

Higgins Greenway - Phase IV

PROPOSED GREENWAY PLAN

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Cary has been awarded a \$1.9 million LAPP grant (federal funding) to construct Higgins Greenway Phase IV. This project will connect Higgins Greenway Phase III along Kildaire Farm Road into downtown Cary. Other corridor enhancements include burying overhead utilities, replacing aging water mains, landscaped medians, pedestrian crossings, and public art.



Use the QR Code above to check out the Higgins Phase IV project website

PROJECT GOALS

Serve All Ages and Abilities: Create a greenway, suitable for users of all ages and abilities, that will serve the diversity of people enjoying downtown Cary's civic anchors.

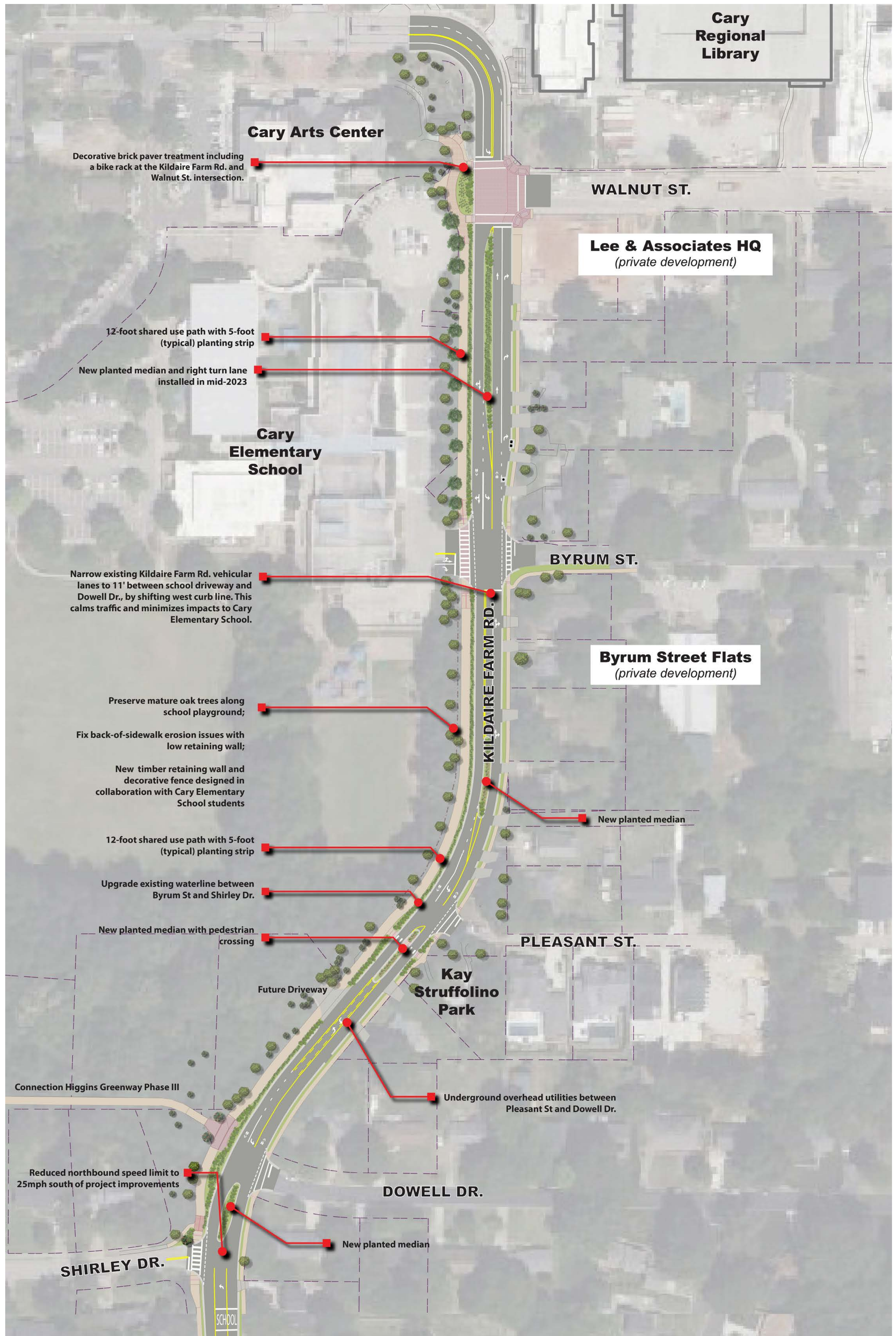
Connect to Civic Anchors: Connect the Higgins Greenway (Phase 3) to the Downtown Cary Park, Cary Elementary School, the Cary Arts Center, and the Cary Regional Library.

Create a Signature Urban Greenway Segment: Develop a greenway treatment that appropriately responds to the unique context of Downtown Cary and creates a recognizable and intuitive route for greenway users.

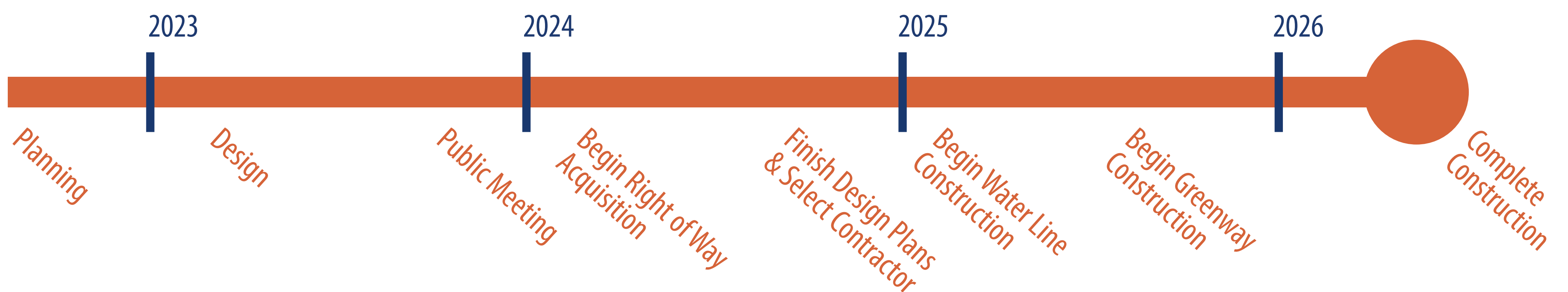
Prioritize Pedestrians & Bicyclists in Downtown: Calm traffic on Kildaire Farm Rd., especially in proximity to potential pedestrian/bicycle crossings.

Integrate Placemaking & Public Art: Incorporate opportunities for placemaking, wayfinding, and public art that celebrates and enhances the character of Downtown Cary.

Support School Safety & Operations: Maximize safety and security for the students, staff, faculty, and parents of Cary Elementary School while minimizing potential operational impacts on the school.



ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE (Subject to change)

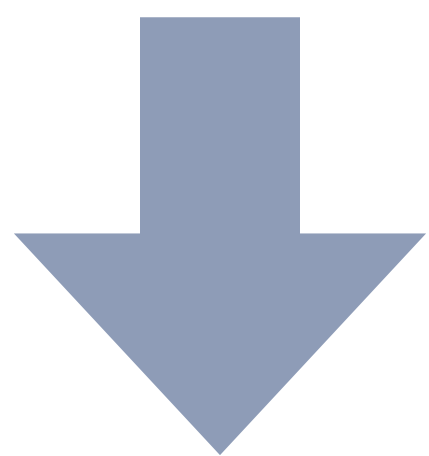
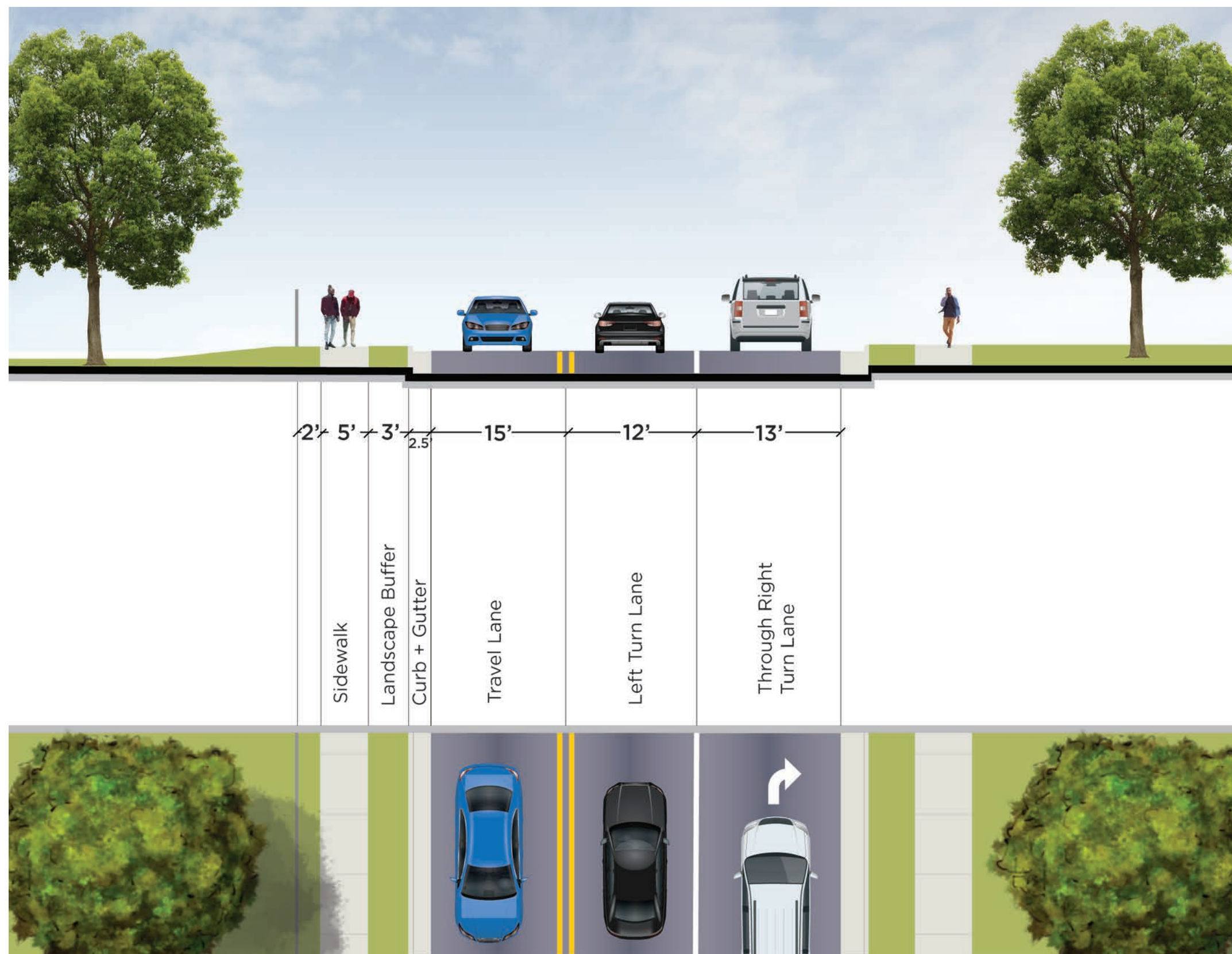


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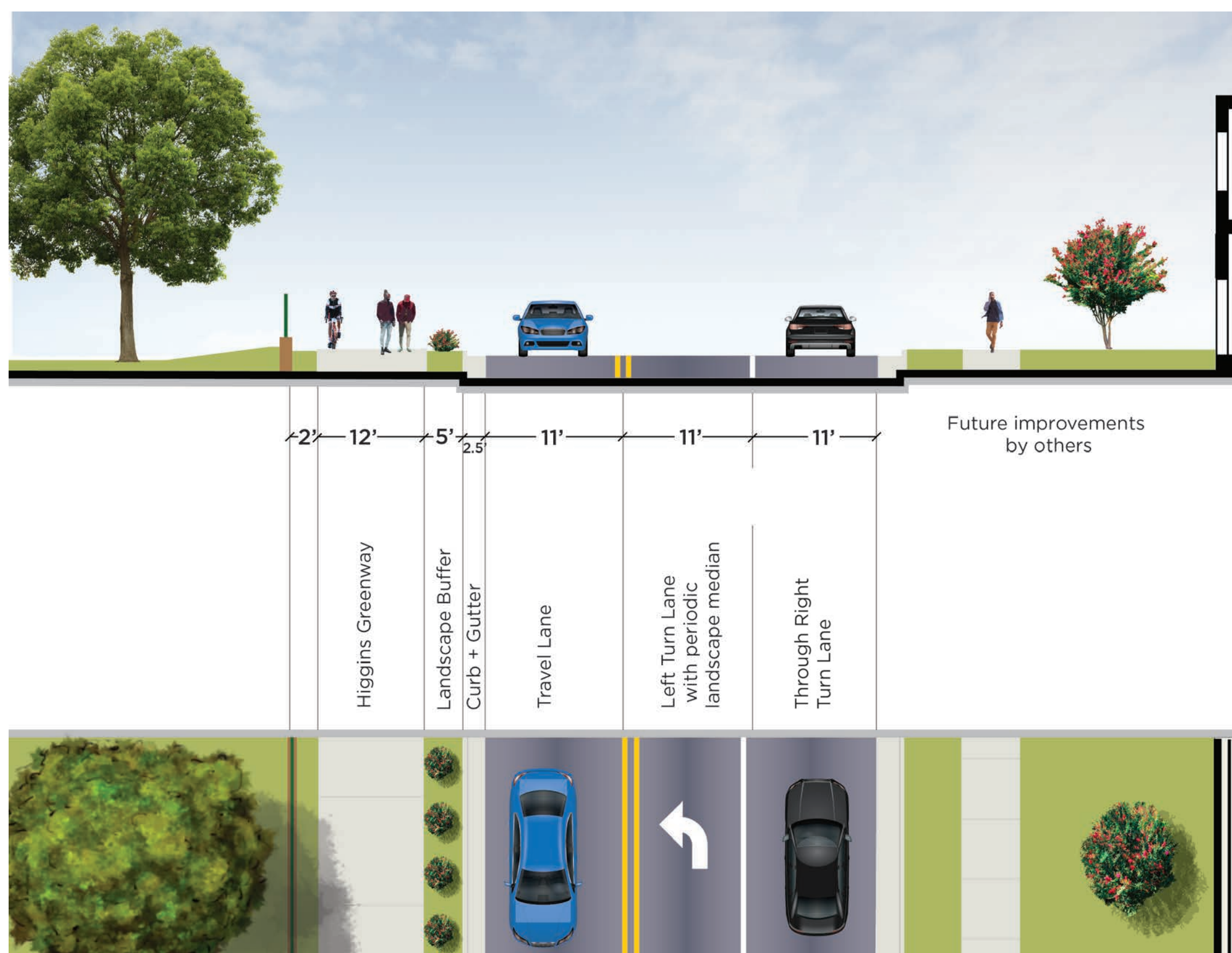
PROPOSED GREENWAY DESIGN

Kildaire Farm Road South of Byrum Street

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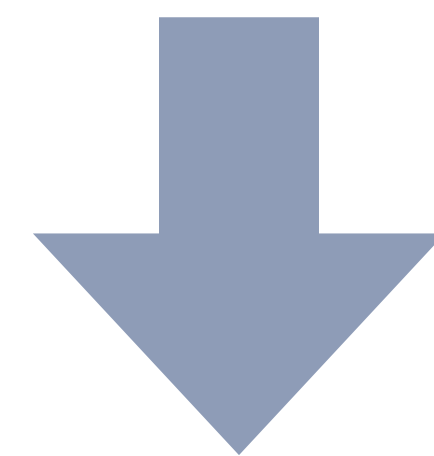
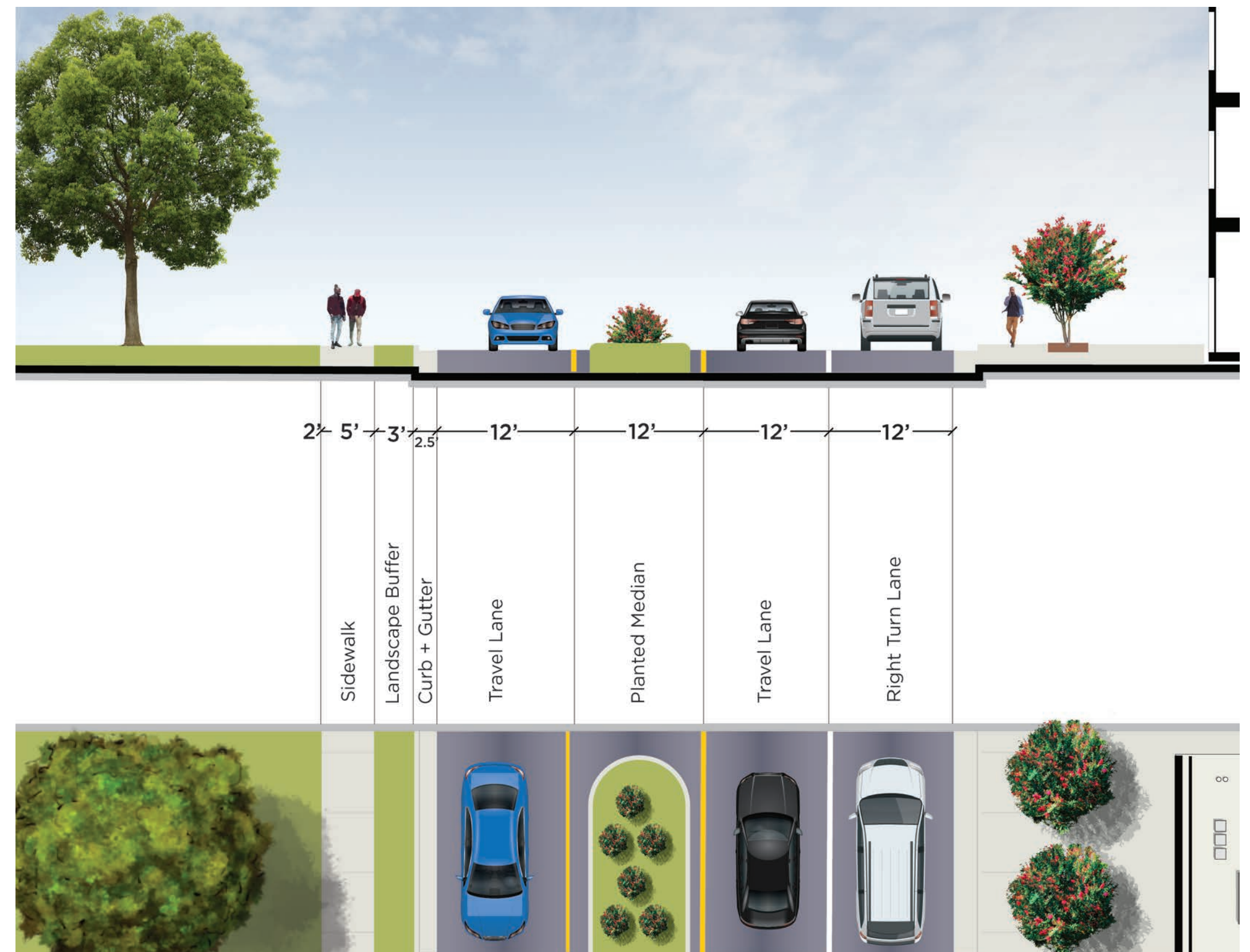


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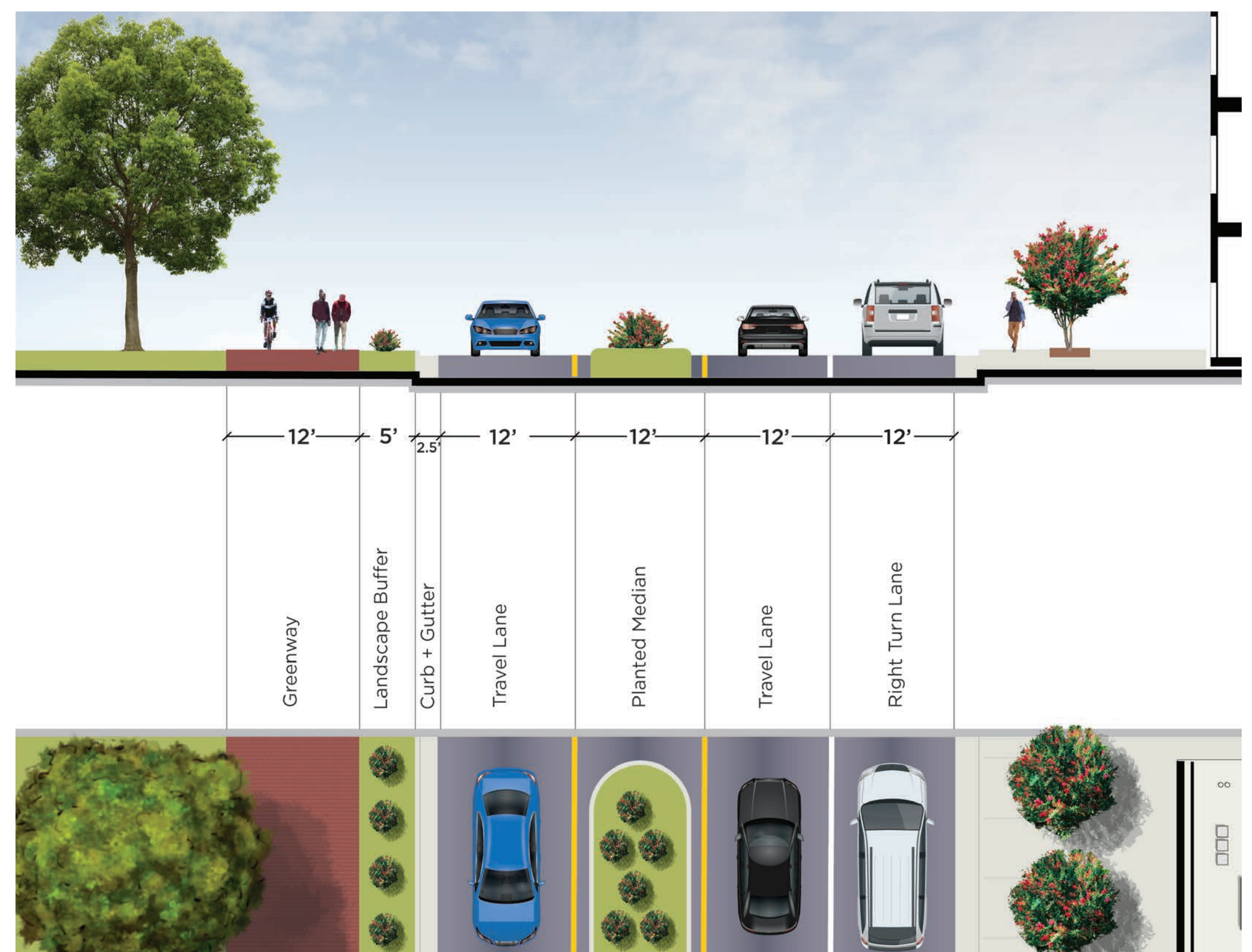


Kildaire Farm Road South of Walnut Street

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PROPOSED GREENWAY DESIGN

Kildaire Farm Road at Byrum St. / Cary Elementary School Driveway (looking south)

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FUTURE GREENWAY RENDERING



The Higgins Greenway Phase IV project will improve the existing sidewalk on the west side of Kildaire Farm Road to create a path wide enough for people walking and biking. This 12-foot-wide pathway will connect Phase III of the Higgins Greenway to Cary Elementary School, the Cary Arts Center, the Cary Regional Library, and Downtown Cary Park. Other improvements include a new fence with decorative art panels, planted medians, new landscaping, and signage.

(Rendering for illustrative purposes only. Subject to change.)

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PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION

Phase IV of the Higgins Greenway offers an exciting opportunity to incorporate public art while engaging Cary's youth in the project design.

CURRENT FENCE



There is a chain-link fence separating the Cary Elementary School playground from the sidewalk along Kildaire Farm Road. (See image at right.) This project will replace the sidewalk with a 12-foot-wide street side trail and replace the aging fence, enhancing this gateway into downtown.

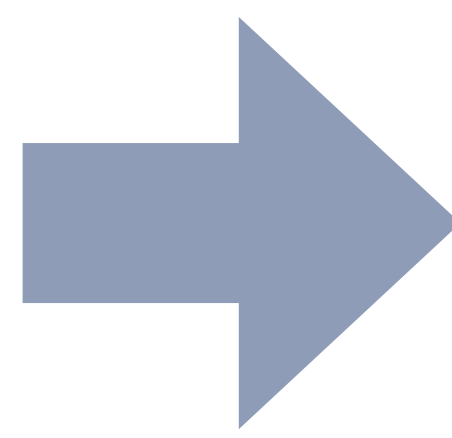
The project team is working with Magnolia Metal Fabrication, a local artistic metalworker, to fabricate decorative fence panels for use in the new fence along the greenway.

In April, the project team visited Cary Elementary School to get students and teachers involved in the development of art concepts for the new fence. (See image below, left.)

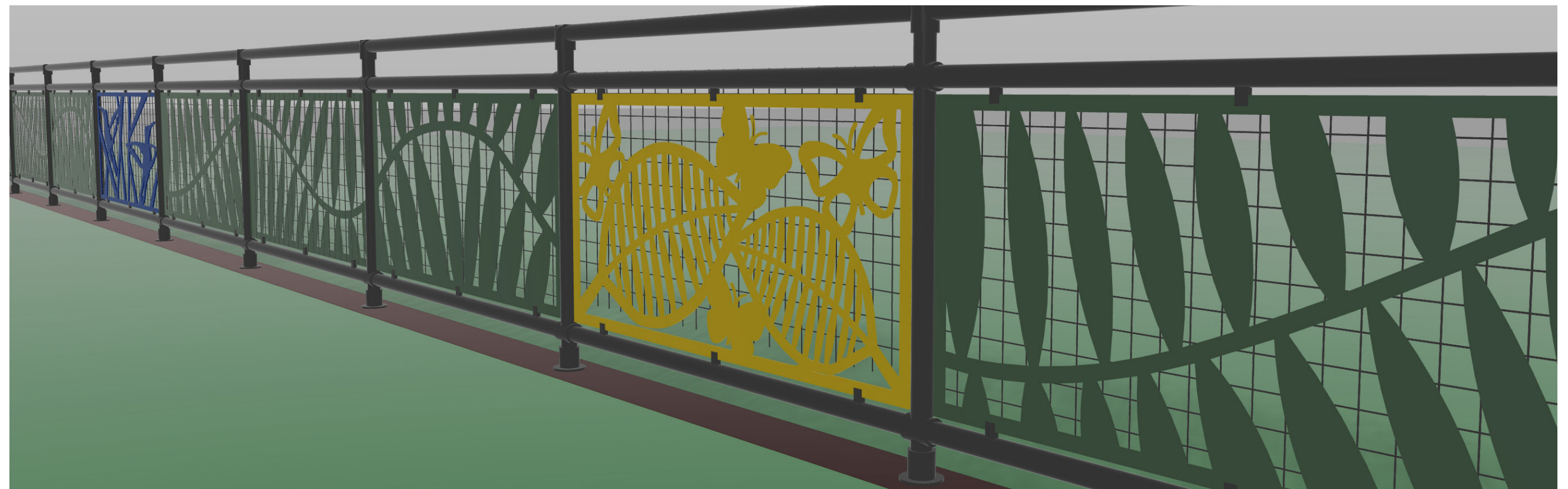
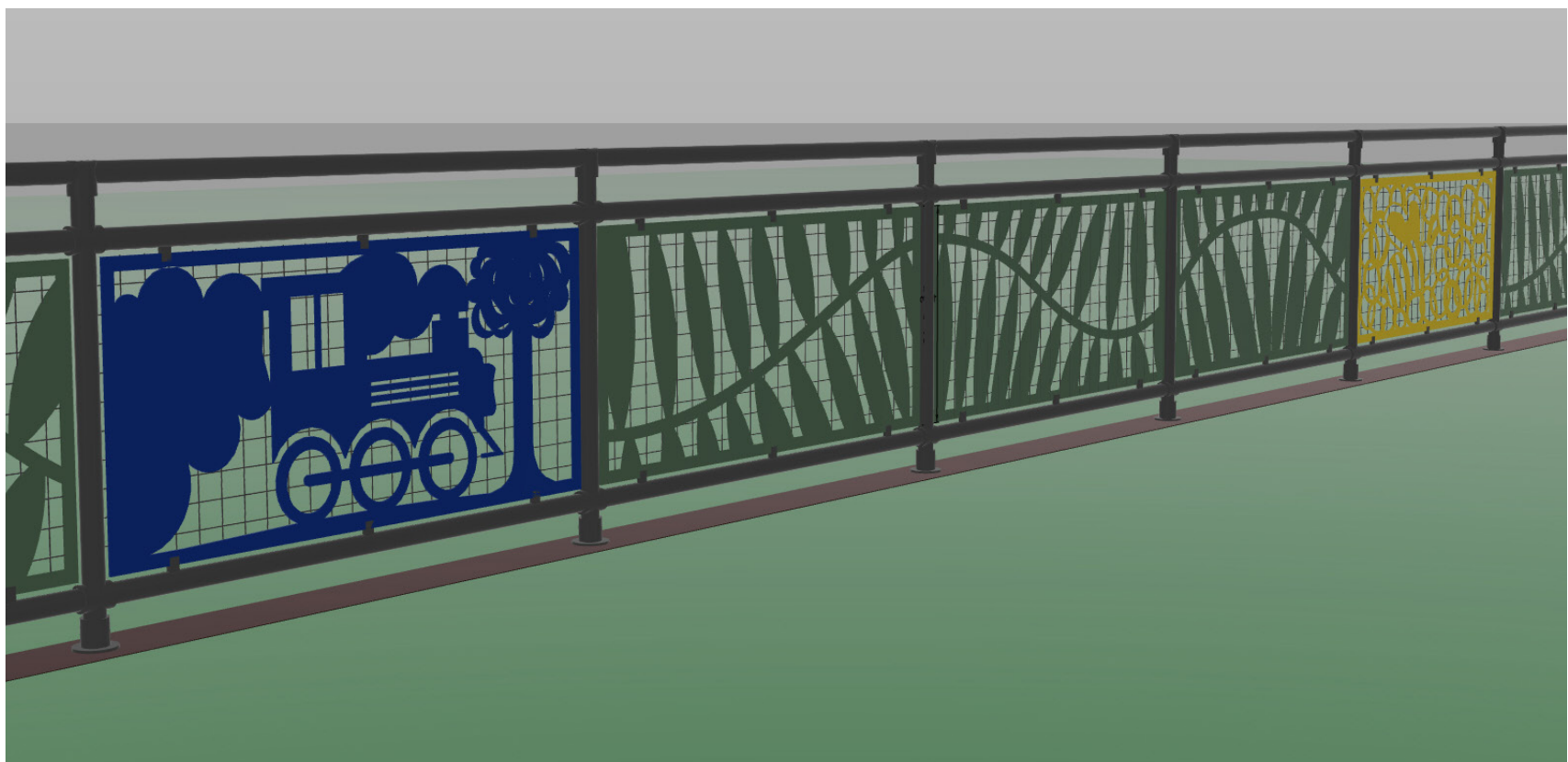
STUDENT ARTWORK



Town staff and the project artist met with 5th graders to talk about how their ideas could be incorporated into the project. The students then worked with their teachers and developed artwork to inspire the project artist. (See images below, right.) Since then, the project artist has been working to translate the 5th graders' drawings into the design for the decorative fence panels. (See images at bottom.)



DECORATIVE FENCE PANELS



Artist's rendering of laser cut, metal panels to be used in the new fence between the Higgins Greenway and Cary Elementary School.
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