



Joint Meeting 2018 A Year in Review

***Planning for the Future of Greenways and Trails
Being Part of Larger Initiatives***

2018 Topics

➤ Completed

- ✓ 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan
- ✓ Appendix E – Tinker Creek Greenway Master Plan

➤ Roanoke River Greenway

➤ Hinchee Trail

➤ Locality Projects

➤ Other Initiatives



2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan

Steps in 2018

1. Draft Plan
2. Public Meeting April 19
3. Analysis of Input and then Revisions
4. Revision of Tinker Maps
5. Greenway Commission Approval June 27
6. Locality Work Sessions and Hearings



Locality Meetings

1. Vinton: August 2, 21, Sept. 4
2. City of Roanoke: September 4, 10, 17
3. Botetourt County: September 10, 25
4. City of Salem: September 12, 24
5. Roanoke County: September 4, 11, 25



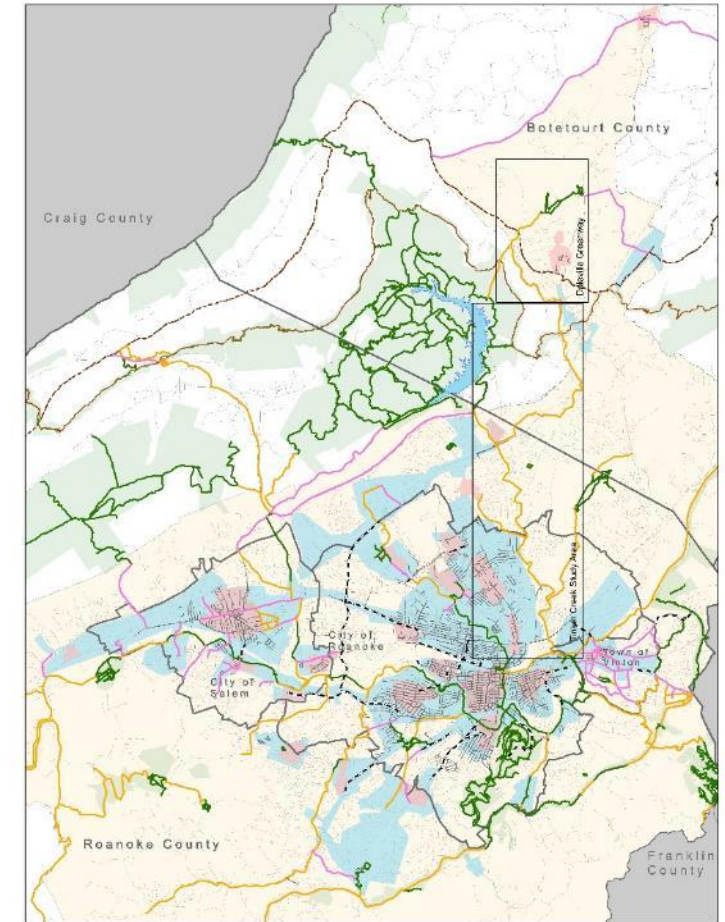
The Vision

The **vision** is to have Roanoke River Greenway as the backbone of the system, running west to east, and then having north-south routes tying to Botetourt County and to the existing public lands and trail opportunities surrounding the Valley. The greenway network is part of the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the region and provides the arterial routes, with connectivity to neighborhoods via sidewalks, bike lanes, and on-road facilities.



Themes during Plan Development

- Finish Roanoke River Greenway.
- Connectivity – to, between, beyond
- Get me to Carvins Cove.
- Need center line, signage, mile markers, maps, maintenance, rules and etiquette.



2018 Greenway Plan Regional Connectivity Map



Input and Issues: Operations & Management

- Control those “other” users
- Signage, mile markers, on-site maps, apps
- Environmental protection
- Maintenance, especially after rains
- E-bikes, electric skateboards



New Objectives & Strategies

- Coordinate with long distance trails.
- Consider renewable energy options, recycling.
- Use greenways to meet school fitness goals.
- Improve website and social media.
- Encourage good etiquette and responsible use.
- Encourage adequate capital maintenance and operations funding.



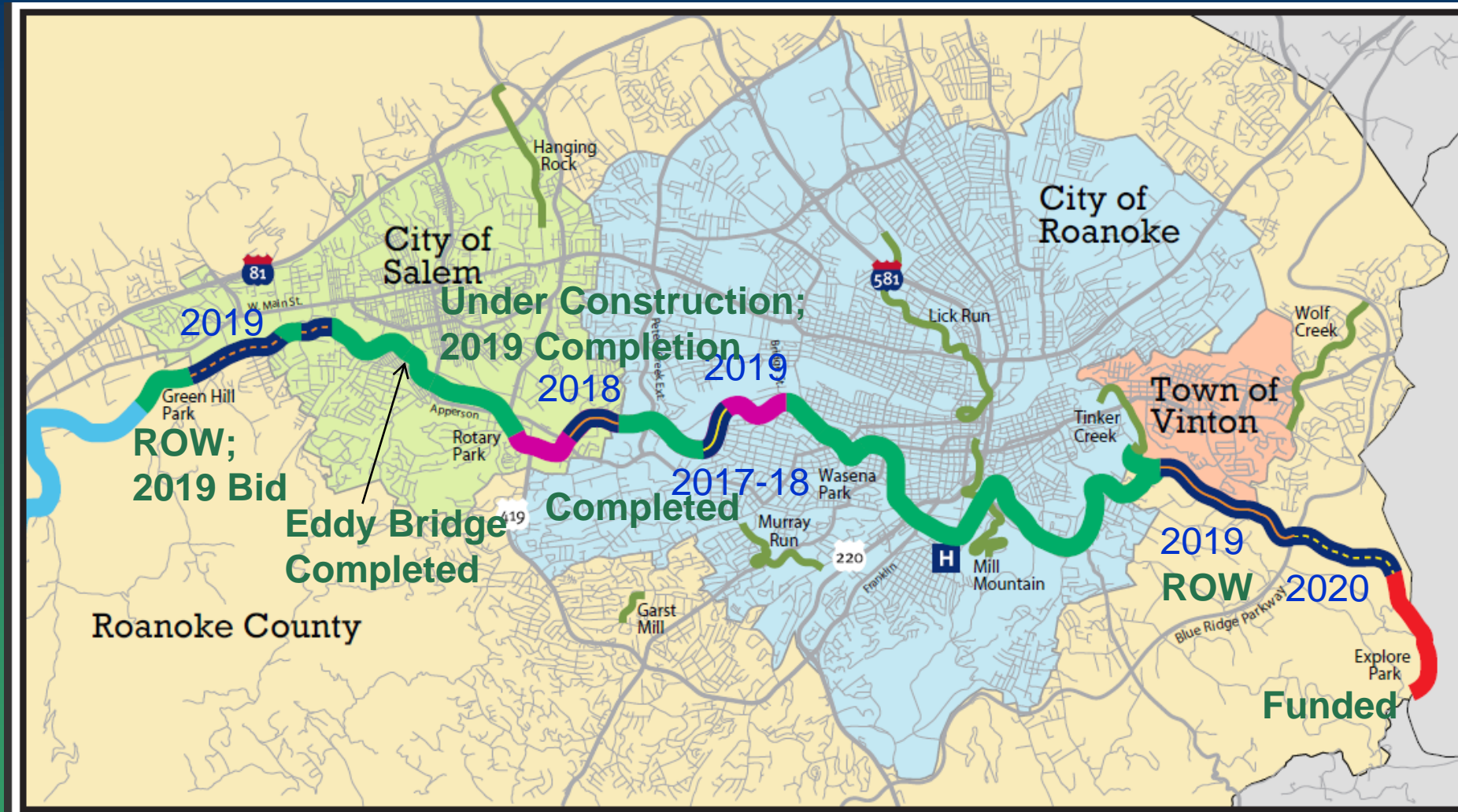
Regional Growth in Routes

Miles	1995	2007	2018
Paved, surfaced	1.9	14.4	34.9
Trails	60.5	149.5	380.1
Bike Routes	9.6	24.7	135.3
Total	72.0	188.6	550.2



Roanoke River Greenway - #1 Priority

2017 Map with 2018 Updates



Roanoke River Greenway – Eddy Bridge

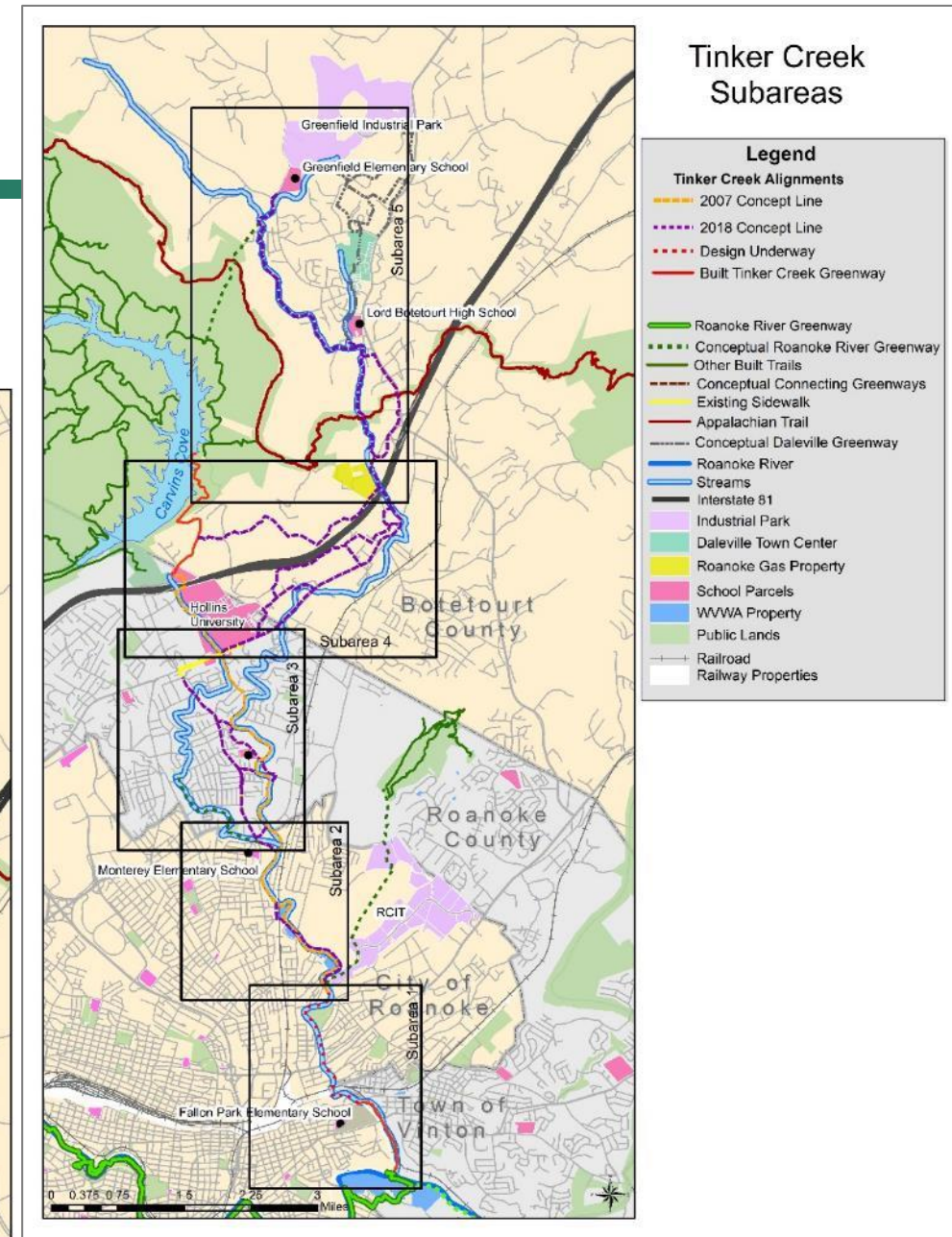
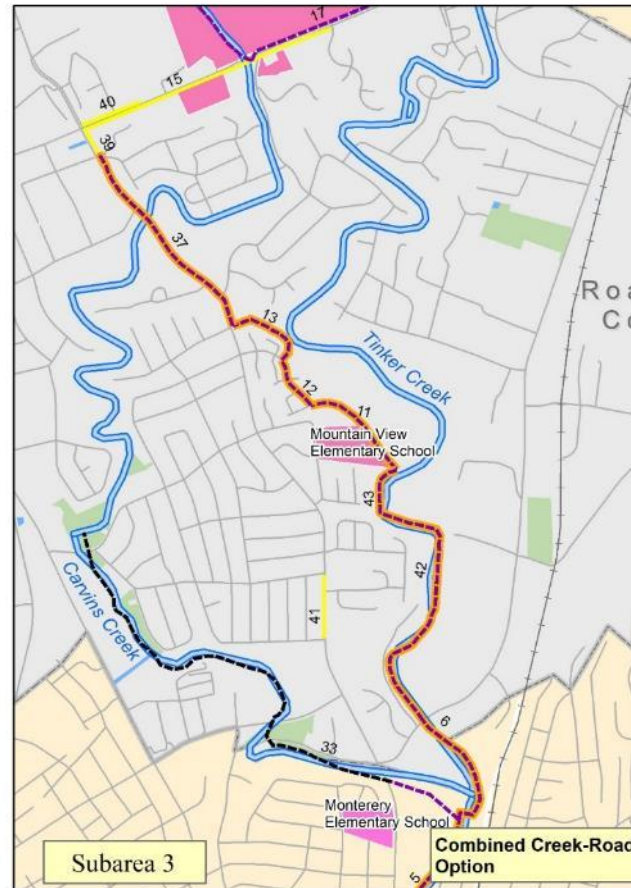


Roanoke River Greenway – Aerial Way Bridge



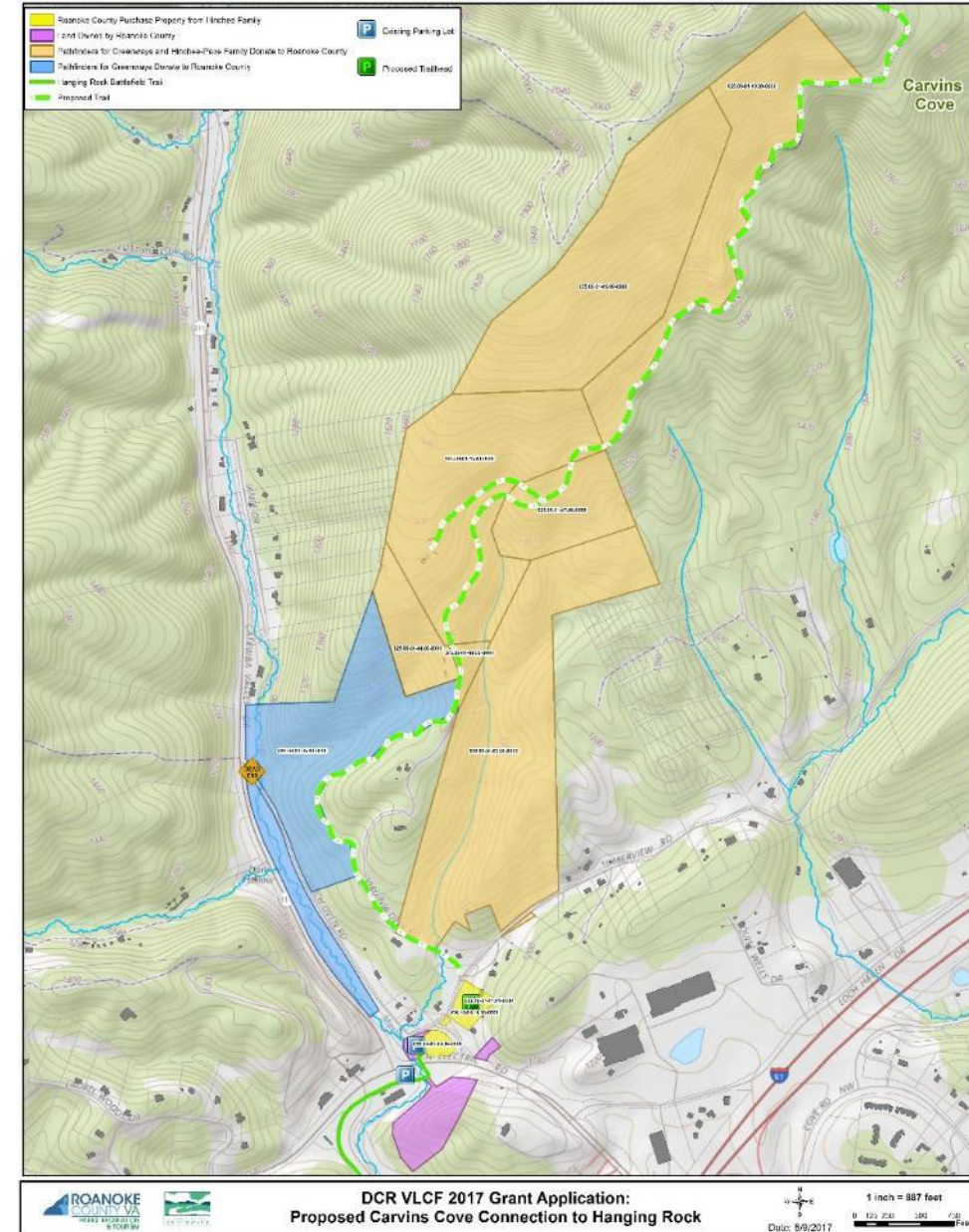
Tinker Creek Greenway Plan

Appendix E of Greenway Plan



Hinchee Trail Progress

- Purchased blue tract and ½ interest in tan Dec. 28, 2017.
- Pathfinders raised \$186,500 in private donations.
- Worked through legal issues, surveys, environmental, grants.
- County purchased two yellow parcels – approved Dec. 4



Hinchee Still to Do

1. Transfer 235 acres from Pathfinders and Hinchee Pace LLC to Roanoke County.
2. Obtain ROW on the road from adjacent landowners who have a partial interest in it.
3. Install gates, signs, parking lot.
4. Grand opening.

Building Greenways – Garden City



Building Greenways – Lick Run under 10th St.



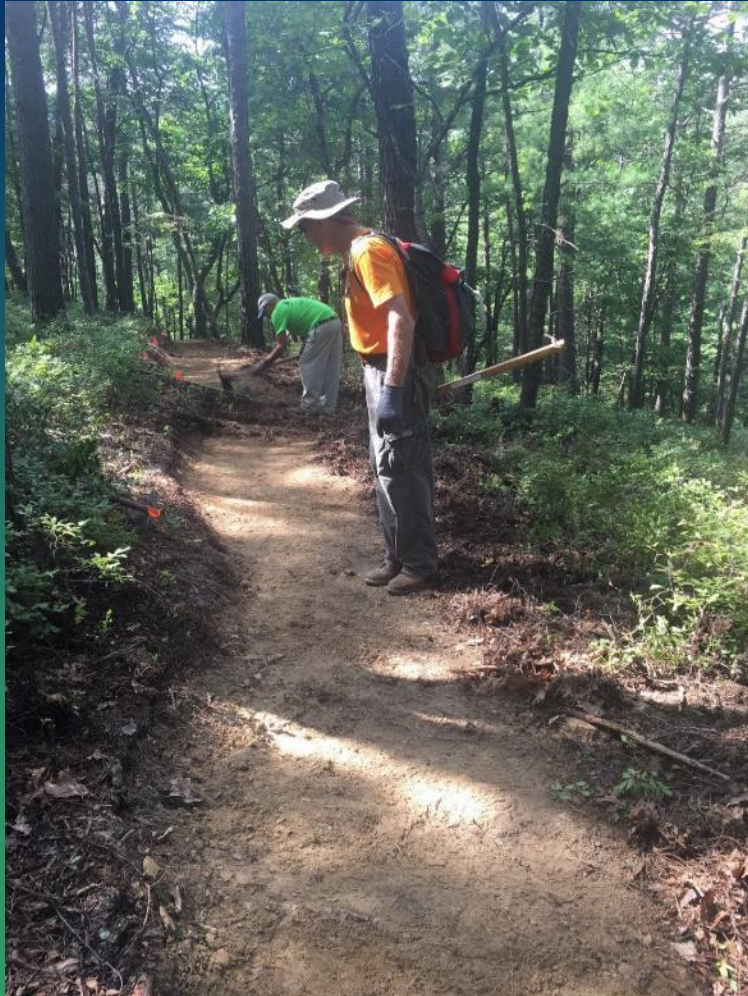
Building Greenways & Paths - Plantation



Building Trails – Rock ‘n Roll



Building Trails at Carvins Cove



? Name ?
Hitel
Hoedown
Corkscrew
Deep Six
Hand-some
Hotel-HDH
Connector



Building Trails at Mayflower Hills



Other Trail Projects



Pump Track at Wasena



New bike trail at Morningside

Planning for the Future

- Botetourt acquisition of Tinker Creek ROW at, at Eagle Rock and at Gala boat access
- Roanoke City ROW from Deschutes
- Roanoke City Parks and Rec Master Plan
- Roanoke Co. plans for Oak Grove, Hollins
- Greenways in LR Transportation Plans
- Document storage system

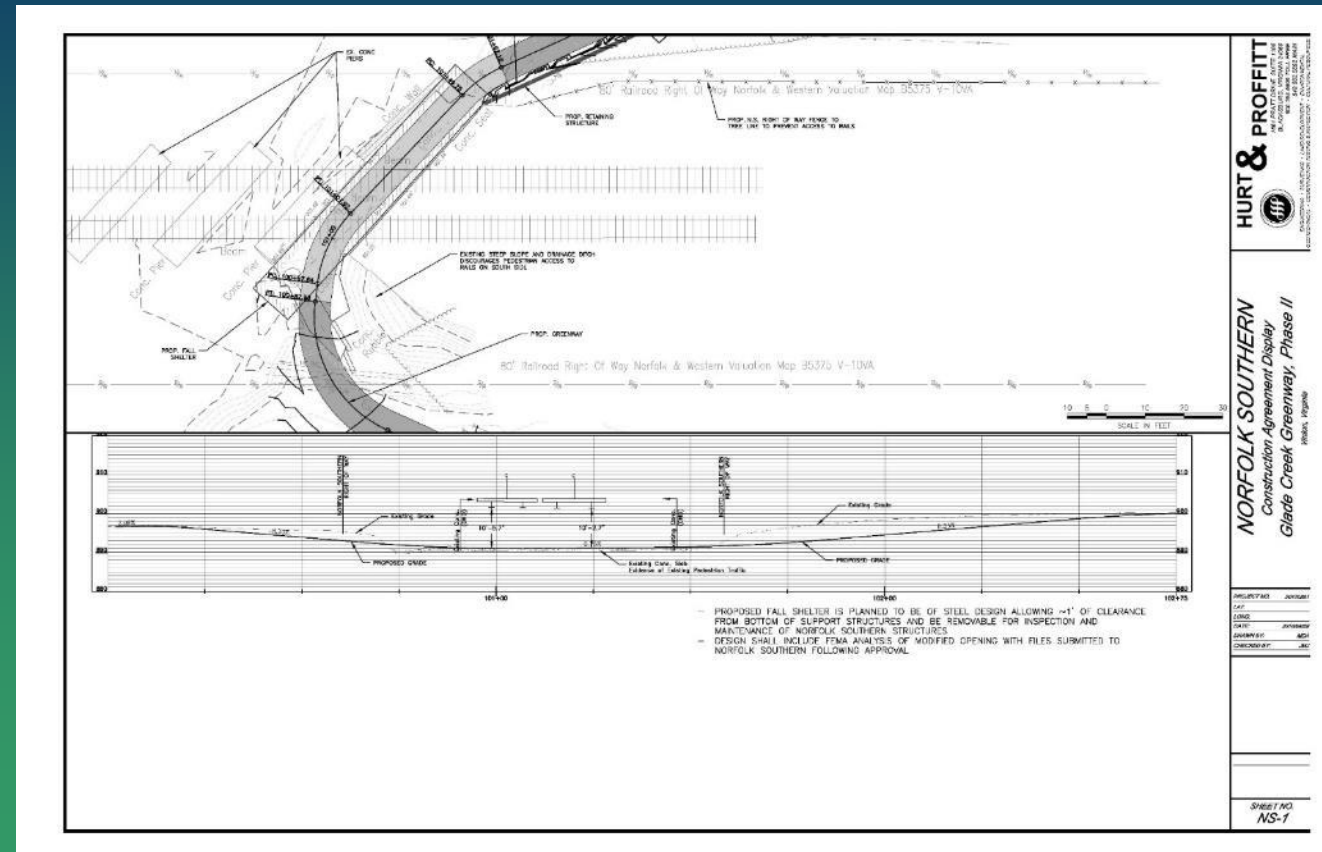


Planning for the Future – Getting Grants

Grants Awarded in 2018		
Source	Project	Amount
RSTP	RRG - Barnhardt Creek Bridge	\$ 897,770
RSTP	RRG - Explore Park	\$ 3,020,308
RSTP	Tinker Creek Greenway	\$ 1,008,413
RSTP	Vinton Walnut Bike/Ped	\$ 545,250
RSTP	Elizabeth Greenway	\$ 1,104,400
TA	RRG - Highland Road	\$ 366,606
TA	Tinker Creek Greenway	\$ 484,463
CIIF	Hinchee Trail	\$ 5,000
BCarter	Hinchee Trail	\$ 75,000
BCarter	RRG - Green Hill to Mill Lane	\$ 100,000
RTP	Explore Bike Skills Park Design	\$ 300,000
	Total	\$ 7,907,210

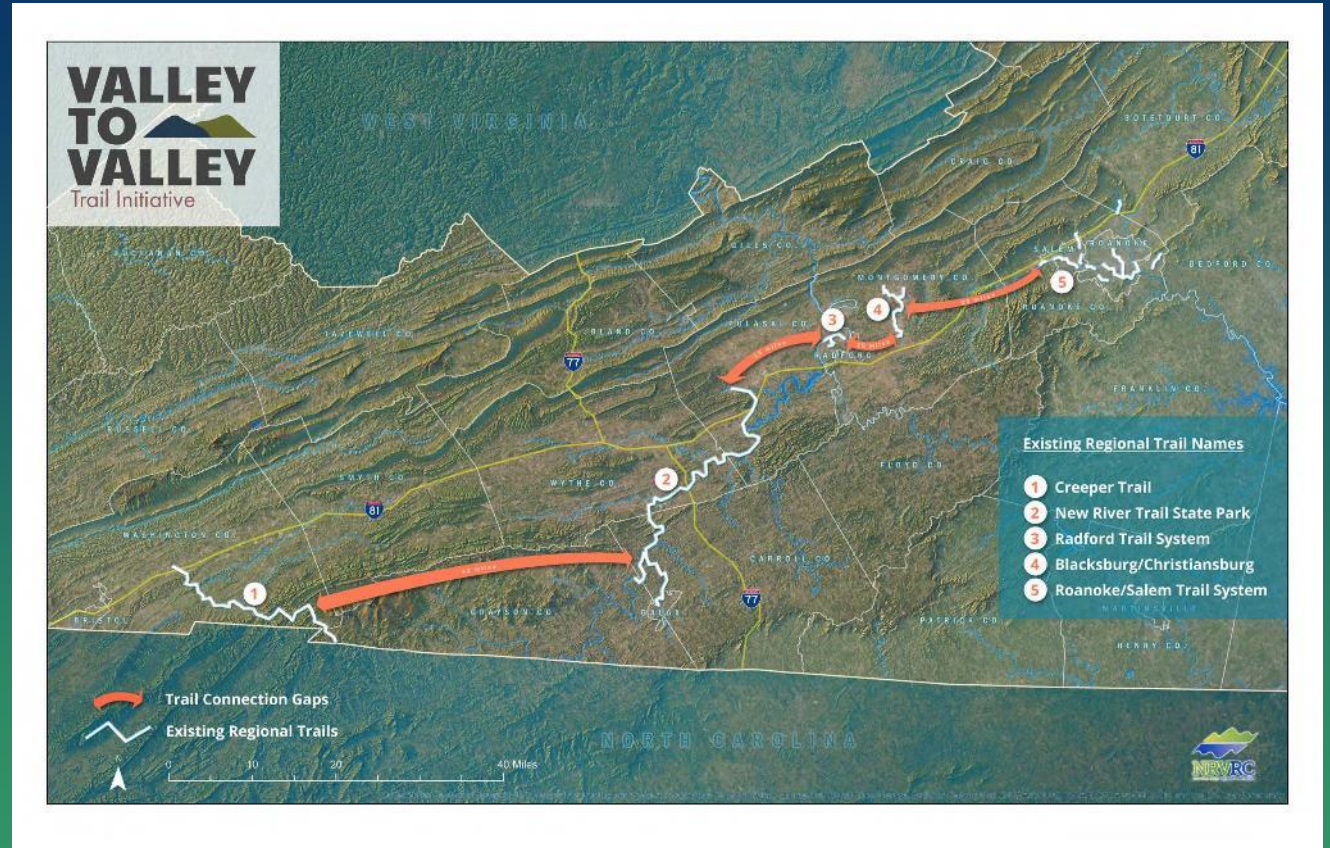
Planning for the Future - Engineering

- Catawba Trailhead
- Glade Creek Phase 2
- Tinker Creek Greenway
- Daleville Greenway



Coordinating with Others in Region and State

- Valley to Valley Trail
- AT Triple Crown
- LAP Conferences
- Greenway Conferences
- Virginia Trails



Celebrating Other Outdoor Initiatives

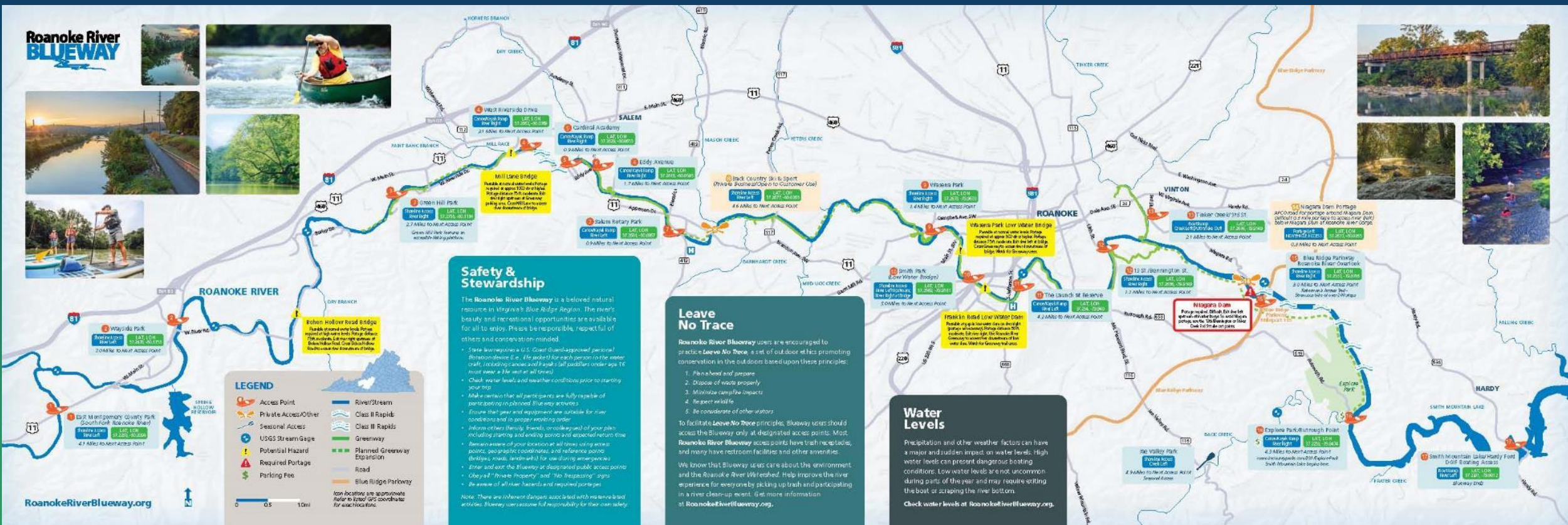
IMBA Silver-Level Ride Center™ Designation



New Boat Dock at the Cove



Celebrating Roanoke River Blueway



Celebrating Blueways



Jae Valley Park on Back Creek



Gala access on James

Celebrating Explore Park



Supporting Us and Them



Zagster by the Numbers

- 17 Stations
- 85 Bikes
- 3,590 Members
- 10,761 Trips

Most Popular

- Station: RMH
- Destination: Blue Cow
- Trip: RMH to Wasena

Building a Culture and Supporters

RIDE Solutions Social Rides



Poker Ride



Tweed Ride



Young Professionals Ride

Not All Was Good in 2018



Rain and Flooding



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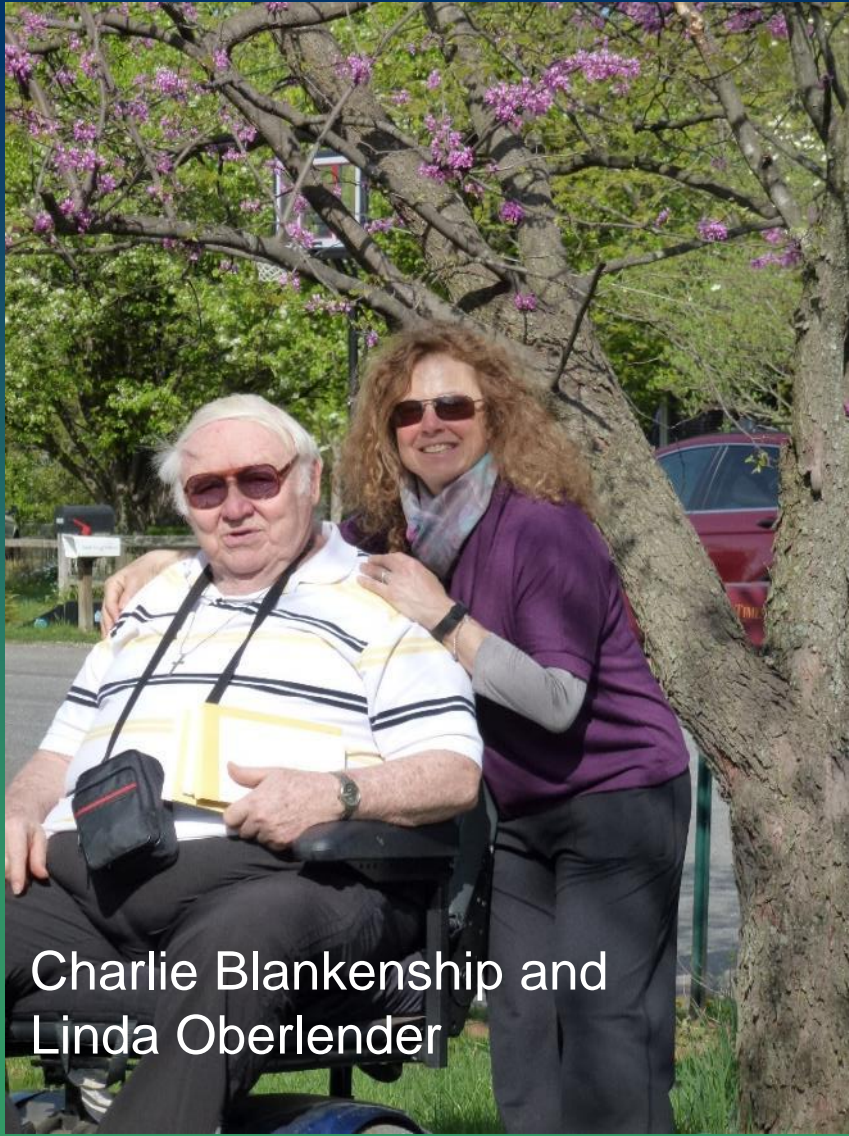


Murray Run Greenway



Wolf Creek Greenway

Founders and Supporters Died



Charlie Blankenship and
Linda Oberlender



Maurice Turner

What Will We Do in 2019?

- Right of way – Roanoke River west
- Right of way – Roanoke River City
- Right of way – Roanoke River east
- Right of Way – Hinchee
- Engineering – Glade Creek, Daleville, Tinker, Barnhardt

What Will We See in 2019?

- Roanoke River Ribbon Cutting at Aerial Way
- Garden City Ribbon Cutting
- Hinchee Trail Ribbon Cutting
- Construction of East Main St.
- Construction of Cook Drive section
- Construction starting at

**We are part of a big picture,
supporting the region and the
state.**



Thank You to All Our Partners

Thank you to all of you who work so tirelessly on greenways and trails.

