The CHATT (Clifton Hills Alton Park Thread Trail)
- Alton Park Connector Phase 3 (RAISE project)
- Crabtree Farms Extension (RAISE project)
- Alton Park Connector Phases 1 & 2 (funding already secured)

Other Proposed Greenway Segments
- East Lake Connector

Existing Shared Use Facilities
- Greenway/Shared Use Path
- SafeWalk Shared Use Path/Sidewalk

Features & Boundaries
- Railroad
- Building Footprint
- Major Waterway
- Floodway
- Parks
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**PROJECT SNAPSHOT**

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Safer transportation by protected and comfortable guideways for walking and cycling. Since 2017, nine pedestrian collisions and thirteen bicycle collisions occurred within 0.75 miles of the proposed trail alignment.

A more livable environment with new access to the Tennessee River, and 3,000 acres of world-class green space and recreation amenities.

Greatly improved access to food, health services, with new access to agriculture-based non-profits.

Economic revitalization of a historically black middle-class neighborhood, with a current black majority of 79%, and a community with a rapidly increasing Latino population, currently at 32%, by facilitating tourism, attracting investment and removing transportation barriers to vital commercial services.