

SYRACUSE CREEKWALK PHASE III

Public Information Meeting - Series 2

April 27, 2026 – Brighton Academy Middle School



Introductions

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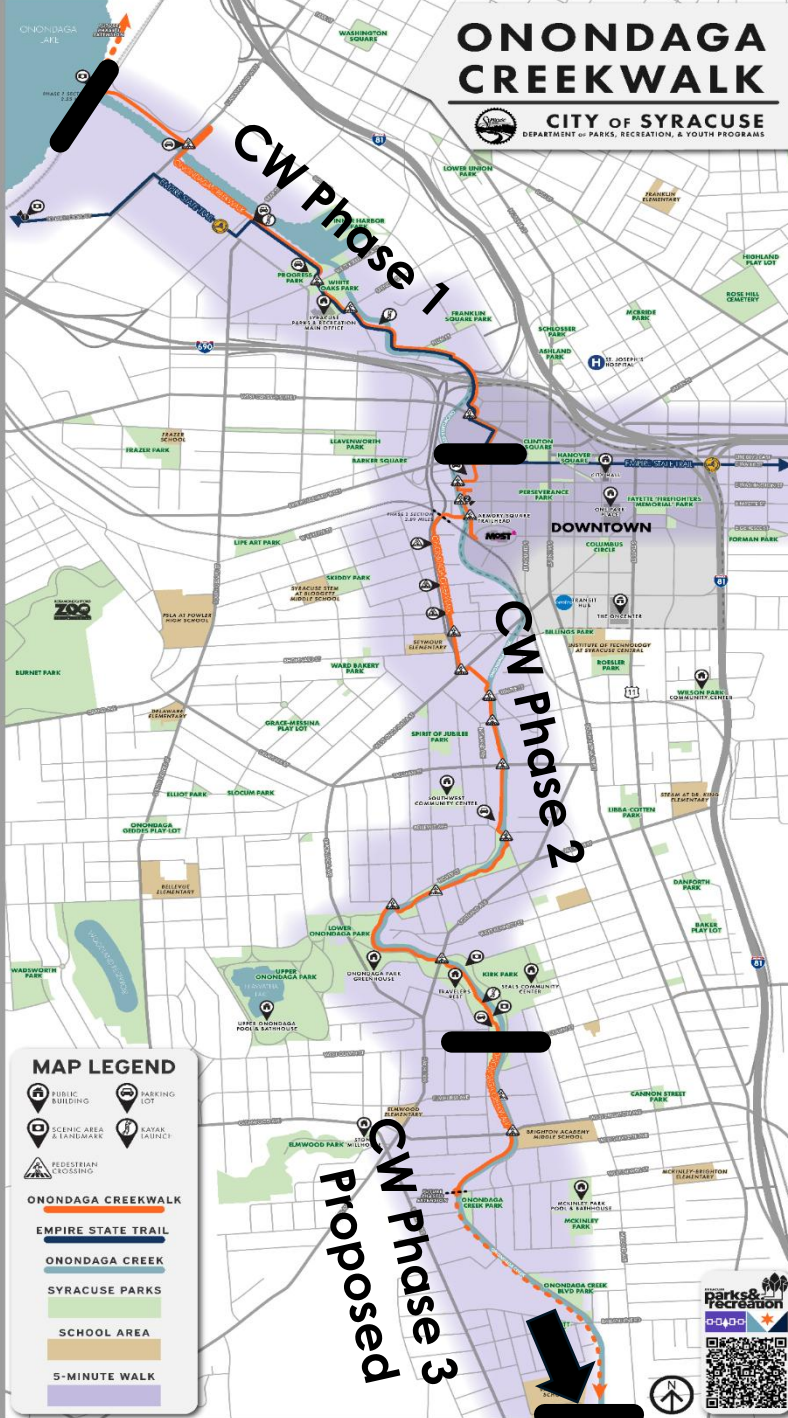
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ONONDAGA CREEKWALK



CITY OF SYRACUSE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & YOUTH PROGRAMS



CREEKWALK PHASES

Phase 1 (2011) 2.5 Miles
Onondaga Lake to Downtown

Phase 2 (2020) 2.3 Miles
Downtown to Kirk Pk/Colvin St

Phase 3 In Design - 3 Miles
Kirk Pk./Colvin St. to Dorwin Ave.



Project Overview

- ▶ Add 3 miles of walking/biking trail along the creek corridor; connect neighborhoods: Valley, Southside, Downtown, Inner Harbor & Onondaga Lake
- ▶ Trail is one of the goals of the community's Onondaga Creek Revitalization Plan
- ▶ Improve Creek access – canoeing/fishing
- ▶ Increase vegetation /tree cover

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2025 PUBLIC OUTREACH

- ▶ Mailed Project/Meeting Notice to 6,000 residences
- ▶ City Website Info and Announcements
- ▶ May meetings: SWCC
Cecile Center
- ▶ Door-to-Door Flyers in June to 600 residences Colvin to Dorwin
- ▶ Door-to-Door Flyers in Sept. to 140 residences in Midland Area
- ▶ More meetings with Stakeholder groups
- ▶ Input on conceptual trail and trail route alternatives



SCHEDULE & BUDGET

In Design - 2025/2026

- ▶ Public Outreach & Input
- ▶ Environmental and Cultural Investigations
- ▶ Design Approval – DOT summer 2026; Council for Funding

Construction

Section 3.1

- ▶ Kirk Park to Ballantyne Road
- ▶ Anticipated 2028 start
- ▶ Budget \$2.6 mill

Section 3.2

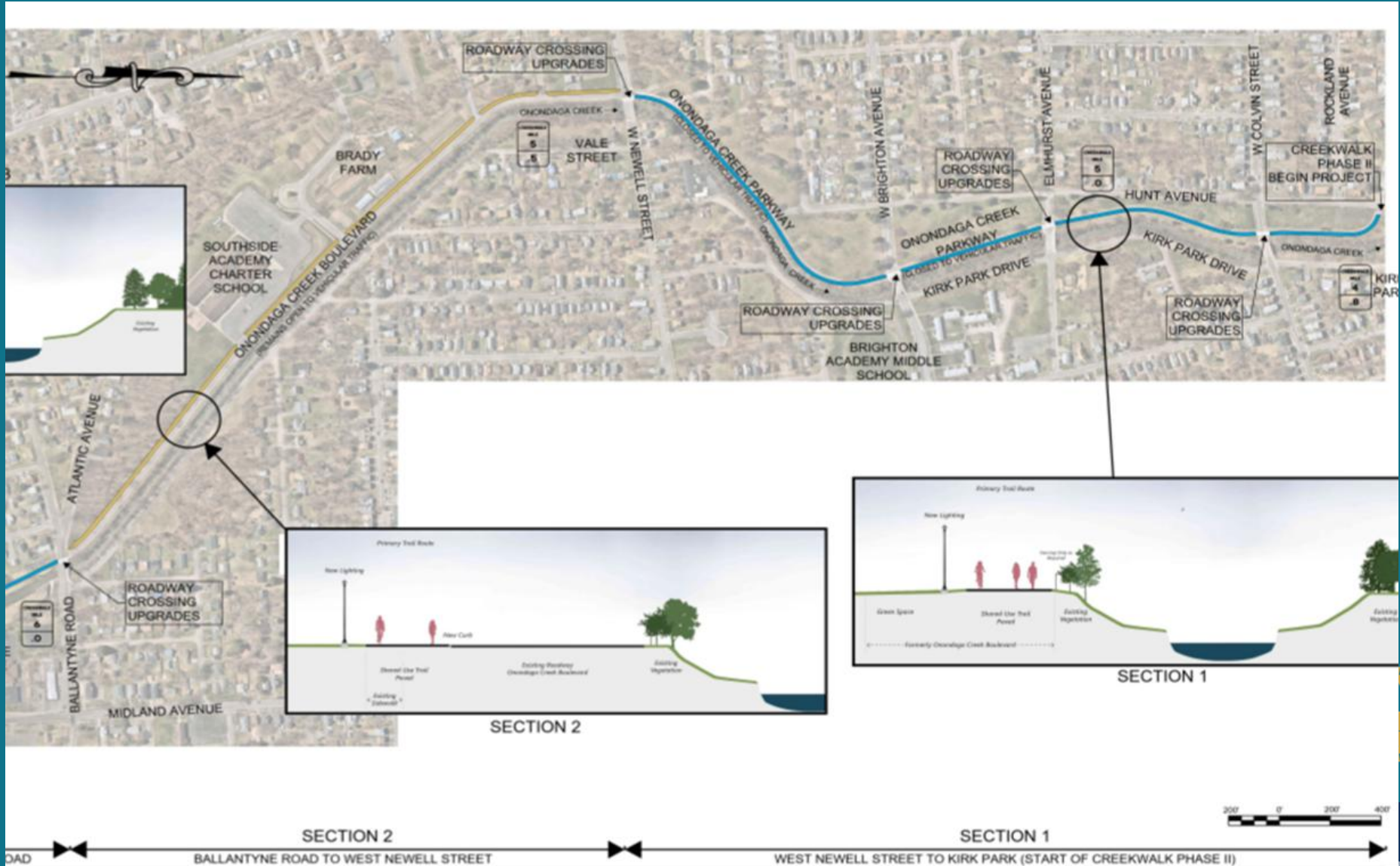
- ▶ Ballantyne Road to Dorwin Ave
- ▶ Anticipated 2029/30 start
- ▶ Budget \$10.2 mill

Funding

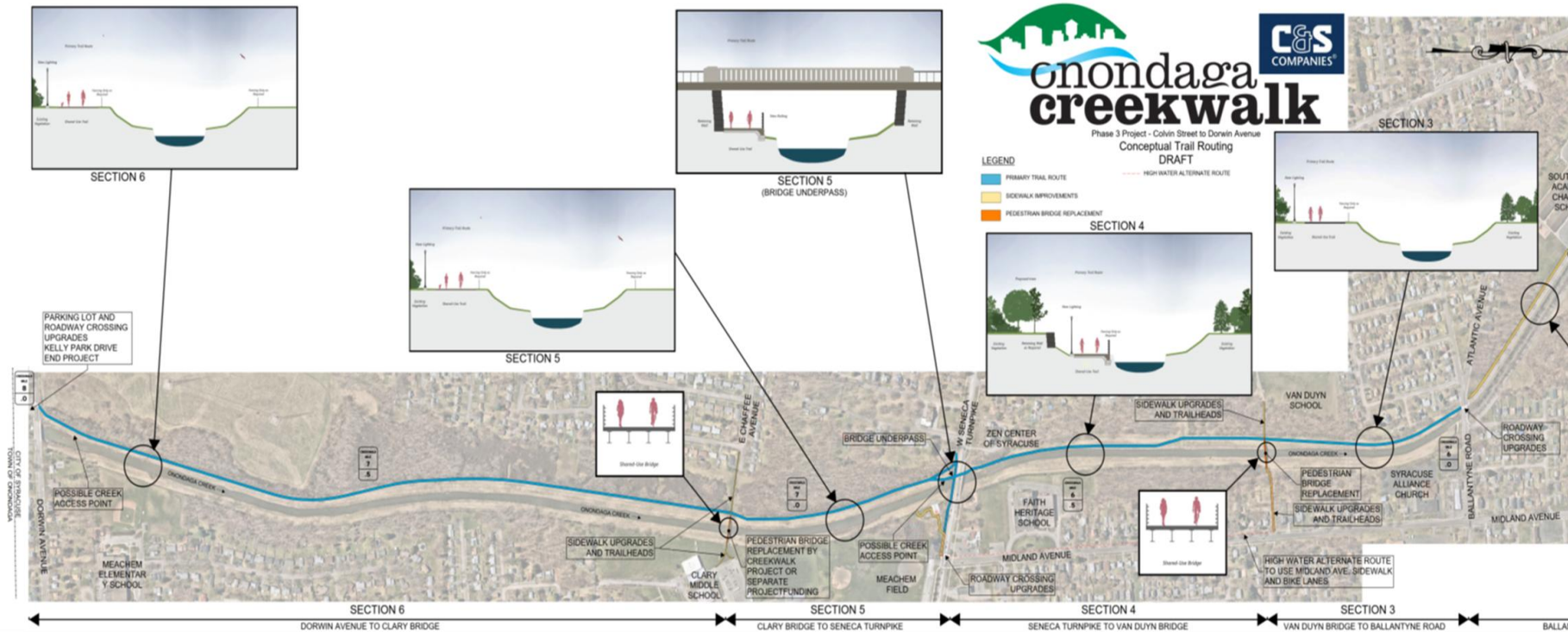
- ▶ Funding 80% Federal/20% City of Syracuse

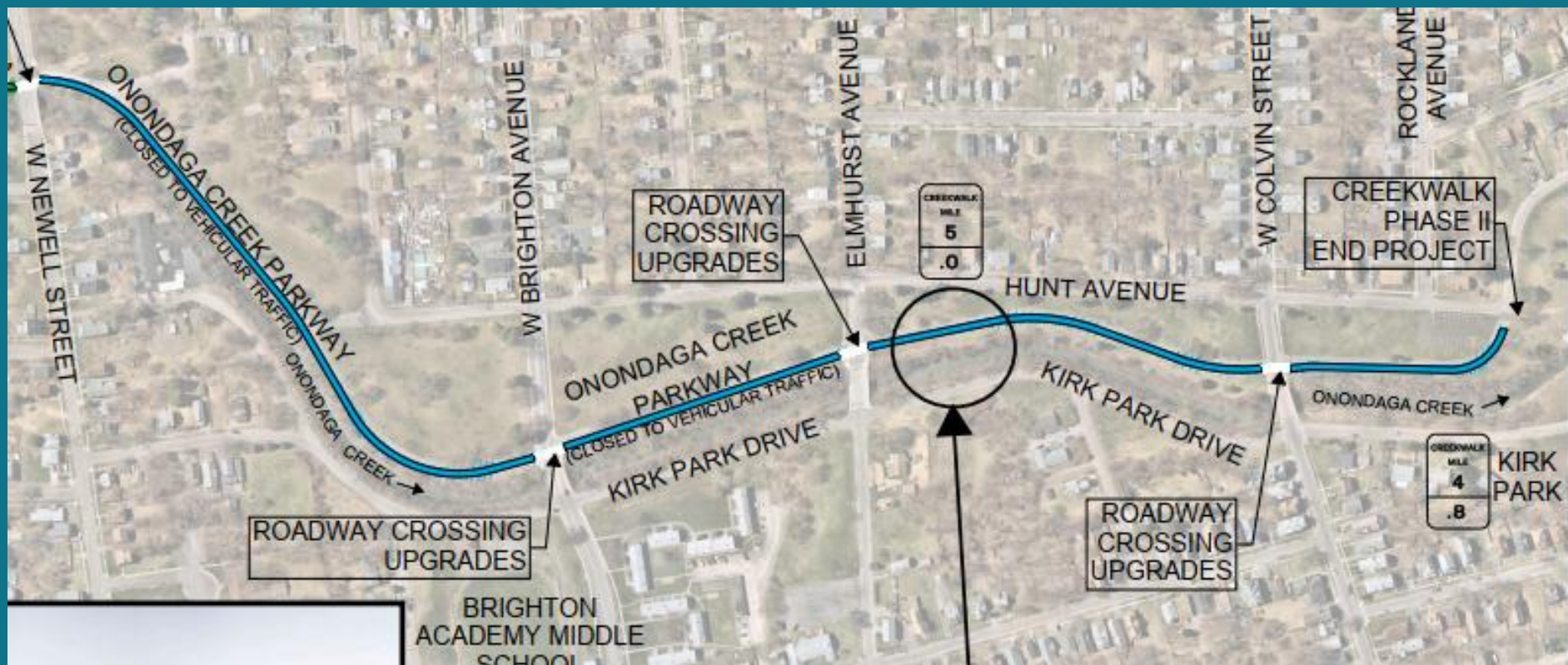


PREFERRED TRAIL ROUTE - PHASE 3.1 COLVIN ST. TO BALLANTYNE RD.



PREFERRED TRAIL ROUTE - PHASE 3.2 BALLANTYNE RD. TO DORWIN AVE.

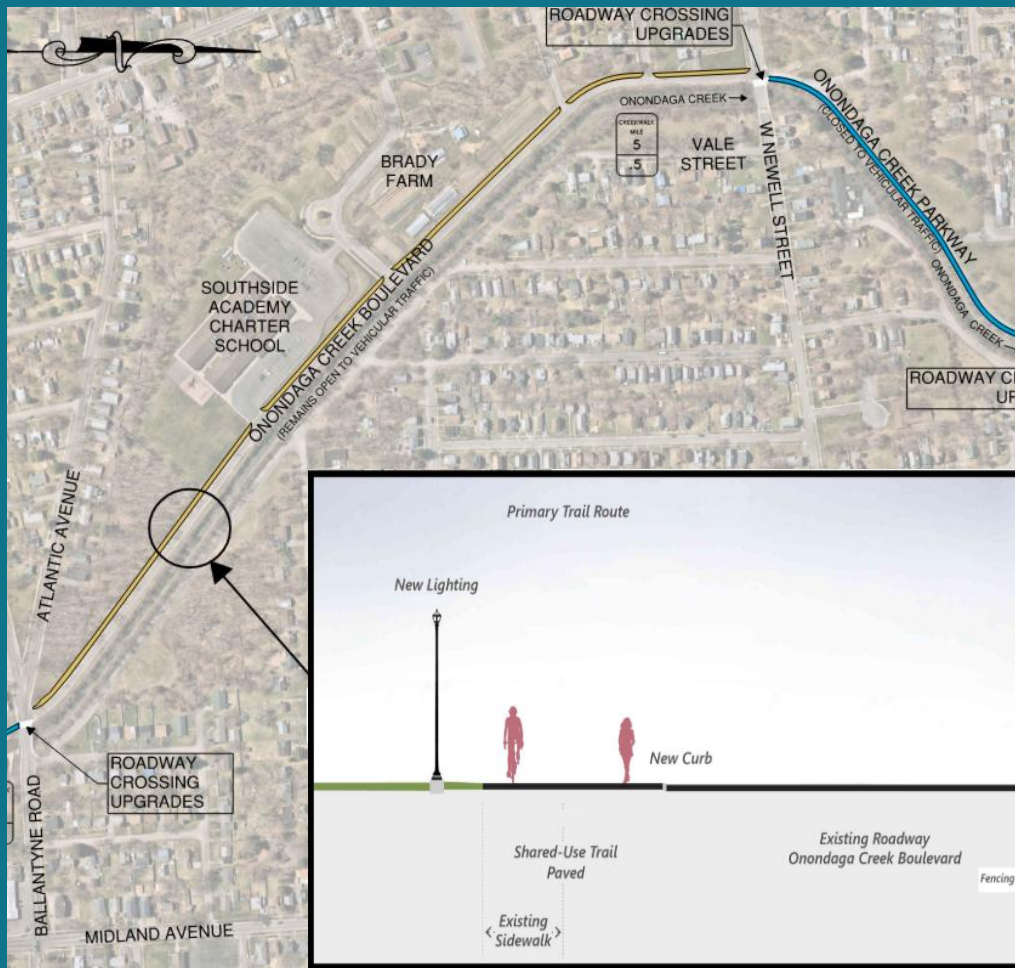




Phase 3.1- Kirk Park/Colvin St. to Newell St.

- Transform and reduce roadway to trail; less impervious
- 12-foot width paved path (24 feet now)
- Create safer road crossings (Colvin, Elmhurst, Brighton, Newell)
- Potential Parks Dept. greenspace enhancements

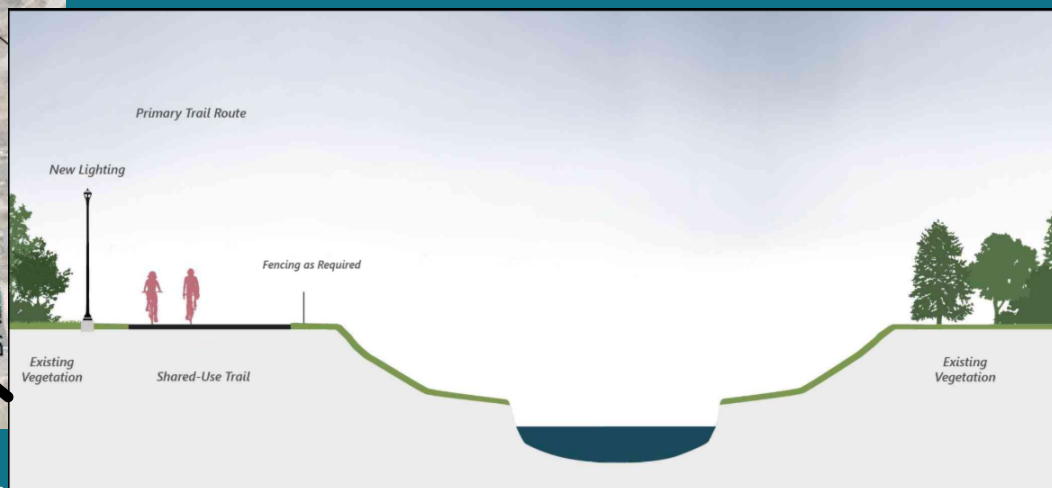
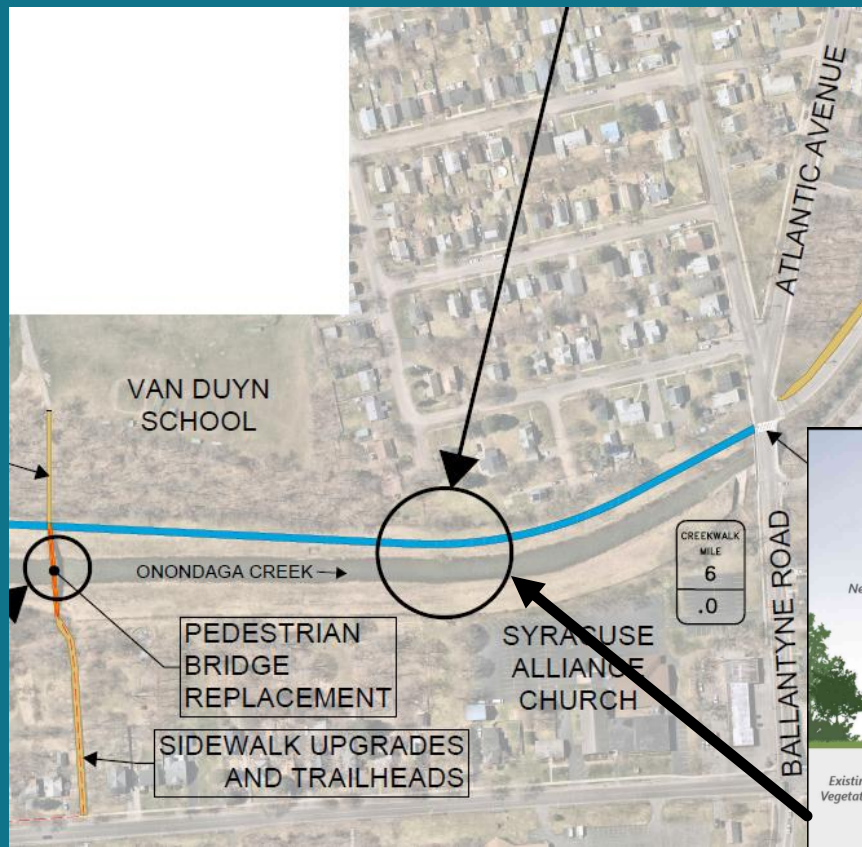




Phase 3.1 Newell St. to Ballantyne Rd. (Brady Farm; Southside Academy Charter School)

- 10 -12 foot wide shared path/sidewalk
- Safer Ballantyne Rd. crossing
- Add sidewalks where none exist
- Possible parking near Ballantyne/ Atlantic

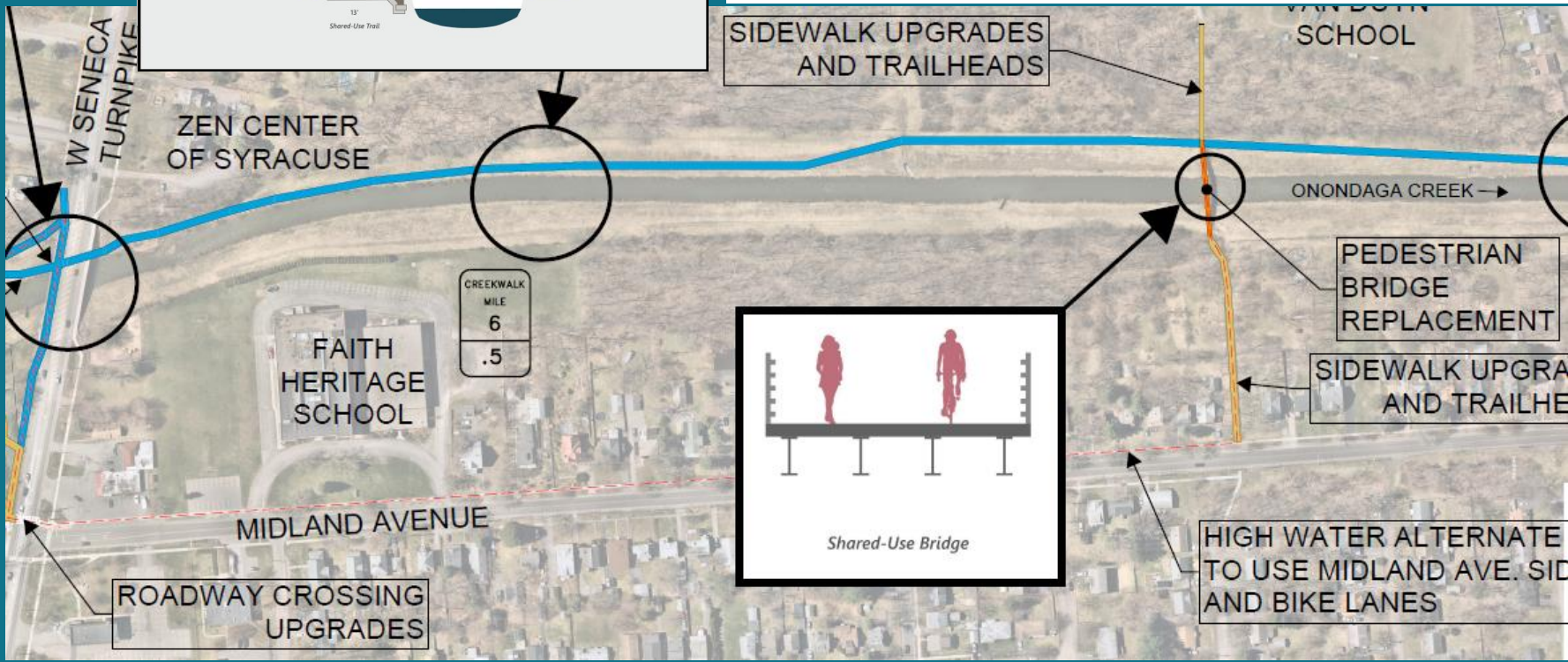
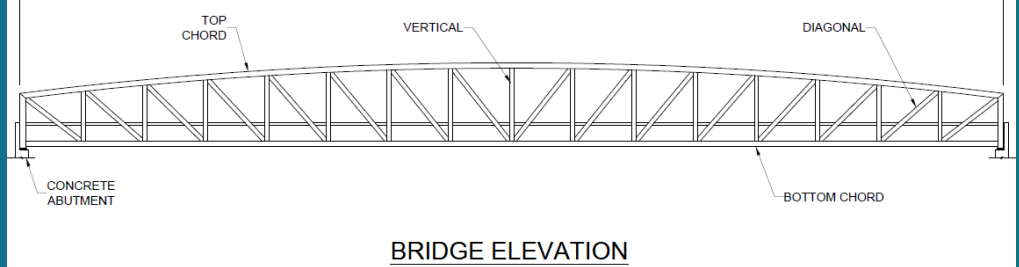
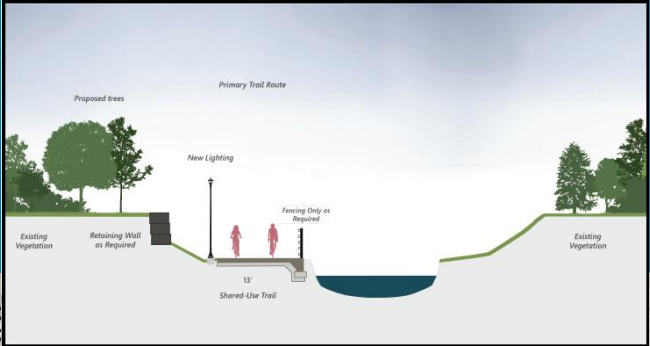




Phase 3.2 - Ballantyne Rd. to Van Duyn Bridge

- Paved trail 12-feet wide
- West side to meet trail at Ballantyne
- Improve Midland/Van Duyn field access points
- Minor ROW needed near Ballantyne



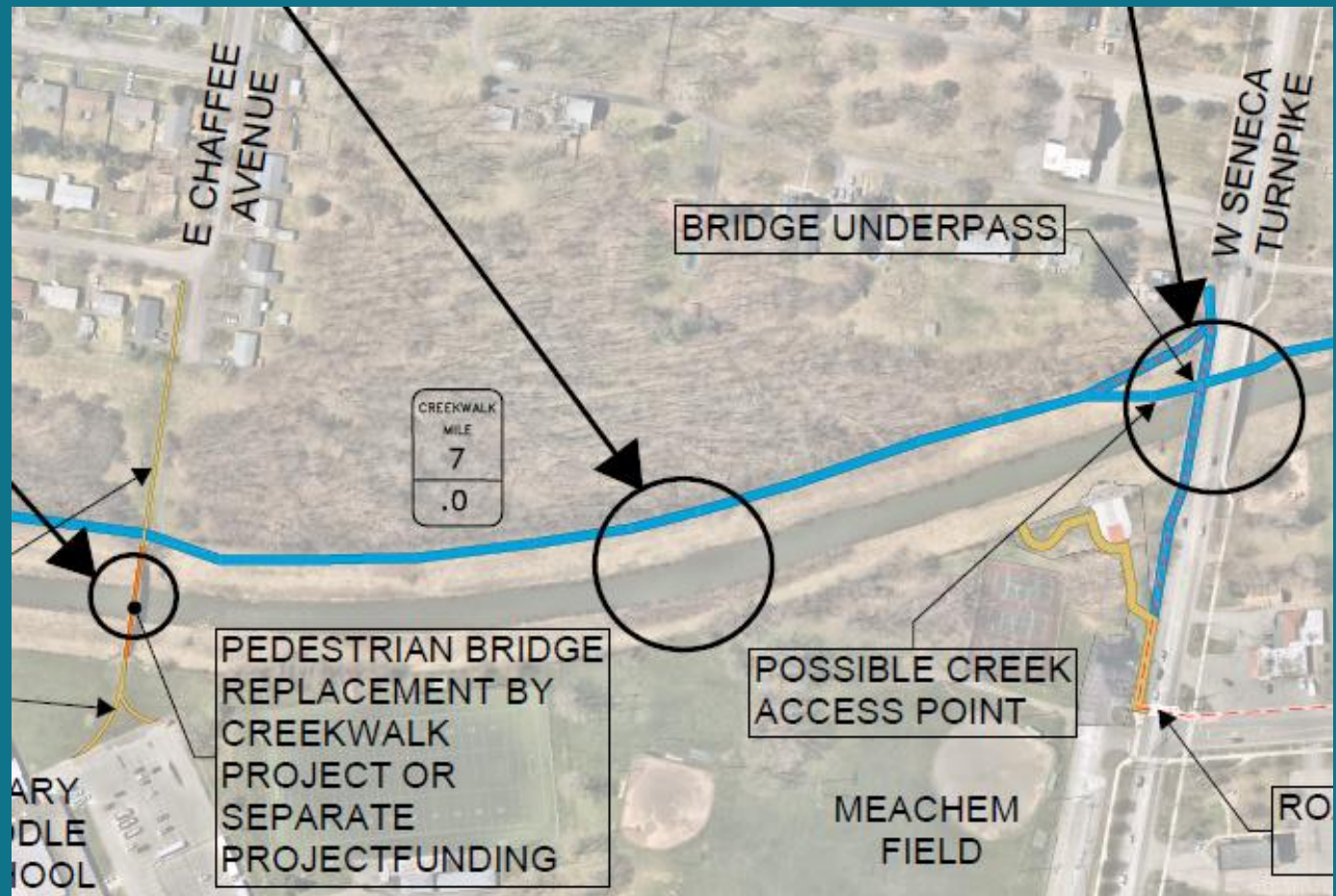


Phase 3.2 – Van Duyn Bridge to Seneca Turnpike

- West side trail; trail drops to go under Seneca Tpke
- Proposed full pedestrian bridge replacement
- ROW needed for trail near Seneca Turnpike

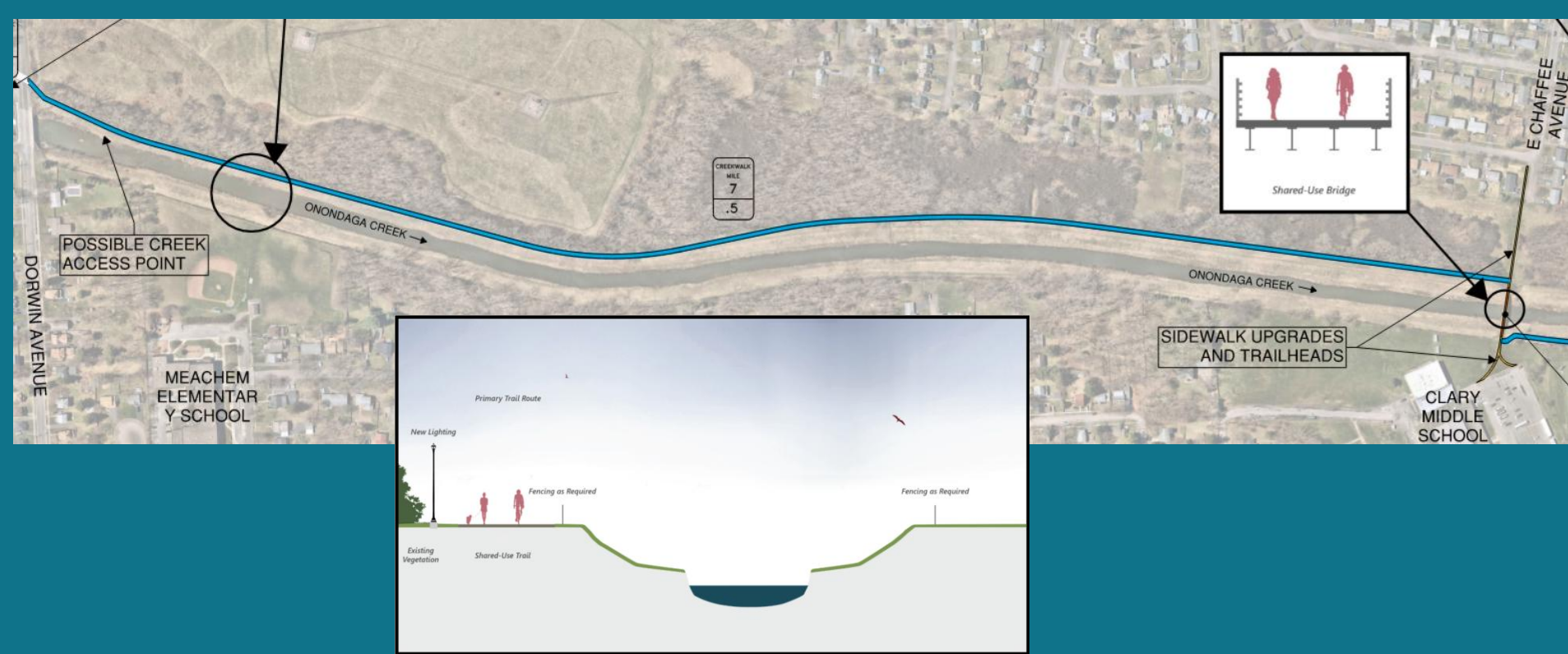


Phase 3.2 Seneca Turnpike to Clary Bridge



- Bridge underpass; connect to Seneca Tpke on south side
- Vegetative improvements
- Fencing or boulders and trees in key areas





Phase 3.2 – Clary Bridge to Dorwin Ave.

- West side to connect to Kelley Park
- Parking lot upgrades at Kelly Park Drive
- Potential creek access/canoe launch @ Dorwin
- Fencing or boulders and trees in key areas
- Vegetative improvements



Looking North
from Seneca Tpke



Looking South Toward Seneca Tpke

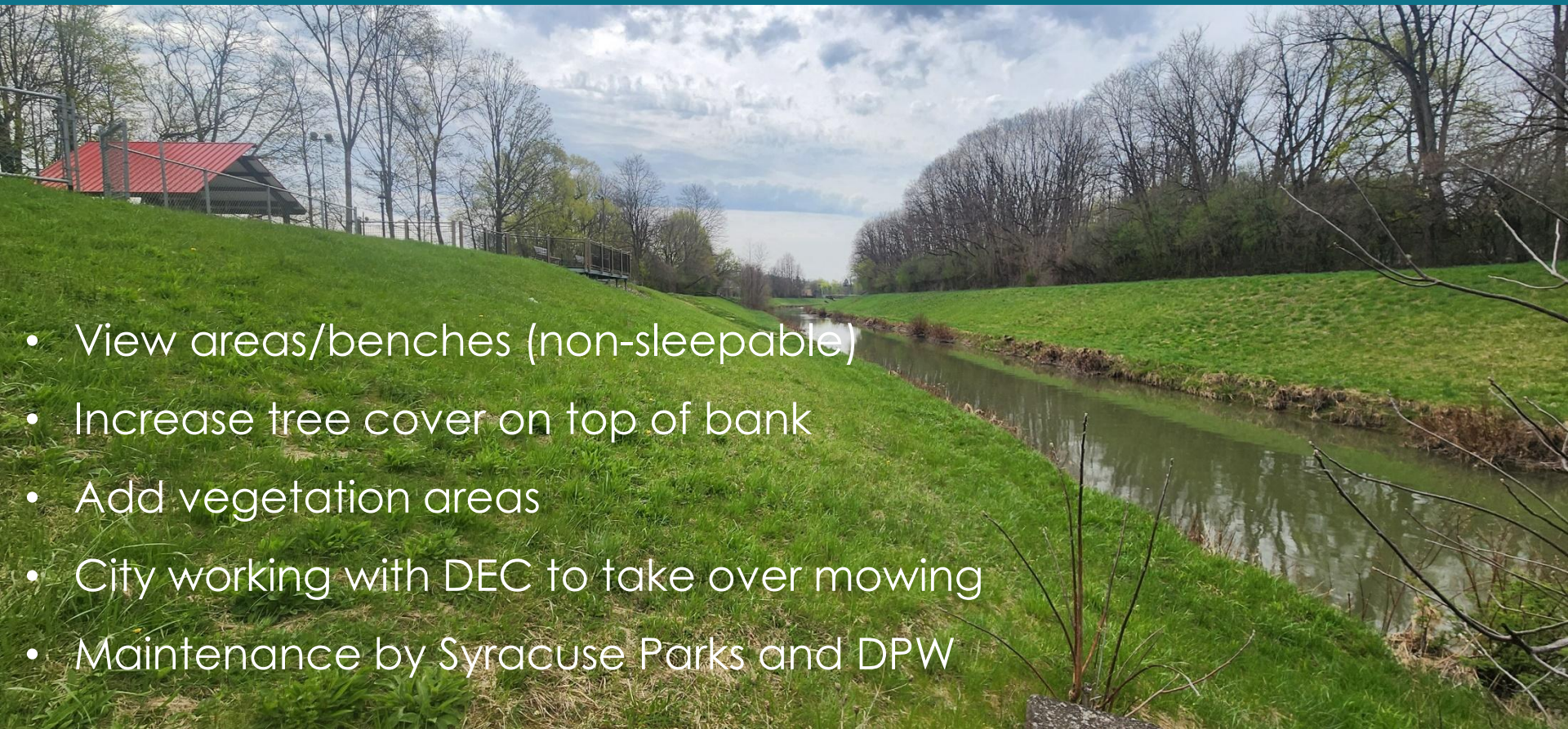


SAFETY

- Trail Entry Control: Bollards/gates
- Fencing: As needed for slopes or adjacent private property
- Emergency Call Boxes
- Cameras – System in place now on Creekwalk 1 and 2



AMENITIES /MAINTENANCE



- View areas/benches (non-sleepable)
- Increase tree cover on top of bank
- Add vegetation areas
- City working with DEC to take over mowing
- Maintenance by Syracuse Parks and DPW

City Website Engineering Projects:
Goto.syr.gov/Creekwalk-Phase3

**Maps on Tables to Review with Designers
and Leave Comments**

Your Questions?

Thank You!

