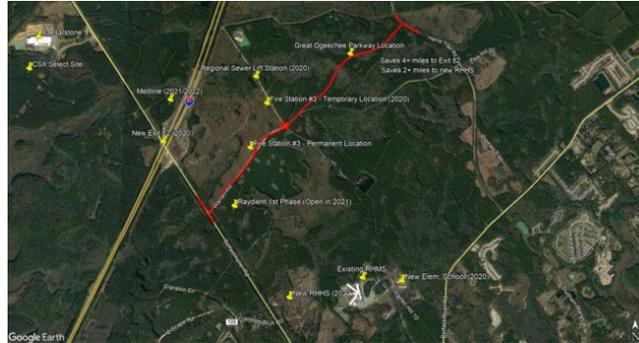




Great Ogeechee Parkway FAQ



- **Infrastructure Prior to Development** has been our mantra, and City of Richmond Hill strives to take a proactive approach to the development of infrastructure in the area. In order to utilize the best means of accomplishing the goal of infrastructure prior to development, the City structured agreements with Rayonier in the 2013 annexation and again in the 2017 annexation to ensure that growth pays for growth for water, sewer, roads, and other critical infrastructure.
- The 2017 agreement guaranteed Rayonier would donate land for the construction of Great Ogeechee Parkway between Harris Trail Road and Belfast Keller Road. The estimate of their land donation is approximately \$450,000.
- The Great Ogeechee Parkway is a regional connector road because it links Belfast Keller Road with Harris Trail Road. The Great Ogeechee Parkway will work together with the new I-95 interchange (Exit 82) and serve as an east-west connector for the current and projected population in the area.
- The construction cost was approximately \$4,000,000 and funded with TSPLOST.
- It was scheduled to open in the Spring of 2021, but the project hit some significant delays in material delivery.
- A joint traffic study with Bryan County and City of Richmond Hill in 2016 identified the necessity to construct this connector road. Based on recent studies analyzing project growth, an estimated 4,200 vehicles per day will be traveling on Great Ogeechee Parkway by 2026.
- Bryan County is the fastest-growing county in the state of Georgia and the sixth-fastest growing in the United States according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Overall growth was at 48%, meaning that more than 14,000 people moved to Bryan County since the last Census in 2010.