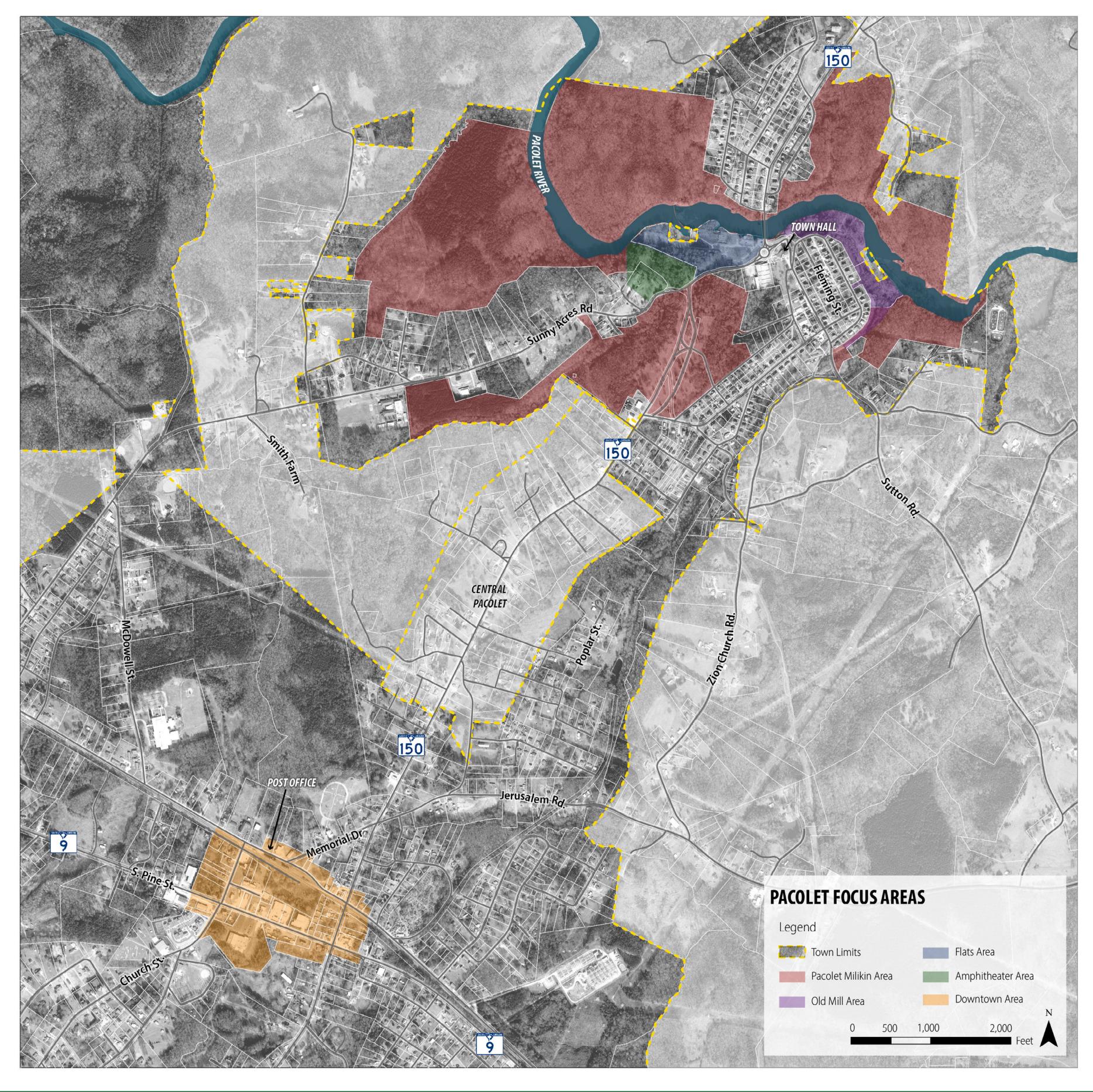
# FOCUS AREAS

The Comprehensive Plan includes a master planning effort for five focus areas that include the downtown area and four areas along the riverfront owned by Pacolet Milliken that were formerly occupied by Pacolet Mills. The master plan will include recommendations for redevelopment opportunities, urban design improvements, and economic development strategies. The general boundaries of the master plan focus areas are shown below.







# VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

# VISION

Establish the Town of Pacolet as a vibrant cultural and outdoor recreation destination

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Activate the river

Promote historic and cultural resources

Facilitate downtown development

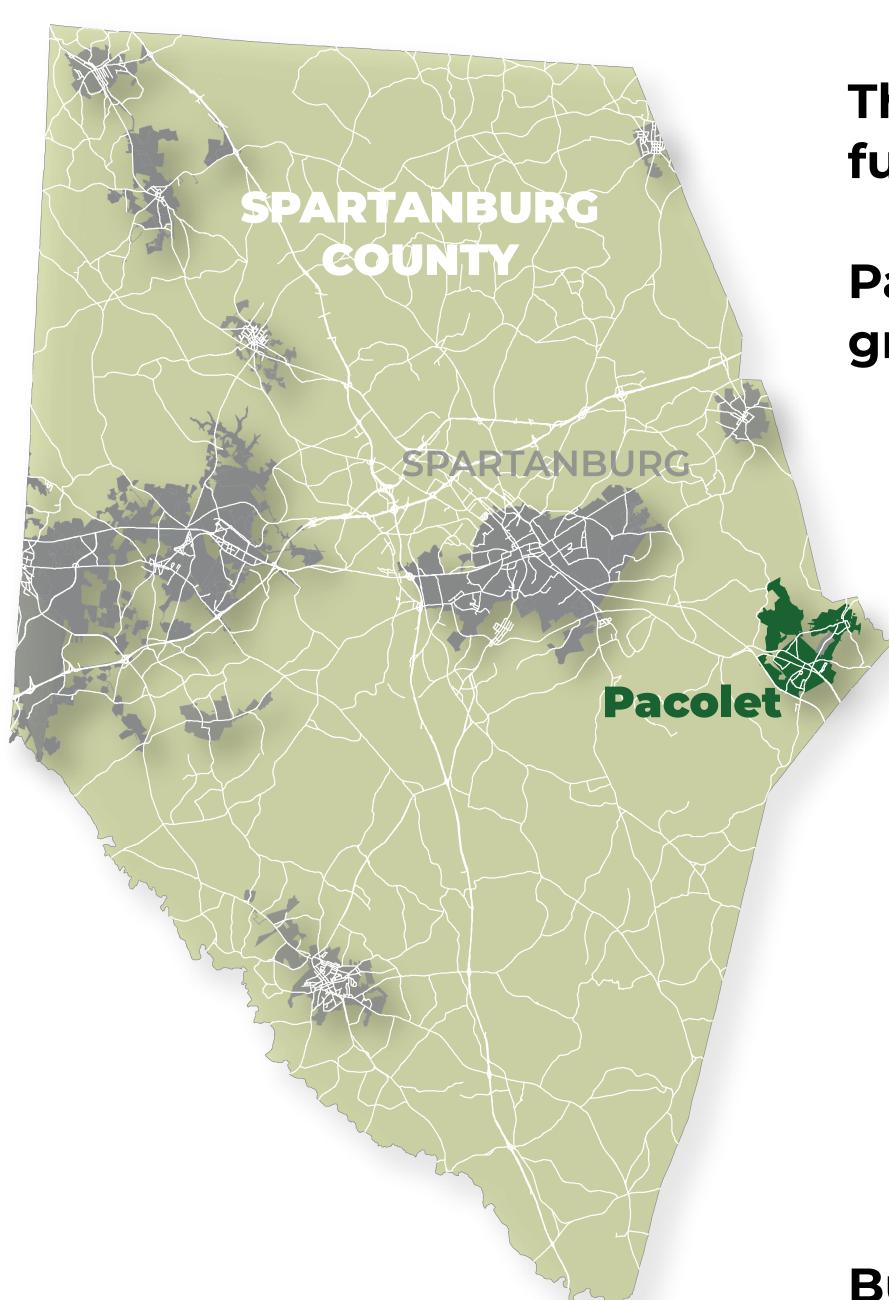
Improve community appearance

Connect people and places





# THINK REGIONALLY



The tourism economy is helping to fuel Spartanburg County's future

Pacolet should connect to that growing regional economy through:

- The Pacolet River
- The Dan Trail
- Croft State Park
- Pacolet River Heritage Preserve
- The Carolina Thread Trail
- · US 176 and SC 150 Connections

# Business Development Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation can include:

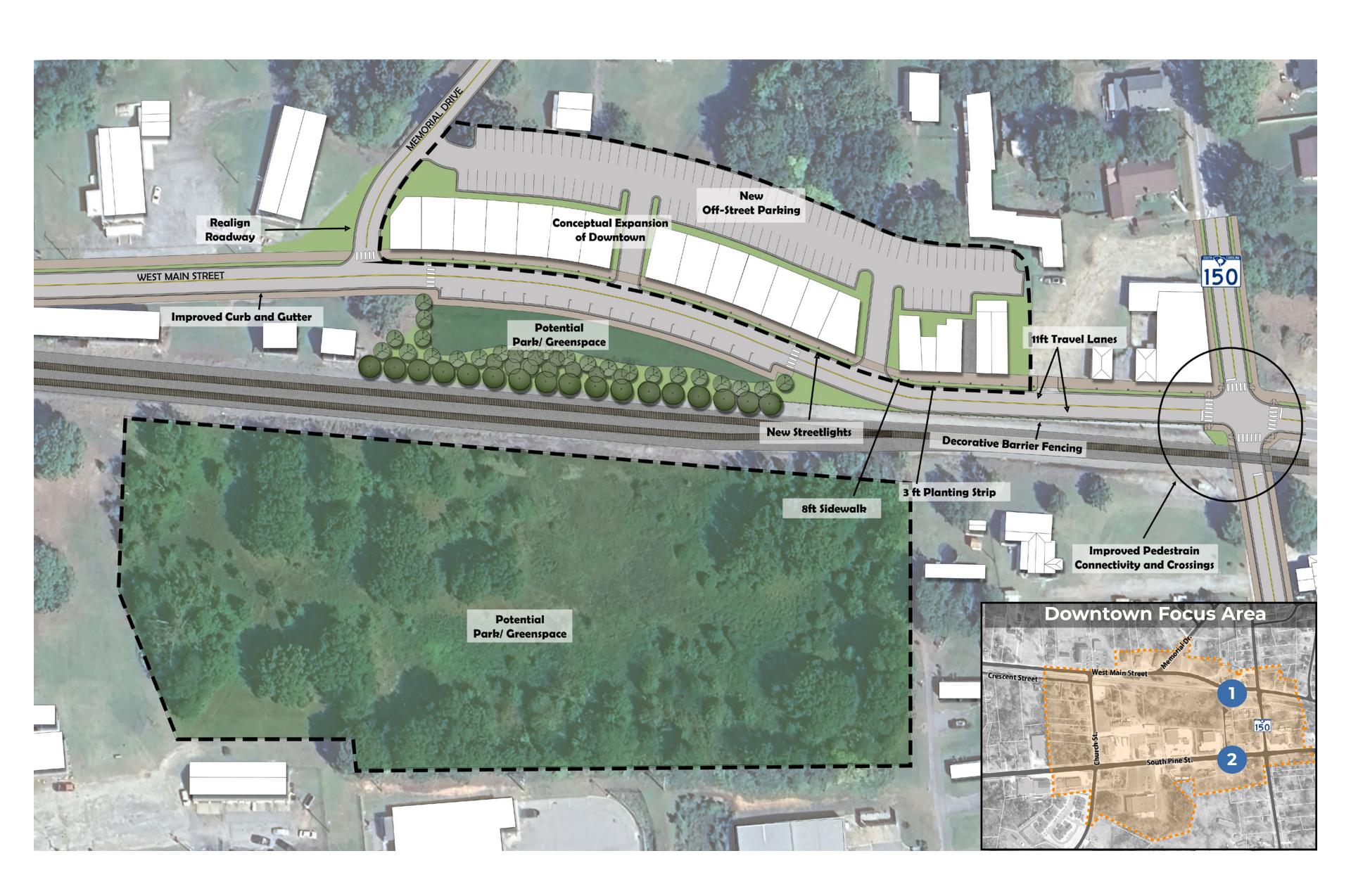
- Improved Canoe / Kayak Livery
   Services
- Hiking, Biking, and Other
   Outdoor Recreation Services / Rentals
- · Camping and "Rustic" Lodging
- · Zip-lining

The Daniel Morgan Trail
System (The Dan)
will soon tie together more
than 50 miles of trails across
the County





# DOWNTOWN IDEAS



### **Existing Conditions**



#### **Potential Improvements**











# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS



#### **DAN TRAIL**

The Daniel Morgan Trail System, known as "The Dan," is one of the region's most transformative projects, linking residents across the County to jobs, educational opportunities, transit, and recreation.



#### **MILLS AND HILLS BIKE TRAIL**

The Mills and Hills Bike Trail covers almost 30 miles between Pacolet, Clifton, and Glendale. It largely follows major roads.



#### **PACOLET BLUEWAY**

The Pacolet River and Lawson's Fork Creek Blueway provides over 50 miles of river travel and recreation that begins near downtown Spartanburg and extends to the Town of Lockhart.



#### PACOLET RIVER HERITAGE PRESERVE

This 258 acre preserve protects two prehistoric soapstone outcrops that date back 3-5,000 years ago and provides habitat for uncommon plant species. It includes natural areas and a trail.



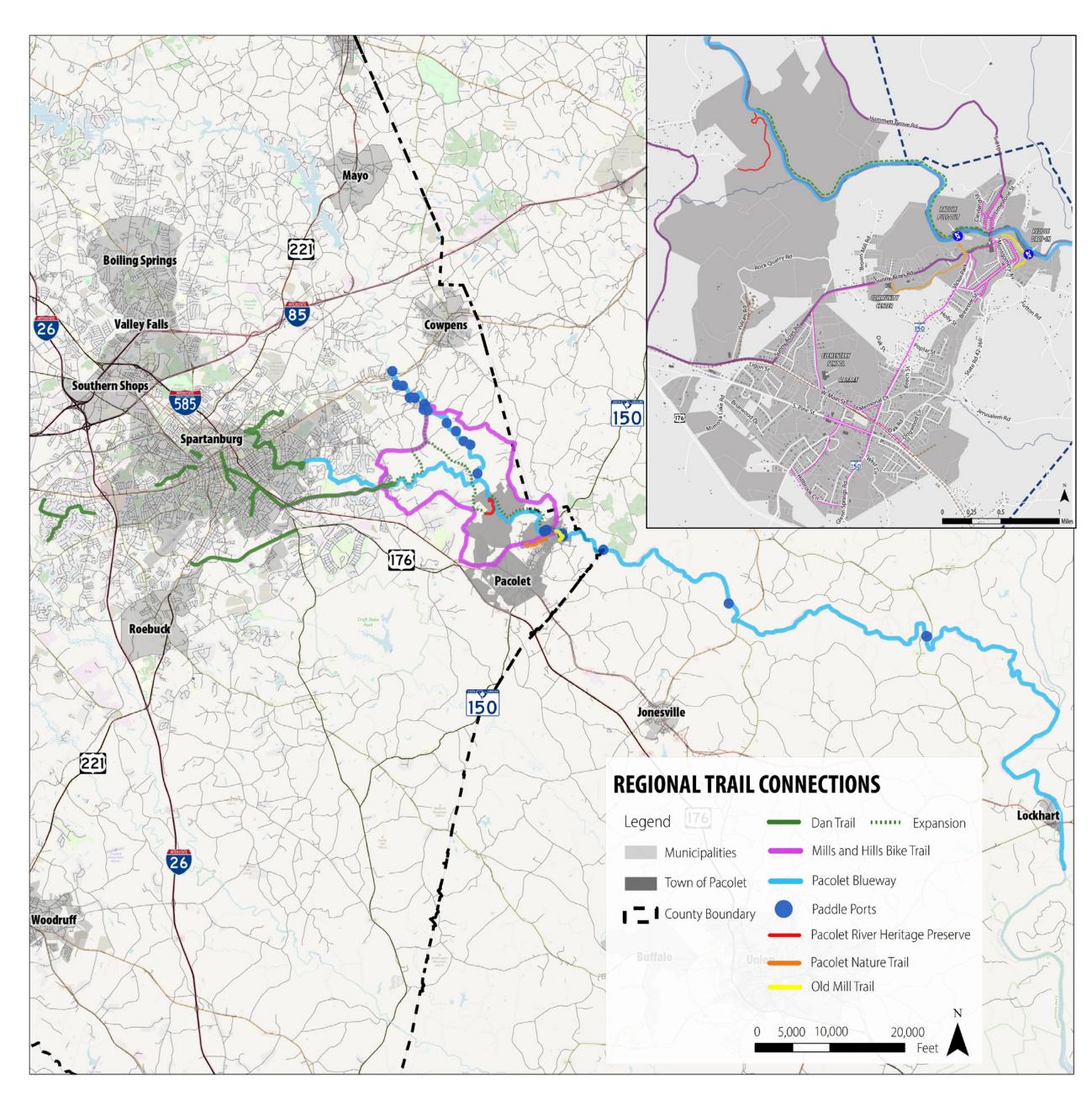
#### **PACOLET NATURE TRAIL**

This 1.5 mile paved trail stretches through the woods from the Middle School of Pacolet to Park Street near the Amphitheater.



#### **OLD MILL TRAIL**

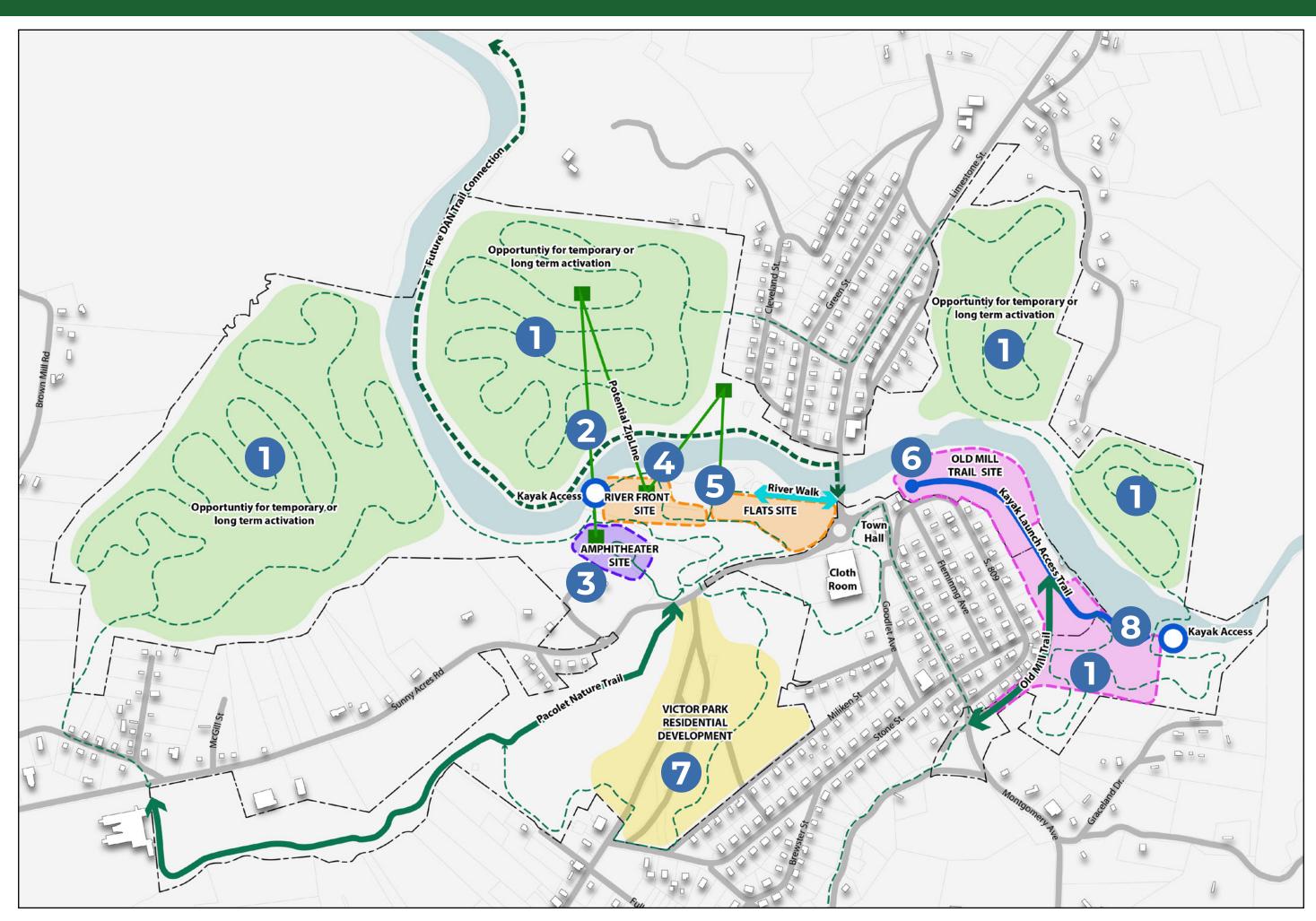
The Old Mill Trail follows the Pacolet River from the Kayak Put-In location east of Town Hall to the edge of the Town. It provides numerous opportunities to view remains of the old mills.





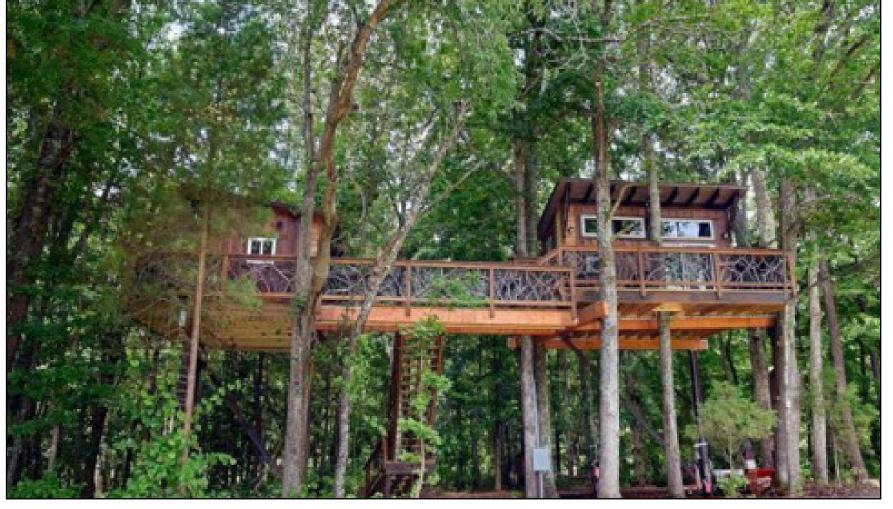


# PLAN CONCEPTS



### **1** Temporary Activation

A number of the sites in the riverfront focus areas have significant development constraints and can be activated as interesting short-term lodging / camping sites and hiking/biking trails.



### **2** Zip Line Across River

A number of communities across the country have seen the activation of their river through an immersive zip line experience. This could provide recreation, as well as wonderful views.



# **3** Revitalize Amphitheater

The Amphitheater is a unique historic landmark that could be restored and improved for public use, including the removal / clean up of vegetation that blocks views of the river.









# PLAN CONCEPTS

### 4 Improve Canoe / Kayak Access

The primitive kayak take out point above the Upper Pacolet Shoals Dam could be improved to be more accessible and easier for all potential users. An image is displayed on the Reimaging the Flats display board.



### **5** Activate River

The River front and Flats sites provide ample opportunities for outdoor recreation, including a river walk, green space, playground, and potentially a restaurant on the water. Example images are displayed on the Reimaging the Flats display board.



### **6** Improve the Old Mill Trail

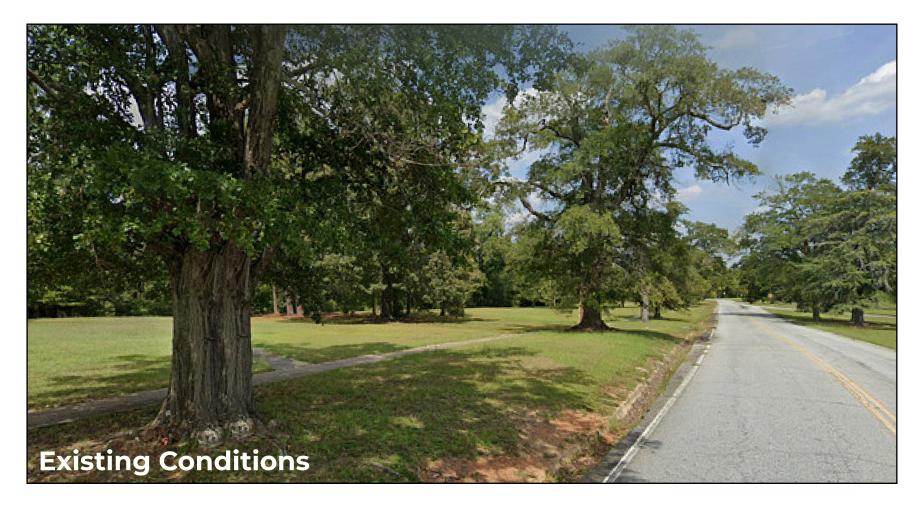
The Old Mill Trail can be better maintained and improved with historical markings to detail the ruins of the old mills for visitors and residents alike.





### Redevelop Victor Park

Victor Park was once home to many prominent Mill employees. This area could be developed for housing again in the future.





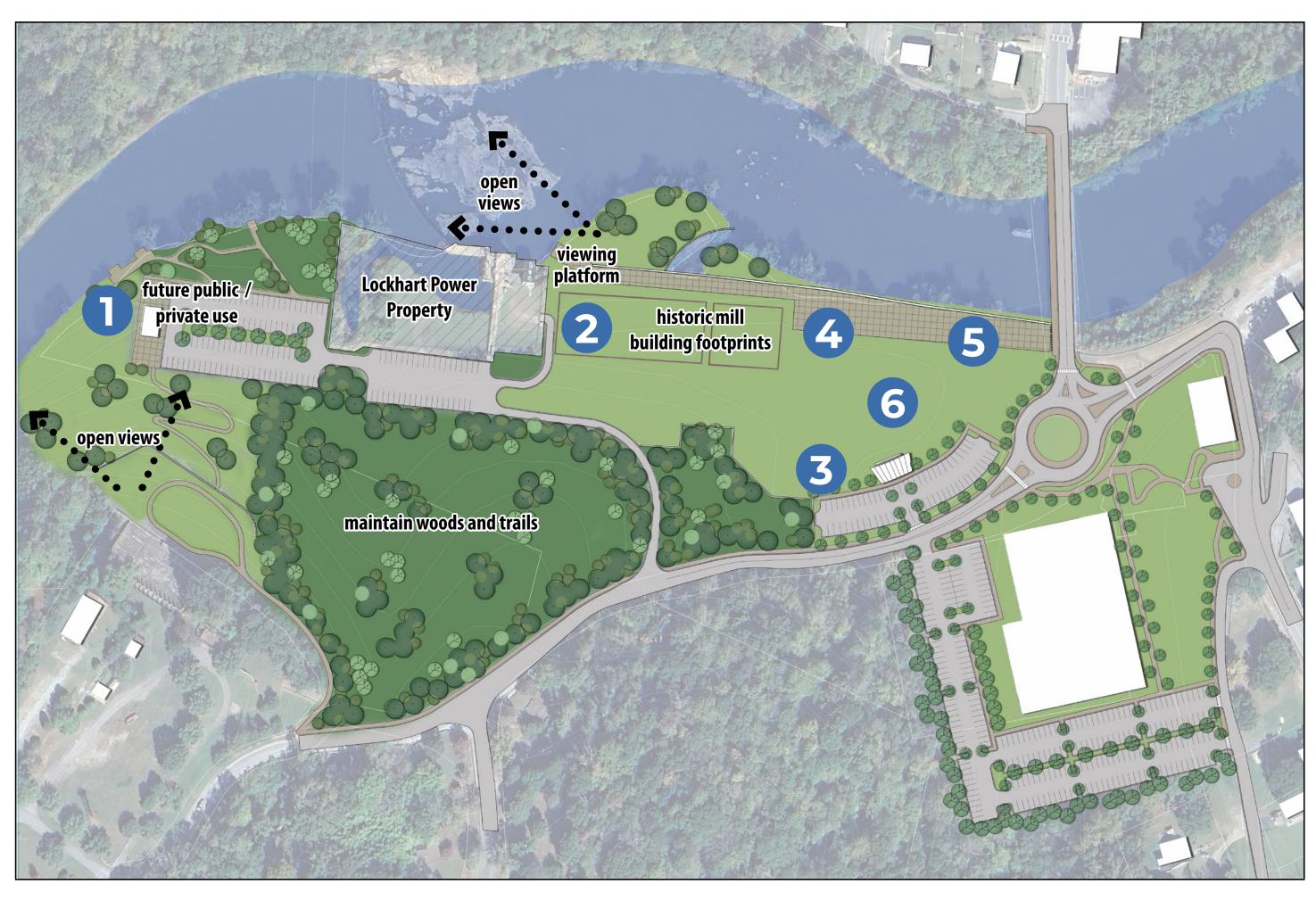
## 8 Improve Canoe / Kayak Put-In

The location to put in a kayak or canoe into the river after the Lower Pacolet Shoals Dam could be more convenient and easier to use. Improved walking and parking access can potentially increase the usability of the existing canoe and kayak put-in area at this location.



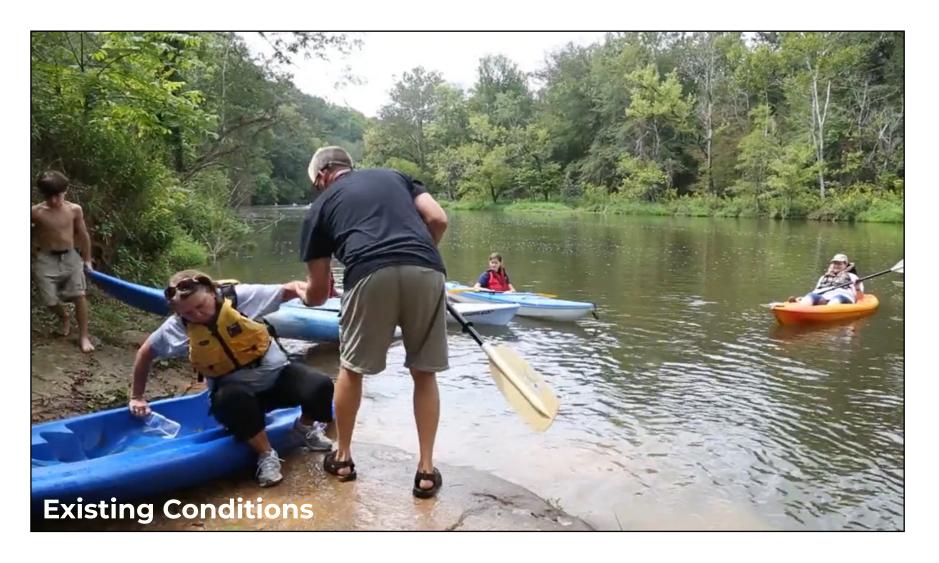


# REIMAGINING THE FLATS



### 1 Improve Canoe / Kayak Access

The current canoe / kayak livery services could be improved. For instance, the current take out access could be enhanced with a more accessible facility. At this location, an opportunity exists to create a public or privately-used building as well.





#### Historic Mill Building Footprint Display and Views of the Dam

The historic mill building footprints can provide educational opportunities and vegetation can be cleared to allow views of the Upper Pacolet Shoals Dam.





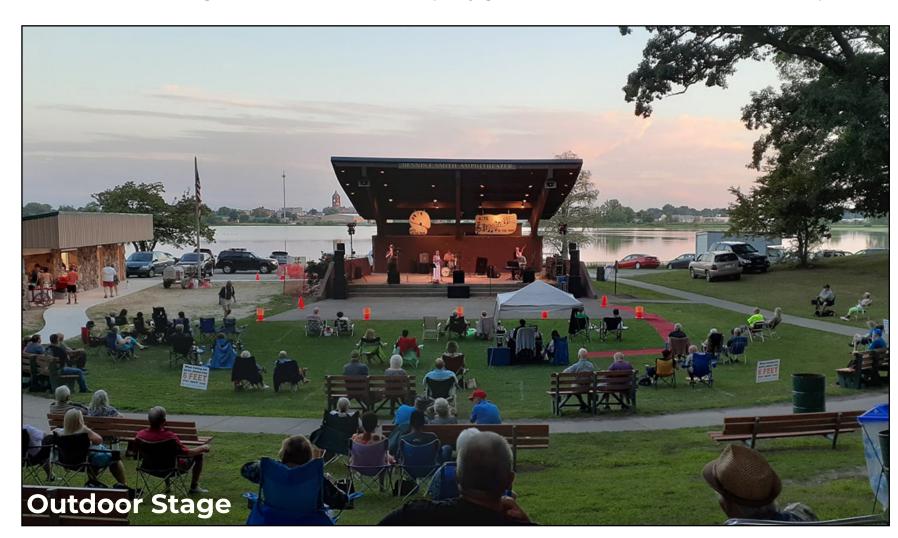


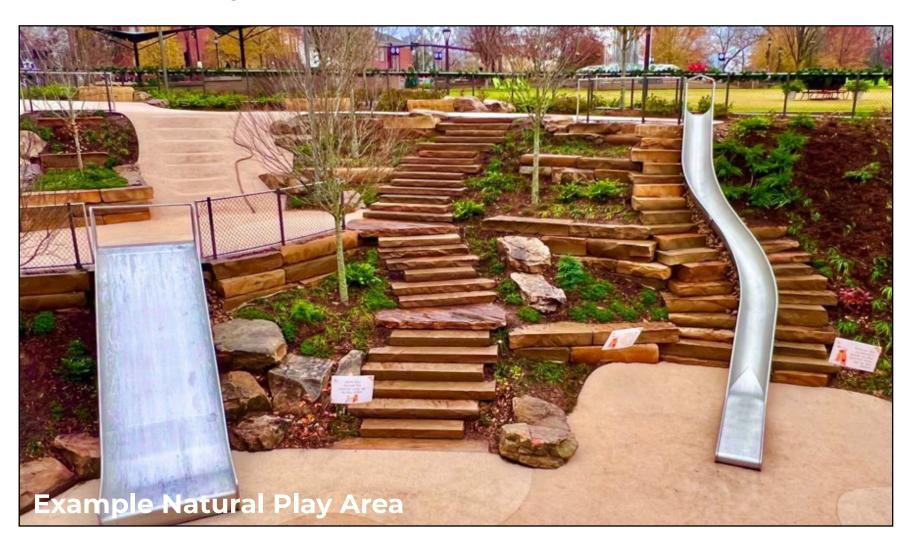


# REIMAGINING THE FLATS

### **3** Outdoor Stage and Children's Play Area

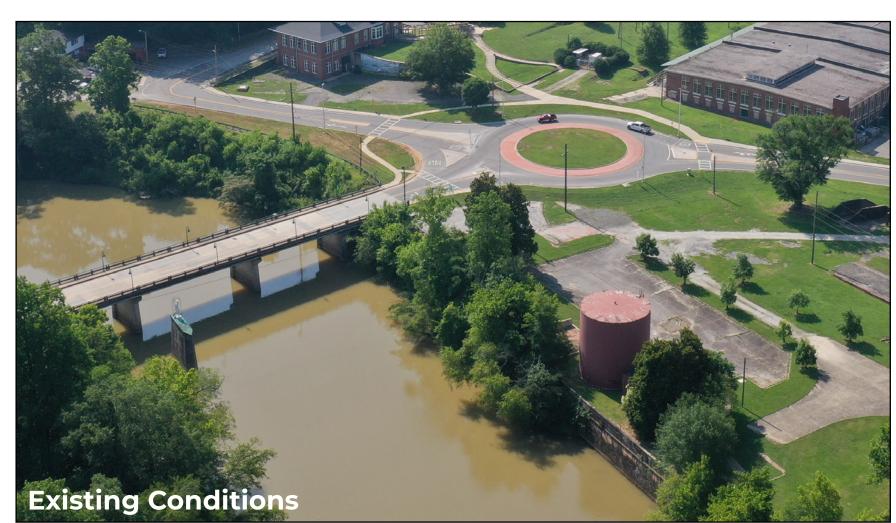
An outdoor stage and a children's playground could be built to help activate the Flats area throughout the week.





### Establish Retail / Restaurant Opportunities

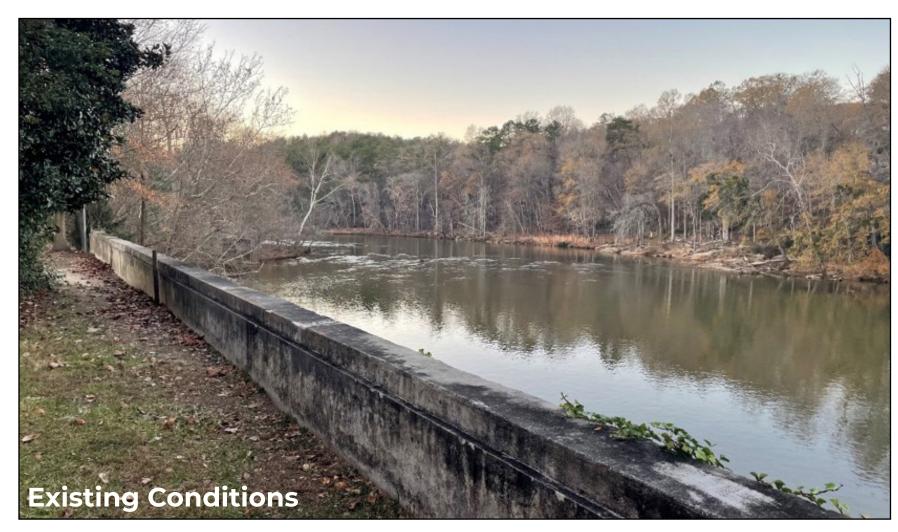
As a long term goal, several small-scale restaurants or businesses could be established to help further activate the area and capitalize on the river views.





### **5** Activate the Riverwalk

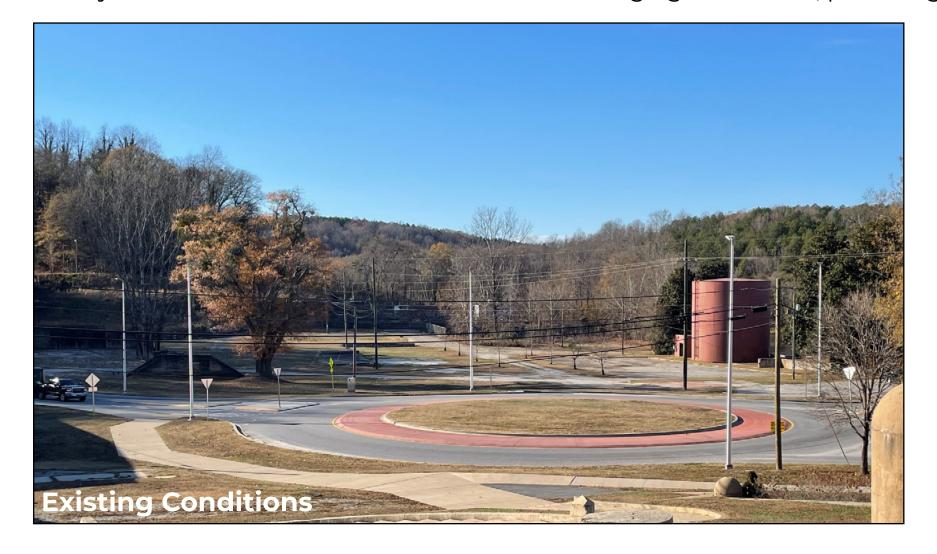
The wall along the riverfront could be cleaned and cleared of vegetation to create a riverwalk which could be activated with temporery events and uses.





#### **6** Create a Pacolet Green

A major section of the Flats could be used as a large green / lawn, providing flexible open space for a variety of uses and events.





# RIVERFRONT CONCEPT









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# IDEAS & COMMENTS





