



City of High Point

Meeting Agenda

Prosperity, Livability, & Safety Committee

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Monica Peters, Chair
Dr. Patrick Harman
Tyrone Johnson
Vickie M. McKiver
Cyril Jefferson, Mayor (Alternate)
Michael Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore (Alternate)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-8

High Point University Greenway Presentation

The Committee will receive a presentation by High Point University Staff regarding the greenway which bisects their campus.

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE:

High Point University Greenway Presentation

FROM:

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager

MEETING DATE:

1/9/2025

PUBLIC HEARING:

No

ADVERTISED DATE/BY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation - HPU Greenway
 2. High Point University Memorandum
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PURPOSE: The Committee will receive a presentation by High Point University staff regarding the greenway which bisects their campus.

BACKGROUND: N/A

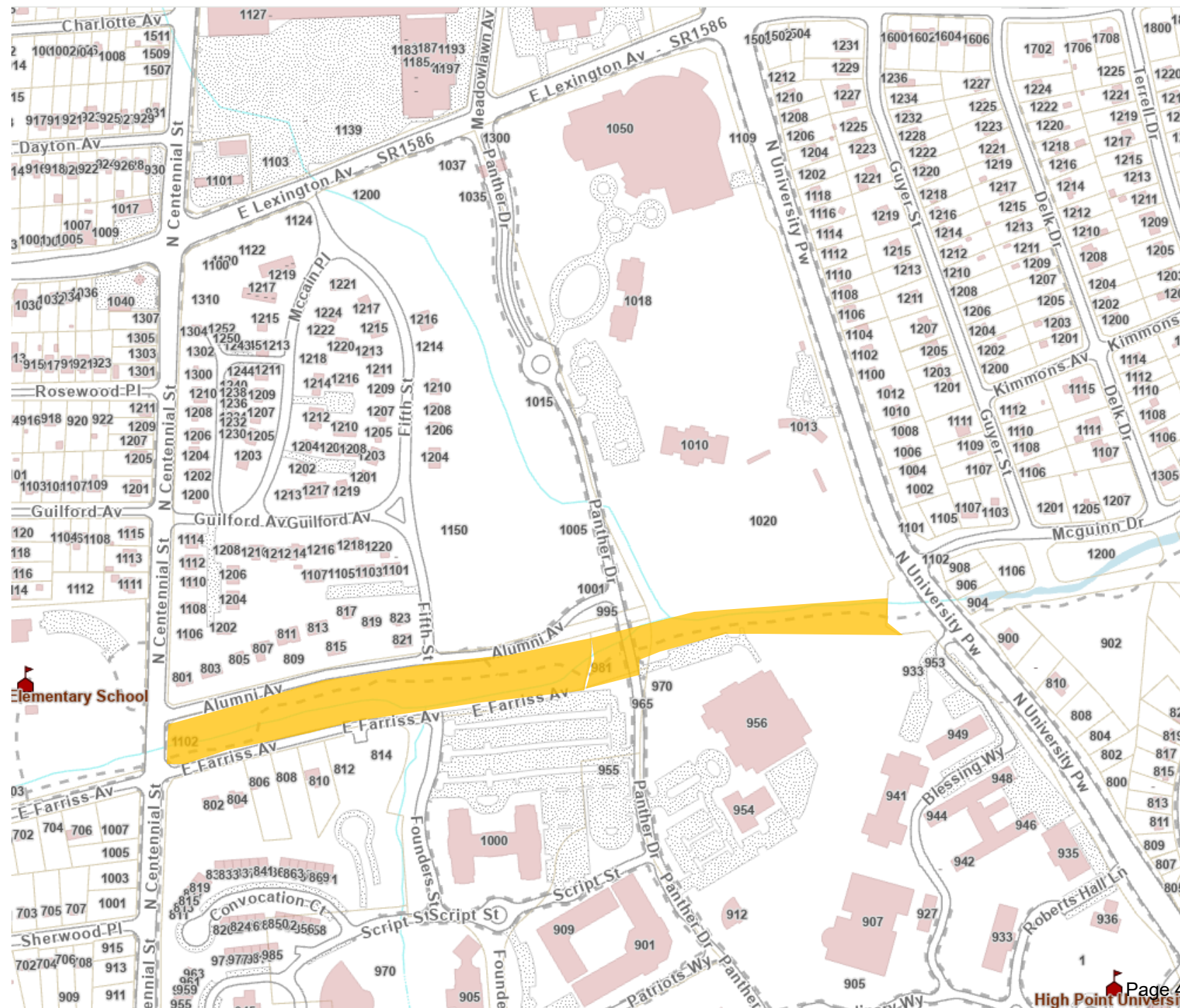
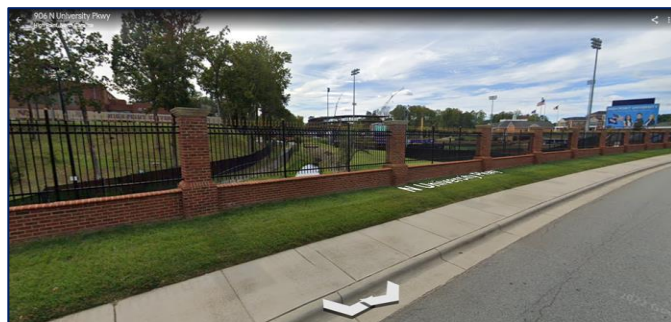
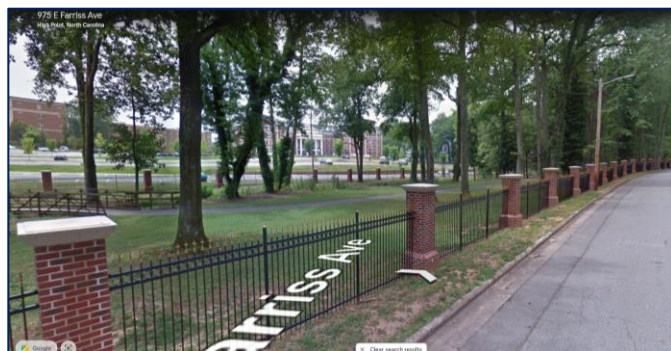
BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION REQUESTED: For Information Only.

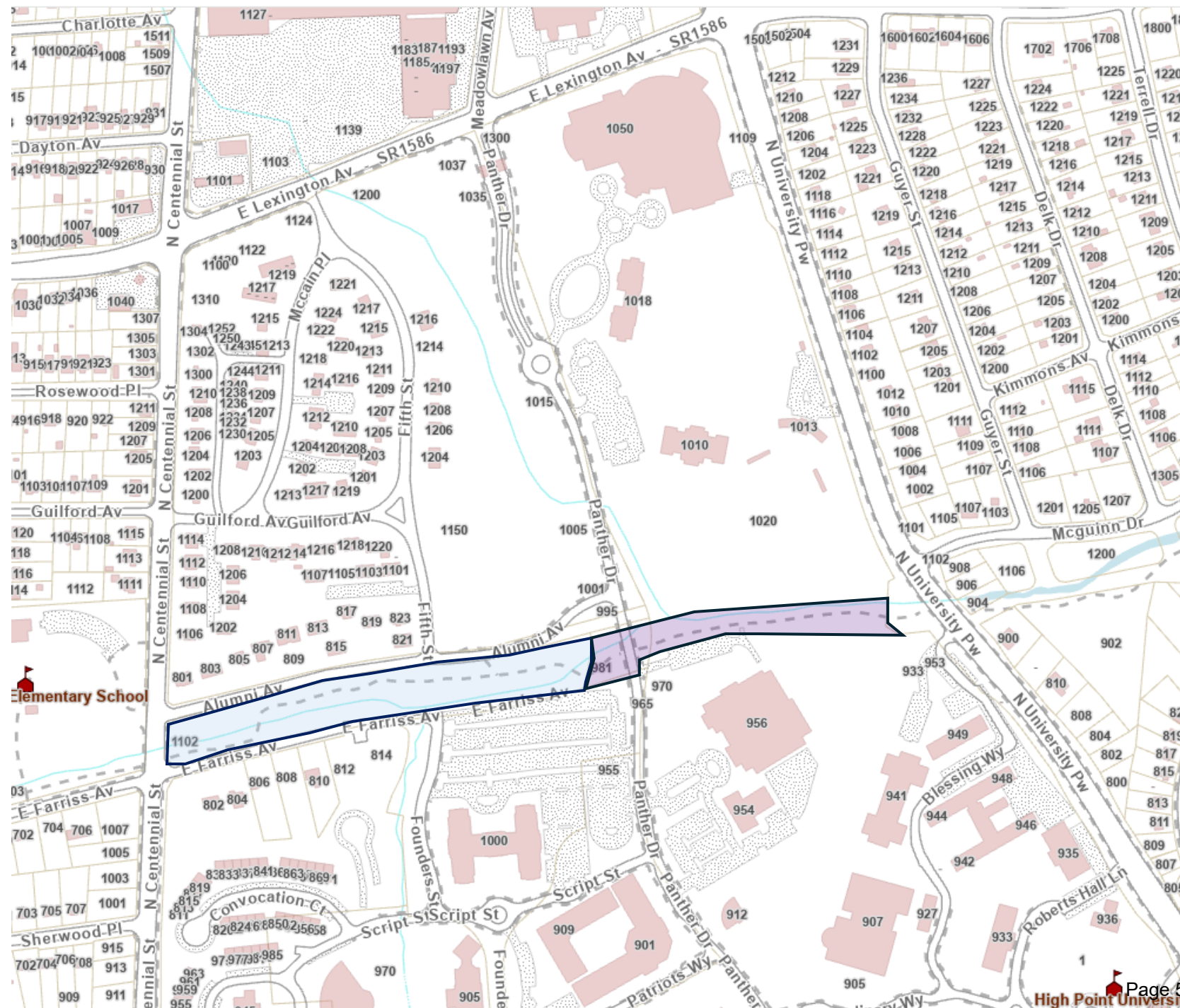
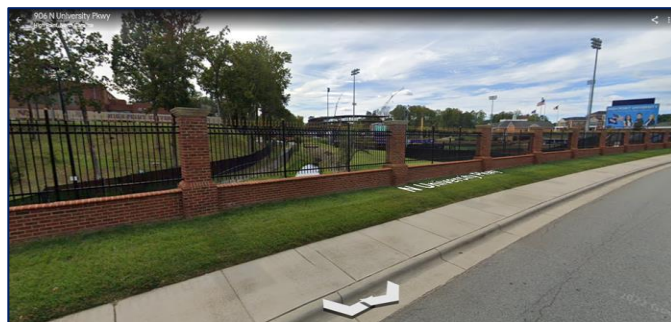
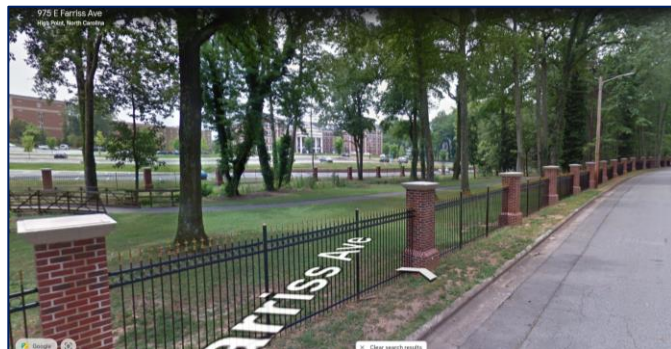
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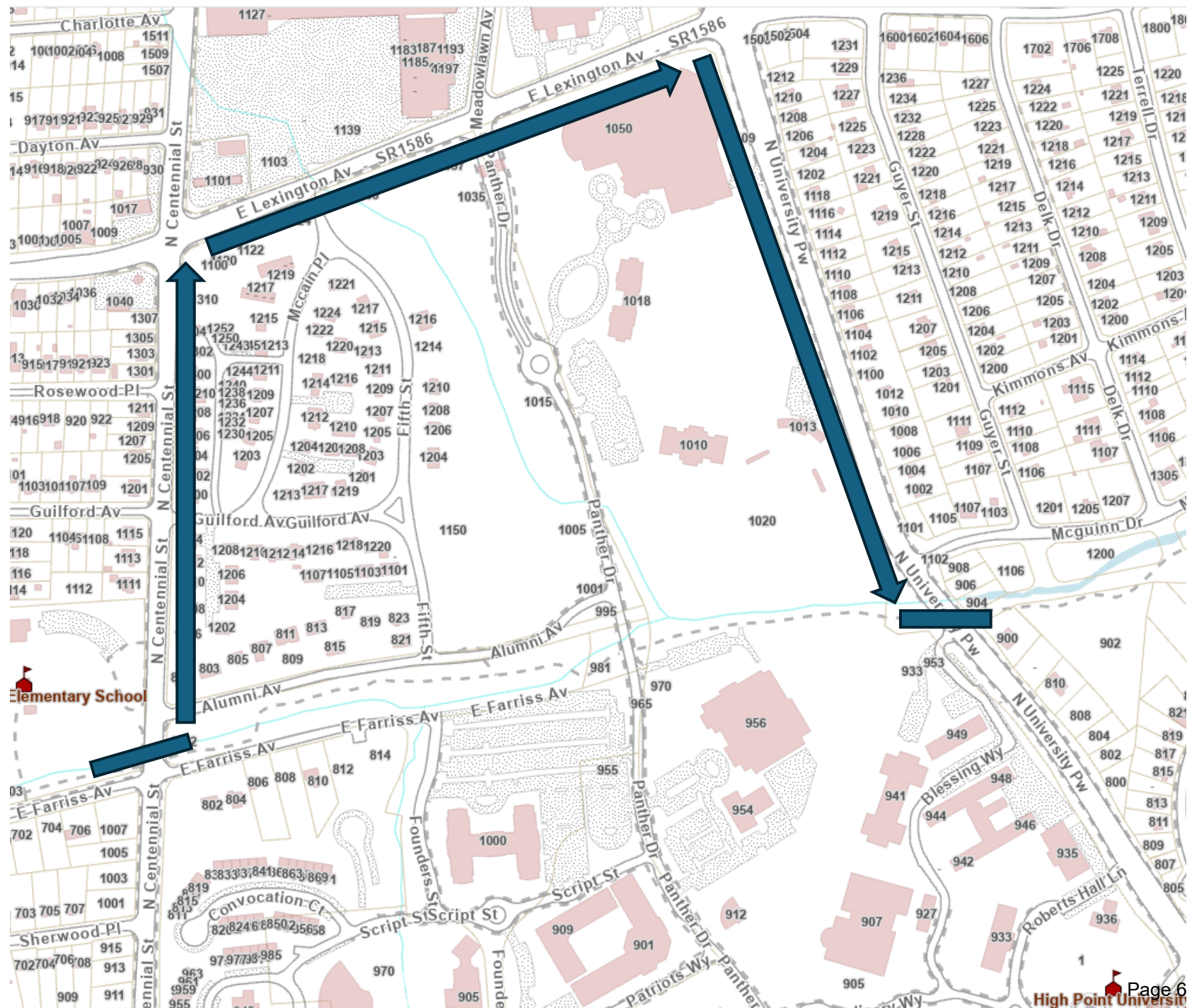
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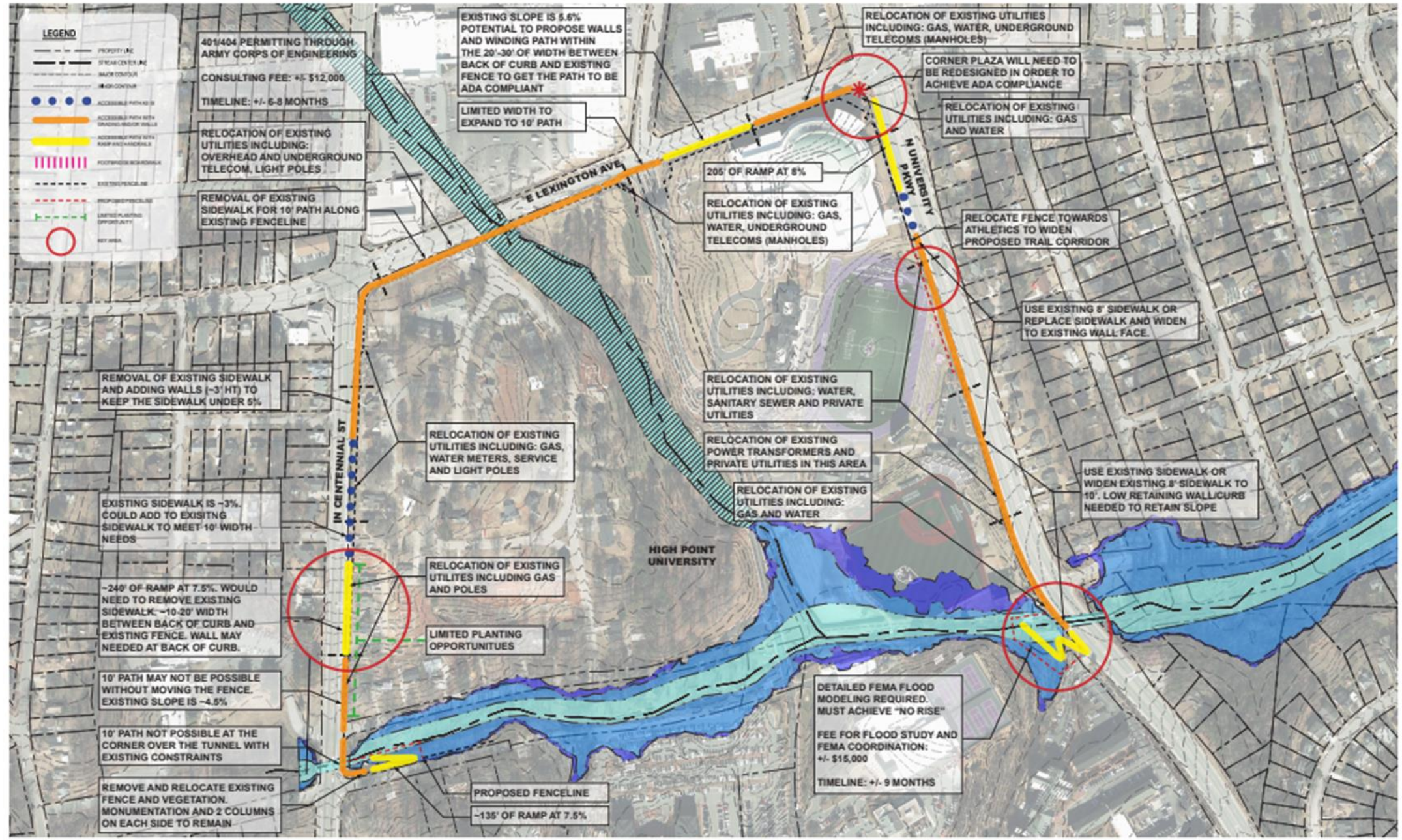
Existing Conditions



Proposed Greenway Route
Around Campus.



Project Status



ANALYSIS MAP - OVERALL ROUTE
HIGH POINT GREENWAY RELOCATION
HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

Why?

University Growth
Enhanced Security

New Schools...

David S. Congdon School of Entrepreneurship
Teresa B. Caine School of Nursing
Douglas S. Witcher School of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
Workman School of Dental Medicine
David S. Congdon School of Entrepreneurship
Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law



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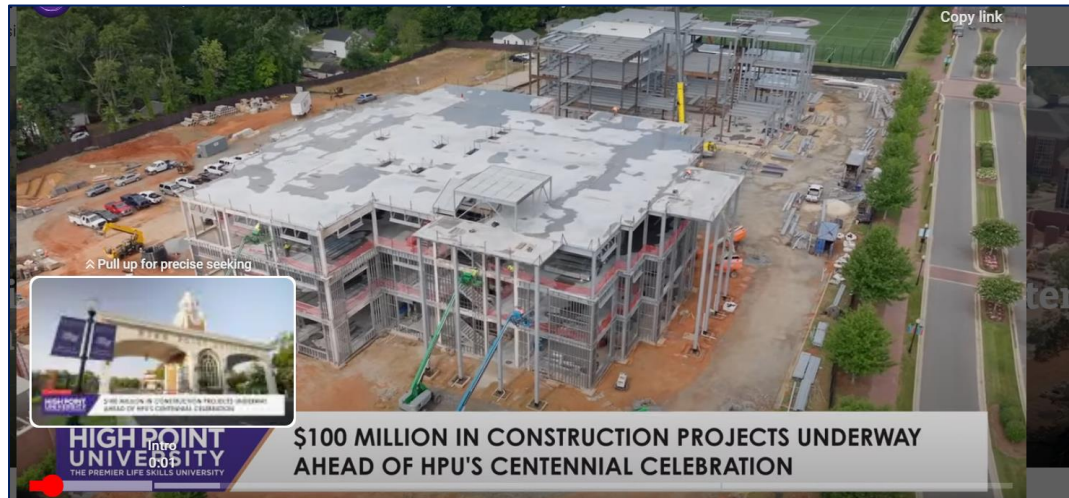
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Featured

High Point University
High Point, NC •
5,006 Full-Time Enrollment

Save School



Request to Committee

- Allow HPU to adjust Greenway around campus
 - HPU design and construct at their cost
 - Determine allowable method to obtain property
 - No interruption to citizens while changes are made
 - Plans approved by City and Parks & Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee

FROM: High Point University

DATE: January 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Request to Reroute Portion of Greenway Around Campus

Request to reroute that portion of the High Point Greenway running from North Centennial through the High Point University campus to University Parkway. The request is to reroute the Greenway around campus utilizing the existing tunnel at N Centennial Street then going north from E. Farriss Avenue to the intersection of N Centennial and E. Lexington Avenue, then going East on E Lexington Avenue to the intersection with N University Parkway, going south at that intersection just to the point of the existing underground tunnel and utilizing that tunnel and thus converging back onto the Greenway. Further, the request is to convey the parcel located at 1102 N Centennial Street (described as Deed Book 000921 Page 00518) where the existing greenway currently is located. Further, where the rest of the Greenway is located on High Point University property the university asks the city to relinquish any permissions that may exist on those university owned properties.



Side picture: Overall plan highlighting the reroute around campus. Please note the use of the city's existing underground tunnels. Currently, the university has adopted the parcels in question maintaining the landscaping, trash collection and access from sunrise to sunset pursuant to city standards.

The existing Greenway through the section within High Point University is approximately 2,300ft. long. With the proposed reroute, the Greenway will be expanded to an approximate 4,800ft, a total increase of approximately 2,500ft to the city's Greenway Plan. Thus, the reroute serves to double the current length of the trail.

The university has solicited the design services of Rachel Cotter from Weston & Sampson because of their familiarity with municipal projects in general and the city of High Point specifically. They are an interdisciplinary firm specializing in environmental, engineering, landscape, and design consulting to both public and private entities. To date, we have met multiple times either on site or virtually to put forth a preliminary plan suitable for your approval to allow the university to move forward with this request. All pictures herein are attributed to the design consultants. A compressed plan of activities to accomplish the reroute is attached to this memorandum.

Our goal with the request to reroute the Greenway is to provide an "equal to or better" experience to the citizens of High Point that utilize the Greenway. For example, the Greenway will strive to meet all ADA standards, provide path widths that average 10ft, provide buffering areas between pedestrian walkways and vehicular paths as customary and consistent with other suburban greenway areas within the city.



The university has undergone analysis of what it will take to design, construct, permit, and consult with multiple entities. The university proposes to absorb 100% of the cost to reroute this section of the Greenway. Further, at no point will the Greenway be closed to citizens to accommodate this request. Thus, the construction of the reroute will be completed before transitioning from the existing to the new trail. The picture herein is an example of a cross section of the design with

wider paths and landscaping.

The university is requesting this reroute in concert with its growth within the city of High Point. Total enrollment is up 5% this past August welcoming 6,335 total students to the city of High Point despite national trends. The university welcomed the largest group of new students in what is now a 100-year history at 1,650 new students. Fueling this growth along with new First-Year students is the new Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law, the Workman School of Dental Medicine, and the David S. Congdon School of Entrepreneurship – imagine these schools as they grow to maturity hosting 100s of students in law and dental combined with Entrepreneurship and Nursing and soon to be Optometry in conjunction with our existing schools of learning in the core city of High Point. The growth will only bolster downtown investment. The growth at High Point University spurs housing needs, classrooms and intermodal designs within the campus requiring additional land and control of the campus.

The growth is not only students but faculty (more than 75 new hires for this academic year alone) visitors (more than 357,000 this year) and employees (totaling over 2300) driving to campus, parking, walking, etc. within campus. The Princeton Review most recently ranked High Point University #1 in Best Run College in the Nation. Here, in our city of High Point hosts the #1 Best Run College in the Nation – We need City Council's help to continue this growth trend.

Our partnership is storied and respected from its beginning in 1924 partnering with the city to form the school to the 1990s reroute of existing streets to the 2000s allowing a school of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to be constructed. Likewise, the university partners with infrastructure projects, grants to city departments and nonprofits, police leadership academy, local entrepreneurship support, programs and sporting events with free admission, downtown revitalization and much more to come. We value our town and gown relationship and together we are a model for other communities.

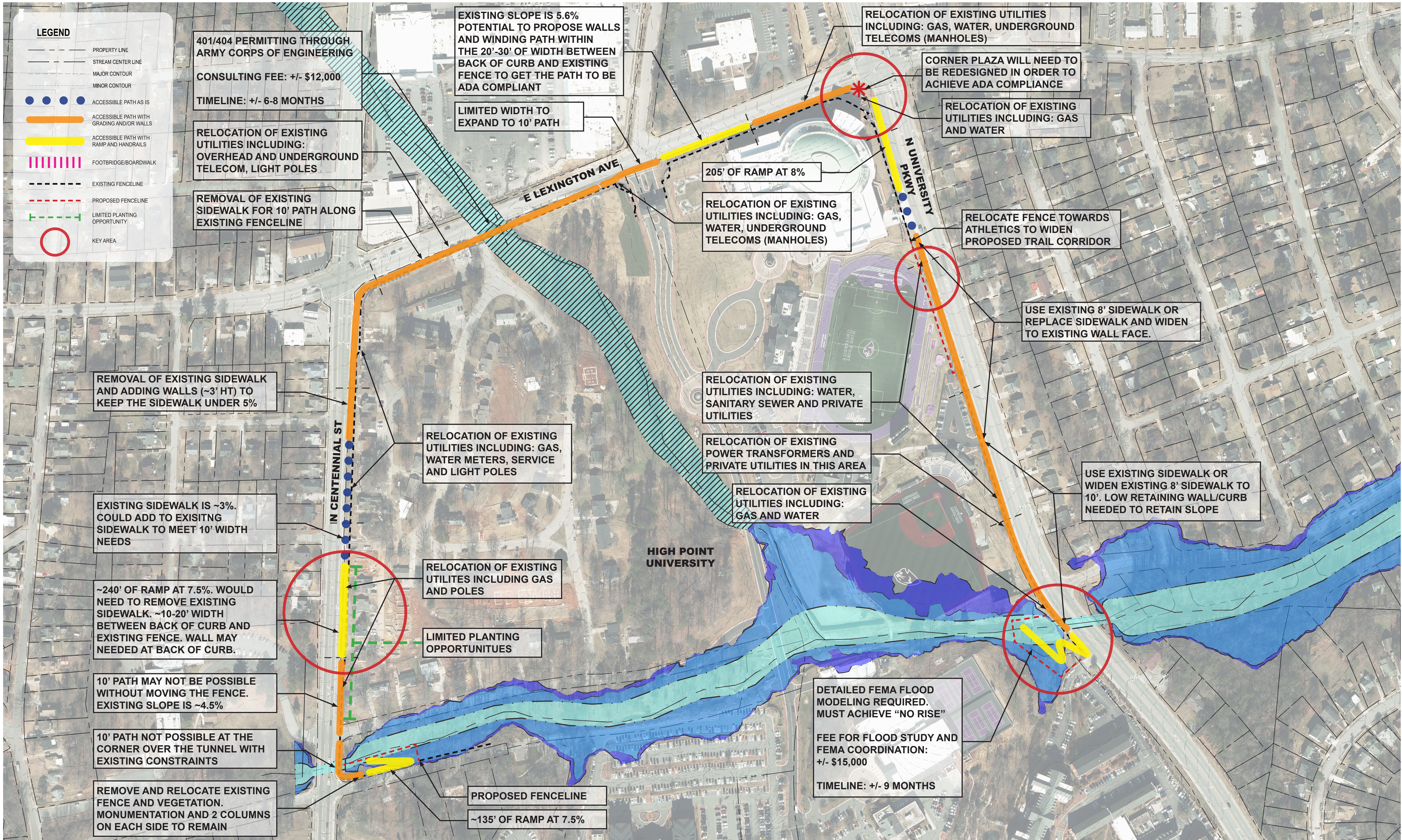
Reroute of the current greenway will allow High Point University flexibility within campus for intermodal transportation paths and development scenarios not offered at this time. For example, the university is limited to the current infrastructure and patterns. With the Greenway reroute added land and Alumni Avenue opens the possibility to remove single family housing in lieu of traditional residence hall style, tiny home development and other scenarios.

Further, security concerns are minimized resulting from monitoring over 4,600sf of fence line (current interior fence line) reduced to just 1,200sf (both ends of tunnel access). The monitoring will be under video surveillance with the ability to monitor all areas of the proposed new fence line.

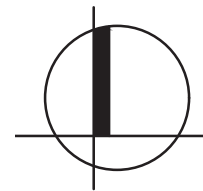
The university looked at other paths to reroute the Greenway, to the south and through existing neighborhoods and to the north maintaining the trail along E. Lexington Avenue. It was determined the safest, most expedient path is along current university property.

The request to the City of High Point's Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee is as follows:

- Allow High Point University to reroute Greenway around campus at their design and construction expense.
- Determine allowable methods to permit High Point University opportunity to obtain property
- Greenway to remain open to citizens until reroute around campus complete
- Greenway plans approved by the city of High Point and Parks and Recreation Department



SCALE: 1" = 120'



ANALYSIS MAP - OVERALL ROUTE

HIGH POINT GREENWAY RELOCATION
HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

