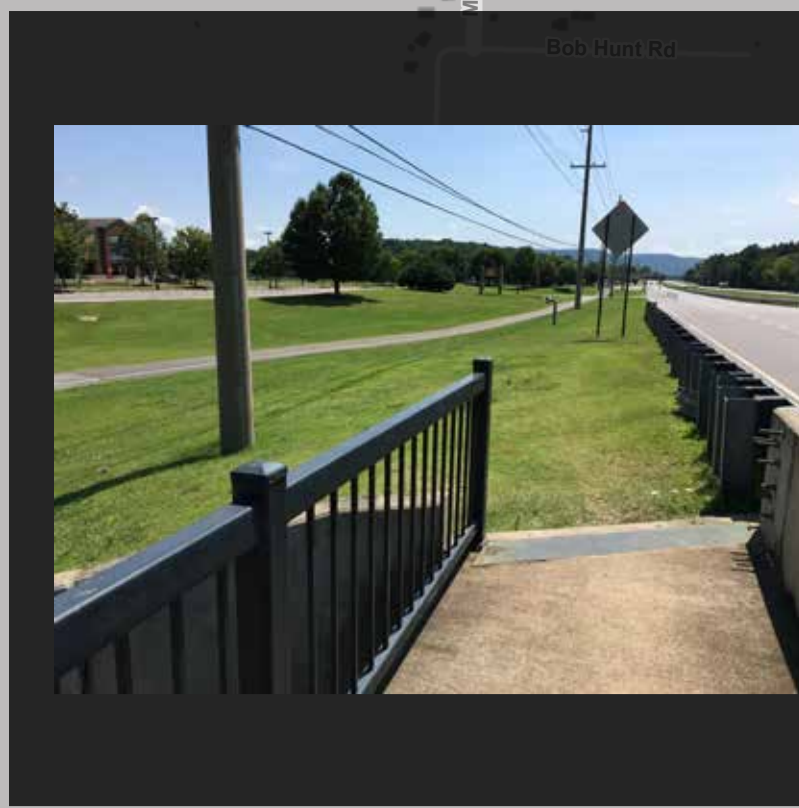
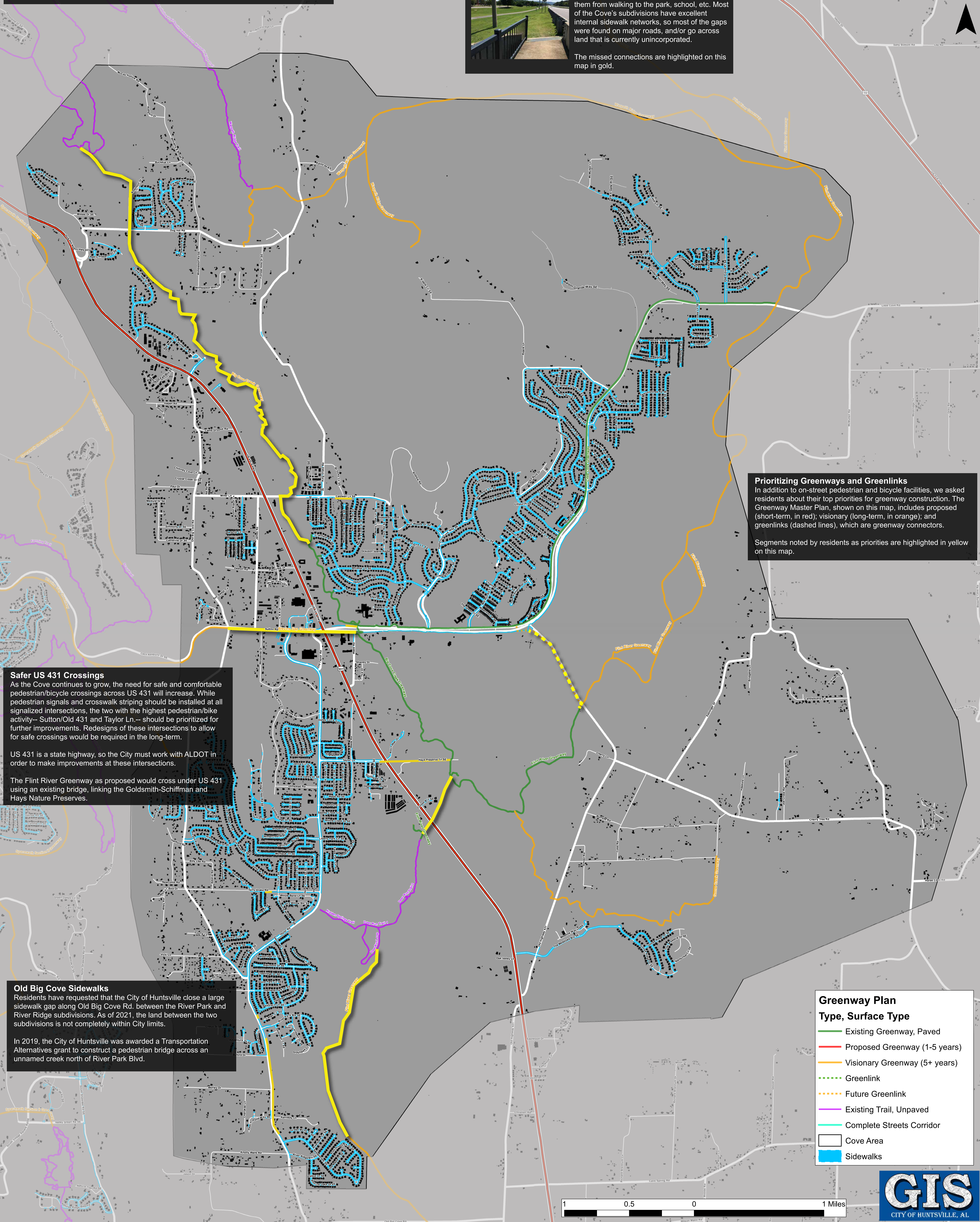


# Greenways and Sidewalks

## Cove Area Plan



**Missed Connections**  
 We asked residents to tell us about their "missed connections" – sidewalk gaps that kept them from walking to the park, school, etc. Most of the Cove's subdivisions have excellent internal sidewalk networks, so most of the gaps were found on major roads, and/or go across land that is currently unincorporated.  
 The missed connections are highlighted on this map in gold.



**Prioritizing Greenways and Greenlinks**  
 In addition to on-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities, we asked residents about their top priorities for greenway construction. The Greenway Master Plan, shown on this map, includes proposed (short-term, in red); visionary (long-term, in orange); and greenlinks (dashed lines), which are greenway connectors.  
 Segments noted by residents as priorities are highlighted in yellow on this map.

**Safer US 431 Crossings**  
 As the Cove continues to grow, the need for safe and comfortable pedestrian/bicycle crossings across US 431 will increase. While pedestrian signals and crosswalk striping should be installed at all signalized intersections, the two with the highest pedestrian/bike activity – Sutton/Old 431 and Taylor Ln. – should be prioritized for further improvements. Redesigns of these intersections to allow for safe crossings would be required in the long-term.  
 US 431 is a state highway, so the City must work with ALDOT in order to make improvements at these intersections.  
 The Flint River Greenway as proposed would cross under US 431 using an existing bridge, linking the Goldsmith-Schiffman and Hays Nature Preserves.

**Old Big Cove Sidewalks**  
 Residents have requested that the City of Huntsville close a large sidewalk gap along Old Big Cove Rd. between the River Park and River Ridge subdivisions. As of 2021, the land between the two subdivisions is not completely within City limits.  
 In 2019, the City of Huntsville was awarded a Transportation Alternatives grant to construct a pedestrian bridge across an unnamed creek north of River Park Blvd.

**Greenway Plan**  
**Type, Surface Type**

- Existing Greenway, Paved
- Proposed Greenway (1-5 years)
- Visionary Greenway (5+ years)
- - - Greenlink
- - - Future Greenlink
- Existing Trail, Unpaved
- Complete Streets Corridor
- Cove Area
- Sidewalks

