

**Project PI 0015042, Cobb County,  
Rottenwood Creek Trail Phase I**

The Georgia Department of Transportation, in coordination with the City of Marietta and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated a project to construct the Rottenwood Creek Trail – Phase I from Alumni Drive to Franklin Gateway in the City of Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia.

The proposed project would construct a 10-foot wide multi-use path from University Trail within Kennesaw State University – Marietta Campus to a city-owned greenspace on Franklin Gateway in Marietta, Georgia. The trail length would be approximately 3 miles.

The proposed project would impact approximately 4.01 acres within the City of Marietta property in Wildwood Park; however no additional right-of-way or easement would be required for these improvements within the park. Within Wildwood Park, the existing gravel parking lot would be reconfigured and paved. Two new parking lots would be added within the park consistent with the City of Marietta Master Plan for Wildwood Park. One of the new parking lots would be constructed to the east of the existing parking lot between Barclay Circle and the dog park; this parking lot would be constructed prior to reconfiguration of the existing parking lot to allow for continued parking availability during construction. The second new parking lot would be constructed approximately 400 feet south of the existing parking lot, and a new Wildwood Park Access Road would be constructed to connect this new lot to the existing parking lot. The proposed project would also include the construction of two detention ponds to address the anticipated stormwater runoff associated with the proposed improvements. Access to the park would be maintained during construction.

Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966 refers to the temporary and/or permanent use and/or constructive use of land from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or any historic site for transportation purposes. Wildwood Park qualifies for protection as a Section 4(f) resource.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that the public have the opportunity to review and comment on the impacts before Section 4(f) *de minimis* requirements are satisfied. This notice is considered the opportunity for public review and comment to fulfill the *de minimis* requirements. Dependent upon feedback as a result of this notification, the City of Marietta intends to concur that the proposed project would have only a *de minimis* (minimal) impact upon Wildwood Park.

The City of Marietta is soliciting comments on the proposed project. Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until April 13, 2020. Written statements may be submitted to:

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Office of Environmental Services  
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