



IMPACT REPORT

2024

CREATE - CONSERVE - CONNECT

MAKING CONNECTIONS A PRIORITY IN 2024

In keeping with our mission of creating, conserving and connecting parks, trails and greenspace, the focus of the Sandy Springs Conservancy in 2024 was all about connectivity! Connecting the community to outdoor amenities through outreach, educational opportunities and programs to get people into the parks to enjoy!



Trail Blazers Program Brings People Together for Guided Walks in Parks

TAKING ACTION IN 2024

In addition to connecting people to parks, the Conservancy also took action in 2024 in a variety of ways to help create and improve parks and paths in Sandy Springs! The Conservancy contributed community support funds to the city of Sandy Springs, organized volunteer park beautification days, provided expertise in design phases and reached out to the community with information about the city's Springway trail plan. Community support funds are made possible by generous contributions from sponsors, grants and individual donors.



Morgan Stanley Volunteers at Ridgeview Park

\$10,000 Community Support Funds to the City for Abernathy Greenway South Improvements

\$10,000 Community Support Funds to the City for Springway/Morgan Falls Connector Design Phase

Community Education Efforts for Springway/Morgan Falls Connector Loop

Abernathy Greenway South and Morgan Falls Overlook Park Volunteer Beautification Days with U.S. Bank

Big Trees Forest Preserve Volunteer Beautification Day with U.S. Bank

Morgan Falls Overlook Park Volunteer Beautification Day with LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Ridgeview Park Volunteer Beautification Day with Morgan Stanley

Providing Expertise to the Old Riverside Park Design Committee



SSC Presented \$20,000 to the City for Park Projects

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

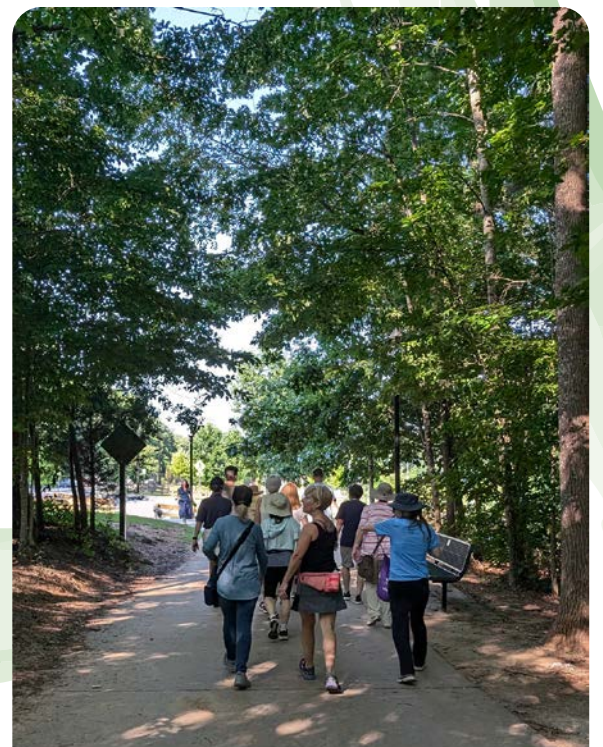
In 2024 the Sandy Springs Conservancy enacted a plan to reach out to the community to educate about the value of parks, trails and greenspace projects and get feedback from residents on green amenities of interest to them. We did this through appearances at the Sandy Springs Farmer's Market and speaking engagements with the Sandy Springs Garden Club, the Sandy Springs Women's Club, Rotary Sandy Springs, scout troops and more.



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PARKS



Our Trail Blazers series of walks connects people to nature at parks in and around Sandy Springs. Our walks this year were led by naturalists and those who helped create many of the parks we visited. In 2024 we toured Chastain Park in Atlanta, Brook Run in Dunwoody, Island Ford and East Palisades of the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area as well as several city of Sandy Springs parks. Our April group got a sneak peak of the city's new Springway trail boardwalk over Orkin Lake during construction. The program is open to the public and meets monthly from spring through fall.



THOUGHT LEADERS DINNER



The 2024 annual Thought Leaders Dinner brought us back to the Conservancy's first initiative, Morgan Falls Overlook Park! Guests got a sneak peak tour of the nearby Springway Boardwalk over Orkin Lake! This is the first section of a 5-mile Morgan Falls Connector Loop, part of the city's planned 31-mile Springway path network. The city expects construction of the 1.6 mile boardwalk section to be completed by the end of the year! The fall weather was perfect as about 125 supporters enjoyed dinner, drinks, live blue grass music and fellowship under the stars! For information about the Springway trail plan visit www.sandyspringsconservancy.org/springway

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Sandy Springs Garden Club was named the Conservancy's 2024 Greenspace Champion!

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