

A scenic photograph of a wooden pedestrian bridge spanning a rocky river. The bridge has a dark brown metal railing and is supported by concrete pillars. The river is filled with large, flat rocks and reflects the surrounding greenery and the bridge. Lush green trees line the banks, and a large tree trunk is visible on the left side of the frame. The sky is a clear, light blue.

Roanoke Valley Greenways

Connecting our Communities

2013 Annual Report

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission 2013

Working together to enhance the valley

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The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission was established in 1997 through an intergovernmental agreement signed by the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton.



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Dear Greenway Fans and Partners,

It is with great pleasure that we report to you the greenway successes of 2013. While 2012 was punctuated with ribbon cuttings and bridge construction, 2013 will be remembered as the year we bridged the gap.

The Greenway Commission has focused its efforts for the last three years on securing funding for Roanoke River Greenway. Our goal was modest: \$7 million to fund the connection between Salem and Roanoke so that existing sections would be continuous. Our success was stupendous. Not only did we secure that funding, we exceeded our goal and secured funding to finish the greenway from Green Hill Park to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hurrah!!

We thank you, our supporters, our local and regional government representatives and staff, VDOT, and all our greenway users. As the greenways have developed in the Roanoke Valley, we have heard again and again: this is the best thing Roanoke has ever done. It is this enthusiasm for the existing greenways that inspires our leaders to finish Roanoke River Greenway and to support our efforts to develop trails of all sorts across the valley.

This year we had our first ever photo contest and you will see many of these pictures scattered through this report. I invite you to find each place and to embark on making memories right here at home. Join your friends and neighbors on the greenways to revive your body and your spirit and to cherish the very special places in the Roanoke Valley.

Bob Blankenship, Chairman
Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission



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Bridge the Gap Campaign Completed!

Thanks to many, the goal has been met

With the 2007 update to the Greenway Plan, the Greenway Commission and four localities made finishing Roanoke River Greenway the number one priority. As some sections were built in conjunction with the flood project and others with VDOT Enhancement funding, we began to hone in on what was not funded. In 2011 we launched a campaign to raise the \$7 million needed to build the section from Rotary Park in Salem to Bridge Street in Roanoke. The goal was to construct the pieces already funded, while we raised more money to “Bridge the Gap”, and thus to have a continuous 18-mile trail.

We are thrilled to report that the campaign is completed! Not only do we have commitments for the \$7 million, but we obtained additional funding to finish the greenway as far as the Blue Ridge Parkway. While VDOT grants were significant in achieving the total, we very much appreciate the many smaller donations and grants so important to the campaign and to the total. It was this community support that convinced the members of the Roanoke Valley-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to fund Roanoke River Greenway as the most important Regional Surface Transportation Program project.

Sources of Funding to Bridge the Gap

Bridge the Gap Donations

Local Governments	\$	914,000
Transportation Funding through VDOT & MPO	\$	5,717,243
Other State Grants	\$	33,825
Foundations	\$	701,381
Corporations	\$	280,136
Civic Groups	\$	112,608
Individuals	\$	168,529
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Total for Bridge the Gap	\$	7,927,722

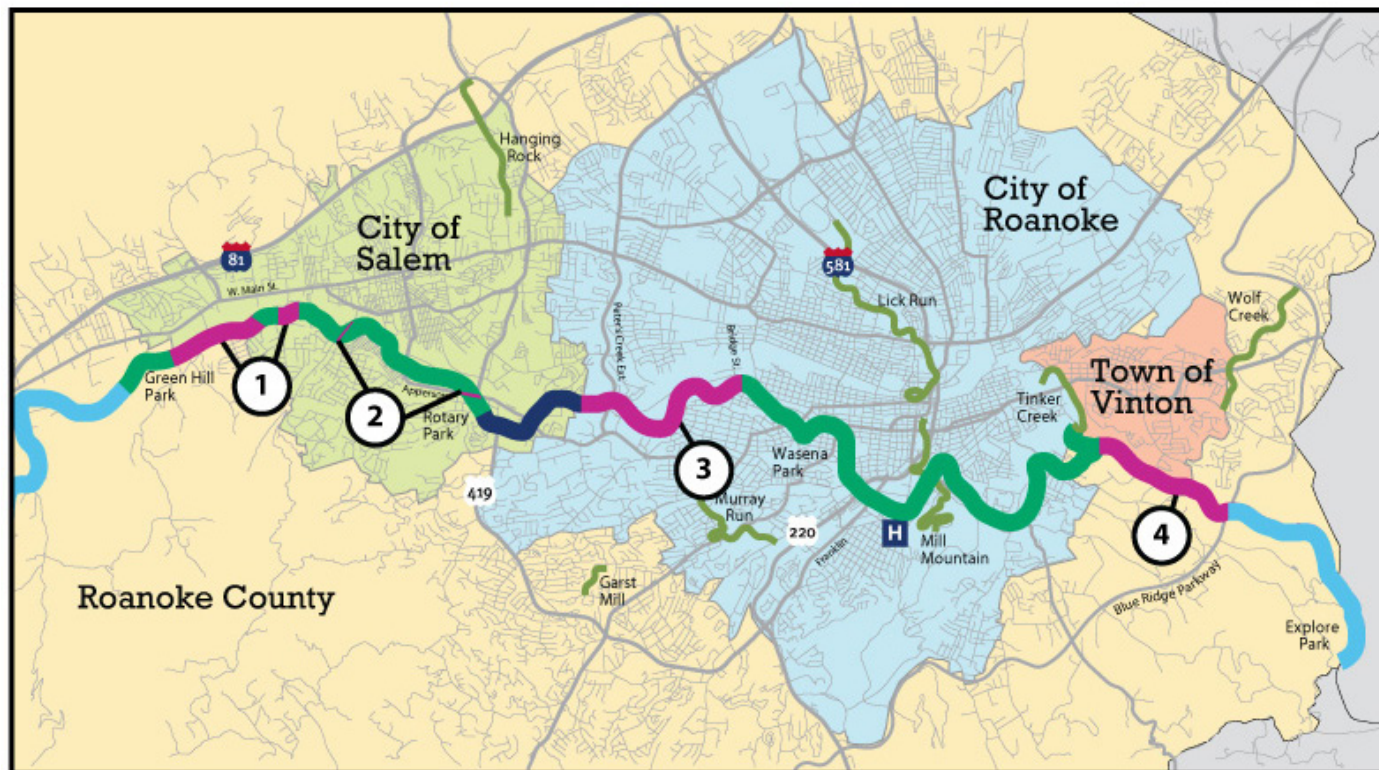


Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)

With the 2010 Census, the Roanoke region became large enough to qualify for Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. In 2013 the MPO Policy Board was tasked with programming how those funds would be spent over the next six years. Applications were received and scored on ten criteria. The MPO Policy Board made recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, which made the decision in June 2013 for awarding those funds.

The Greenway Commission worked with the four localities to put together a regional application that would complete Roanoke River Greenway from Green Hill Park to the Blue Ridge Parkway. This application received the highest score of all the projects submitted. Thus Roanoke River Greenway was awarded \$12.775 million in funding, spread across four fiscal years, to complete 7.3 miles of the greenway that were previously only partially funded.

Roanoke River Greenway Funding Status



■ Funding Secured
■ Funded for Construction

■ Completed
■ Future Planning

Roanoke River Greenway - Funding by Fiscal Year through RSTP

#	Section	Total Cost	Available	Total Needed	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
1	Green Hill Park to Woodbridge, Mill Lane to Riverside Park	\$ 6,489,750	\$3,499,000	\$ 2,990,750	\$ 218,600	\$2,772,150		
2	Eddy Ave. & Apperson Drive Bridges	\$ 1,314,100	\$ 251,500	\$ 1,062,600	\$1,062,600			
3	Roanoke City Line to Bridge Street	\$ 6,695,300	\$3,831,500	\$ 2,863,800	\$2,863,800			
4	Water Pollution Control Plant to Blue Ridge Parkway	\$ 6,574,100	\$ 761,250	\$ 5,857,850	\$1,085,650		\$3,164,400	\$1,607,800
Totals		\$21,073,250	\$8,298,250	\$12,775,000	\$5,230,650	\$2,772,150	\$3,164,400	\$1,607,800



photo by Rupert Cutler



photo by Leren Wright

We Bridged the Gap - Thank You!

Thanks to generous donations from residents, local businesses, foundations and the Virginia Department of Transportation, the goal of "Bridging the Gap" in funding to complete Roanoke River Greenway was met in 2013.

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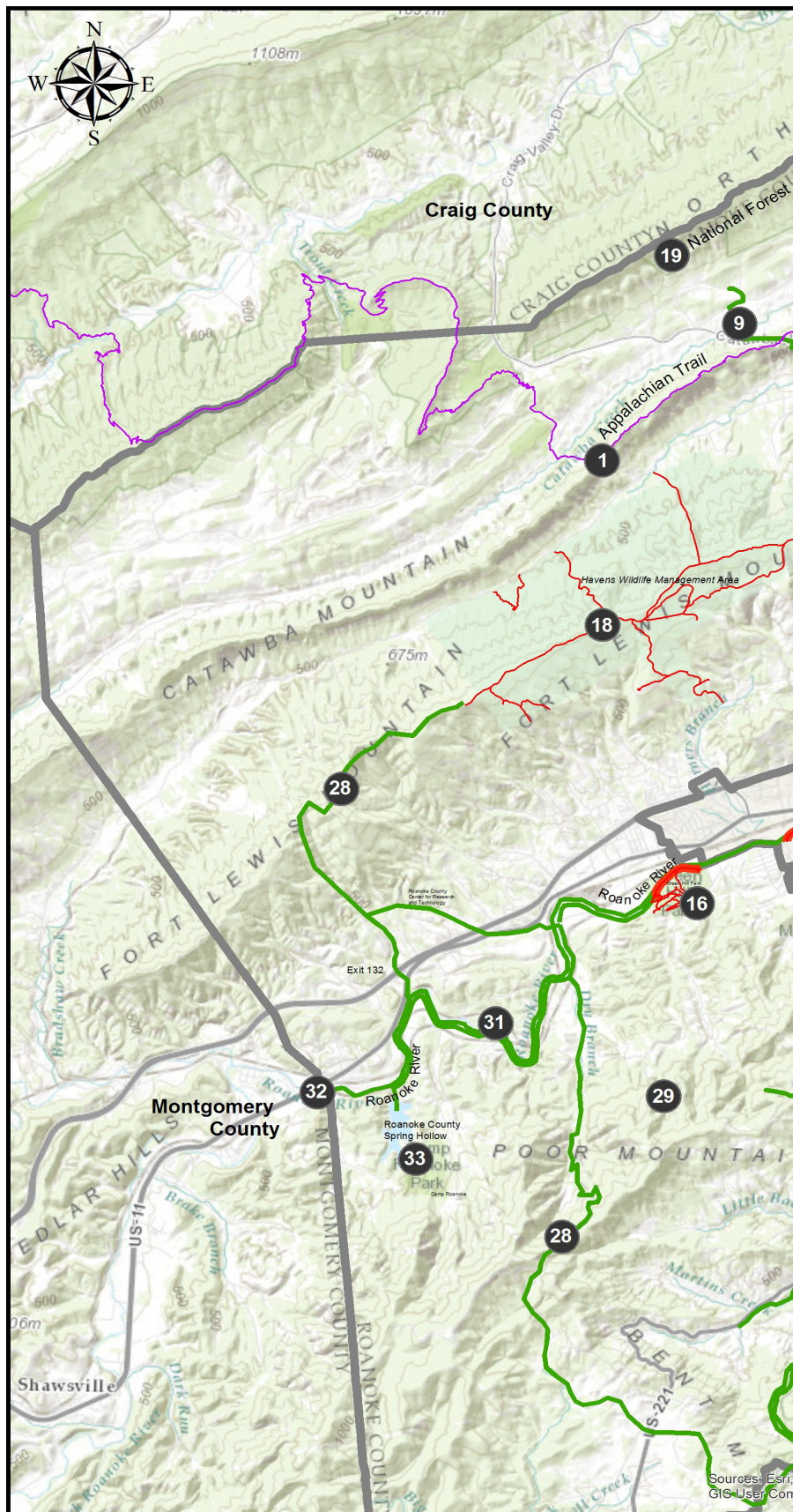
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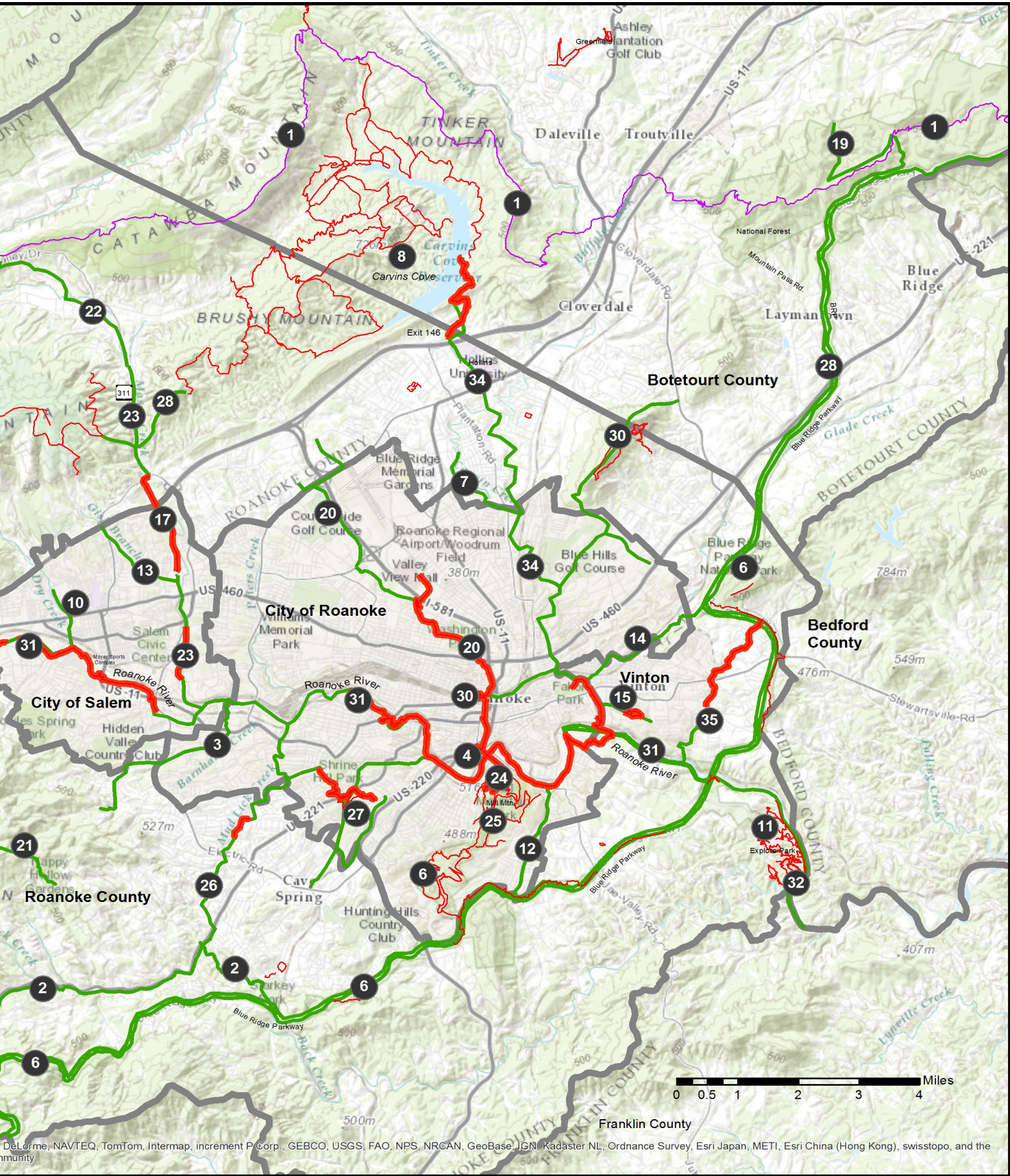
- Existing Greenways (March 2014)
- Existing Trails
- Proposed Greenways (2007 Plan)
- 5 Greenway Number
- Appalachian Trail
- Locality Boundary

- 1-Appalachian Trail
- 2-Back Creek Greenway
- 3-Barnhardt Creek Greenway
- 4-BioMed Loop
- 5-Birding and Wildlife Trail Sites
- 6-Blue Ridge Parkway Trails
- 7-Carvin Creek Greenway
- 8-Carvins Cove Trail Network
- 9-Catawba Greenway
- 10-Dry Creek Greenway
- 11-Explore Park Trails
- 12-Garden City Greenway (Garnand Branch)
- 13-Gish Branch Greenway
- 14-Glade Creek Greenway
- 15-Gladetown Trail
- 16-Green Hill Park Trails
- 17-Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail
- 18-Havens Wildlife Management Area Trails
- 19-Jefferson National Forest Trails
- 20-Lick Run Greenway
- 21-Long Ridge Trail
- 22-Masons Cove Greenway
- 23-Mason Creek Greenway
- 24-Mill Mountain Greenway
- 25-Mill Mountain Park Trails
- 26-Mudlick Creek Greenway (& Garst Mill)
- 27-Murray Run Greenway
- 28-Perimeter Trail
- 29-Poor Mountain Preserve
- 30-Read Mountain Trails
- 31-Roanoke River Greenway
- 32-Roanoke River Greenway Extensions
- 33-Spring Hollow Trails
- 34-Tinker Creek Greenway
- 35-Wolf Creek Greenway

March 2014
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission



Roanoke Valley Greenways



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Growing the Greenways

Construction projects extended and enhanced the network of trails

Many miles of greenways and trails were added to the system in 2012 and 2013. While planning, design, right-of-way, and permitting usually take more time than construction, the building of each section of greenway can also be stretched out over more than a year due to time-of-year restrictions for the logperch, bridging complexities, and other construction issues. In 2012 alone, nine new bridges were built! We have also seen new cinder and natural surfaced trails built, including: Bennett Springs Loop Trail, Catawba Greenway, Four Gorge Extension, Gladetown, Poor Mountain, Read Mountain: Rocky Way, Roanoke River at Explore Park, South County Library Wetland Trail (Back Creek), SPCA trail and Tinker Creek Greenway from Hollins to Carvins Cove.

Roanoke River Greenway Use in 2013

Count Location	Avg. Daily Use	Annual Use
17th Street	81	29,556
Moyers Sports Complex	210	76,488
Rivers Edge Sport Complex/ Wiley Drive	457	166,860
Roanoke River/ Tinker Creek Greenway Connector	44	16,152

source: Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission



photo by MaryLou Richardson

Paved Trails: 23.7 miles

	Mileage
Lick Run Greenway	4.8
Mason Creek Greenway	1.0
Mill Mountain Greenway	3.1
Mudlick Creek Greenway at Garst Mill Park	0.5
Roanoke River Greenway (City of Roanoke)	8.2
Roanoke River Greenway (City of Salem)	3.7
Roanoke River Greenway (Roanoke County)	0.8
Tinker Creek Greenway	1.4

Cinder Surfaced Trails: 7.0 miles

	Mileage
Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail	1.7
Murray Run Greenway	2.9
Wolf Creek Greenway	2.2

On-Road Bicycle Facilities: 82 miles

	Mileage
Bike Lanes	29.7
Bike Routes	52.3

Natural Surfaced Trails: 158.3 miles

	Mileage
Appalachian Trail	37.2
Blue Ridge Parkway Trails	17.1
Carvins Cove Natural Reserve	48.0
Explore Park Trails	13.7
Gladetown Trail	0.7
Green Hill Park Trails	2.0
Mill Mountain Park Trails	9.1
Poor Mountain Preserve Trails	2.9
Read Mountain Preserve	4.5
South County Wetland Trail (Back Creek)	0.4
Tinker Creek Greenway - Hollins University to Cove	2.5

Total: 270.9 miles

One role of the Greenway Commission is to provide technical assistance and training. In 2013, we partnered with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to host a training session on accessible trail construction. This workshop was attended by staff from across southwest and central Virginia and taught by two wheel-chair bound trail advocates who serve nationally to improve access for the mobility impaired.

Volunteerism

Many of our long term volunteers received recognition in 2013



Our Hero: Bill Gordge

Cox Conserves Heroes is an awards program created by Cox and The Trust for Public Land (TPL). The program honors volunteers who work to create, preserve or enhance the shared outdoor places in our communities. In Virginia nominations are accepted from the three areas served by Cox, and then a video is made about each of the three area winners. The voting is done by the public on-line. This year the award went to Bill Gordge, a founding member of Pathfinders for Greenways and the leader of our Mid-Week Crew. Bill received \$10,000 for his non-profit of choice – Pathfinders of course. You can see Bill's video at www.coxconservesheroes.com/virginia/finalists.aspx.



Salute to Senior Service Award Lynn and Peggy Bryant

Lynn and Peggy Bryant received both the local and the state award from the Home Instead Senior Care network for their many years of service to the trails of the region. They have been ambassadors for Wolf Creek Greenway since it first opened, meeting and greeting other users every morning as they walk. The Bryants have spent countless hours maintaining the passageway under Route 24 and adding amenities like flowers to the trail. In addition, they are members of the Mid-Week Crew and the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, where they excel in the tough jobs like bridge building and rock work.



Volunteer of the Year: Eddie Baldwin

In 2000 the Greenway Commission established the Volunteer of the Year Award, named for and first presented to Bill Gordge. This year the award went to Eddie Baldwin, who has served on Bill's crew for 19 years. Formerly the owner of a car repair business, Eddie is often tasked with starting equipment on cold mornings and driving Pathfinders' truck.

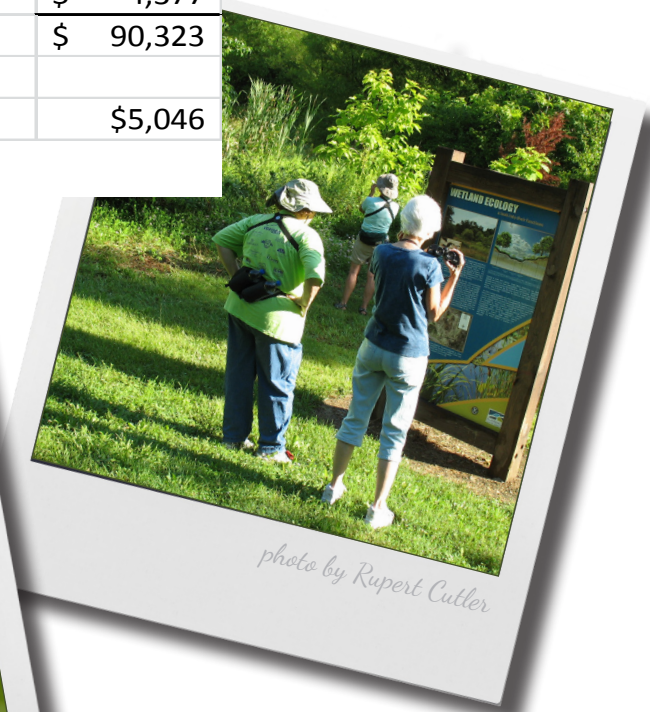


photo by Rachelle Kuehl

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission

Working with local governments to develop the greenway network across the valley

Income	FY 13	FY 12
Contributions from 4 local governments	\$ 87,500	\$92,500
Other Income	\$ 153	\$2,869
	\$ 87,653	\$95,369
Expenses	FY 13	FY 12
Salary and Benefits	\$ 78,980	\$ 75,444
Professional audit services	\$ 5,110	\$ 4,961
Travel	\$ 2,486	\$ 2,151
Greenway amenities	\$ 1,217	\$ 2,323
Special events	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,067
Other operating costs	\$ 3,175	\$ 4,377
	\$ 92,005	\$ 90,323
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (4,352)	\$5,046



The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission was established by the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, the City of Salem, and the Town of Vinton under an intergovernmental agreement in 1997. In accordance with that agreement, the Commission's operating budget is funded on a per capita basis by the localities. Roanoke County, as part of its commitment to greenways, provides free office space to the Commission. The Commission also solicits grants for greenway construction and special projects, but often funnels those funds directly to the localities.

Pathfinders for Greenways

Volunteers promoting the establishment and management of greenways & trails

Pathfinders is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization that was established as an avenue for volunteer involvement in establishing and maintaining the greenway network. The group specializes in natural surface trail construction and bridge building, providing service not only to the four localities but also to neighboring counties and state agencies. Projects in 2012 and 2013 include Four Gorge Extension, Tinker Creek Greenway, and Bennett Springs Loop trails at Carvins Cove; East Montgomery Park and Mid-county Park trails in Montgomery County; Rocky Way Trail at Read Mountain and Tinker Creek Greenway at Hollins; SPCA trail; Boxley Fields Trail in Botetourt County; Falls Ridge and Bottom Creek trails on Nature Conservancy preserves, and extensive maintenance and repair activities on the Appalachian Trail and at Carvins Cove. Each crew includes Forest Service certified chainsaw operators, who were particularly helpful after the derecho storm in June 2012. In addition to trail building and maintenance, the Pathfinders help with Gallop for the Greenways, Bridge the Gap fund raising, marketing, mapping, and web maintenance.



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2013 Financial Report

	2013	2012
Income		
Donations	\$39,772	\$ 2,012
Grants	\$ 1,268	\$ 7,408
Sponsorships and Special Events	\$ 3,145	\$ 1,025
Total	\$47,685	\$8,433
Expenses		
Construction Projects	\$ 9,223	\$22,885
Tools & Equipment Maintenance	\$34,302	\$ 3,390
Office and Operations	\$ 8,785	\$ 6,718
Special Events	\$ 2,234	\$ 1,440
Volunteer Training and Support	\$ 1,088	\$ 143
Total	\$37,624	\$34,576

Photo Contest!

Capturing the beauty of the greenways

This year we held our very first greenway photo contest, organized and administrated by the Public Relations & Education Committee, a joint committee of the Greenway Commission and Pathfinders. The contest was sponsored by **Kemper Mills Fant Photography and Design**. There were two categories, greenway use and landscape, and photographers could submit up to five photos which had to be taken from one of the valley greenways. Professional photographers served as judges. The photos in this Annual Report were submitted as entries in the photo contest. The winners of the contest were:

Greenway Use Category:

1st Place: Meredith Roller for her photo of her dog enjoying the sunshine on the trails

2nd Place: Darrell Powledge for his photo of the sunrise overlooking runners on the Roanoke River Greenway at the 9th St bridge (back cover photo)

3rd Place: Wade Thompson for his photo of people on the Roanoke River Greenway bridge at Memorial Park

Wildlife/Nature/Scenery/Landscape Category:

1st Place: Darrell Powledge for his photo of the bridge between Roanoke River and Tinker Creek Greenways (cover photo)

2nd Place: David Lewis for his photo of Vic Thomas bridge in the rain on the Roanoke River Greenway

3rd Place: Glen Tate for his photo of the Star on Mill Mountain Greenway

Honorable Mention:
Meredith Roller for her photo of the spider in its web

Grand Prize Winner:
Darrell Powledge



photo by Meredith Roller



photo by David Lewis



photo by Glen Tate



photo by Wade Thompson

Connections to Nature

See what greenway users are saying



photo by Elizabeth Dimperio

"My 75 year old father lives in Richmond and recently heard about the Roanoke Valley Greenways. He is an avid runner (30+ miles per week, and yes he's really 75!) and wants to bring a bunch of his 'younger' friends up in late summer to bike the Greenway. Isn't that cool!"

Mark Lucas

"Thanks so much . . . My husband is 100% disabled . . . When he finally got the authorization for the scooter from VA, one of our first thoughts was to spend some time on the Greenway together."

Email from a Greenway user

"Roanoke River Greenway is the best thing in Roanoke!"

M.A. Schleupner



photo by Jim Sharkey



photo by Barbara Duerk

"Hi, I have to say building the greenway trails has been one of the most successful, and smartest projects the city has come up with. . . I am a mother of 4 children and 5 months ago I started walking on the roanoke river trail to see how it was. I enjoyed it much so. The atmosphere and the people you run into are wonderful. . . my older kids ride their bikes on it with me as well. It is the most safest place to allow them to ride and I think it is wonderful. . . I never thought children would enjoy something so much and yet they are exercising all in the same. We have ran into geese, ducks, turtles and my children love it. I want to say thanks to everyone for this project and to the men and women who keep it clean and cut for us daily walkers."

Anonymous email to the City Parks Department



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