

Friends,

What a year this has been! While 2020 has been met with many challenges, it has also brought new opportunities for PAL to connect with the community in innovative ways. Since March, we have been able to offer safe outdoor spaces for our community to stay active and healthy, bicycle sharing, and fresh produce to our residents when they needed it most. Our ability to provide these outlets during this most unusual time has reinforced the importance of our mission and our work.

Over this past year, more people have discovered our amenities than ever before. From the trails to the new Vic Bailey Subaru Bike Park to our rentable BCycles, I have personally witnessed our community members finding joy outside during these tough times. Seeing our vision for a healthier and more active Spartanburg come to life amidst all the uncertainty has provided us an even deeper drive to keep working hard for Spartanburg County.

As the world continues to deal with this global health crisis, one thing has become abundantly clear: we need connection. We have listened to our community during this time and are proud to be able to provide ways to stay connected while remaining safe. We will continue to collaborate and work together even while we are apart.

You joined our PAL network because of the work we do. Your support has been critical to our success. And we need you now more than ever. That's why I'm asking you to consider supporting our efforts by giving today.

Your generous gift goes straight back to our community to increase opportunities for healthy eating, active living and health equity.

With hope,



Laura Ringo





STRATEGIC INTENTIONS

ADVANCE ACTIVE LIVING
PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING
FOSTER HEALTH EQUITY



"This year throughout quarantine, the trails became an extension of home for our family. Isolation seemed to dissipate when others passed by with smiling eyes behind masks. I cannot overemphasize what our trail system means for the physical and mental health of ourselves and our community, especially throughout the pandemic. The accessibility to Spartanburg's trail system from so many areas of the city make it a community asset unlike any other."

Matt Roos, PAL Board Member

"During these times we are living in, it's nice to have an organization that truly cares and shows you that they care. Partners for Active Living has been a blessing for (Ebenezer Baptist) Church, bringing out giant boxes of fresh, locally grown produce during the pandemic.... Groups like PAL make Spartanburg an amazing place to live."

Virginia Foster, Community Member



"At Milliken, we strive to positively impact the world around us for generations to come. Collaboration and courage are the keys to creating innovations that improve lives and guide our work to create a safer, more sustainable and healthier future, which is exactly why we partner with organizations like PAL."

Milliken, Community Partner



2020 IMPACT

52,000

Distributed 52,000 pounds of produce to people in need.

Completed Spartanburg County Food System Assessment Plan and began implementation.



VIC BAILEY SUBARU

BIKE

PARK 327

A FEATURE AT THE RAIL YARD

Vic Bailey Subaru Bike Park complete and opened. Over 300 waivers have been signed to ride in the park since August 2020.

Three Creeks Trail phase 1 completed.



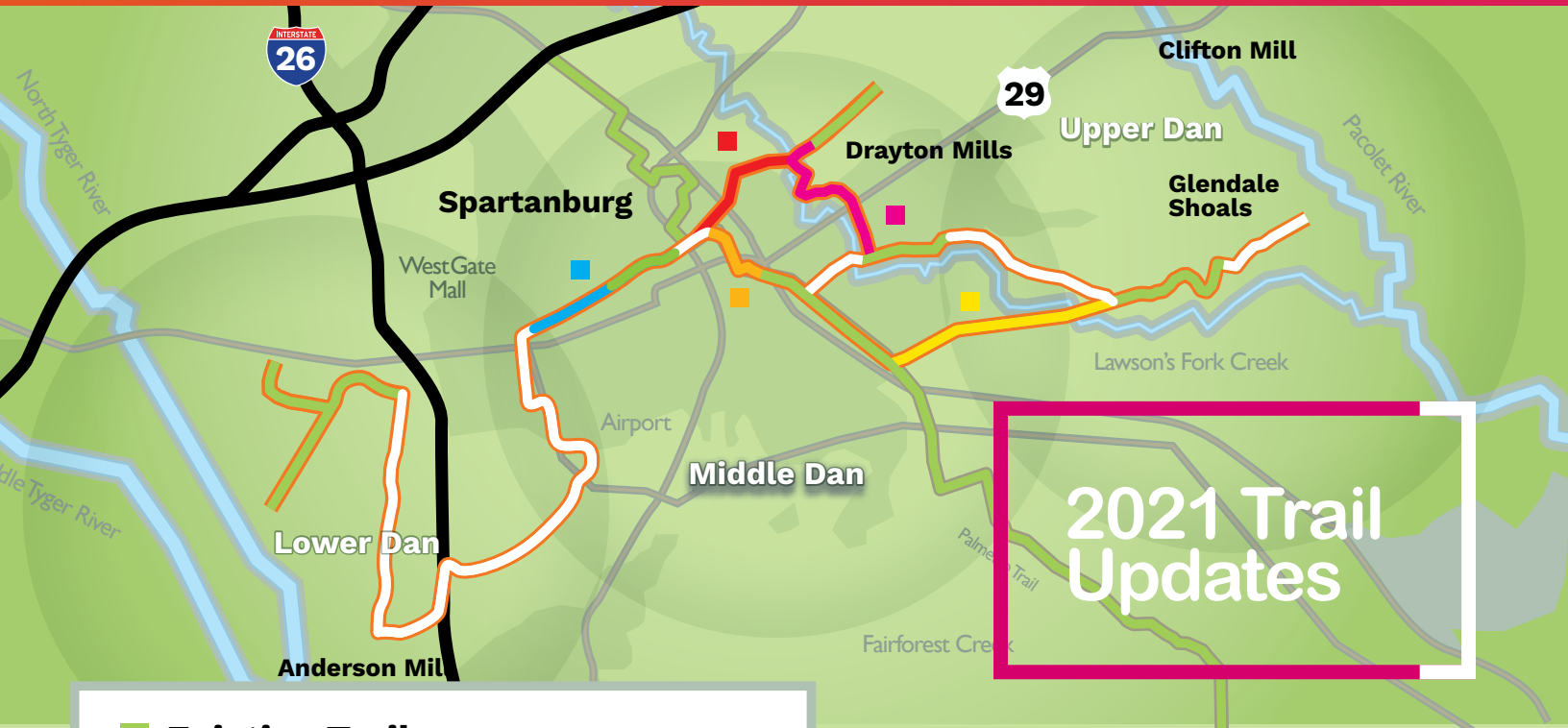
AN INITIATIVE OF PARTNERS FOR ACTIVE LIVING 

Hosted a safe Turkey Day 8K

Added one more electric bike to our BCycle fleet.



DONATE TODAY



2021 Trail Updates

- Existing Trails
- Vanderbilt Road Phase 2
- River Birch to Drayton Mills
- Connector to Beaumont
- Country Club Road
- Downtown Extension:
MBF Rail Trail to Chapman
- Future Trails

This year is the Year of the Trail.

We expect significant progress in building the Dan Trail System, from finalizing Phase 2 of the Three Creeks Trail to adding a canopied trail section under the railroad tracks along the Lawson's Fork Creek. In addition, the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail Extension will reach from one side of downtown to the other. Go ahead and sell your car, Spartanburg; after 2021 the Dan Trail System will be the new highway.



Pictured canopied bridge in Rock Hill

Lawson's Fork Creek Canopied Trail



The Mary Black Rail Trail Foundation Downtown Extension