



# ROANOKE COUNTY

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February 8, 2023

**Re: Public Review Period – Roanoke River Greenway Through Explore Park**

**From: Northern Edge of Explore Park To: Rutrough Road**

Federal Project Number: RSTP-5128(435)

State Project Number: 9999-080-934, C501, P101

UPC: 113567

County: Roanoke

Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

Roanoke County is planning to construct an additional segment of the Roanoke River Greenway. A Public Review Period is open to receive comments on its plans to construct an approximately 1.4-mile section of the Roanoke River Greenway from Rutrough Point at the terminus of Rutrough Road, through property owned by the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority and leased by Roanoke County (known as Explore Park) to the northern edge of Explore Park to connect with another segment of the Roanoke River Greenway planned for construction in 2023. The greenway through Explore Park is proposed to be ten feet wide and paved. Please see the enclosed legal notice and project location maps for further details.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Roanoke County has conducted environmental investigations necessary to evaluate impacts of the proposed greenway on cultural resources, agricultural/open space, farmland, invasive species, air quality, noise, threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials, water quality, and environmental justice. Compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations is summarized in the form of a Categorical Exclusion. For more information, including an excerpt from ninety percent design plans and the NEPA Categorical Exclusion document, please visit [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/RRGEP](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/RRGEP). If you do not have internet access, please call me at (540) 772-2106 to schedule a date and time to come to our office to view the plans and/or the Categorical Exclusion document.

Provide questions or comment on the project by calling, emailing or sending a letter to me at (540) 772-2106, at [mcronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:mcronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov), or at the Roanoke County Department of Planning, 5204 Bernard Drive, P.O. Box 29800, Roanoke, VA 24018, on or prior to March 3, 2023. You may also contact me to schedule an in-person appointment.

Roanoke County is committed to compliance with the nondiscrimination and equal employment protections required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in all County programs and projects. If you need more information regarding the County's non-discrimination requirements, or if you need accommodations due to a disability or limited English proficiency, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan G. Cronise".

Megan G. Cronise, AICP  
Assistant Director of Planning

Enclosures

cc: Lindsay Webb, Parks Planning and Development Manager  
Cheryl Becker, Program Manager, VDOT Salem District



## LEGAL NOTICE

### Roanoke River Greenway Construction Eastern Section from the Northern Edge of Explore Park to Rutrough Road Public Review Period

**Find out about the proposal** to construct an approximately 1.4-mile section of the Roanoke River Greenway from Rutrough Point at the terminus of Rutrough Road, through property owned by the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority and leased by Roanoke County (known as Explore Park) to the northern edge of Explore Park to connect with another segment of the Roanoke River Greenway planned for construction in 2023. The greenway through Explore Park is proposed to be ten feet wide and paved.

**Review the project webpage** at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/RGEP](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/RGEP) including an excerpt from ninety percent design plans. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Roanoke County has conducted environmental investigations necessary to evaluate impacts of the proposed greenway on cultural resources, agricultural/open space, farmland, invasive species, air quality, noise, threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials, water quality, and environmental justice. Compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations is summarized in the form of a Categorical Exclusion, which you can also review on the project webpage. If you do not have internet access, please call Megan Cronise at (540) 772-2106 to schedule a time to view the plans and/or the Categorical Exclusion.

**In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act**, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the Categorical Exclusion.

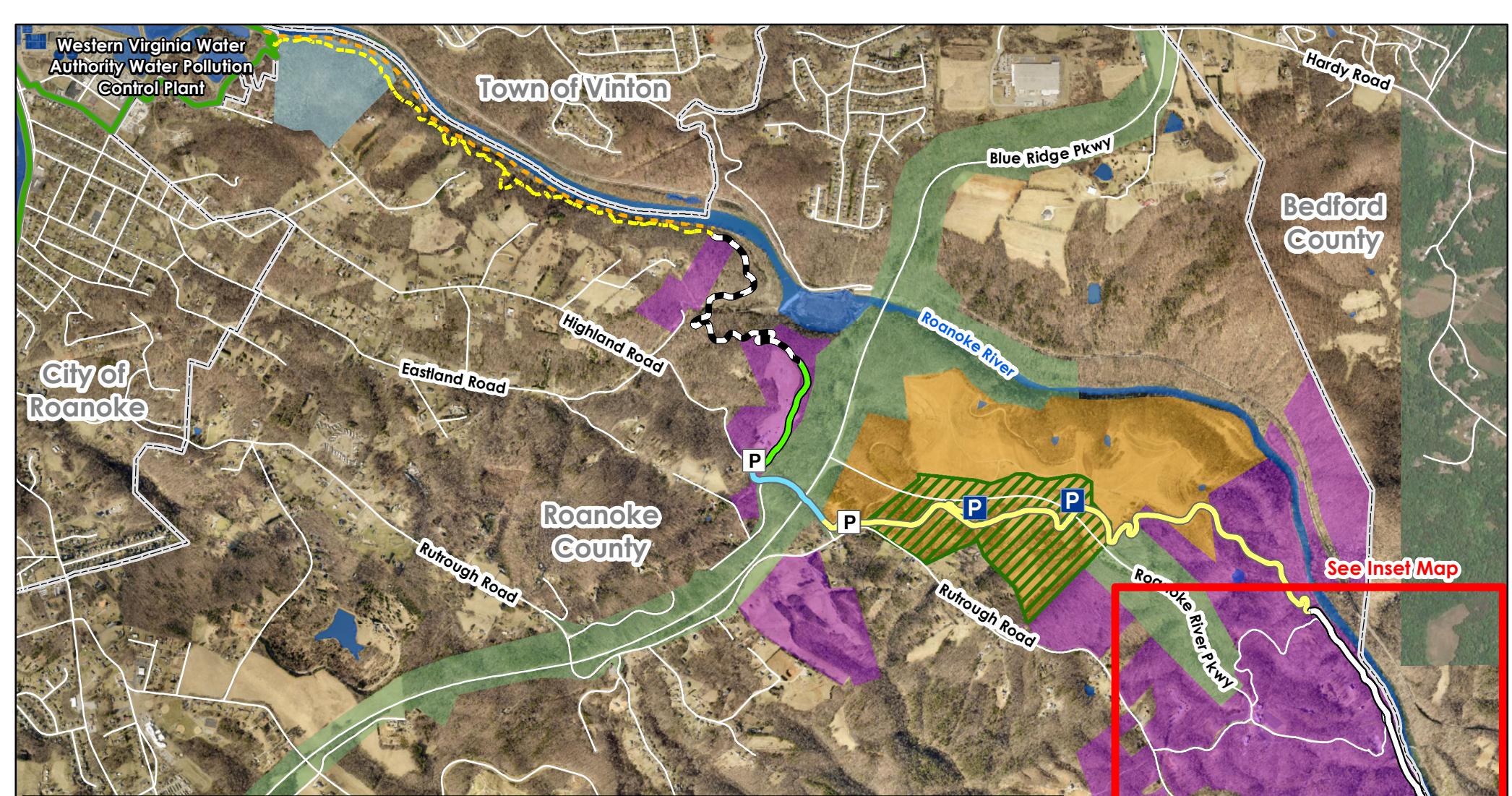
**Provide questions or comment on the project information** by calling, emailing or sending a letter to Megan Cronise, Assistant Director of Planning, at (540) 772-2106, at [mcronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:mcronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov), or at the Roanoke County Department of Planning, 5204 Bernard Drive, P.O. Box 29800, Roanoke, VA 24018, **on or prior to March 3, 2023**. You may also call to schedule an in-person appointment.

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### East Roanoke River Greenway Segments

- East Roanoke River Greenway Gap, Phase 2 (SMART SCALE Application)
- UPC 91191, Under Construction
- UPC 113356, Construction 2023
- UPC 110155, Construction 2023
- UPC 113567, Construction 2023-2024
- 2018 UPC 91191 Alignment
- 2022 East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Realignment

### Proposed Features

- P Trailhead Parking

### Existing Features

- P Parking
- Roanoke River Greenway
- Streets
- Waterbodies
- Jurisdiction Boundary

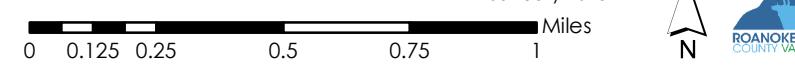
### Easement

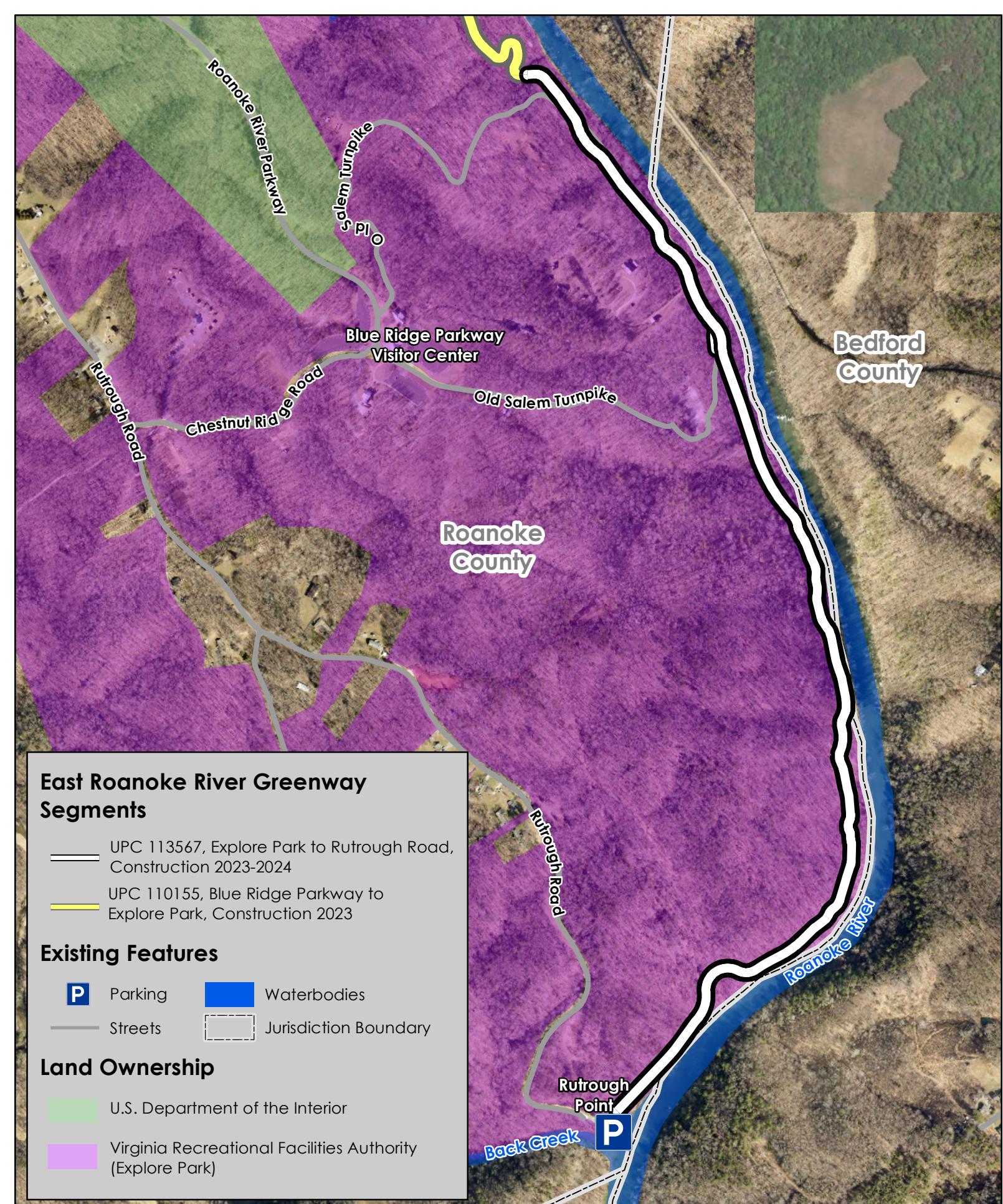
- National Park Service

### Land Ownership

- Western Virginia Water Authority
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- Roanoke Valley Resource Authority
- Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority (Explore Park)

## East Roanoke River Greenway Overview Map





## Inset Map

East Roanoke River Greenway: Explore Park

January 2023

0 187.5 375 750 1,125 1,500 Feet

