



Open Space Bond: Greenways Evaluation Criteria

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Current Greenway Projects

Woodfin Greenway -Hwy 251 Section

Woodfin Greenway - Beaverdam Creek Section

Enka Heritage Trail

Greenway Bond Funds will be needed to complete these projects, after which an application window will open for new project proposals for the remaining funds.

**All Current Greenway Projects Funded
Through the MPO**



Greenways Criteria

Qualifying Criteria

Answered as a Yes/No Question

- Leveraging of Bond Funds
- Project Scheduling/Timeline
- Feasibility Study
- Geographic Location

Weighted Criteria

Scored on a scale (e.g., projects with more leveraged funding receive higher leveraging score)

- Connectivity – 19%
- Environmental Impact – 19%
- Feasibility – 18%
- Accessibility – 14%
- Identified as Countywide Need/Opportunity/Priority – 9%
- Equity – 9%
- Leveraging of Bond Funds & Project Costs – 8%
- Safety – 4%



Advisory Board Recommendations

06/13/2023 – Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Board

- Expressed approval of Qualifying Criteria and both Weighted Criteria Options

06/15/2023 - Environmental & Energy Stewardship Subcommittee

- Expressed approval of Qualifying Criteria and both Weighted Criteria Options





Next Step

Request adoption
of Greenways
criteria



Appendix:



Greenway Project Phases

Before Receiving MPO Funding

1. Feasibility Study
2. Become a Prioritized Project on STIP or MTP

After MPO Funding is Allocated

3. Secure Local Match
4. RFP/Hire Consultant Team
5. Preliminary Engineering
6. Right of Way (Plans and Acquisition)
7. Construction



Locally Administered MPO Greenway Projects In Buncombe County

| Project | Administrator | Status |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| EB-5774A Hwy 251 Section (Woodfin Greenway) | Buncombe County | In Progress |
| EB-5774B Beaverdam Creek Section (Woodfin Greenway) | Buncombe County | In Progress |
| EB-5824 Enka Heritage Trail | Buncombe County | In Progress |
| EB-5821 Reems Creek | Buncombe County | PE Only Funded 2029 |
| EB-5823 Bent Creek | Buncombe County | PE Only Funded 2029 |
| Fonta Flora Greenway | Buncombe County | Unfunded |
| Lake Julian Greenway | Buncombe County | Unfunded |
| Owen HS Spur | Buncombe County | Unfunded |



Locally Administered MPO Greenway Projects In Buncombe County(Continued)

| Project | Administrator | Status |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| U-5019A Nasty Branch | City of Asheville | In Progress |
| EB-5822 North RAD | City of Asheville | In Progress |
| EB-5790 Greenway Connectors | City of Asheville | In Progress |
| West Asheville Rail Trail | City of Asheville | Unfunded |
| Montford Greenway | City of Asheville | Unfunded |
| EB-5547 Riverwalk Greenway | Town of Black Mountain | In Progress |

