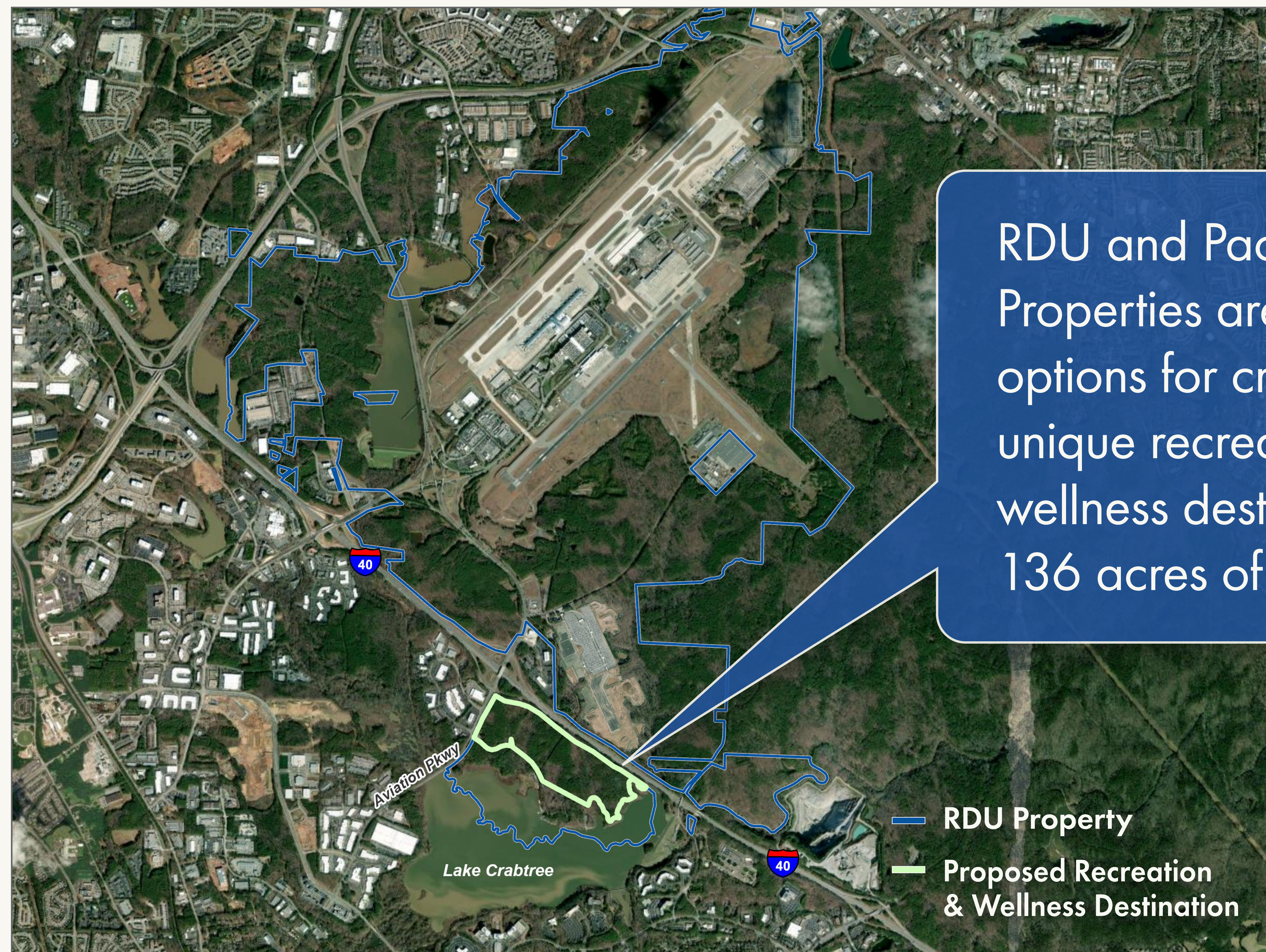




STATION 1: PROJECT GOALS

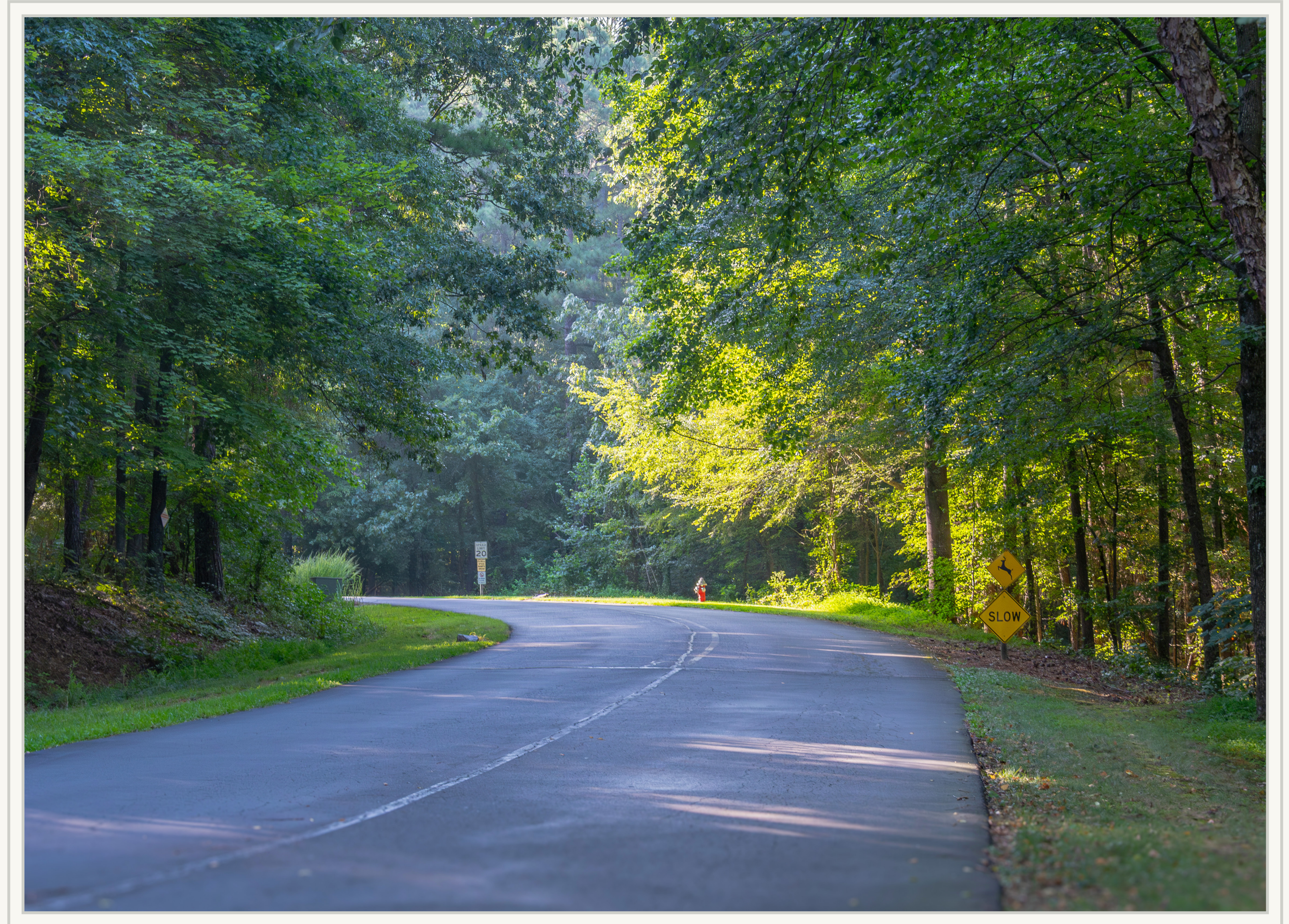




STATION 1: PROJECT GOALS

RDU established the following goals for the project:

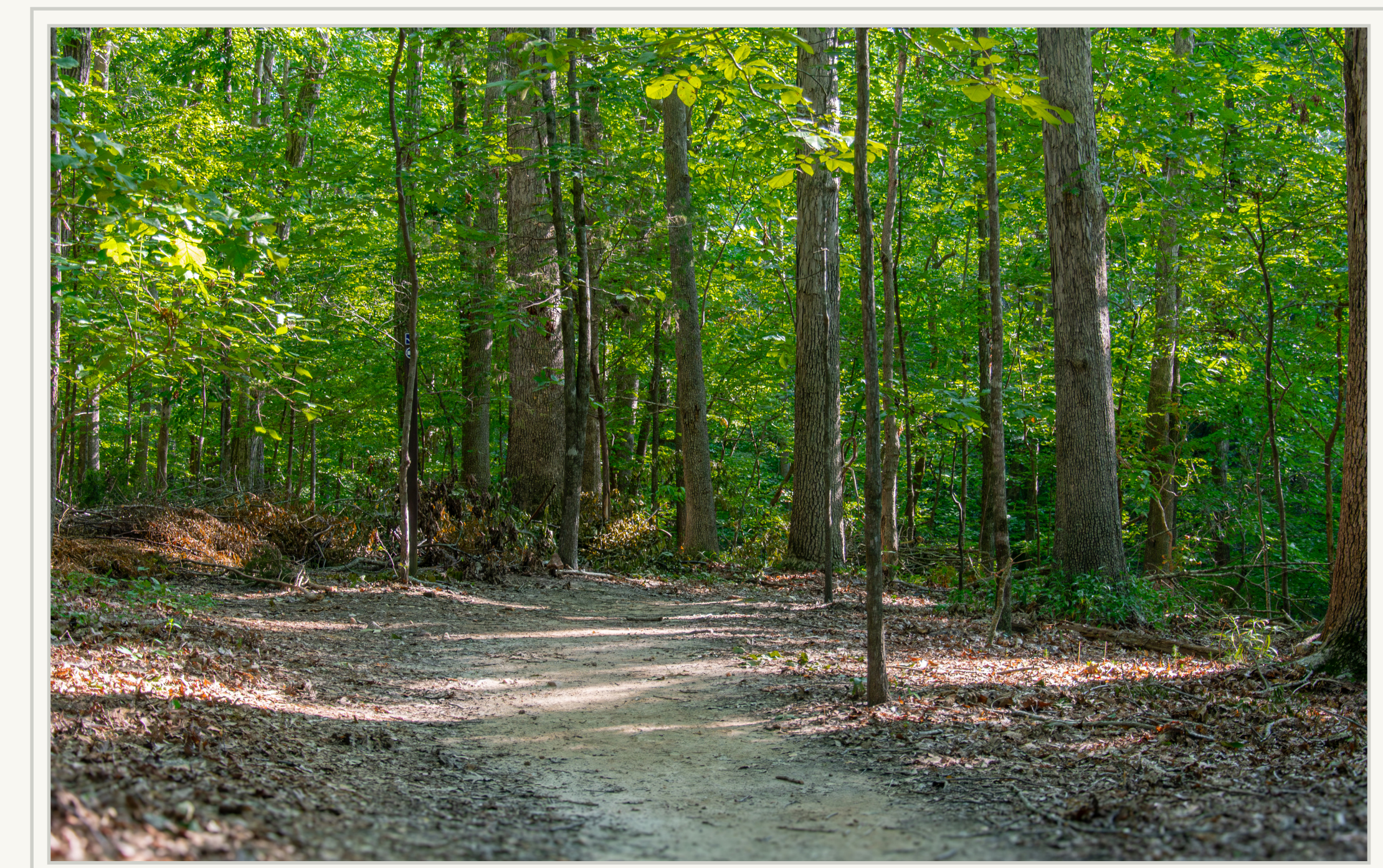
- Create a unique and innovative entertainment destination that will appeal to the greater Triangle Region and may include community assets such as food and beverage, retail, hotel, recreational facilities, etc.
- Develop in a manner consistent and appropriate with the natural surroundings of the site.
- Ensure recreational users are considered in the development.
- Increase non-aeronautical revenue for the Airport Authority.





STATION 2: BACKGROUND

- The 136 acres of land for a potential recreation and wellness destination is airport property.
- For 40 years, RDU leased this airport land to Wake County for recreational use for \$1 a year. In June 2025, that lease ended.
- The Federal Aviation Administration requires the airport to receive fair market value for the use of its land. Revenue generated from the lease will help fund airport improvements and operations. Leasing the land for \$1 a year is no longer an option.
- In July 2024, RDU solicited information from parties interested in developing 136 acres of its property.
- In January 2025, RDU held a public comment session seeking additional proposals.
- In July 2025, RDU announced Pacific Elm Properties as its preferred developer for the project and decided to hold a series of public workshops for the project.





STATION 2: BACKGROUND

RDU's Ongoing Commitment to Outdoor Recreation:

RDU is currently:

- Leasing 151 acres to Wake County for bike trails.
- Leasing 70 acres to Wake County for recreational use and allowing access to maintain connections to the Cary and Morrisville greenway network, Umstead State Park and the Wake County trails.
- Seeking to create a recreation and wellness destination on 136 acres of land.





STATION 3: VISION



A vibrant recreation and wellness destination that brings together outdoor adventure, community gathering and nature-based experiences, designed to promote year-round activity, environmental stewardship and regional appeal.



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STATION 3: POTENTIAL CONCEPTS



- Celebrate trails and natural resources, like Whitewater Center in Charlotte
- Active, recreational entertainment that complements existing trail system
- Family-focused activities
- Outdoor festival and gathering space
- Camping and lodging
- Mountain bike racing facilities, with emphasis on hospitality amenities for race participants
- Educational programs
- Equipment rentals (bikes, kayaks)



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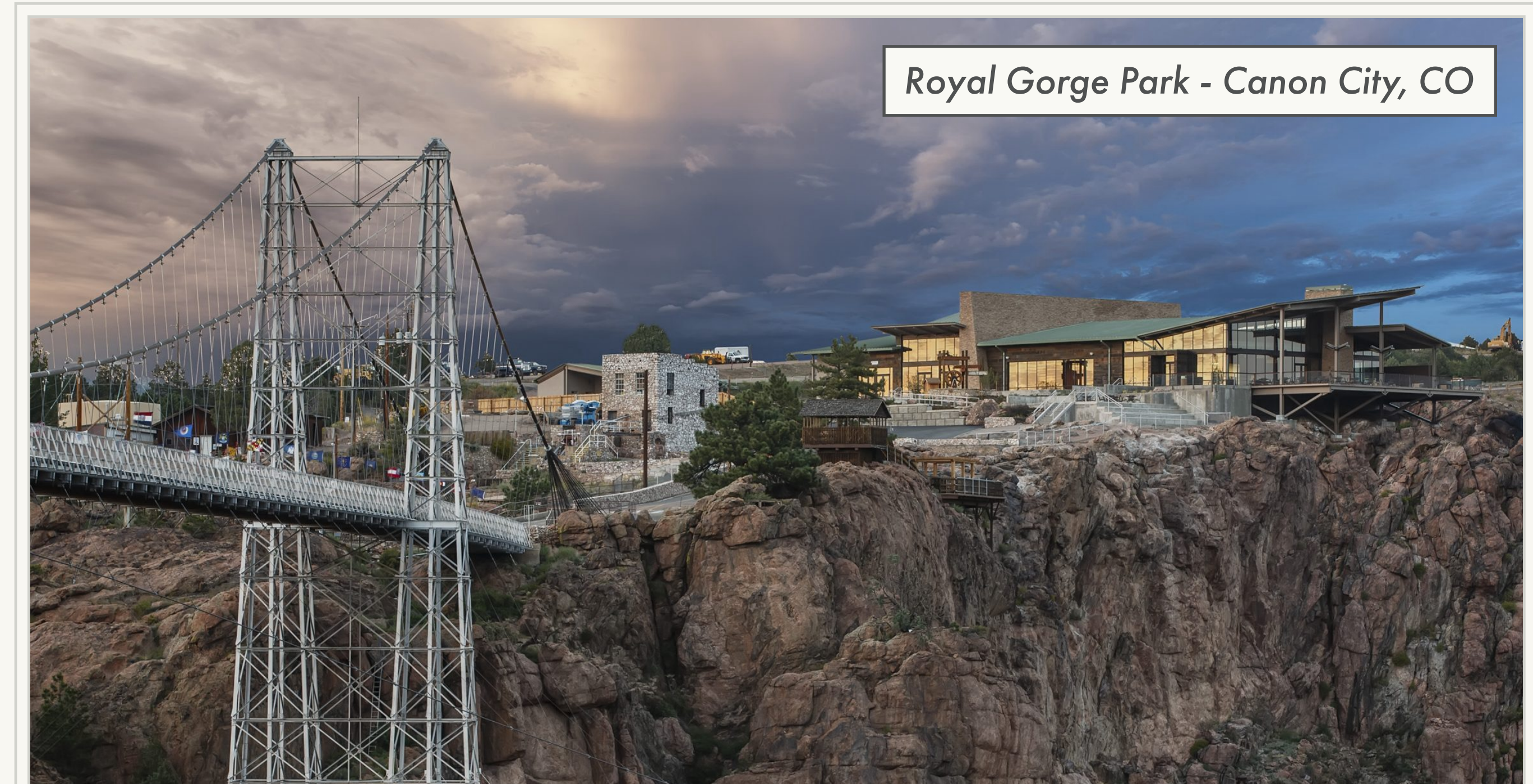
STATION 4: REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS



Sierra Nevada Brewing - Asheville, NC



Trestle Bike Park - Winter Park, CO



Royal Gorge Park - Canon City, CO



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U.S. National Whitewater Center - Charlotte, NC



Riversport OKC - Oklahoma City, OK



Nantahala Outdoor Center - Bryson City, NC





STATION 5: FEEDBACK

What amenities would you like to be included?
Water Sports





STATION 5: FEEDBACK

What elements would you like to be included?

Land Sports





STATION 5: FEEDBACK

What features would you like to be included?
Family-Focused Activities





STATION 5: FEEDBACK

What concepts would you like to be included?

Hospitality and Lodging





STATION 5: FEEDBACK

What offerings would you like to be included?
Amenities and Retail





STATION 6: SURVEY

Which development themes are most important to you?

- Tree canopy
- Expansion of outdoor activities
- Natural and eco-friendly building design
- Minimized impervious surfaces



Scan QR code to fill out Survey
Rank list in order of importance





STATION 6: IDEAS



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What other ideas do you have for the project that meet the project goals?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Next Public Workshops:

- ▶ **Sept. 23, 4 - 7 p.m.**
Laurel Hills Community Center, Raleigh
- ▶ **Oct. 21, 4 - 7 p.m.**
Frontier RTP, Building 700, Research Triangle Park



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