



WALK CASHIERS

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The Cashiers Greenway Ramble



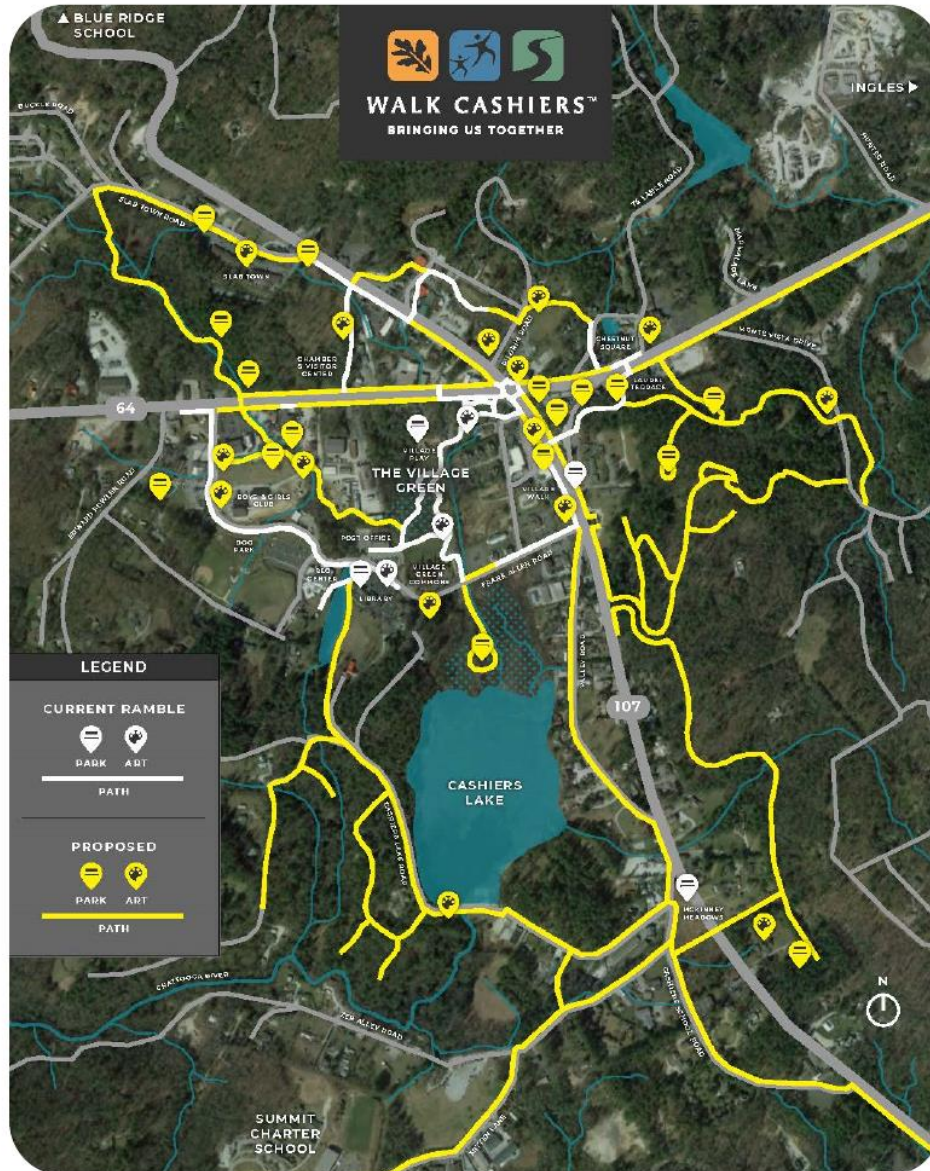
VISION CASHIERS

IMPROVING TOMORROW...*Today*

- Non-profit volunteer organization
- Worked with Jackson County
 - Built sidewalks
 - We convinced owners to pay for them
 - Vision Cashiers raised the funds and paid for engineering and survey
 - The county took over liability and maintenance
 - Built a dog park
 - Vision Cashiers raised the funds and built the park
 - The county provided the land and took over liability and maintenance
- Created the “Walk Cashiers” initiative
 - Joint venture requiring unanimous consent on all actions
 - Jackson County
 - Cashiers Chamber of Commerce
 - Vision Cashiers



WALK CASHIERS™
BRINGING US TOGETHER



A FIVE-MILE TRAIL SYSTEM WITH SAFE LIGHTING, WI-FI, SECURITY, AND EMERGENCY ACCESS

WALK, HIKE, AND BIKE THROUGH THE HEART OF CASHIERS AND BEYOND

EXPAND THE CURRENT CASHIERS RAMBLE TO PROTECT NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND PRESERVE OUR VILLAGE CHARACTER

A TRAIL SYSTEM WILL BRING US TOGETHER WITH NATURE, WITH OUR VILLAGE, AND WITH EACH OTHER!

Two studies:

1) Equinox Environmental EQUINOX

- funded by the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation
- Created a plan for a 5 mile network of walkability
 - Click here to view the report [Equinox final report](#)
- Estimated cost= \$10 million

2) Urban Land Institute (ULI) Urban Land Institute Advisory Services

- Funded by local organizations and donors
- Highly recommended:
 - “ Build a robust network of pathways, trails, and sidewalks to facilitate and improve walkability within the village core. ”

Implementation

The TDA was invited as a participant but they chose to be a funder.

Met with the parties and obtained agreement. Named the following to represent each entity:

- Mark Letson for Jackson County
- Ben Harris (Past Chamber President) for the Chamber
- Paul Robshaw for Vision Cashiers

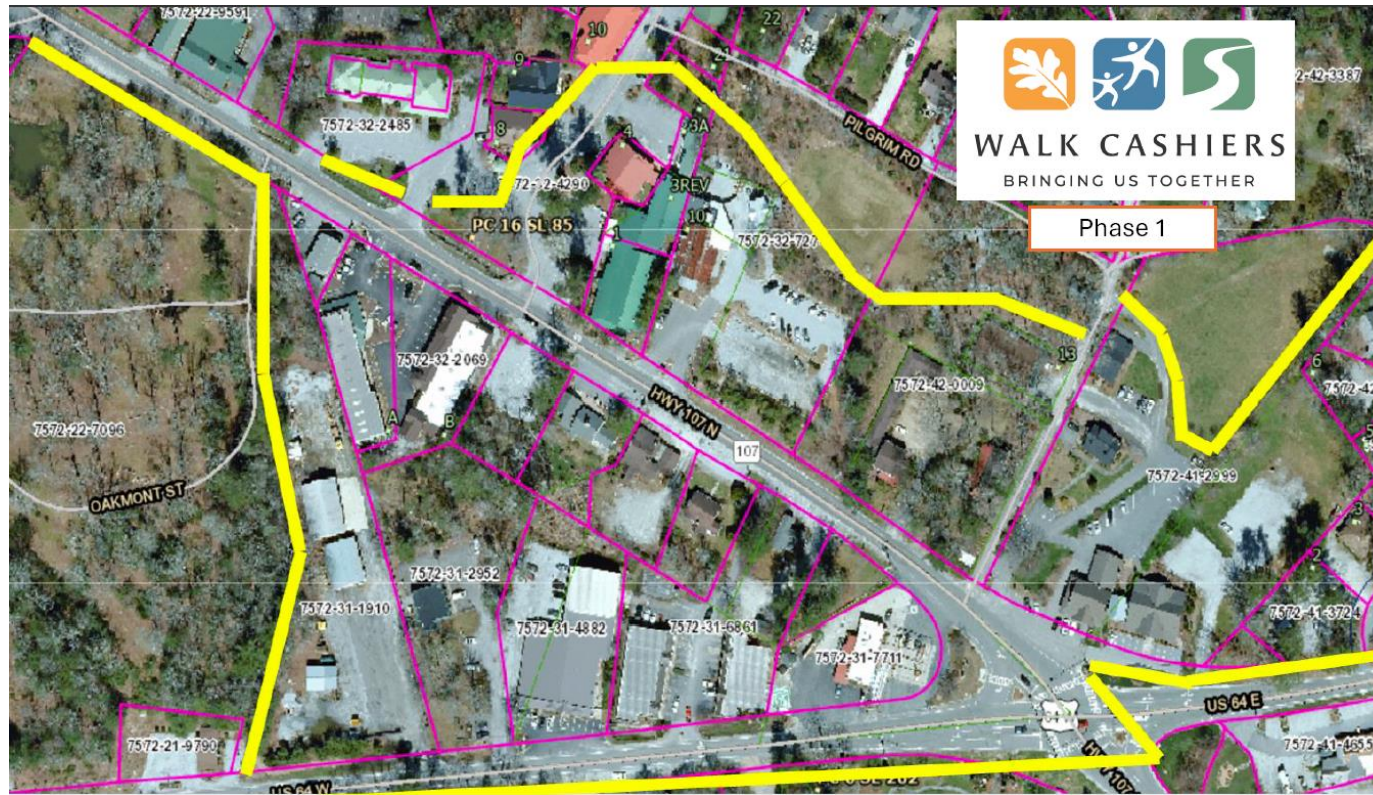
Met with contractors and all of them agreed to do the work for cost. They are:

- Dargan Landscape and Design- Mary Palmer Dargan
- Lehotsky and Sons- hardscape
- Mireles Landscaping- landscape, bollard, arbors, maintenance
- Highland Mark- Bobby Botev – Lighting, Internet

Implementation

Decided to build in multiple phases

- Built Phase 1 which is now complete.





Kiosk at entrance conveying multiple messages



Path is lit and has fiber internet



The Thomas Taulbee Entrance (next to the Chamber of Commerce)



Typical pathway with privacy screen



Wayfinding throughout the entire pathway



Rest areas

- Special enhancements:**
- Entrance locust arbors
 - Down lighting on locust posts
 - New grape vine feature
 - Special feature lights
 - High speed internet in most areas
 - QR code locations:
 - Historic highlights
 - Feature notes



Implementation

- Created the plan for Phase 2

**Vision Cashiers built
in 2022 & 2024**



**To be built crosswalk
with pedestrian
lights**



**To be built
pathway**



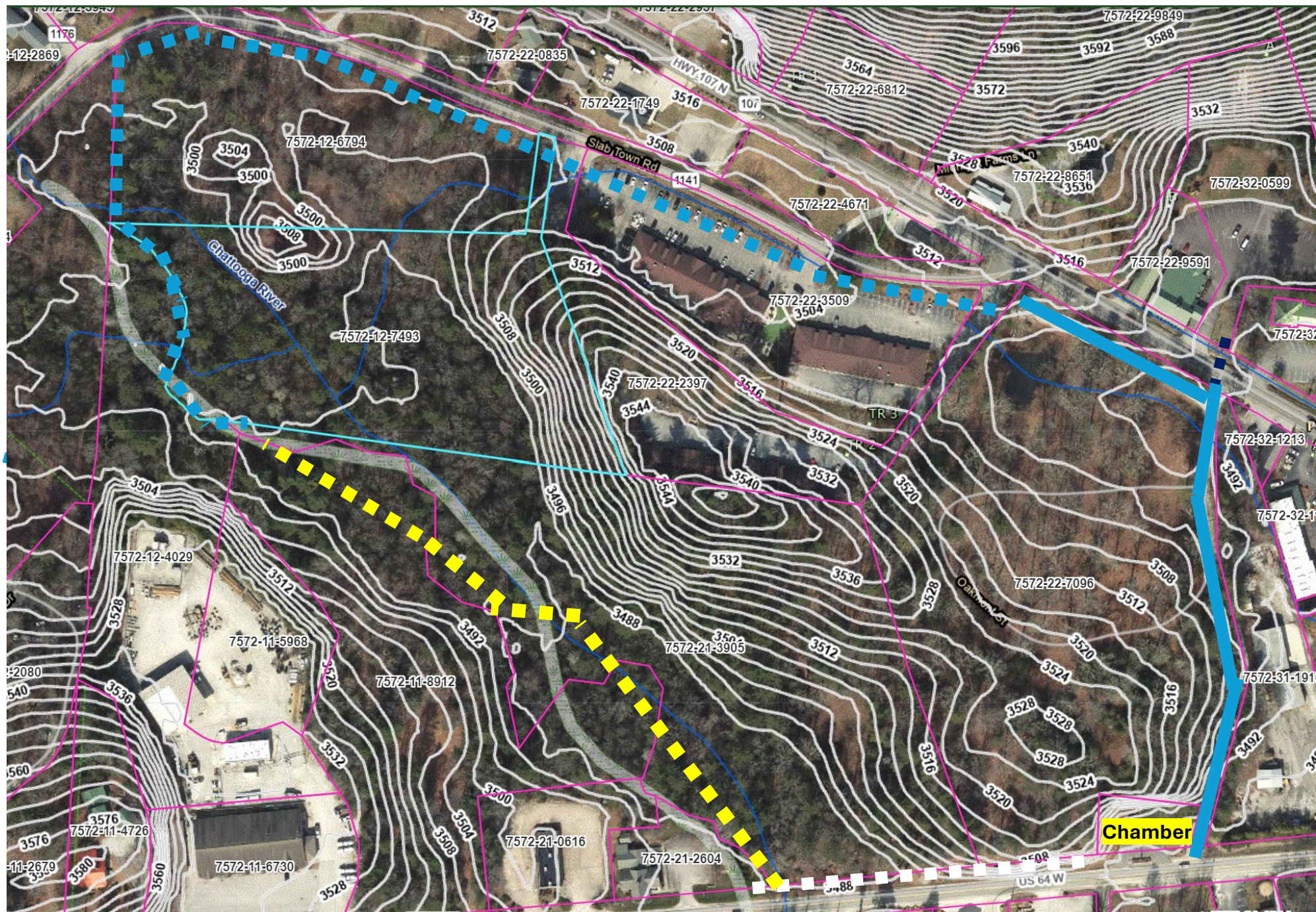
To be built boardwalk



**To be built
sidewalk**



3/4 mile loop



Costs- \$10 million

Sources of funds:

- Developers- approximately 50% (\$5 million) as they build their 3 developments:
 - Cashiers Lake
 - East Village
 - Cashiers Marketplace

They all have agreed to embrace walkability in their developments.

- Initial quiet campaign- \$1.6 million in commitments so far
 - Expect to raise another \$1.4 million
- TDA- we are applying for a grant of \$1.5million
- Jackson County- we are asking for a grant of \$500,000
 - Restricted use for construction of the system