

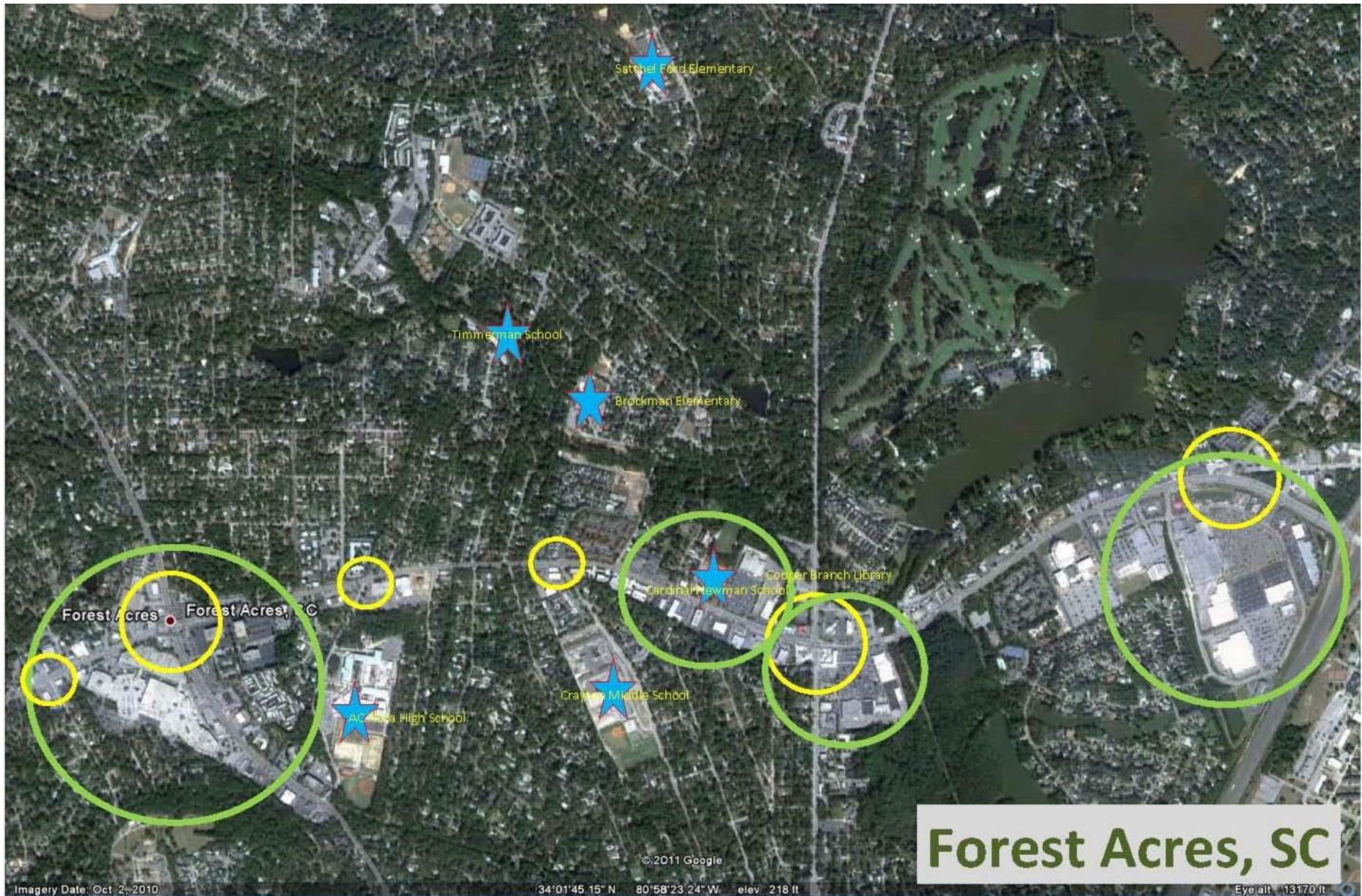
Forest Drive Corridor Study



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So, what's the problem?

- **Congestion / Safety**– 27,000 cars a day at Forest and Trenholm
- **Walkability / Bikeability** – Why did the chicken cross Forest Drive? We'll never know. He's dead.
- **Attractiveness**- Poles, lines, damaged sidewalks

All of the “good” on Forest Drive is still worth the “bad”... but just barely.

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So, what's the problem?



Forest Acres resident casually waits for his bus to arrive.

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Why is it important to the city?

- **Main Street, Forest Acres** – Huge part of our identity
- **Gateway to Fort Jackson** – thousands at graduation weekly
- **Gateway to Columbia** - Everyone who takes I-77 to downtown “experiences” Forest Drive
- **Critical to mass transit** – Route 15 is first or second in ridership every month (20,649 riders for month of 9/14)

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I would like a burrito and some wine.



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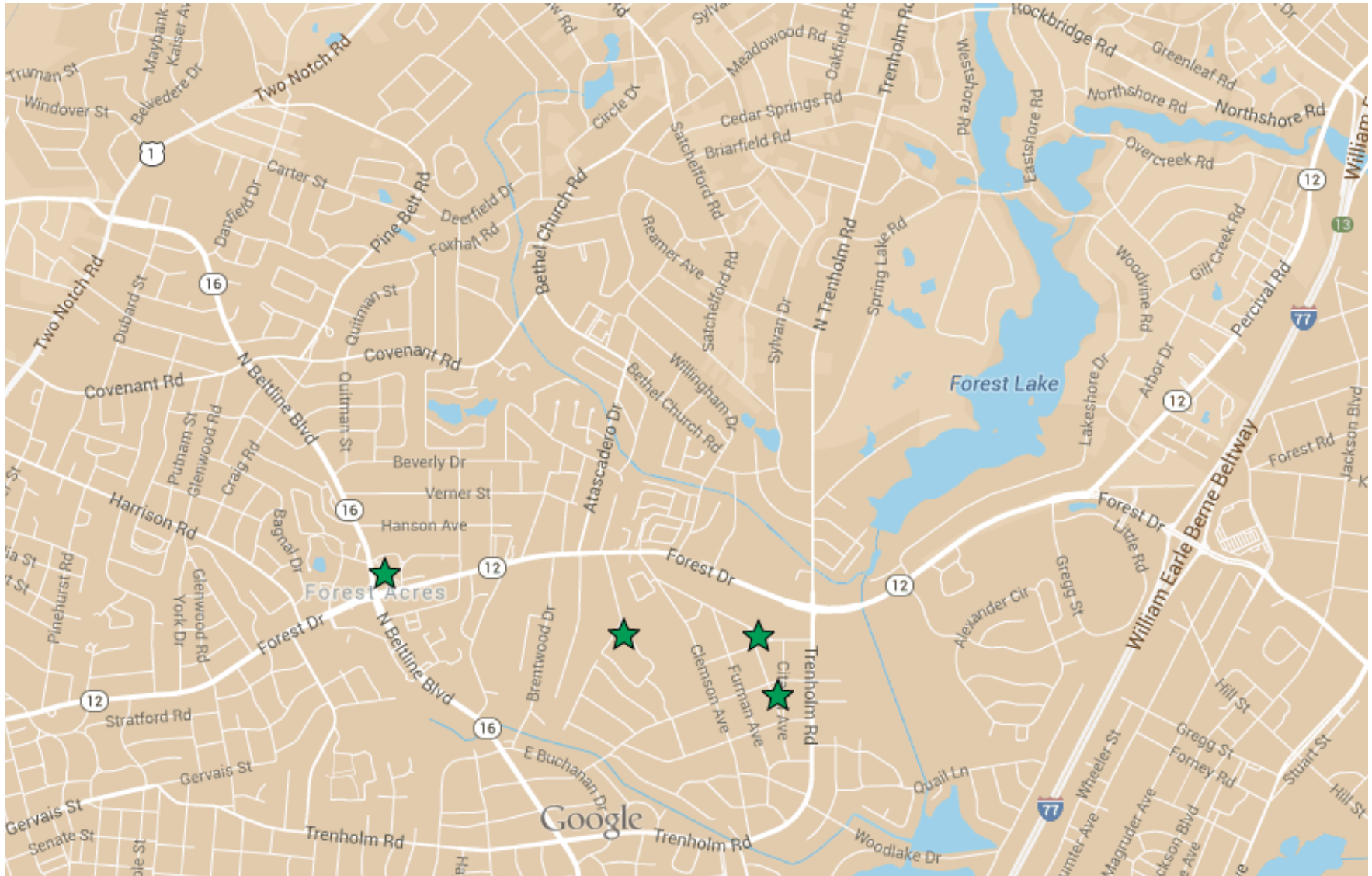
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But not as a last meal.

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What are we doing?

Step One: Hire someone who knows something

The **Boudreaux** Group



THE LANDPLAN GROUP SOUTH
Landscape Architecture | Engineering | Planning

Step Two: Involve the right people

- Elected/ Appointed Officials – City Council, Planning Commission, Appearance Commission
- Stakeholders – business owners, concerned residents
- Partners – City of Columbia, Fort Jackson, SCDOT

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What do we hope to produce?

A plan that...

- Mainly utilizes existing infrastructure (connecting parcels, reconfiguring intersections, etc.)
- Encourages multi-modal transportation to lessen vehicular traffic
- Allows for generous, comfortable access to our businesses and neighborhoods
- Has more of a small-town downtown look and feel
- Can be phased over a 10-20 year period financially
- Can actually happen

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