

## FIREFLY TRAIL - Sub-Project #3 (TSPLOST 2018 Project 06)

### PROPOSED PRELIMINARY PLANS

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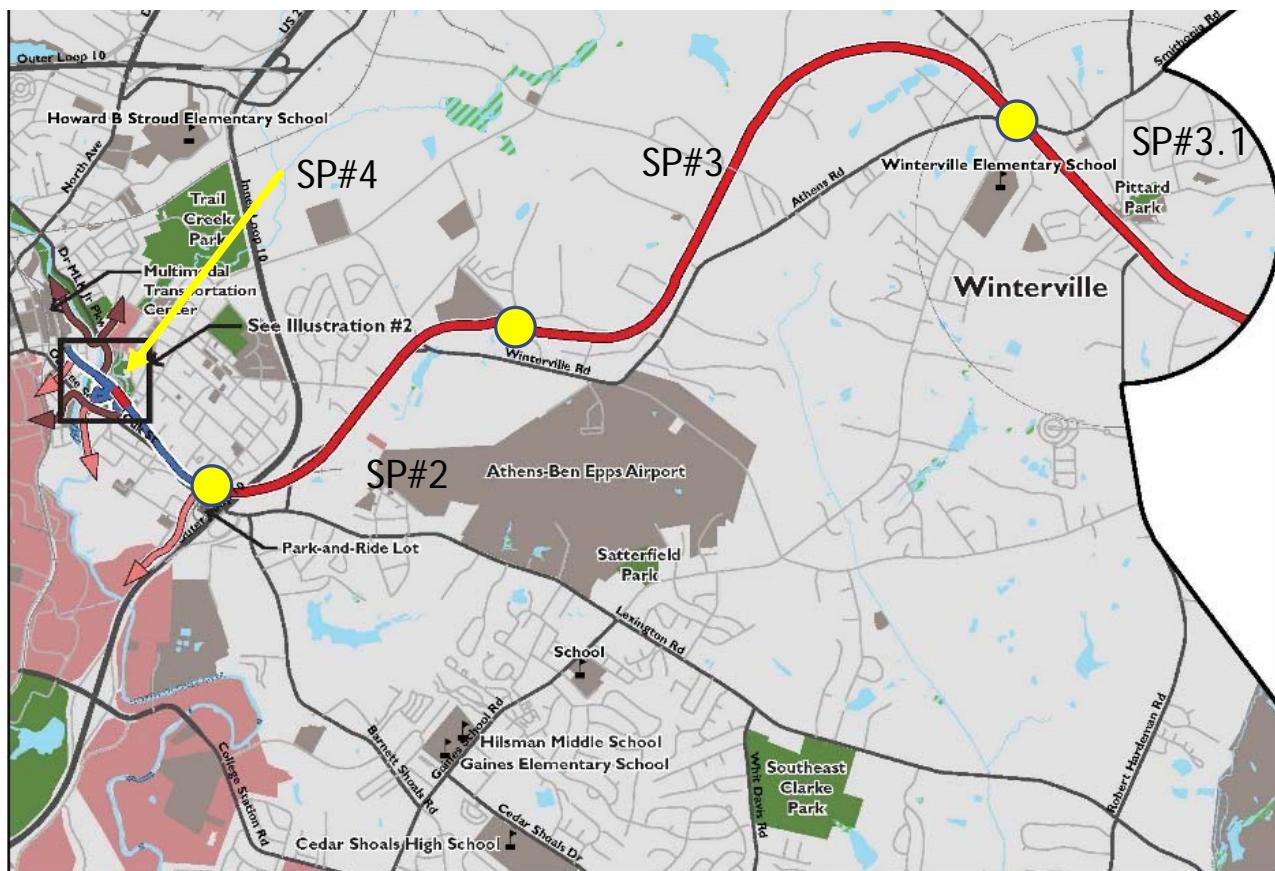
MAYOR AND COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
August 11, 2020

## Meeting Purpose & Agenda

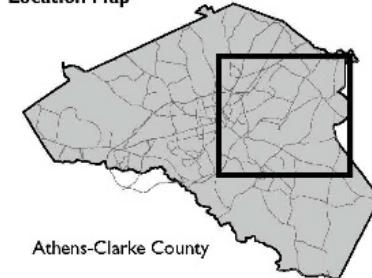
- ❖ Purpose - To review with the Mayor and Commission the Proposed Preliminary Plans regarding the Firefly Trail extension – Sub-Project #3.
- ❖ History
- ❖ Sub-Project #3 Project Area
- ❖ Sub-Project #3 Preliminary Plans
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Next Steps
- ❖ Q&A

## Initial Project Statement

Project # 06 - Firefly Trail Project, will provide for the land acquisition, design, and construction of additional length of the Firefly Trail from the end of the work being done under the SPLOST 2011 Program, generally at the intersection of Old Winterville Road and Little Oak Street, through the project's eastern terminus at the county line in Winterville. A typical trail cross-section comprises of a 10 to 12-foot wide concrete trail with storm water amenities. Flexible use of construction materials and consideration of narrower trail widths may be used as necessary to keep cost within budget and allowing for more trail to be built. The project includes the design and construction of an approximately 500-foot bridge, with a 10 to 12 foot trail deck width, spanning Trail Creek in Dudley Park and South Poplar Street. This bridge, when completed will allow for a complete at grade trail from downtown Athens to the ultimate end of the trail at the county line in Winterville.



## Location Map



## LEGEND

Project Specific	Features
Firefly Trail currently under construction	Government
Proposed Firefly Trail	Greenspace
Existing Greenway	UGA
Funded Greenway	Hydrology
	Surface Water
	Wetland
	Tributaries



## FIREFLY TRAIL ROUTE MAP

### SPLOST 2018 Application

Athens, Georgia

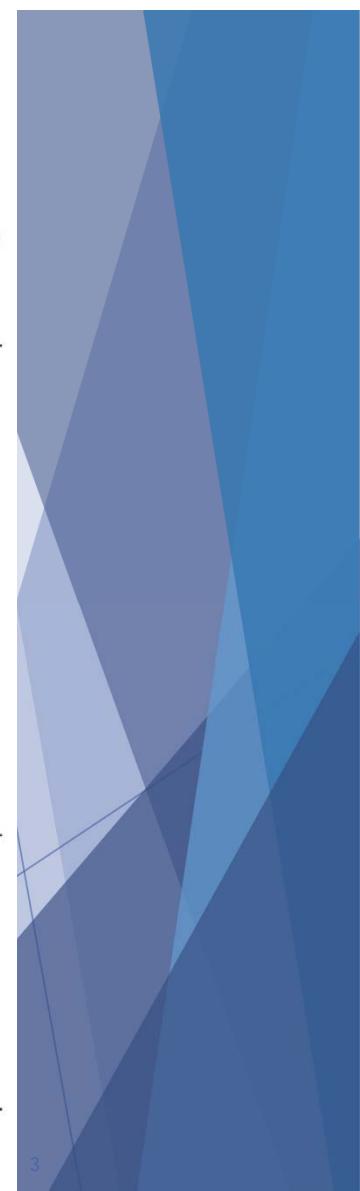
January 2017

Illustration #1

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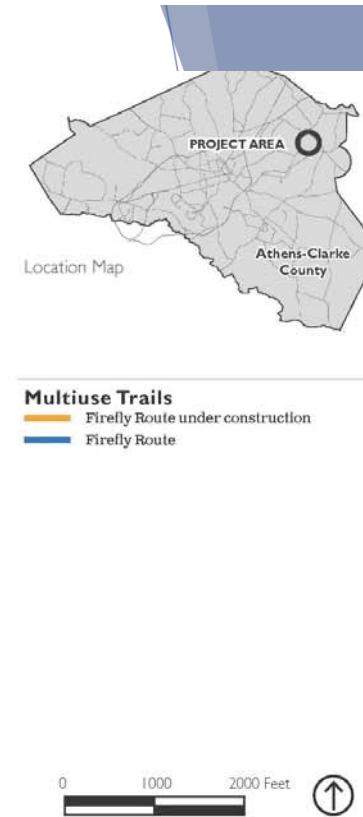
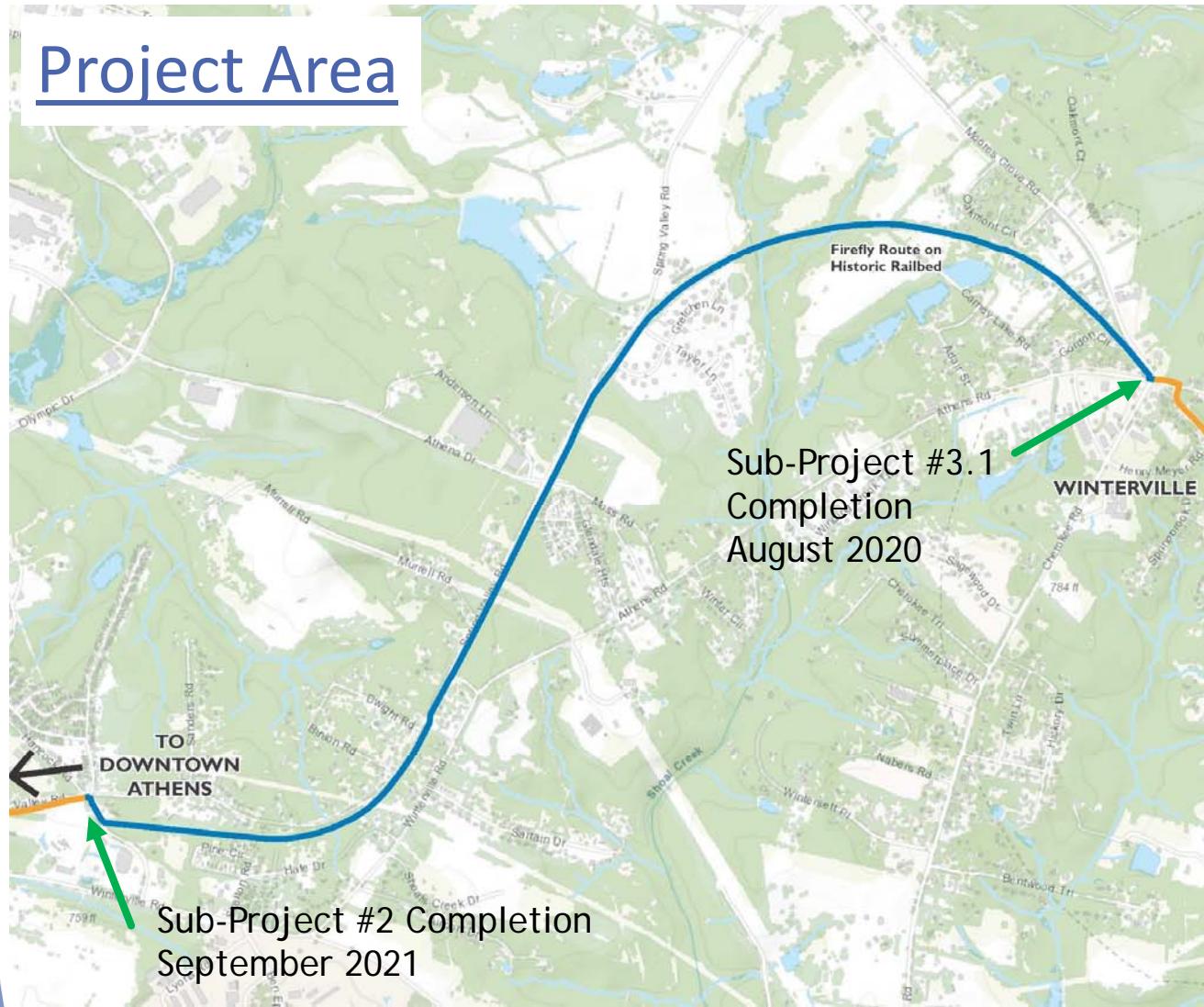
## History

- ▶ On December 22, 2006, ACCGov in partnership with Athens Land Trust purchased an approximately 63 acre conservation easement from Eugenia Langdale (Parcel 224 015).  
The partnership arrangement excluded the historic railbed area from the conservation easement allowing an opportunity to fulfill the Rail to Trail (Firefly) goal at a future date.
- ▶ On July 5, 2016, M&C approved the Project Concept for Sub-Project #3 Rails-to-Trails Program (SPLOST 2011 Project #08).
- ▶ On November 7, 2017, the citizens of Athens-Clarke County approved the TSPLOST 2018 Program Referendum, which included the Firefly Trail Project (Project #06).  
The Firefly Trail Project (TSPLOST 2018 Project #06) is a continuation project from the SPLOST 2005 Program and the SPLOST 2011 Program.
- ▶ On December 7, 2017, M&C approved an ordinance establishing TSPLOST 2018 Capital Project Budgets, which included the Firefly Trail Project (Project #06).

- ▶ On July 2, 2019, M&C approved a construction contract award for Sub-Project #3.1. Sub-Project #3.1 is a portion of the previously approved M&C Sub-Project #3 in the City of Winterville. Beginning at the intersection of Winterville Road/Cherokee Road and terminating near the Oglethorpe County line generally traversing the historic Georgia Railroad corridor.
- ▶ On November 5, 2019, M&C approved the Preliminary plans for Firefly Bridge over Trail Creek, Sub-Project #4. Sub-project #4 replaces the existing structure in the historic Georgia Railroad corridor located in Dudley Park.
- ▶ On May 5, 2020, M&C approved a construction contract award for Sub-Project #2. Sub-Project #2 begins at Old Winterville Road (terminus of Sub-Project #1) and terminates at Hancock Road generally traversing the historic Georgia Railroad corridor.
- ▶ On October 22, 2019 and October 24, 2019, Leisure Services hosted a Public Information Open House for Sub-Project #3 - Firefly Expansion from Hancock Road to Winterville.  
Approximately 150 post cards were mailed to property owners adjacent to the proposed trail and to those in close proximity.

- ▶ On July 6, 2020, the Manager's office expanded the current User Group to include two additional citizen members. The current User Group effort consists of providing project design input and to act as a liaison to larger community groups such as the Rail to Trail Committee and Firefly Trail, Inc. The Project User Group includes:
  - Kent Kilpatrick (Leisure Services Director);
  - Mel C. Davis (Leisure Services Asst. Director);
  - Todd Miller (Park Planner);
  - Rose West (Leisure Services Trails & Open Supervisor);
  - Dorothy O'Niell (Rail to Trail Committee);
  - Mike Hall (Firefly Trail, Inc. and Rail to Trail Committee Member),
  - Shawanda Johnson (Area Resident and Neighborhood Leader-Family Connections); and,
  - Bruce Johnson (Area Resident and Firefly Trail, Inc.).
- ▶ On July 29, 2020 the User Group met via Webex call to review the Preliminary Plans and discuss the anticipated schedule moving forward for Firefly Trail Sub-project #3.

# Project Area



## FIREFLY TRAIL PROJECT VIEW

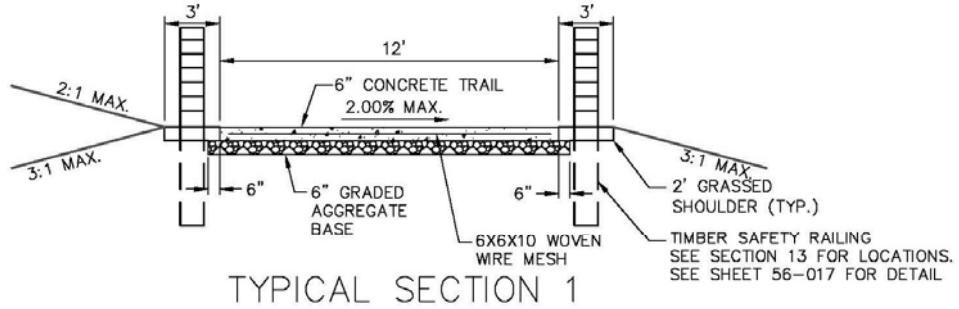
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Sub-project #3.0

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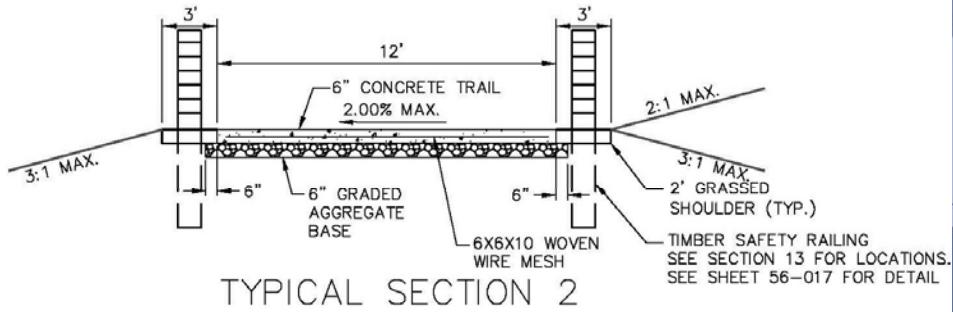
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# Sub-Project #3 Preliminary Plans

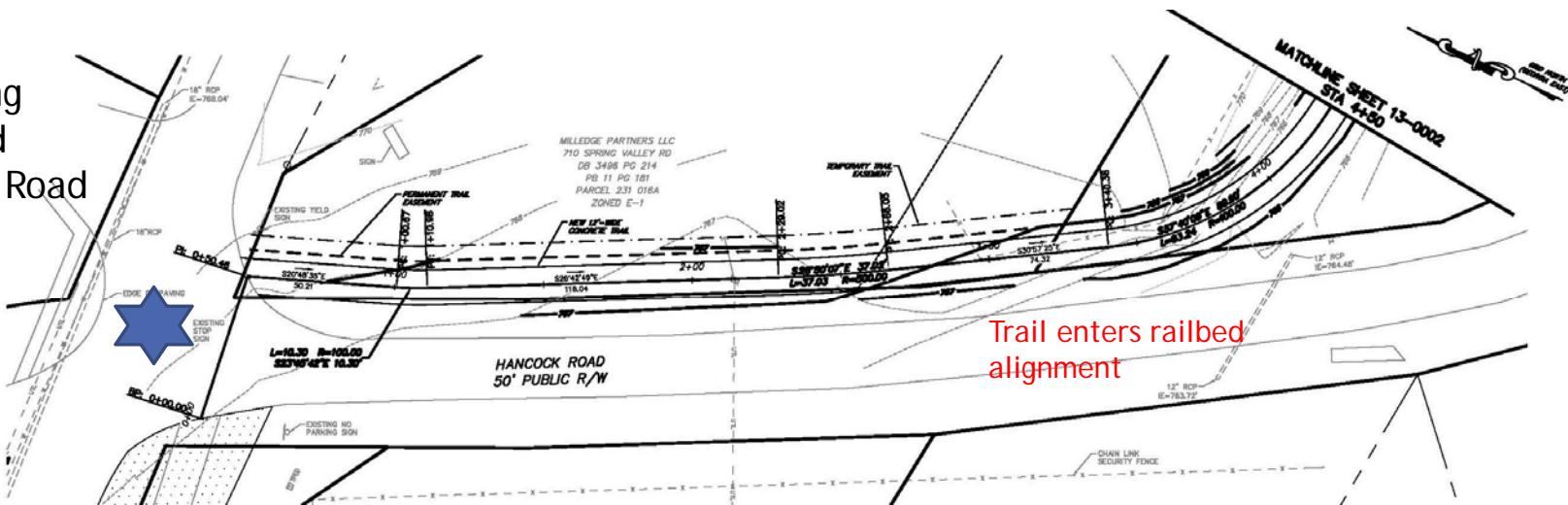


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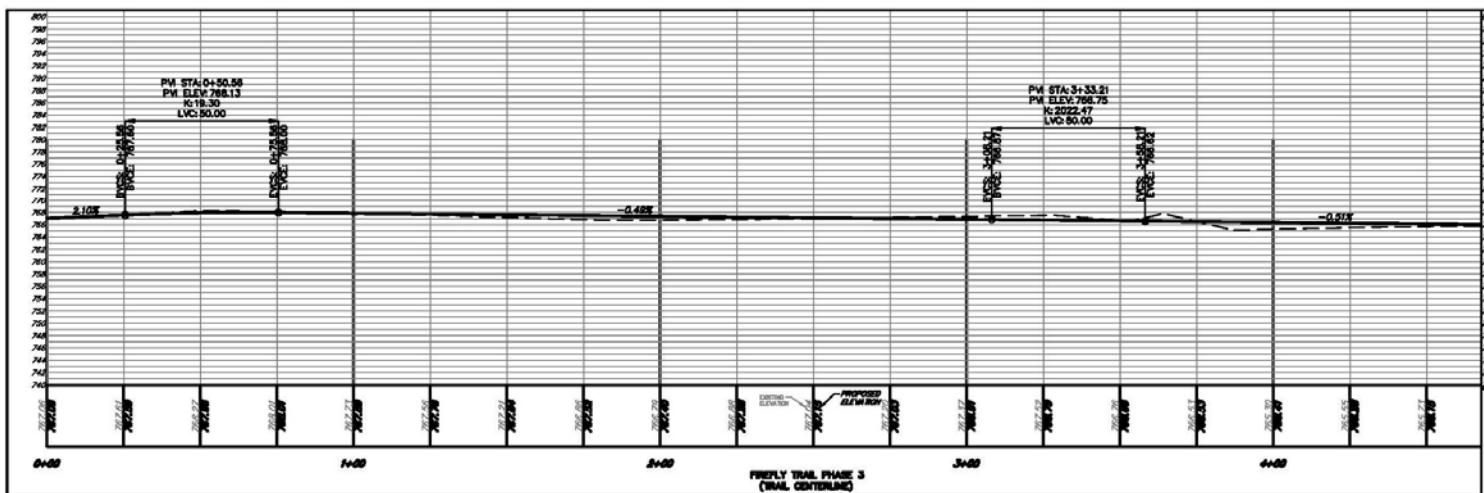
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Begin Spring  
Valley Road  
& Hancock Road



Trail enters railbed  
alignment

1" = 20'
H: 1" = 20'
V: 1" = 10'



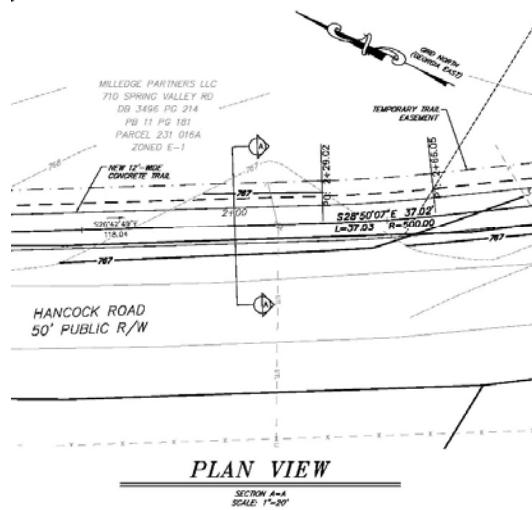
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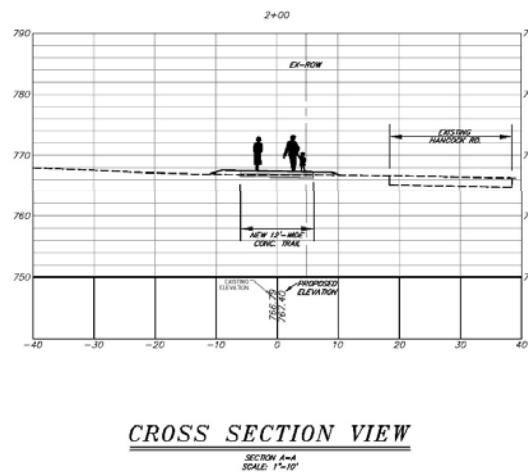
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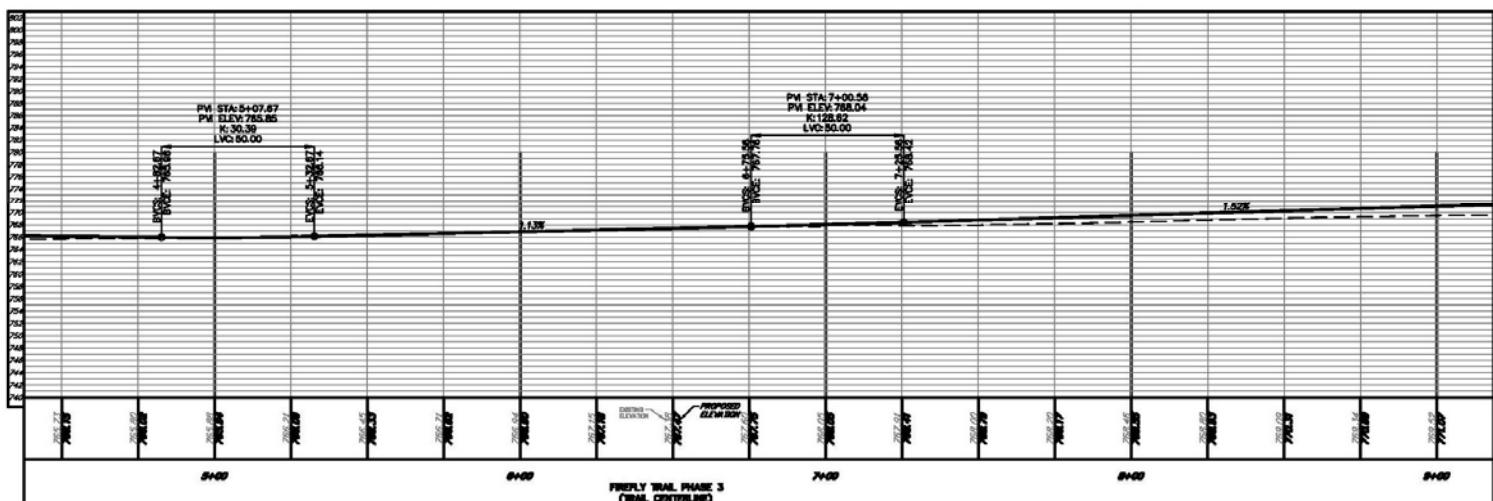
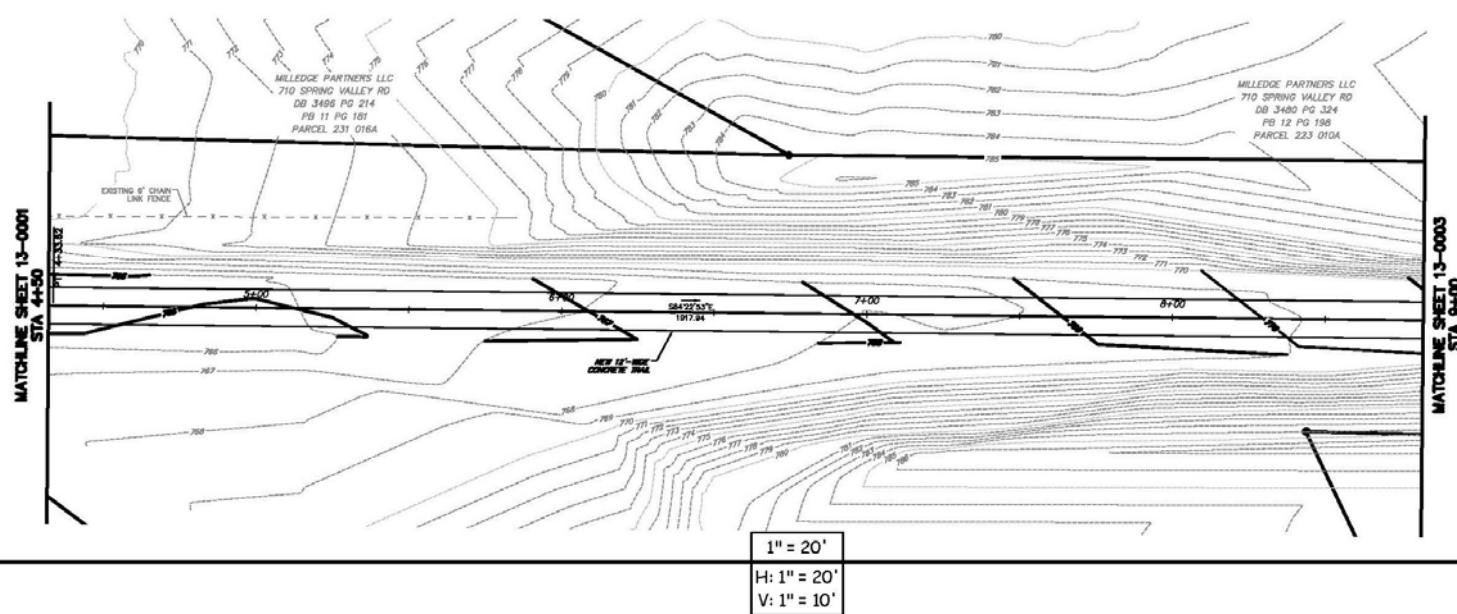
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### *CROSS SECTION VIEW*



*AERIAL VIEW*



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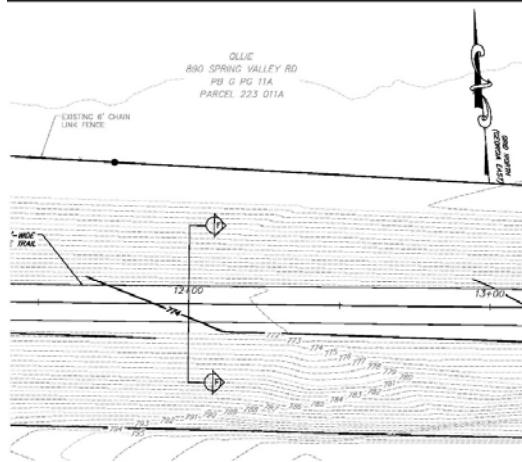
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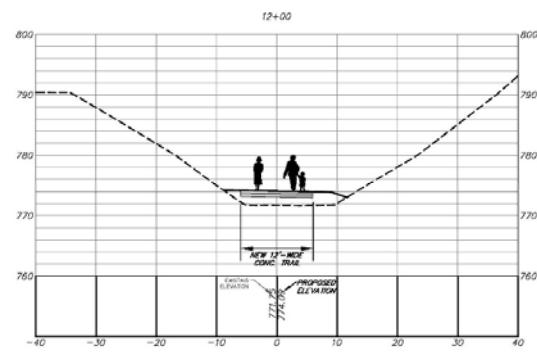


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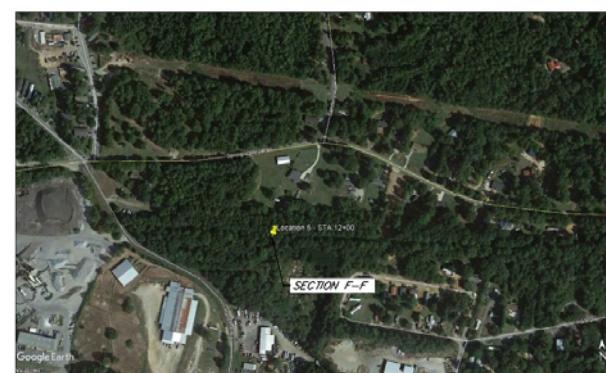
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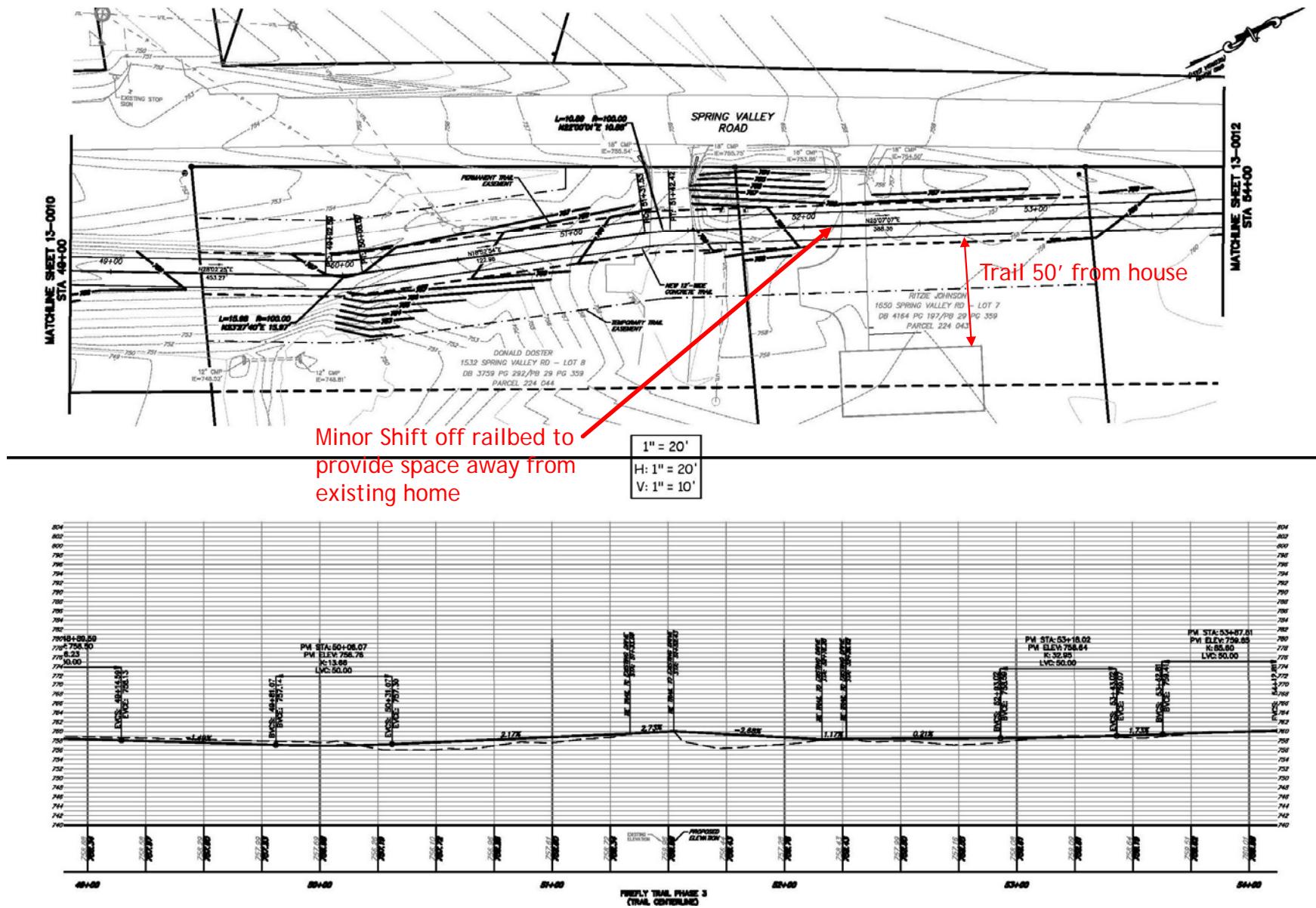
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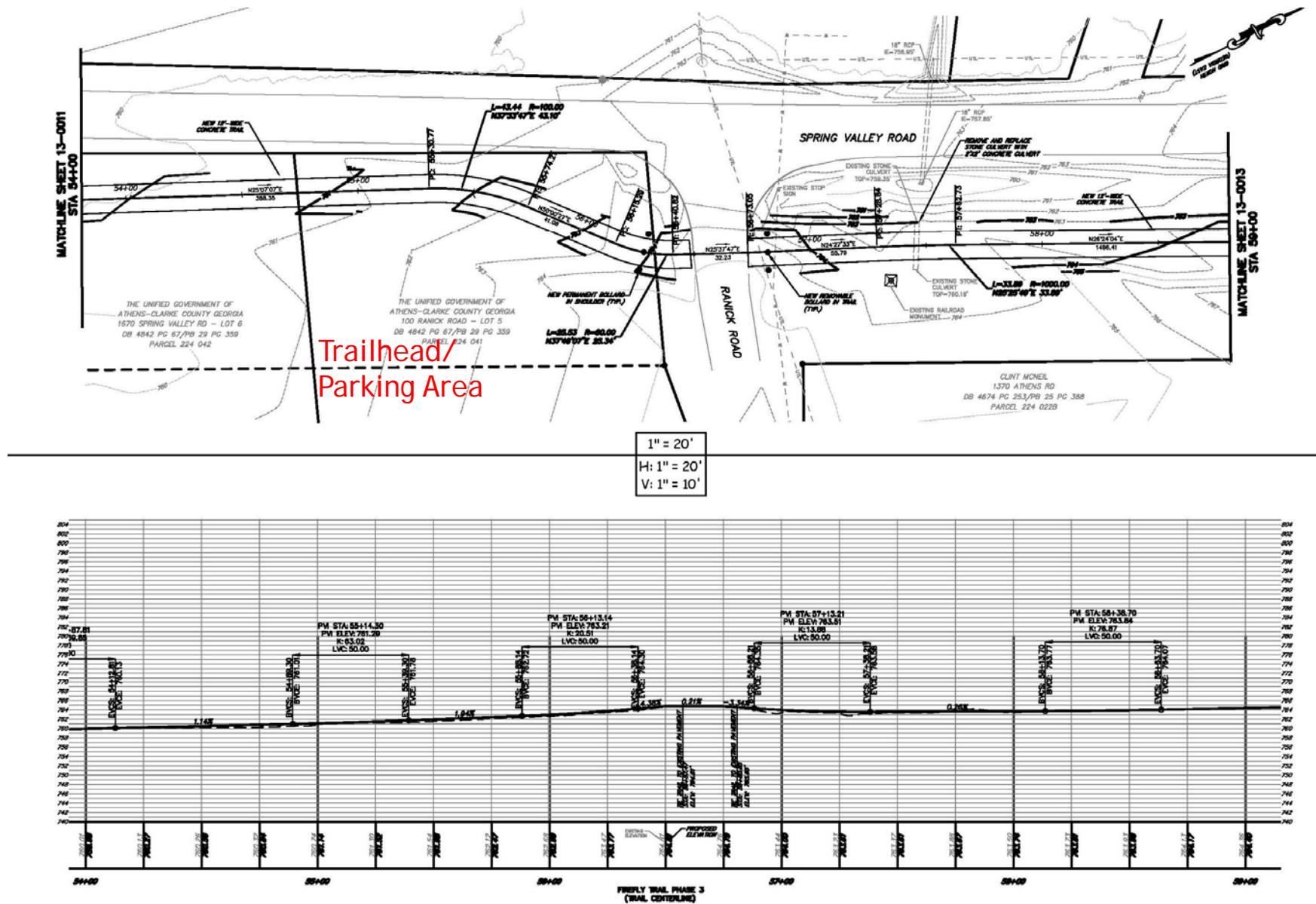
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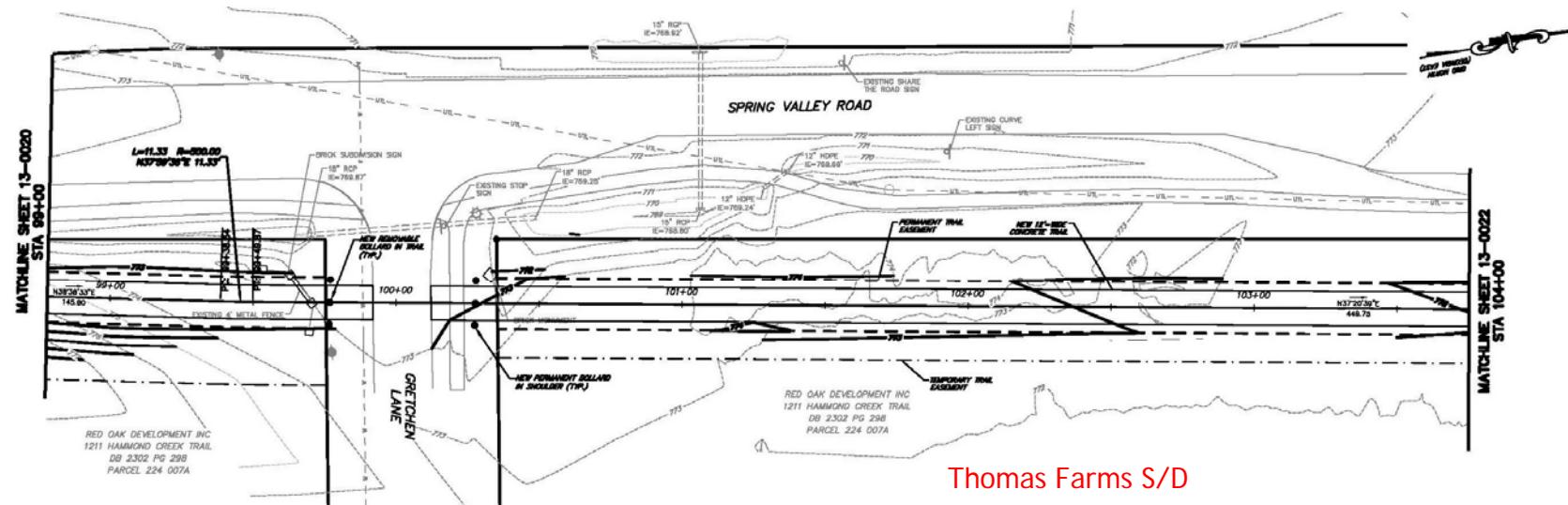


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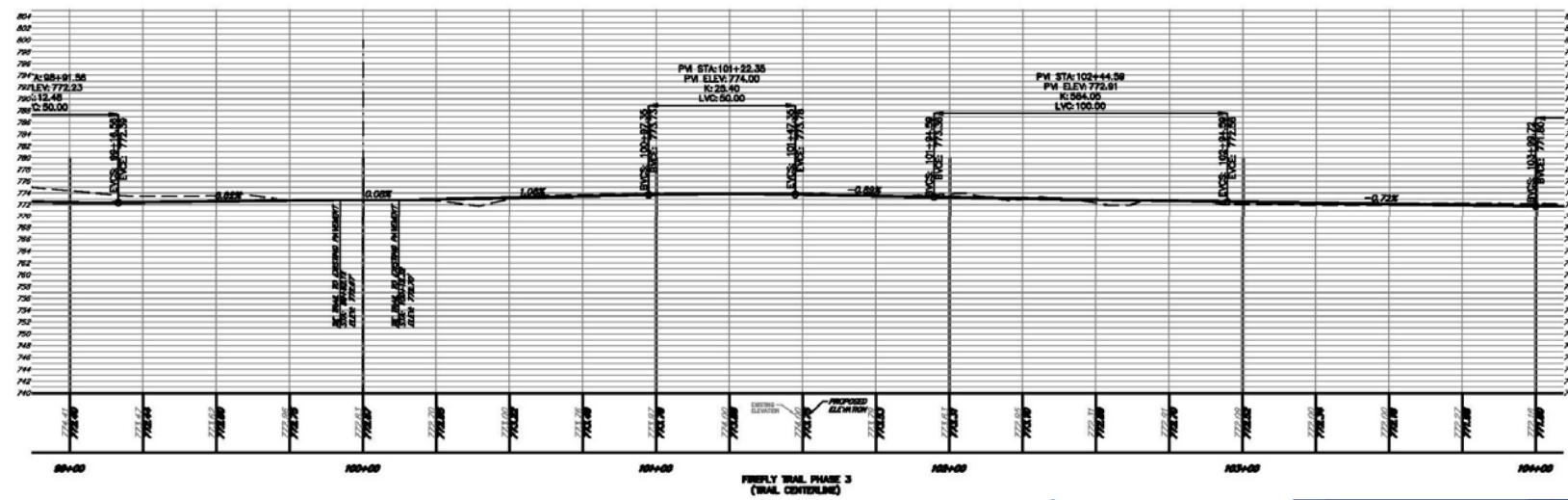


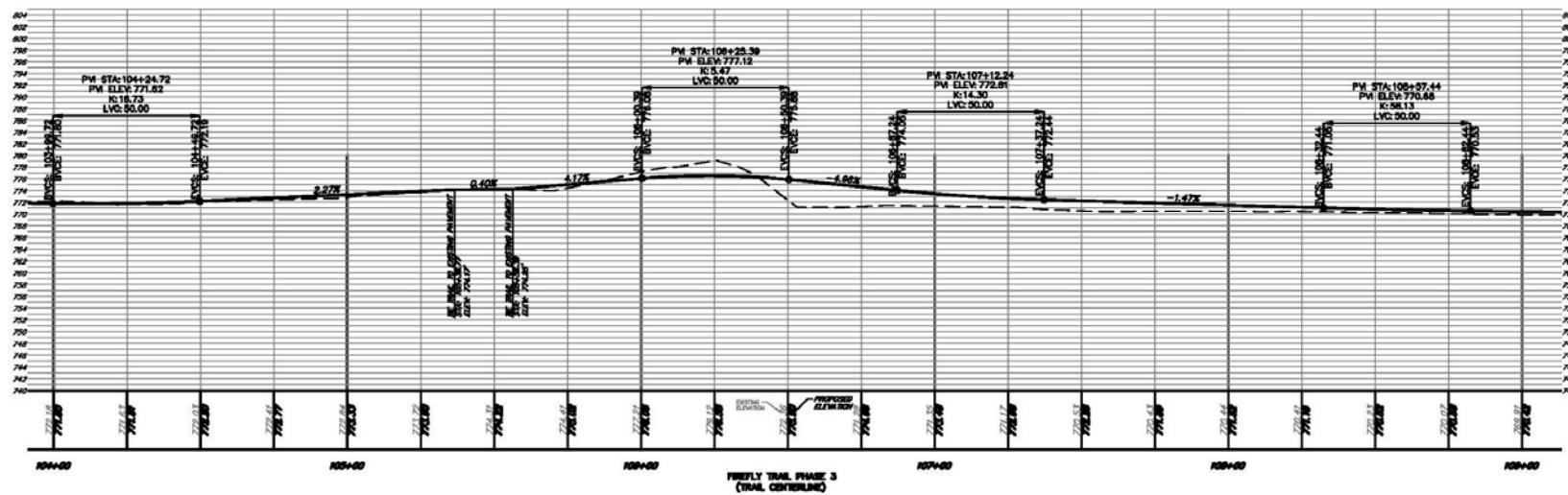
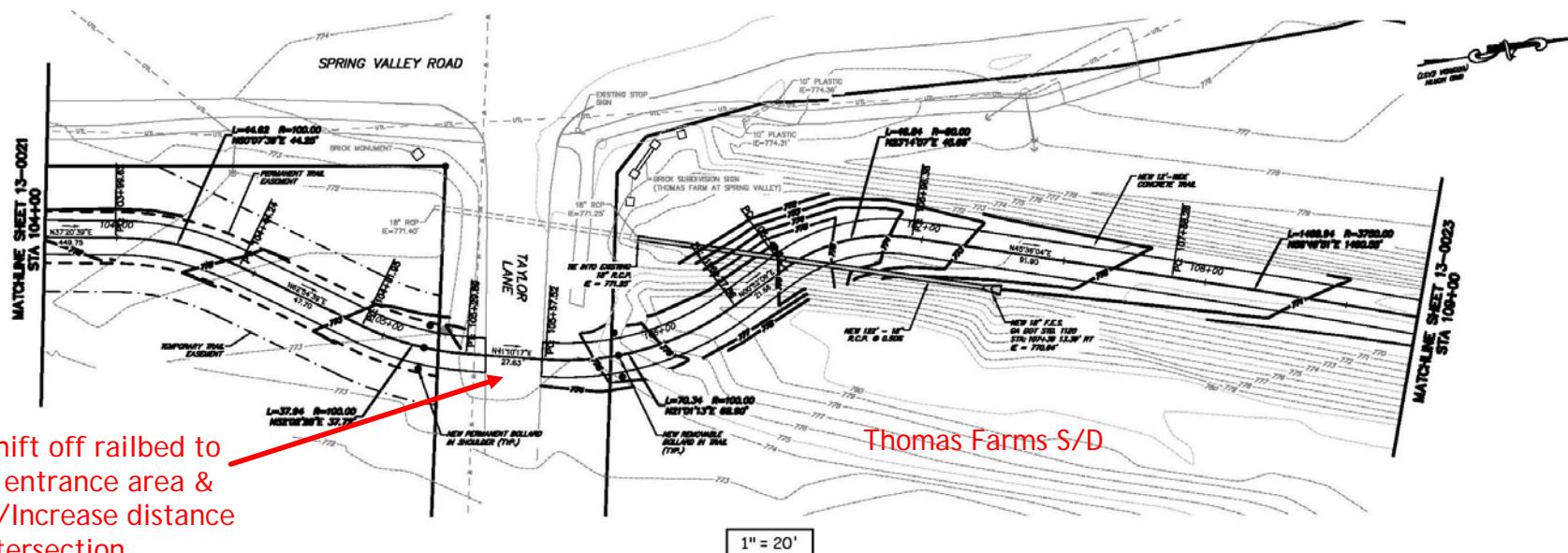




Thomas Farms S/D

$$1'' = 20'$$





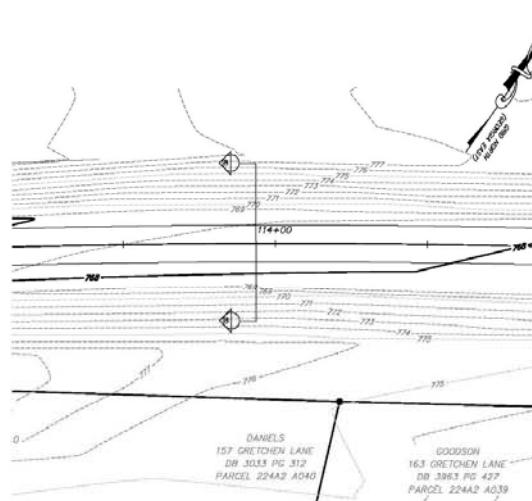
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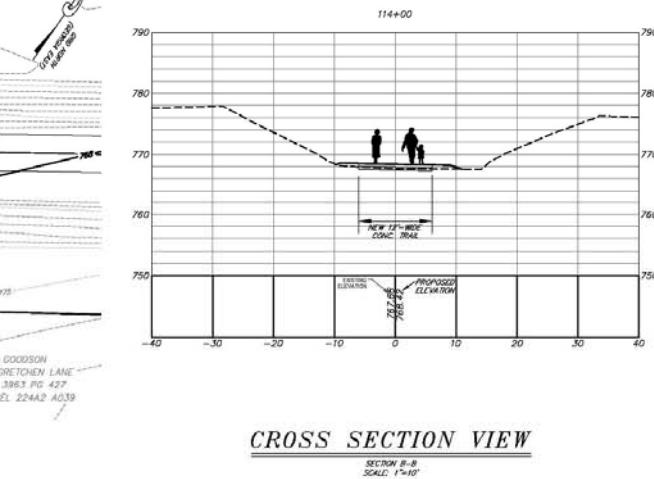
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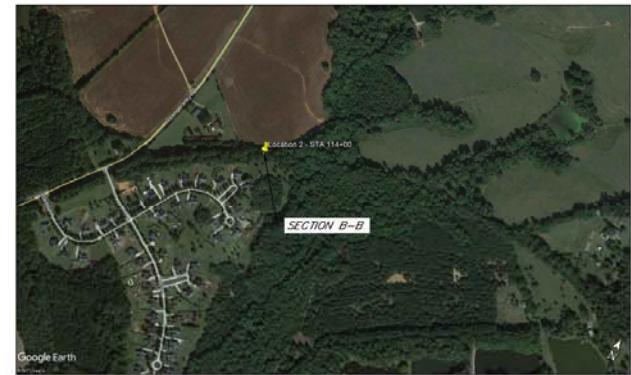
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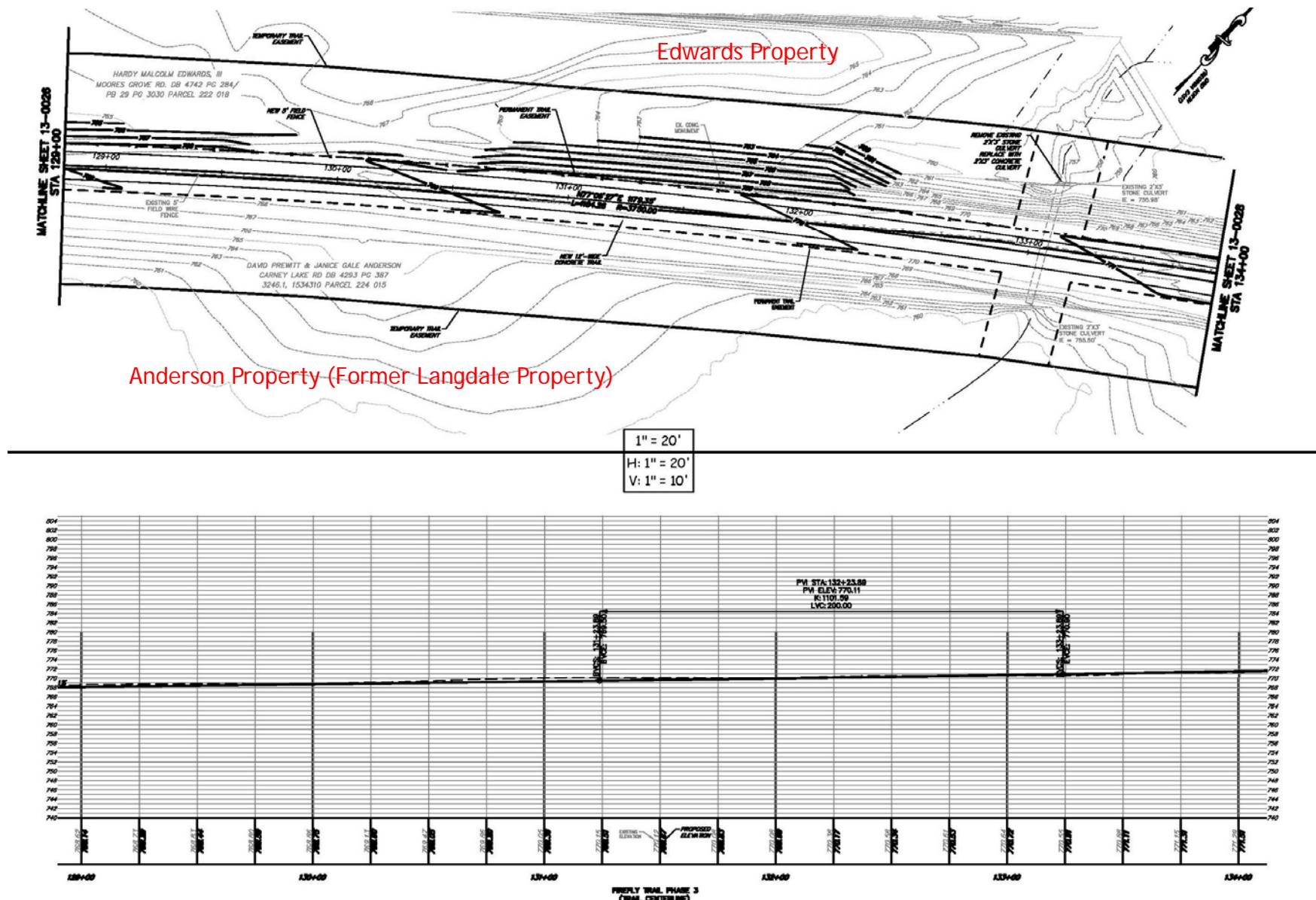
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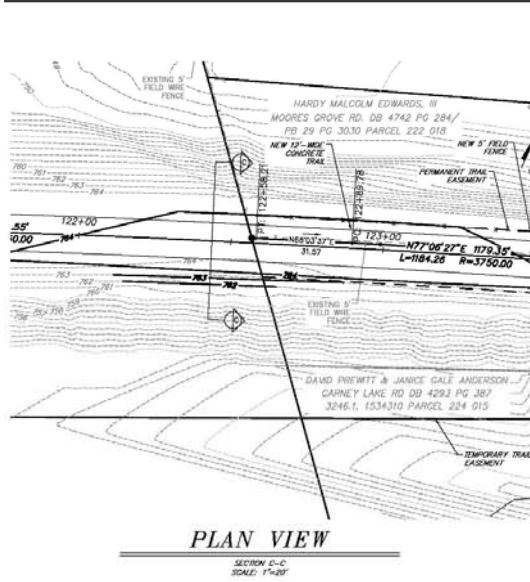
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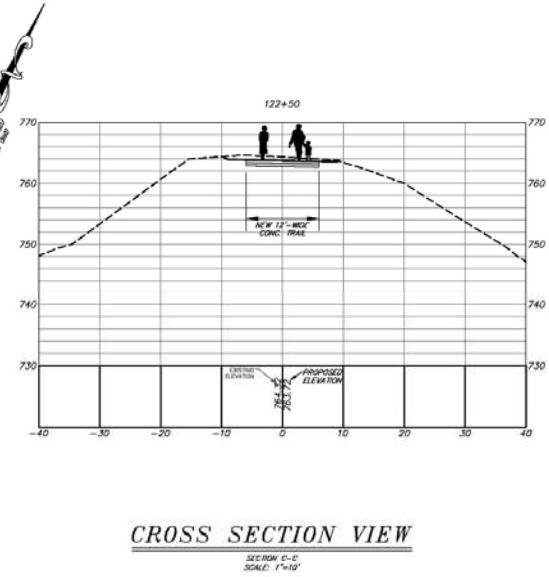
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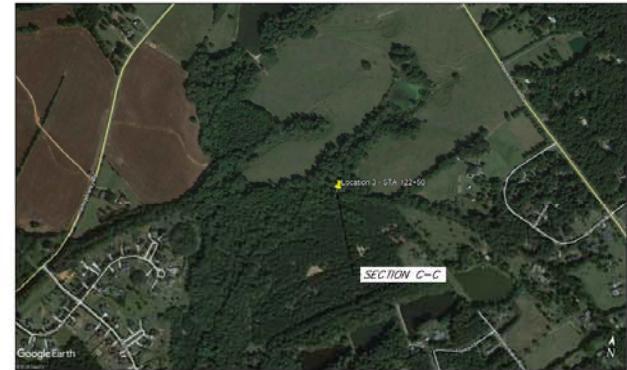
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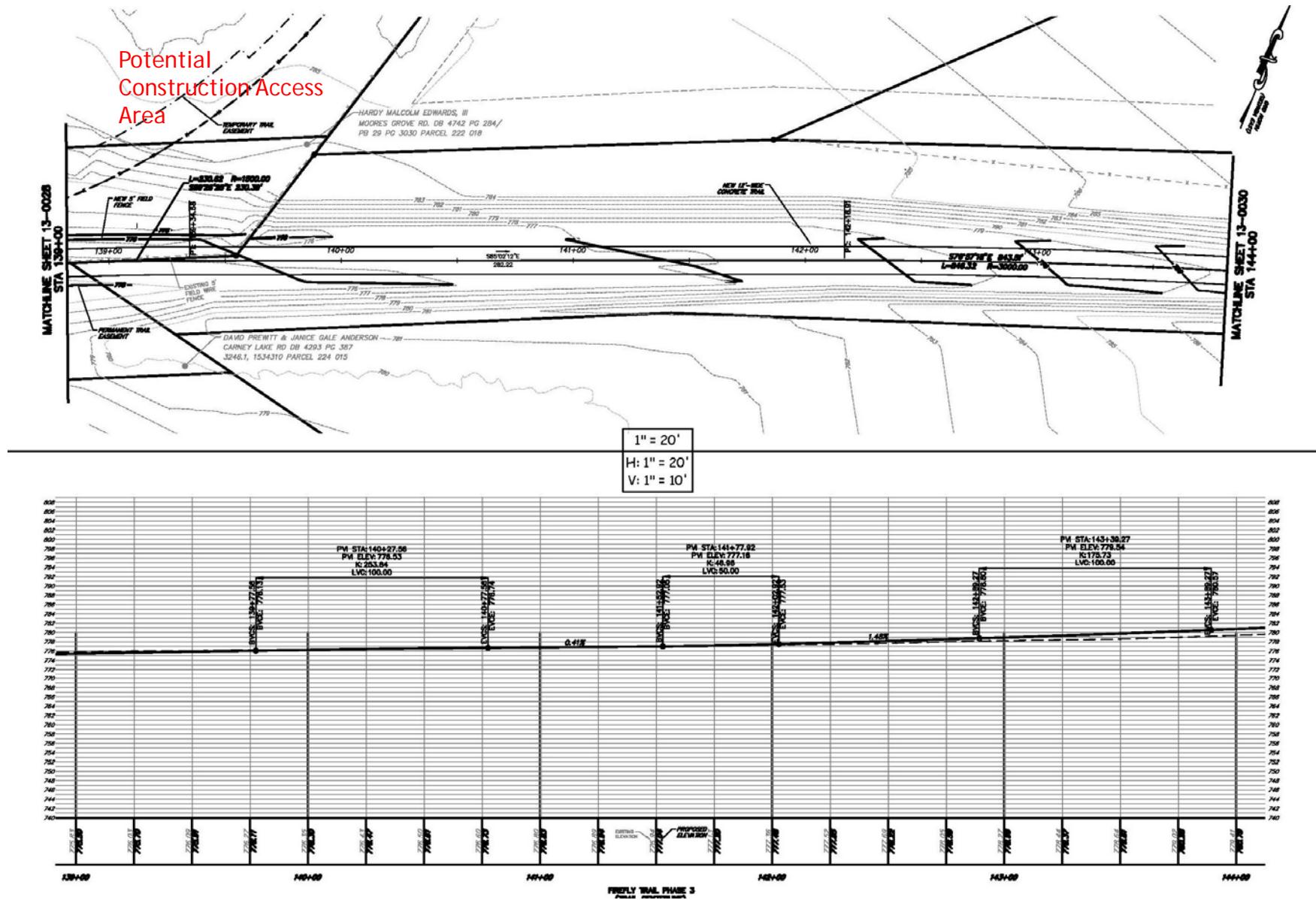
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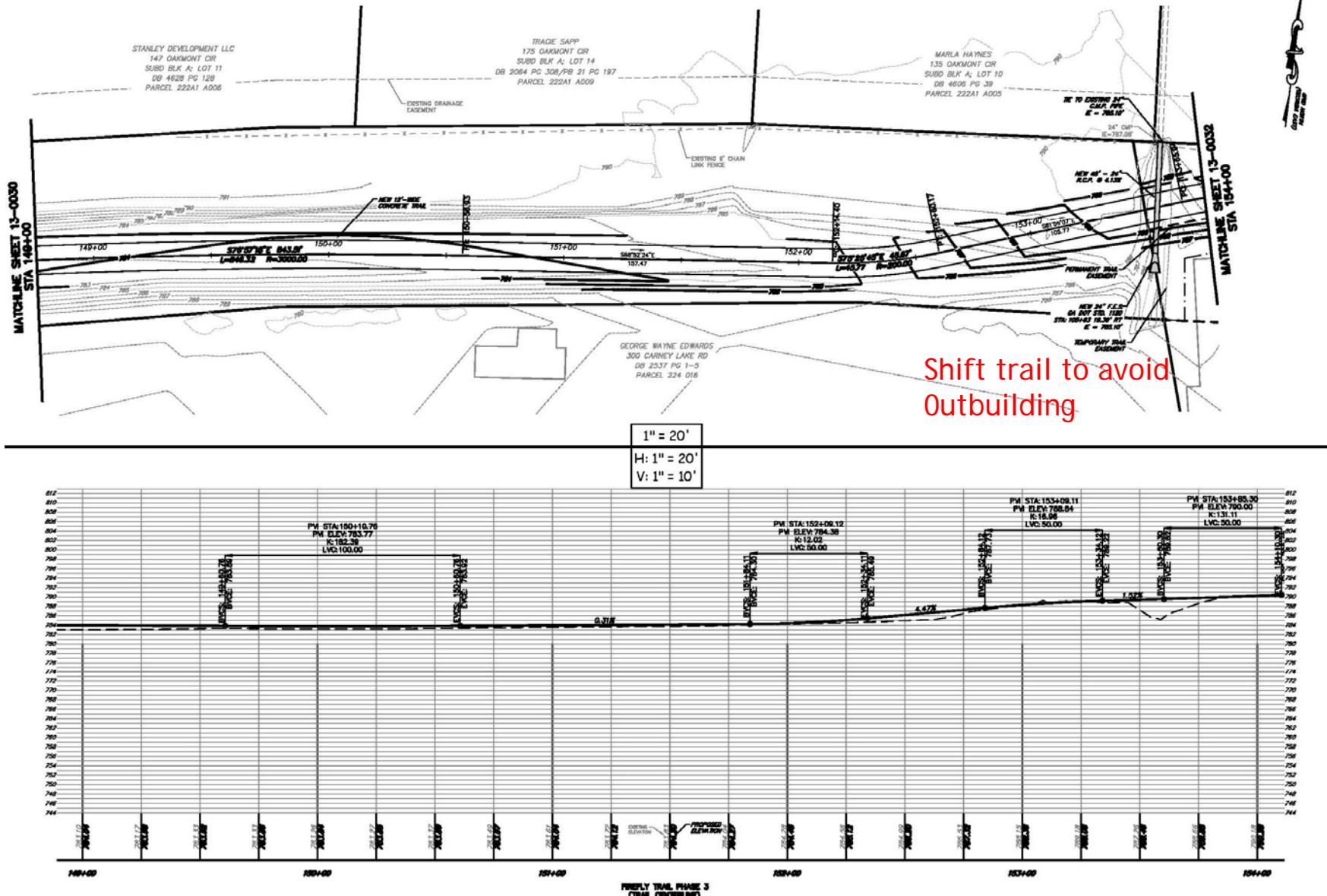


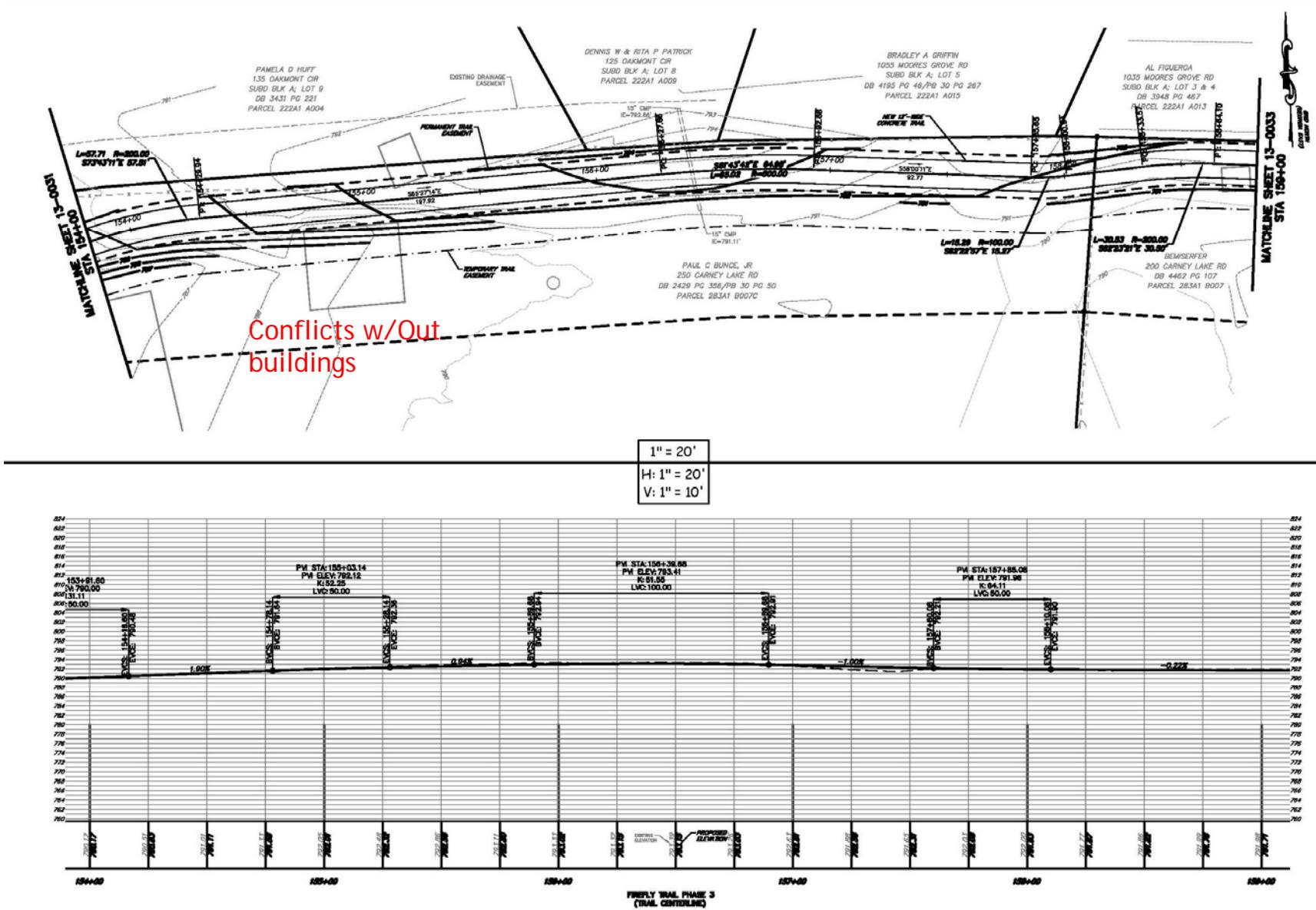
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MATCHLINE SHEET 13-00732

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DB 3948 PG 487  
PARCEL 222A1 A013

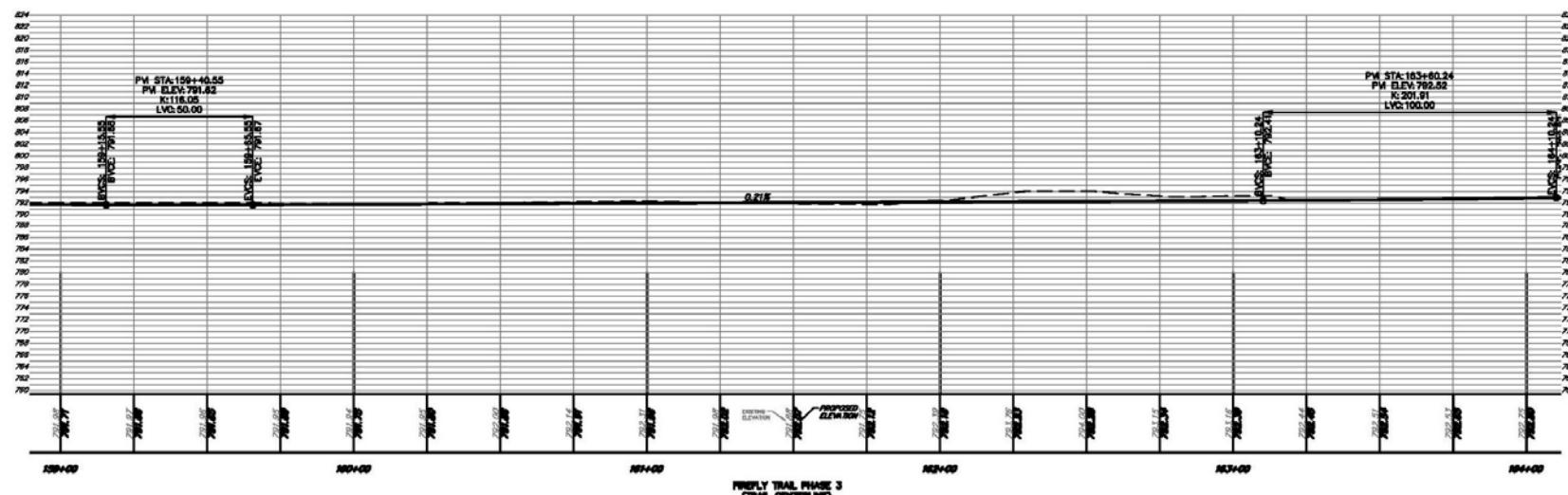
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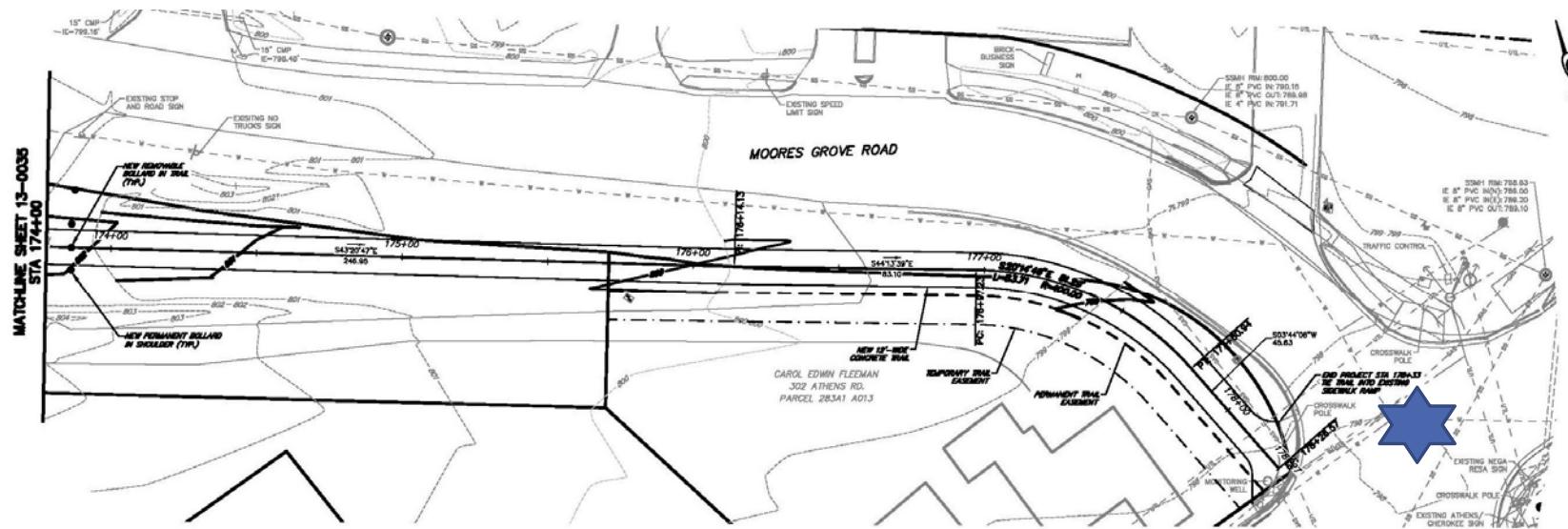
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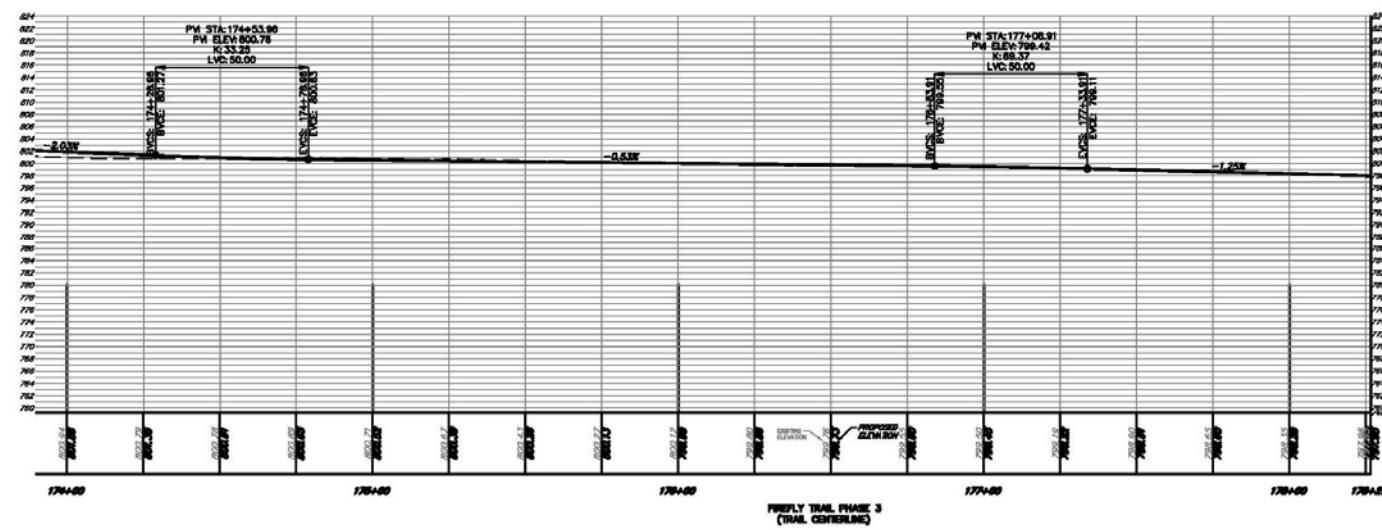
Shift trail to avoid swimming pool and outbuildings

$$1'' = 20'$$





End Moores  
Grove Road  
& Athens Road



## Project Information

### Historic Railbed Alignment

- Trail length = 3.4 miles
- Trail Width/Surface - 12' Concrete
- Approximately 75 Property Easement Agreements Required
- Ranick Road Trail Head Parking on ACCGov owned Parcels
- Thomas Farm Subdivision on Spring Valley Road & Langdale Property: Conservation greenspace preserved opportunity for Firefly Trial on historic railbed
- Areas of Concern:
  - 6 properties w/structures in close proximity to trail
  - 2-3 Outbuildings require relocation

# Budget

REVENUES: \$16,166,445 TSPLOST 2018 Project #06 (All Tiers)

EXPENSES:

CAPITAL: \$ 6,813,766 Expensed & Encumbered

\$ 992,503 Designated Design/Testing/Misc/PM/FFE (All Sub-Projects)

\$ 750,000 Designated Land Acquisition (Sub-Project #3)

\$ 113,250 Designated Art (All Sub-Projects)

\$ 3,500,000 Designated Construction (Sub-Project #4)

\$ 1,658,722 Designated Contingency (All Sub-Projects)

\$ 2,338,214 Available for Sub-Project #3 Construction\*

\$ 3,750,000 Current Estimated Construction Cost for Sub-Project #3

(\$ 1,411,786) Estimated Budget Shortfall

\*Final funding available for Sub-Project #3 construction is dependent on final Sub-Project #3 Land Acquisition cost and Construction cost of Sub-Project #4

## Next Steps

### ➤ Public Information Opportunities

- Leisure Services Listens Web Page (Available August 12)
- Webex Session (August 20 @ 5:00 PM)
- Recording to be available on-line through end of Public Input
- In-person/by appointment (August 22 – half day)
- In-person/by appointment (August 27 – evening session)
- Athens in Motion Review and Comment (August 25)
- Conclude Public Input (September 9)
- Public Comment – Agenda Setting (September 15)
- Public Comment – Vote Setting (October 6)

## Next Steps

- ❖ August/September/October 2020
  - Public Information Opportunities
  - Mayor & Commission Meetings
- ❖ Fall 2020 - Summer 2021
  - Finalize Design Documents
  - Easement Due Diligence (Title work & Appraisals)
  - Easement Acquisitions
  - Project Permitting
- ❖ Summer – Fall 2021
  - Construction Bid & Award
- ❖ Fall 2021 – Winter 2023
  - Construction

# Questions / Comments