

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

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Transmitter Road and Third Street connect many of the city's most important recreation and civic assets, and serve as key routes for traffic moving through Springfield. Both roads lack safe multi-modal infrastructure.

Issues / Background

Transmitter Road

The new city complex and nature park planned for the intersection of 11th Street and Transmitter Road will create a new northeast gateway into the city. It will be important to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity along this major north-south thoroughfare, which adjoins residential neighborhoods and the popular Springfield Gardens Walking Park. Plans to widen Transmitter Road north of 15th Street are in progress. While the road shoulders have been extended for bike lanes, the road lacks sidewalks and safe crossings.



View looking south on Transmitter Road near 7th Street intersection (top); view looking north on Transmitter Road toward intersection with 11th Street (top)

Design Concepts

Transmitter Road Greenway - Proposed improvements include a shared multi-modal path on the east side of the road from Third Street to Orlando Road (north boundary of city), and continuous sidewalks on the west side of the road.

Issues / Background

Third Street

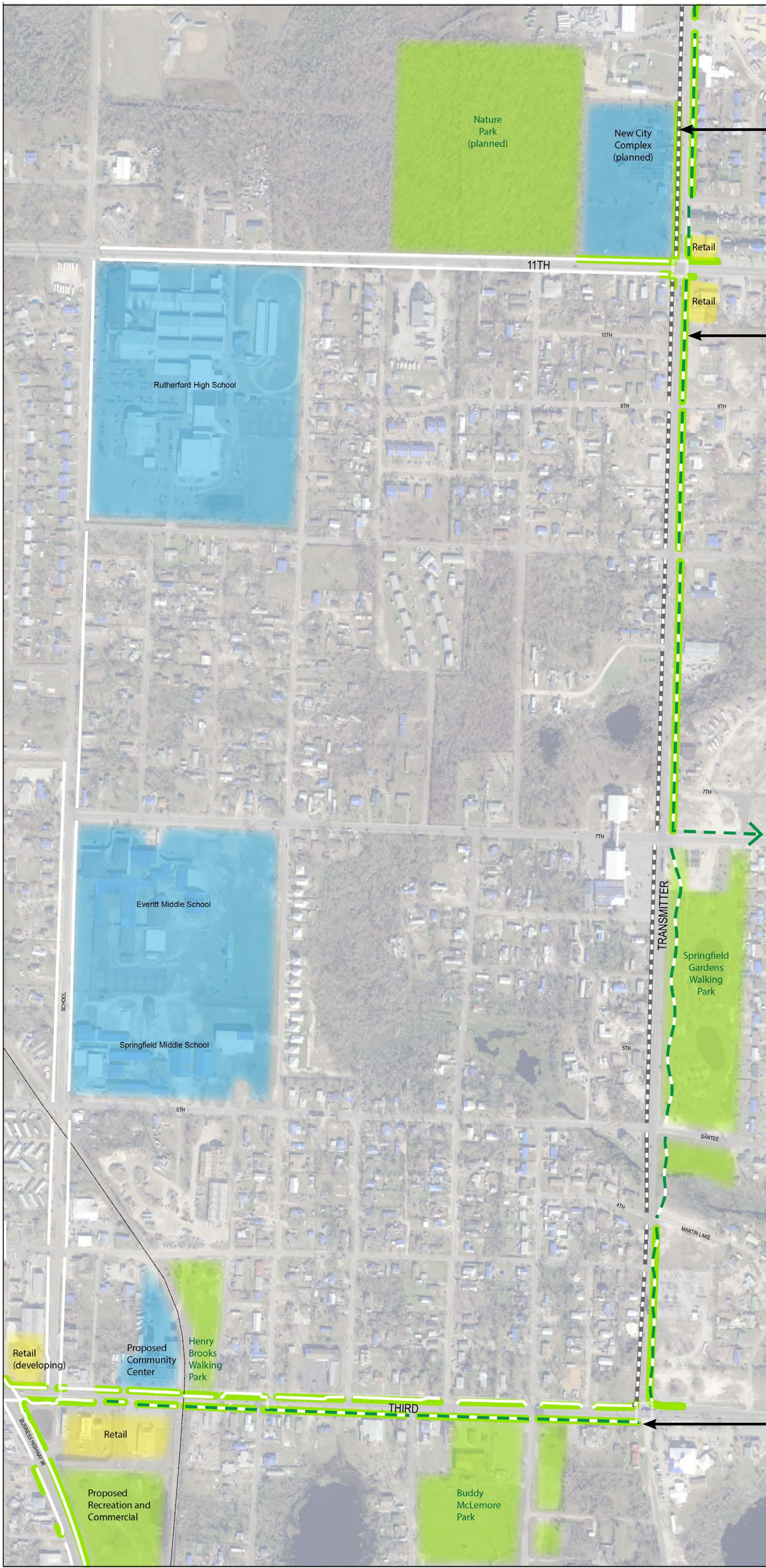
Third Street extends through the city center and provides connections to schools, city hall, the library and two parks. Although plans have been developed to widen Third Street to four lanes, the city prefers two lanes or consideration of three lanes which would include alternating turn lane and median. A sidewalk has been constructed on the north side of the street. A multi-modal path on the south side of the street and street plantings along both sides will improve safety and provide a more welcoming corridor through the city center for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as those using motorized wheelchairs, scooters and other increasing forms of alternative transportation.

Design Concept

Proposed improvements include shade trees, crape myrtles, a separated multi-modal path on the south side of the street, on-street bike lanes, separated sidewalks on the north side of the street, and marked crosswalks.



New development is planned for the intersection of Third Street and Business 98 including a Goodwill Store and Burger King, as well as a proposed community center and new recreation and commercial development.



Proposed sidewalks on the west side of Transmitter Road can provide safe connections for pedestrians along the busy vehicular route.

A greenway is proposed for the east side of Transmitter Road, extending north from Third Street to Orlando Street at the north end of Springfield. The greenway can provide safe access to many neighborhoods and existing and planned community assets including:

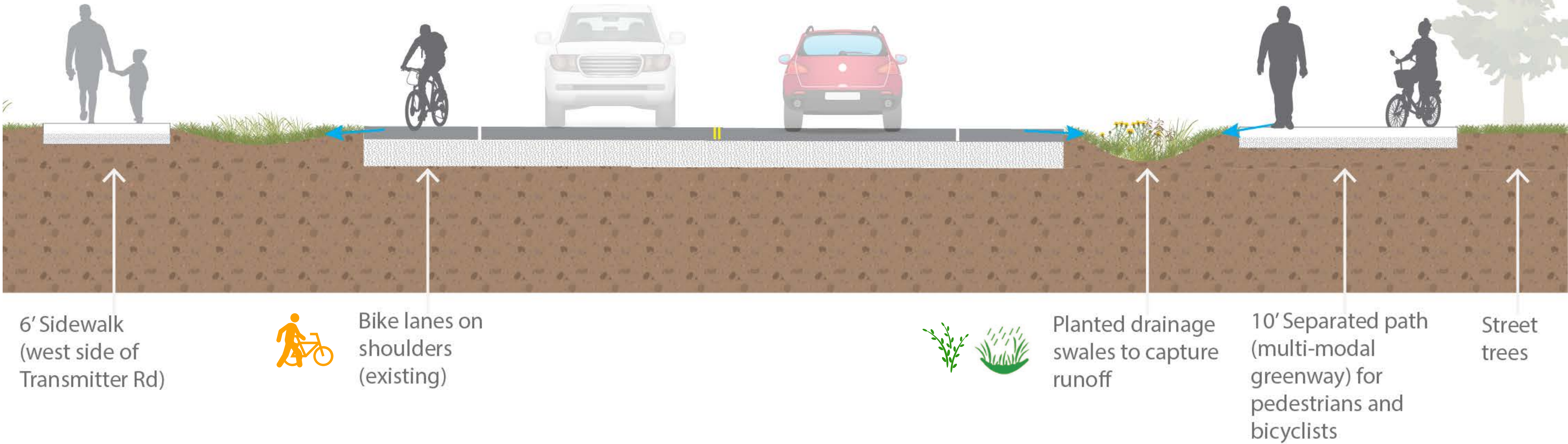
- Third Street Corridor/Buddy McLemore Park
- Springfield Gardens Walking Park
- Proposed 11-mile Greenway Loop
- Planned City Complex and Nature Park
- 10-Acre Road Park*
- 15th Street/Tyndall Parkway*

*not included in map, north of map extent

Proposed 11-Mile Greenway Loop (NPS). A greenway along Transmitter Road can provide a significant north-south link for the proposed greenway, which continues under powerlines (likely unpaved trails) east of Transmitter Road.

Transmitter Road improvements planned north of 15th Street can potentially integrate the multi-modal path during construction.

Streetscape improvements including trees and a multi-modal path along Third Street connect key city assets such as parks, retail and civic centers.



Transmitter Road Greenway

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View looking west on Third Street toward the intersection of Business 98 (existing)



Third Street Multi-modal Streetscape

This view looking west on Third Street toward the intersection of Business 98 illustrates proposed streetscape improvements. Streetscape improvements for Third Street include shade trees, crape myrtles, a separated multi-modal path on the south side of the street, on-street bike lanes, separated sidewalks on the north side of the street, and marked crosswalks.