



CITY OF SNELLVILLE GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

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INTRODUCTI ON

Greenways are a hot topic in planning and urbanism circles. Many communities across Georgia and the US are creating or exploring the possibility of building their own greenway networks.

A greenway is essentially a trail, designed primarily for bicycles and pedestrians. They come in many shapes and sizes, and serve both transportation and recreation purposes. Greenways are often paved with asphalt or concrete, depending on the location and intensity of use.

They are most often found in urban and suburban cities, but rural communities can also have greenways. The Silver Comet in northwest Georgia is a great example of a rural greenway.

The most famous example in the Atlanta region is the BeltLine, but the metro has a growing network of trails along its streets, waterways and abandoned rail corridors. Other Gwinnett cities like Suwanee and Lilburn have laid down the bedrock for their own greenways, and others are following suit.

WHERE ARE WE IN THIS PROCESS?

The initial meetings for the Snellville Greenway Initiative took place in June and July. The purpose of these public meetings was to figure out who should be involved in the discussion and to garner input from a variety of sources on what kinds of trails and destinations would be preferable.

Gwinnett County has also been at work refining and updating their own Greenway Master Plan, and planning at the county level has aided and informed Snellville's efforts. In August, representatives from Snellville attended the latest meeting regarding development of this Master Plan.

The focus of county planning thus far has been the creation of a list of projects that can be feasibly completed by 2040. The August meeting advertised the list of projects currently on the list, and to gather input on which projects the municipalities, CIDs and other entities of Gwinnett County believe are the highest priority.

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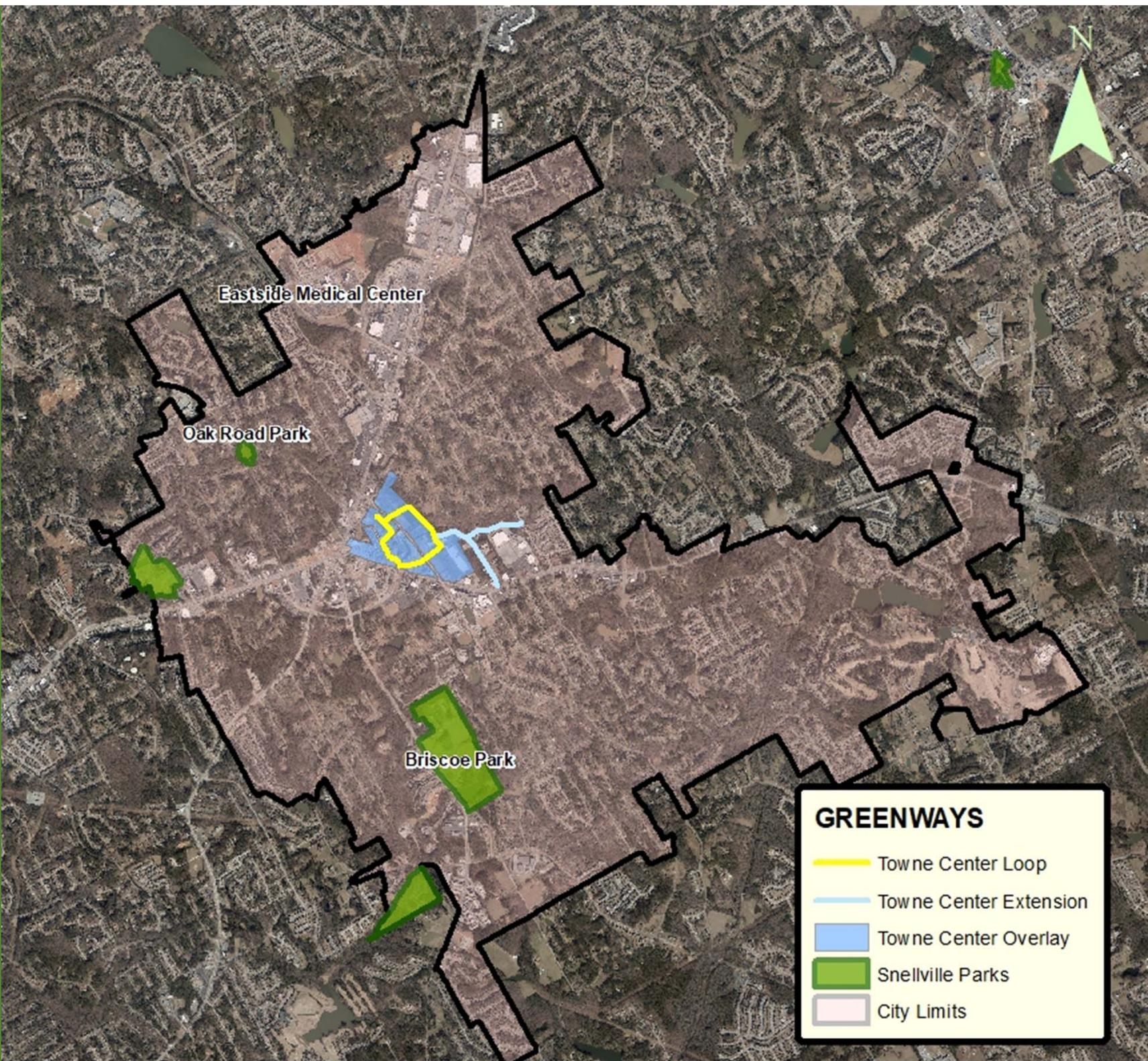
The result is a more concise list of projects that can either be completed or at least funded by 2040. All projects are classified by type (off-road or side path) and expected intensity of use (standard or high). There is also an estimated cost per mile for each combination of type and intensity. While these costs will vary by location and project, they are a good benchmark for estimating total cost.

	\$Million per Mile (construction)
Off Road - High Use	\$3.96
Off Road - Standard Use	\$3.67
Side Path - High Use	\$3.04
Side Path - Standard Use	\$2.96

Towne Center Trail

Length:
Loop = 1.05
Extension = 0.8
Total = 1.85

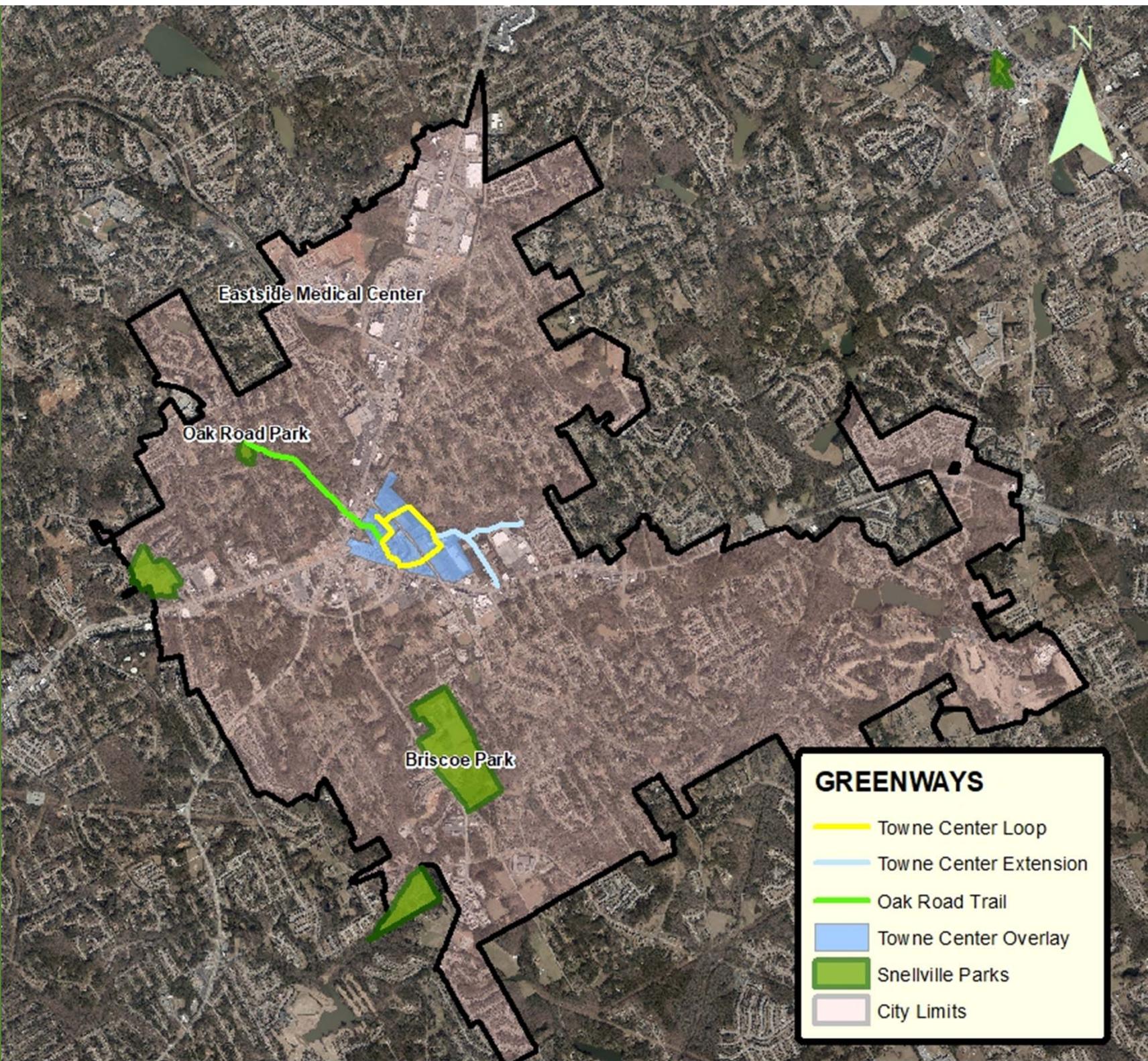
Not currently listed in Gwinnett Master Plan.



Oak Road to Towne Center

Length:
.92 miles

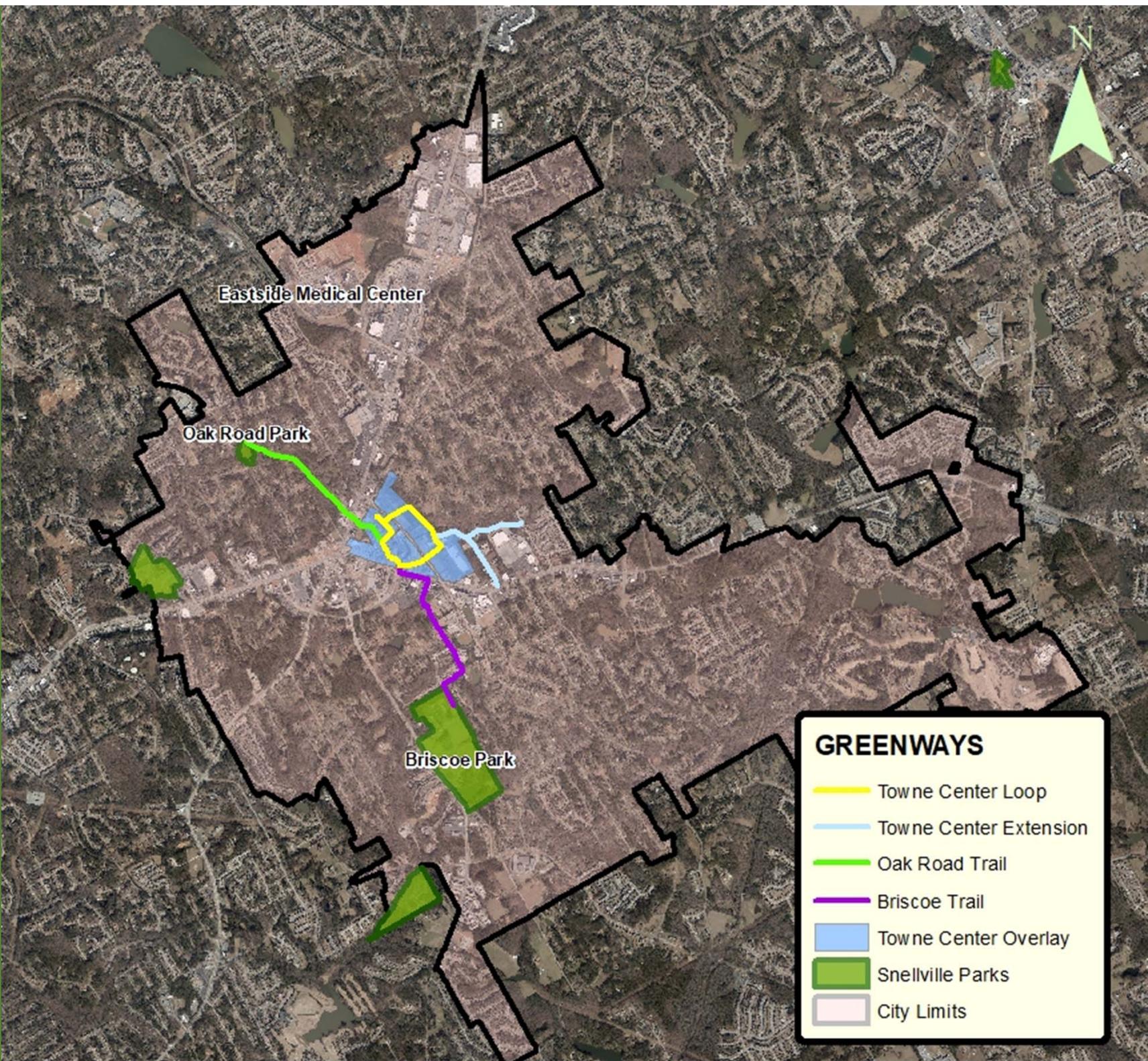
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Briscoe Park to Towne Center

Length:
1.02 miles

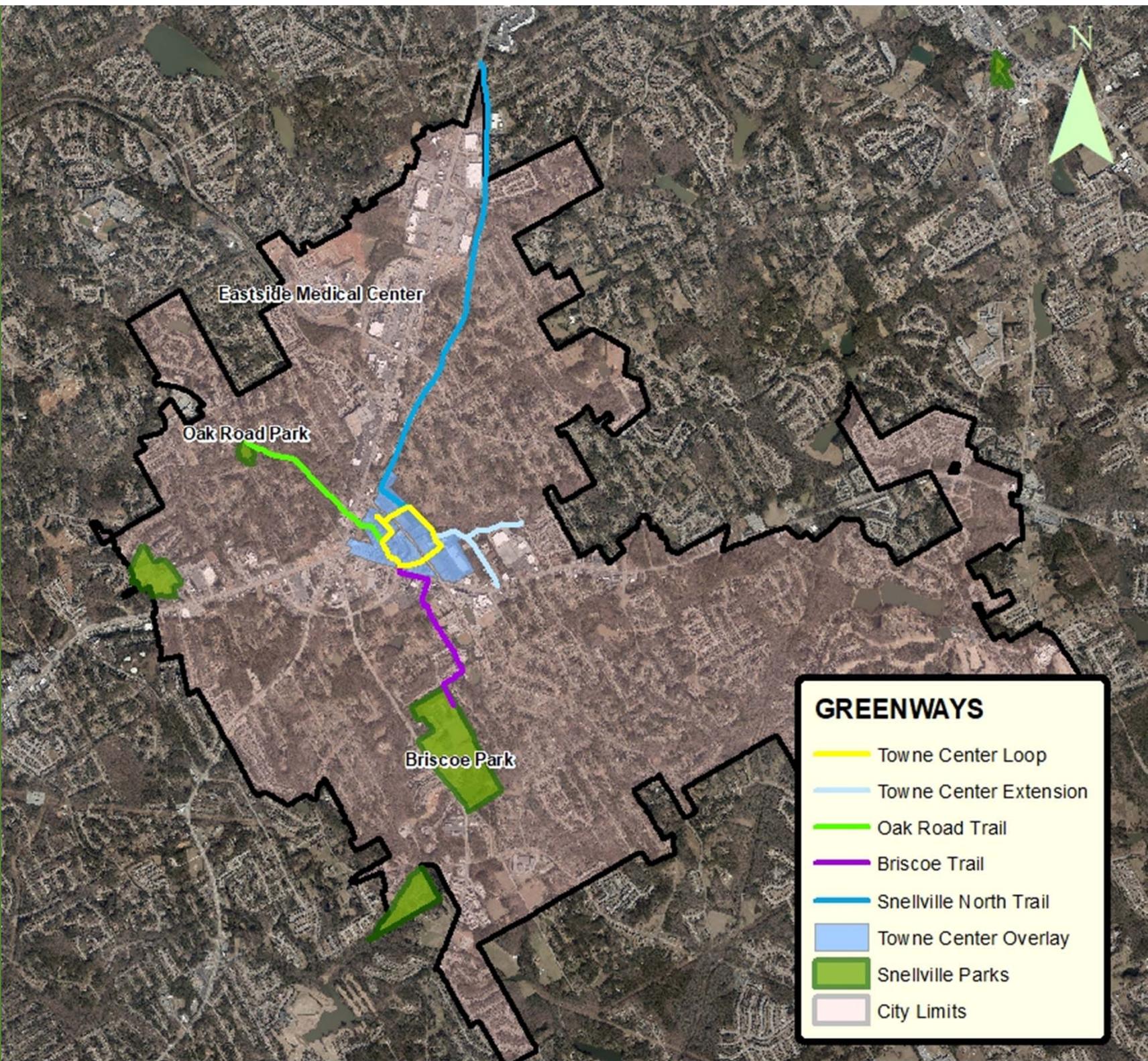
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Snellville North Trail

Length:
2.54 miles

Listed

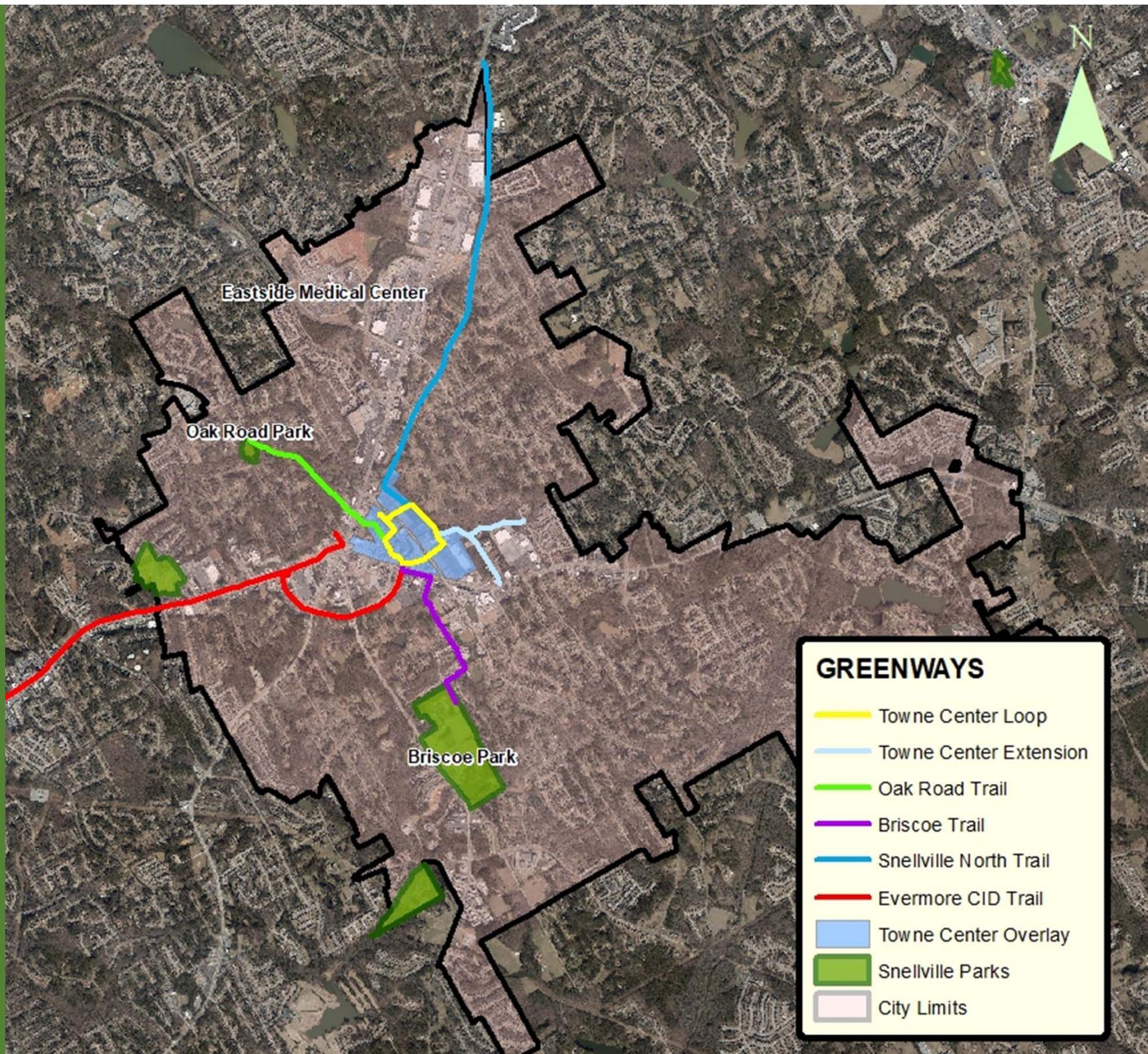


Evermore CID Trail

Length:
5.51 miles total

2.02 within
Snellville limits

Listed



8.35

Miles of greenway currently planned within city limits.

319.4

Miles of greenway planned for Gwinnett County.

2040

Anticipated completion of all currently planned projects.

NEXT STEPS

ADOPTION OF MASTER PLAN

Obtain adoption by Mayor and Council of Master Plan.

GETTING STARTED

Identify potential properties in the path of the Towne Center Spine.

Consider ordinance changes to require inclusion of the Towne Center Spine and other routes in any development on property along a greenway.

For example, a requirement for sidewalks of 8-10 feet in areas marked for side-path greenway

routes. 8-10 feet is considered the minimum width for a greenway, with 12 feet preferred for

higher-use areas.

FURTHER PLANNING

Work with Gwinnett County to identify funding options.

Continue partnership with Mayor & Council, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development and Snellville residents to implement the Greenway Plan.

FAQs

ARE THESE ROUTES FINAL?

Not necessarily. A Master Plan is a vision document that details the general direction we would like the greenways to take. The specific routes they follow will be worked out during the actual planning and design process.

ARE THESE THE ONLY GREENWAYS SNELLVILLE IS GOING TO BUILD?

Hopefully not! These are simply the routes and destinations identified by city and county planners as the highest priority to begin the network.

WHEN WILL WE START BUILDING?

The first sections of the Towne Center Spine will be built in conjunction with the development of the Towne Center.

WHO WILL OWN & MAINTAIN THESE GREENWAYS?

That will depend on where the greenway goes. Within city limits the City of Snellville may retain ownership. Greenways that cross jurisdictional boundaries will likely be maintained by Gwinnett County.