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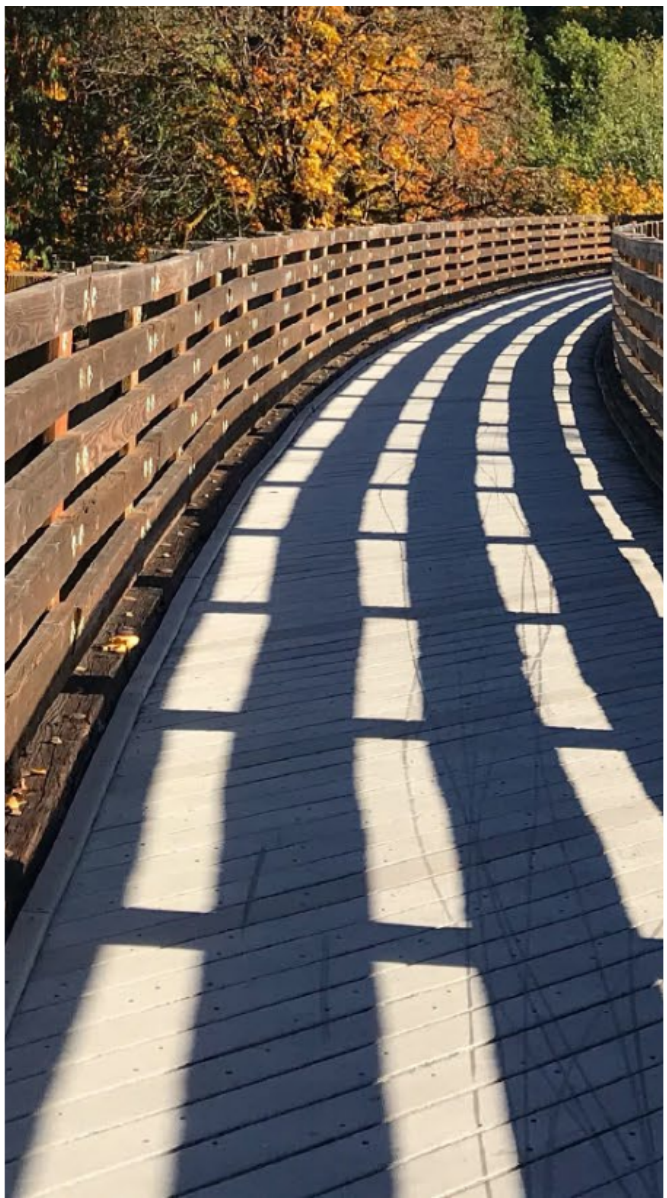

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The Rock Island Greenway, named after the now-defunct rail line that Johnny Cash once sang about, is the conversion of a former railroad right-of-way into a shared-use path and linear park that connects residential areas, Ruston's downtown commercial core, Louisiana Tech University, and wooded natural settings. The first mile of the greenway was constructed in late 2016 with a crushed-stone surface, providing a nice starting block for a city-wide trail system that will greatly improve the quality of life for the community.

Additional paved segments of trail were completed in 2019 and 2020, extending the initial pathway into R.L. Cook Park and creating a separate southern segment, running from W California Avenue to Tennessee Avenue on a pleasant corridor near Shepherd Creek on the city's outskirts.

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States: Louisiana
Counties: Lincoln
Length: 3.9miles
Trail end points: R.L. Cook Park (Kavanaugh Rd.) to E Tennessee Ave.
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

For the northern segment of the trail, park in the gravel lot near the W. Kentucky Ave. & Chautauqua Rd. intersection, or at R.L. Cook Park at 2800 Kavanaugh Road.

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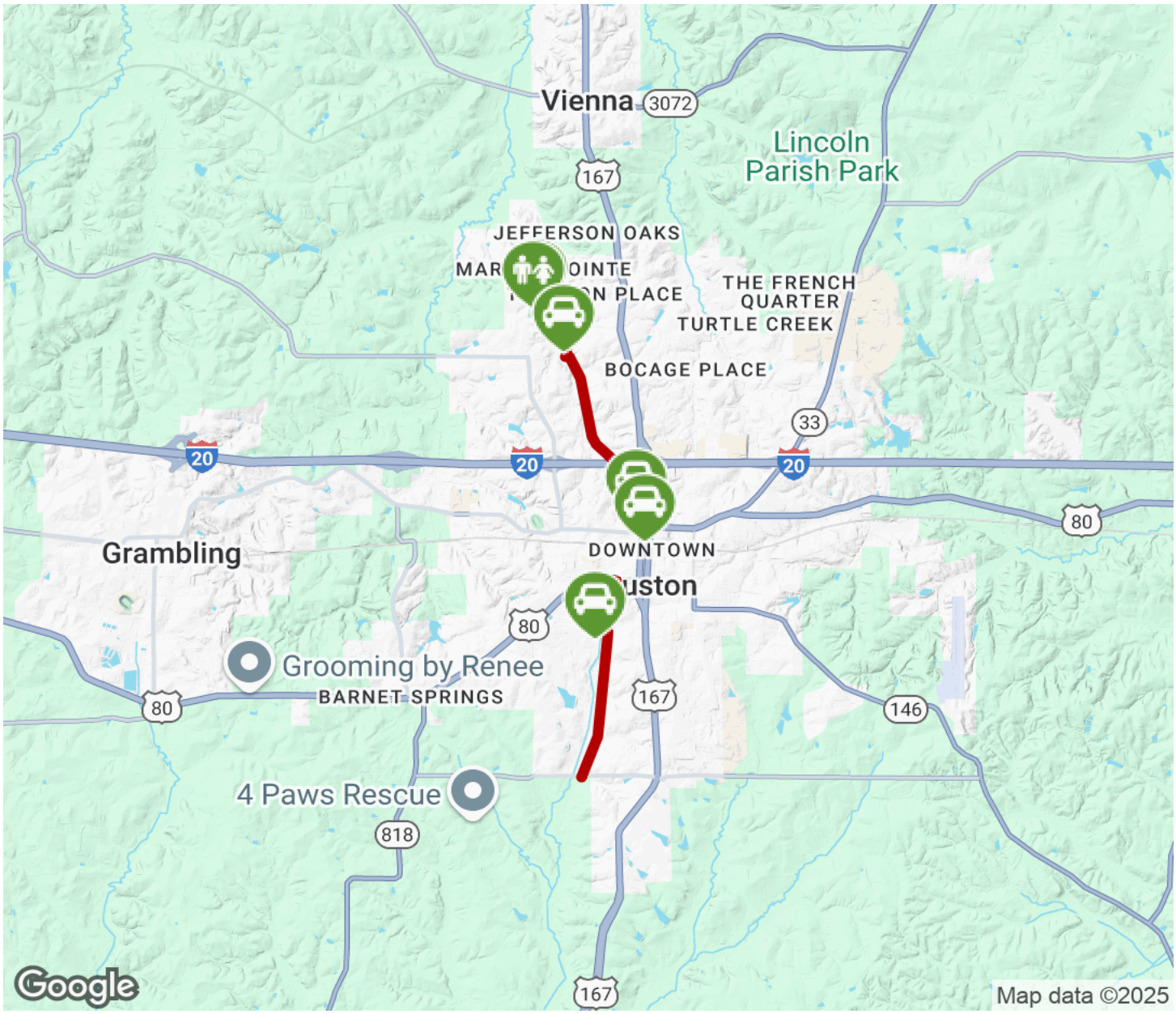

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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