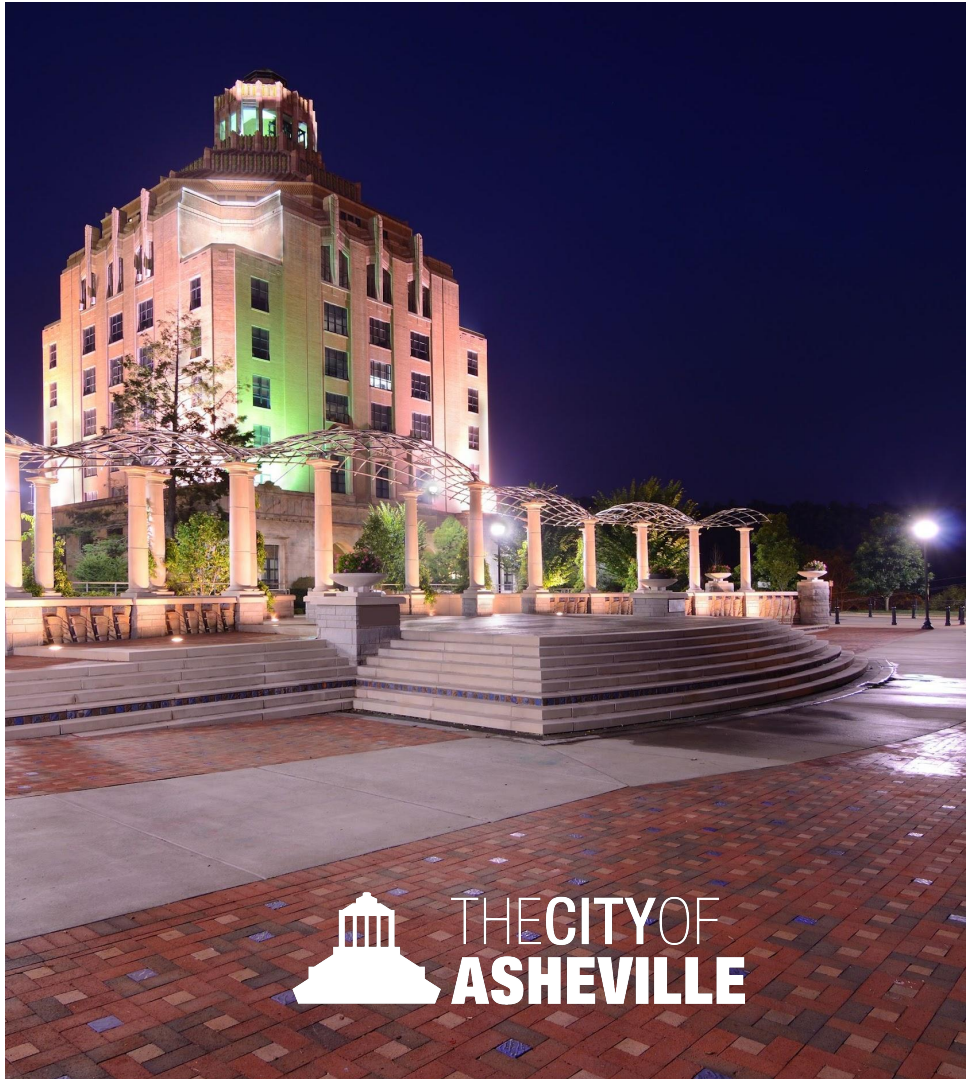
# Manager's Report

## Infrastructure Recovery Board Riverfront Parks Recovery Projects Update

**March 24, 2026**


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# Infrastructure Recovery Board

- **November 4th**
  Board Orientation | Reviewed of Funding Sources
- **November 10th  Special Meeting**
  Voted on Rules and Procedures &
  Elected Chair and Vice Chair
- **January 12th**
  Voted on Top 3 Themes for Each Park Project
- **February 10th  Special Meeting**
  Captured Pros and Cons of Reserving
  Remaining CDBG-DR Funding
- **March 3rd**
  Captured Factors Design Teams Must Consider




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# Azalea Parks Recovery

Based on the main themes that emerged during the first phase of public engagement including - integrating flood resiliency and river ecosystem health with new recreational amenities, restoration of previous amenities, connectivity and safety, and nature education - two initial framework concepts have been created for the future of the Azalea parks and greenways.

- **Concept 1: Restore, Protect, Connect**
- **Concept 2: Reposition, Elevate, Connect**




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# French Broad Riverfront Parks Recovery

Building off of the feedback gathered during the first phase of public engagement, three initial framework concepts have been created for the future of the French Broad parks and greenways.




- **Concept 1: Reveal the River**
- **Concept 2: Activate Asheville**
- **Concept 3: Community Canvas**

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# Board Discussion:  Azalea Parks Recovery

**What factors must the design professionals consider when creating a single recommended design concept for each park that integrates features and amenities from each theme?**

- Flood Resilience and Risk Mitigation
- Fiscal Planning and Lifecycle Costs
- Programming and Site Activation
- Natural Systems and Connectivity



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# Board Discussion:  French Broad Riverfront

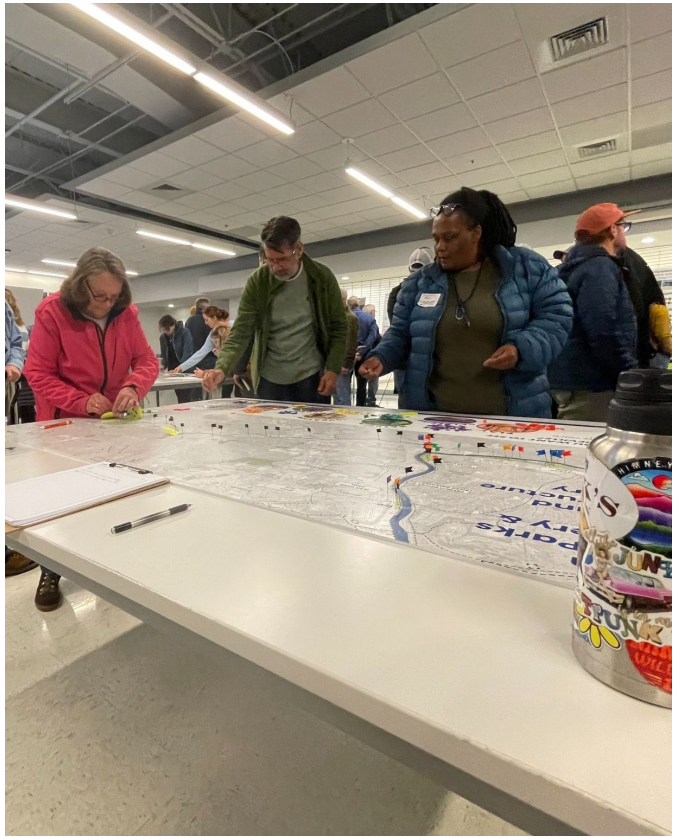
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- Flood Resilience and Infrastructure
- Natural Systems and Ecology
- Programming, Site Activation, and Community
- Access and Connectivity
- Aesthetics and Public Art
- Economic and Fiscal Planning



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# City Council Discussion



**What, if any, considerations or factors are missing from the engagement?**

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# Infrastructure Recovery Board Next Steps

**May 5th**

Infrastructure Project Updates

- Water
- Public Works
- Transportation

**July TBD**

Unified Design Concept Review & Feedback

- Azalea Parks Recovery Project
- French Broad Riverfront Parks Recovery Project



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