

Greenway Commission to host community meetings to update the greenway plan

The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission is hosting multiple meetings to receive public input on updating the conceptual greenway plan.

There will be two regional meetings with focus on regional connectivity:

- Tuesday, March 21 at Greenfield Center in Botetourt County
- Thursday, March 30 at Fishburn Elementary School

There will also be four locality meetings for more specific input on routes:

- Monday, March 27 at Mountain View Elementary School
- Monday, April 3 at South County Library
- Thursday, April 6 at Glenvar Middle School
- Monday, April 10 at Vinton War Memorial

Each meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a presentation on the history and status of the greenway program. After the presentation, participants will rotate through stations to provide input on routes, priorities, issues, and opportunities.

The greenway plan was last updated in 2007. At that time, Roanoke River Greenway was designated the #1 priority. Since 2007, over 200 miles of greenways and trails have been added to the network. In 2016 Botetourt County joined the Greenway Commission, which will add over 230 miles of trails and blueways.

“The Roanoke Valley has truly embraced greenways,” said Liz Belcher, the Greenway Coordinator. “Greenways are now important to our quality of life, our economic development, and the social fabric of our communities.”

The Greenway Commission includes the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Town of Vinton, and Counties of Roanoke and Botetourt. The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is assisting with this update.

For further information, go to www.greenways.org. Provide input through a survey at <https://tinyurl.com/gl2u5ve>.

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