

## CNC Construction Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q. What is happening out front of CNC?

A. CNC is embarking on construction to rebuild our boardwalk, as well as a connecting pedestrian bridge connecting the CNC main property to the wetland/riverside property across the street. Construction will begin in Spring 2021 and is expected to be complete in early 2022.

### Q. Why is the boardwalk closed?

A. CNC has closed the boardwalk since ~2020 due to its degraded condition after years of usage and aged wood. The current CNC boardwalk has been in place since the 1980s and the construction will give it a needed upgrade. (In lieu of CNC's boardwalk, visitors are encouraged to enjoy the Roswell Riverwalk.)

### Q. Will it be different when it reopens? If so, how?

A. The new CNC boardwalk will be greatly improved. The new boardwalk and bridge will be ADA accessible and will include handrails, lighting, and will be made from composite decking material (similar to the Roswell Riverwalk) rather than wood as it is currently. Visitors will access the boardwalk by crossing over the pedestrian bridge. CNC canoe programs that launch from the boardwalk will also have a new, ADA accessible launch.

### Q. When will construction be completed? When will the boardwalk reopen?

A. The total construction project is expected to be completed in early 2022, with the boardwalk reopening around that time as well.

### Q. When can we use the crosswalk again?

A. The crosswalk and safety signals are not maintained by CNC, but by City of Roswell DOT. There are flashing beacons alerting drivers coming from either direction that they are entering a recreation area, and the City of Roswell intends to install new traffic signals at the crosswalk prior to the completion of CNC's construction.

### Q. Will I still be able to access the Roswell Riverwalk from CNC during construction?

A. With visitors' safety our top priority, until the crosswalk traffic signals are replaced and fully operational, we recommend accessing the Roswell Riverwalk from access points listed below.

### Q. How is the CNC boardwalk different from the Roswell Riverwalk?

A. The Roswell Riverwalk is operated by City of Roswell and is open to the general public. Access points are via the Roswell Parks located on Azalea Drive, by Willeo Park located further down Willeo Road, and by the gravel parking lane along Willeo Road. CNC Boardwalk is open to CNC visitors and members only, and is only accessible via CNC property.

### Q. What steps has CNC taken to reduce the environmental impact of the project? Will the boardwalk boards be reused or recycled?

A: CNC has obtained all Federal, State, and City of Roswell required permits and reviews needed at this time for the project. The plans for the project have been reviewed and approved by City of Rowell, National Park Service, Atlanta Regional Commission, DNR, EPD and comply with the standards and guidelines set forth in the Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA). Existing pressure-treated wood will be replaced with composite deck materials containing recycled plastic. To offset this impervious surface, two areas of the CNC asphalt

parking lot will be replaced with pervious pavers. A rain garden near Willeo Road will be created. Both are designed to offset any additional non-pervious rain run off created by the boardwalk.

**Q. Will the new boardwalk be shaded?**

**A:** The existing river overlook pavilion will be renovated and remain shaded. In addition, the new *River House* located near the canoe launch will have a roof. No other constructed shade will be included other than the natural shading from the river forest canopy. Any trees removed will be off set with new native trees to be located on the project site.

**Q. Where did the statue go, the woman located near the boardwalk?**

**A.** The Statue, Redemption, is owned and managed by the City of Roswell/Roswell Arts Fund. It was moved at the request of CNC while construction is being completed in the area, and will be returned after construction is completed. For more info, contact [admin@roswellartsfund.org](mailto:admin@roswellartsfund.org) Phone: 770-817-6674

**Q. Can I bring my dog/bike/scooter onto your boardwalk but not on the grounds?**

**A.** No, CNC Boardwalk is open to CNC visitors and members only, and is only accessible via CNC property, and therefore dogs/bikes/scooters are not allowed on any part of CNC property.

**Q. Do I get a discount or extension on my membership because the boardwalk is closed?**

**A.** We appreciate the support of our members, but do not plan to offer any discounts or extensions to our membership program at this time.

**Q. How can I support the project?**

**A.** Contact DeAnn Fordham, Development Director. Email: [d.fordham@chattnaturecenter.org](mailto:d.fordham@chattnaturecenter.org); Phone: 770-992-2055 x226. Your membership also helps support CNC as a whole. You can also be sure to join our enews list via our website, [www.chattnaturecenter.org](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org) to stay updated.

**Q. There is additional construction further down Willeo Road – what is that?**

**A.** This construction is a joint project between the Cobb County DOT and the City of Roswell DOT that is supposed to replace the aging bridge at the Cobb/Fulton county line with a new one, requiring a closure estimated to be four months in duration. CNC does not have involvement or additional information about the project, other than to let our visitors know that they will need to access the Center via the East (either Azalea Drive or Willeo Road from Atlanta Street).

## GENERAL SCHEMATICS



## Additional questions

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