

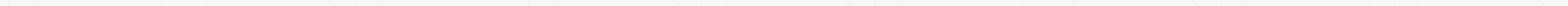
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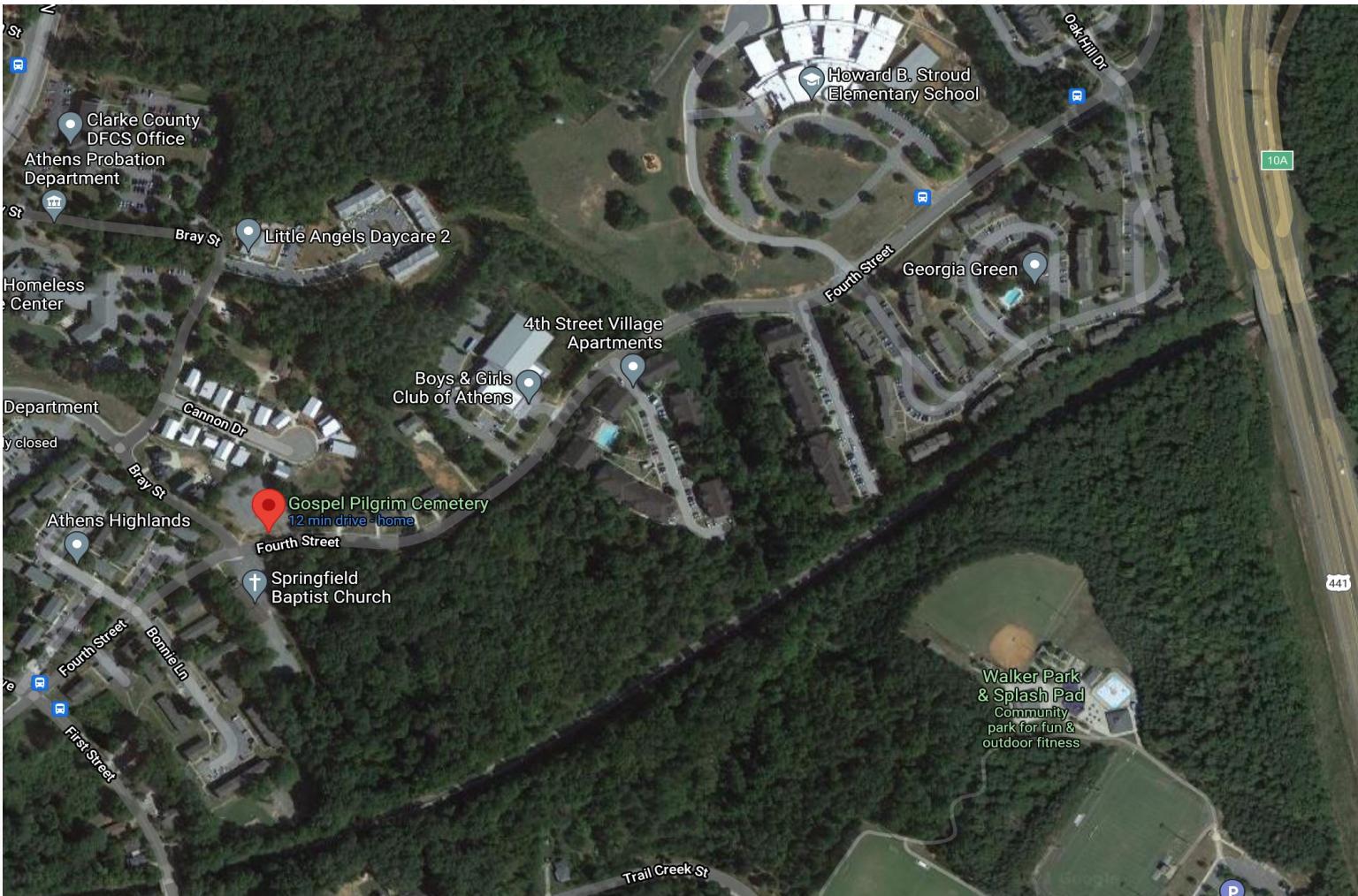
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# Project Scope

Provide bike and pedestrian access through historical Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery improving connectivity between the Cemetery and Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park, the Boys and Girls Club, and Howard B. Stroud Elementary School.

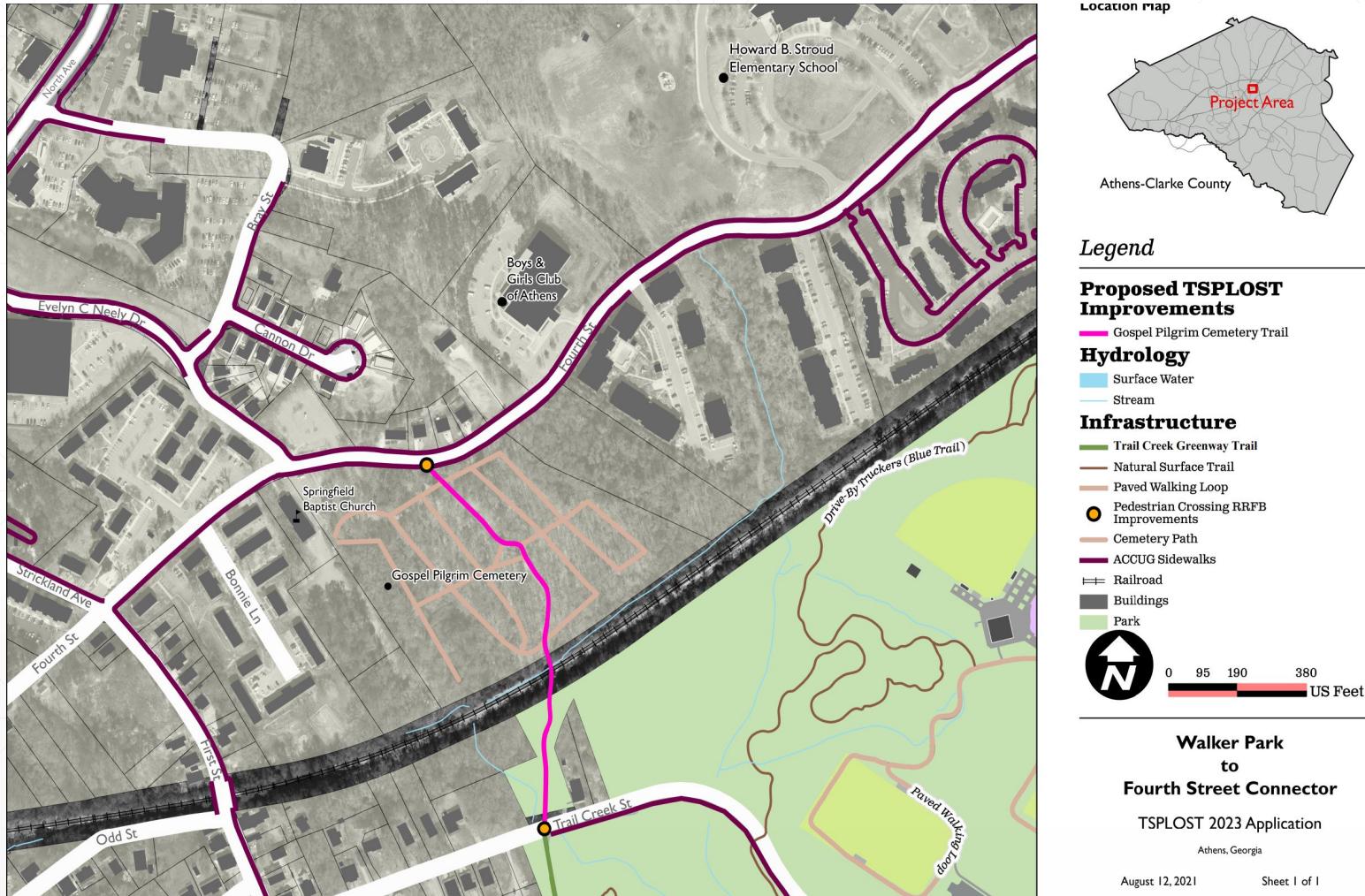


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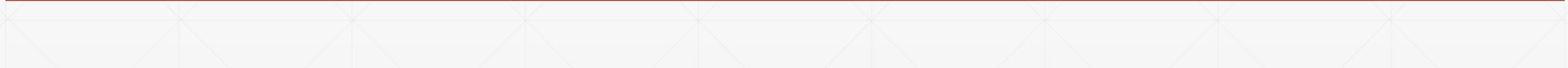


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# **In what specific ways will this project “Close the Equity Gap” in Athens-Clarke County, by improving the Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the entire community?**

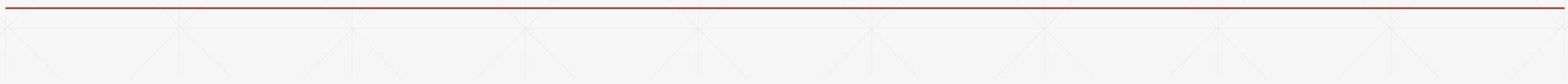
The project provides capital improvements to the East Athens Neighborhood, a traditionally underserved area of our community.

- The project invests in infrastructure improvements that address gaps in connectivity within the neighborhood.
- The project invests in infrastructure that will greatly improve residents' access to community facilities and resources and will connect two important cultural and recreational facilities – Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery and Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park.
- The project invests in infrastructure that addresses health and safety by providing greater access to recreational facilities.
- The project highlights Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery, a significant cultural resource in the community.



# How will this project address one or more of the Mayor and Commission approved Strategic Commitments and Project Selection Criteria?

- **Promotes increased access to existing public facilities** by promoting bike and pedestrian connectivity.
- **Promotes Health and Safety** by providing opportunities for active mobility through bike and pedestrian activities and improved access to a significant neighborhood recreational facility, Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park.
- **Continues Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail construction** by promoting bike and pedestrian connectivity between Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park, Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery, the Boys and Girls Club, and Howard B. Stroud Elementary School. The project is an extension of the Vine St-Trail Creek Greenway Trail.
- **Implements components of an updated Greenway Network Plan** as it is an extension of the Vine St-Trail Creek Greenway Trail as shown on the 2020 Greenway Masterplan, Northeast Quadrant Map.



# **What aspects of this project will focus on improving the “Triple Bottom Line” (Impact on Economic Prosperity, Social Well-being, and the Environment)?**

- This project positively impacts **Economic Prosperity** and **Social Well-being** by promoting bike and pedestrian connectivity between Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park, Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery, the Boys and Girls Club, and Howard B. Stroud Elementary School and providing opportunities for historic interpretation that provide for greater vision and direction of trail users.
- This project positively impacts **Social Well-being** by providing improved and safer access to educational, recreational, and health services for an underserved area of the community and thereby improving equitable access to public facilities.



# Q&A

