Woodfin Greenway Update

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Woodfin Greenway & Blueway



Goals of Project

Transportation

Health and Wellness

Economic Boost

Components of Project

- Silver-Line Park - Complete
- Riverside Park Expansion
  - The Wave
  - Riverside Park
- Woodfin Greenway
  - Hwy 251
  - Beaverdam Creek

Greenway Project Phases

Building Greenways

1. Feasibility Study
2. Become a Prioritized Project on STIP or MTP
3. Secure Local Match
4. RFP/Hire Consultant Team

NCDOT Process

5. Preliminary Engineering
6. Right of Way (Plans and Acquisition)
7. Construction

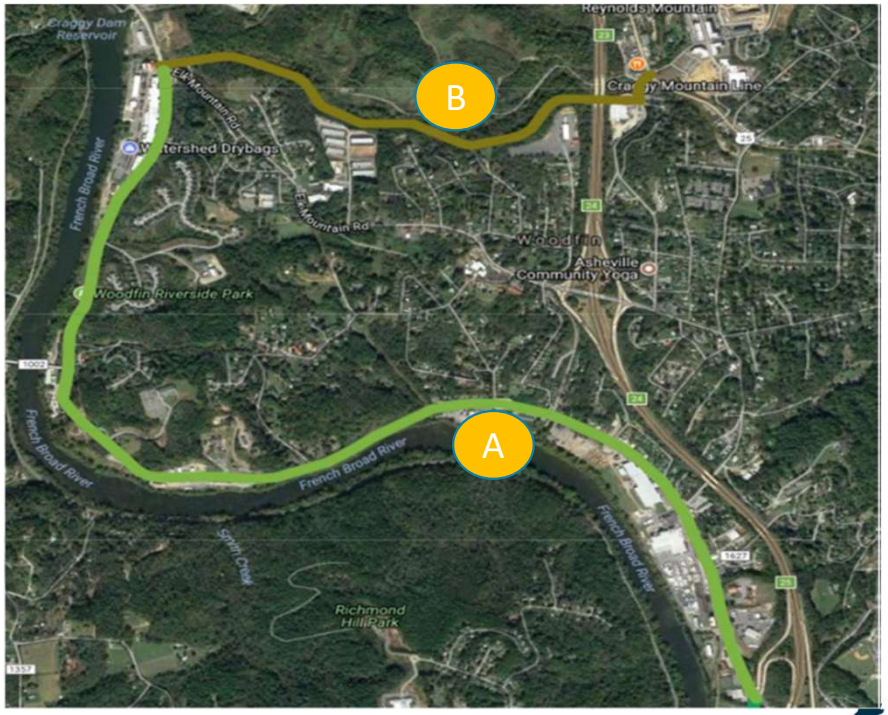


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Current Project

- **Hwy 251** - **Section A (EB-5774A)** is approximately 2.8 miles
  - HNTB – primary design consultant
  - Woodfin Greenway begins at the intersection of Broadway and Riverside Drive, the French Broad River section will follow the river north to Beaverdam Creek.

- **Beaverdam Creek** - **Section B (EB-5774B)** is approximately 1.3 miles
  - Equinox – primary design consultant
  - The Beaverdam Creek section will follow the Creek upstream through a wooded and secluded gorge at the base of Reynolds Mountain.



Project Communication

Recurring Meetings

- **Woodfin Greenway & Blueway Status meeting:**
  - **Frequency:** Monthly
  - **Attendees:**
    - **Woodfin:** Town Manager, Project and Facilities Director, Finance Director, Town Council Representative
    - **Other Stakeholders:** Riverlink
    - **Buncombe County:** Project Manager & Transportation Planner
- **Woodfin Greenway Status Meetings:**
  - **Frequency:** Monthly
  - **Attendees:**
    - **Consultants:** HNTB (EB-5774A) and Equinox (EB-5774B)
    - **Woodfin**: Project and Facilities Director
    - **Other Stakeholders**: NCDOT and MPO
    - **Buncombe County:** Project Manager, Transportation Planner, and Lead Transportation Planner

Ongoing Updates

- **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners -** Buncombe County staff provide semi-annual project updates to the BOC
- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** – bi-monthly meetings open to the public; greenway status updates are provided
- **Connect Buncombe/Enka –** Status updates provided at least 2 times/year during regularly scheduled meetings
- **Buncombe County Website** - the county has recently transitioned to a new website and has been working to update greenway project pages
  - https://www.buncombenc.gov/397/Greenways

Major Milestones

- **Project Extension & Funding – Summer 2024**
  - Amendment to extend contract with NCDOT
  - Updated cost estimates, approved by NCDOT
- **Helene - Fall 2024 to January 2025**
  - non-emergency NCDOT Division 13 projects paused
- **NCDOT Reactivation- February 2025**
  - Projects resume and damage assessment from storm & additional scope of work to complete projects
- **Reassessment - June 2025**
  - EB-5774A - 25% design plan and proposed alignment with no increase in costs
  - EB-5774B – additions services required, cost estimates reviewed and approved by NCDOT
- **Greenway Alignment - October 2025**
  - NCDOT recommends splitting EB-5774A into 2 projects
- **Amendment to Termini - November 2025**
  - Submission to MPO, then NCDOT
  - New termini proposed – Broadway to Mill at Riverside Drive, EB-5774AA
- **MPO - February 2026**
  - Amendment to the STIP approved
- **NCDOT - March 2026**
  - NCDOT review amendment request where final approval occurs
- **Landowner Outreach – ongoing**
  - ROW – set to begin for EB-5774A(A) in August and September for EB-5774-B

Budget

Funding Sources	Total Budget
DOT/MPO	$13,061,00
TDA	$860,000
County – General Funds	$1,132,000
County – Bond Funds	$1,273,250
Total Funding	**$16,326,250**
Total Expenses (Estimated)*	**$16,015,906**

*Estimated expenses are based on data from February 2026. New cost estimates will be submitted to the NCDOT for approval at time of ROW.

Next Steps

- **Termini Approval** – Final approval from NCDOT and new alignment recorded within the STIP

- **65%/70% Design** – submission to NCDOT for approval to move into ROW
  - Cost Estimates – submitted to NCDOT for approval

- **ROW** – easement and land acquisition of properties included in the alignment (1 year)
  - August – Hwy 251
  - September – Beaverdam Creek

- **90% Design** – Community engagement to review design
  - Plans submitted to NCDOT for approval

- **Construction Documents** – Let projects for construction at 100% approved design
  - 16 – 18 months of construction

❖ For more information, visit our website. https://www.buncombenc.gov/397/Greenways

Appendix

Project Timeline



