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

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