

## **COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #4**

**SUBJECT:** Oklawaha Greenway Remediation

**PRESENTER:** Commissioner Edney

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Map of the Greenway Section

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

During the Board's budget workshop on January 20, 2021, staff was directed to develop a proposal to address the flooding problem with the section of the Oklawaha Greenway from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Martin Luther King Blvd (US 64). A reference map is attached, on which the greenway appears as a white line, and the aerial photo captured the trail flooded on the upper middle portion. Typically, this flooding expands northward to the crossing under MLK Blvd.

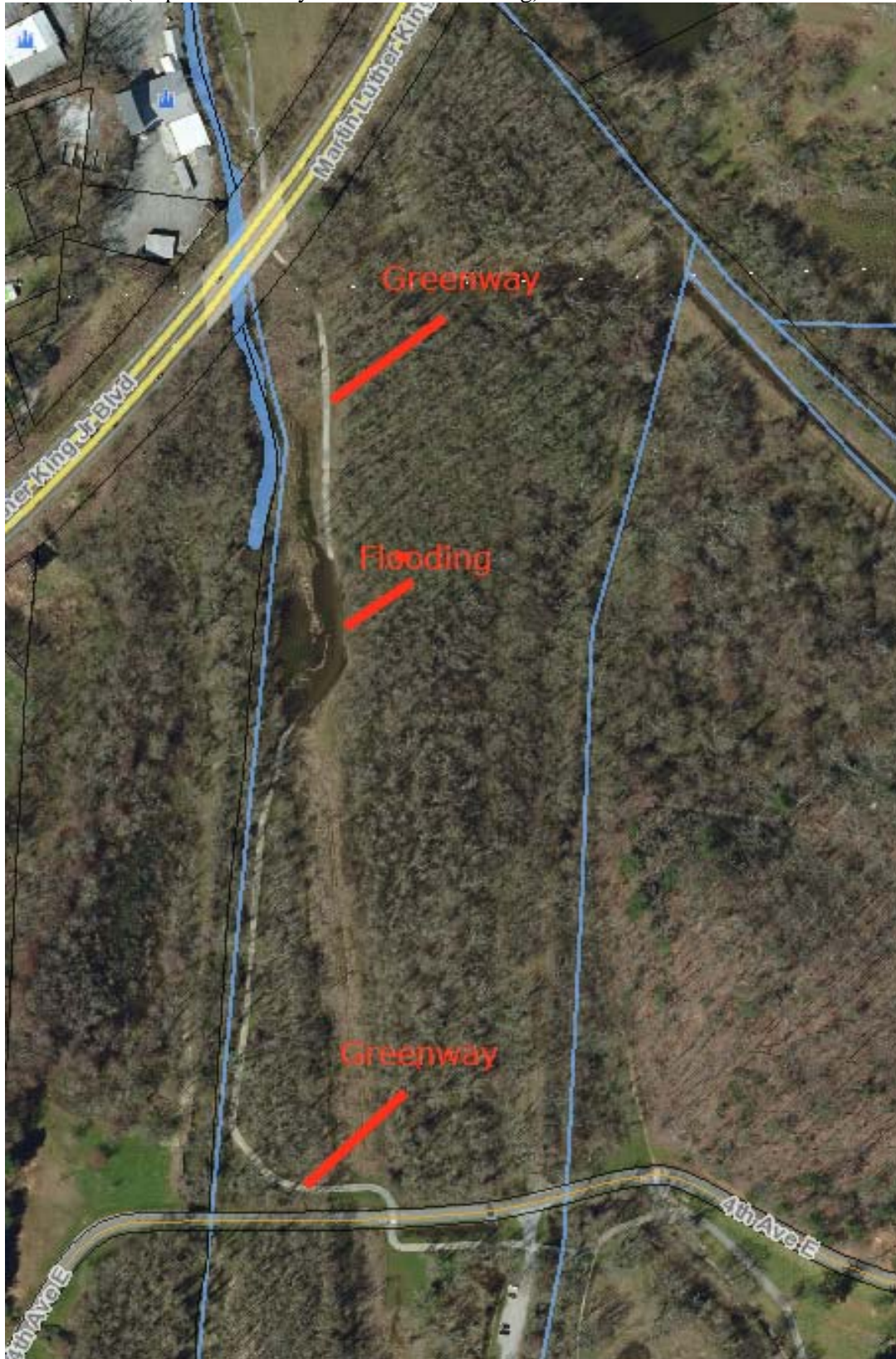
### **STAFF RESEARCH:**

During the February 17, 2019 meeting, the Board directed staff to apply for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF grant) to replace this section of the greenway with a boardwalk structure. The application was not successful. Therefore, staff have identified the Land and Water Conservation Fund as a possible funding source. The LWCF grants are up to \$500,000 with a 50% local match as with PARTF. Should the Board direct Staff to make application, and the grant be awarded, Staff will bring this item back to the Board to request a Budget Amendment allocating \$77,000, with the \$173,000 required balance committed by the City of Hendersonville.

Last year, grant applications were due on July 1 and would anticipate the same date for 2021. Staff recommends applying for a LWCF grant in 2021 for the boardwalk solution. Also, to increase the competitiveness of the grant application, staff recommends delineating the stream and wetlands of the project area and updating the flood model. Topography of the site has already been surveyed and a flood model generated. This preliminary design work will make an application more competitive by making the project more ready for construction and eliminate uncertainty which could delay a project. A budget for preliminary design work is \$15,000. An update cost estimate for the project would be generated as well.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

Attachment (Map of Greenway Section with Flooding):



Source: Henderson County GoMaps