



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 21-073

Date: August 13, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Subject: LauderTrail Project Update

This memo shall serve as an update to the LauderTrail project. In early 2021, City staff identified the PATH Foundation to serve as a Not-For-Profit consultant for the trail master planning efforts. The PATH Foundation, founded in 1991, specializes in developing master plans for cities within the United States, with an emphasis in multi-use trails. Headquartered in the metro Atlanta area, PATH has worked on notable trails such as the Atlanta Beltline, The Georgia Tech Parkway, the Stone Mountain Trail, and the City of Jacksonville's Emerald Trail.

Over the past eight months, the PATH Foundation has received stakeholder input, conducted field analysis, and compiled a draft concept plan for the trail. As part of the master plan process, the PATH Foundation will be conducting the following meetings:

August 23: Public Meeting

Vice Mayor Moraitis and Commissioner Sorensen will host a public meeting in Commission Chambers. The PATH Foundation will provide an overview of their efforts to date, share the initial trail concept, and conduct breakout sessions seeking public feedback. The meeting is scheduled from 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

October 5: City Commission Conference Presentation

City staff, along with the PATH Foundation, will present at the City Commission Conference meeting. The presentation, seeking direct feedback from the City Commission, will include the trail layout, branding and design standards, the model trail segment, and stakeholder feedback.

November 5: LauderTrail Master Plan Acceptance

The LauderTrail master plan will be presented to Commission for final review and acceptance. If accepted, the Master Plan will be utilized to advance the project, based on available funding, with the same design specifications and criteria to ensure a uniform trail experience.

In addition to the trail master planning efforts, City staff are prepared to advance the design and construction of a model trail segment. The model trail segment has been defined as a segment along the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) from the New River south to Croissant Park. City staff will onboard a consultant to design the model trail segment in anticipation that additional funding opportunities can supplement the available Parks Bond funding.

For further information on this initiative, please contact Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, at brogers@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment: DRAFT August 23rd Public Meeting Brochure

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LauderTrail Master Plan Draft

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1 HARDY PARK

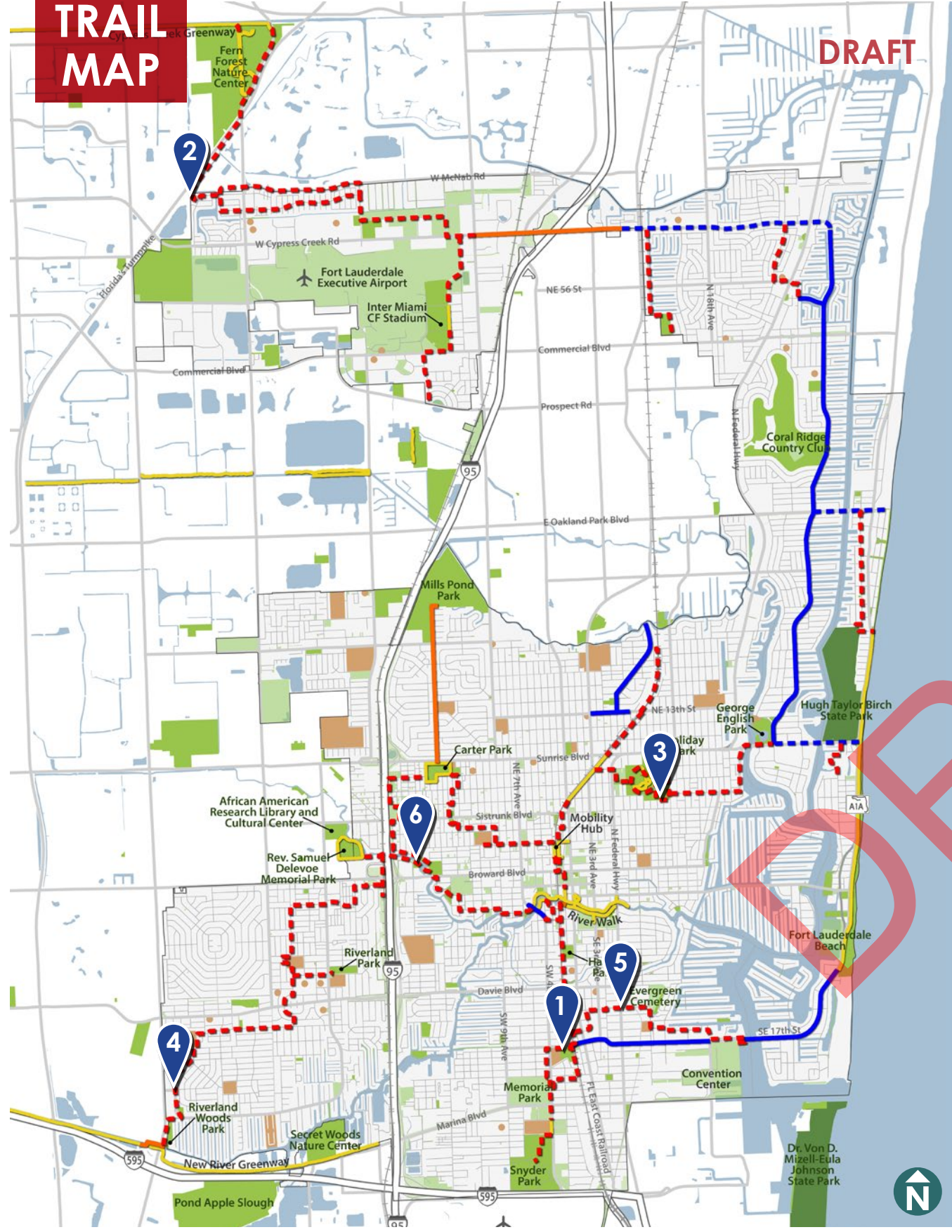


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TRAIL MAP

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2 CYPRESS CREEK GREENWAY CONNECTOR



3 HOLIDAY PARK



4 RIVERLAND RD TO SW 17TH ST GREENWAY



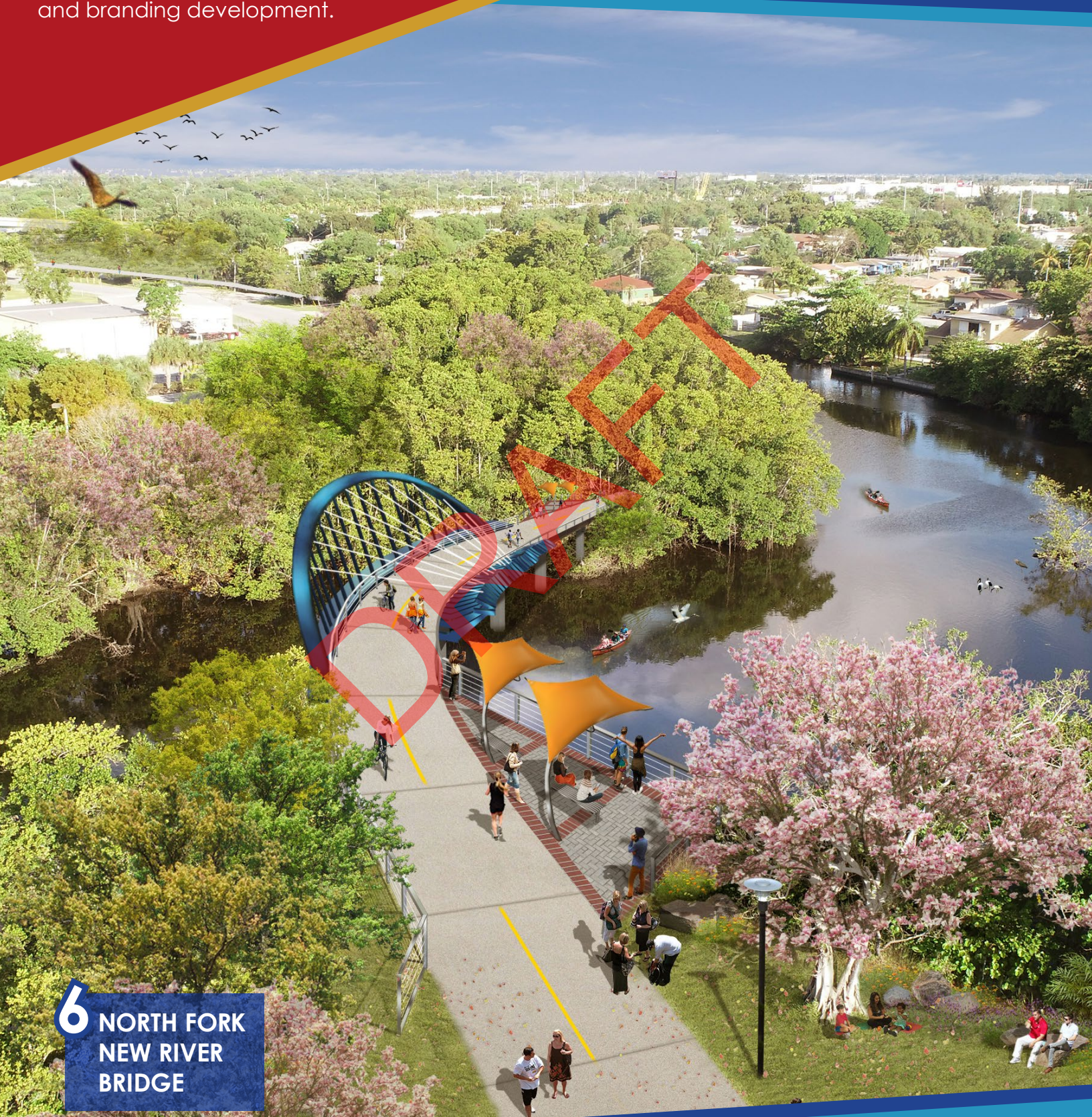
5 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER FEDERAL HWY



- City of Fort Lauderdale Limit
- Suggested Bike/Ped Improvements
- Programmed Bike/Ped Improvements
- Existing Trails
- Programmed Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Public Owned Land
- Colleges & Schools

The Fort Lauderdale Trail Master Plan's goal is to develop a comprehensive multi-use trail system that safely connects everyone in the City of Fort Lauderdale to parks, transit, local businesses, attractions, and their neighbors.

Join us to learn updates and provide feedback on the trail master plan and branding development.



6 NORTH FORK
NEW RIVER
BRIDGE