

Bobby Jones / Woodward Way Trail

The State Property Commission and the City of Atlanta are working together to transform Bobby Jones Golf Course by increasing the many amenities already established in the park. One of the projects moving forward is the trail connection along Woodward Way that will link Memorial Park with the Atlanta Beltline Trail. This trail project starts near Northside Drive and runs parallel with Woodward Way and on to Bobby Jones Golf Course connecting into the Atlanta Beltline trail near Colonial Homes. The section along Woodward Way will reduce the road width of Woodward Way to twenty feet and create a buffer trail that connects to a trail behind the Bobby Jones clubhouse. Additional projects like the Peachtree Creek Bridge Replacement and the new trail network in Memorial Park will help create both recreational and commuter type trails for the neighborhood. Plans for the trail around Bobby Jones Golf Course and how it connects to all the park stakeholders have been presented to the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy, Peachtree Battle Alliance, neighboring civic association leaders, and the Neighborhood Planning Unit C.

The Bobby Jones trail project is in the early stages of permitting with the City of Atlanta. One of the first phases of permitting is to identify trees impacted by the proposed construction. The City of Atlanta Park Arborist requires that the trail project identify trees impacted by construction and have an orange "X" marked on the trees. A City of Atlanta sign will be posted along the project for two weeks for neighbors to express any concerns about the trees marked for this trail project. Legitimate appeals about the impacted trees can be sent to the Park Arborist who will then forward the appeal to the Tree Commission. All appeals will then go before the Tree Commission which will allow neighbors to voice their concerns for the project and suggest options on how to address the trees marked.

The trail project will have new trees planted that will help compensate for the trees removed and as outlined by the City of Atlanta tree ordinance. Plans are submitted to the Park Arborist which confirms the location and types of trees to be planted back into the project. This information is included in the plans submitted to the City of Atlanta and updates of the project will be shared with the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy, the Peachtree Battle Alliance and other stakeholders. The PATH Foundation will notify the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy and the Peachtree Battle Alliance on when the permitting is complete and when a contractor will be selected for this project in order to forward the information to the surrounding neighbors. Construction for the project is estimated to start this Fall.