

STATION #1: WELCOME



Allatoona Creek Greenway Scoping Study | Community Open House #3 | March 18, 2026

Thank you for attending tonight's Community Open House for the Allatoona Creek Greenway Scoping Study.

A scoping study is a feasibility study. The goal of the study is to determine if a greenway in this area is **reasonable and feasible**.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to review the proposed preferred alignment for the greenway.

Upon reviewing the potential options, please provide any feedback you may have using the comment form provided.



All of the materials presented at this evening's community open house can be accessed online at:

www.cobbcounty.gov/acgstudy

You can also access the website directly by scanning the QR code here.



Station #1: Welcome

- You are here.
- If you haven't already, please sign-in

Station #2A: What We've Heard

- A review of engagement to-date

Station #2B: April 2025 Open House Feedback

- A recap of comments from the last open house

Station #3: Proposed Preferred Alignment

- Please review the proposed preferred alignment (shown on the large printed map on the tables)
- Renderings of potential trail segments are shown on a board near the larger rollplot

Station #4: Project Closeout

- This station provides insight on what the public can expect moving forward

STATION #2A: WHAT WE'VE HEARD

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A Five-Pronged Engagement Approach



#1

Pop-Ups

- Santa's Arrival Festival Pop-Up in the City of Acworth

#2

Stakeholder Committee

- Held three, will hold one more
- Members include Cobb agencies and community leaders

#3

Project Website

- Maintained throughout the life of the project
- All open house materials available virtually

#4

Walking Tours

- Conducted walking tours of the study area with community groups, civic associations and local school leadership

#5

Community Open House

- Have hosted community open houses during every project phase to receive in-person feedback

Pop-Up Feedback

1. The project team has attended several community events to publicize the scoping study and solicit feedback (Santa's Arrival, Jam-BOO-Ree, Nightmare on Main 5k, Oregon Park Little League)
2. Feedback received at these events stressed several key points:
 - Minimize impacts to local residents
 - Connect to more destinations (schools, shopping centers, etc.)
 - Prioritize safety of trail users and residents

Stakeholder Feedback

1. The project stakeholder committee has met three times.
2. Feedback received at these meetings included:
 - Ensuring the alignment provides a natural/peaceful setting with recreational opportunities
 - Prioritizing alignments that follow Allatoona Creek as closely as possible
 - To the extent possible, providing safe sidewalk connections to the proposed alignment and minimizing at-grade crossings along roadways

Walking Tour Feedback

1. The project team has conducted walking tours with five groups (Friends of Price Park, Friends of Kemp Park, Mars Hill Rd communities, the Saddlebrook Farms community, and local school leadership).
2. Feedback received at these tours included:
 - Providing additional access via increased parking capacity that prevents on-street parking within neighborhoods
 - Minimizing property impacts to local residents
 - Prioritizing a natural, immersive experience that provides recreational opportunities for local residents

Results of that Feedback

1. The project team has developed a preferred alignment that balances impacts to local residents with ensuring an immersive natural experience
2. The project team has examined the possibility of additional connections to local destinations (including filling sidewalk gaps along major roadways that would intersect with the proposed trail alignment)
3. The alignment has been revised to ensure connections to future proposed parking facilities
4. Off-creek portions of the proposed alignment minimize at-grade crossings to the extent possible to ensure user safety

STATION #2B: APRIL 2025 OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK



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Please identify your preferred fencing options:

Fencing Options	Number of Responses	Percent of Total Responses
Lumber	51	53.1%
Metal	16	16.7%
Stone	25	26.0%
Rope	4	4.2%

Please identify your preferred screening options:

Screening Options	Number of Responses	Percent of Total Responses
Grasses/Shrubs	6	5.3%
Trees/Bushes	7	6.1%
Native Replanting	31	27.2%
Preserve Existing Vegetation	70	61.4%

Results of that Feedback

- Lumber was the preferred material for fencing/managing access to the proposed trail - as a result the project team has identified where boardwalks (with lumber fencing) will be implemented (see roll plots for locations)
- Preserving existing vegetation was a key desire for most respondents - as such, the project team has minimized impacts to existing natural areas to the extent possible (choosing to preserve existing natural scenes along the alignment as potential destinations/rest areas)
- As minimizing property impacts was a crucial desire from the public, a new alignment has been chosen that decreases the need for right-of-way and easements along the project corridor (see roll plots for details)

What aspects of the trail should be prioritized?

Trail Aspects	Number of Responses	Percent of Total Responses
Minimal Property Impacts	54	32.5%
Immersive Natural Experience	43	25.9%
Access Management	57	34.3%
Structures Needed	7	4.2%
Minimizing Costs	5	3.0%

Please identify your preferred typical sections:*

Typical Sections	Number of Responses	Percent of Total Responses
Roadside	10	19.2%
Creekside #1	22	42.3%
Creekside #2	6	11.5%
Boardwalk	9	17.3%
Bridge	5	9.6%

*Not a planned question, but attendees placed pins by their preferred typical sections

At the April 2025 Open House, the project team solicited feedback on a series of topics (including potential fencing options, screening options, typical sections, and what aspects of the proposed trail should be prioritized). The results of that feedback are presented in the tables above. The ways in which that feedback resulted in changes to the preferred proposed alignment alternative can be found on the right of the board.

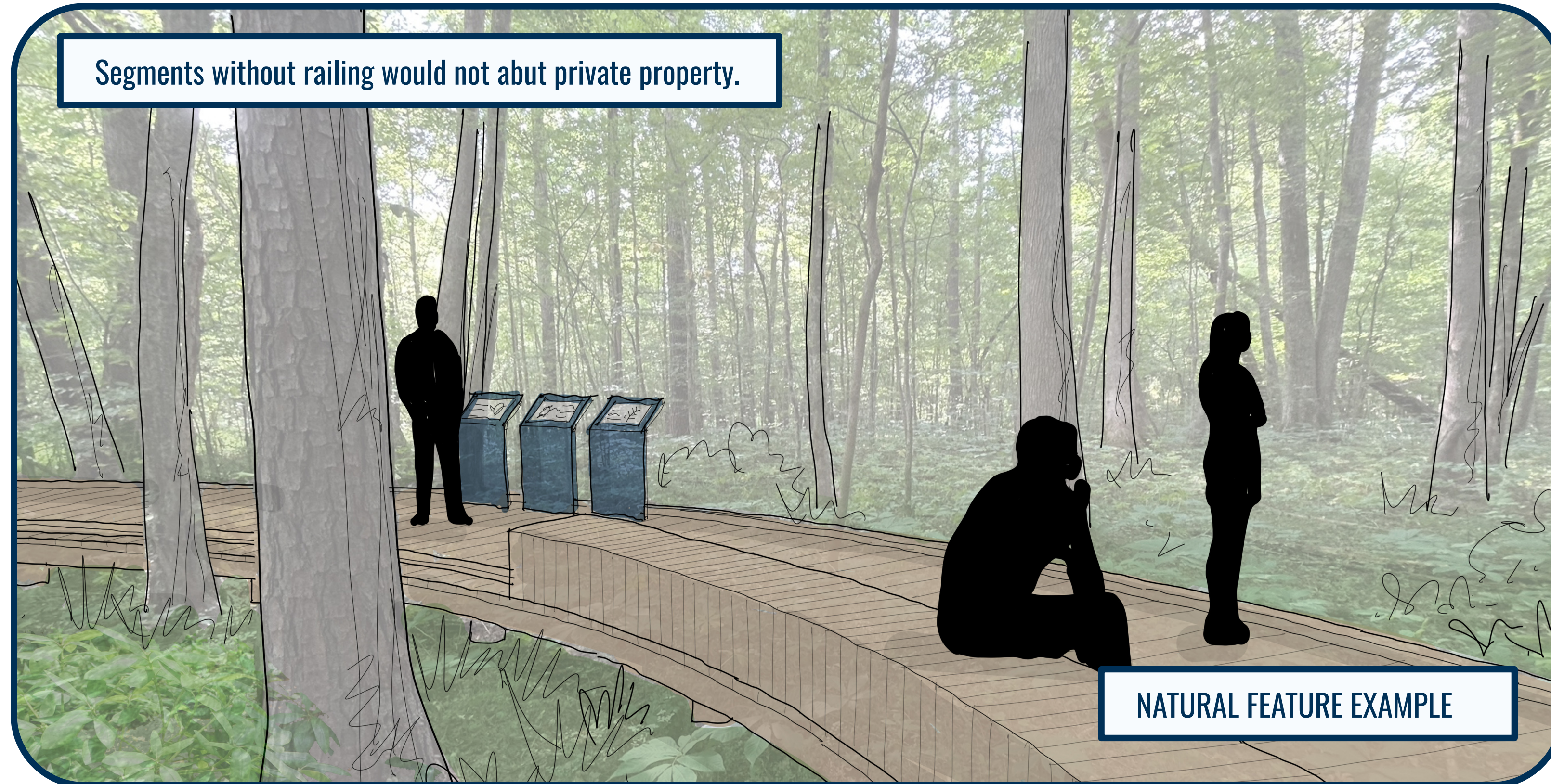


STATION #3: PROPOSED PREFERRED ALIGNMENT



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Segments without railing would not abut private property.



NATURAL FEATURE EXAMPLE



TRAIL PULL-OFF EXAMPLE



ROADSIDE TRAIL EXAMPLE



TRAILHEAD EXAMPLE

STATION #4: PROJECT CLOSEOUT

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We are now in the final phase of the engagement process for this study. Following this open house and one more stakeholder steering committee meeting (late Spring 2026), the concept report will be submitted to Cobb County.



Remaining Project Schedule

Key Task	Fall 2025	Winter		Spring 2026	
Project Management	●	●	●	●	●
Stakeholder and Public Engagement			S P	OH	S
Alternatives Analysis and Concept Development					▲
Final Project Deliverables					▲

S = Stakeholder Steering Committee; P = Pop-up; OH = Community Open House

The goal of this scoping study is to determine if a greenway in this area is reasonable and feasible.
At this time, there is no funding for greenway design and construction.

