

Piedmont Area Plan Workshop Summary Report

Greenville County Long Range Planning, in collaboration with Anderson County, hosted a workshop on Thursday, August 31, 2023 from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM at the Piedmont Community Center. The workshop provided stakeholders an opportunity to view draft plan maps and provide feedback.



Greenville County staff present:

Tee Coker.....Assistant County Administrator – Community Planning and Development

Suzanne Terry.....Planner II

Austin Lovelace.....Planner II, Project Manager

Anderson County staff present:

Alesia Hunter.....Planning and Development Director


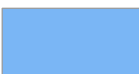

Draft Plan Maps

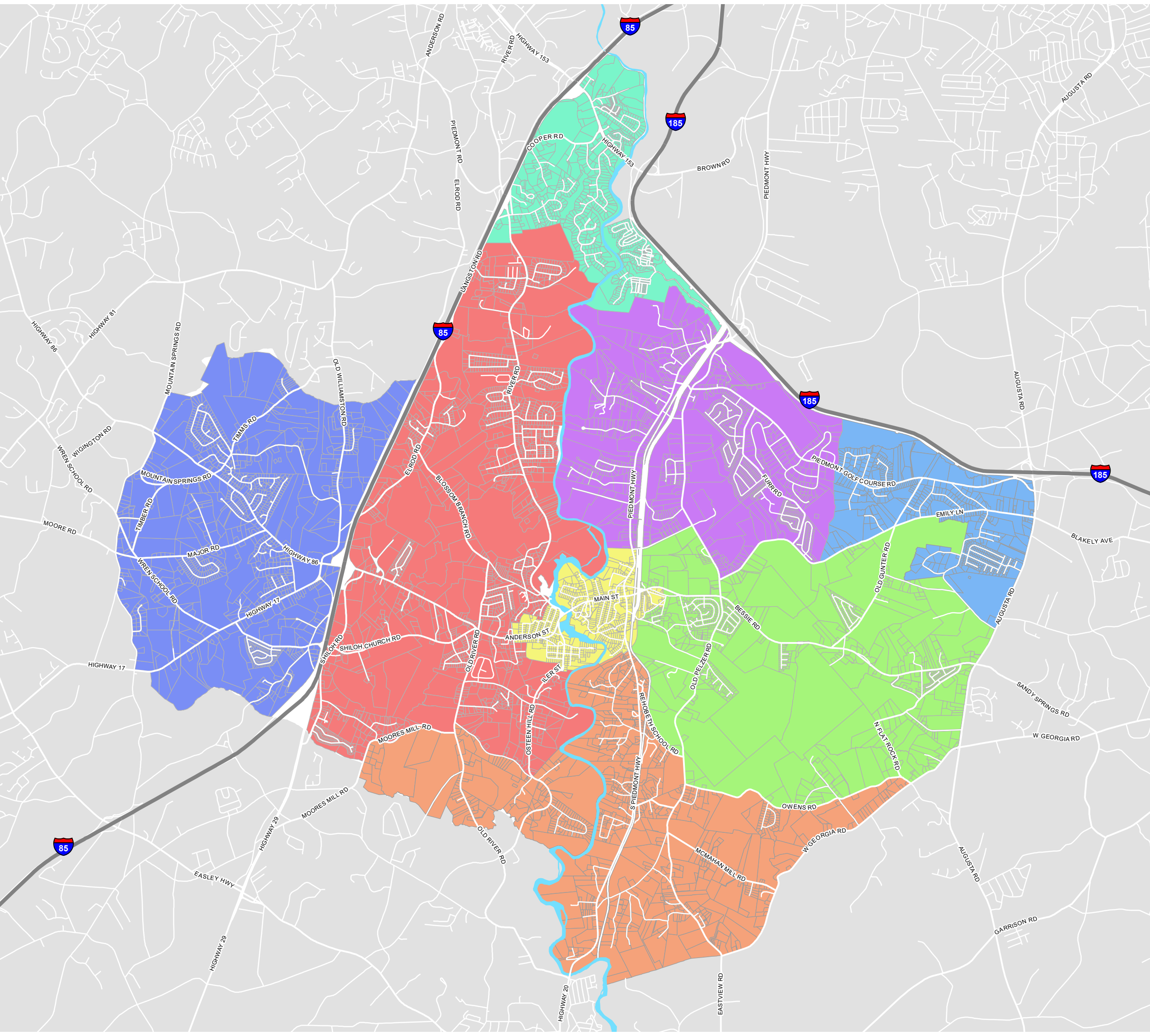
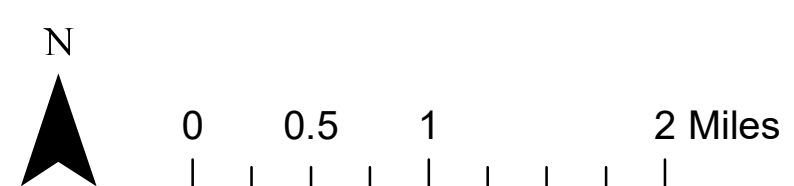
The workshop consisted of four draft plan maps: character areas; commercial nodes and corridors; parks and trails; and parks and trails in downtown Piedmont. These can be viewed on the following pages, with corresponding information on the next pages. It is important to note that the elements proposed in these maps are hypothetical in nature at this time.

More than 30 people were in attendance, including State Representative Thomas Beach and Greenville County Councilor Rick Bradley. Greenville County does not have another meeting scheduled in the Piedmont community at this time, but development of the plan will continue through fall. Stakeholders will be notified of the next meeting beforehand.

Please send any comments to Austin Lovelace at alovelace@greenvillecounty.org.

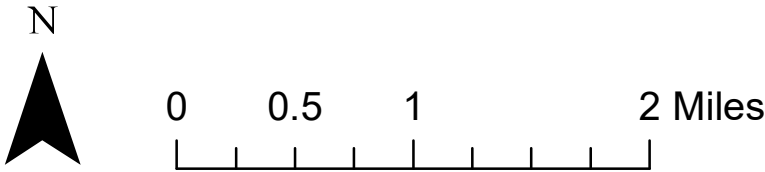
Piedmont Character Areas

-  Downtown Piedmont
-  Golden Grove
-  Moonville
-  Wren
-  North Piedmont
-  East Piedmont
-  South Piedmont
-  West Piedmont



Piedmont Nodes and Corridors

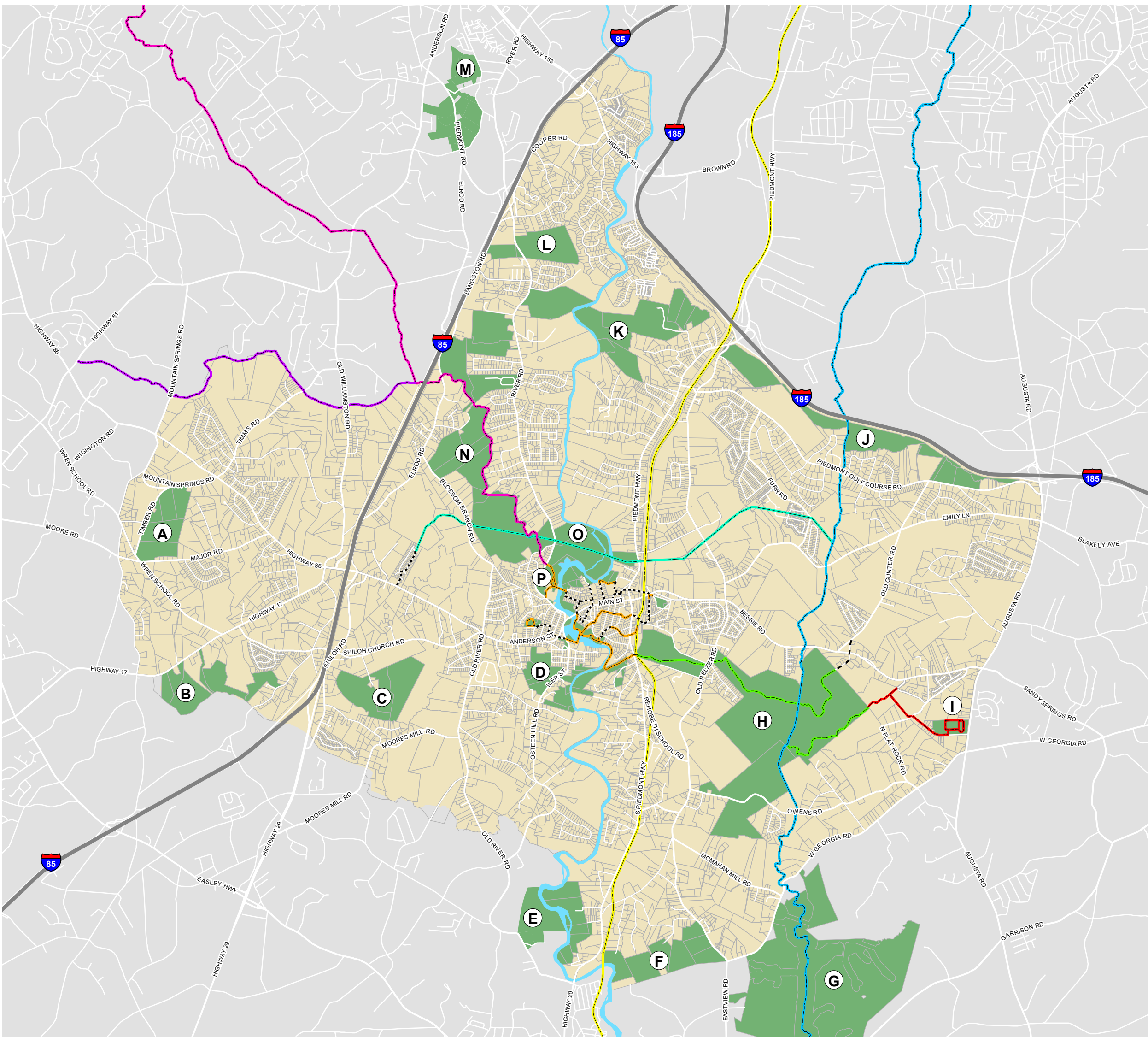
- A - Highway 86 Corridor
- B - Anderson Street at Blossom Branch Road and Old River Road
- C - Anderson Street at Iler Street
- D - Main Street
- E - Main Street at Piedmont Highway
- F - Bessie Road at Old Pelzer Road
- G - Augusta Road at Bessie Road
- H - Moonville Corridor
- I - Grove Station Corridor
- J - River Road at Langston Road and Woodson Road
- K - Highway 153 Corridor



Piedmont Parks and Trails

- Big Brushy Creek Greenway
- Duke Energy Greenway
- Grove Creek Greenway
- Hollingsworth Funds Trail
- Little Brushy Creek Greenway
- Piedmont Mill Trail
- Swamp Rabbit Trail - Piedmont Line
- Woodmont School Trail
- Street-Based Trail

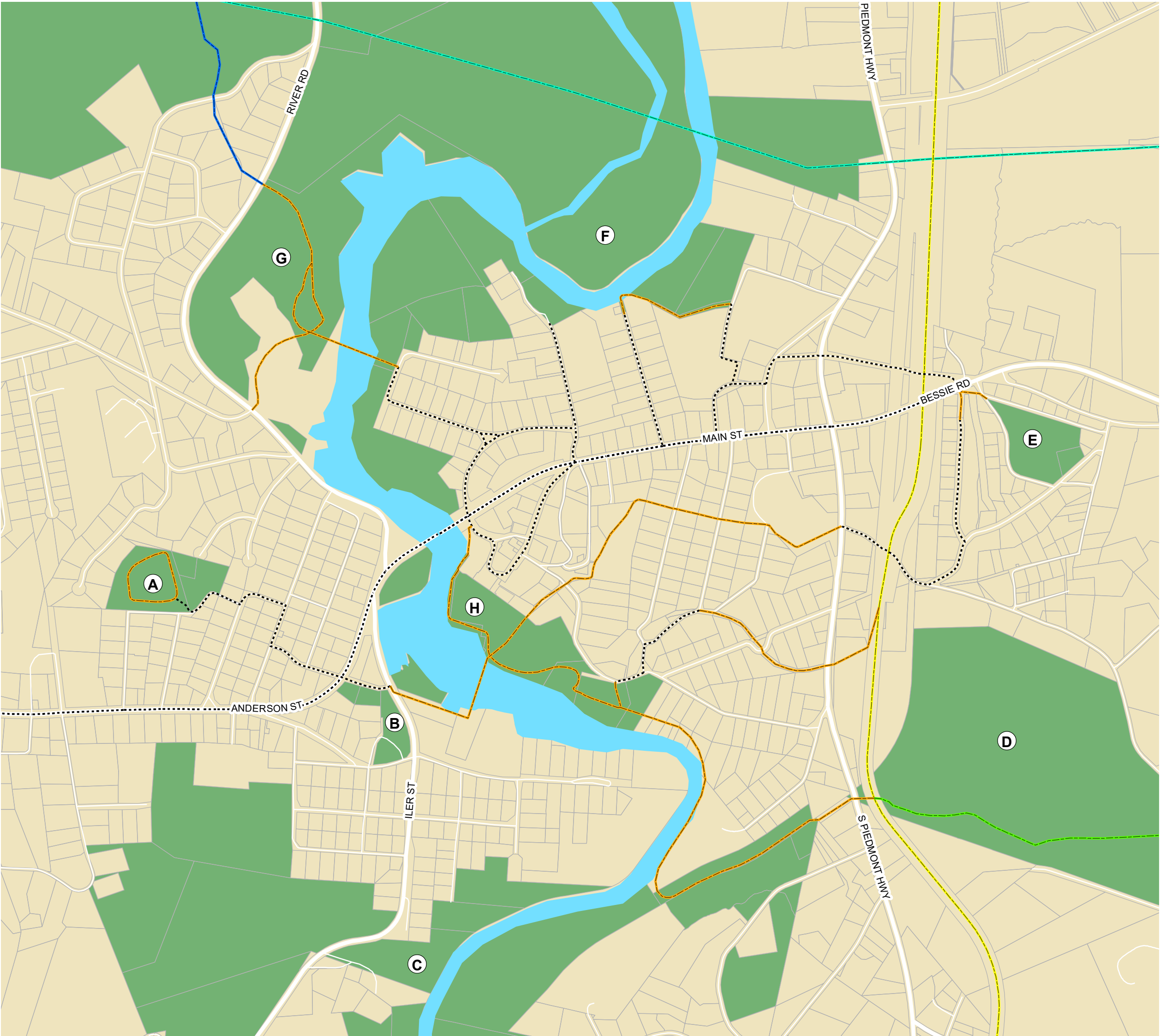
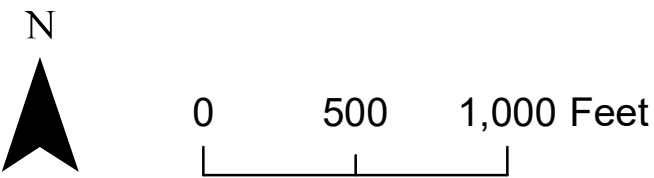
- A - Timber Road Conservation Area
- B - Hurricane Creek Conservation Area
- C - Shiloh Conservation Area
- D - Iler Street Conservation Area
- E - South Piedmont Park
- F - Eastview Conservation Area
- G - Grove Creek Nature Preserve
- H - Grove Creek Planning Area
- I - Piedmont Athletic Complex
- J - Piedmont Golf Course Road Conservation Area
- K - Freeman Lake Conservation Area
- L - River Road Conservation Area
- M - Piedmont Road Conservation Area
- N - Big Brushy Creek Conservation Area
- O - Piedmont Nature Preserve
- P - Piedmont Riverfront Park



Downtown Piedmont Parks and Trails

- Big Brushy Creek Greenway
- Duke Energy Greenway
- Hollingsworth Funds Trail
- Piedmont Mill Trail
- Swamp Rabbit Trail - Piedmont Line
- Street-Based Trail

- A - Thomas C. Pack, Jr. Memorial Park
- B - Iler Park
- C - Iler Street Conservation Area
- D - Grove Creek Planning Area
- E - On the Line Park
- F - Piedmont Nature Preserve
- G - Piedmont Riverfront Park
- H - Piedmont Village Park



Parks

A. Timber Road Conservation Area

- Description: 143 acres of forested land could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Timber Rd

B. Hurricane Creek Conservation Area

- Description: 150 acres along Hurricane Creek could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Hwy 17

C. Shiloh Conservation Area

- Description: 173 acres of forested land could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Hwy 17

D. Iler Street Conservation Area

- Description: 130 acres along the Saluda River in Anderson County and Greenville County could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Iler St, Pine Bluff St

E. South Piedmont Park

- Description: 201 acres along the Saluda River in Anderson County and Greenville County could be developed as a park similar to Piedmont Riverfront Park.
- Location: Old River Rd

F. Eastview Conservation Area

- Description: 131 acres could be conserved for wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Eastview Rd

G. Grove Creek Nature Preserve

- Description: Hundreds of acres of natural land around Grove Creek, owned by Hollingsworth Funds, could be preserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: W Georgia Rd, Garrison Rd, Hwy 8 (Pelzer)

H. Grove Creek Planning Area

- Description: Hundreds of acres of natural land around Grove Creek, owned by Greenville County and Hollingsworth Funds, could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation, with opportunities for ecotourism and low impact development.
- Location: Old Pelzer Rd, Owens Rd
- Best Practices: [Rowan Project](#)

I. Piedmont Athletic Complex

- Location: Woodmont School Rd

J. Piedmont Golf Course Road Conservation Area

- Description: More than a hundred acres near Piedmont Golf Course Road could be conserved for passive recreation.
- Location: Piedmont Golf Course Rd

K. Freeman Lake Conservation Area

- Description: 253 acres could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Freeman Lake Rd

L. River Road Conservation Area

- Description: Nearly 200 acres of forested and undeveloped land could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: River Rd

M. Piedmont Road Conservation Area

- Description: Several acres of forested land could be preserved as a scenic road.
- Location: Piedmont Rd (Powdersville)

N. Big Brushy Creek Conservation Area

- Description: Hundreds of acres of natural land along Big Brushy Creek could be conserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation.
- Location: Blossom Branch Rd, Elrod Rd

O. Piedmont Nature Preserve

- Description: Hundreds of acres of natural land around Piedmont Riverfront Park, stretching up River Road along Big Brushy Creek and across the Saluda River into Greenville County, could be preserved for plant and wildlife habitats and passive recreation. This includes the existing, but non-protected, rookery on Orr Street.
- Location: River Rd, Piedmont Ave, Piedmont Hwy
- Best Practices: [Conestee Nature Preserve](#)

P. Piedmont Riverfront Park

- Description: The park is being developed by Anderson County on River Road at the confluence of the Saluda River and Big Brushy Creek. The initial phase will include an accessible kayak launch and sidewalk.
- Location: River Rd
- Sources: [Anderson County](#)

Parks (Downtown)

A. Thomas C. Pack, Jr. Memorial Park

- Location: Donald St

E. On the Line Park

- Description: Two parcels of vacant land owned by Saint Matthew Baptist Church, formerly a playground in an historic Black neighborhood, could be developed as a park with active recreation and public facilities.
- Location: On the Line Dr, Playground Rd

H. Piedmont Village Park

- Description: The old mill site in Greenville County, owned by Red Oak Developers, is expected to feature a riverfront park including a kayak portage, multi-use trail, and footbridge spanning the Saluda River. Greenville County owns two adjacent downstream parcels that could be developed as a contiguous park.
- Location: Main St, Ridge Row St

Trails

- **Big Brushy Creek Greenway**
 - Description: Natural surface trail
 - Connection: Piedmont Riverfront Park to Highway 123 (Easley)
- **Duke Energy Greenway**
 - Description: Natural surface trail
 - Connection: Blythwood Dr to Furr Rd
 - Best Practices: [The Duke Energy Trail](#)
- **Grove Creek Greenway**
 - Description: Paved and natural surface trail
 - Connection: Conestee Nature Preserve (Greenville) to Beech Springs Rd (Pelzer)
 - Sources: [City of Greenville Trails and Greenways Master Plan](#), [Greenville County Comprehensive Greenway Plan](#)

- **Hollingsworth Funds Trail**
 - Description: Paved and natural surface trail
 - Connection: Piedmont Highway to Sue Cleveland Elementary School
- **Little Brushy Creek Greenway**
 - Description: Natural surface trail
 - Connection: Country Manor Rd to Highway 81 (near Southern Oaks Golf Course)
- **Piedmont Mill Trail**
 - Description: Paved, natural surface, and street-based trail
 - Connection: Thomas C. Pack, Jr. Memorial Park to Piedmont Highway
- **Swamp Rabbit Trail – Piedmont Line**
 - Description: Paved trail
 - Connection: Oil Mill Rd, north to E Bramlett Rd (Greenville); south to Leiby St (Pelzer)
- **Woodmont School Trail**
 - Description: Paved and street-based trail
 - Connection: Sue Cleveland Elementary School to Piedmont Athletic Complex