MILE 300
The Campaign for PATH
Since 1991, the PATH Foundation has been transforming the landscape of the greater Atlanta metropolitan area.

Thanks to the power of PATH, abandoned railroad corridors have become beautiful linear greenspaces. PATH trails have been integrated into neighborhood parks, built along the banks of meandering creeks, and designed as key amenities in increasingly dense residential and employment areas—providing popular jogging routes, scenic cycling destinations, and safe commuting options for office workers, college students, and residents of all ages. Recent projects have focused on linking trails in downtown Atlanta, and PATH continues to strengthen its efforts to create a greener, healthier, more connected community... one trail at a time.

To date, more than 280 miles of multi-use PATH trails have been built, making an immeasurable difference in our region’s quality of life.

Over the next three years—with your support—PATH hopes to secure $18.5 million in philanthropic investments through its most ambitious capital campaign to date. Every charitable dollar raised in this campaign will be matched with more than four dollars of state, local, and project-specific funding, allowing PATH to build more than $100 million in new trail projects.

At the same time, PATH will reach another significant milestone: 300 miles by the organization’s 30th anniversary. And as PATH reaches and surpasses the 300-mile mark, it will make Atlanta the most trail-connected city in the U.S.

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Westside BeltLine Connector at Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway

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BUILDING THE FUTURE

From 1998 to 2008, the PATH Foundation built the 61.5-mile Silver Comet Trail along the Atlanta-to-Birmingham passenger rail line, creating an off-road pedestrian and bike path extending from Cobb County to the Alabama state line, where it connects with the 33-mile Chief Ladiga Trail, forming the longest continuous multi-use path in the United States.

In 2008, trail construction began on the Atlanta BeltLine, the nation’s most comprehensive community redevelopment project. The BeltLine links 45 neighborhoods along a 22-mile loop encircling Atlanta’s downtown core, building on the historic strengths of intown communities while also attracting new residents, new businesses, and new energy to the center of the city.

Each one of these trail projects is transformative in its own right. Together, they represent an unprecedented level of regional connectivity.

PATH leaders and community advocates have long envisioned a connector trail between Centennial Olympic Park and the Silver Comet, crossing the Atlanta BeltLine and offering trail-users a direct link to and through the heart of the city. Now, as a result of this history-making effort, this dream will become a reality.

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No other American city has a continuous trail that extends from the center of its downtown business district and stretches 100 miles into another state. PATH is putting Atlanta on the map with this pioneering project.

After years of imagining the possibilities for bridging the 10.5-mile gap between Cobb County and downtown Atlanta, the PATH Foundation is moving forward with exciting plans to extend the Silver Comet Trail from its current trailhead in Smyrna, under I-285, through northwest Atlanta, and into Centennial Olympic Park.

PATH will utilize a combination of state, county, city, and BeltLine rights-of-way to make the connection—creating an extraordinary greenspace that will be a powerful catalyst for residential and commercial development. Proximity to America’s longest paved trail will benefit longtime residents and attract new ones, providing an incomparable recreational amenity, dramatically enhancing quality of life.

The Cobb County segment will feature underpasses under I-285, South Cobb Drive, and the East-West Connector. Destinations along this section of trail include Trolley Line Park, Vinings West, and Oakdale.

The trail may travel through a two-mile-long linear park at Tilford Yards, a former CSX railyard, where it can serve to anchor future development at the site. This portion of the trail can connect to Dupont Commons, Adams Park neighborhoods, and to Bolton Academy before it links with the existing Whetstone PATH and emerges on Marietta Boulevard near the Chattahoochee River.

Bridge over active railroads near Marietta Boulevard and Huff Road
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND EXPANSIVE SKYLINE VIEWS WILL MAKE THIS A TRAIL LIKE NONE OTHER

RIVER CROSSING
At the Chattahoochee River crossing, the trail will be constructed within the Atlanta Road right-of-way to Plant Atkinson Road where it will then follow the recently abandoned CSX corridor and continue to the existing Silver Comet Trail.

Heading northwest from Centennial Olympic Park, the trail will pass the Georgia World Congress Center before it becomes a scenic linear park, winding through the English Avenue and Knight Park neighborhoods on its way to the Atlanta BeltLine and Westside Park at Bellwood Quarry.

MILE ZERO
The new “Mile Zero” for the Silver Comet will be established at Atlanta’s urban trail hub, at Centennial Olympic Park’s grand new entrance located at the corner of Baker and Luckie streets.
In addition to raising significant capital funding to build the connection from Centennial Olympic Park to the Silver Comet Trail, MILE 300 funds will jumpstart several new trail segments throughout metro Atlanta.

**PATH East Point**
PATH completed a master plan for East Point’s 24.5-mile trail system in 2017 and is now moving forward with the first phase of trail build-out, utilizing T-SPLOST funding to create a 1.4-mile segment connecting the Tri-Cities school complex to Summer Park and the East Point Velodrome.

**PATH South River**
PATH will partner with DeKalb County and Old Castle to extend the South River Trail even closer to the Atlanta BeltLine at Boulevard Crossing. The 34-mile-long network of trails beginning at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit needs to be connected to the BeltLine, and this 1.2-mile segment will bring the two trails one step closer.

**LEVERAGING PARTNER INVESTMENTS**
OTHER PATH PROJECTS INCLUDE:

**PATH Chastain Park**
Working with the City of Atlanta and Chastain Park Conservancy, PATH is providing design and construction management services to complete the final one-mile trail segment around North Fulton Golf Course.

**PATH Peachtree Creek Greenway**
PATH is partnering with the City of Brookhaven on a section of Peachtree Creek Greenway, from Briarwood Road to North Druid Hills Road. This 1.3-mile trail segment will feature an iconic bridge over Peachtree Creek and will connect Briarwood Road near REI to Corporate Square, the Salvation Army Headquarters, and North Druid Hills Road, near the new Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta campus. Future phases will link Mercer University to the Atlanta BeltLine and PATH400.

**PATH Eastside Trolley**
Running through Kirkwood, Oakhurst, and other parts of southeast Atlanta, this trail will ultimately connect to the Atlanta BeltLine. The Trolley trail was one of PATH’s very first projects, built before the 1996 Olympic games. Phase II will add another mile to bring the trail closer to the BeltLine.

**PATH Emory System**
After PATH and Emory University completed the portion of South Peachtree Creek Trail linking to the Emory campus in 2018, Emory engaged PATH to develop a master plan for a comprehensive campus trail system. In the next phase of trail development, PATH will partner with Emory to build segments totaling two miles that are within the public right-of-way. Once complete, Emory students will enjoy scenic PATH trails throughout the campus.

All of these trails are being constructed with significant investments from T-SPLOST, hotel/motel tax revenues, and other local sources of funding. PATH adds tremendous value to each partnership by bringing expertise in design, engineering, and project management, helping to ensure that trails are well-built, on time, and within budget.
As the only nonprofit organization in Georgia entirely dedicated to trail planning and implementation, the PATH Foundation welcomes the opportunity to consult with municipalities across the region. With modest investments from the MILE 300 campaign, PATH will provide targeted assistance for the following shovel-ready trail projects:

**Carrollton Greenbelt**
The PATH Foundation and the City of Carrollton will partner to build a one-mile “spoke” trail from the downtown square to the Carrollton Greenbelt loop, a popular regional trail that was built by PATH between 2011 and 2016.

**Newnan LINC**
The City of Newnan’s LINC trail system will connect the historic downtown district to the fast-growing residential communities located east of the city, including an iconic bridge spanning I-85, part of a four-mile trail system.

**Clayton Connects**
More than five miles of Clayton County’s trail master plan have now been completed by PATH, and the next-phase efforts will build a one-mile trail along Walt Stephens Road, with a bridge over the entrance to International Park.
MAKING CONNECTIONS THAT COUNT

For almost three decades, the PATH Foundation has been focused on connecting people through neighborhoods, parks, schools, employment centers, shopping, restaurants, and so much more. Now, through the MILE 300 campaign, PATH will make its most important connection to date—blazing a new trail from the center of the City of Atlanta… outward to the 22-mile BeltLine loop… and onward to the Silver Comet.

By extending the Silver Comet Trail, PATH will forever change the region’s access to recreational opportunities and commuting alternatives.

In addition to making this transformation possible, PATH’s capital campaign will support an array of other trail projects that will advance connectivity throughout the city and region.
### Funding Summary

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For the millions of people who walk, run, skate, and bike on Georgia’s trails, exciting new adventures await.

Together we will make Atlanta the nation’s most trail-connected city. And we will ensure that Atlanta’s neighborhoods are greener, healthier, better places to live—achieving the goal of MILE 300 and setting the stage for all the miles to come.

**SURGING AHEAD**

**PLEASE JOIN THE PATH FOUNDATION, AND GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THIS HISTORIC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.**

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