Parks & Community Enrichment Committee

NOVEMBER 4, 2026

Approval of Agenda

Public Forum

Community Garden Update

KATIE COX – COMMITTEE MEMBER





Community Garden Updates

Open House on Saturday 9/26 was well attended by both new and familiar faces

We finished installing the donated Little Library and have started to use it for sharing seeds and gardening/plant books. Stop by to check it out.

Hosting FBRA boys for a service day again this fall

YMCA Togetherhood group service day in the garden in October. They helped do a roadside trash pickup around the garden and on Lookout Rd and we also stained the donated picnic tables and spread mulch

Completed an end of season volunteer survey

WCG Steering committee presenting annual updates to Town Council later in November

Wayfinding and Town Entrance Signage

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Street Signs



Community Signage





Community Signage

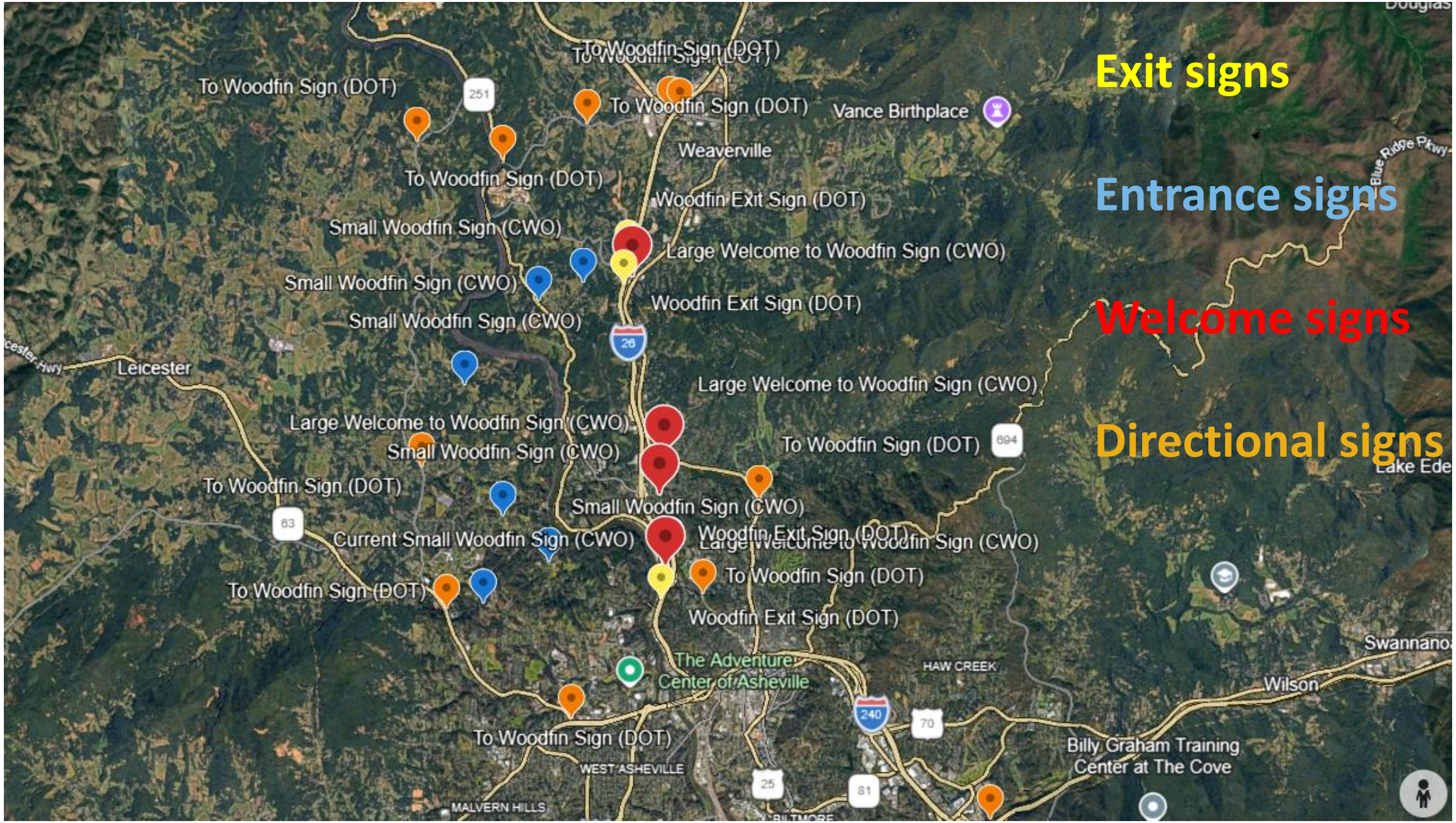
Entering Woodfin



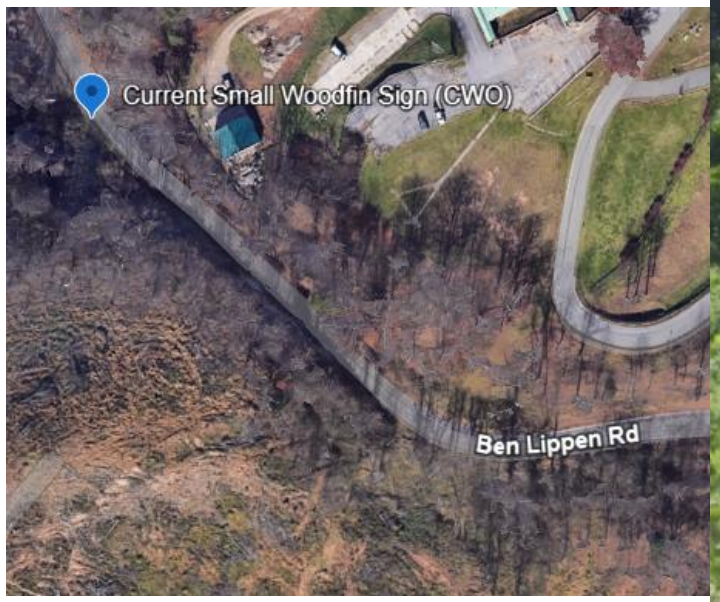
Where should these signs be placed in Woodfin?

Welcome to Woodfin




Exit signs
Entrance signs
Welcome signs
Directional signs
To Woodfin Sign (DOT)
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Entering Woodfin Signs







Entering Woodfin Sign Locations





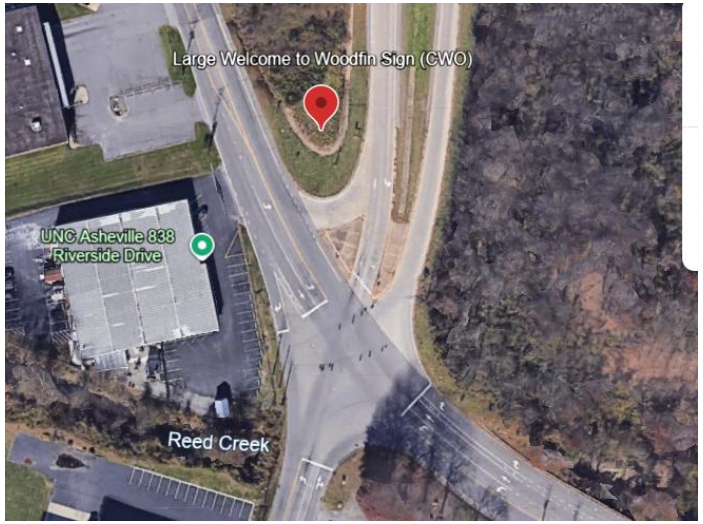




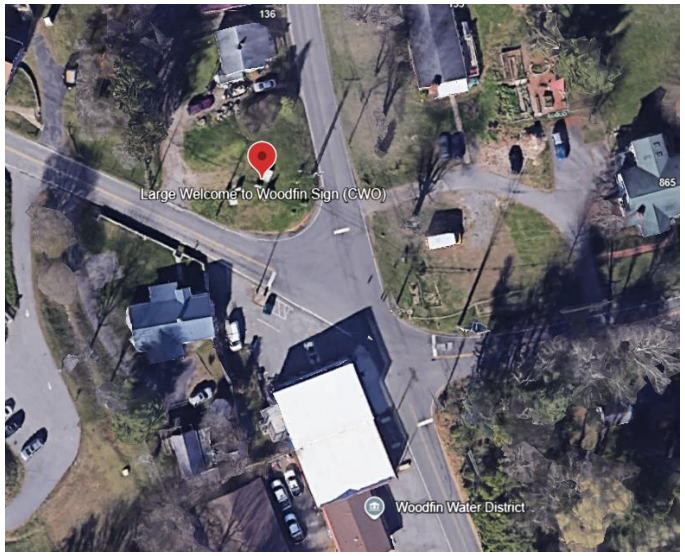
Welcome to Woodfin Signs



Elkwood Ave/Weaverville Road



Broadway/Riverside Drive



Elkwood/Elk Mountain Road

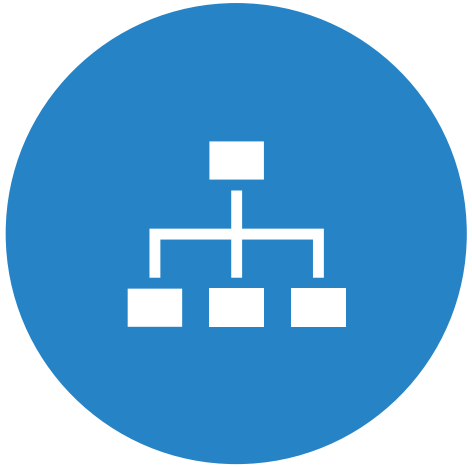


New Stock/Weaverville Rd

Pollinator Garden and Bee City USA

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Subcommittees



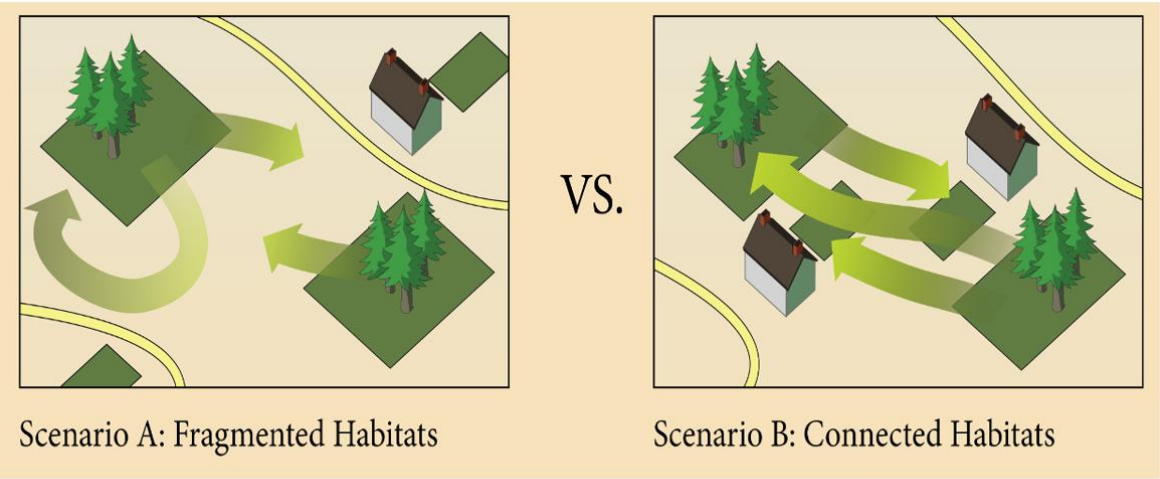
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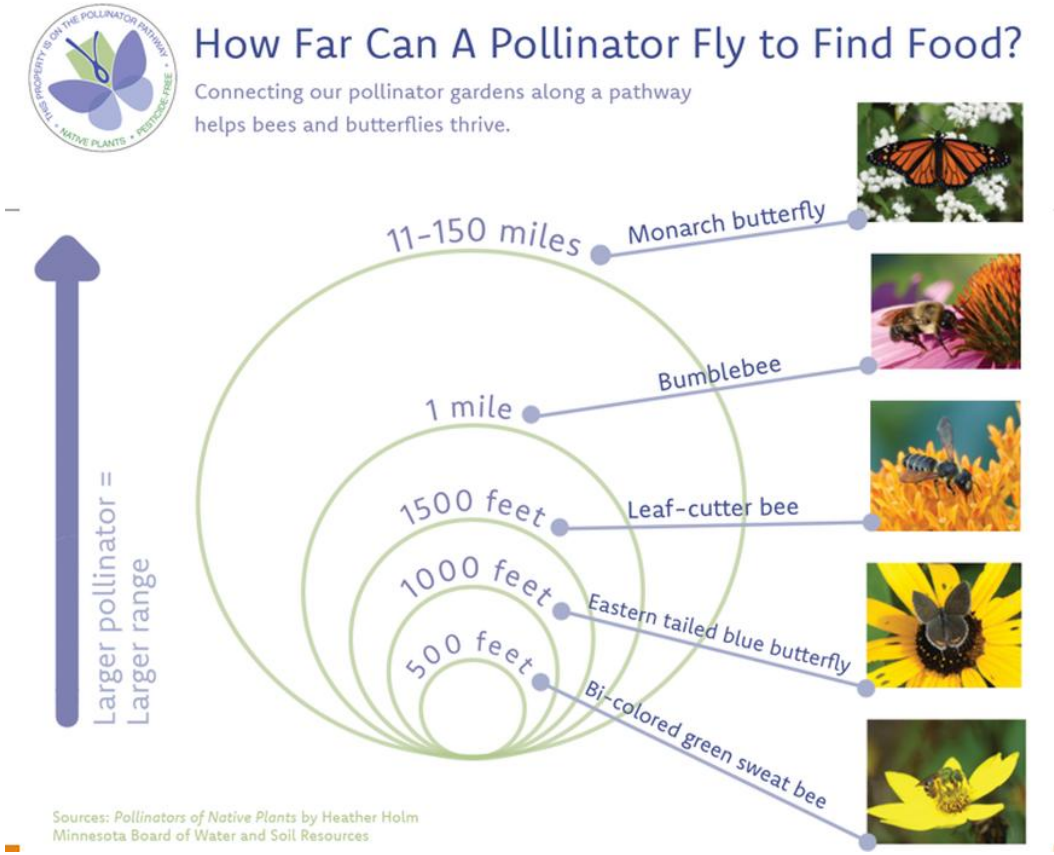
EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (4 MEMBERS)

Pocket Park/ Pollinator Pathway

What is a pollinator pathway?



Source: Pollinator Pathway Northeast



https://www.warrenswcd.com/pollinator-pathways.html

https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/

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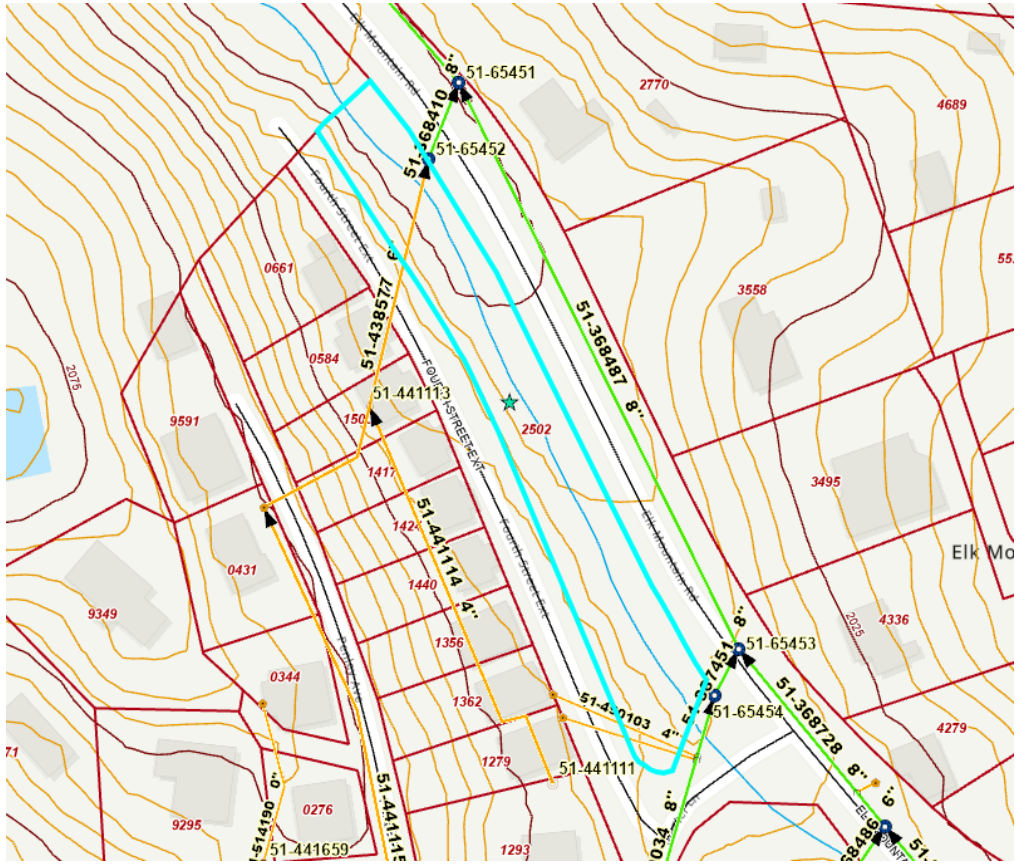
Resources for further information about gardens and connectivity

- Warren County, OH soil and water conservation district pollinator garden project
  - Provides information and a map of connected areas
- Pollinator Pathways
  - National organization with information about regional plants, locations of pathways around the country, and other resources



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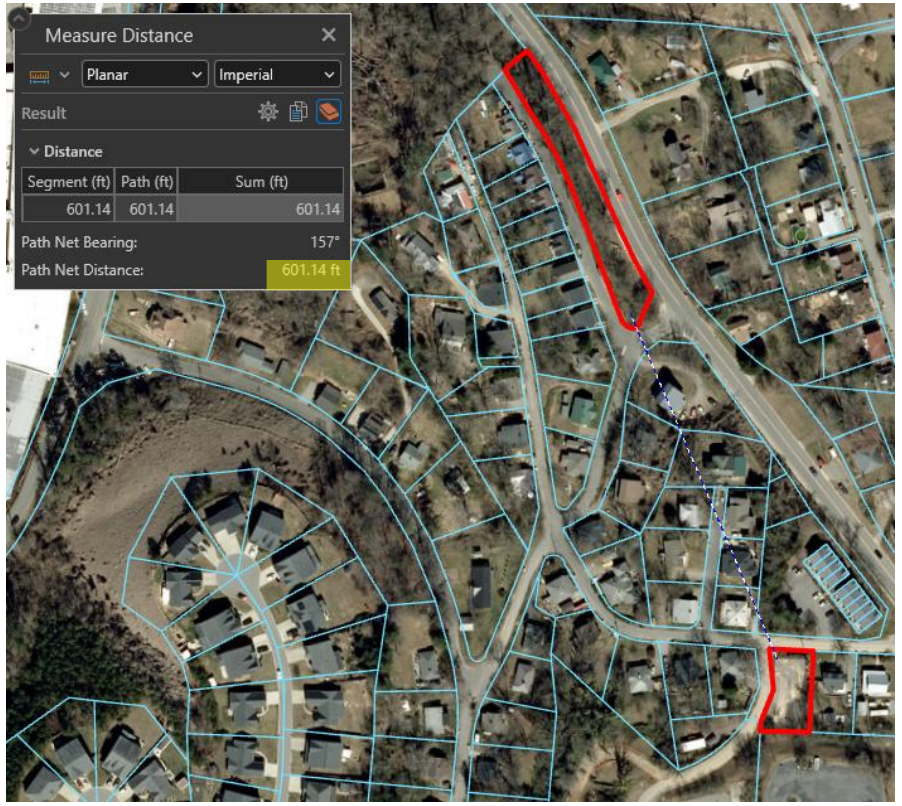
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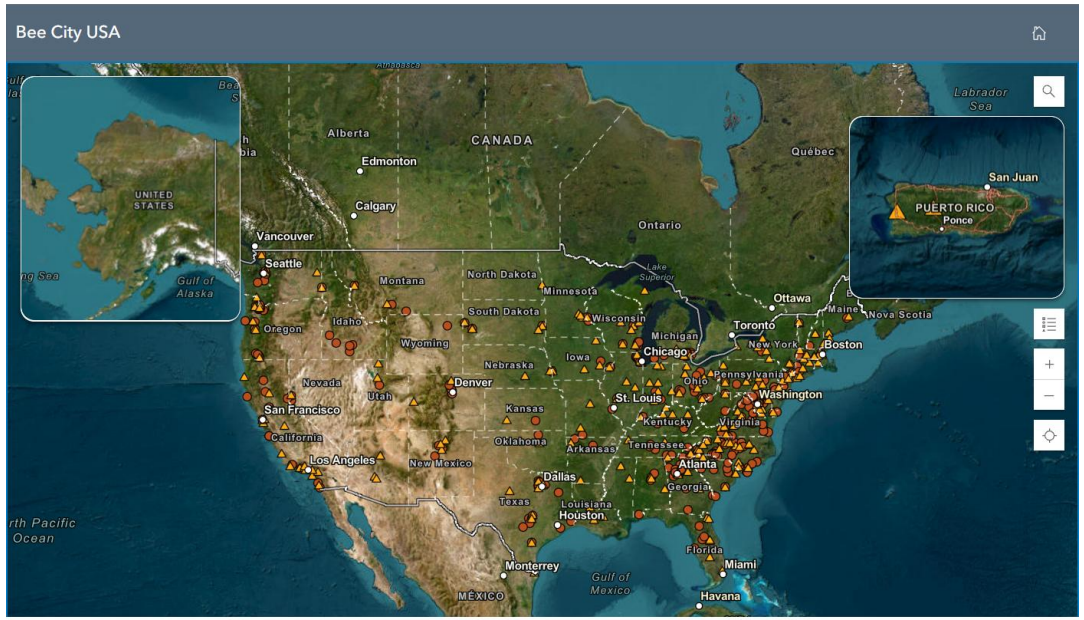
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Bee City USA

Began in Asheville in 2012 with two affiliates by 2014

- Added college and university campuses in 2015
- Now active in 48 states, with 267 affiliates and 494 campuses



Bee City USA website offers educational materials and resources to better understand pollinator conservation



POLLINATORS



PLANTS



PESTICIDES



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

BUILDING POLLINATOR HABITAT IN TOWNS AND CITIES



Northeast / Mid-Atlantic Region



Southeast Region

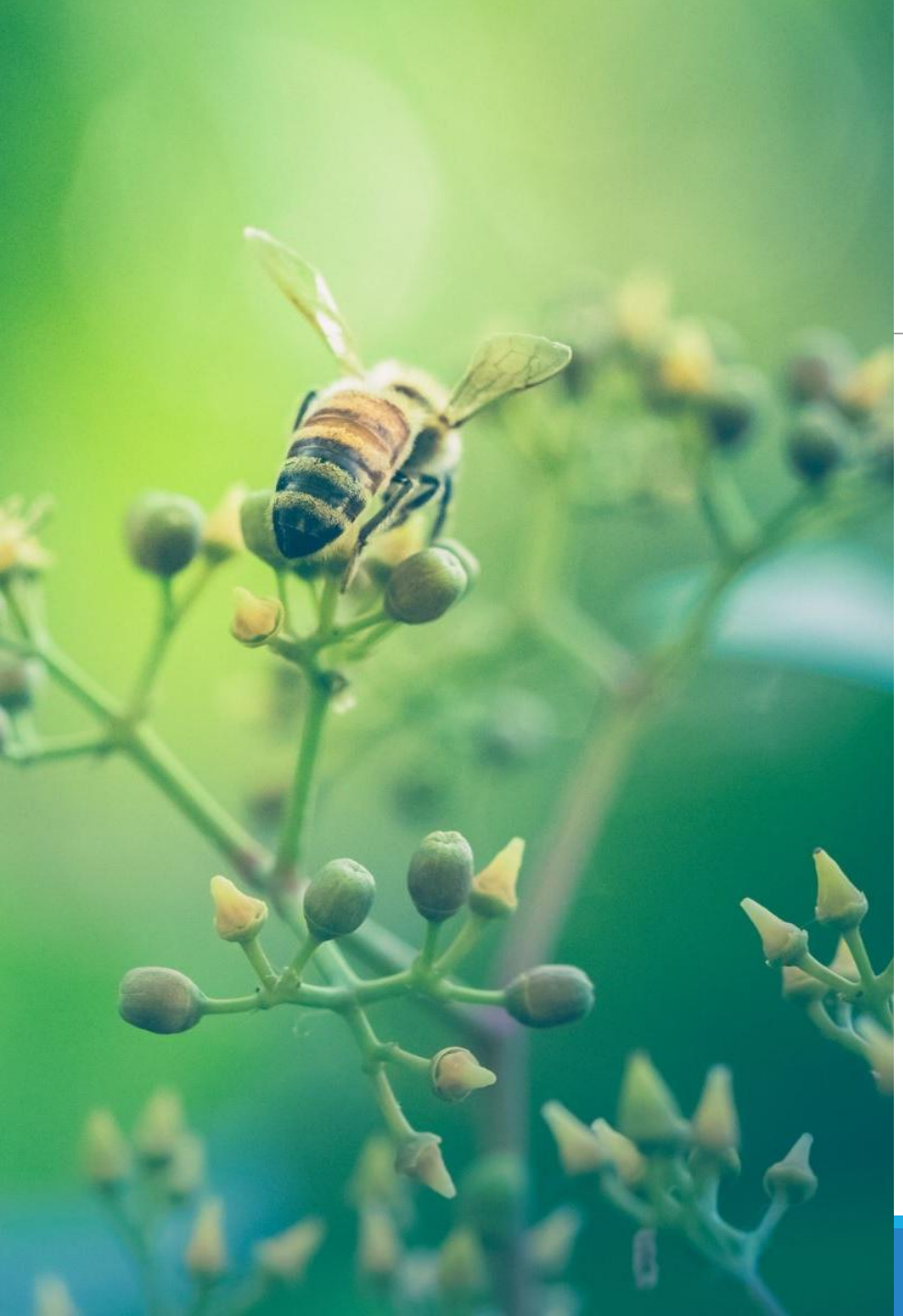


South Central Region



North Central Region

Beecityusa.org



Subcommittee Tasks

Policy, Planning and Project subcommittee

1. Review materials from Bee City USA and others and provide recommendations on public education materials

2. Develop recommendations for flowers/plants and other amenities (i.e. benches) to be located in parks

3. Research pollinator pathways/pollinator parks requirements and provide recommendations on next steps for Woodfin

Bear Safety Campaign

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Proposed State Rule on Negligent Bear Feeding

Negligent Bear Feeding Discussion

- NC Wildlife Resources Commission gathering public comment on new rule for Buncombe County
- Public hearing was held on October 21st, taking online public comments through November 6

15A NCAC 10A. 1503: The feeding of black bears and the placement of food or food products that attract black bears are prohibited in Buncombe County. This prohibition shall not apply to the feeding of birds, pets, or livestock, or the lawful use of bait 6 to take game animals, including the lawful placement of bait under 15A NCAC 10B .0202 (b), unless the activity 7 constitutes an attractant that is determined by the Commission to create the potential for injury or death to humans or 8 domestic animals or cause damage to property.

Public Interactions with Bears

Buncombe County comprises 43% of all bear reports statewide

Agency received 836 reports between May and September

- 271 reports of people feeling threatened by bears
- 30 reports of a bear posing a real threat to people
- 71 reports of bears entering homes
- 31 reports of humans feeding bears
- 14 reports of bears consuming pet food
- 5 pets killed by bears
- 2 injured pets
- 2 reports of residents injured. One injury resulted in the resident receiving medical attention at the hospital after a bear entered their home.

Bear Safety Campaign

BearWise

- BearWise is a regional program that:
  - Shares ways prevent conflicts,
  - Provides resources to resolve problems, and
  - Encourages community initiatives to keep bears wild
    - **Community recognition!**



bearwise.org



The Six BearWise Basics

- Never Feed or Approach Bears
- Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling
- Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active
- Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors
- Clean & Store Grills
- Alert Neighbors to Bear Activity

BearWise®
www.bearwise.org

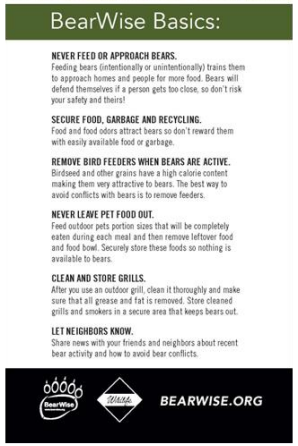
Swag, Flyers & Signage

- Designs for NC BearWise materials can be provided at request
- Request materials through bearwise@ncwildlife.gov
- Print free flyers from either website (Spanish versions available)





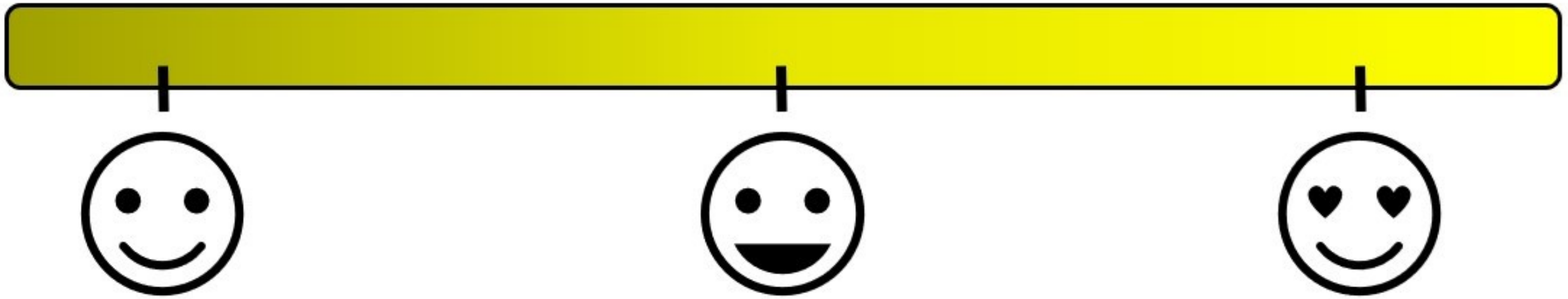




Door Hanger



Establishing Requirements for Becoming a Recognized BearWise Community



- Store trash carts in bear-resistant location on non-collection day
- Place carts at curb after 6am collection day
- Bring in wildlife feeders for 2 weeks after experiencing bear activity

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- Only use wildlife feeders when bears are less active (Thanksgiving-Easter)
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- Require residents to use a bear-resistant or retrofitted trash cart through bylaw/ordinance
- Prohibit the use of wildlife feeders through bylaw/ordinance



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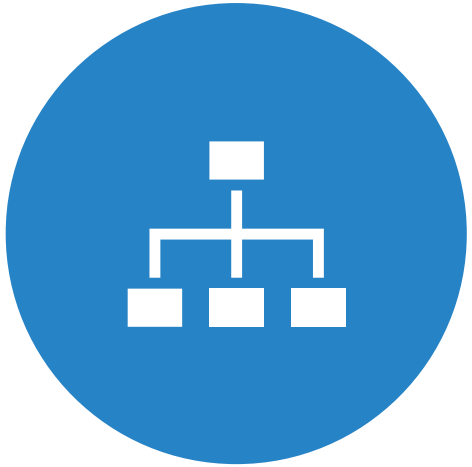
Education, Outreach, and Partnership subcommittee

1.Peruse Bearwise website to gather information about coexisting with bears

2. Recommend how the town should communicate the information (newsletter, social media, website, etc.)

3. Develop recommendations for key topics, graphics, and other promotional materials to share with public in spring

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Subcommittees



POLICY, PLAN AND PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE (4 MEMBERS)

Adam, Gerald, Katie, Debbie



EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (4 MEMBERS)

Dave, Melissa, Jason, Ally

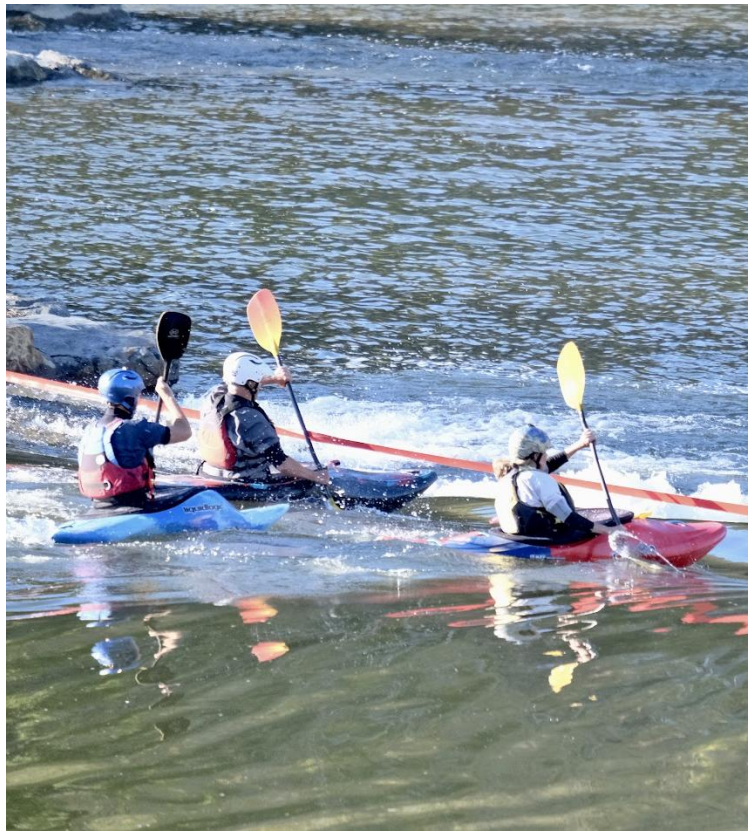
Staff Reports

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Taylor’s Wave





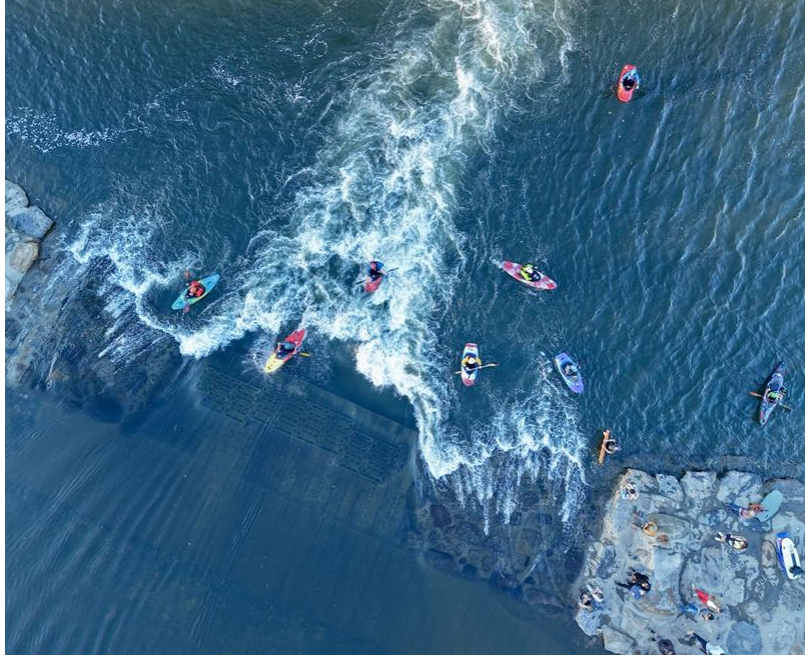


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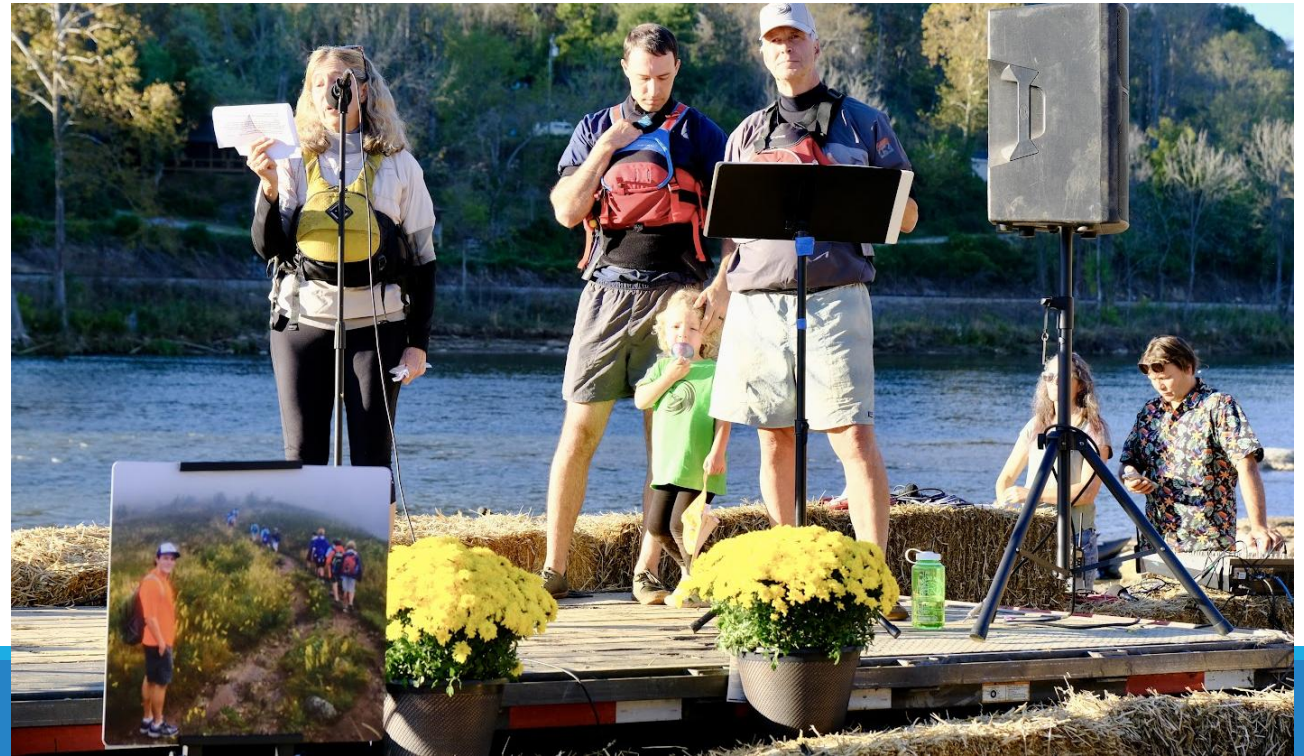
Project Partner Float











Riverside Park

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Preconstruction meeting held with contractor and consultants

Work to commence on expansion park imminently

Preparing site for construction and creating barrier to wave users

- Complete “expansion” site first and fence off to existing park, then switch
- Block vehicle entrance with gate and add signage
- Fencing between river and construction site

Silver-Line Park

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Completion date moved back to end of November

- Plumbing work was delayed because of building permit holdup
- Delay due to additional fill material causing need for additional funding

All permits have now been obtained from Buncombe County

Restroom facility scheduled for delivery November 11

Adjourn