

Project Website:

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Debbie Lightsey Nature Park & Capital Circle SW Greenway

Project Highlights

- The project provides:
 - Approximately 6.6 miles of greenway trails in the Capital Circle Southwest (CCSW) corridor.
 - A 113-acre nature park that includes approximately 1.6 miles of multiuse paths, boardwalks over wetlands, and a 2.2 mile single-track mountain-bike trail, which has been completed.
 - Creation of the Golden Aster Trail, which has been completed, and the Munson Slough Connector from Lake Henrietta to CCSW.
- The CCSW Greenway's trails and shared use paths connect neighborhoods in south and southwest Tallahassee to several parks, greenways, and the Apalachicola National Forest.

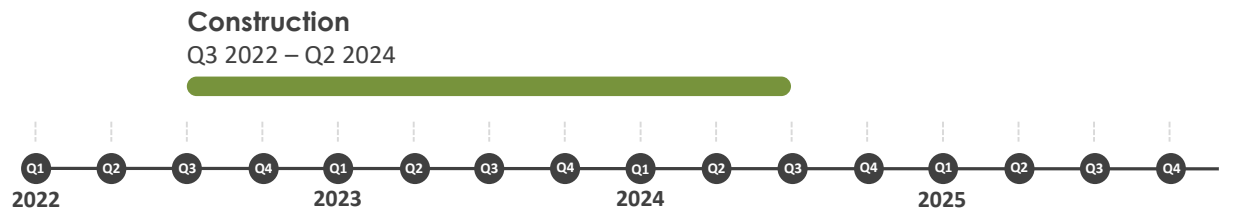
Current Status

- The Grand Opening of Debbie Lightsey Nature Park and the Golden Aster Trail was held on October 18, 2023.
- A single-track bike trail, which is the final phase of the project, is expected to begin construction in Q1 2024.
- FDOT began constructing the portion of the Greenway along Capital Circle Southwest from Orange Avenue to Springhill Road in Q3 2022.
- Coordination remains ongoing for the Lake Munson Connector.
- Ownership of completed project components has been transferred to the City of Tallahassee Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Affairs.

Next Steps

- The design and build process for the Debbie Lightsey Nature Park Single-Track Mountain Bike Trail is anticipated to be underway by Q1 2024.

Timeline



Community Engagement: Public engagement is ongoing through all phases of a project, from concept to construction, programming, and maintenance. Public engagement is two-way communication inclusive of all decision-makers and stakeholders. Each Blueprint project will have a customized Public Engagement Plan that is developed at the start of the project, and outreach activities and techniques will vary from project to project, as each project's outcome and stakeholder community character is unique.

Construction: Construction includes full implementation of final design plans for all elements of the Debbie Lightsey Nature Park and Capital Circle SW Greenways.

Q1: January – March

Q2: April – June

Q3: July – September

Q4: October – December

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY



LEGEND

- 1** Main Park Entrance
- 2** Nature Play Area
- 3** Pedestrian Entrance
- 4** Picnic Pavilion
- 5** Wetland Overlook
- T** Trailhead
- K** Welcome Kiosk
- W** Water Fountain
- P** Parking
- Accessible Parking

TRAILS

- Trail Loop
1.1 Miles
- Pedestrian Entry Path
- Boardwalk
- Sidewalk



Map of Debbie Lightsey Nature Park