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Creating, Conserving, & Connecting Parks, Trails, & Greenspace in Sandy Springs

MORGAN FALLS CONNECTOR TRAIL (PHASE 2C) UPDATE

The Conservancy continues to work with City staff, PATH Foundation, and Kaizen Collaborative to help shape this 1.6-mile addition to the Morgan Falls Trail system. Current activity includes geotechnical preparation and the start of stakeholder coordination for right of way agreements. As a result of recent work, the overall design is now 60% complete!

We think that this trail segment is noteworthy. Beginning at Morgan Falls Overlook Park, the trail will extend east, following a scenic tributary of the Chattahoochee River through mature forest, past dramatic rock outcroppings and beautiful waterfalls before connecting all the way to Roswell Road.

When completed, Segment 2C will expand the Morgan Falls loop from 1.8 miles to approximately 3.4 miles, bringing us significantly closer to a continuous 5.6-mile trail loop around Morgan Falls.

City Council is expected to consider approving a grant application for this segment currently scheduled for October 6, 2026. We encourage you to contact each City Council member and let them know how important it is to keep the momentum moving forward.

Photos courtesy of Sandy Springs Conservancy volunteer Michael Bunch



It's Almost Like They Made This for Us

It's not often that we find a story that captures our mission so perfectly. This one comes pretty close.

It's almost as if the conservancy world commissioned an educational video about how trails can connect people, communities and natural resources. Take a look at what's happening in Greenville in [this short video](#) and imagine what's possible here.





THE NEXT CHAPTER

Next Chapter City-wide Planning

As we've reported here, the City is updating both its [Comprehensive Plan and Recreation and Parks Plan](#). Recently, we've had great opportunities to get trail and park concepts into both plans. Thank you to all our supporters who attended the two recent meetings for the Next Chapter project.

If you have not already done so, you can take a survey, sign up for updates, and provide general comment directly at the project website. Additionally, watch for an upcoming public meeting which is being planned for October 2026.

[The Next Chapter - Sandy Springs](#)

FIND YOUR PARK!

A closer look at Lost Corner Preserve

Lost Corner Preserve is a real gem. This public park is located at 7300 Brandon Mill Road in the heart of Sandy Springs at the intersection of Dalrymple Road and Riverside Drive and Brandon Mill Road.

According to the city, this 24 acre property "dates back to the mid-1800's and was once a working farm that has had only two owners since Native Americans inhabited the land. The park features a community garden, greenhouse, apiary, walking trails and the renovated cottage."

The formation of this preserve is an example of great community cooperation. The property owner wanted to preserve her family homestead of 24 wooded acres, as a legacy for children to enjoy into the future. The Conservancy worked with the property owner, brought together the Trust for Public Land, City of Sandy Springs, the state land conservation fund, and private donors to purchase the land and create the stunning place that it is today.



For more information, visit the [Friends of Lost Corner](#)

Photos courtesy of Sandy Springs Conservancy volunteer Tim Wolfe.

Meet the Sandy Springs Conservancy Board Carolyn Axt

The Conservancy has had remarkable support from people who have believed in Sandy Springs for years. One of the most notable is board member **Carolyn Axt**. Axt currently serves on the [Sandy Springs Education Force](#) and the [Sandy Springs Civic Roundtable](#). She has been a trusted leader within the Conservancy for years. Many know about Carolyn's deep commitment to the community, but for others this will be your introduction.

Maximuk: Q: "So why the Conservancy? Why do you volunteer your time to create, conserve and connect parks and trails?"

Axt: A: "I was raised in the tradition of taking vacations in national park. I played in streams. I had access to oceans. So when my husband and I had our own three kids, of course we went outdoors, we hiked, and we camped. And sure enough, our eight grandkids are being raised the same

way! I'm doing this to support the kids in Sandy Springs so that they have some of these opportunities too. I think it's very important."

Maximuk: Q: I have to ask, what's the most interesting place you've ever visited?

Axt: A: "Costa Rica – we loved it."

Maximuk: Q: Back to the Conservancy work, what have you enjoyed most as a board member on the Conservancy?

Axt: A: "I have enjoyed learning about governance, seeing how the city works and then taking-in all sorts of other things including the camaraderie and friendships. Also, it's gratifying when you have a ribbon cutting! Lost Corner Preserve and the Windsor Meadows come to mind, but they were all interesting." Axt recalled the emergence of the Sandy Springs Conservancy more than 25 years ago. "The Conservancy came out of *Sandy Springs Revitalization*. It later transitioned into the *Greenspace Committee* and then evolved into the Sandy Springs Conservancy itself.

Maximuk: Q: What seems important to share from your overall work in Sandy Springs?

Axt: A: "Volunteers DO make a difference. Go and pick a passion. Find something that interests you and give them your time and treasure. Remember, you always get more out of being a volunteer than what you give. I certainly know that from the last 47 years."

Maximuk: Q: I asked Carolyn what she would do if someone gave her a million dollars."

Ah-ha, she gave no answer! I guess readers can only imagine the many superb ways she would share those dollars across the civic world here in Sandy Springs.



Statewide Conservation

Georgia Conservancy's New Strategic Plan

In June, the [Georgia Conservancy](#) released its new strategic plan – *Every Acre Matters*. The plan focuses on four main goals:

1. Focus on private lands conservation
2. Reduce fragmentation from development
3. Share our message, lead the conversation
4. Strengthen our organizational foundation

The following link provides a great summary of the four main goals and a webinar that provides more details. [Every Acre Matters: Georgia Conservancy's New Strategic Plan | Georgia Conservancy](#)

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Out in the City... Sandy Springs Conservancy at the [Farmers Market's Family Fun Day](#) on August 29th





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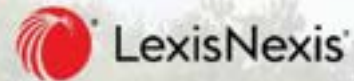


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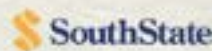


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