


Proposed Country Club Commons Connector Trail

June 29, 2020

Presentation to Civic Association

Project Background

- ▶ June 2019 Work Session to discuss potential new projects including:
 - Country Club Commons Connector
 - Sidewalk on Chain Bridge Road between Taba Cove and Warwick Ave
 - Fairfax Circle
 - Comstock Trail
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Performance Metrics

The Fairfax Multimodal Transportation Plan seeks to provide the framework for a system that serves the values of the community and achieves the key goals of the plan. Attainment of the overall vision will be measured against four key targets to be achieved by 2035:

Create a city of “**15-minute neighborhoods**” – ensure that 100% of residents can access a local activity center via a safe 15-minute walk from home (currently 44%).



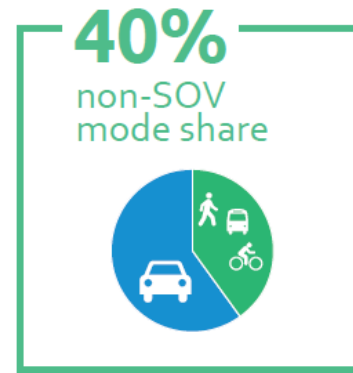
Ensure **100% of residents are connected to green space**, trails, or open space via a safe 15-minute walk of home (currently 88%).



Ensure **100% of residents have access to transit** by providing a transit stop within a safe 10-minute walk of each residence (currently 79%).




Increase **choice, reliability, and efficiency** in travel by achieving at least a 40% non-drive alone mode share for commute to work trips (currently 28%).



Smart Scale

- ▶ Application timeline biannual, even years
- ▶ Funding available 6 and 7 years out
 - Country Club Connector Trail funding available FY 26/27 if application awarded by VDOT
- ▶ Source of funds – Federal and State
- ▶ Applications include only preliminary project details

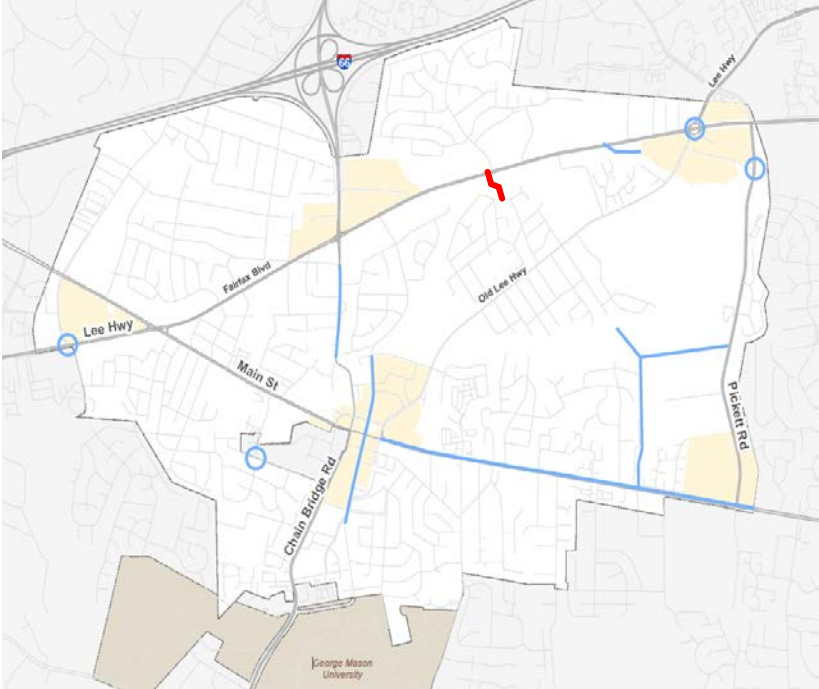
Trail Description

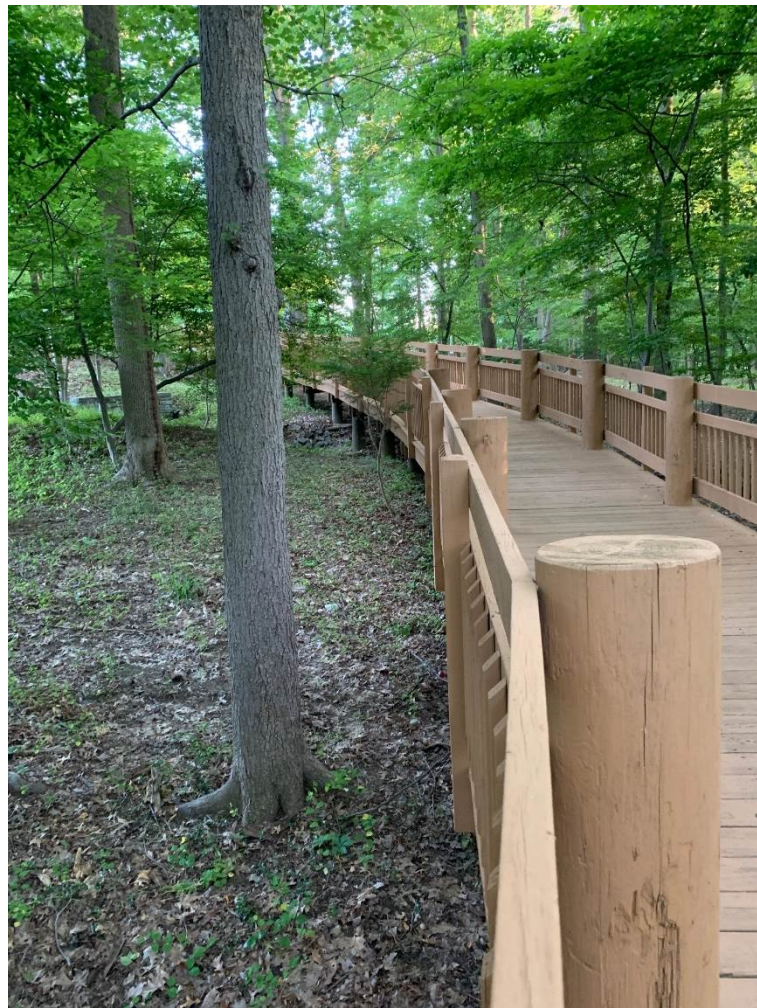
- ▶ 650 foot new trail
 - ▶ Boardwalk/elevated walkway for 625 feet
 - ▶ Asphalt for 25 feet from Spring Lake Terrace
 - ▶ 10 foot wide path
 - ▶ 1 proposed bridge
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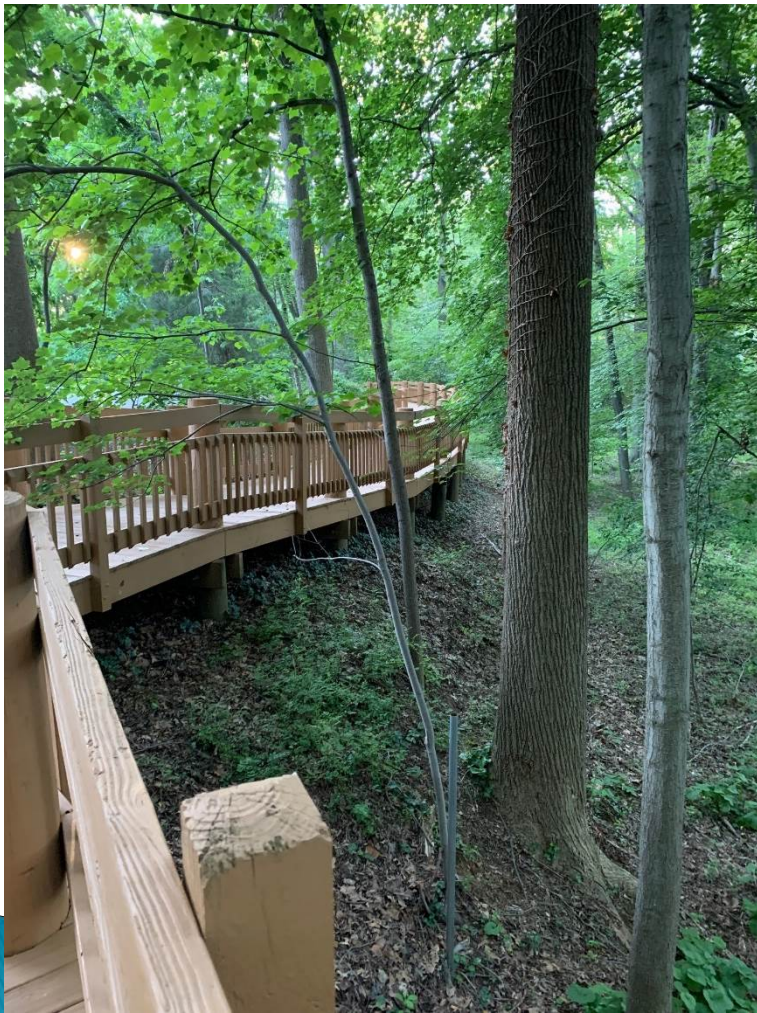
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- ▶ Improve access to Old Town & Fairfax Blvd for residents north and south of Fairfax Blvd.
 - Without this connection, it's a 1.4 mile distance to reach the same points
 - Utilizes existing signal at Plantation Parkway
- ▶ Off-road connection
 - Important to include both on and off-road connections in the overall network
- ▶ Proximity to Fire Station

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- ▶ Trail can meander between trees
- ▶ Strategically place piers to minimize impacts
- ▶ Majority of construction can be done without heavy machinery
- ▶ Bridge can be pre-fabricated

Landscaping Impacts

- ▶ City will perform analysis to determine location of invasive vs non-invasive plants
 - ▶ Construction path can be designed to impact invasive species as much as possible, and any re-vegetation would be with native plants
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Lighting

- ▶ Trail will not be lit
- ▶ No angle from neighborhood where you would be able to see from one end of the trail to the other
- ▶ Buffer/view will remain



Survey to Gather Input

Public Input


The city is [requesting your feedback](#) on the project at this conceptual stage, prior to the submission of the application, which is due on August 1. If the City receives the funding for this project, there will be discussion and coordination with adjacent property owners and the surrounding communities at the commencement of the design process in 2026.



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[CLICK HERE TO SEND US YOUR COMMENTS](#)

- ▶ Received 34 comments to date
- ▶ Survey open until July 1
- ▶ www.fairfaxva.gov/countryclubconnect or [or](#)

Next Steps

- ▶ July 7: City Council work session
 - Discussion of project, public input, next steps
 - ▶ July 14: City Council meeting
 - Consideration of Resolution to support application
 - ▶ August 1: Application due to VDOT
 - ▶ June 2021: VDOT award of FY 26/27 money
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