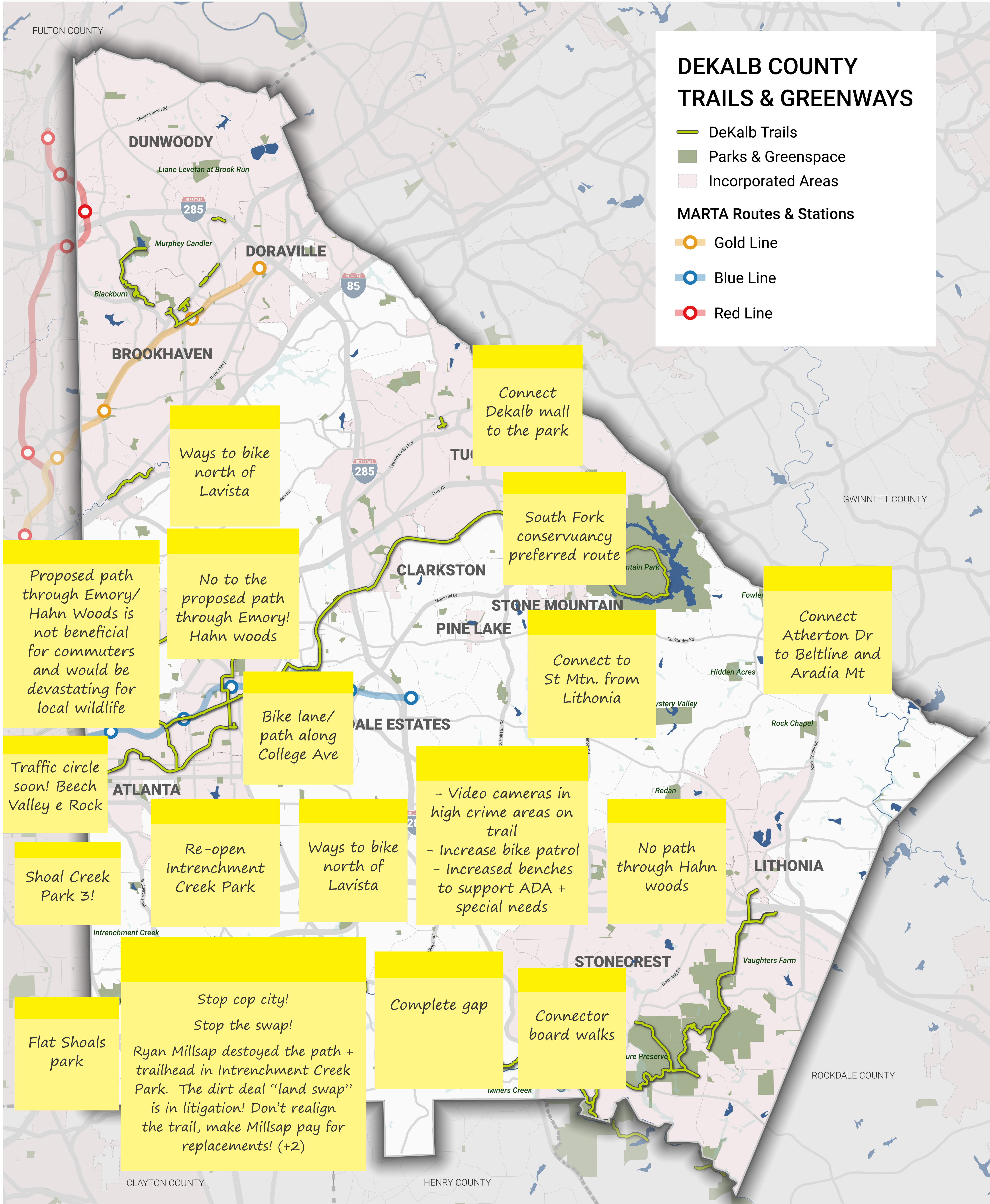




## BUILDING THE TRAIL & GREENWAY NETWORK

Look at the map below to see how existing trails and greenways connect to major destinations throughout DeKalb County. After thinking about the questions on the previous board, we want to hear from you!

**What do you want to see, and where do you want to see it?**



## PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Use the pen to show us where you think there should be greenways and trails.

If applicable, write a specific name or description of the new connection locations in the green space.





## BUILDING THE TRAIL & GREENWAY NETWORK

### Project Wishlist

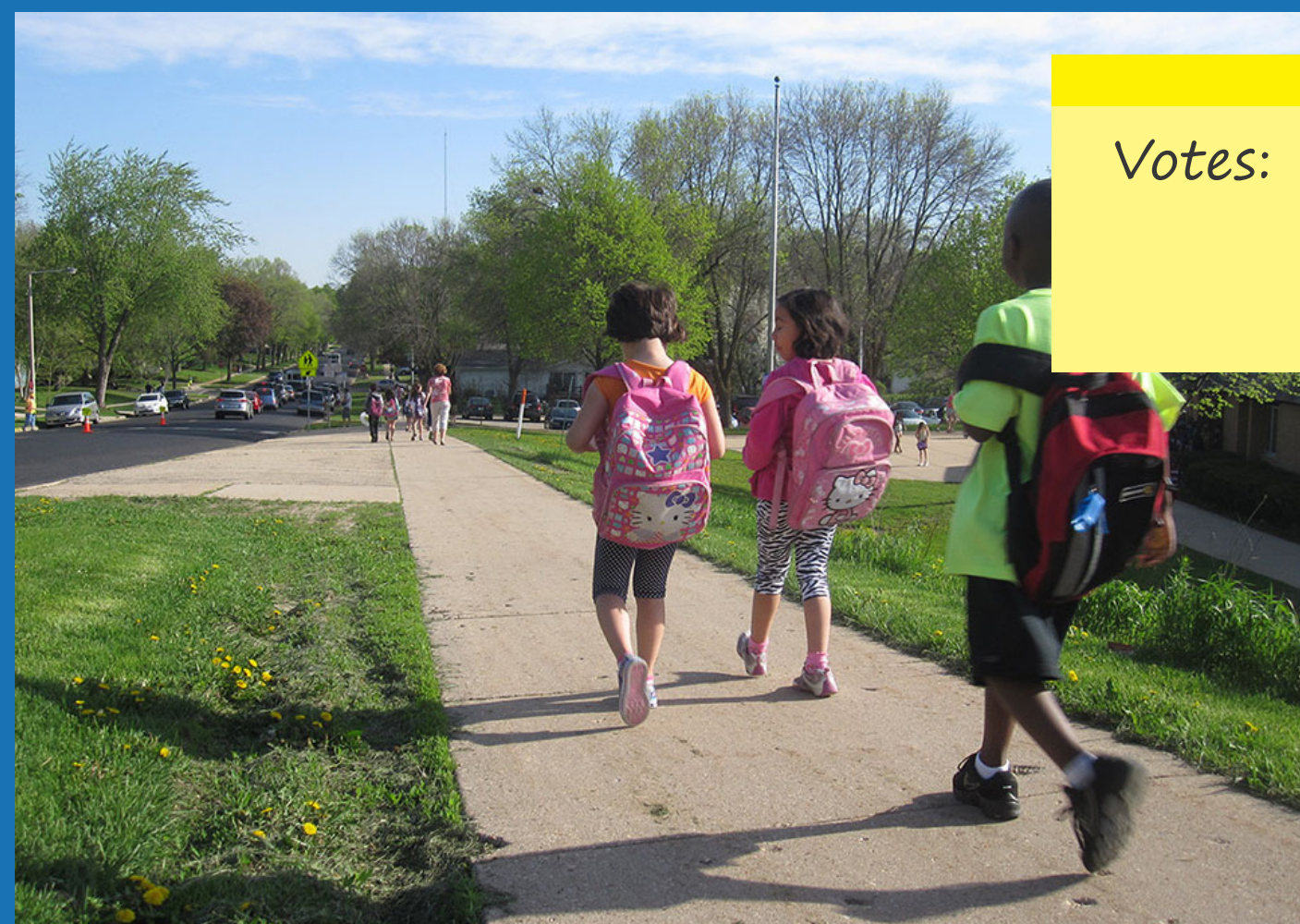
Are there trail connections that would be useful or exciting to you?

#### I would like to use the County's trails and greenways for:



Votes: 16

getting to work



Votes: 9

getting to school



Votes: 17

running errands or shopping  
(grocery stores, etc.)



Votes: 21

enjoying recreational activities  
(walking, biking, etc.)



Votes: 15

traveling to destinations within  
DeKalb County



Votes: 14

traveling to destinations in  
neighboring communities

### What We Heard About Trail Improvements...

- Don't destroy natural habitat
- We could use more access to public transportation in East DeKalb County (ie an additional MARTA station)
- It would be great to have a trail through retail areas and communities
- Traveling to destinations in DeKalb!
- Emory to Buckhead
- To be able to traverse & see the raw beauty of Shoal Creek Park 3!
- Emory connectivity
- Arabia - S. River - Beltline - Silver Comet
- Fewer paved paths. More gravel for new paths
- Electric busses
- Keep beauty simple + accessible
- Paved bike paths should be less wide
- Walkway
- Re-open Intrenchment Creek Park
- Connect Bike Trails to MARTA GAPS in stops + BEYOND!
- Float the Greenway
- South Fork Peachtree Creek

- Trails Connecting: Clarkston, Scottdale, Avondale Est., Decatur, Belvedere Park, Candler McAfee
- If DeKalb RPCA dept. pays, an entity to maintain trails - the trails should actually be maintained + not allowed/ignored to the point of overgrowth + loss use!!
- DeKalb Co. Parks to take over care of Board of Ed. "abandoned" properties. One new Kittredge Park and Skyhaven. Please restore these properties.
- Need North-South corridor/connectivity to other trails/along Clairmont
- Safe transportation by bike. Decentralize the automobile and centralize the bike.
- Connections to shopping + work would be great.
- Improve the connection between Lullwater-Emory and Hahn Woods near
- Would love connections from OTP (unincorporated Decatur) to ITP (down-town).
- Connect Church St cycle track to Medlock Park
- Connect Decatur to Emory
- Organizing to stop the land swap in Intrenchment Creek Park
- More trees! It's too hot
- Re-open Intrenchment Creek Park. Wait until litigation is over to do any construction - parking lot!



# PLACEMAKING

## WHAT IS PLACEMAKING?

Placemaking strengthens connections between people and our shared spaces. It draws on local inspiration for design, creates opportunities for activity and interaction, and showcases the community identity and values. Quirks and creativity are welcome. At its best, placemaking is a collaborative, ongoing community effort to create special moments that make a place shine.



Native Plant + Wildlife Communities



We don't need new concrete path realigned through Intrenchment Creek Park, we want soft trails! Leave what's there, hold Millsap accountable.

Natural Play



Asphalt Art



South River Forest has rich history from Prison Farm to Soapstone Ridge. Preserve it! No realignment in Intrenchment Creek.

Local History + Culture



Soft trails please, rather than more paved and arid paths. Please limit paved paths

Naturalistic + Serene



Public Art + Sculpture



South River Forest & Intrenchment Creek Park are prime places to teach about ecological restoration & greenspace preservation

Environmental Education



Public Art + Play Areas



Wayfinding + Signage





# PLACEMAKING

Great trails are more than infrastructure, they are places and experiences that bring communities together. As part of this planning process, we want to identify opportunities for placemaking features that could integrate art, interaction, community identity, and natural beauty along the County's trails and greenways. Some of these elements could be incorporated into the permanent design as trail segments are constructed or upgraded. Others could be developed collaboratively with the community over time, installed temporarily to add variety to the trail experience, or activated with programming.

## What features and amenities would you be most excited to use or see along one of the County's trails?

- Water stations
- Rest rooms
- County facts & trail maps with distance info
- Identify native plant life + nature preservation
- Bird Boxes, Bat Houses, Habitat Restoration (Invasive Species Management)
- Pollenator boxes (bees, butterflies)
- History of area
- Signage on oldest trees (e.g. the Cherry Bark Oaks at Intrenchment Creek Park)
- Trees!
- Nature
- Wildflowers
- Stream bank restoration for all rivers & creeks
- Kayak access to waterways (S. River)
- Wetland Restoration w/ native plants & bog plant species
- NO CONCRETE PATHS!!! Boardwalks & previous surfaces only for walking paths & biking
- Community Garden Areas
- Art + Sculpture
- Garbage cans
- Signs for trail etiquette
- Improved buffer between traffic and trail users
- Food trucks
- Exercise equipment station
- Community gathering spaces
- Seating (i.e., benches, picnic tables)
- Dog park
- Bike repair stations
- Erosion prevention

## What will draw people to DeKalb's trails, and what will keep them talking about it long after they've loaded their bikes or kicked off their shoes?

- Safety (video, bike patrols)
- Accessible from people's homes
- Parks that lead to retail
- Great lighting & things to see along the trails! but not too much lighting!  
I like the dusk & natural light, not fluorescent bulbs!
- Quiet from cars & traffic
- Nature - away from congestion, quiet & serene
- Birds - pollinators
- Water - creeksides
- Using environmental solutions for infrastructure problems
- Navigatable waterways
- E-bike riding, portapottys (increase)
- Historical site markers
- Exposure to natural areas. Wetlands, streams, etc.
- Restaurants, Bars
- The diversity of trail users and amenities. Natural trails + native plants
- Isolation from vehicular traffic, leading indicators at crossings
- Information about native medicinal plants! along path
- Getting to see wild animals up close in their habitats
- Greenspace, scenery, length, trail condition
- Well maintained paths. With features providing a safe experience
- Ease of access + connectivity. Being able to use the trails to get places + not just for recreation

## Tell us about other places you've visited that could be good models for the experiential qualities of DeKalb County's trails?

- Atlanta's Beltline
- Paul Bunyan Trail, MN
- Reedy River - Greenville S.C.
- Mason Mill Park
- Fairfax Co., VA Parks & Trails N. Va
- 400 - art along trail
- Frederick, MD Carroll Creek Trail/Linear Park
- Woodland Discovery Playground @ Shelby Farms, Memphis, TN
- Bentonville, AR
- Silver Comet Trail has nice parks adjoining the trail
- Philadelphia Germantown Creek trails
- Big Creek Greenway, Roswell-Alpharetta and on to Cumming
- Western Massachusetts: Amherst, Northampton, Hadley bike trails etc.
- Durham, NC trail