

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission



Summary Minutes: January 23, 2024

Members Present: Ken Stuart, Maria Reese, Christianna Beirne, Elaine Kerns, Randy Suggs, Michael Griffin, Tim Turton, Sally Walker

Members Absent: Geoffrey Locke

Town Staff Present: Heather Maloney, Tracy Houk

County Staff Present:

Town Board Present: Alisia Bergsman, Commissioner

Public Present:

Call To Order: Tracy Houk – 6:10 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve December Minutes – Approved Unanimously

Agenda Changes:

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS:

- **Introduction of members/staff**
- **Recap of 2023 Accomplishments** (See Attached)
- **Appointments of Chair and Co-Chair for 2024**
 - Maria Reese nominated Ken Stuart Chair
 - Ken Accepted
 - Approved Unanimously
 - Motion to table 2024 Co-Chair vote to February meeting
 - Approved Unanimously
- **Consider approving the 2024 Meeting Dates** (Attached)
 - Motion to approve 2024 Meeting Dates
 - Approved Unanimously

Updates/Comments

- If you have anything for the next meeting, please email those topics to Ken.
- The Seam Trial Study - still currently under way. Pausing to align their timeline with the Redline Study. Want to make sure they are coordinated with that project.
- The Parks and Recreation Survey will be open through February 23, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned

2023 GTBC Recap

- Grants Secured
- Wine on the Vine Events
- Public Art
- Projects in the works
- What's next?



Introduction

This commission serves as an advisory body to the Town Board of Commissioners and provides insight and direction regarding the overall planning and development of a Greenway, Trail and Bikeway System for the Town of Huntersville.

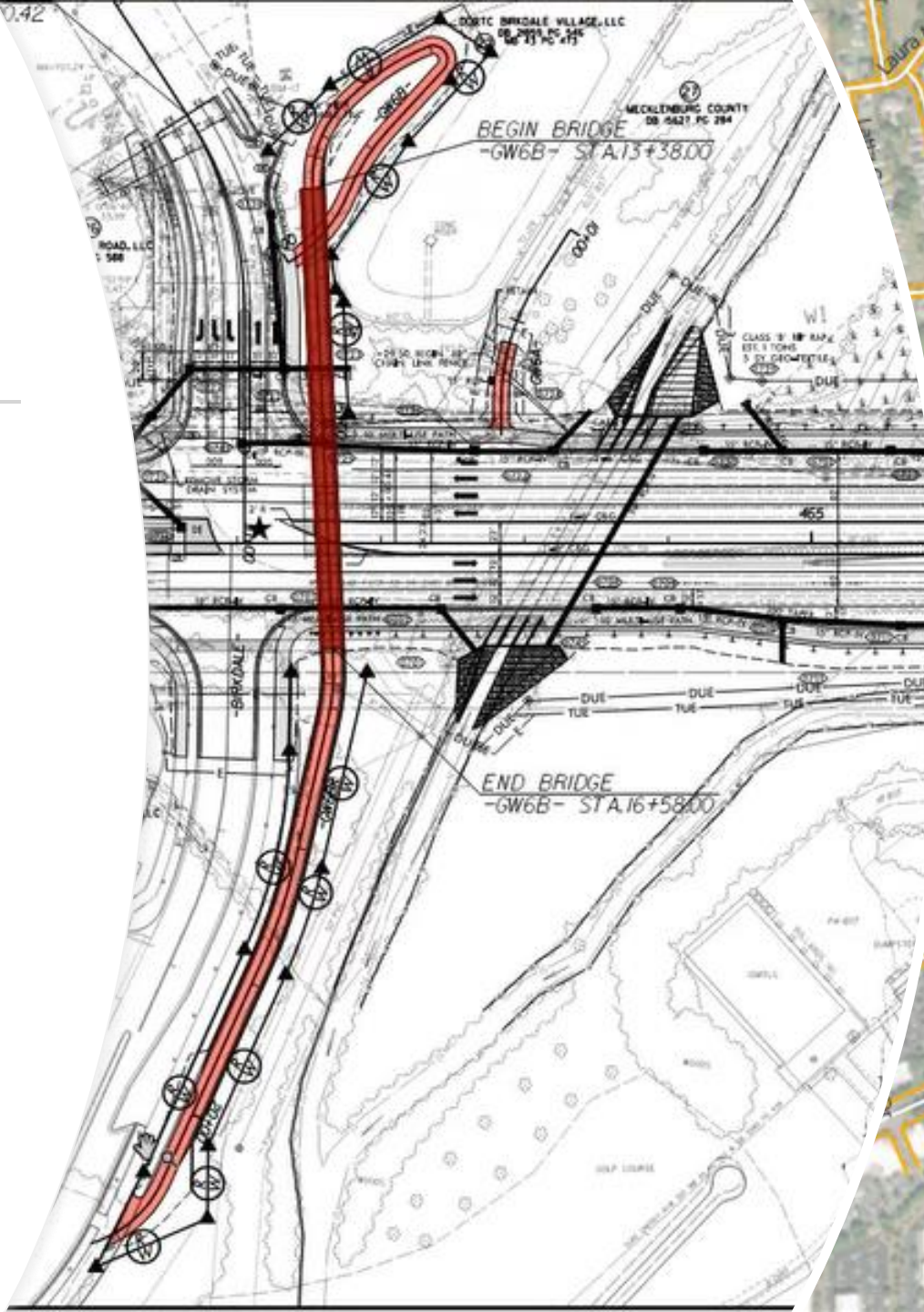


What we
accomplished
in 2023



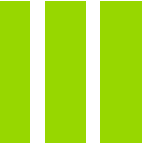
Grants Secured

- CRTPO Discretionary Funding
 - *Pending:* Pedestrian Bridge over NC 73 \$3.1 million
- NC 21 Tunnel \$2.6 million





Community Awareness Campaign





- Spring & Fall Event
- Continues to be popular
- Great way to bring awareness of The Vine to residents and see where they may need connections



Public Art Installed on Downtown Greenway

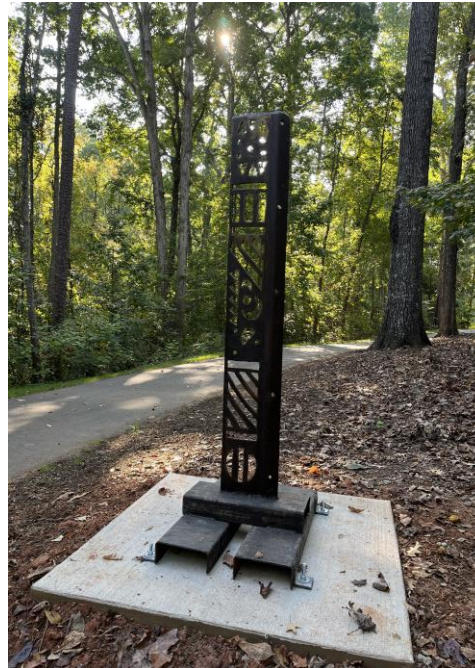
Downtown Greenway Trail Head Sculpture

- Artist: David Landis
- Installed March 2023
- Each leaf is 2-3 ft. wide
- Sculpture stands 26 ft tall including base of planter
- Fully funded by donations



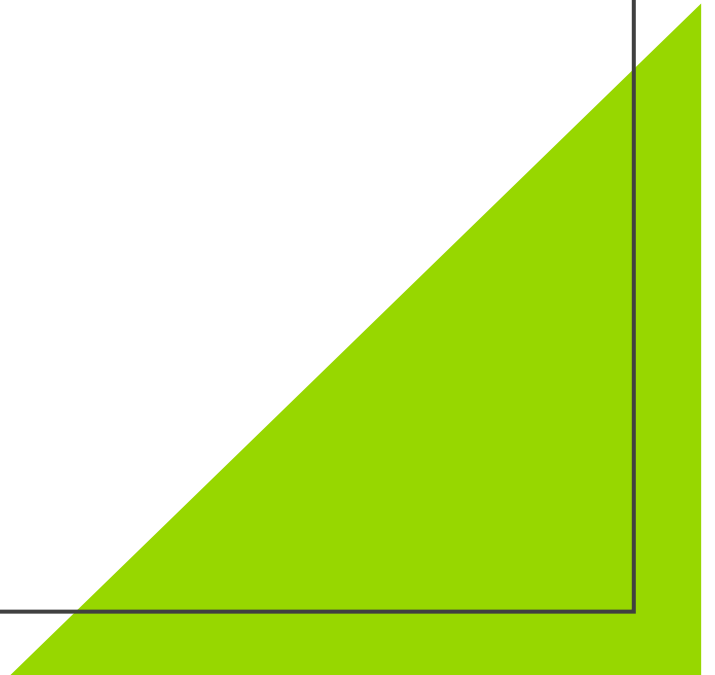
Huntersville SculpTOUR

- Artist: Various
- Location: Downtown Greenway
- Installed: September 2023





Greenway Projects in the works



Torrence Creek Trib #2

Huntersville Gateway Park
and Ride to Rosewood Meadow Ln.

- Under construction.
To be completed this
Spring/Summer 2024
- Town committed \$425,000
towards the design of this
project
- County is paying for
construction (\$7 million)
- Approx. 1.2 miles



LEGEND



Primary



Secondary



Boardwalk



Bridge

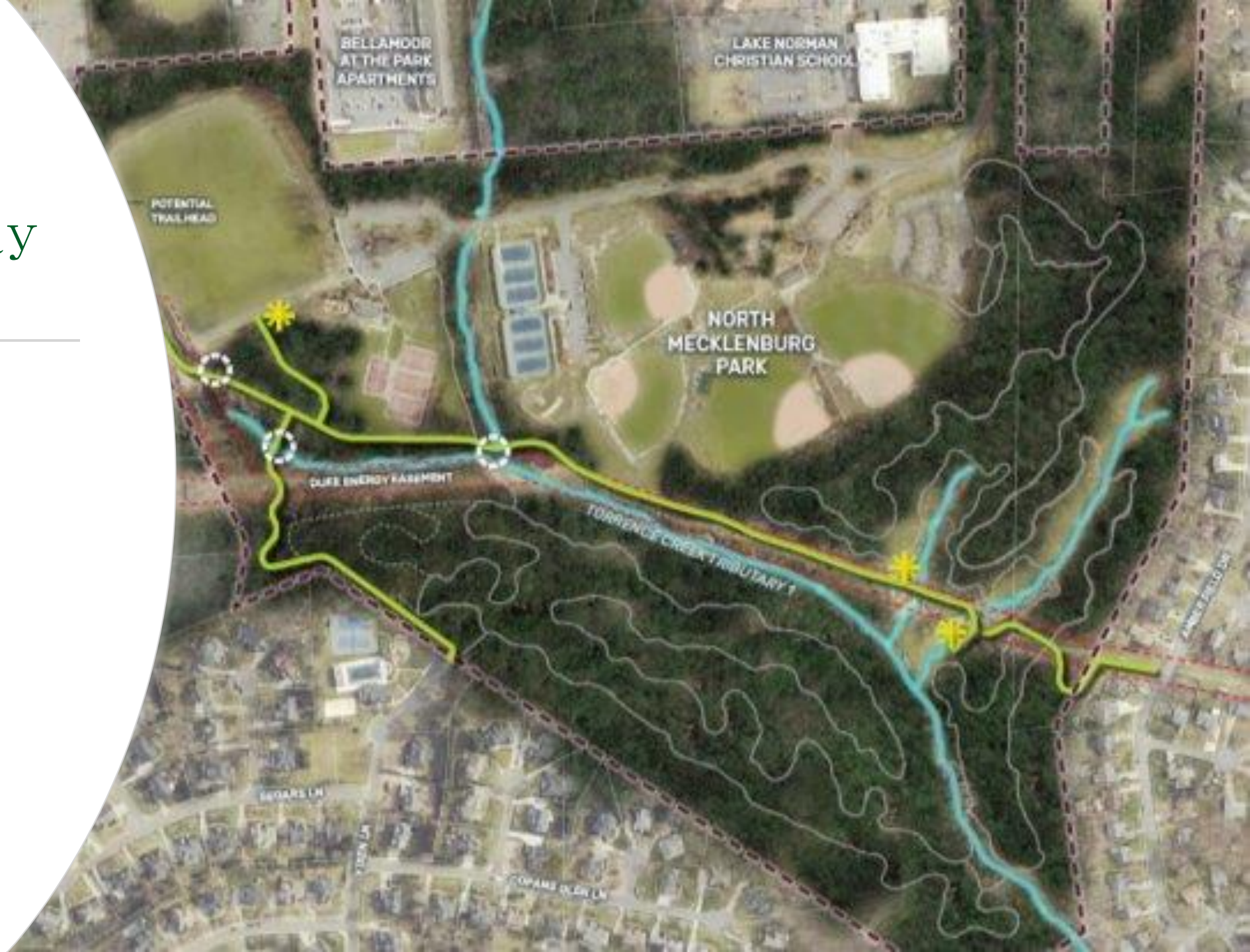


Existing

North Meck Park Greenway

Huntersville Crossing Dr to
Amberfield Dr.

- 100% Plans
- Working on securing easements
- Construction to start Summer 2024
- Approx. 0.8 miles



The Park – Huntersville Greenway

Existing Torrence Creek Greenway to
Reese Blvd

- Town committed \$1.8 million towards the design of this project
- County will be paying for construction (est. \$14.1 million)
- Currently in design
- Real estate efforts continue to move forward.
- Approx. 3.59 miles

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Lower McDowell Creek Greenway

Gilead Rd. Parking / trailhead to Beatties Ford Rd.

- Town committed \$1.8 million towards the design of this project
- County will be paying for construction (est. \$14.1 million)
- Currently in design
- Real estate efforts continue to move forward.
- Approx. 3.59 miles



South Prong of Clarke Creek Greenway

N Church St. Southeast to
Asbury Chapel Rd.

- Town committed \$1,500,000 towards the design of this project
- County has committed to funding construction for this project (est. \$10.1 million)
- Currently in design
- Approx. 3.025 miles

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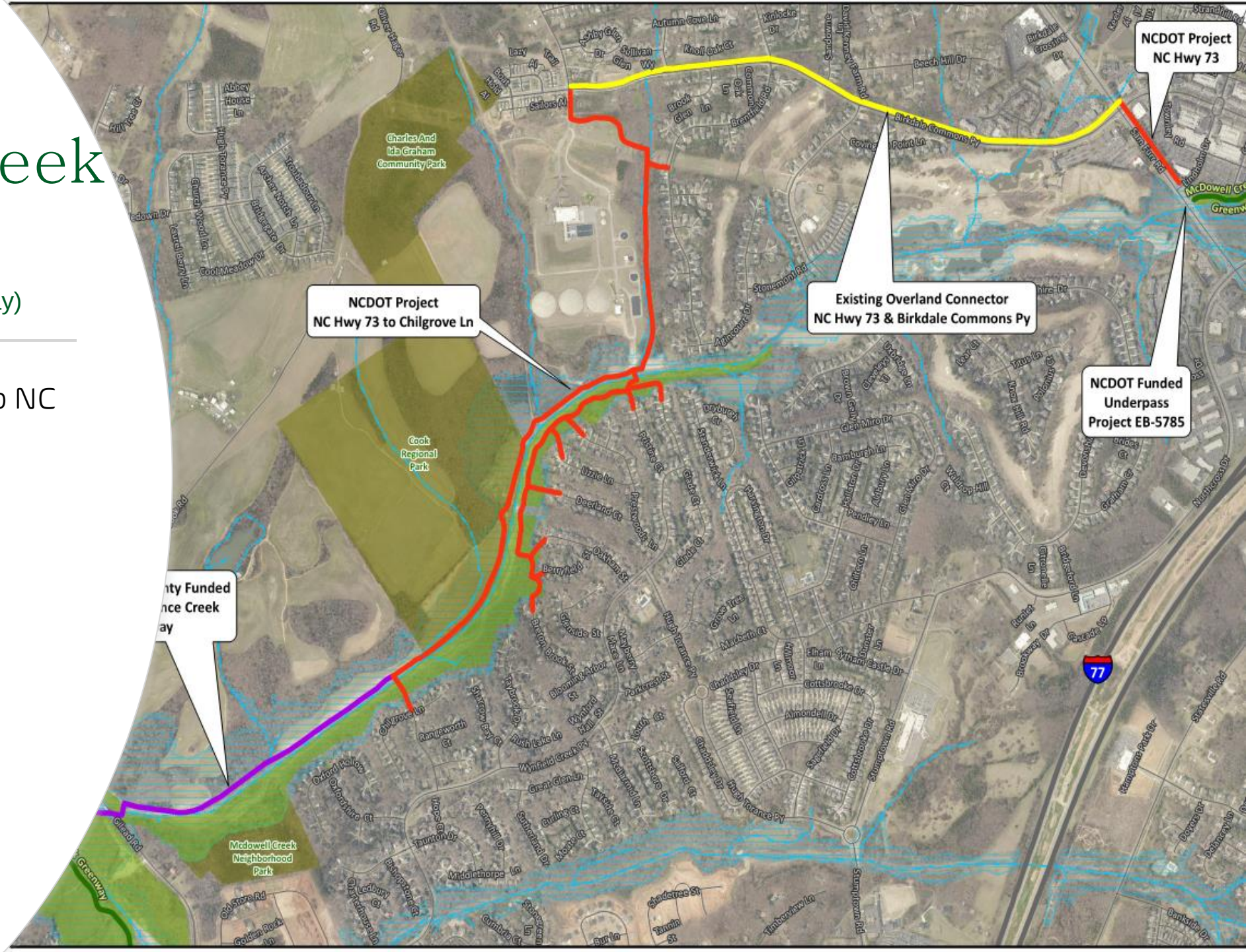
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McDowell Creek Greenway

Mecklenburg County Project
Gilead Rd (Torrence Creek Greenway)
to NC 73 (Sam Furr Rd)

- Phase 2: Chilgrove Ln to NC 73 – Design, Funded by NCDOT
- Phase 1B: Gilead Rd to Chilgrove Ln. – Under construction



NCDOT Project
NC Hwy 73

NCDOT Project
NC Hwy 73 to Chilgrove Ln

Existing Overland Connector
NC Hwy 73 & Birkdale Commons Py

NCDOT Funded
Underpass
Project EB-5785

County Funded
Torrence Creek
Greenway



What's Next? Goals for 2024

Continue to Focus on Connectivity

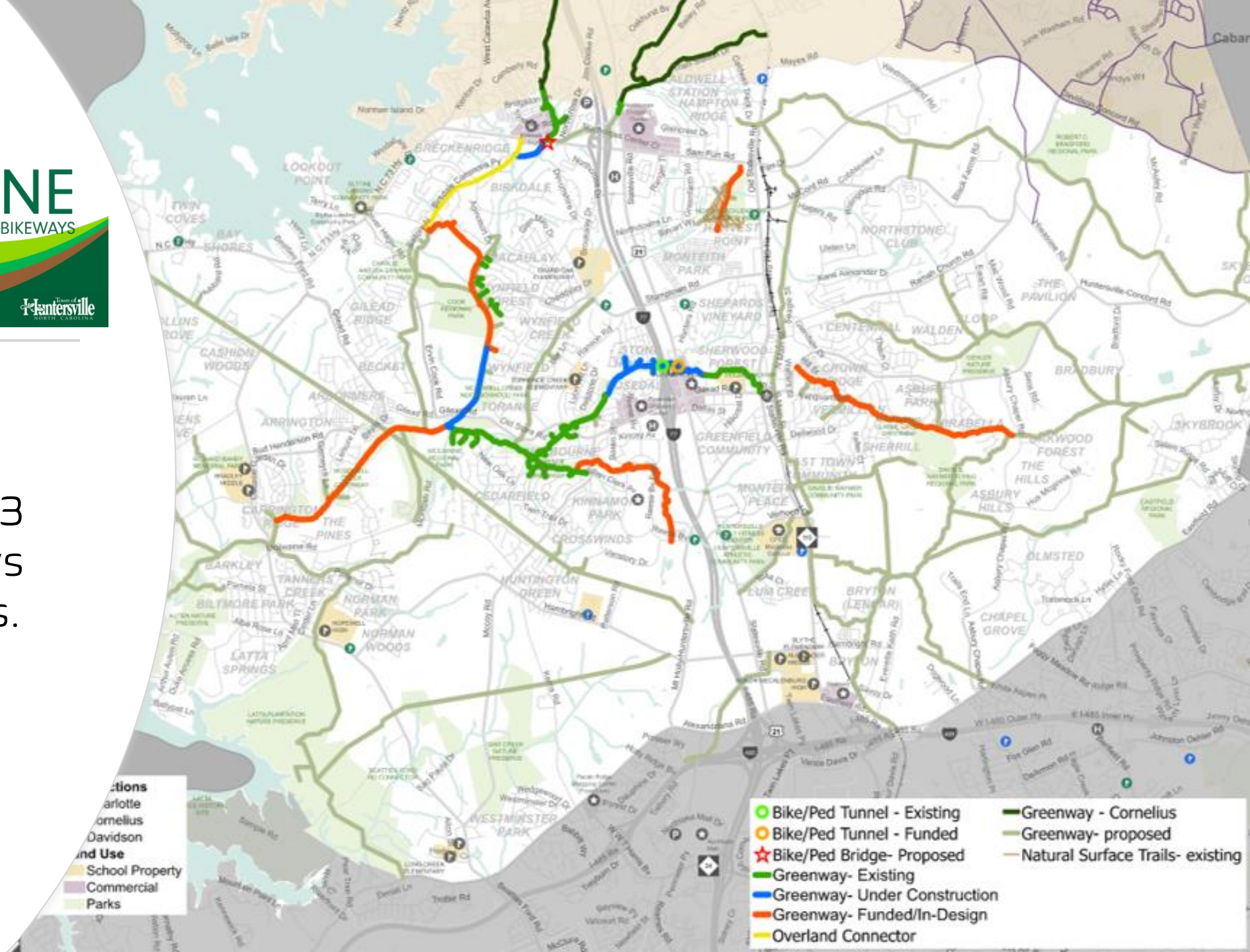
- Our goal is to make Huntersville a connected, walkable, bikeable town by 2030.
 - *30x30 Vision* – Connect 30,000 residents to the greenway by 2030
 - Create a Greenway corridor that CONNECTS Huntersville East to West and also North, creating 'The Spine of the Vine'
 - **Connectivity means non-motorized access to:**
 - Town events, e.g., Wine on The Vine, Farmer's Market, concerts
 - Town destinations, e.g., Discovery Place, Birkdale Village, Veterans Park, North Meck Park
 - Nearby towns, e.g., Cornelius, Davidson, Mooresville, Charlotte
 - Neighbors to neighbors, townspeople to amenities – creating a CONNECTED Town of Huntersville





The Huntersville Vine will grow approximately 12.3 miles of greenways over the next 5 yrs.

Total of 15+miles





Questions?

Huntersville Greenway, Trail, & Bikeway

2024 MEETING DATES

TOWN CENTER - ROTUNDA / 6:00 PM

- January 23
- February 20
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

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