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Legacy Connector Planning Update

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The Planning Team has begun monthly meetings with City of Greenville Staff to move the Legacy Connector project towards and through permit submittal. During February, the City will provide feedback on the planning work completed to date to assist with the finalization of engineered drawings. On a monthly basis, updates will be provided to the Legacy Connector Advisory Group and uploaded to ImagineVerdae.com.

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Current Project Design

The Legacy Connector design, alignment, and development principles have not changed since the last update in December 2022, but it is possible that there will be necessary alterations as directed by the City of Greenville through the permitting, construction, and turnover process. Currently, the plan showcases nearly 1200 feet of paved asphalt trail at varying widths from 8'-11'. There is also approximately 460 feet of elevated concrete surface, including an 80-foot bridge span that crosses a narrower section of Laurel Creek. All elevated sections of the Legacy Connector will have railings.



SRT-Legacy Connector Design Principles

Create an active and inclusive trail connection:

facilitating circulation between Legacy Park, the Green Line of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail, and Verdae Commons.

Enhance community life and well-being:

providing meaningful connections, enhanced experiences of nature, and recreational opportunities.

Establish fully accessible pedestrian and bike connections:

creating a trail that supports residents and visitors of all abilities and needs.

Support comfortable, user-friendly access and wayfinding:

ensuring ease of use for both pedestrians and bikes with clear navigation promoting safety and security.

Balance access and connectivity with minimal impacts:

addressing views, lighting, security, and privacy of nearby residential neighborhoods.

Implement sustainable environmental and cost strategies:

responding to slopes, floodplains, and natural environments with durability and maintenance of construction to achieve the master plan vision.

Current 2023 Schedule

The months of February and March are critical to the project's ability to be delivered in 2023, and the Planning Team is committed to meeting that challenge. Final permits are necessary to solidify materials, vendor details, and vendor coordination. It will take approximately six months to complete construction of the Connector; therefore, the Team is hopeful to have shovels in the ground no later than June. Monthly updates will be provided throughout the project and will include information about construction access, activity, and progress. Construction hours, as mandated by the City of Greenville, will be followed by construction partners.

Project Funding and the Plan for Future Ownership and Maintenance

As reported in the previous update, Verdae will fund the development of the Legacy Connector, with the understanding that the City of Greenville will assume ownership and maintenance of the public asset after the successful completion of the project, per the Memorandum of Understanding agreement adopted by City Council in late 2022.

Questions and Comments

This is a very exciting project for this area of Greenville, and the Team looks forward to sharing news and updates along the way. If you have a question or would like to share your thoughts, please feel free to email AskVerdae@Verdae.com.
