PATH Foundation 2006

“Connecting Georgia”
Mission Statement

- BUILD A SYSTEM OF GREENWAY TRAILS FOR METRO ATLANTA AND GEORGIA

- ASSIST OTHER GEORGIA COMMUNITIES WITH GREENWAY TRAIL DEVELOPMENT
PATH Organization

- WELL RESPECTED, HEALTH-MINDED BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROFICIENT AT RAISING MONEY

- SMALL, TECHNICALLY SAVVY, GOAL-ORIENTED STAFF
PATH Organization

- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND CITIES

- PARTNERSHIPS VARY IN FORM FROM CONTRACTS TO A HANDSHAKE

- PARTNERSHIPS FACILITATE FUNDRAISING AND FAST TRACKING
The Need for PATH

- ATLANTA RATED WORST CITY IN U.S. FOR CYCLING BY "BICYCLE" MAGAZINE

- WE KILL MORE PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLIST IN ATLANTA THAN MOST MAJOR CITIES

- WE DESPERATELY NEED SAFE, ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES
PATH Trail Specifications

- 10-12 FEET WIDE
- CONCRETE SURFACE (5” THICK, 3,000 PSI)
- GRASSED OR MULCHED SHOULDERS
- RECYCLED PLASTIC AMENITIES
- ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED
Benefits of Trails
Trails Provide a Non-Motorized Transportation System

- CONSERVE ENERGY
- IMPROVE AIR QUALITY
- REDUCE ROAD CONGESTION
- REDUCE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS
Trails Enhance Quality of Life

- PROMOTE NEIGHBORING
- PROVIDE A NEARBY RECREATIONAL AMENITY
- PROMOTE FAMILY RECREATION
- PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH
Greenway Trails Increase Nearby Property Values

- HOMES ADJACENT TO GREENWAY TRAILS HAVE A HIGHER VALUE
- VACANT LOTS BORDERING TRAILS SELL FIRST AND AT A PREMIUM
Trails & Greenways Help Revitalize Neighborhoods

- ACT AS CATALYSTS FOR REHABILITATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- PROVIDE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Trails Are a Better Investment Than Other Recreation Amenities

- USED BY A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY THAN BALL FIELDS, TENNIS COURTS, ETC.

- REQUIRE LESS LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE THAN OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Trails Reduce Crime

- FACILITATE PATROL FROM NEW VANTAGE POINTS
- RESIDENTS INTERACT WITH POLICE
- RESIDENTS INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER
Who Uses PATH?

WALKERS
JOGGERS, RUNNERS
COMMUTING BICYCLISTS
RECREATIONAL BICYCLISTS
FAMILIES, CHILDREN
SKATERS
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
ELDERLY
How PATH Corridors Are Assembled

- ABANDONED RAILROADS
- RIVER AND STREAM CORRIDORS
- PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND
- EDGES OF GOLF COURSES AND CEMETERIES
- UTILITY OWNED RIGHT-OF-WAY
- ROAD SHOULDERS
- UNDEVELOPED LAND
Trails Are Designed For Transportation and Used For Transportation and Recreation

- ACCESS TO MASS TRANSIT
- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
- ENJOYABLE TRIPS TO EMPLOYMENT
- COMBINES RECREATION AND TRAVEL
Sources of Public Funding

- FEDERAL
  - TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT (TE), CMAQ, RECREATIONAL TRAILS
- STATE
  - SPECIAL PROJECTS, PIGGY-BACK
- LOCAL
  - BOND PROGRAMS, SPLOST, IMPACT FEES, IN-KIND SERVICES
Private Funding Sources

- PHILANTHROPIC AGENCIES
- CORPORATIONS
- INDIVIDUALS
- CIVIC AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
- FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- DONATIONS OF LAND AND SERVICES
- MEMBERSHIP DUES/T-SHIRT SALES
2006 Capital Campaign

- 26 PROJECTS IN 5 JURISDICTIONS
- $40 MILLION TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN 50 MILES OF ADDITIONAL TRAILS
- $31 MILLION NEEDED FROM PUBLIC SOURCES ($20 MILLION COMMITTED)
- $9 MILLION NEEDED FROM PATH
SILVER COMET TRAIL

MISSING 8 MILES
Silver Comet Fact Sheet

- 49 MILES COMPLETED SINCE 1998
- 2 MILLION USERS ANNUALLY
- 2006 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WILL COMPLETE MISSING 8 MILES BETWEEN ROCKMART AND CEDARTOWN
Silver Comet Trail

Pumkinvine Creek Trestle
Silver Comet Trail

Brushy Mountain Tunnel
Silver Comet Trail

Rockmart Riverwalk
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DEKALB COUNTY TRAILS

Stone Mountain Trail
Arabia Mountain
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ATLANTA TRAILS

Northwest Atlanta Trail
Beltline

A rendering of a potential scenario of the corridor showing the integration of transit and multi-use path.
Centennial Park Connector

Looking West
1997 PATH Vision of the Beltline
North of Ponce de Leon Avenue
Chattahoochee Hill Country

- FIRST 2 MILES WILL CONNECT COCHRAN MILL PARK TO HUTCHESON MILL ROAD
- DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY
- FIRST PROJECT DEVELOPED WITH FULTON COUNTY AS PARTNER
HAPPY TRAILS!
Help Us Build More Trails

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