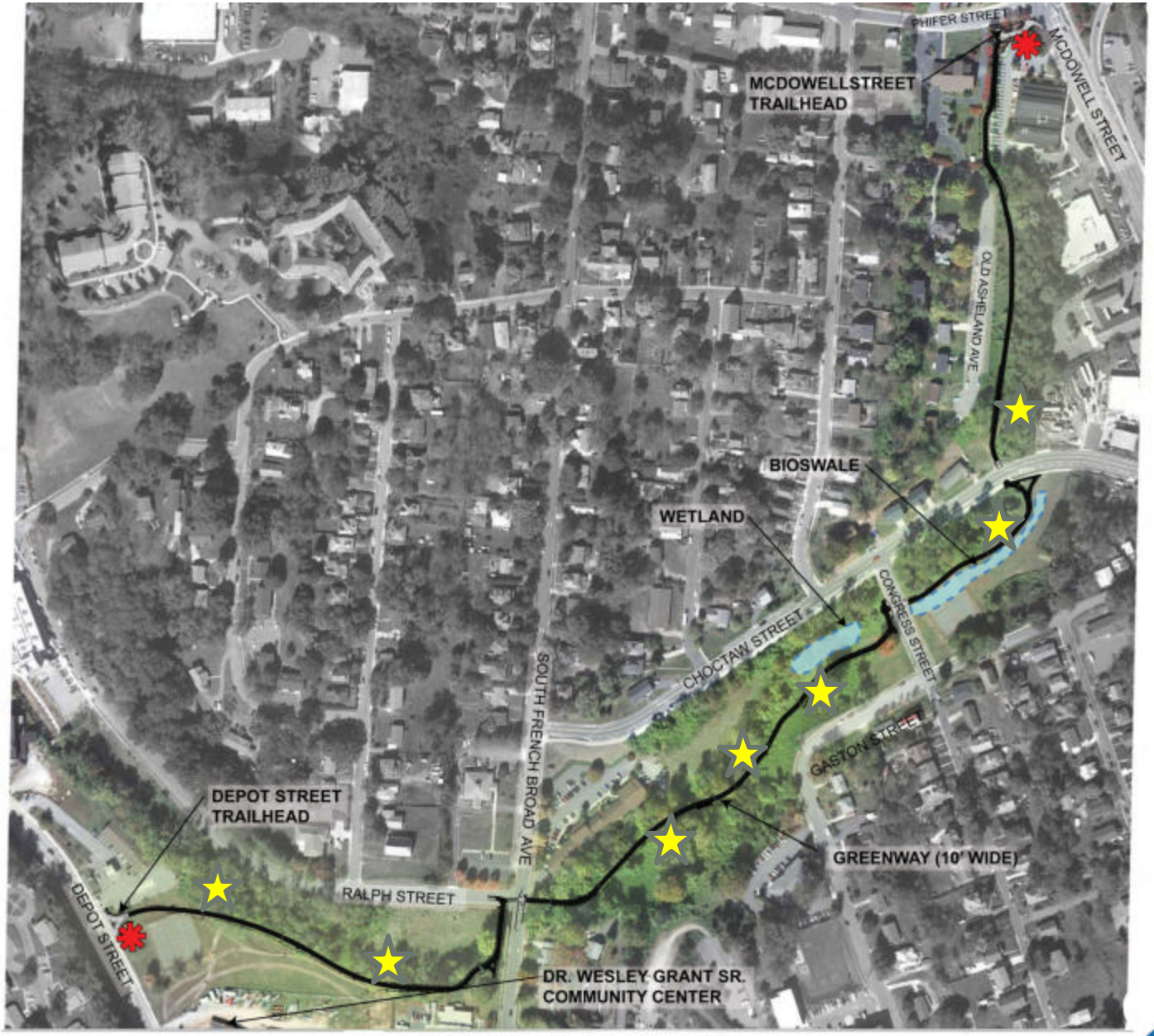
DEPOT STREET TRAILHEAD WALL ELEVATION

Sustainability

Town Branch Greenway

Public Art Opportunities

Utilize art to tell stories from the community about businesses, trades, people and its history.



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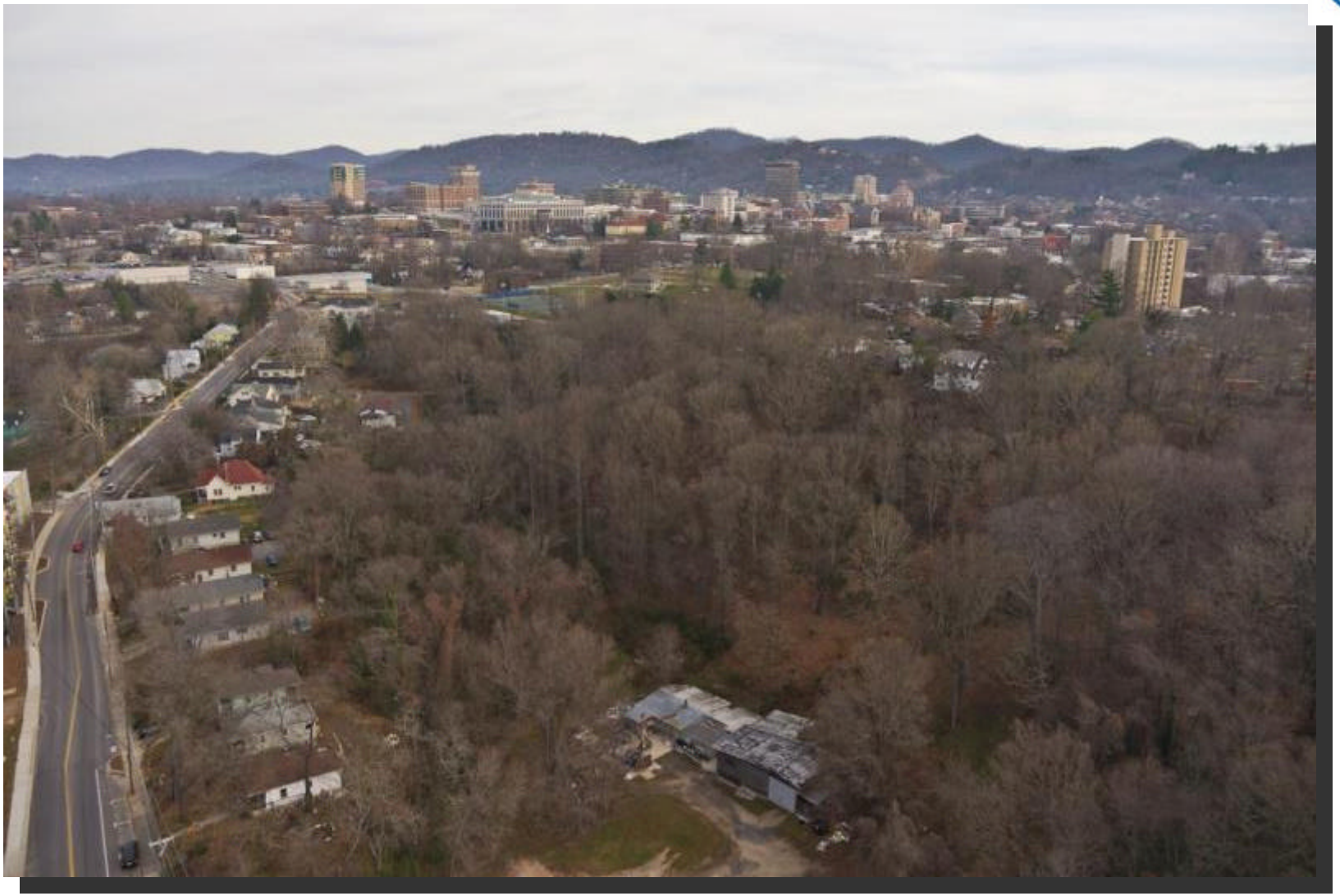
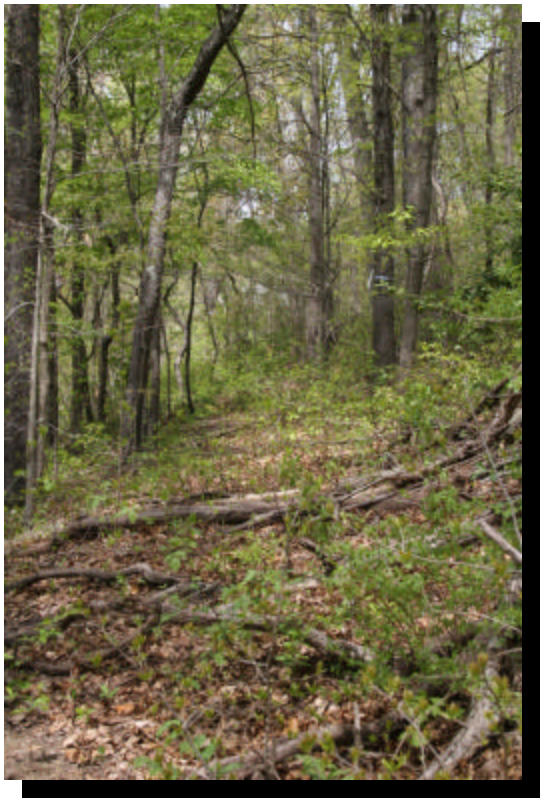


Clingman Ave.
Trailhead
Clingman Ext.
Trailhead

Clingman Forest Greenway

Request from Stakeholders

1. Preserve as much of the woodland character as possible
2. Explore all potential connections from the neighborhood to the greenway
3. Use existing WECAN artistic elements as inspiration for greenway features
4. Create a safe environment
5. Explore opportunities for additional parking at Aston Park
6. Achieve handicap accessibility throughout



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Existing Woodland Character

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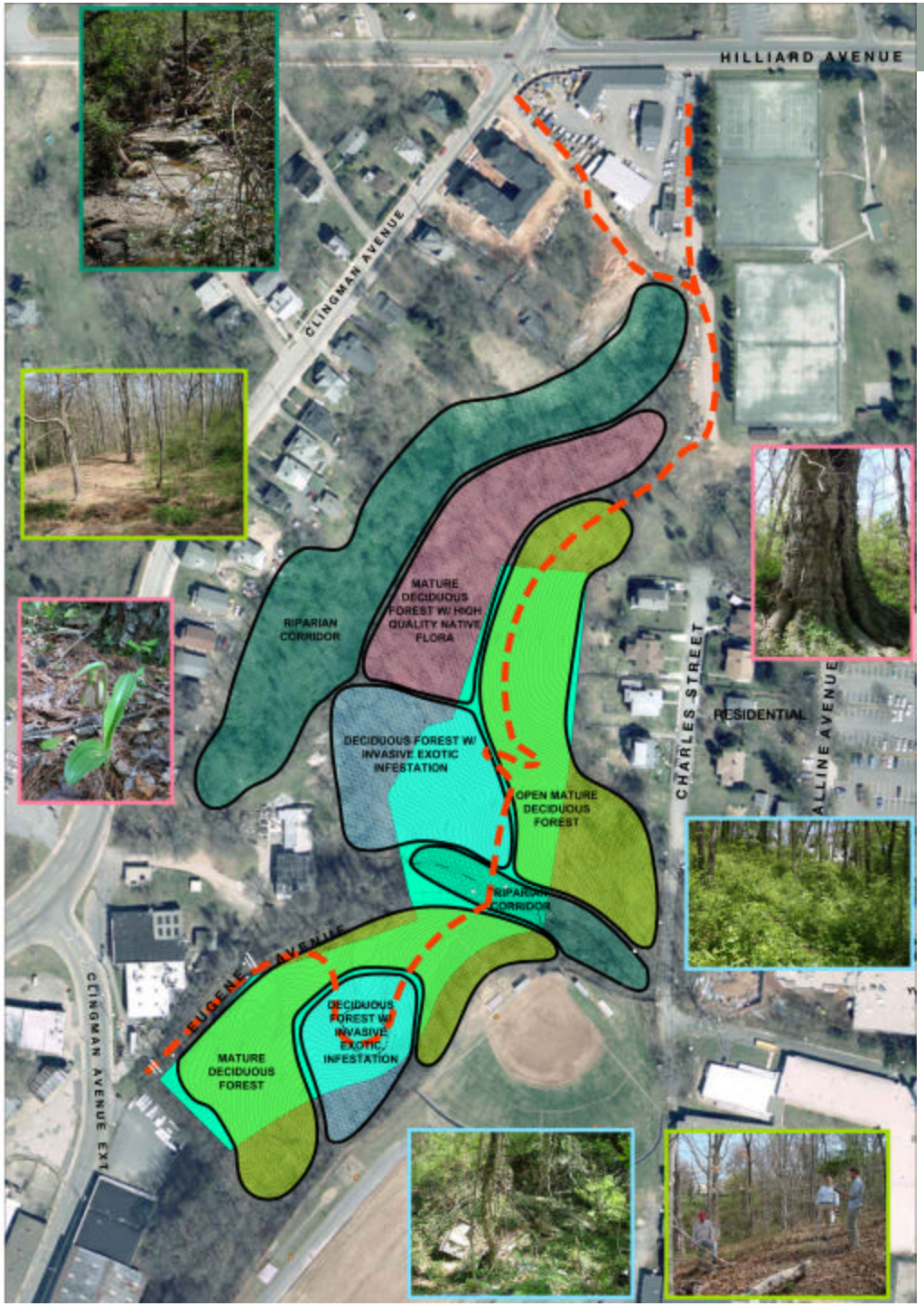

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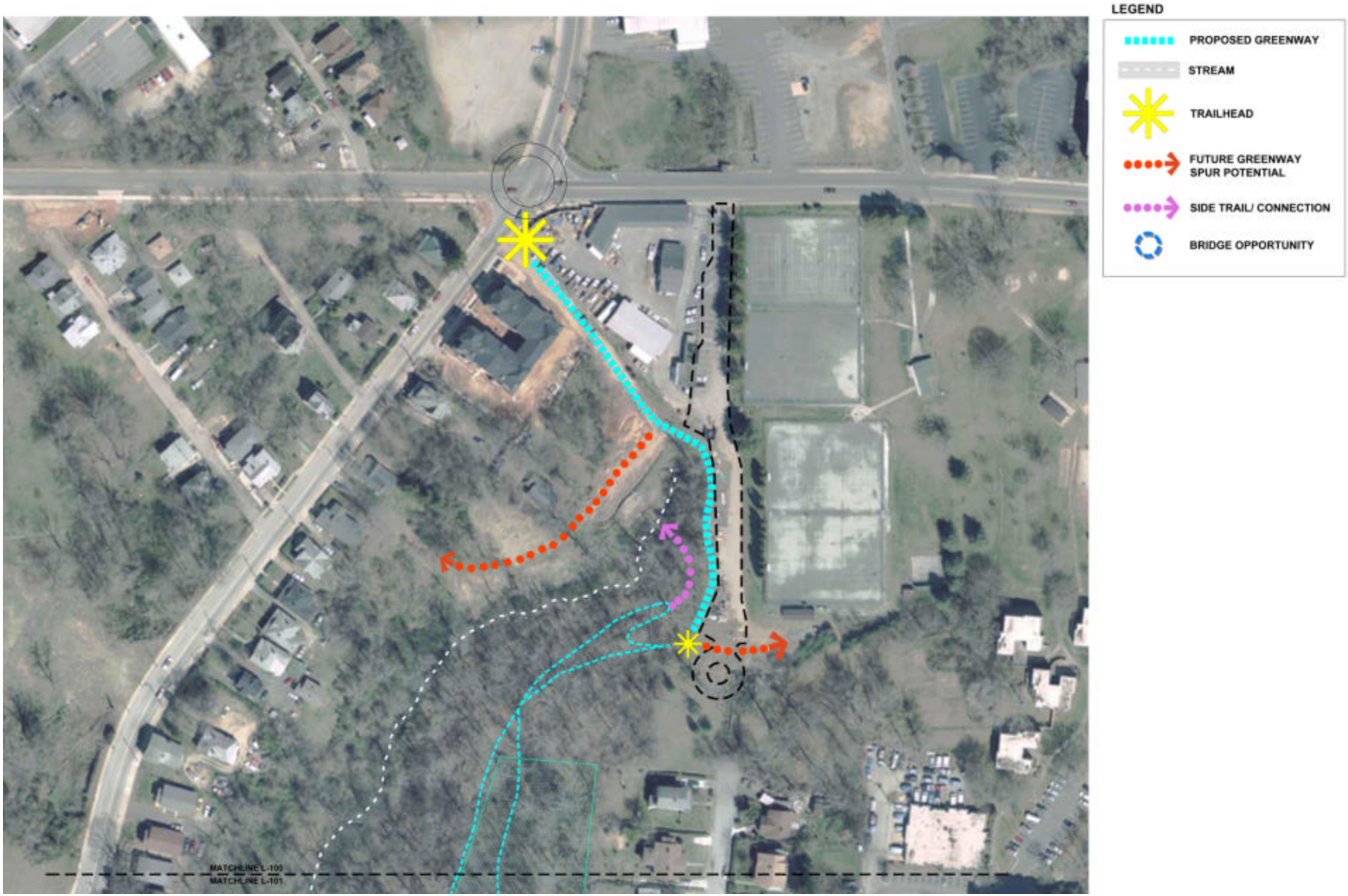

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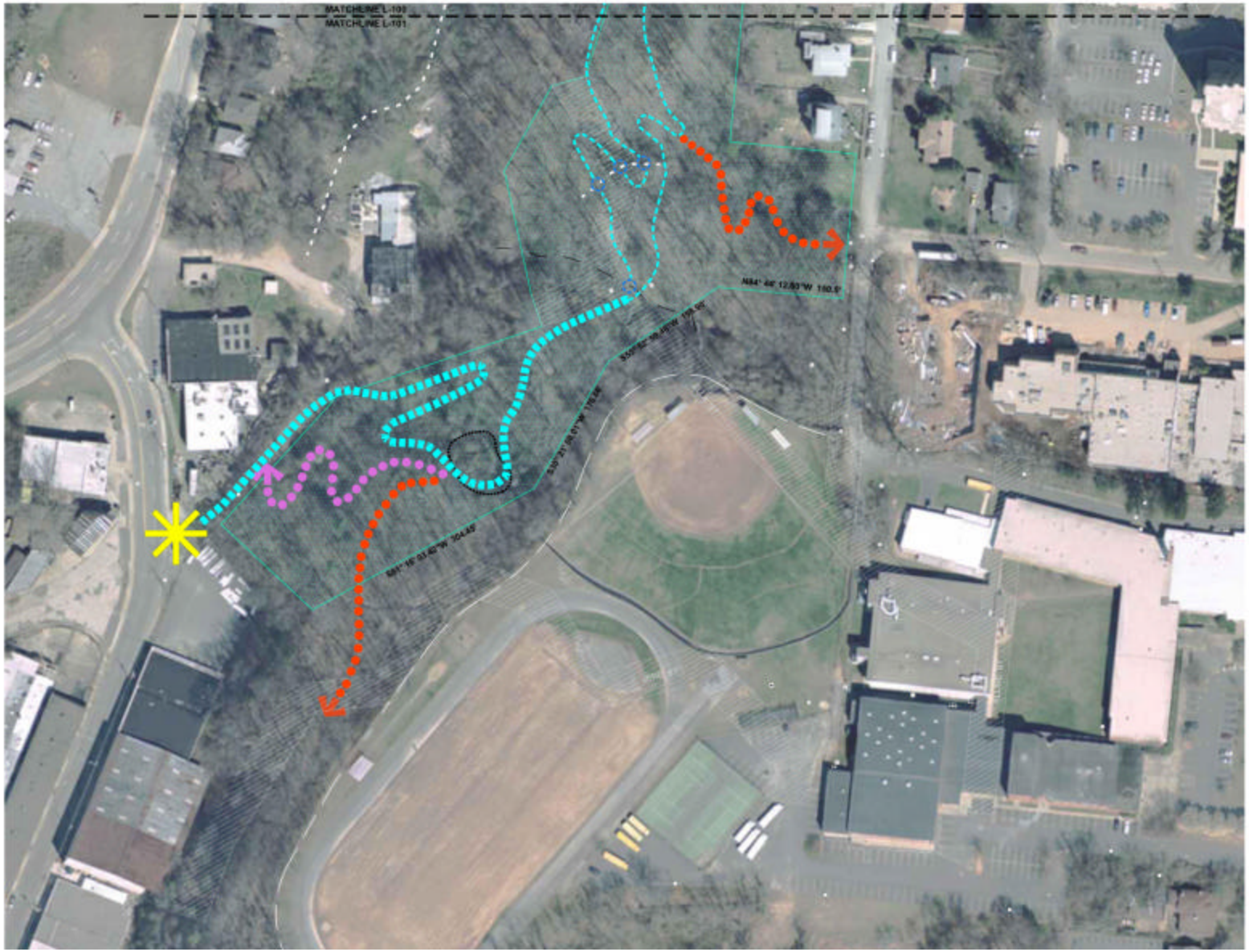

LEGEND

- PROPOSED GREENWAY
- STREAM
- TRAILHEAD
- FUTURE GREENWAY SPUR POTENTIAL
- SIDE TRAIL/ CONNECTION
- BRIDGE OPPORTUNITY

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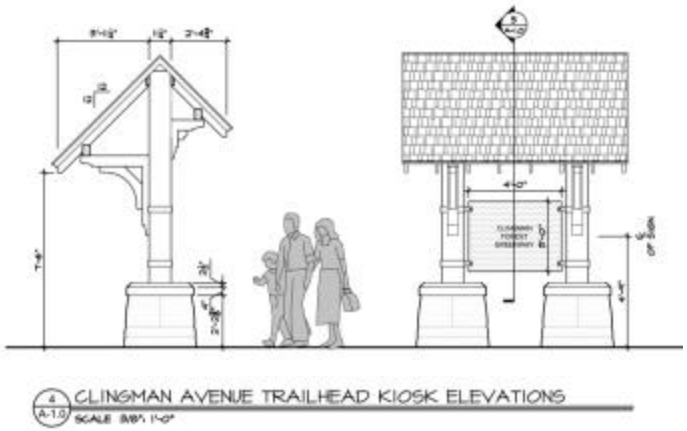

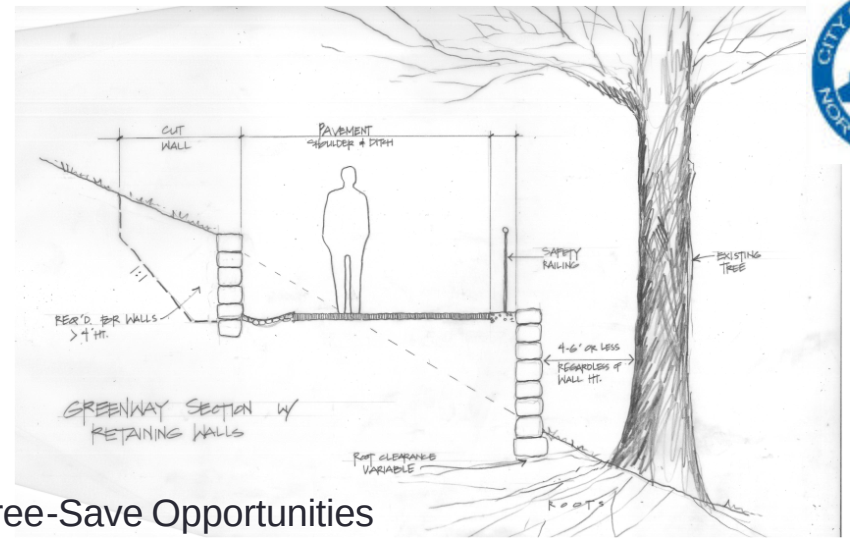

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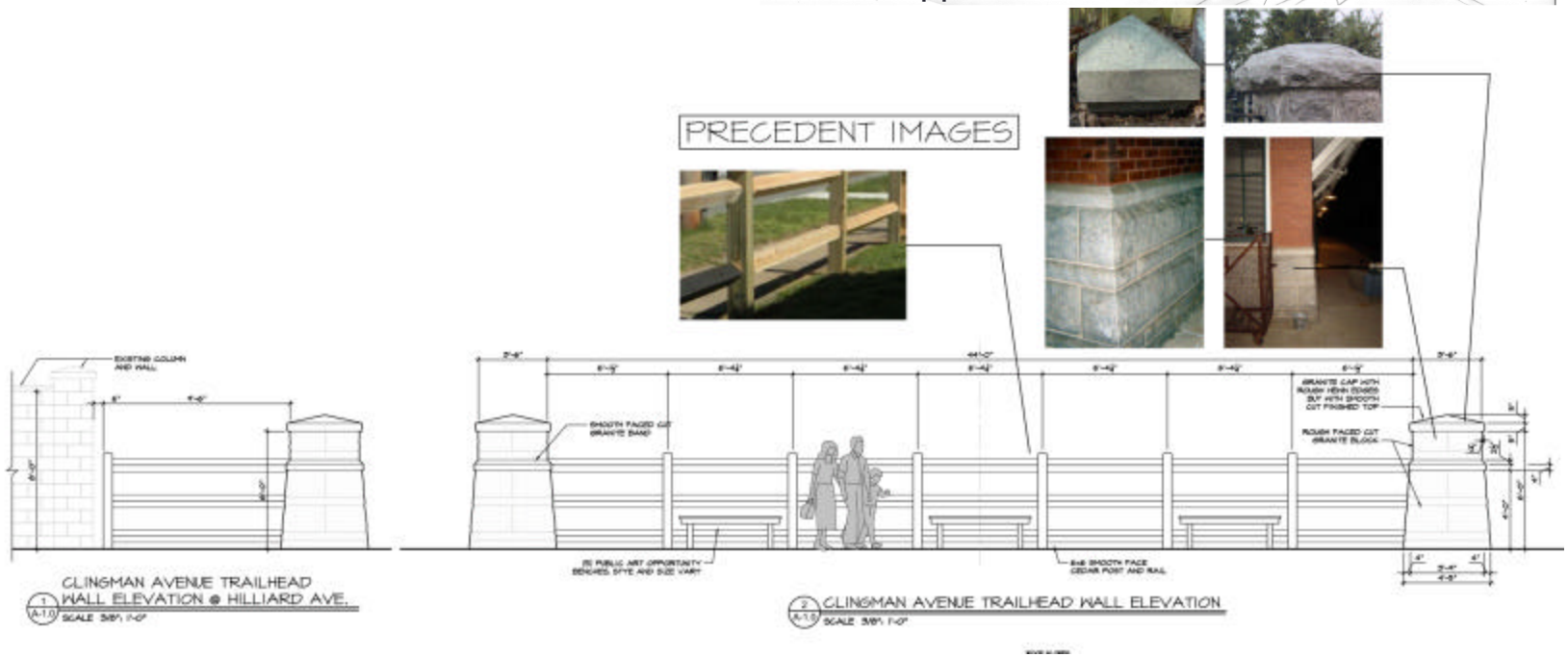

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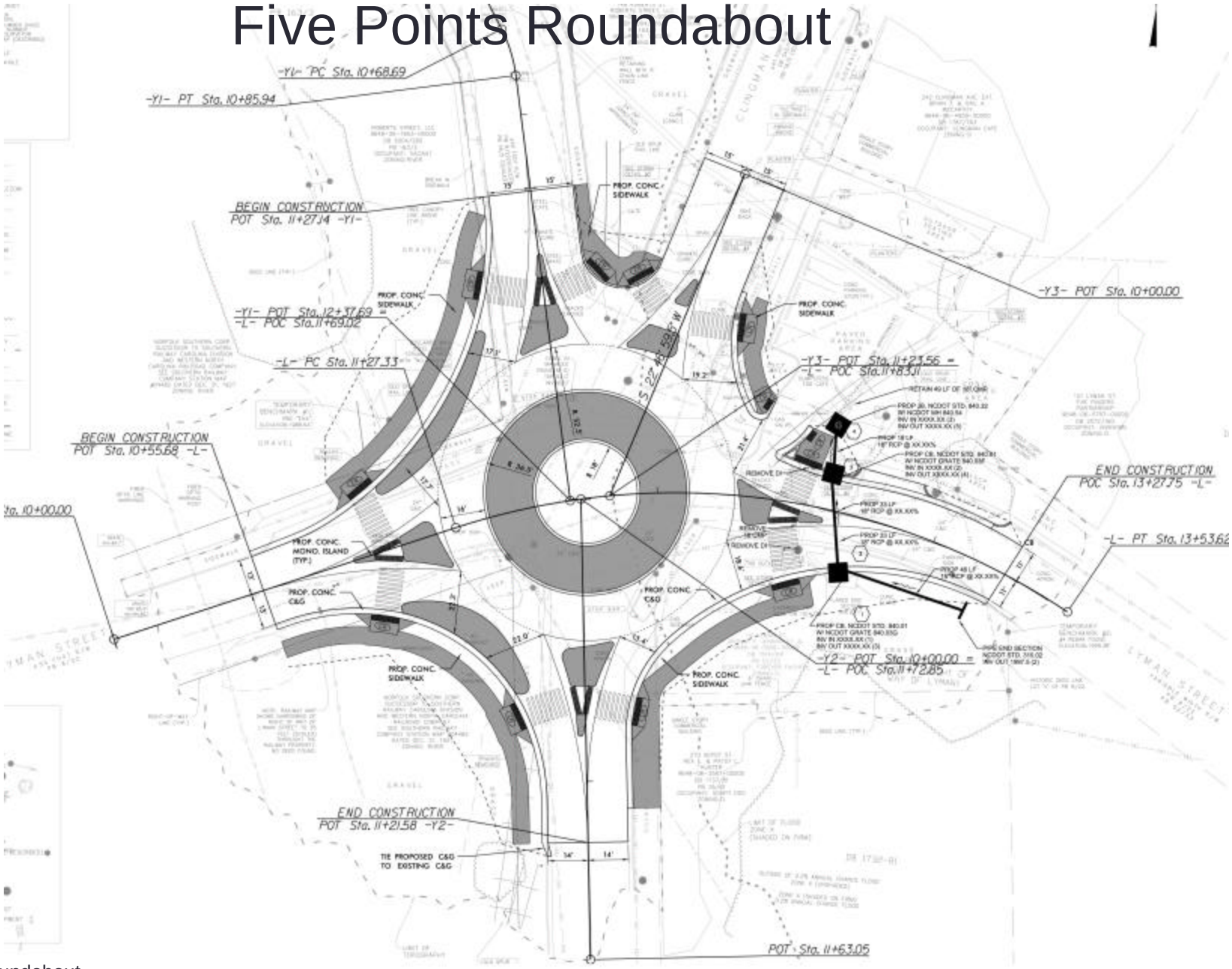

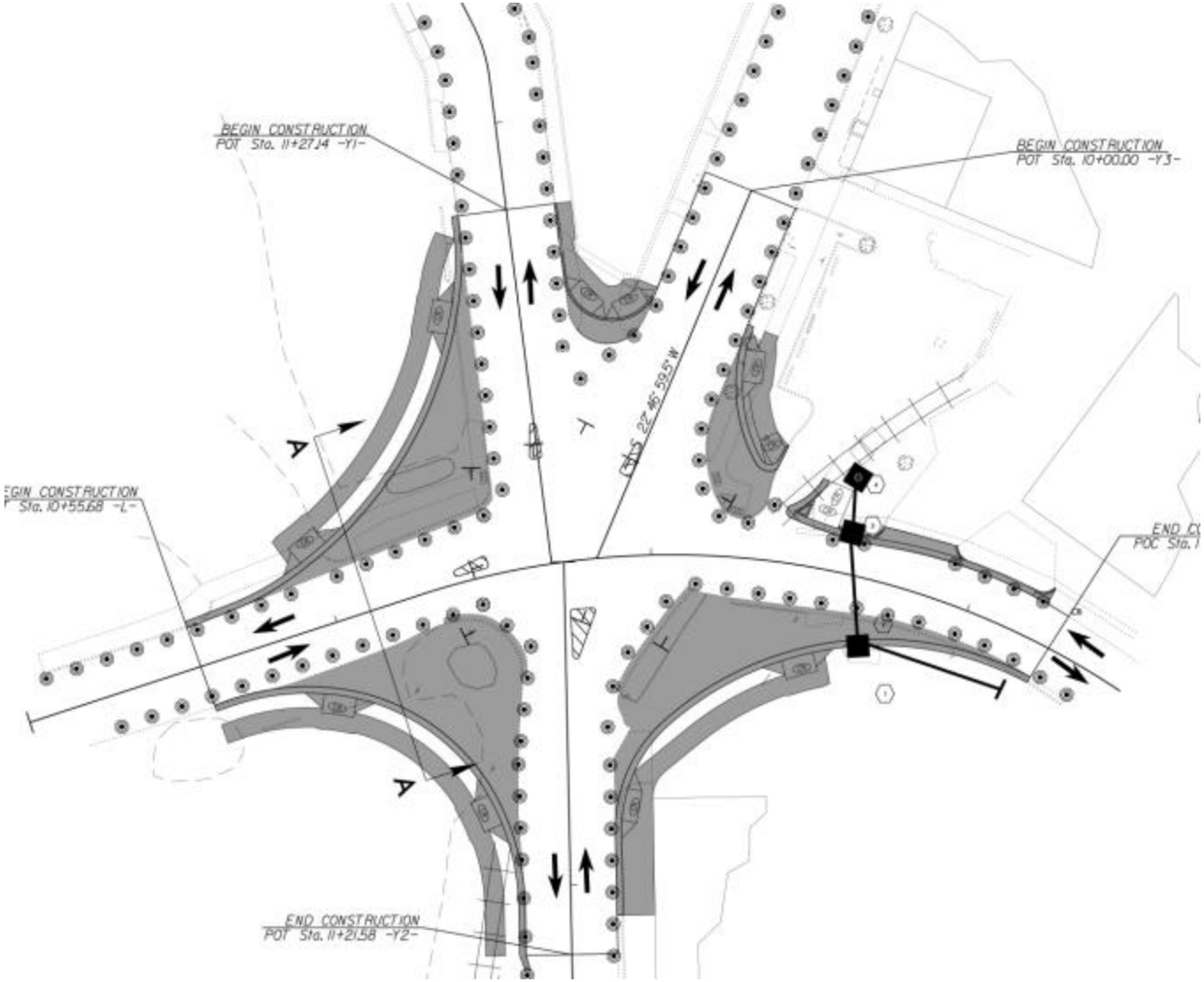

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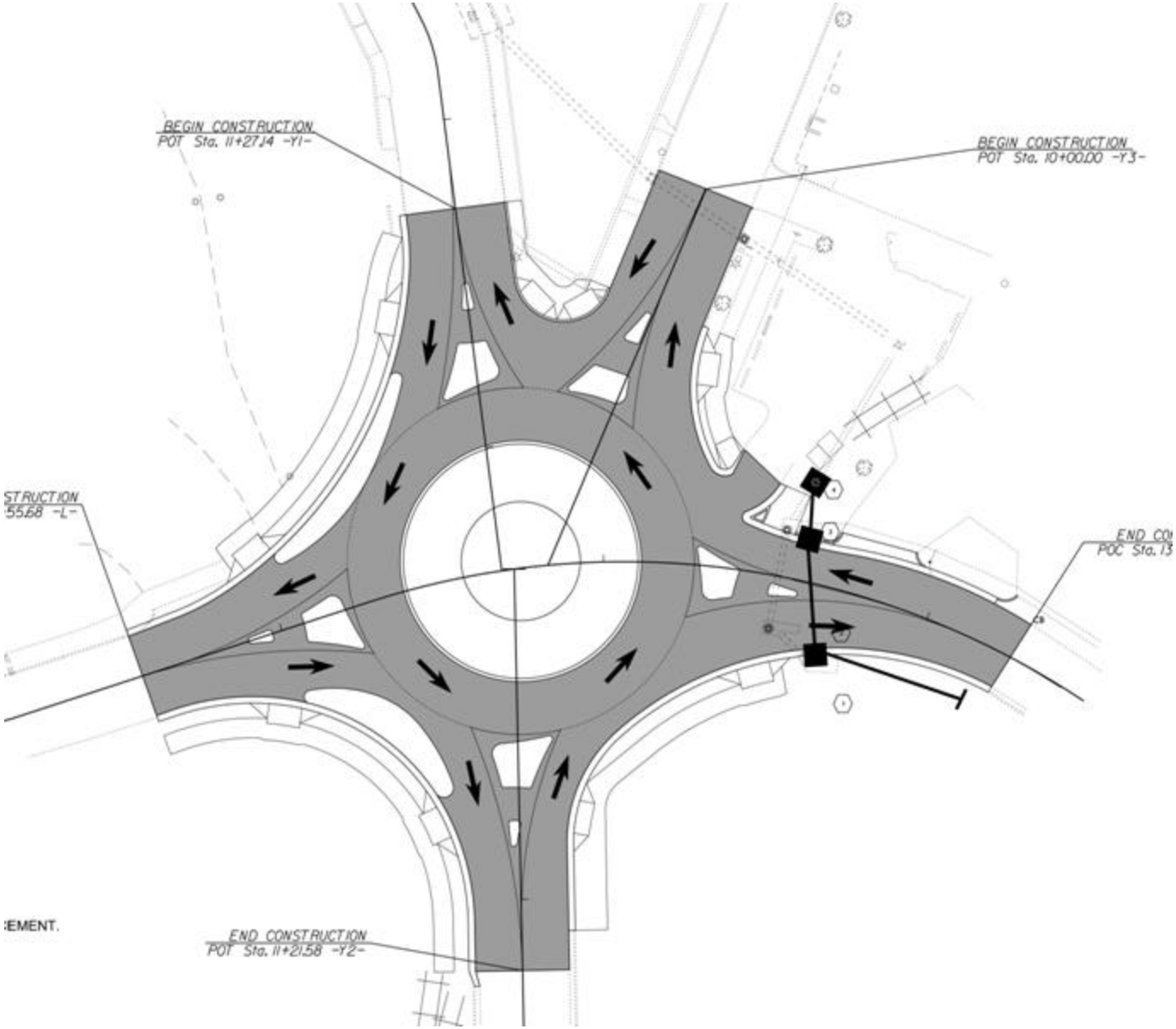

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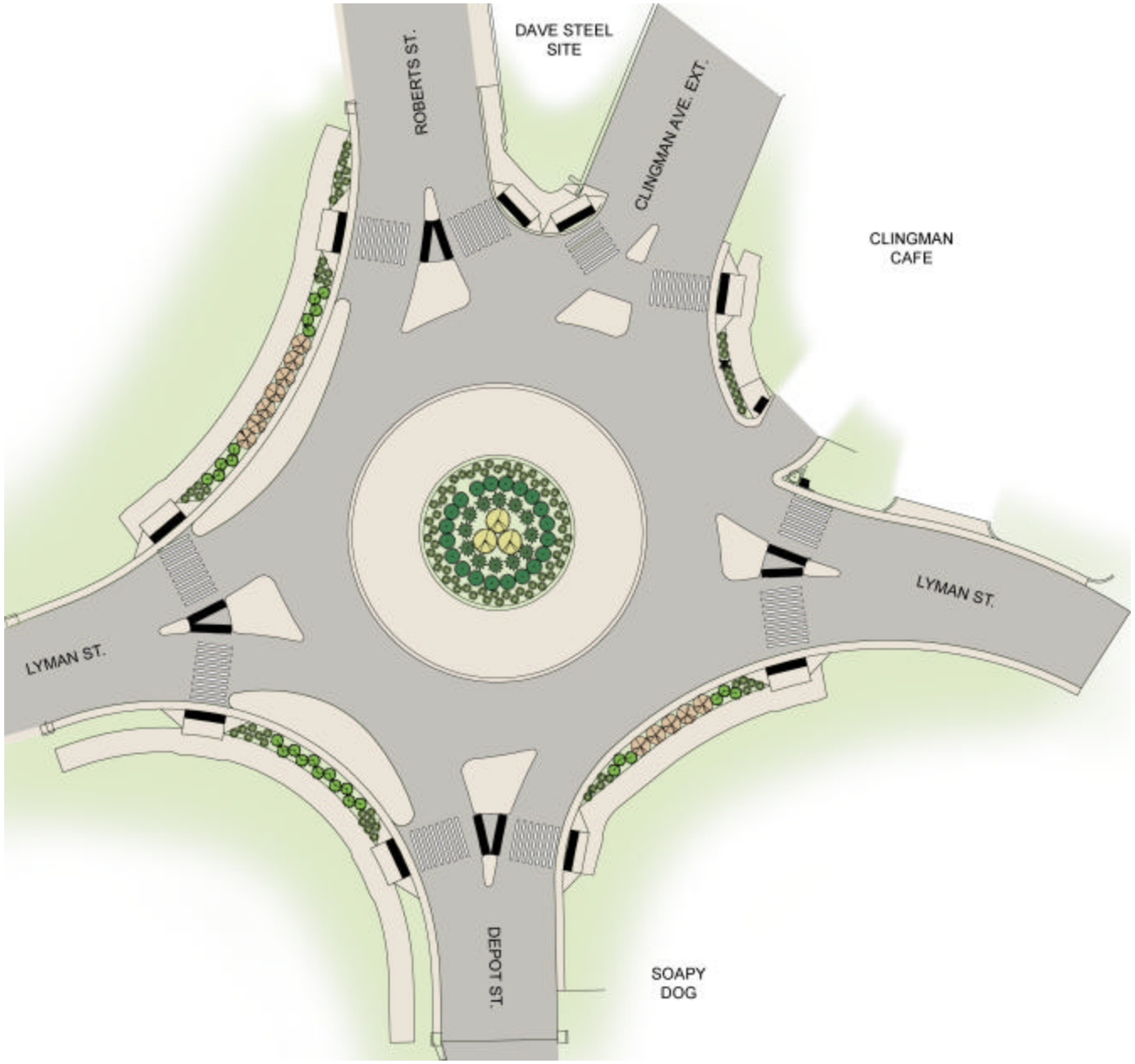

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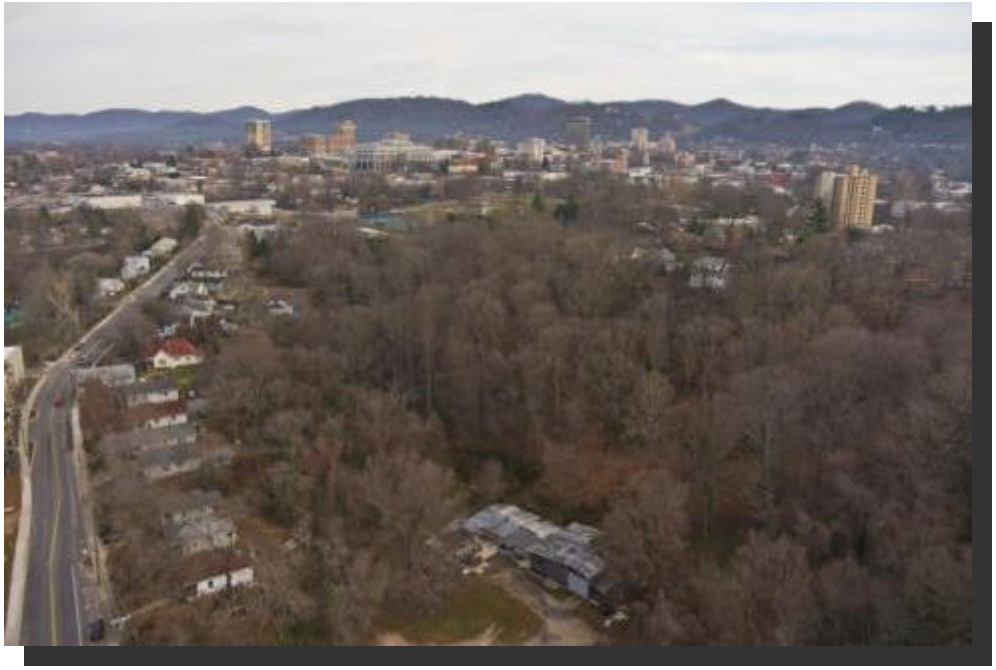

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