



Joint Meeting Update on Greenway Accomplishments and Activities 2014

***A Community Working to Build a
Greenway Network***

2014 Progress

Priority 1: Roanoke River Greenway

Roanoke River— Diaguidds to West Riverside Park

2014 Progress

Used Anderson for final engineering, survey, geotech, analysis of alternatives

Selected alternative

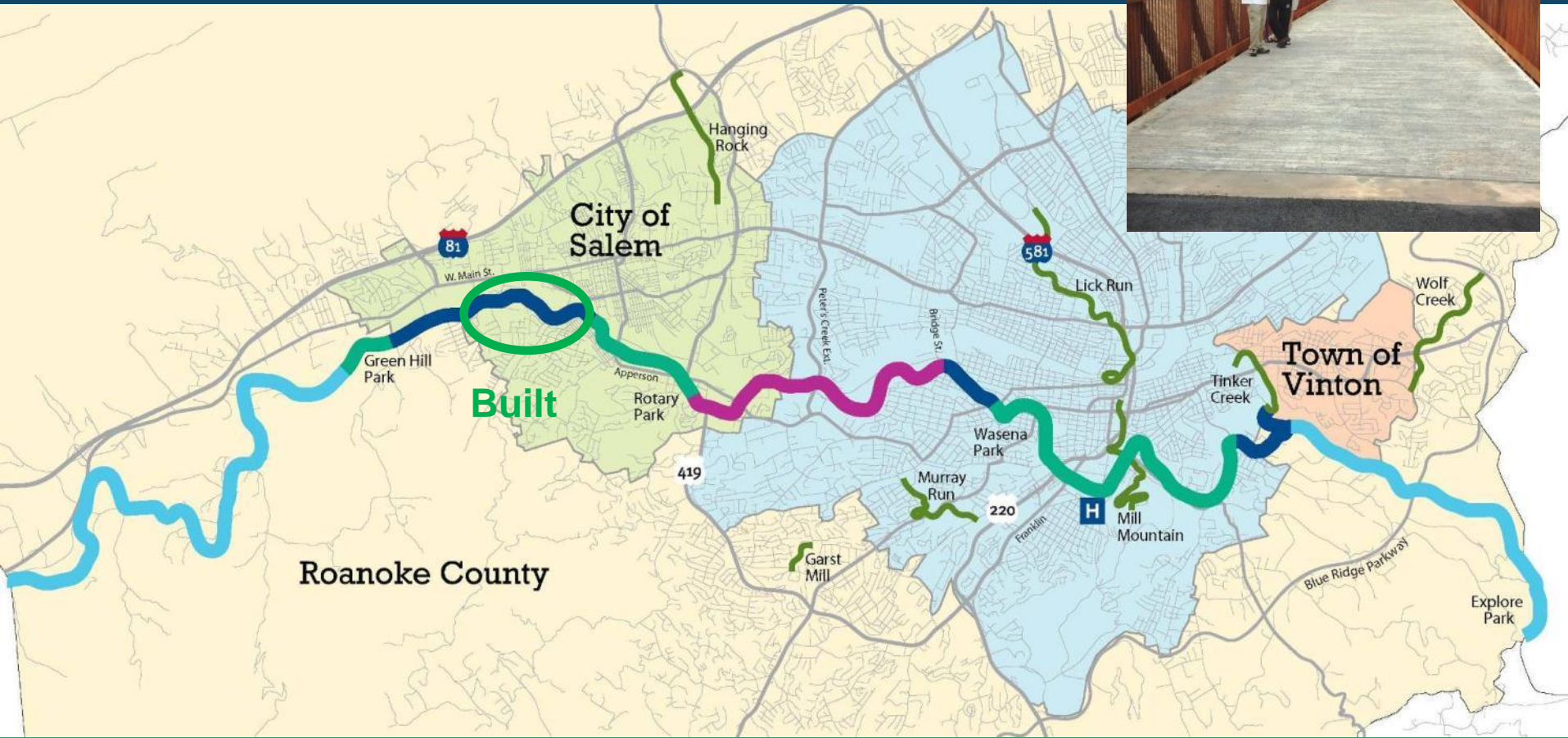
Value engineering by VDOT

Started environmental



Roanoke River — West Riverside Park to Eddy

2014 Progress
Completed and opened
Design of bridge at Eddy

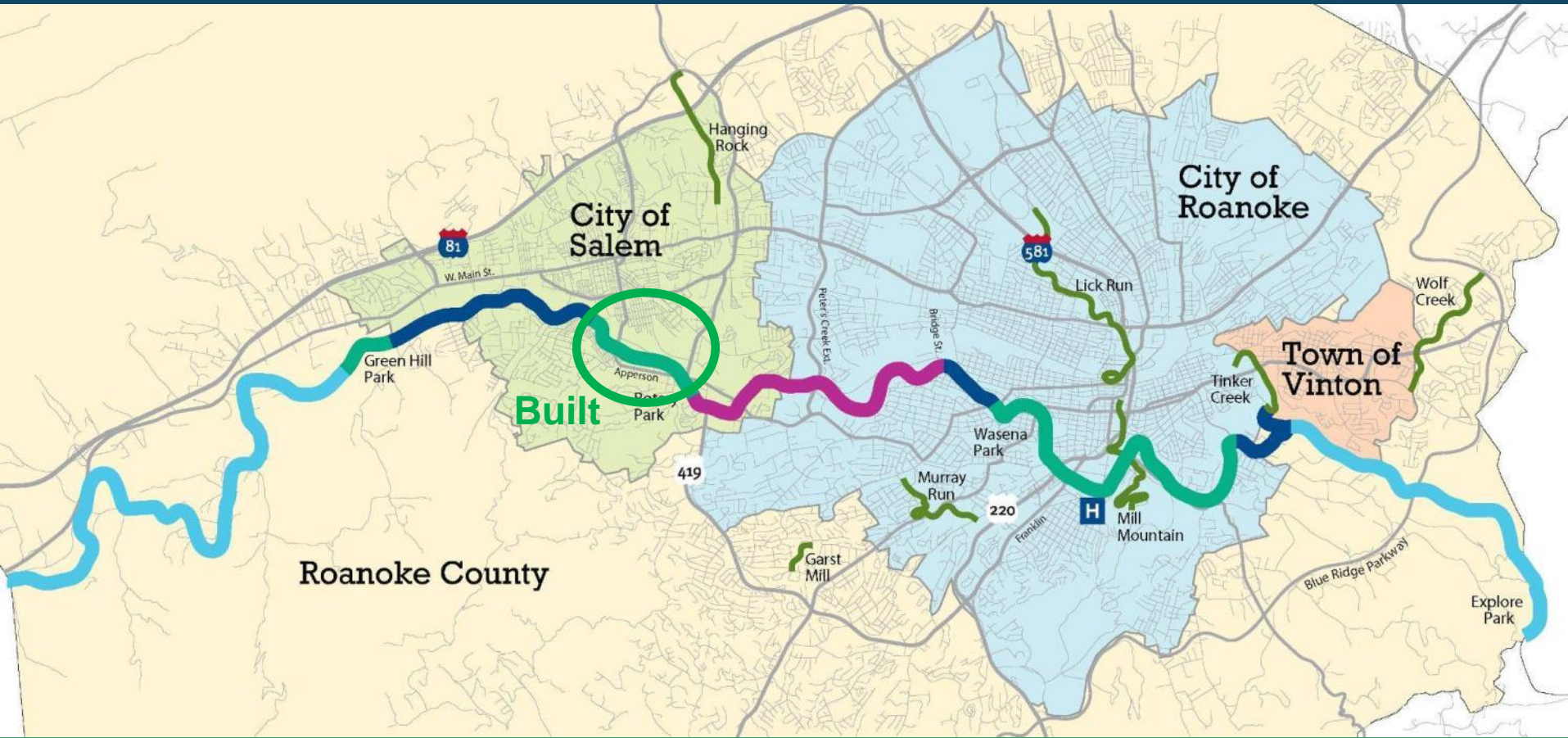


Roanoke River — Eddy to Rotary Park

2014 Progress

Design of bridge widening at Apperson

Design of link from Rotary to 419 and under 419



Roanoke River — Rotary Park to Bridge St.

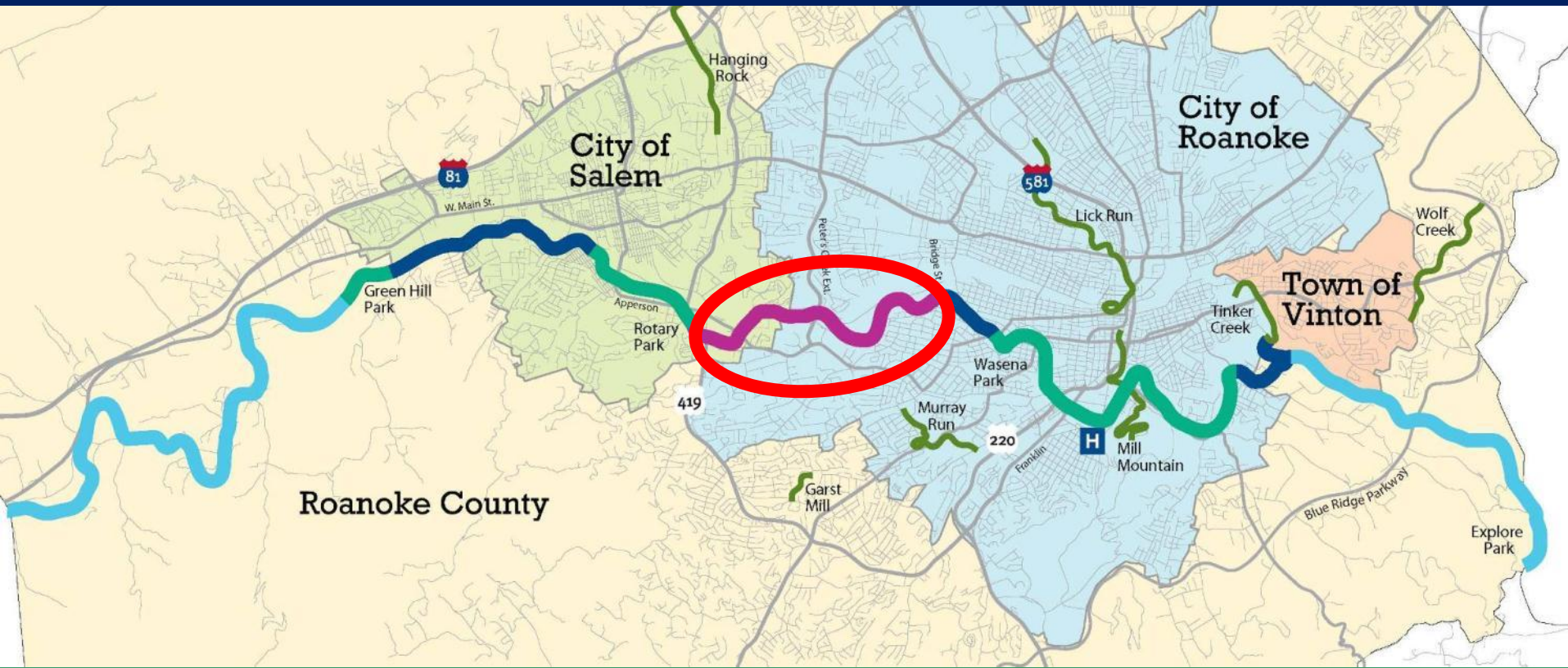
2014 Progress

Engineering report from Anderson Asso. for City's portion

Final design and bidding of section from Salem line to Aerial Way

Hired "railroad" oriented firm for design of Aerial Way to Bridge St.

Right of way meetings with landowners



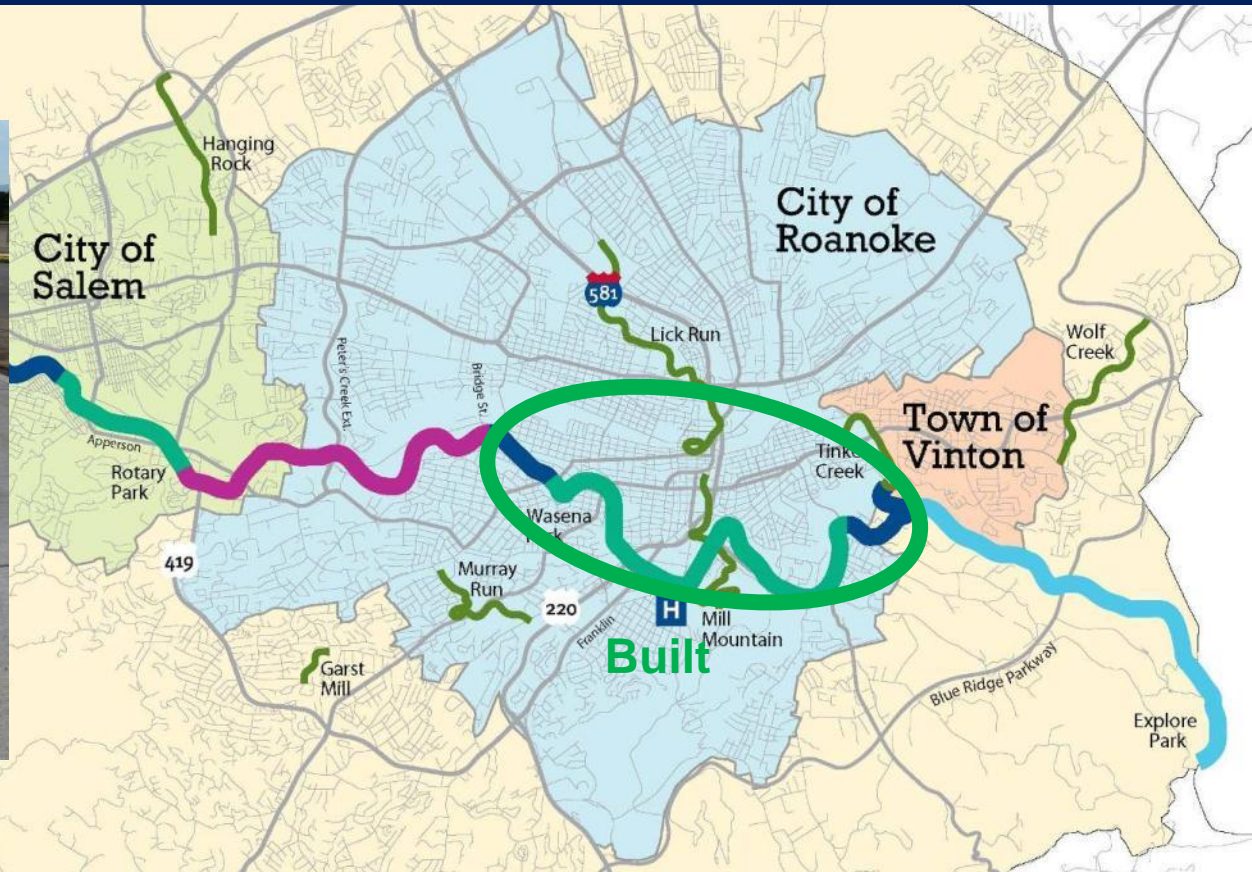
Roanoke River — Bridge St. to Tinker

2014 Progress

Riparian planting at Norwich and Bennington

Completed Memorial Ave bridge

Winterized bathrooms at Wasena and Smith Park



Roanoke River — City Line to Explore Park

2014 Progress

Received VDOT support for assisting with ROW negotiation

Received Parkway support for County acquisition of property on Highland Rd (ie Parkway doesn't want it)

Met with Parkway Superintendent several times about crossing; got commitment to finish Trail Plan “soon”

County lease of Explore Park gives additional options on Highland



Coming in 2015 for Roanoke River

- Construction of Apperson or Eddy bridge
- Construction from Salem line to Aerial Way
- Construction in Rotary Park to go under 419
- ROW on Bridge the Gap section
- ROW acquisition on east end
- Final engineering of all other sections

Town of Vinton Projects

2014

- Walnut Street Bridge opened
- Applied for additional Revenue Sharing funding for Glade Creek Gway to go under Rt. 24
- Applied for RSTP for bridge over Tinker
- Completed PE for Glade Creek

Coming in 2015

- Construction of bike/ped on Walnut
- Construction of Glade Creek Greenway



County of Roanoke Projects

2014

- Construction of Hanging Rock Bridge completed!!!
- PE for construction of Catawba Creek bridge
- Opted out of Dutch Oven bridge ownership
- Agreement for extension at Hollins completed
- VDOT completed 221 – now can move on Back Creek
- Refurbished trails at Explore Park
- Signage at Tinker and Read Mtn.

Coming in 2015

- Construction of Catawba bridge and layout of east side
- Back Creek design
- Trail signage at Explore Park with Pathfinders



City of Salem Projects

2014

- Received funding for extension of Hanging Rock to Main
- VDOT hearing on plans for bike/ped on East Main
- Final plans for 419 project
- Recycling on the greenway

Coming in 2015

- Construction of 419 sidewalk to Lewis Gale
- Start engineering for extension of Hanging Rock/ Mason Creek



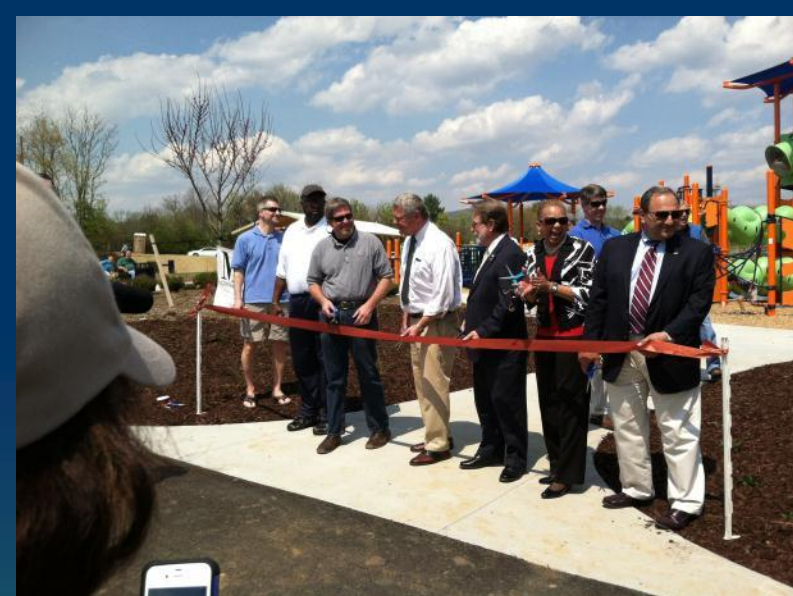
City of Roanoke Projects

2014

- Opening of Lick Run Greenway at Countryside
- Hired a trail coordinator – Renee Lavin Powers
- Applied for RSTP funding for Tinker and Garden City
- Riparian planting at Norwich and Bennington
- Winterized bathrooms at Wasena and Smith Park
- Historic markers
- Mural at Wasena

Coming in 2015

- New Lick Run Greenway bridge at Valley View
- Construction of Garden City Greenway



Pathfinders Projects

115 Volunteer Work Days; 5635 hours

2014

Trail maintenance at Explore Park, Carvins Cove

Trail at Waid Park in Franklin County

Buck Hill Trail at Natural Bridge

Appalachian Trail Relocation at New River

Rattlin Run at Cove (almost done)

Rock 'n Roll at Cove (just begun)

Rock work training

Coming in 2015

Finish Rattlin' Run and Rock 'n Roll at Cove

Trail signs at Explore Park

Parkway trail at Roanoke River

Prices Park in Montgomery County







Awards in 2014



Brian Batteiger: Cox Conserves Hero Award

Awards in 2014



Dick Howard: Volunteer of the Year

Special Events

Gallop 2014 ➡ \$



Special Training – Advanced Rock Work



Special Events

Mobile Workshops for VDOT's LAP Conference



Special Events

Wilderness 50th Anniversary



Special Events

Annual Picnic



Special Events

Canoe Trips



Special Events & Expos

- Clean Valley Day
- Arbor Days
- Earth Day
- Radical Reels
- GoFest
- Tree Planting



2014 – Photo Contest



Staying Involved in Other Projects

I-81 Exit 150

DEQ TMDL Plan

Vtrans

Economic Summits

Roanoke River TMDL Plan

LAP Workshop

Livable Roanoke Valley

Stormwater Management

VTC Medical School tours

Vinton downtown

Private developments

*Ensuring that greenways
are part of the
community and future
infrastructure*

Partners Helping

Blueway established

Safety board meetings

Bike incident reporting

Bicycling safety film

Cove passes for Hollins students

Chainsaw training



The Year Greenways Became Tourism

PADDLE THE JAMES | LOCAL TRAIL RACES | BEST GEAR!

LIFE OUTSIDE

ROANOKE • NEW RIVER VALLEY • LEXINGTON

9 ROAD TRIPS

DRIVE A TANK! PADDLE ALL DAY
STAY IN A COOL CABIN & MORE

CARVINS COVE

GET HERE IN 10 MINUTES!

+

6 BREW FESTS
TASTE, ENJOY, REPEAT

SUMMER MUSIC
FESTIVAL GUIDE
WHERE TO HEAR THE BEST BEATS



Left: Dogwoods bloom in spring just below one of the overlooks on Mill Mountain, which offers a panoramic view of the city and the mountains beyond. (See pages 48-49 for identification of the mountains.)

Right: The trails of the area, including those on Mill Mountain, where Johanna strikes a pose, are a major attraction for outdoor lovers.

THE GREENWAY WINDS
UNDER A TRAIN TRESTLE
AND PAST TALL GLASS
AND BRICK BUILDINGS,
BUT ROUND ANOTHER
CORNER AND THE VIEW IS
GREEN LEAVES, WATER
AND MOUNTAINS.

me away from Roanoke full-time for a year. I love exploring my new, bigger city along the Mississippi River, with its kind people, its deep history, its different variation on a southern lilt. This summer, I'm spending two weeks there, three weeks here, alternating. On one of my return trips, when the U.S. Airways flight curves back into the valley, crossing green-covered mountains and the winding Roanoke River reflecting the evening light, I find myself wiping my eyes and hoping the man napping in the next seat doesn't notice.

SO THIS CITY, a stranger to me in 1998, has become home. I still live in walking distance of Grandin Village, though it's a 20-minute walk rather than a five-minute one. The pub, the hardware store and the Italian restaurant have closed, and there's now a yoga studio, a ballet studio, a dress shop and a bunch of other restaurants ranging from Mediterranean to locavore.

The proprietor of CUPS, the coffee shop, keeps individual mugs for patrons (mine's there). The wait-

resses in Morrow's Community Inn (owned same family since 1977) know how my husband likes our burgers (single, with pickles, mustard and fries for me; double, with mayo, tomato and fries for him). I've seen a lot of movies that theater, which over the years closed, see permanently, and then re-opened, community ported—everything from a midnight showing of *Shining* to screenings of low-budget indie films like the recent *Hunger Games* blockbusters (which, as does CUPS, has a tall bookshelf filled with board games) serves Homestead Creamery ice from neighboring Franklin County. The husband couple that co-owns Pop's plays bagpipes, a summer night a few years ago I enjoyed an impromptu outdoor performance, following the sound music down the street and around the corner neighbors stood and listened while he and a few musicians brought some of the Scottish highland the Virginia highlands.

Roanokers complain about the valley in the — we're a city in a bowl in the middle of mountains and the pollen settles in and make us sneeze for on end — but at the same time, I'm not sure we the valley to be any other way. For instance, nowhere in the city you can go and not see mountains in another moment. There are times when I take on the way to work or the grocery store and view of the slopes just beyond the city, with the morning light hitting them or the shadows of the resting on them or a dusting of early winter deepening the texture of the trees, and am brought short by the beauty of where this city sits. A shoe and I can be out of town and climbing — U.S. 311 Floyd and its mountain music, or Va. 311 McAfee Knob and four mountain ridges on Virginia, or U.S. 220 to Roaring Run, or the Avenue bridge up to our stretch of the 469-mile Ridge Parkway.

And being in the city isn't that different from outside the city. Roanoke's neighborhoods are

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