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New walking trail to connect Georgia Southern's Statesboro Campus, Blue Mile

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Georgia Southern University and the Statesboro community will soon be able to access campus and the Blue Mile, Statesboro's downtown revitalization project, via a new walking trail scheduled for completion in early February.

This new rubberized trail is an extension of an existing concrete trail that winds through the Herty Pines Nature Preserve and goes around J.I. Clements Stadium and the Softball Complex. The new trail will cross Beautiful Eagle Creek and tie into an existing sidewalk on Tillman Road and connect to the Blue Mile Corridor on Highway 301.

"The trail includes lighting, and also fencing along the Georgia Southern Athletics practice fields," said Matthew Shingler, director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction at Georgia Southern. "There are a lot of faculty, staff, students and Statesboro community members who are joggers and walkers, so we hope this provides an avenue to improve the tie between the city and University."

The Blue Mile is a project aimed at upgrading and enhancing the South Main Street corridor of Highway 301 and encouraging private redevelopment of outmoded, highway-oriented commercial development into pedestrian friendly, mixed-use centers. The Blue Mile Committee is a grassroots organization made up of community leaders, volunteers and organizations.