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# WILLS CREEK GREENWAY

FORT PAYNE  
STUDY AREA

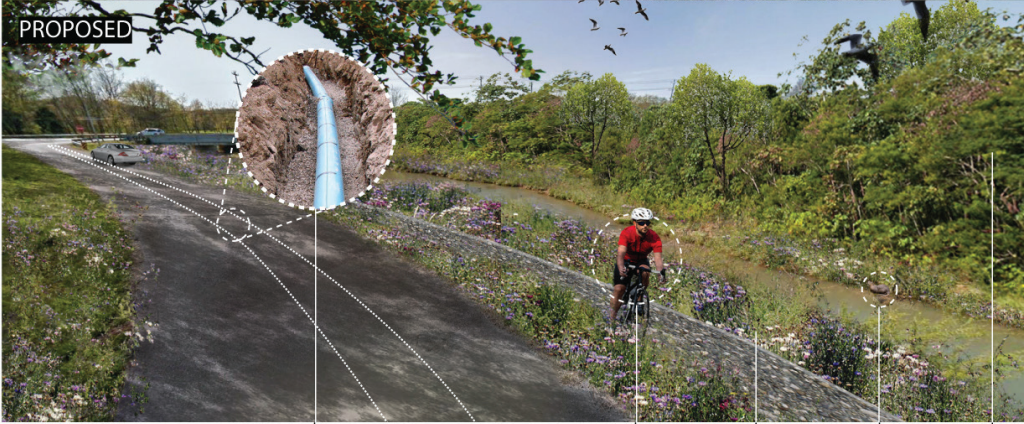
WILLS CREEK

GADSDEN

EXISTING



PROPOSED



sewer system upgrade grant and ROW  
10' wide multi-use trails for hiking, biking  
wildflower meadow  
wildlife habitat  
riparian buffer streambank restoration

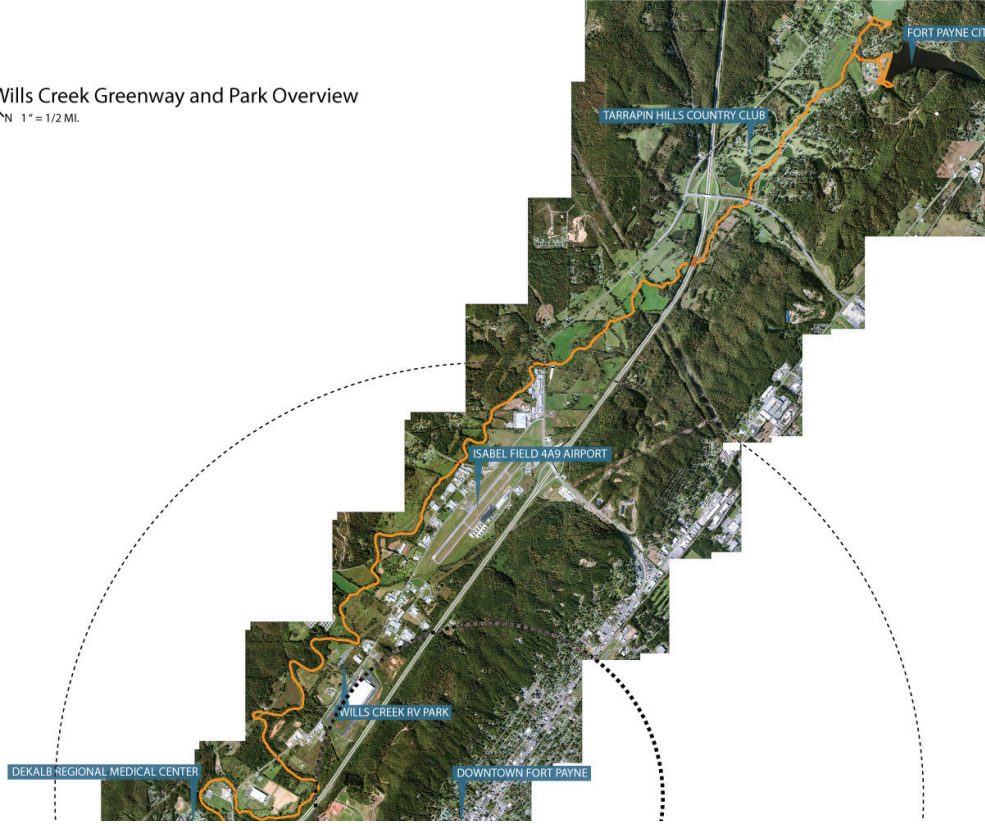
## WILLS CREEK GREENWAY

The City of Fort Payne, Alabama is embarking on a grand vision of revitalizing Big Wills Creek into an eleven mile Greenway and Park within the city. Located in the valley formed by the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Big Wills Creek stretches over 60 miles starting to the North in Valley Head, Alabama and terminating to the south into the Coosa River in Gadsden, Alabama.

The proposed Wills Creek Greenway will start to the north at Fort Payne City Lake where boating opportunities currently exist and will be built upon. Heading south from the lake, the greenway will utilize the creek's natural beauty to attract eco-tourists from the region and will include canoe and kayak landings, over eleven miles of multi-use biking and hiking trails, passive open space areas for recreation, and multiple connections to current and proposed amenities such as other parks, sports complexes, and retail opportunities.

## Wills Creek Greenway and Park Overview

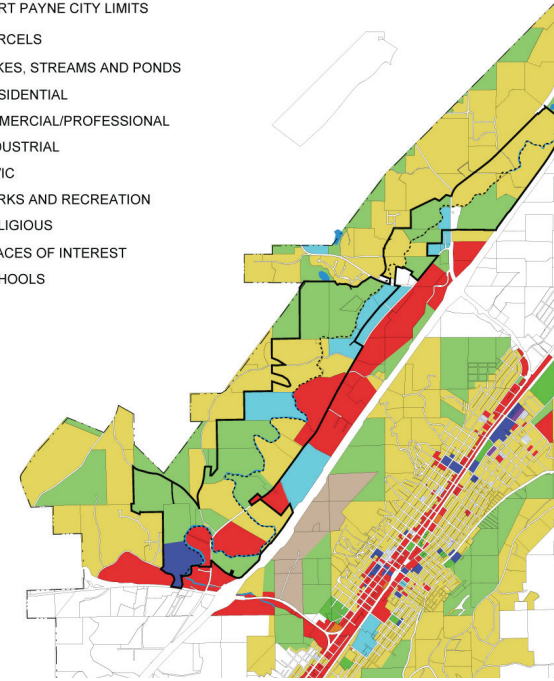
↑N 1" = 1/2 MI.



## Fort Payne Land Use

↑N NOT TO SCALE

- WILLIS CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL
- FORT PAYNE CITY LIMITS
- PARCELS
- LAKES, STREAMS AND PONDS
- RESIDENTIAL
- COMERCIAL/PROFESSIONAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- CIVIC
- PARKS AND RECREATION
- RELIGIOUS
- PLACES OF INTEREST
- SCHOOLS



## CONNECTING FORT PAYNE

*Bringing People, Opportunities, and Resources Together*

The greenway will navigate beside many large industrial and commercial sites as well as many residential neighborhoods. It is the intent of the park to connect the multiple land uses encouraging alternate routes of transportation and new economic growth.



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84.9% of population has health coverage, 15.1% uninsured

98.38% of commuters drive alone or carpool, with less than 2% of trips taken by walking or biking

per capita personal health care spending was 7,281 in 2014

12.2% prevalence of Diabetes, dekalb county (Data provided by the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps County Health Rankings, 2018)

11 miles of new greenway trails

30.5% prevalence of adult obesity, dekalb county (Data provided by the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps County Health Rankings, 2018)