



Open Space Bond: Greenways Evaluation Criteria

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Open Space Bond Process

\$30M Passive Recreation Lands

Greenways

Conservation Easements

1 Selection Criteria Development & Approval

2 RFP Development & Launch

3 Application Support

4 Internal Review Process

5 Project Selection & Announcement

6 Ongoing: Project Support & Oversight

7 Ongoing: Community Outreach



Qualifying Greenway Criteria

Approved Qualifying Criteria

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



Weighted Criteria

RAB Approved Weighted Criteria

- Connectivity – 20%
- Environmental Impact – 20%
- Accessibility – 15%
- Feasibility – 15%
- Identified as Countywide Need/Opportunity/Priority – 10%
- Equity – 10%
- Leveraging of Bond Funds & Project Costs – 5%
- Safety – 5%

Adjusted Weighted Criteria

- 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%



Greenway Project Funding

Locally Funded	Funded Through MPO
Mainly funded by Local Government but may also include local grant funds	80% State and Federal funding, 20% Local Match
Fewer restrictions, regulations & requirements	More regulations and state and federal approvals are required (NCDOT)
Quicker process from planning to complete construction	Lengthy approval processes make for a significantly longer overall process from planning through to construction
Can be locally prioritized projects	Prioritized by the STIP and MPO MTP



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



Greenway Criteria Next Steps

1. Recreation Advisory Board Review (if necessary)
2. BOC Briefing
3. Request for BOC Adoption

