



Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Regional Linear Park

Project Highlights

- This project aspires to connect 7,200 acres of public recreation lands east of Capital Circle Southeast.
- The project goal also includes key trail connections to area amenities, including Tom Brown Park, Lafayette Heritage Park, St. Marks Headwaters, and the Apalachee Regional Park.

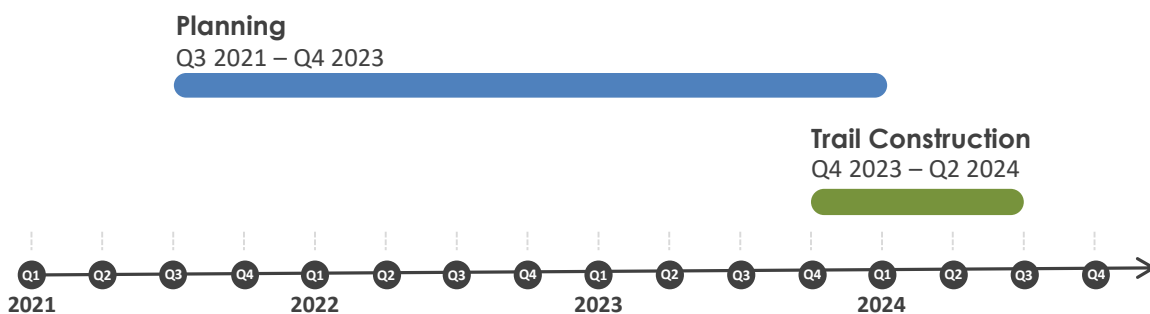
Current Status

- The Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) is undertaking a FEMA Flood Study which includes the Lake Lafayette project area. This study is in the data development phase. More information can be found [here](#).
- At the [September 21, 2023 IA Board meeting](#), the IA Board accepted a status update on the project which incorporated an alternative trail connection along Apalachee Parkway into the project.
- As part of a leveraging opportunity with the Fallschase Development, the Upper Lake Lafayette Trail is being constructed and will connect the Buck Lake corridor to the recreational amenities along Upper Lake Lafayette. Construction began in Q4 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in Q2 2024.

Next Steps

- Coordination continues with the NFWFMD as they complete the FEMA Flood Study.
- The project will be fully funded in FY 2039.

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.

Planning/Pre-Engineering: The planning phase involves work identifying tasks, deliverables, and processes that are vital to successful project completion.

Design: The design phase includes development of plans and construction documents for project.

Right of Way Acquisition: This phase will consist of efforts to acquire any right of way and/or easements necessary to complete the project. Any right of way acquisitions necessitated will be undertaken consistent with [Blueprint Real Estate Policy](#) and Florida Statutes.

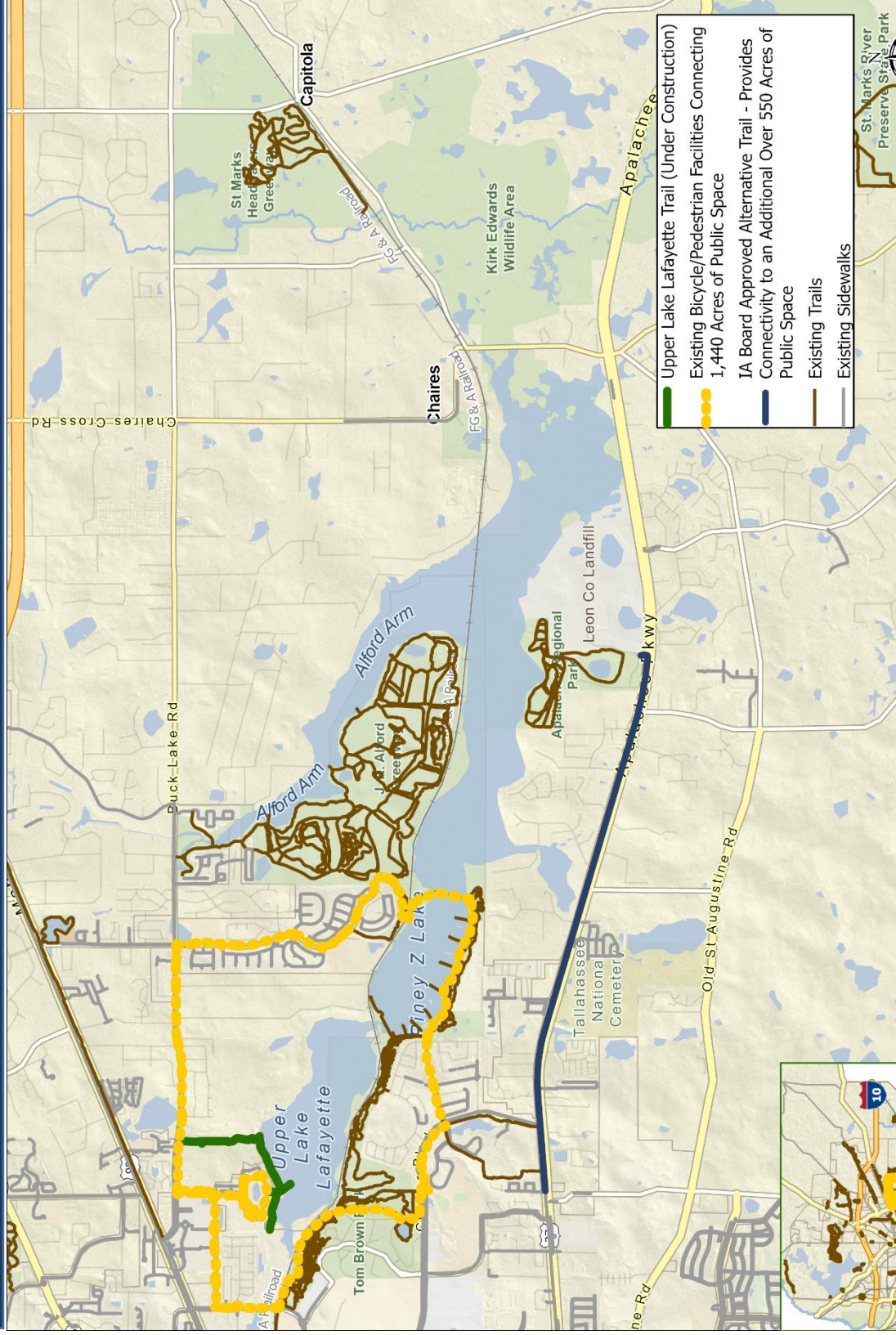
Construction: Construction work will fully implement the final design plans for this project.

Q1: January – March

Q2: April – June

Q3: July – September

Q4: October – December



Lake Lafayette and St. Marks Project Area Connectivity Map

