# Joint Meeting Update on Greenway Activities 2017

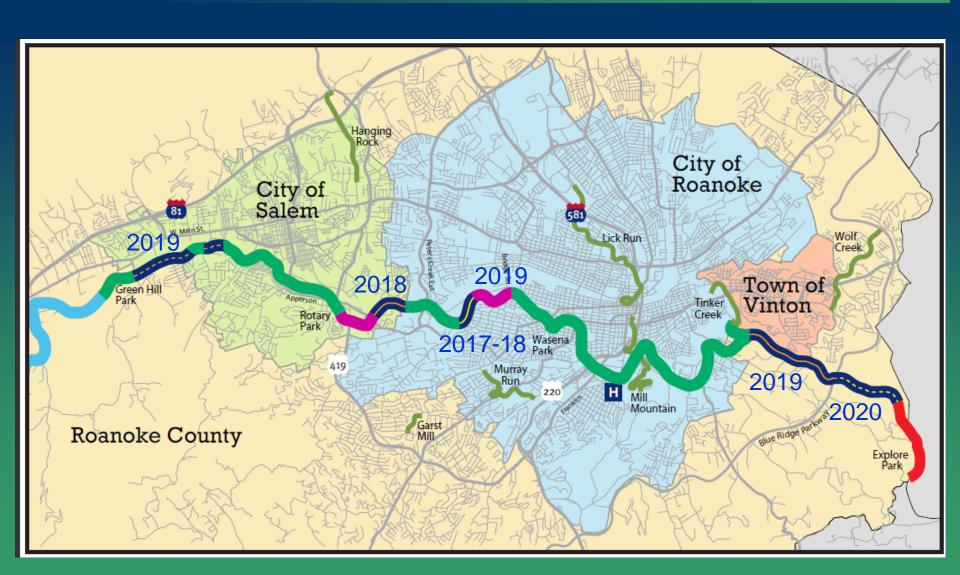
**Building Greenways and Trails Building Economic Vitality** 

- Roanoke River Greenway
- Tinker Creek Greenway
- Greenway Plan Update
- Special Events
- Locality and Pathfinders Updates
- Why Greenways

# Priority #1: Roanoke River Greenway

Dear Ly. a mender of the Rounde Palley community. The Greenway is one of my favorite places in the world. I go there with family, friends, Gets and to exercise, Blingby the Roawke River reminds me of the beauty scenerounding us in this area. Thank you for your committeet of time and energy to this project. Wainly, Jan Kleger

# Roanoke River Greenway - #1 Priority



Green Hill Park (Roanoke County) to West Riverside Park (Salem)

- Final Engineering and Design (100%)
- Categorical Exclusion under review by FHWA/VDOT
- Right-of-Way authorization anticipated January 2018



### Roanoke River — Bridges + Rotary Park to City Line

#### **2017 Progress**

Won battle to shift funding, fully fund Eddy bridge and Apperson as SGR Eddy bridge bid, awarded to Crossroads Bridge, Inc.; under construction soon HSIP sidewalk project on 419 almost finished

ROW at Riverwalk Apt: not yet; ROW with driving range: yes Cook Drive construction starting early 2018 by City forces



# Roanoke River — Aerial Way to Bridge Street

#### **2017 Progress**

Applied jointly for RSTP funding for bridge across Barnhardt Creek
First section from Aerial Wa under construction using Crowder Construction
Council approved eminent domain with Walker
Securing abandoned rail line from Bridge St. to Associated Asphalt



# RRG under construction







Roanoke City to Blue Ridge Parkway (UPC 91191)

- Final Engineering and Design (100%)
- Categorical Exclusion approved by FHWA and VDOT, bat survey done
- Right-of-way authorization; Public Willingness Notice (December 2017)



Crossing of the Blue Ridge Parkway

- Preliminary Engineering underway (on- or off-road alignment)
- Speed Study completed on Highland Road; under VDOT review
- Transportation Alternatives Application Submitted for Construction Funding



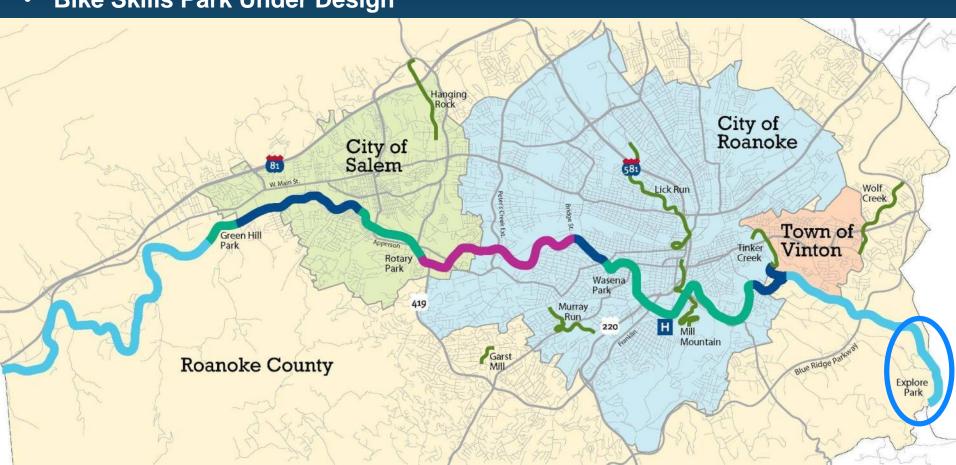
Blue Ridge Parkway to Explore Park (UPC 110155 - FLAP)

- Project Kick-off August 2017
- Preliminary Engineering Underway
- NEPA/NHPA Coordination with Blue Ridge Parkway Underway



**Extension through Explore Park** 

- RSTP Application Submitted
- County implementing Explore Park Adventure Plan
- Bike Skills Park Under Design





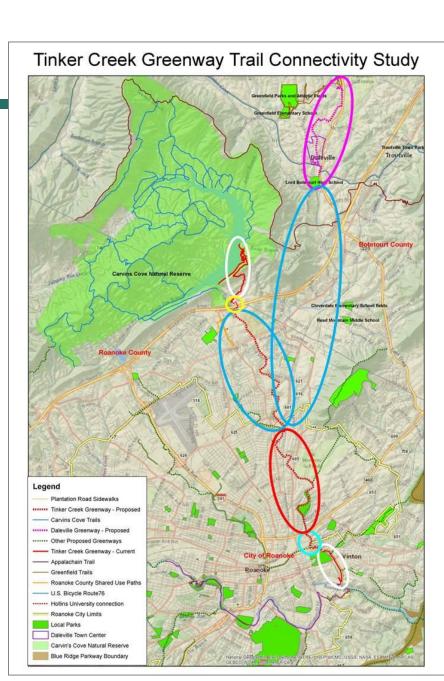
# **Tinker Creek Greenway Planning**

Roanoke River to RCIT to Hollins to Botetourt County

# Tinker Creek Greenway

- RTCA Grant
- Monthly meetings with Ursula Lemanski
- Station 3 at four of the public input meetings – Greenfield, Mountain View, Fishburn, Vinton





#### **Public Input on Tinker - Agreement**

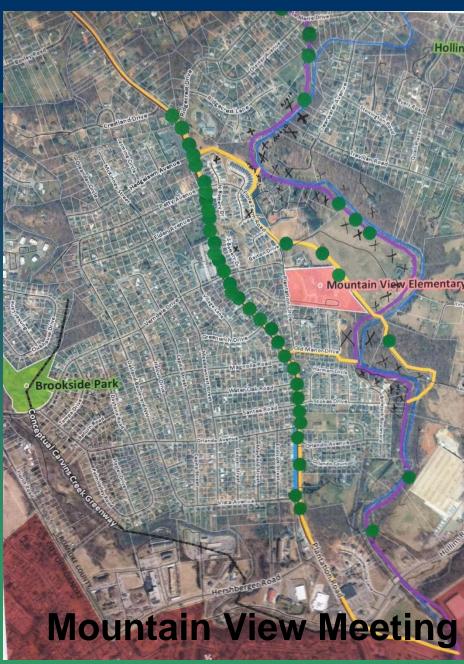
- Support for Tinker Creek Greenway connecting Botetourt and the City of Roanoke for recreation, wellness, and transportation.
- Preference for an off-road route in a natural setting.
- Preference for a route north of I-81 that connects to Carvins Cove vs along Route 11, south of I-81.



#### **Public Input on Tinker - Disagreement**

- One property owner (south of Lord Botetourt) did not support the trail alignment; current trespassing problems, primarily from students
- Fairview residents did not support a trail through their neighborhood to Greenfield (Daleville Greenway).
- At the Botetourt workshop, most preferred a route through Hollins and then remaining along Tinker Creek to the City boundary.
- At the Mountain View workshop, residents unanimously preferred a route along Plantation Road in order to avoid residential properties along the creek





#### **Matrix Evaluation of Segments by Localities**

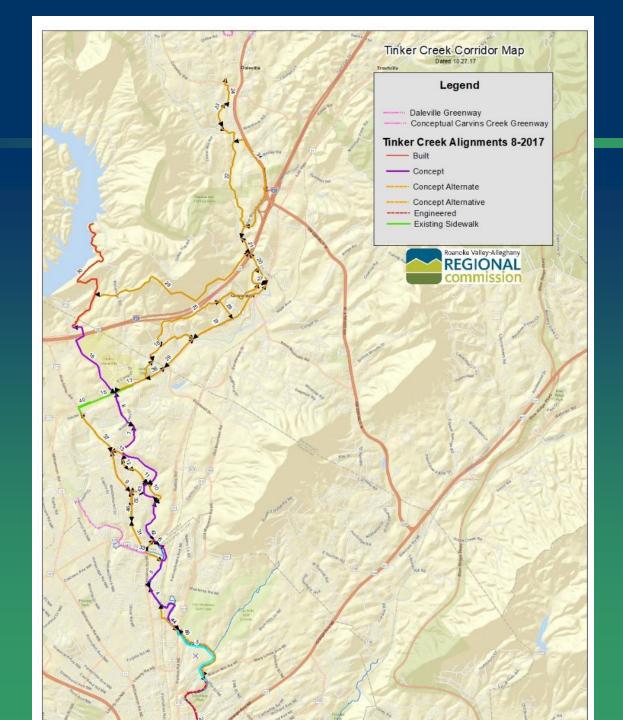
Tinker Creek Connectivity Study Matrix											
		Ranking Categories									
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	vity	Quality	ons	/ROW	/Cost	Support	Potential	Safety	TOTAL	Team	
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4	0	5	3	1	2	3	2	2	19	City	
5	0	5	3	1	3	3	1	5	21	City	
6	4	10	3	2	1	2	3	0	25	Ro	
7	0	10	1	0	1	3	0	0	15	Ro	
8	5	4	3	6	2	3	1	5	29	Ro	
9	0	0	3	10	3	5	1	5	27	Ro	
10	0	6	0	0	1	2	2	0	11	Ro	
11	0	6	4	0	1	2	1	0	14	Ro	
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13	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	8	Ro	
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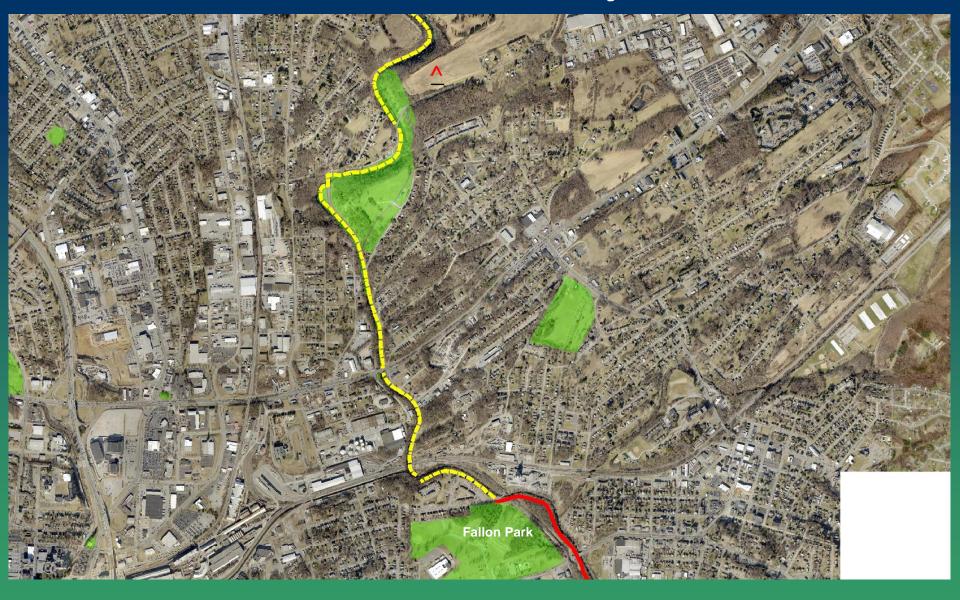
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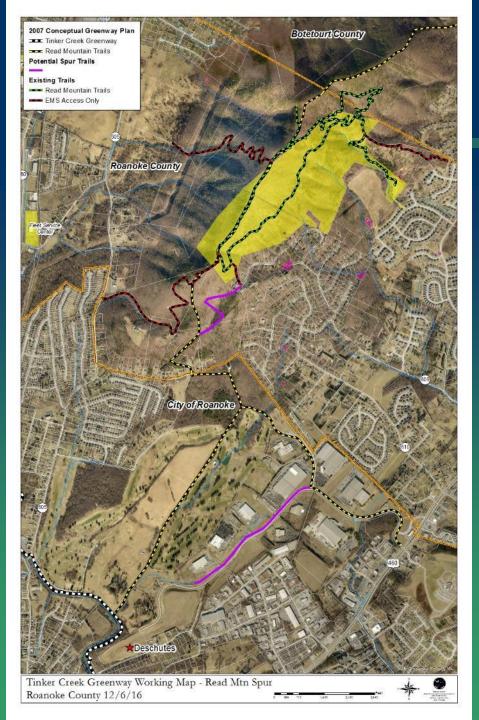
Revised maps with logical segments

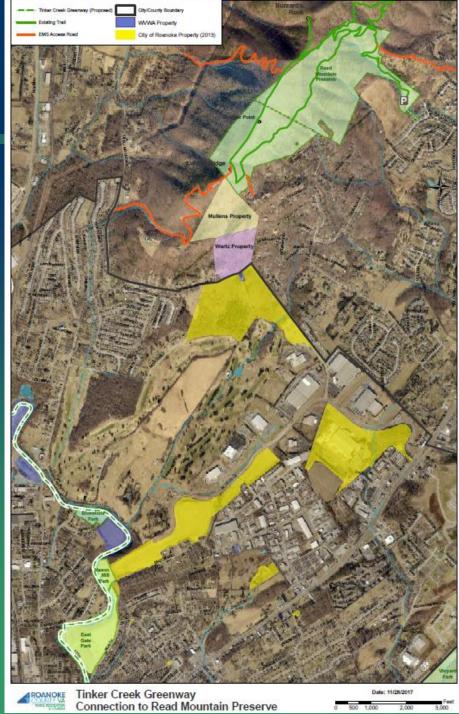
Results as chapter in Greenway Plan



# Tinker Creek "Brew-Way": Phase 2







# **Greenway Plan Update**

- Public Meetings in Spring 2017
- Revised Mapping with Localities
- Refined Tinker
- Draft Plan to Steering Committee Dec.
- Public review in March

- Themes
- Connectivity
- Finish Roanoke River Greenway
- Build greenways but NIMBY
- Greenways are better than development
- Get me to Carvins Cove
- Need center line, signage, mile markers, maps, maintenance, rules & etiquette

# **Special Events 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



# **Gallop/ Triathlon May 13**



- Compete, Run or Walk
- Celebrate 20 Years



# Conservation Celebration Honored Mid-Week Crew



# Thanks to Vinton for Picnic





# **Botetourt County 2017**

#### Surveys and Community Input 2017

- Regional Greenway Meeting (April)
- Daleville Greenway Community Meeting (June)
- Transportation Survey (June-July) 353 Responses
- Comprehensive Plan Public Work Session (October)
- Recreation Survey (Oct- Nov) 269 Responses

# **Survey Highlights**

- Perceived need for pedestrian/cyclist amenities in Daleville
  - "I would love to see a greenway for recreational biking. Right now my family goes into Roanoke to use the Roanoke River Greenway. We would love one closer in Botetourt!"
  - "Daleville area: to the shops, sports complex, restaurants"
- Greenfield, with its open space and trails, is one of the most valued community recreational amenities.
- 17% feel that more greenways and trails would improve their level of satisfaction with county parks and recreation facilities (open-ended responses)

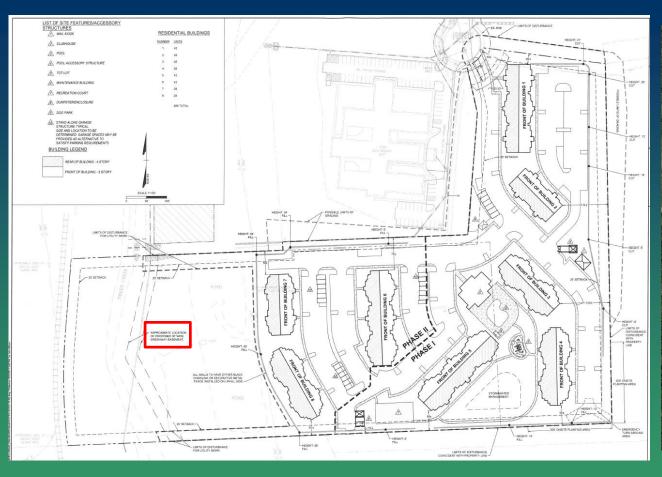
# **Daleville Greenway Timelines**

- Community Meeting (June)
  - 90-100 attendees
- Engineering Firm Contracted (Oct)
  - Engineering Concepts, Inc (ECI)
- Kick-Off Meeting (Nov)
  - ECI + Boco Greenway Committee + VDOT
- Landowner Discussions (December-January)



Photo Credit: Ed McCoy

# Tinker Creek Greenway Easement





# **Town of Vinton 2017** Glade Creek Greenway Phase 1



Ribbon Cutting July 11, 2017





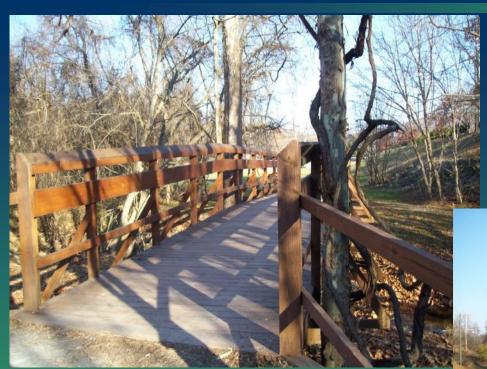


# Wayfinding to Tinker Creek Greenway

Connects via sidewalk on the bridge



# Wolf Creek Greenway – Ongoing Maintenance



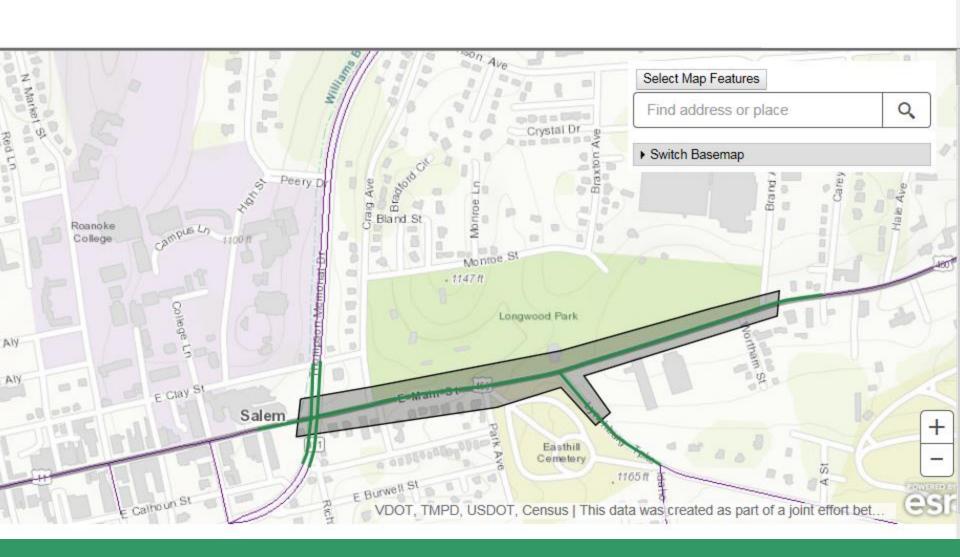
Bridge sealing and culvert cleaning - MidWeek Crew

Surface rehab – Public Works

# **Tinker Creek Blueway**



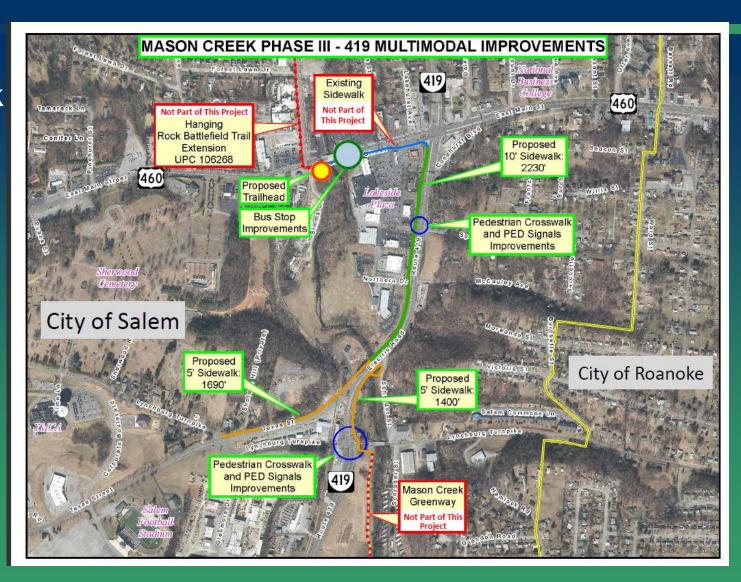
## City of Salem <u>East Main Street - Construction</u> 2019



#### Hanging Rock/Mason Creek Greenway

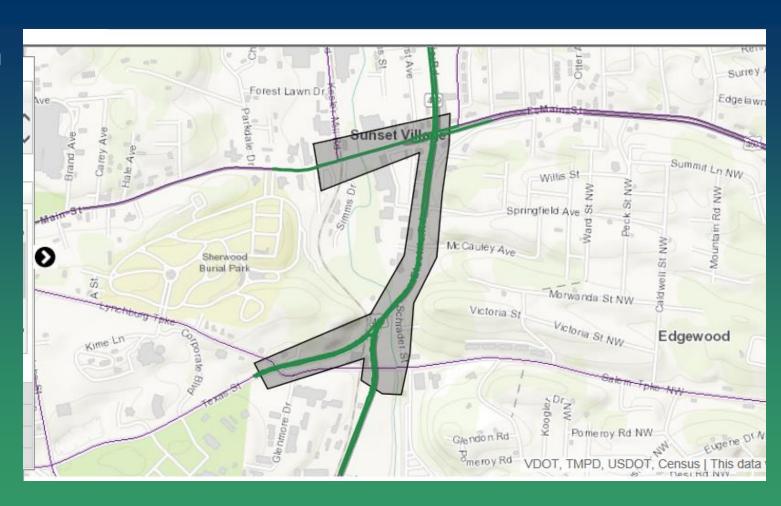
Hanging Rock construction: 2018

Boulevard \$ 885,000 HB2 funding Construction 2019



#### Hanging Rock/Mason Creek Greenway

\$2.6 million Smartscale funding



#### **Brambleton Avenue Bicycle Lanes**



#### Plantation Road Bike/Ped/Streetscape

Completion: June 2018



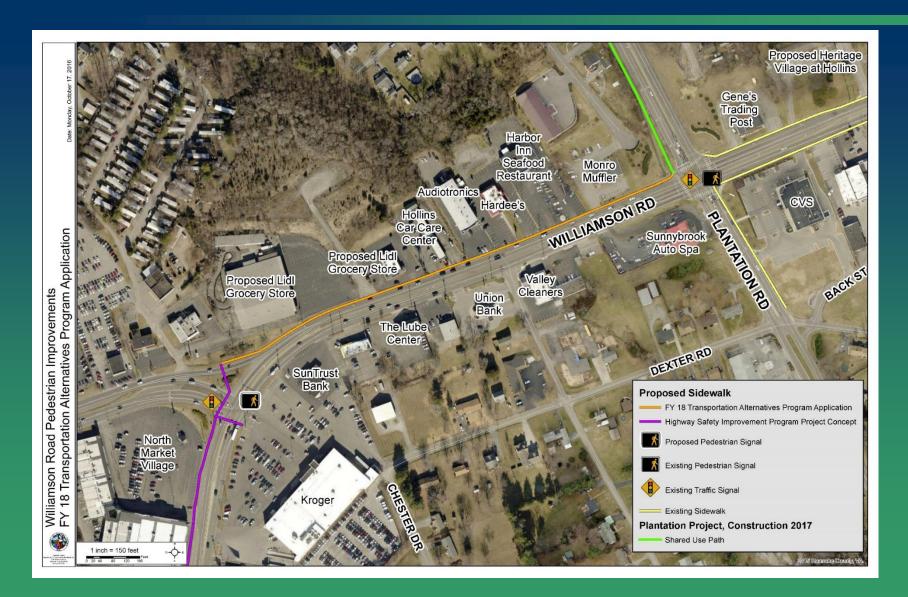
#### **Plantation Road Phase II**

Smartscale Funding; Construction 2024



#### Williamson Road Pedestrian Improvements

TA Funding – Construction 2021



#### **West Main Street Sidewalks**

Smartscale Funding: Construction 2022



#### Park n Ride Reconstruction Exit 140

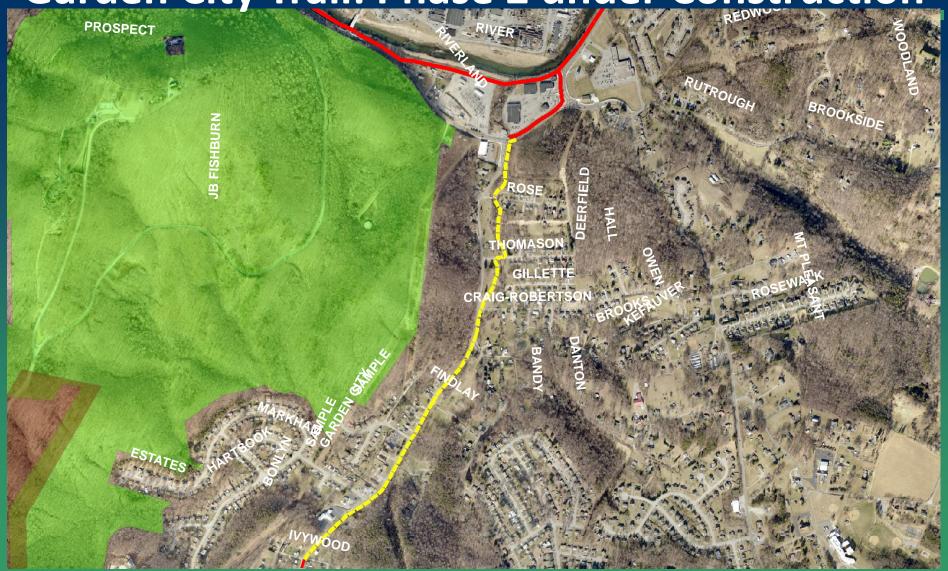
RSTP Funding: Completed



#### 419 Plan



## City of Roanoke Garden City Trail: Phase 2 under Construction



#### Construction and Work at Mill Mountain





#### **Trail Work at Mill Mountain**





New maps!

Virginia Pine Relo

#### **Maintenance at Carvins Cove**





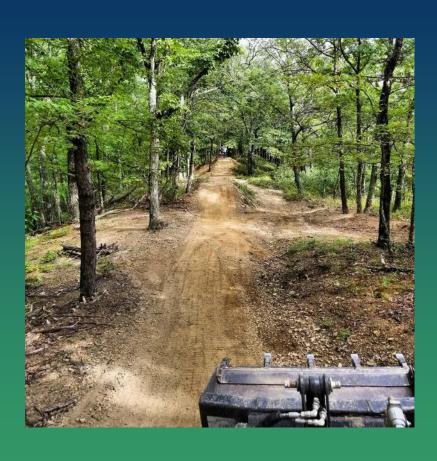
#### **Maintenance at Carvins Cove**







#### **Construction at Carvins Cove**





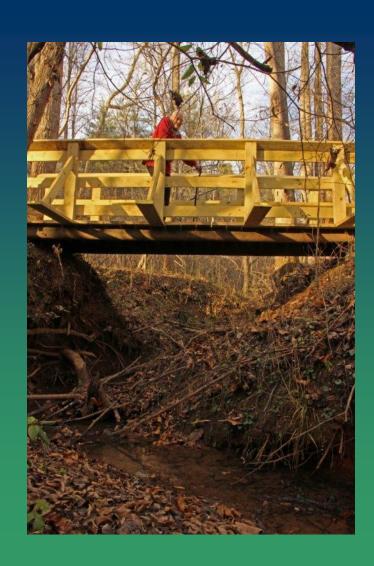
#### **Rock n Roll at Carvins Cove**







### Other Construction by Mid-Week Crew Green and Red Trails at Waid Park





## Other Construction by Mid-Week Crew Mayflower Hills Park





## Other Construction by Mid-Week Crew Bench at Read Mountain

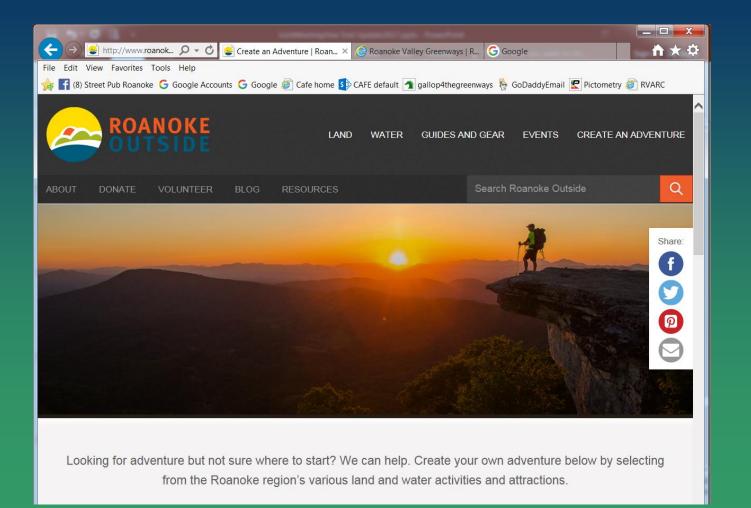




# Why do volunteers and trails matter in the greenway program?

#### **Economic Development**

#### Roanoke Outside: We Are the Brand!



#### Deschutes: Love the Outdoors Key Factor: Tinker Creek Greenway



#### **Ballast Point: QOL Matters to Us**



#### Virginia Tourism Says

I will come try out your trail once, but a trail is not enough. There must be a payoff after my ride if I am going to come again.

Roanoke region: 16 breweries are open

Three Notch'd in the spring

**AFOG** in spring

# Hmmm Kombucha Our Employees Bike to Work



#### We are supporting the region.

We are apple pie!

#### **Greenways Matter! Trails Matter!**

Thank you for all you do to make them happen!

