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Legacy Connector Planning Update June 28, 2023

Thank you to everyone that joined us on May 31st for the Pre-Construction Walk. We look forward to having everyone out again following project completion later this year!

We're pleased to report that construction for the Legacy Connector began ahead of schedule on Friday, June 9th. The construction entrance has been established on Algonquin Trail at the base of Legacy Park. Site clearing, tree fencing for preservation, and erosion control installation, and site grading are the initial activities in the process.

Since work has begun, regular monitoring is ongoing by City of Greenville inspections and Arbor Source, a third-party arborist focused on the optimization of tree health and environmental conditions during construction. To date, the cleared area is within the approved limits of disturbance (LOD) area, and the site crew has been able to save a number of trees inside the LOD. The crew is working to review a few more trees based on their compromised health condition, but we believe the crew will be able to remove fewer trees than originally planned and approved through permitting.

The width of the clearing will provide the necessary safe access for equipment and vehicles making material delivery. The construction team will perform all work during approved construction hours—M-F 7am-7pm, Sat 8am-4pm, and Sun 1pm-4pm. Crew parking is limited on Algonquin, with overflow parking available within the grassy area of Legacy Square. The planning team and crew meet weekly to discuss and coordinate logistics for the upcoming 7-day period. Updates to nearby property owners will be coordinated as increased construction vehicle activity is necessary.

The cleared area of the trail will be graded for proper trail slope and include a supportive shoulder area for planting new trees and landscaping. A tremendous amount of study and field review was done to ensure the best trail alignment. Along the entire trail, plans call for an efficient grading transition to promote stabilization and minimal site impact. Final plans, in collaboration with the City of Greenville, call for supplemental plantings along the trail to provide a visual buffer and a natural vegetative transition between the new trail edge and existing conditions. Please see the trail illustration and plant list that represents how this will be accomplished.



| Bottomland Reforestation | | |
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| Shade Tolerant | | |
| Common Name | Scientific Name | Mature Size |
| American Beech | <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> | Large |
| Basswood | <i>Tilia americana</i> | Large |
| Hophornbeam | <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> | Medium |
| Hornbeam | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | Medium |
| Pawpaw | <i>Asimina triloba</i> | Small |
| Red Buckeye | <i>Aesculus pavia</i> | Small |
| Bottlebrush Buckeye | <i>Aesculus parviflora</i> | Small |
| Downy Serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> | Small |
| Dogwood | <i>Cornus florida</i> | Small |
| Witch Hazel | <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> | Small |
| Carolina Silverbell | <i>Halesia carolina</i> | Medium |
| Part Shade Tolerance | | |
| White oak | <i>Q. alba</i> | Large |
| Red Maple | <i>Acer rubrum</i> | Large |
| Hickories | <i>Carya spp.</i> | Large |
| Bald cypress | <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | Large |
| Northern red oak | <i>Q. rubra</i> | Large |

IMPORTANT: For obvious safety reasons, the construction area for the Legacy Connector is CLOSED. Please do not enter the area for any reason. Parents, please make sure your children are not entering the area between Algonquin Pond and the Manor and the area between Legacy Park and the Swamp Rabbit Trail. We appreciate your help in keeping off the trail and ensuring everyone's safe!

Facts about the Legacy Connector Project

Construction Schedule (Update): Construction is underway with completion expected by the end of December 2023.

The Planning Team Includes: Verdae Development, Inc (VDI), Kimley-Horn Engineering, Beau Welling Design, Harper General Contractors, Beyer Blinder Bell Urban Planners, and the City of Greenville

Environmental Advocacy Partners Involved: TreesUpstate, Upstate Forever, and Friends of the Reedy River

Environmental Compliance: Arbor Source and S&ME

Project Funding and the Plan for Future Ownership and Maintenance: As reported in previous updates, 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.

Questions and Comments: This is a very exciting project for this area of Greenville, and the Planning 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.