

## Help open the Dried Indian Creek Bridge



If you have not already contributed to Newton Trails' 2020 supporter campaign, please consider doing so.

Newton Trails seeks to raise \$21,000 of the \$108,000 needed to pave from Emory Street and to repair the bridge which crosses Dried Indian Creek next to Covington City Hall.

We already have \$80,000 or 74% of total project costs. The Waterfall Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant and an anonymous donor gave \$30,000 through the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

Smart Growth Newton County has issued a challenge grant and will contribute an additional \$7,000 when Newton Trails achieves its goal of \$21,000 in donations.

Let's open the bridge! For details on how to donate please go to [www.newtontrails.org/donations](http://www.newtontrails.org/donations).

## New safety fencing on Emory Street's I-20 bridge

Thanks to the advocacy of long-time trail supporters David Waller and Bob Rutland the Georgia Department of Transportation has added fencing to both sides of the bridge where Emory Street (Hwy 81) crosses I-20 in northwest Covington. The fencing greatly improves safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The project was initiated in conversations between Waller, Rutland, and a couple of State Transportation Board members about a year ago. Those board members were Robert Brown, Jr., who represents Newton County, and Rudy Bowen the board's vice-chairman. Waller and Rutland asked if fencing could be added and construction was completed in late October.



As seen in the picture and experienced by anyone who once crossed the bridge, the sidewalk is narrow and the old guardrails are only about 32 inches high. Crossing on foot or by bicycle was scary.

## Georgia District Circle K International contributes trail maintenance

Fifty-seven volunteers, all members of one of Circle K International's 16 collegiate clubs in Georgia, spent the morning of November 9 picking up litter and clearing brush along a section of the Cricket Frog Trail.



Circle K International is the world's largest student-led service organization. The students' service to Newton Trails was organized by Rylie Geohegan (front row, second from left), service chair for Georgia District Circle K and a student at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The students worked along a section of the Cricket Frog Trail southwest of where the trail intersects Old Brown Bridge Road in Covington. Many thanks to Georgia District Circle K!

## Shopping rewards reminder



As you think about holiday shopping please remember that both Kroger and AmazonSmile offer opportunities to support Newton Trails.

If you register your Krogers Plus card online and choose Newton Trails as your Community Rewards organization, Kroger will send Newton Trails a percentage of the price of your purchases at no additional cost to you. Participation does not affect fuel points or any other Kroger benefits you receive.

Similarly Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases through its AmazonSmile website ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), if you identify Newton Trail-Path Foundation, Inc. as your charity of choice on that same website. AmazonSmile offers the same products as Amazon.

For details go to [www.newtontrails.org/givingback](http://www.newtontrails.org/givingback).

## Upcoming events

- **Wednesday morning hikes** - For further details and to get on the email distribution list for weekly hike information, send a note of interest to [info@newtontrails.org](mailto:info@newtontrails.org).
- **Thursday morning trail maintenance** - Volunteers meet at a designated work site and work one hour. To get on the email distribution list for details, send a note of interest to [info@newtontrails.org](mailto:info@newtontrails.org).
- **First Sunday community bike ride** - The first Sunday of each month people gather at 3:00 p.m. at the Covington Square for a no-drop, family-friendly bicycle ride around town.

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