

# West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Goal:

Develop multiple feasible alignments for the Roanoke River Greenway between Green Hill Park and Montgomery County which will lay the groundwork for future funding requests.

## Study Timeline:

### Spring 2022

Roanoke County applied for and was awarded technical assistance through the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to study potential routes for the Roanoke River Greenway between Green Hill Park and Montgomery County.

### Summer 2022

Steering Committee assembled, consisting of staff representatives from Roanoke County, the National Park Service, Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, and the Virginia Department of Transportation. First Steering Committee meetings held. Existing conditions analysis conducted.

**Fall 2022**

### We Are Here

First round of community meetings. First survey. Stakeholder outreach.

### Spring 2023

Compile feedback from spring community meetings, survey and stakeholder outreach.

**Late Spring 2023**

Second round of community meetings for review and comment on potential greenway alignments. Second survey. Continue stakeholder outreach.

### Winter 2022/2023

Compile feedback from fall community meetings, survey and stakeholder interviews. Prepare potential greenway alignments for second round of community meetings.

### Early Summer 2023

Draft the Study document.

### Summer 2023

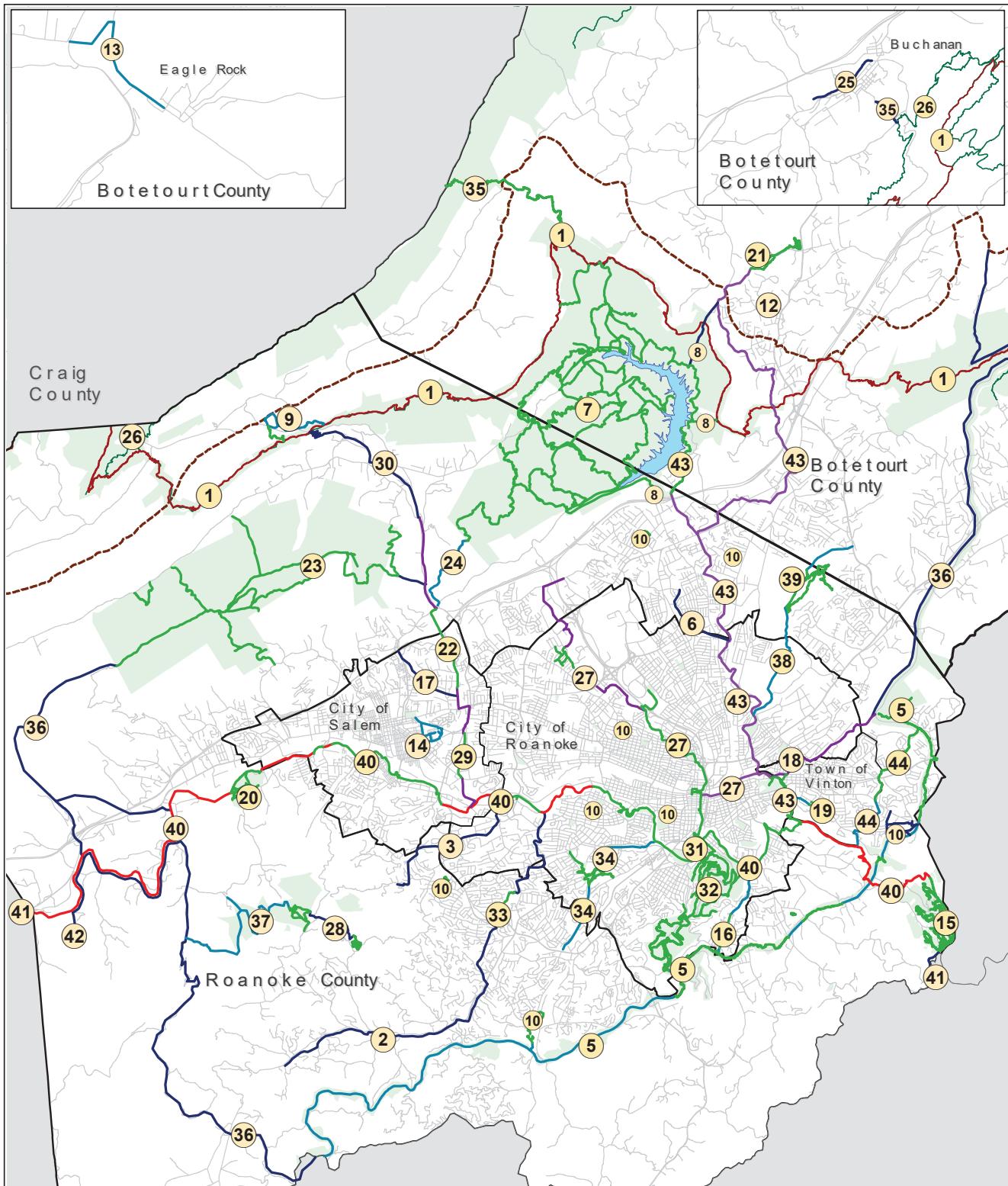
Review and public hearings with the Roanoke County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Consideration of adoption as part of the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan.

**Post-Adoption**

Apply for funding to construct the West Roanoke River Greenway, one segment at a time.

### Study Partners:





2018 Greenway Plan Network Map

Prepared by the  
**REGIONAL**commission

- 1 - Appalachian Trail
- 2 - Back Creek Greenway
- 3 - Barnhardt Creek Greenway
- 4 - Birding and Wildlife Trail Sites
- 5 - Blue Ridge Parkway Trails
- 6 - Carvin Creek Greenway
- 7 - Carvins Cove Trail Network
- 8 - Carvins Cove Connections
- 9 - Catawba Greenway
- 10 - City, County and Town Park Trails
- 11 - Craig Creek Trail
- 12 - Daleville Greenway\*
- 13 - Eagle Rock Greenway
- 14 - Elizabeth Greenway
- 15 - Explore Park Trail Network
- 16 - Garden City Greenway
- 17 - Gish Branch Greenway
- 18 - Glade Creek Greenway
- 19 - Gladetown Trail
- 20 - Green Hill Park Trails
- 21 - Greenfield Trails
- 22 - Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail
- 23 - Havens Wildlife Management Area Trails
- 24 - Hinchee Trail
- 25 - James River Greenway
- 26 - Jefferson National Forest Trails
- 27 - Lick Run Greenway
- 28 - Long Ridge Trail
- 29 - Mason Creek Greenway
- 30 - Masons Cove Greenway
- 31 - Mill Mountain Greenway
- 32 - Mill Mountain Park Trails
- 33 - Mudlick Creek Greenway
- 34 - Murray Run Greenway
- 35 - National Forest Connections
- 36 - Perimeter Trail
- 37 - Poor Mountain Trails
- 38 - Read Mountain Greenway
- 39 - Read Mountain Trails
- 40 - Roanoke River Greenway
- 41 - Roanoke River Greenway Extensions
- 42 - Spring Hollow Trails
- 43 - Tinker Creek Greenway\*
- 44 - Wolf Creek Greenway

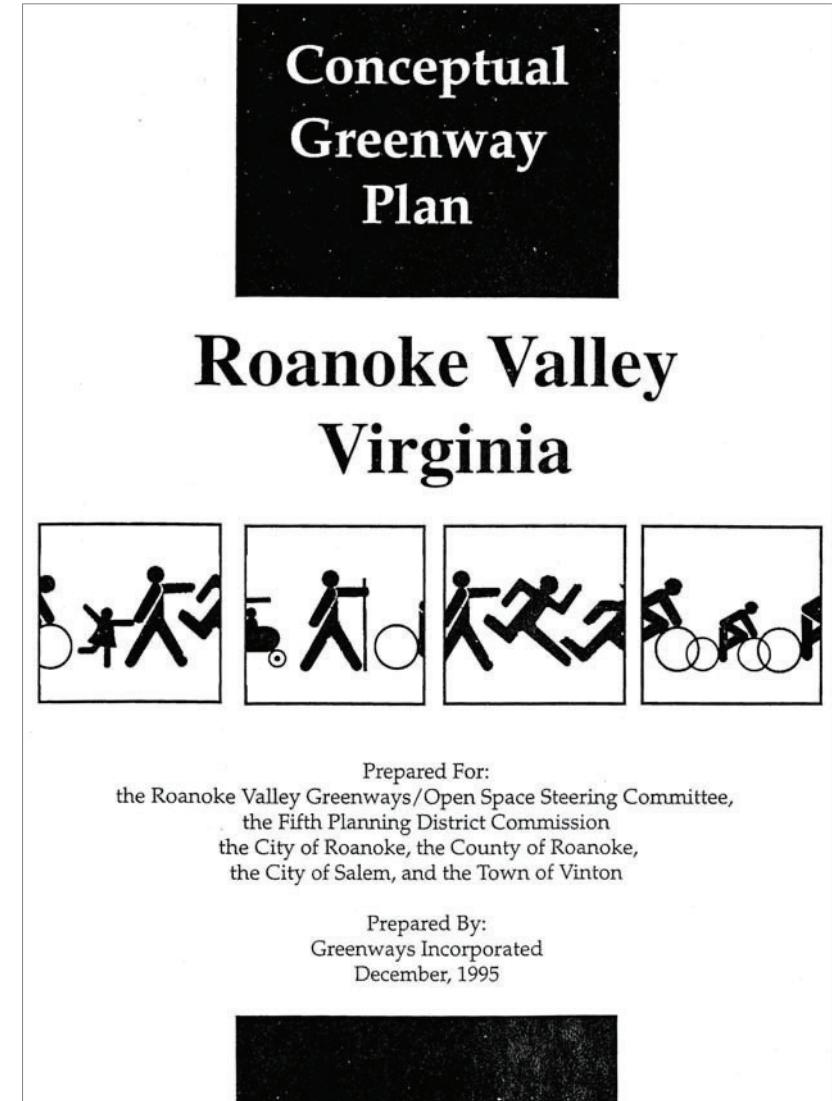
- 32 - Mill Mountain Park Trails
- 33 - Mudlick Creek Greenway
- 34 - Murray Run Greenway
- 35 - National Forest Connections
- 36 - Perimeter Trail
- 37 - Poor Mountain Trails
- 38 - Read Mountain Greenway
- 39 - Read Mountain Trails
- 40 - Roanoke River Greenway
- 41 - Roanoke River Greenway Extensions
- 42 - Spring Hollow Trails
- 43 - Tinker Creek Greenway\*
- 44 - Wolf Creek Greenway



\*Please see Appendix E for more information about the alternative alignments for Tinker Creek and Daleville Greenways.

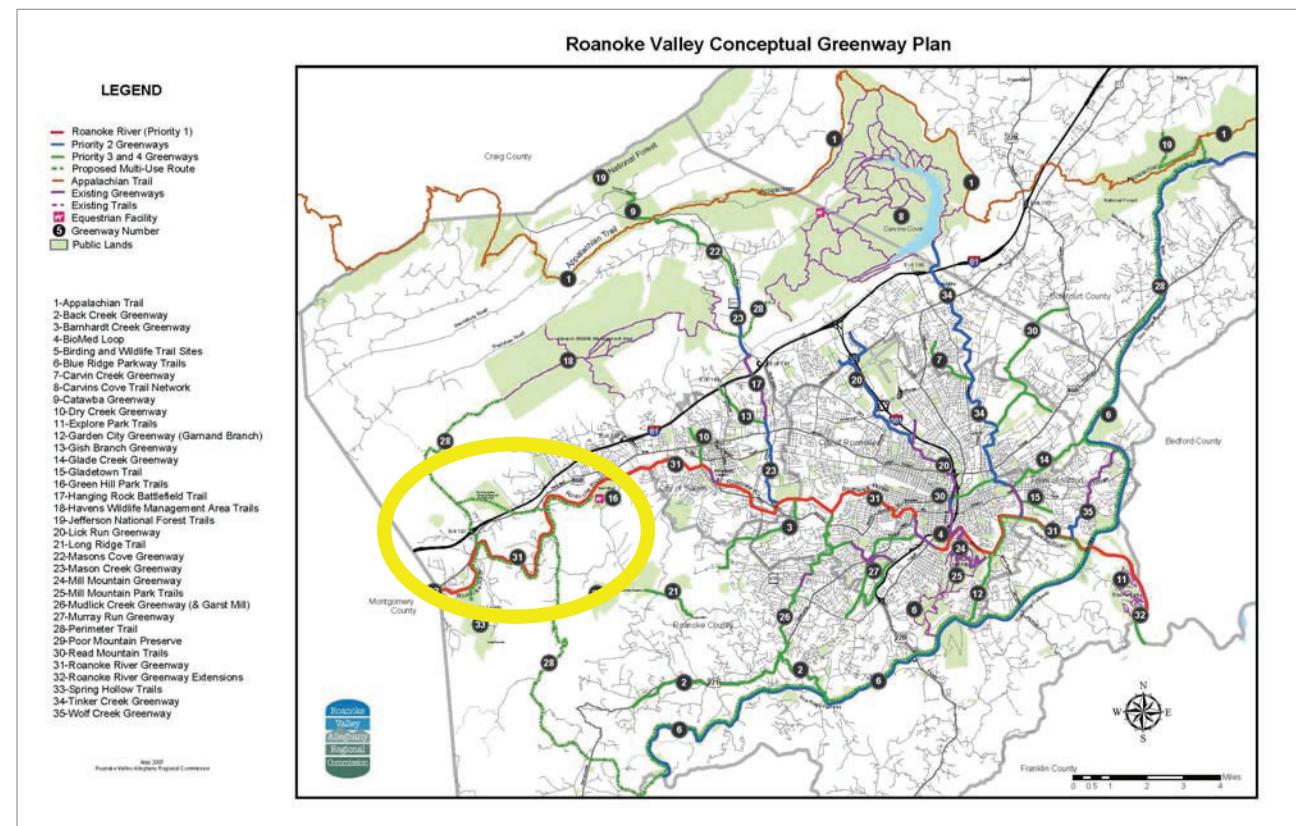
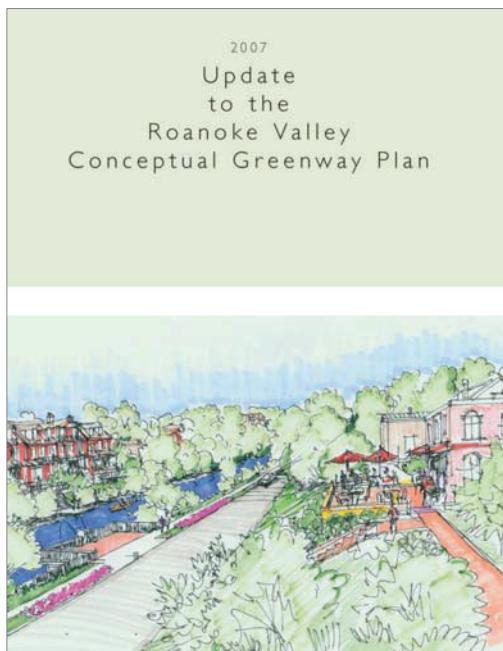
# West Roanoke River Greenway History

**1995:** The Roanoke Valley Conceptual Greenway Plan was completed which identifies the Roanoke River Greenway.



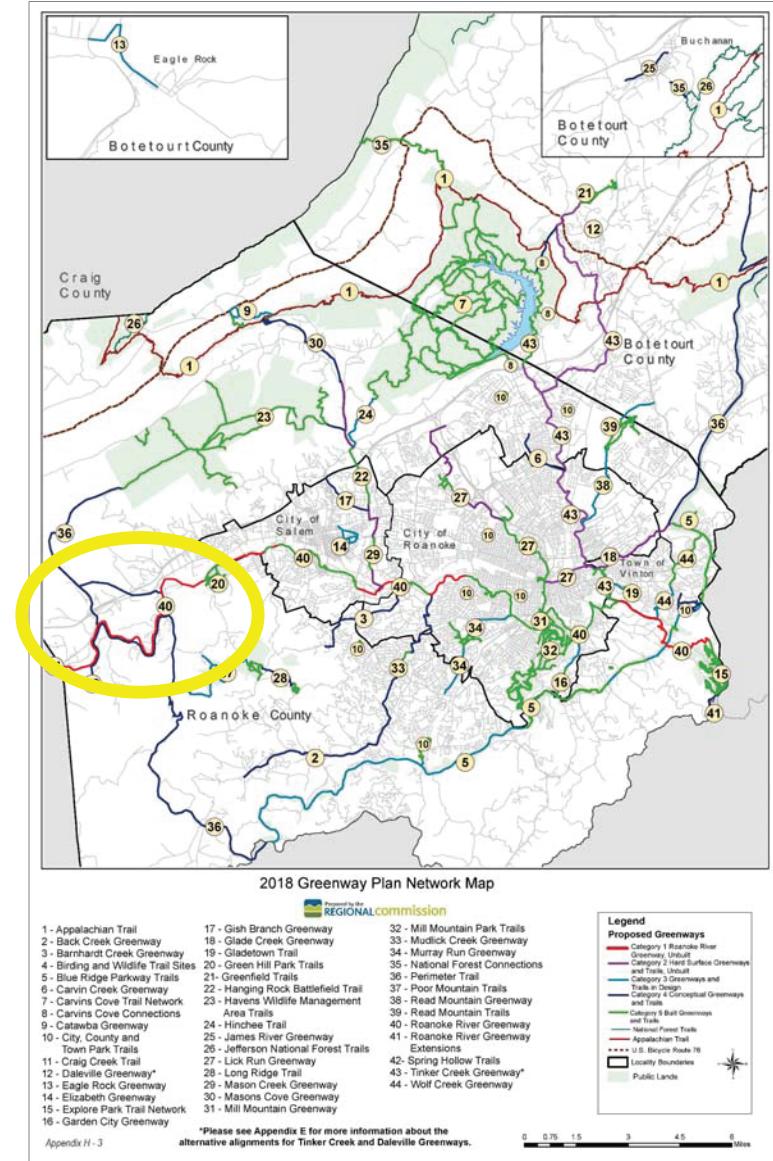
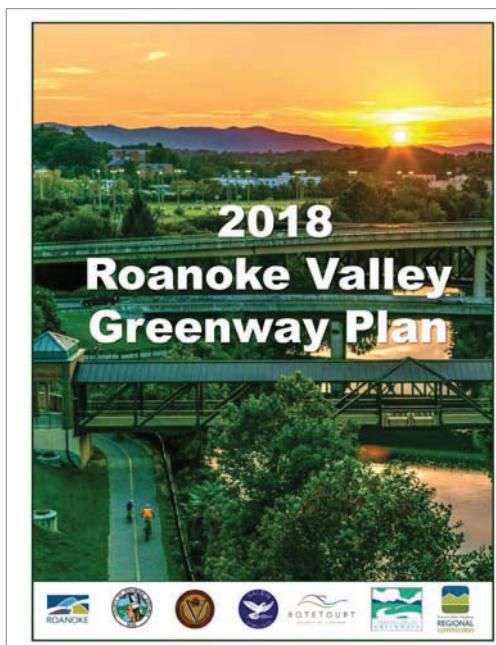
# West Roanoke River Greenway History

**2007:** Update to the Roanoke Valley Conceptual Greenway Plan was adopted by the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission and member localities, including Roanoke County. The Roanoke River Greenway is the top priority.



# West Roanoke River Greenway History

**2018:** The Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan was adopted by the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission and member localities, including Roanoke County. The Roanoke River Greenway is identified in Category 1.



# West Roanoke River Greenway History

**2018:** Montgomery County and Town of Christiansburg officials revived discussion of the Valley to Valley Trail, a long-discussed long-term vision to connect the Huckleberry Trail in the New River Valley to the Roanoke River Greenway.



**THE ROANOKE TIMES** Search roanoke.com

E-Edition News Obituaries Opinion Sports Entertainment Lifestyles Jobs 69° Cloudy

## Montgomery County, Christiansburg support connection of Huckleberry to Roanoke greenway

Yann Ranaivo Jun 18, 2018 0

Listen to this article now

Powered by Trinity Audio

00:00 03:26

**C**HRISTIANSBURG — Members of the governing bodies representing the town and Montgomery County are voicing enthusiasm for an eventual connection of the Huckleberry Trail and the Roanoke River Greenway.

Uniting the two regional trails was a main discussion point between the county's board of supervisors and Christiansburg Town Council Monday night.

The two elected bodies met and dined inside Great Road on Main, a recently

**WFXR** News Connect Weather Sports Community Live 9

## LOCAL NEWS

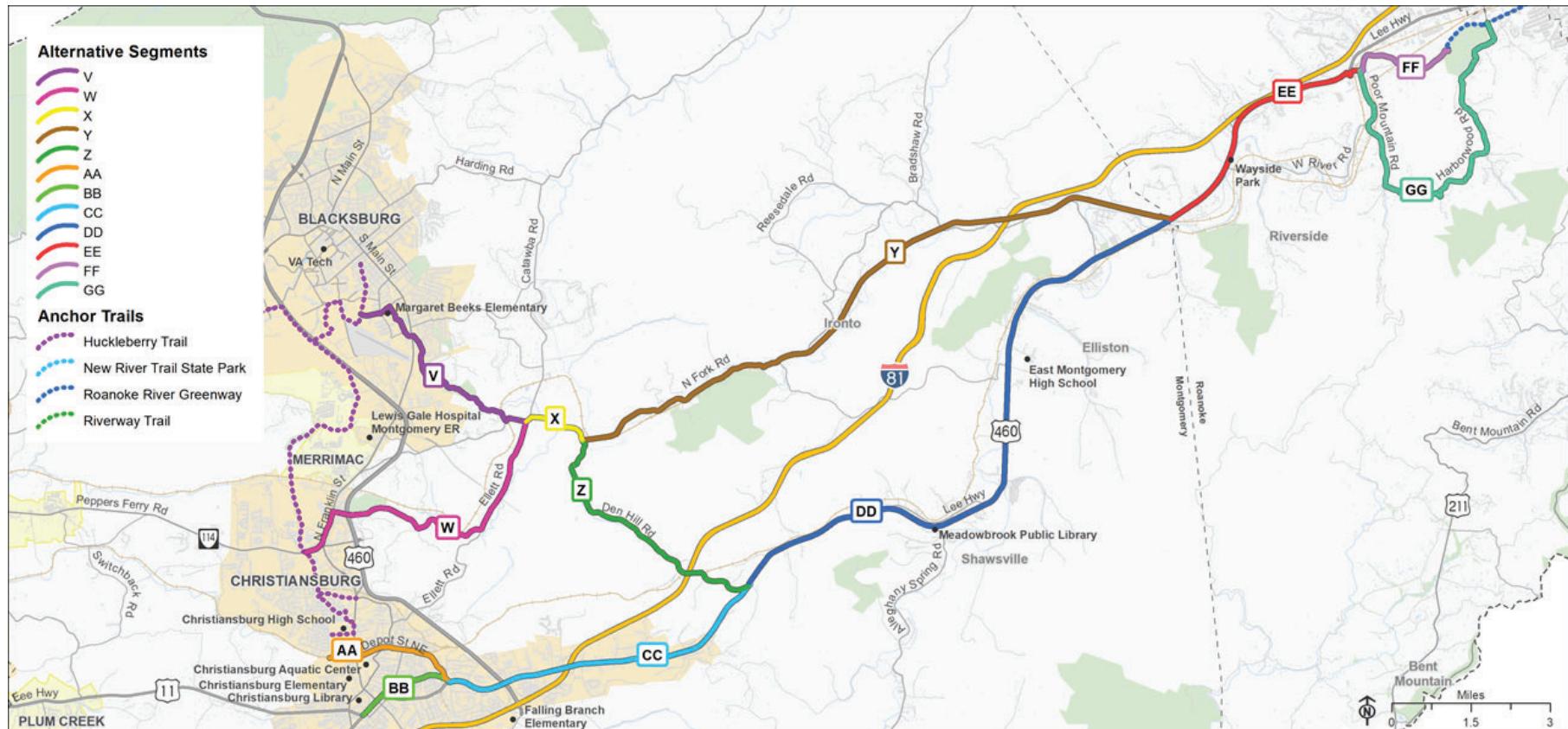
### Montgomery County leaders propose a Roanoke to Galax valley-to-valley greenway

Posted: Jul 13, 2018 / 04:17 PM EDT Updated: Jul 13, 2018 / 08:53 PM EDT

Montgomery County leaders are proposing a valley-to-valley greenway that would stretch from Roanoke to Galax. Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chair Chris Tuck has sent a letter to 14 counties and towns along with other non-profits and government agencies to gauge the interest in forming a committee that will explore the idea of such an expansive trail. The idea is that such a trail will promote regional tourism and economic development all while expanding alternative transportation options for citizens, " said Montgomery County spokesman Jennifer Harris in a statement.

# West Roanoke River Greenway History

**2020:** VDOT initiated a high-level study of potential routes for the Valley to Valley Trail, which is ongoing.



# West Roanoke River Greenway Implementation

**2010-2021:** Roanoke County applied for and received funding for the Roanoke River Greenway between Kingsmill Drive and Green Hill Park.

**2022:** VDOT approved a phasing plan for the Roanoke River Greenway between Kingsmill Drive and Green Hill Park. Phase 1, between Kingsmill Drive and Riverside Nursery, is anticipated to be constructed in 2023. A trailhead parking lot is planned for construction just east of Riverside Nursery as part of Phase 1.



# West Roanoke River Greenway: Kingsmill Drive to Green Hill Park

## Legend

Parcels Owned by Roanoke County

Streets

Railroad Tracks

Waterbodies

Jurisdiction Boundary

## Roanoke River Greenway

West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 1: West Riverside Drive Trailhead to Kingsmill Drive, UPC 97171 (Construction in 2023)

West Riverside Drive Trailhead to be Constructed as Part of Phase 1

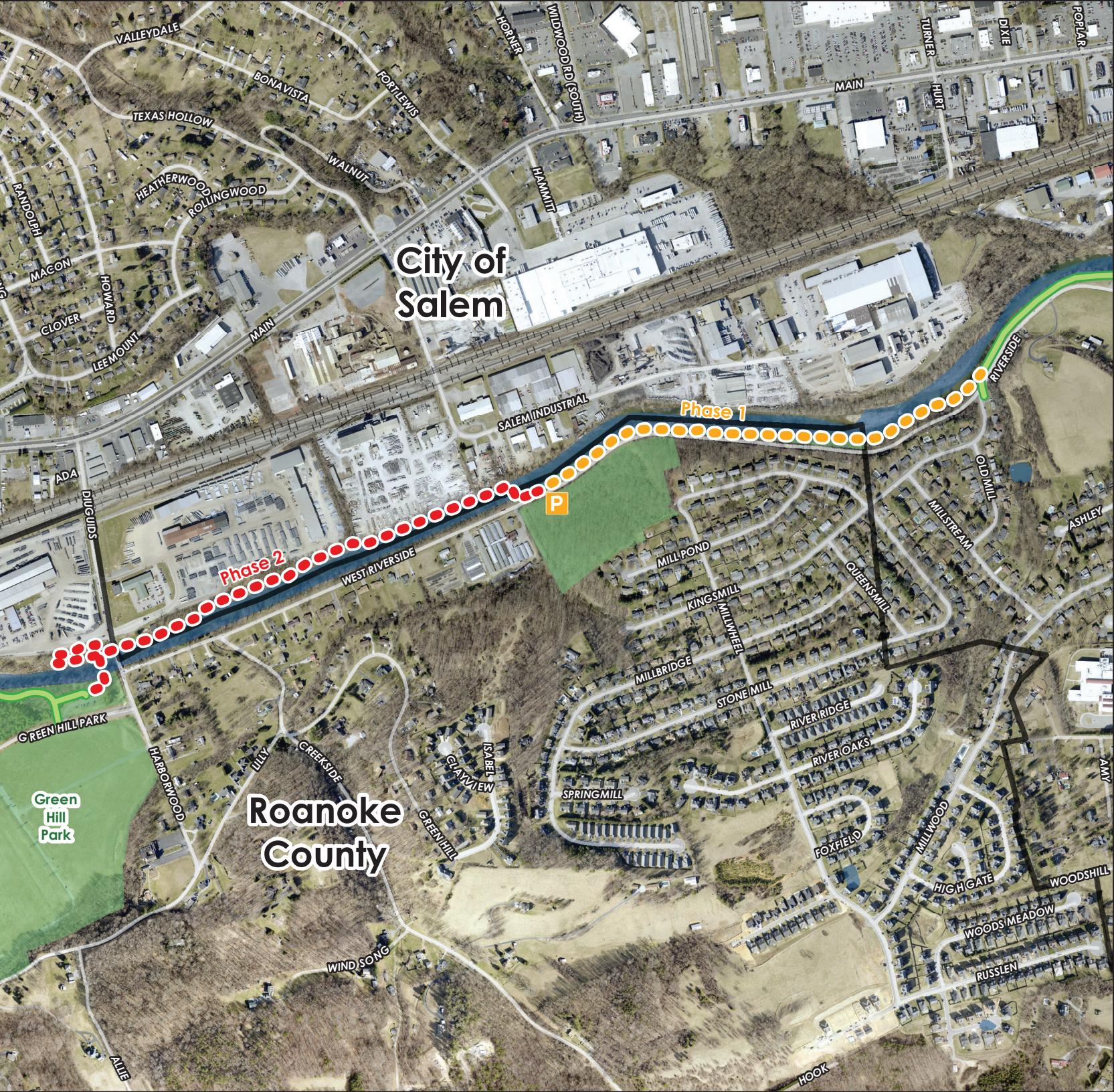
West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 2: West Riverside Drive Trailhead to Green Hill Park (Unfunded)

Existing Section

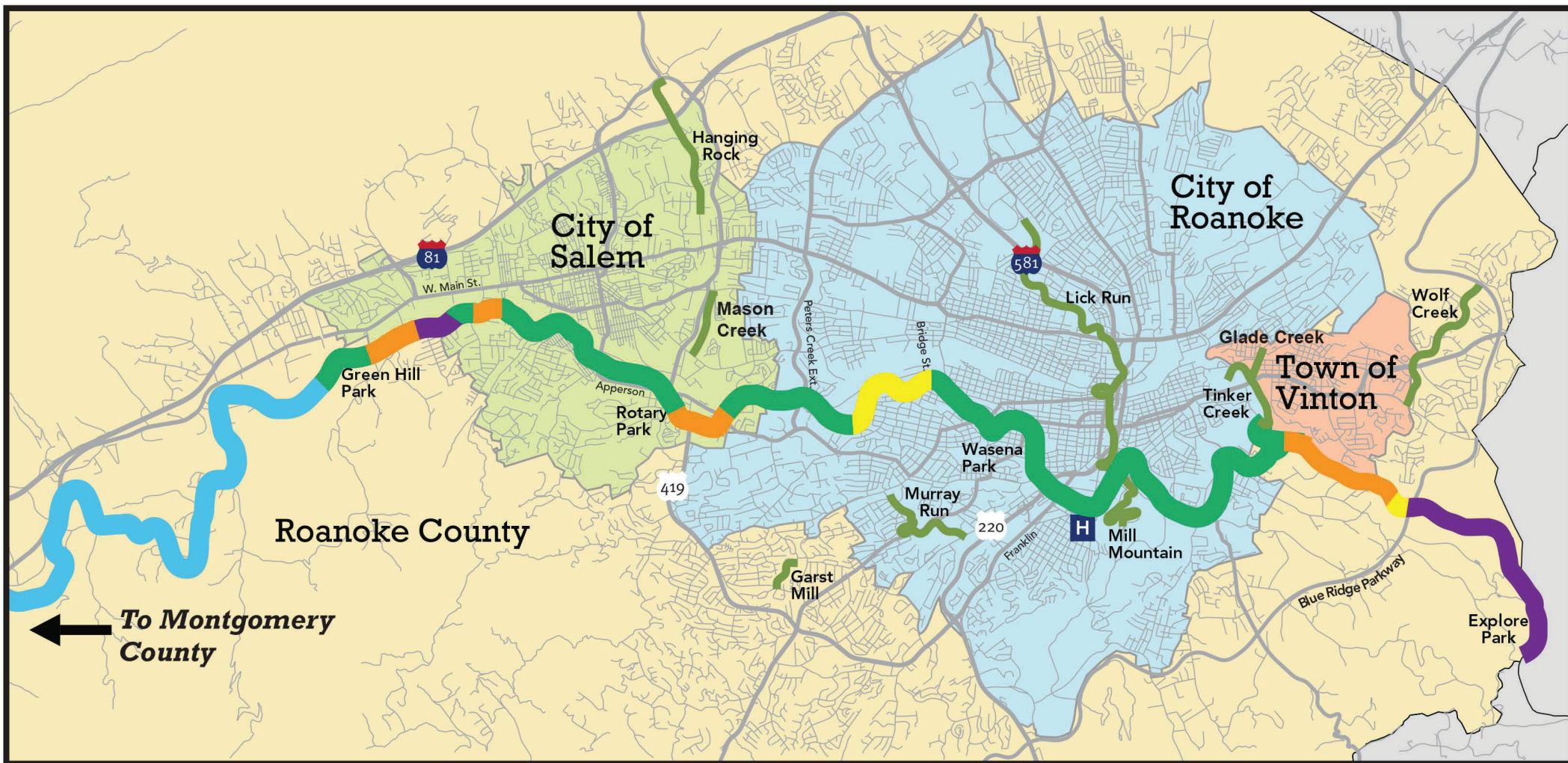
October 2022



0 250 500 1,000 Feet



# Roanoke River Greenway Status Map



- Completed (Green)
- Planning 2022-2023 (Light Blue)
- Construction Underway (Yellow)
- Construction 2023-2025 (Purple)
- Future Projects (Orange)

- Completed (Green)
- Planning 2022-2023 (Light Blue)
- Construction Underway (Yellow)
- Construction 2023-2025 (Purple)
- Future Projects (Orange)



# Environmental Characteristics of West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Area

## Legend

- West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Area
- Streets
- Railroad Tracks
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Greenway/Trail
- State or Local Recreational Facilities
- Western Virginia Water Authority Property

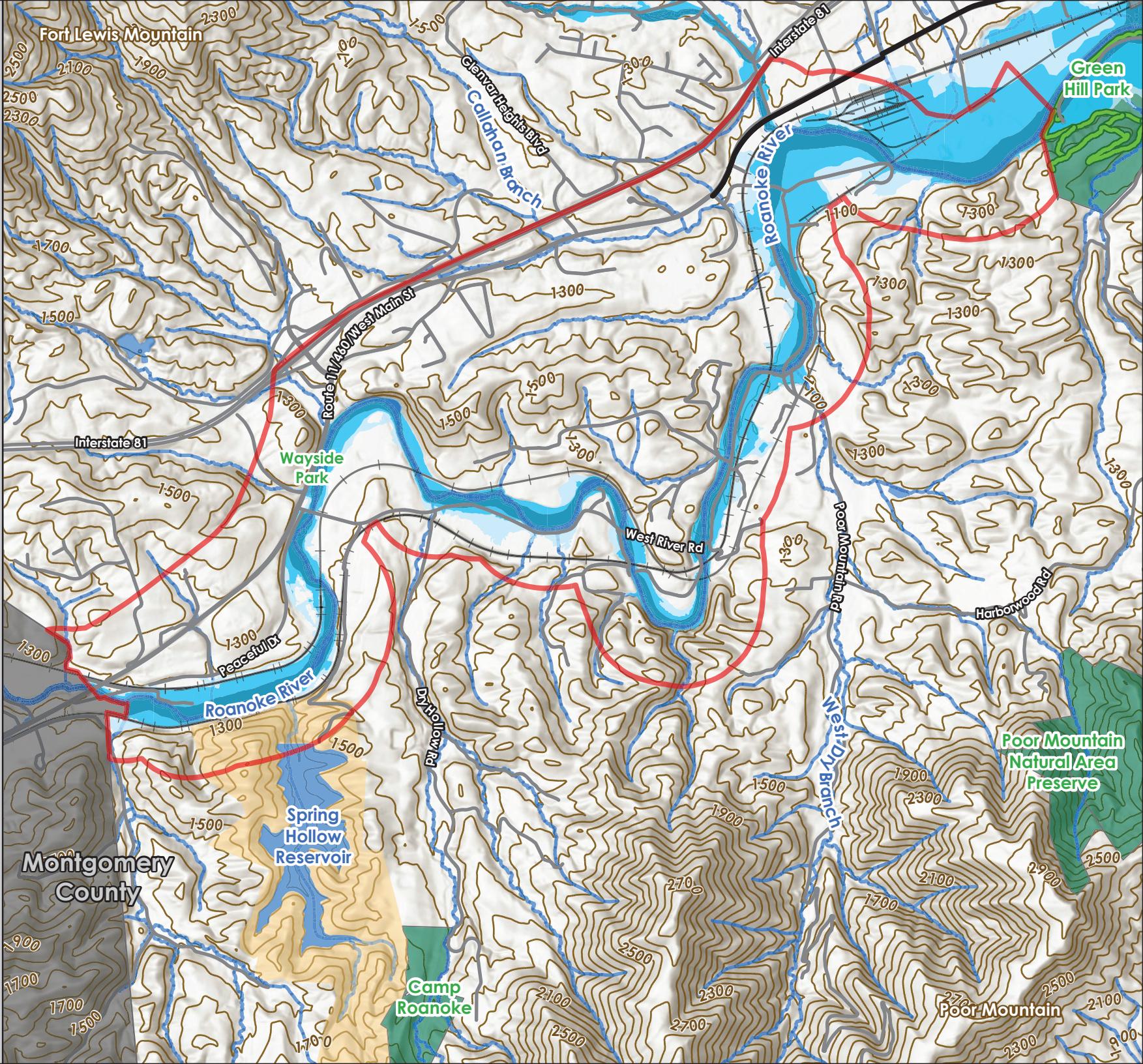
## Environmental Characteristics

- Waterbodies
- Floodway
- 100-Year Floodplain
- 500-Year Floodplain
- 100ft Contours

October 2022



0 0.15 0.3 Miles



# What Amenities Would You Like to See on the Greenway?

*Place stickers next to amenities you would like to see on this greenway.*

BENCHES



PICNIC AREAS



MUTT MITT STATIONS



VIEWING/FISHING PLATFORMS



SWIMMING ACCESS



BOAT ACCESS



PLAYGROUNDS



OTHER (Write your ideas here)

# What would you like to see this greenway connect to?

*Place dot stickers on locations you would like this greenway to connect to.*

## Legend

- West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Area Boundary
- Streets
- Railroad Tracks
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Greenway/Trail
- Local Recreational Facility
- Parcels
- Waterbodies

0 765 1,530 3,060 Feet



[Title & Legend for map split over the following three (3) pages]







# What do you love about Roanoke Valley Greenways?

# Your Role at This Stage of the Study

- Let us know where you would like to see a greenway in your community.
- Let us know what you would like this greenway to connect to.
- Let us know what amenities you would like on and around this greenway.
- Share your level of enthusiasm about this project with us!
- Let us know if we are missing anything in our analysis.

# Draw Your Own Greenway

If you have an idea of the path you would like to see this greenway take, please draw a line on the map and return to a staff member.

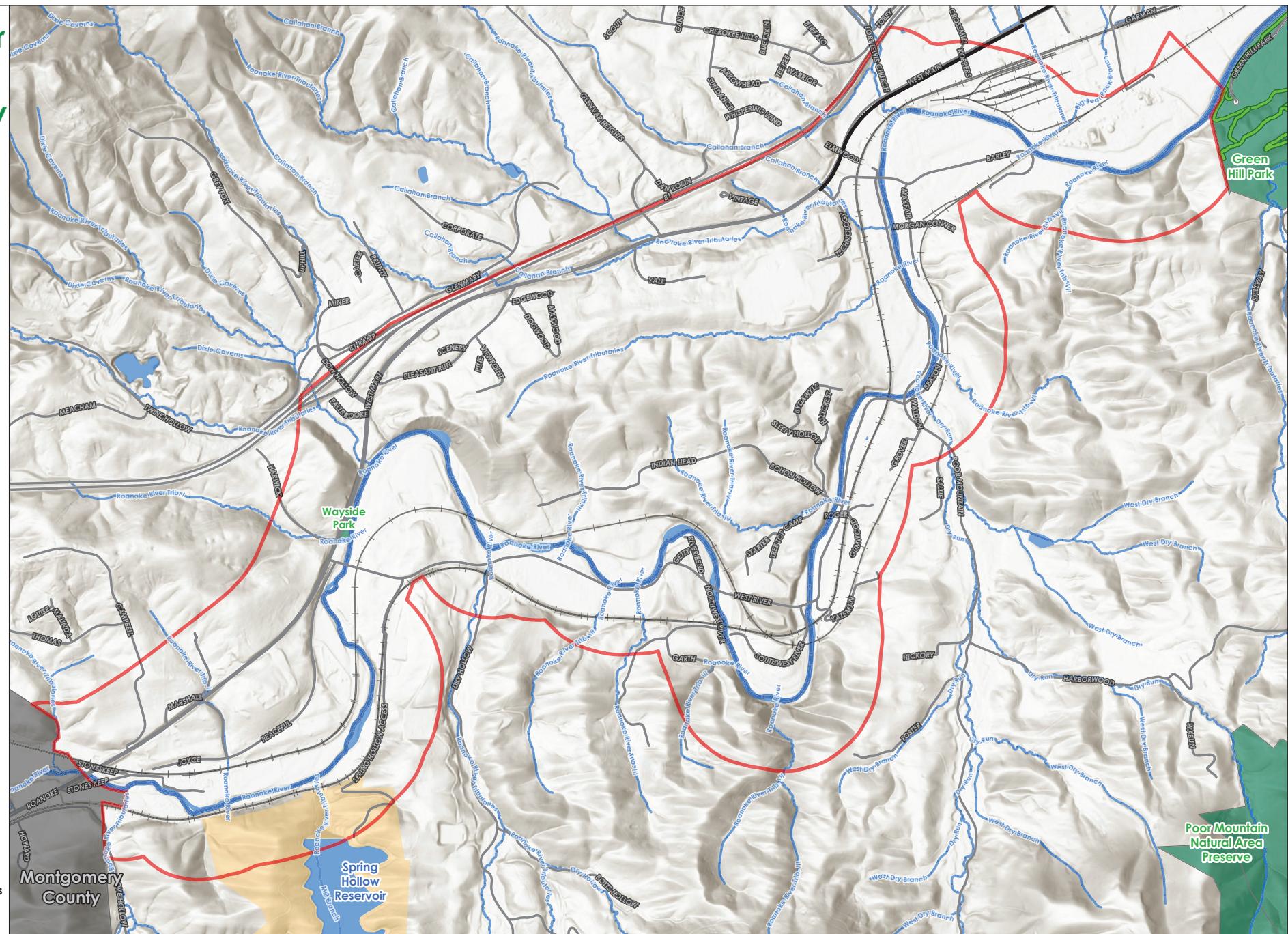
## Legend

- West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Area Boundary
- Streets
- Railroad Tracks
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Greenway/Trail
- Waterbodies
- State or Local Recreational Facilities
- Western Virginia Water Authority Property

October 2022



0 0.1 0.2 0.4 Miles



10) Please share any other thoughts about this greenway project.

---

---

---

---

---



## West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study Survey

Fall 2022

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We appreciate your input. Please return this survey via mail or the drop box at the Glenvar Library by November 4th. You may also fill out the survey online at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/WRRG](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/WRRG).

11) If you would like to receive updates about this greenway project, please provide your email address below.

---

Place  
Stamp  
Here

Roanoke County Department of Planning  
Attn: Isaac Henry  
5204 Bernard Drive  
P.O. Box 29800  
Roanoke, VA 24018

1) What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_

2) What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_

3) What is your relationship to the Glenvar community? (Circle all that apply)

Live in Glenvar

Own Property in Glenvar

Work in Glenvar

Use Recreational Facilities in Glenvar

None of the Above

4) Do you use Roanoke Valley Greenways for any of the following activities? (Circle all that apply)

Walk

Run

Bike

Relax/Picnic

Fish

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5) Please rank the following potential destinations of the greenway from most important to least important, using each number once (1 = most important, 6 = least important):

- \_\_\_\_ Parks, Playgrounds and Recreational Facilities
- \_\_\_\_ Historic Sites
- \_\_\_\_ Agritourism ("Pick Your Own" farms, farm tours, petting zoos, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ Restaurants
- \_\_\_\_ Convenience Stores
- \_\_\_\_ Employers

6) What kind of greenway would you like to see in your community? (Circle as many as you like)



On flat ground adjacent to river



Through the woods



On hillside



Adjacent to highway



Adjacent to neighborhood street

7) How comfortable would you be with the location of a new trail where you live?

- I am interested in learning more about having the greenway on my property. **If so, answer question 8 and skip question 9.**
- I would like the greenway to be a few blocks or a football field distance away, but not closer. **If so, skip questions 8 and 9.**
- I would like to have a greenway within walking distance ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile), but not closer. **If so, skip questions 8 and 9.**
- I would like the greenway to be more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile away. **If so, skip question 8 and answer question 9.**

8) **If you are interested in learning more about having the greenway on your property, please let us know how we can contact you.**

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

9) **If you would like the greenway to be farther than 1/4 mile away from your property, we respect your values and would like to hear about your concerns about having a greenway close to your home. Please share your point of view below.**

---

---

---

---

---

---