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PATH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THE EASTSIDE TROLLEY TRAIL

Trail Built in Partnership with the City of Atlanta

Atlanta, GA — The PATH Foundation, in partnership with the City of Atlanta, announces the grand opening of the Eastside Trolley Trail. The trail includes 1 new mile of trail that connects the previously separate segments at Coan Park and Gilliam Park. This new phase connects the two parks and extends west toward the Eastside BeltLine.

The first phase of the Eastside Trolley Trail was constructed back in 1994 and followed the original trolley corridor that connected the City of Decatur to downtown Atlanta. Phase 1 of Eastside Trolley Trail was to provide an alternative mode of transportation for the residents and those wanting to attend the Centennial Olympic venues which were at both Stone Mountain Park and City of Atlanta downtown. Today newest trail section is but another small piece of the PATH master plan to connect all communities in the City of Atlanta.

The PATH Foundation and the City of Atlanta partnered on the project with Perez Planning + Design and Excellere Construction providing the design, engineering, and construction. The building of the Eastside Trolley Trail began in July 2022 and was completed in March 2023. PATH Project Manager Pete Pellegrini shared, “the residents and community fully embraced extending this trail through their neighborhood, which made it a great project to bring to completion.”

The now 2.2-mile-long trail will eventually intersect with the Eastside BeltLine, establishing a connection to nearly 32 miles of trail throughout the greater Atlanta metropolitan area. The total cost to complete this trail segment was \$2,000,000, which was greatly supported by TSPLOST funds.

“This trail will become a connection point to the Eastside Beltline as PATH and the City of Atlanta work together to link as many residents to the trail as possible. Connected communities can lead to improved mobility and improved access to opportunity. Thank you to our partners at the PATH Foundation, and the teams at ATLDOT and Parks and Rec who have worked to make today possible,” said Mayor Andre Dickens.



PATH is proud to celebrate the completion of 320 miles of trail. Through PATH's hard work and commitment for the past three decades, one out of five residents live within a 10-minute walk of a PATH trail. Because of PATH, abandoned railroad corridors and remnant greenspaces have transformed into beautiful linear greenways. These conduits link neighborhoods and provide connections to bustling commercial centers and other desired destinations. PATH trails empower people by providing alternative transportation options and safe, beautiful spaces for health and wellness activities, for socializing, for solitude, and for connecting with the unique landscape, character, and culture of the communities in which they are built.

About PATH

The PATH Foundation is a nationally recognized model for how to successfully build trails. The Atlanta Region and Georgia have a robust and growing trail network that has resulted from our steadfast focus on planning, designing and executing quality trails in collaboration with our partners. With this remarkable track record, PATH has become a trusted subject matter expert to organizations and municipalities across the state seeking to enhance the quality of life in their communities. Over the decades, mile after mile, PATH continues to improve our state's and region's quality of life.

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