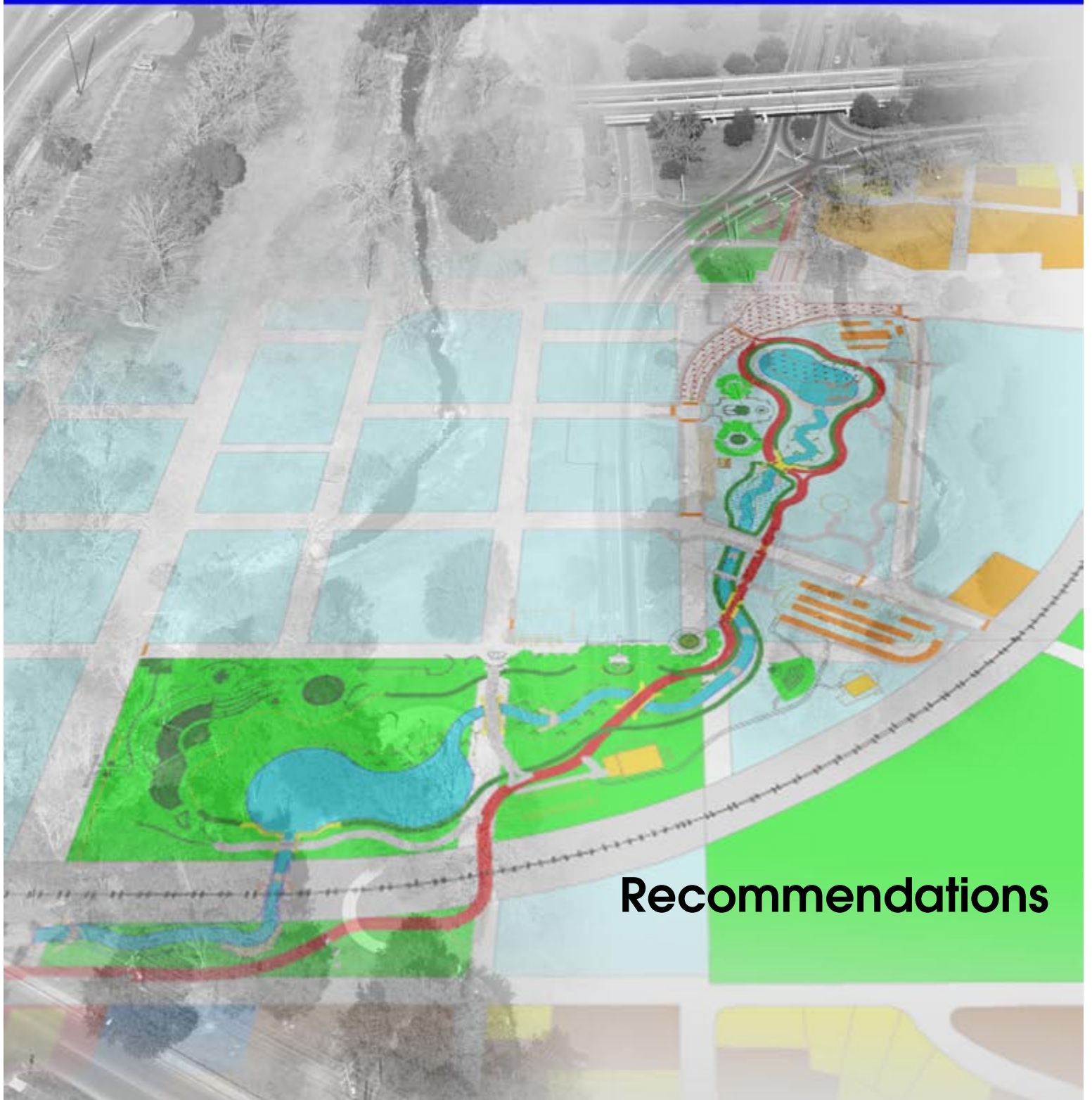




Capital Cascade

Sector Plan



V.1 Infrastructure Priority Issue Area

Recommendation #1 Continue to fund City stormwater projects

Several City stormwater projects have been accomplished within the Sector Plan area and many more have been identified. All of the stormwater issues that were presented by the public during the Sector Plan meetings have already been identified by City stormwater staff as being necessary.

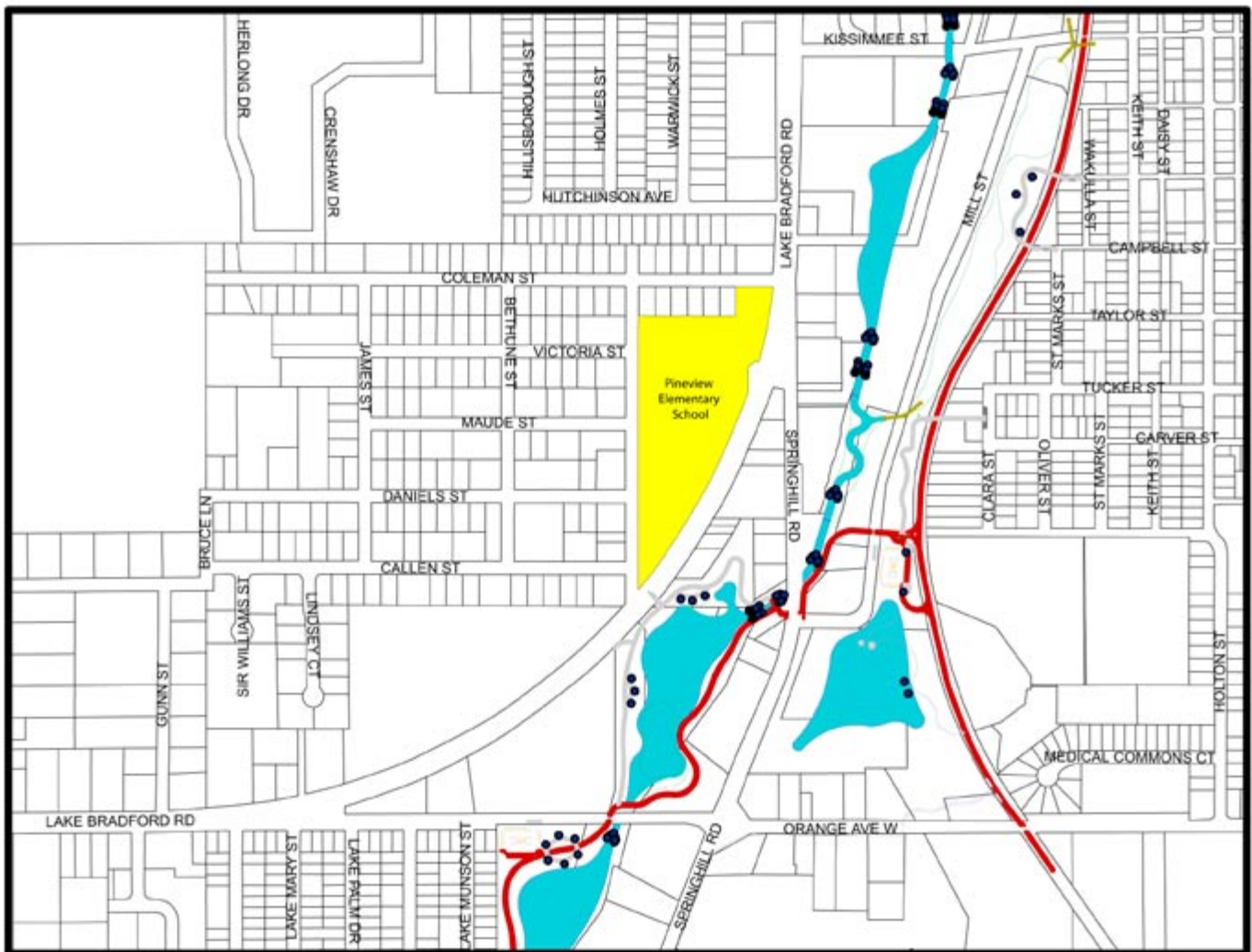


Recommendation #2 Co-locate a City Park at Pineview Elementary School

Sector Plan participants from the Callen neighborhood identified the need for a children’s park within or near the neighborhood. There is an opportunity to co-locate a recreational facility that could be accessed outside of school operation hours on the Pineview Elementary School site, located adjacent to the Callen neighborhood.

Recreational opportunities for younger children was identified by sector plan participants as one of the key issues.

The sector currently has many recreational facilities as identified in Part II of this report and there is a great potential for the Capital Cascade Trail to link many of these resources.



Recommendation #3 Trail Linkages

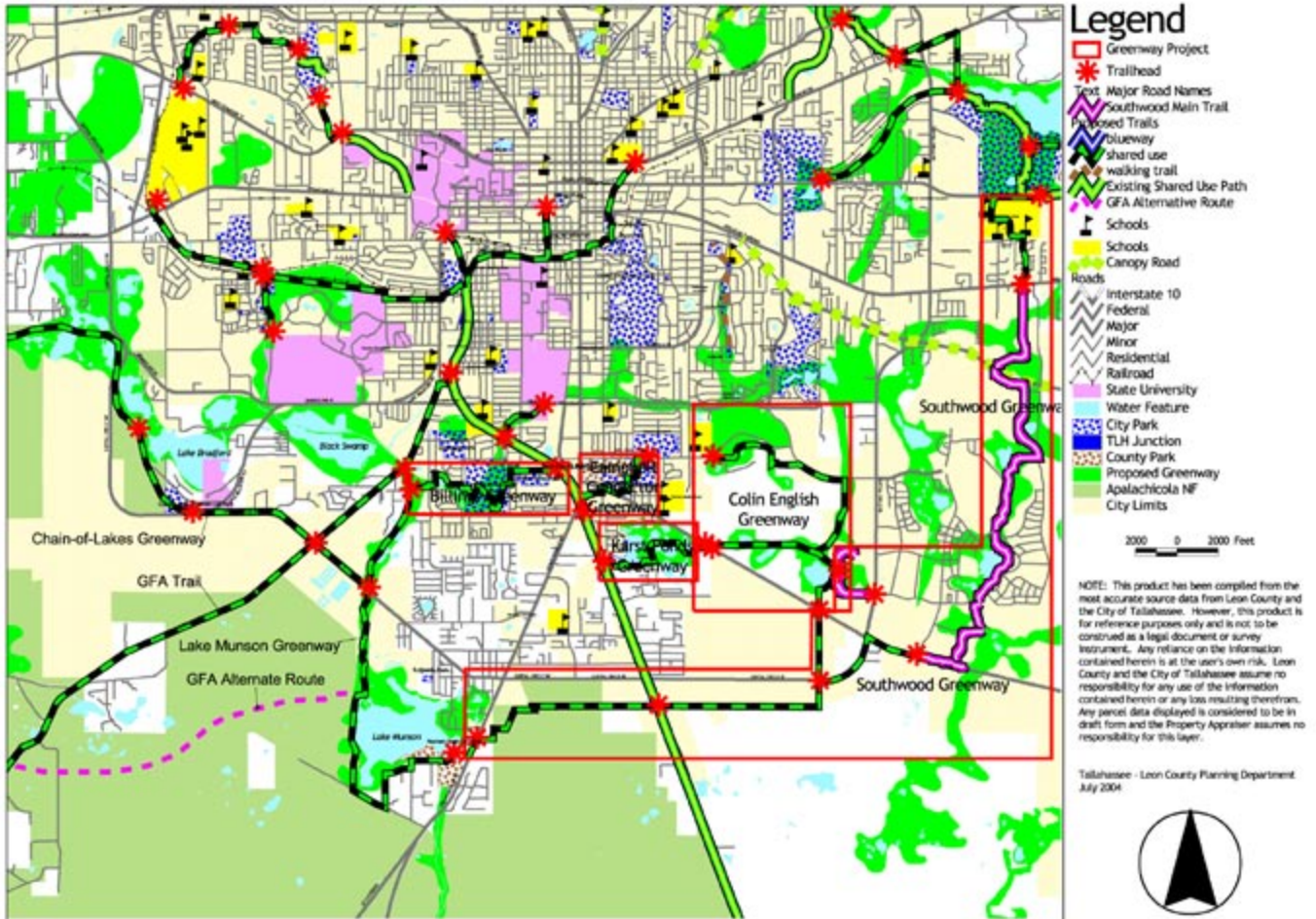
Planning staff recommends purchasing the Charles Billings Greenway as identified in the Greenways Master Plan. This would connect the Capital Cascade Trail through Jake Gaither Golf Course, Four Points Park, and the Leon County Fairgrounds to Paul Russell Road and eventually the Colin English tract greenway.

The Georgia-Florida-Alabama (GFA) trail is a conceptual greenway trail located along or near the old GFA railroad bed connecting Tallahassee with Carrabelle through Sopchoppy and a number of U.S. Forest Service recreational facilities, including Helen, Trout Pond, and Lost Lake. Although an alignment north of Lost Lake to the Tallahassee urban area has not yet been identified, the Greenways Master Plan indicates a route running near or along Springhill Road to Mill Street. However, the right of way along this road is limited, and there are no funds identified at this time to rebuild Springhill Road as a gateway into the Tallahassee urban area.

An alternative route could proceed eastward to Lake Munson and north along the proposed Lake Munson Greenway (identified in the Greenways Master Plan) to the County's Lake Henrietta regional stormwater retention pond, which would intersect the Dr. Charles Billings Greenway. The trail can then connect across Springhill Road to the proposed Capital Cascade Greenway Trail alignment along the Central Drainage Channel, terminating at Tallahassee Junction. The latter is the historical junction of the old St. Marks railroad line and the GFA. This park, recently purchased by the City of Tallahassee, 19-acre will serve as a destination trailhead and local recreational facility. It will include several sculpted stormwater ponds, a trail system, parking area, and a sports court.

The GFA trail will intersect with the proposed six-mile long Chain-of-Lakes Greenway, which will run along a portion of the existing Capital Circle S.W. and westward around the south side of Lake Bradford and north around the Tallahassee Regional Airport into the Apalachicola National Forest to Silver Lake and beyond.

Southern Strategy Area Greenways



Recommendation #4 Recommend roadway and design related improvements to Orange Ave west of Monroe.

Orange Avenue is broken into three jurisdictions. Capital Circle, Southeast to Blair Stone Road is the responsibility of the City, from Blair Stone Road to Monroe Street is the responsibility of the County and from Monroe Street to Capital Circle, Southwest, the responsibility falls to the State of Florida. There was a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study completed in December of 1997 which called for a four-lane (expandable to six-lane) section from Wahnish Way to Capital Circle, Southwest. The four-lane would begin at Wahnish is because the section from Monroe Street to Wahnish Way is already a four-lane section. The expansion to six lanes would occur when the capacity of the road required such an expansion. However, all of the right-of-way would be purchased up front as though a six-lane section were being built.

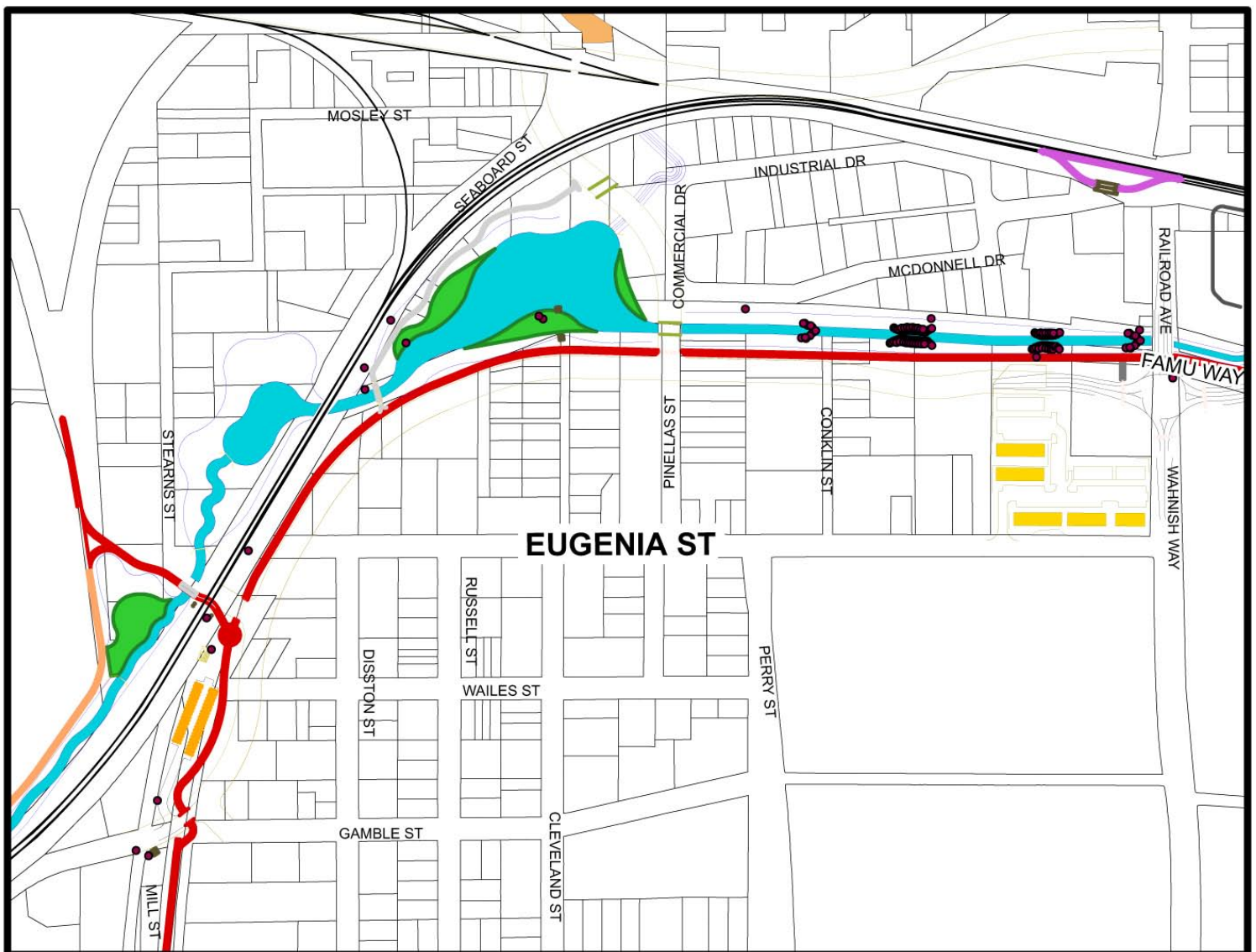
Since 1997 the Orange Avenue project has been prioritized for design but has received no funding. The project is listed as priority number 16 for the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency.

Should this project near funding, the Sector Plan recommendation is to ensure that the design of this roadway project is consistent with the design of Orange Avenue from Monroe Street west to Capital Circle and that care is taken to ensure a design that would be compatible with the goals of the Southern Strategy. Key design elements would be landscaping, bike lanes, sidewalks and neighborhood protection. Safety around Nims Middle School would also be of paramount importance. This recommendation may involve City or County involvement in the design and or maintenance of this roadway to ensure that an appropriate design is achieved and maintained.



Recommendation #5 Recommend traffic calming on Eugenia Rd.

Citizens participating in the Sector Plan process identified the need for traffic calming on Eugenia Road. This road is located north of FAMU and south of FAMU Way.



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Recommendation # 6 Mass Transit stop improvements

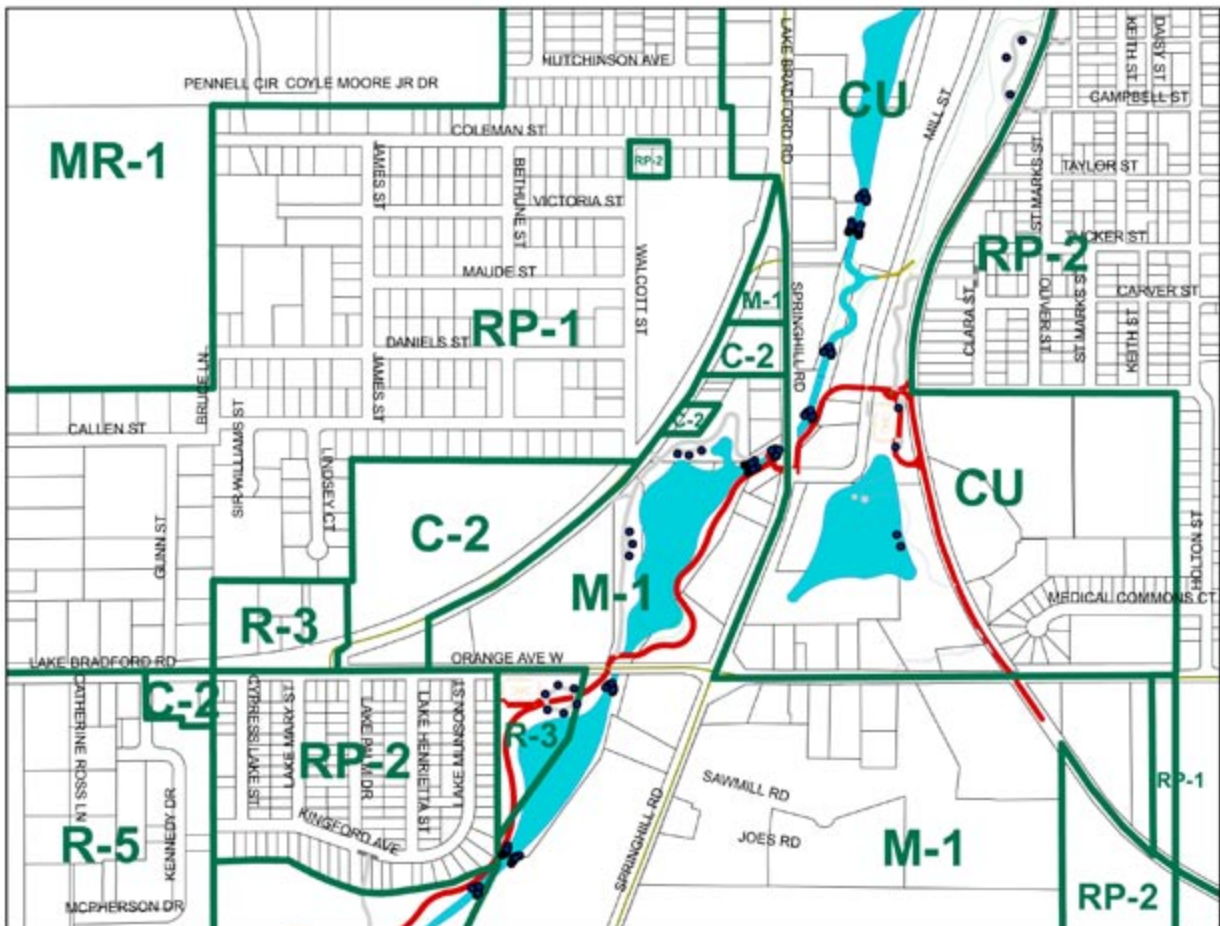
Citizens participating in the Sector Plan process identified the need for mass transit stop improvements within the Sector Plan area. As part of the Sector Plan implementation process, Planning Department staff will work with Tal-tran to identify any needed improvements and prioritize improvements based on funding availability.



V.2 Urban Design Priority Issue Area

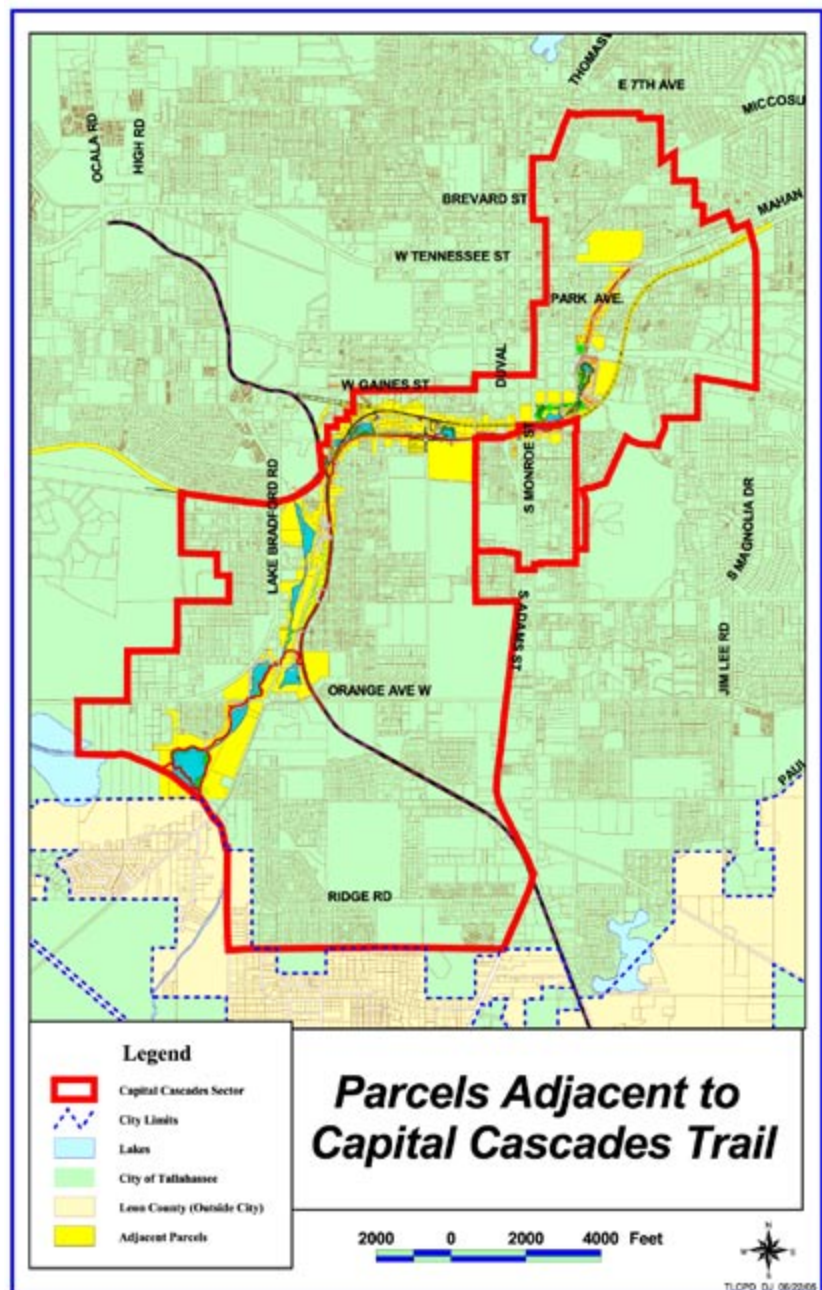
Recommendation #1 Promote commercial opportunities along Lake Bradford Rd. and Orange Avenue

Citizens participating in the Sector Plan process identified the need for more retail opportunities within the Sector and indicated that the ideal location for such uses would continue to be along Lake Bradford Road and Orange Avenue. A majority of the properties fronting along Lake Bradford Road are currently zoned Central Urban with the exception of some industrial (M-1) zoning located on the northwest corner of Lake Bradford Road and Orange Avenue. The portion of Orange Avenue located within the Sector has a mix of residential zoning districts (RP-1 and RP-2) and zoning districts that would allow for non-residential uses. There is a segment of under utilized Urban Pedestrian-1 (UP-1) zoning located near Nims Middle School on the north side of Orange avenue which would be ideal for redevelopment or better utilization as neighborhood friendly non-residential development. The northeast corner of Orange Avenue and Lake Bradford Road has a large segment of property zoned Central Urban. Located immediately south of the Central Urban area is a large segment of property zoned for industrial land uses.



Recommendation # 2 Encourage redevelopment along the Capital Cascade Trail through the implementation of a Capital Cascade Trail Overlay District

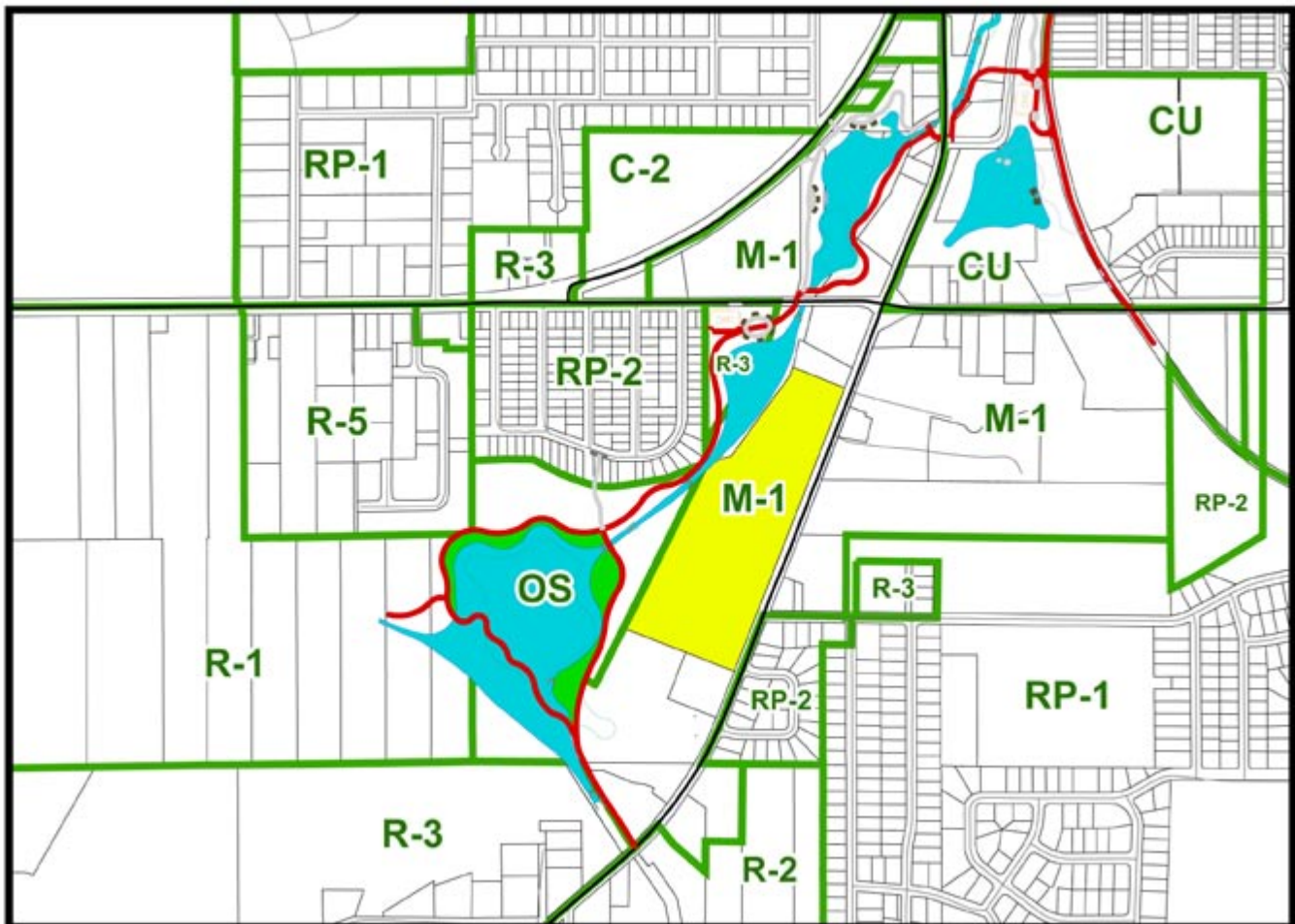
The Sector Plan recommends studying the feasibility of creating a Capital Cascade Trail Overlay District that could facilitate the redevelopment of some of the properties adjacent to the Trail. This Overlay District could include incentives for redevelopment such as a relaxed environmental regulatory framework, concurrency relief, and density bonuses or other incentives such as redevelopment funding.



Recommendation # 3 Relocate the Florida Department of Corrections Road Prison and Work Release Center or Design Trail to Compensate for this Land Use

Sector plan participants along with Planning Department staff recommended relocating the FDOC facilities located on Springhill Road directly adjacent to the proposed Trail location. If this relocation is not feasible, trail design in this area will be extremely important to the perception of safety for users of the trail. Design ideas include located a wall along the edge of the trail and water way or possibly a berm with landscaped buffering to shield trail users from the Work Release Center and Road Prison facilities.

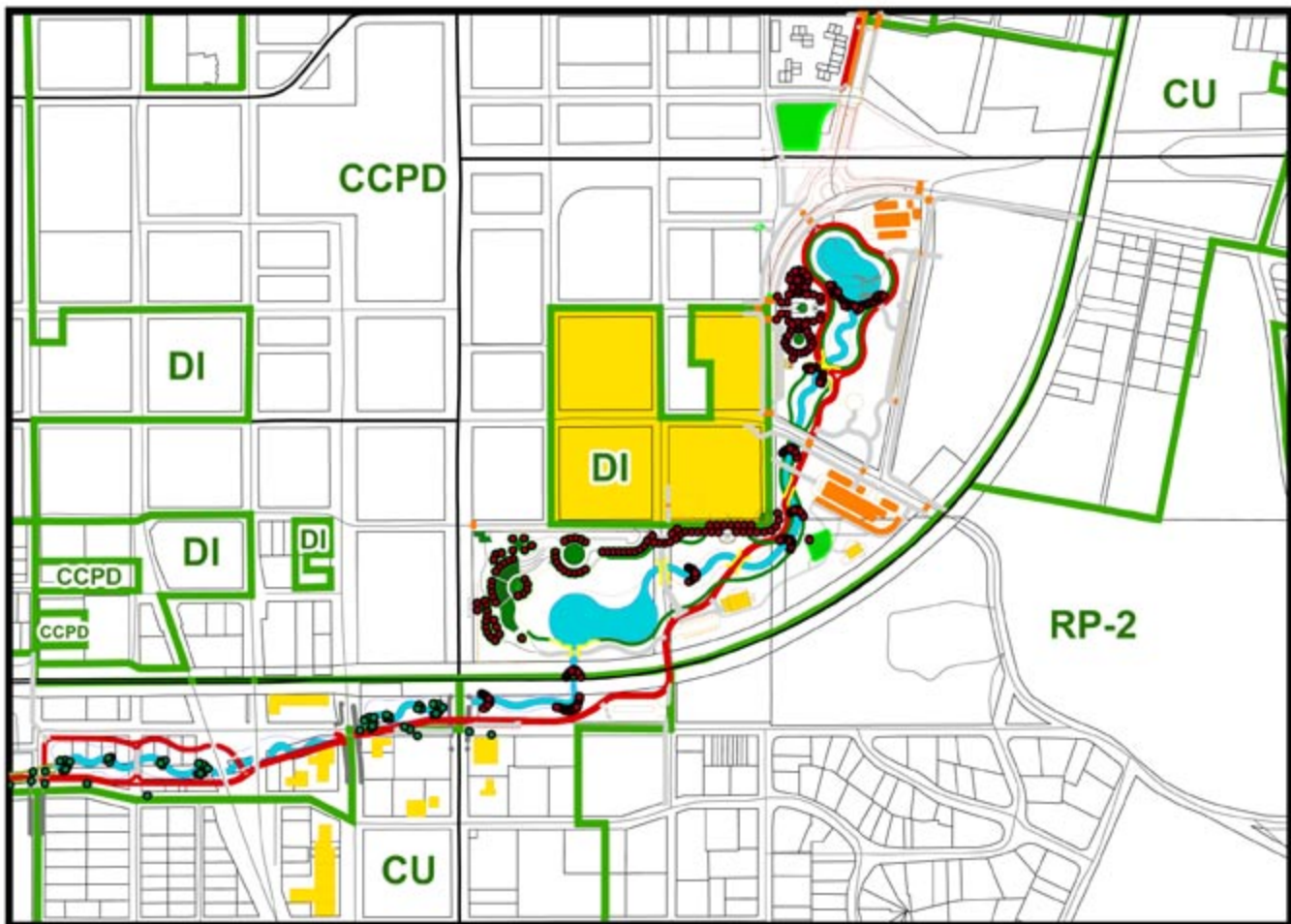
FDOC FACILITIES



Recommendation # 4 Facilitate the redevelopment of former downtown state office buildings to residential or mixed use developments

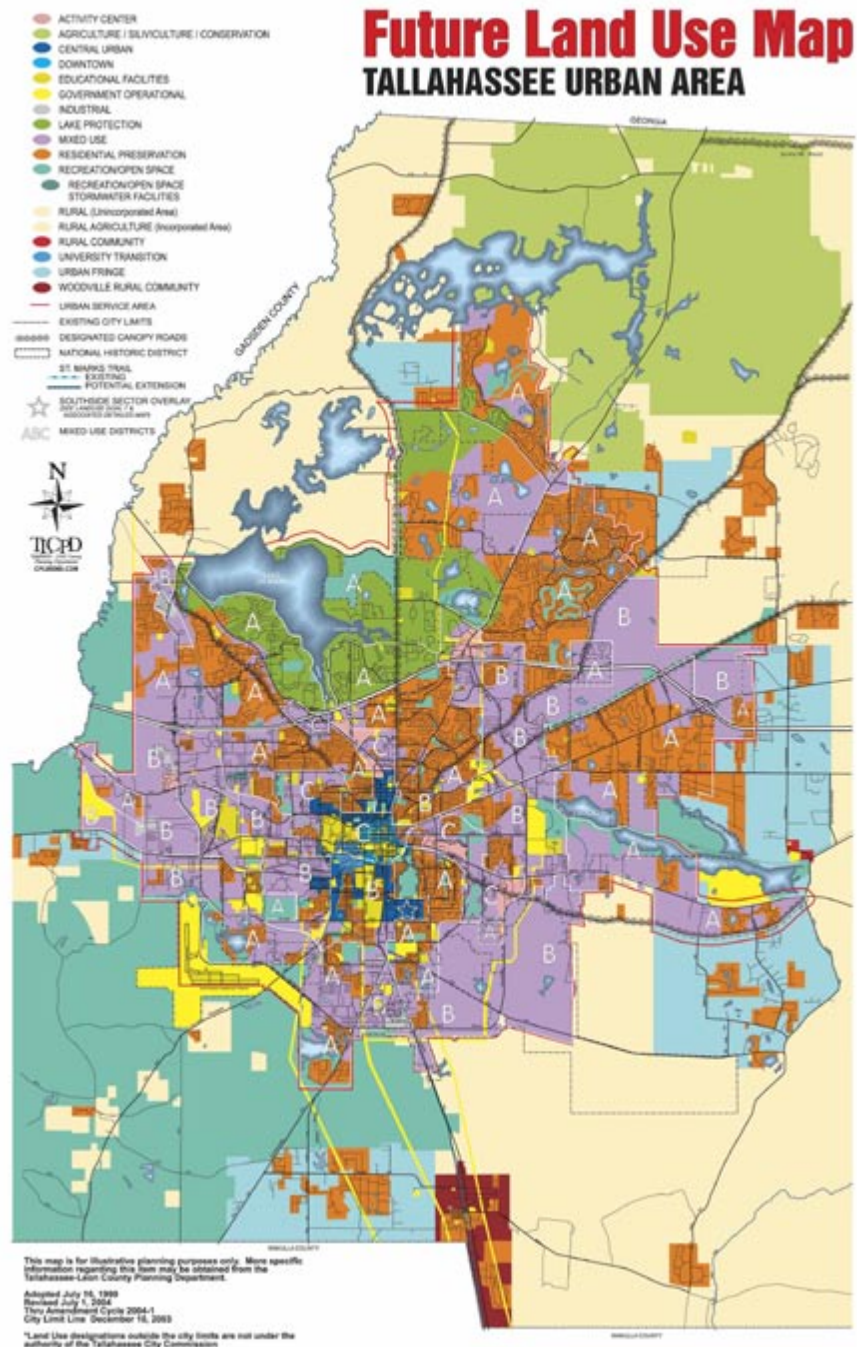
Planning Department staff recommends modifying existing zoning and Comprehensive Plan regulation in order to facilitate the redevelopment of the former state office buildings as higher density residential or mixed use developments. This redevelopment would create activity downtown and in the vicinity of the trail after normal working hours and provide eyes on the trail during the evening hours.

FORMER STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE BUILDINGS



Recommendation # 5 Continue to enforce USA boundary to encourage redevelopment and development in the South side.

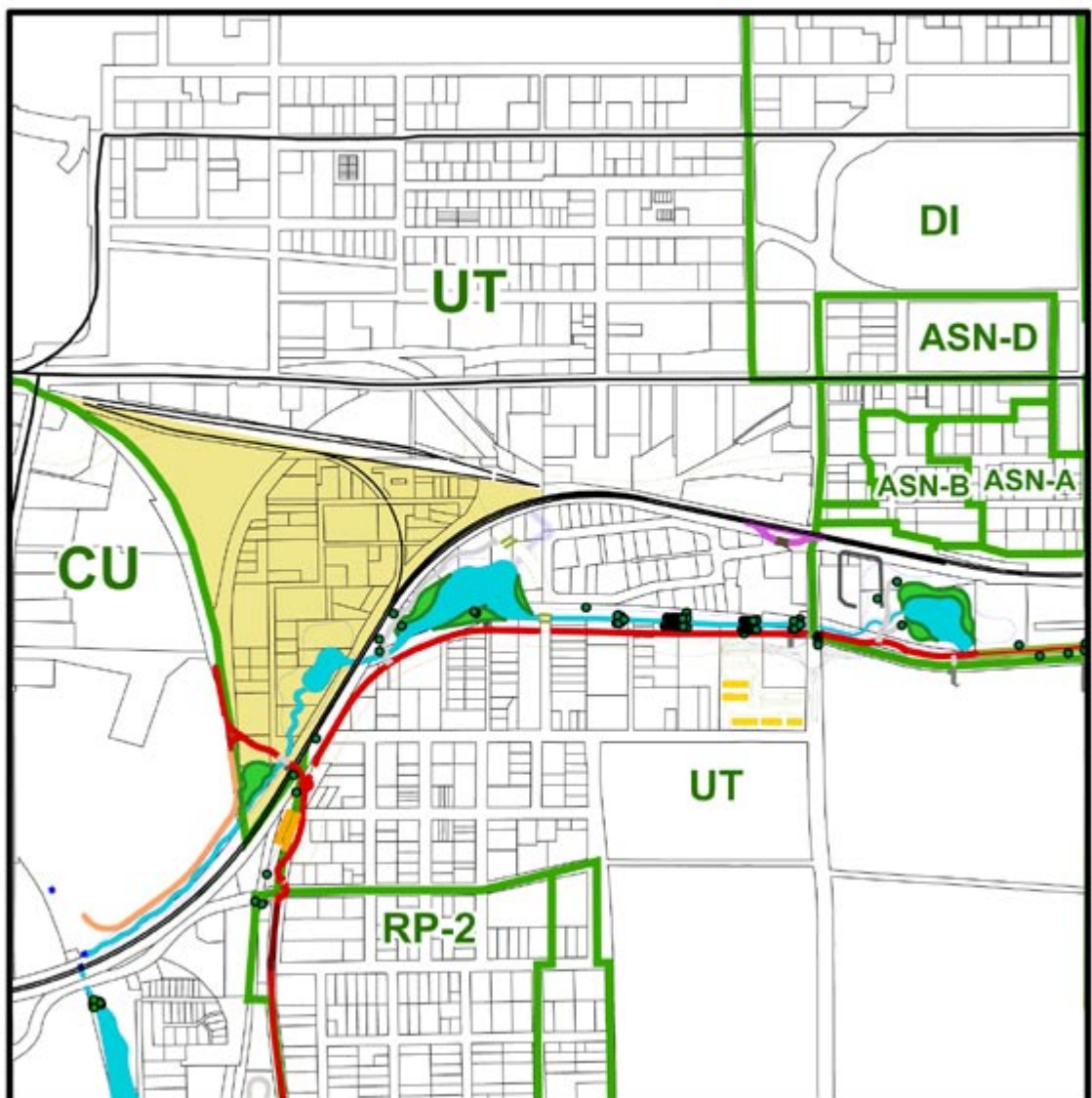
Recent data has shown that the USA boundary concept has worked to increase development within the Southern Strategy area and other areas within the USA boundary. In order for this success to continue, we must continue to protect the densities and intensities of use both inside the boundary and outside.



Recommendation #6 Work with the Gaines Street Committee and the Community Redevelopment Agency to facilitate a new vision and the redevelopment of the Stearns Mosely area north of the rail road near Coal Shute Park.

The Capital Cascades Trail is currently slated to pass through the northern portion of the Stearns Mosely neighborhood near Coal Chute Park. The Gains Street Corridor Plan currently recommends revitalization and preservation of this neighborhood area. However, the recommendation of this Plan is that this area be considered for redevelopment possibly using CRA funding. This area is currently zoned University Transition and represents an opportunity for infill residential redevelopment along the Trail.

FAMU/STERNS MOSELY AREA



V.3 Neighborhood Aesthetics / Quality of Life Priority Issue Area

Recommendation # 1 Continue neighborhood level planning within the City of Tallahassee, especially within the Sector Plan areas.

Existing and planned neighborhoods located within the Sector Plan area represent one of the most important assets for the continued use and viability of the trail and greenway. These neighborhoods are the eyes on the trail and they are the users of the planned amenities. These neighborhoods also represent the economic base for any increased redevelopment opportunity within the Sector Plan area. Therefore, the continued protection and revitalization of these neighborhoods is paramount to the success of the Sector. Along these lines, City of Tallahassee Neighborhood and Community Services should undertake an Operation Commitment project in the Liberty Park neighborhood utilizing the Neighborhood Enhancement Team

- Infrastructure
- Policing
- Lighting
- Code Enforcement
- Garbage Clean-up

City Code Enforcement should also make a concerted effort to clean up vacant lots and abandoned houses in the Bond Community. The continuance of neighborhood level planning efforts such as those accomplished in the Providence Neighborhood may also be warranted for the Liberty Park neighborhood and other

neighborhoods located along the trail.

V.4 Community Safety Priority Issue Area

Recommendation # 1 Utilize CPTED principles on trail design and fund additional policing

Planning Department staff recommends the utilization of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when designing the Capital Cascade Trail and Greenway. These design principles can help to maintain a sense of safety for users of the trail and reduce the potential for crimes occurring on the facility.

Recommendation #2 Improve street lighting in Trail neighborhoods

Sector Plan participants requested lighting surveys in several Sector Plan neighborhoods. These studies should be conducted and any

necessary neighborhood lighting issues resolved.

V.5 Education Priority Issue Area

Recommendation #1 Integrate the trail into the FAMU Master Plan

At the next update, the FAMU Master Plan should be amended to include the Capital Cascades Trail and Greenway.

Recommendation # 2 Continue to require the development of the English property school

The Southeast Sector Plan currently requires the mandatory donation of an elementary school site on the Colin English property. Planning Department staff recommends continuing this requirement and funding the development of this important school for the south side.

