



Huntersville Greenway, Trail, and Bikeways Commission

SUMMARY MINUTES: January 13, 2026

Members Present: Geoffrey Locke, Randy Suggs, Christianna Beirne, Maria Reese, Ken Stuart, Michael Griffin, Leif Stormo, Tylor Buchanan

Members Absent: Aimee Abernathy

Town Staff Present: Tracy Houk, David Peete, Heather Maloney

County Staff Present:

Town Board Present:

Public Present:

Call To Order: 6:06 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2025 – Approved unanimously

AGENDA CHANGES:

PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRESENTATIONS

- Aiden Fridlyand, Resident, Boy Scout: Attended the meeting for a scout project. He had questions to ask staff about Eastfield Rd and lack of bike lanes and pedestrian facilities.

BUSINESS:

- **Introductions:** Members and staff went around the table and introduced themselves to the group.
- **2025 Recap:** *see attached*
- **Appointment for 2026 Chair:**
 - **Nomination:** Ken Stuart nominated Randy Suggs for the position of Chair for 2026.
 - **Second:** Jeff Locke seconded the nomination.
 - **Acceptance:** Randy Suggs accepted the nomination.
 - **Approval:** The nomination was put to a vote and approved unanimously by the assembly/board.
- **Appointment for 2026 Co-chair**
 - **Nomination:** Maria Reese nominated Michael Griffin for the position of 2026 Co-Chair.
 - **Second:** Ken Stuart seconded the nomination.
 - **Acceptance:** Michael Griffin accepted the nomination.
 - **Approval:** The nomination was put to a vote and approved unanimously by the advisory board.
- **Approve 2026 Meeting Dates** *see attached*
 - **Motion:** Michael Griffin made the motion to approve the 2026 Meeting dates as listed.
 - **Second:** Maria Reese seconded the motion.
 - **Approval:** The motion was put to a vote and approved unanimously by the advisory board.

UPDATES/COMMENTS

MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:33 pm

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.



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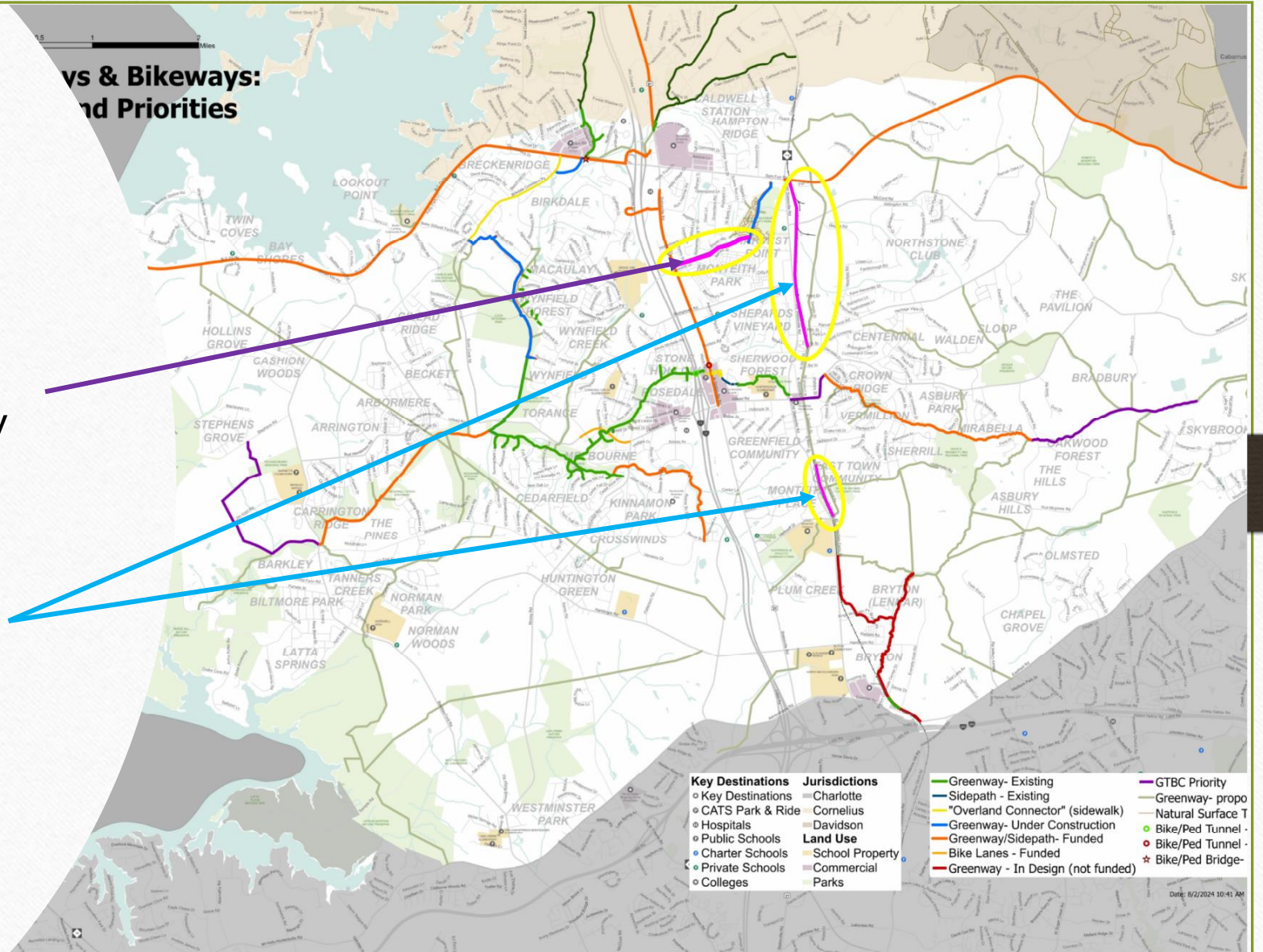


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2025 Accomplishments

Master Plan Map Update

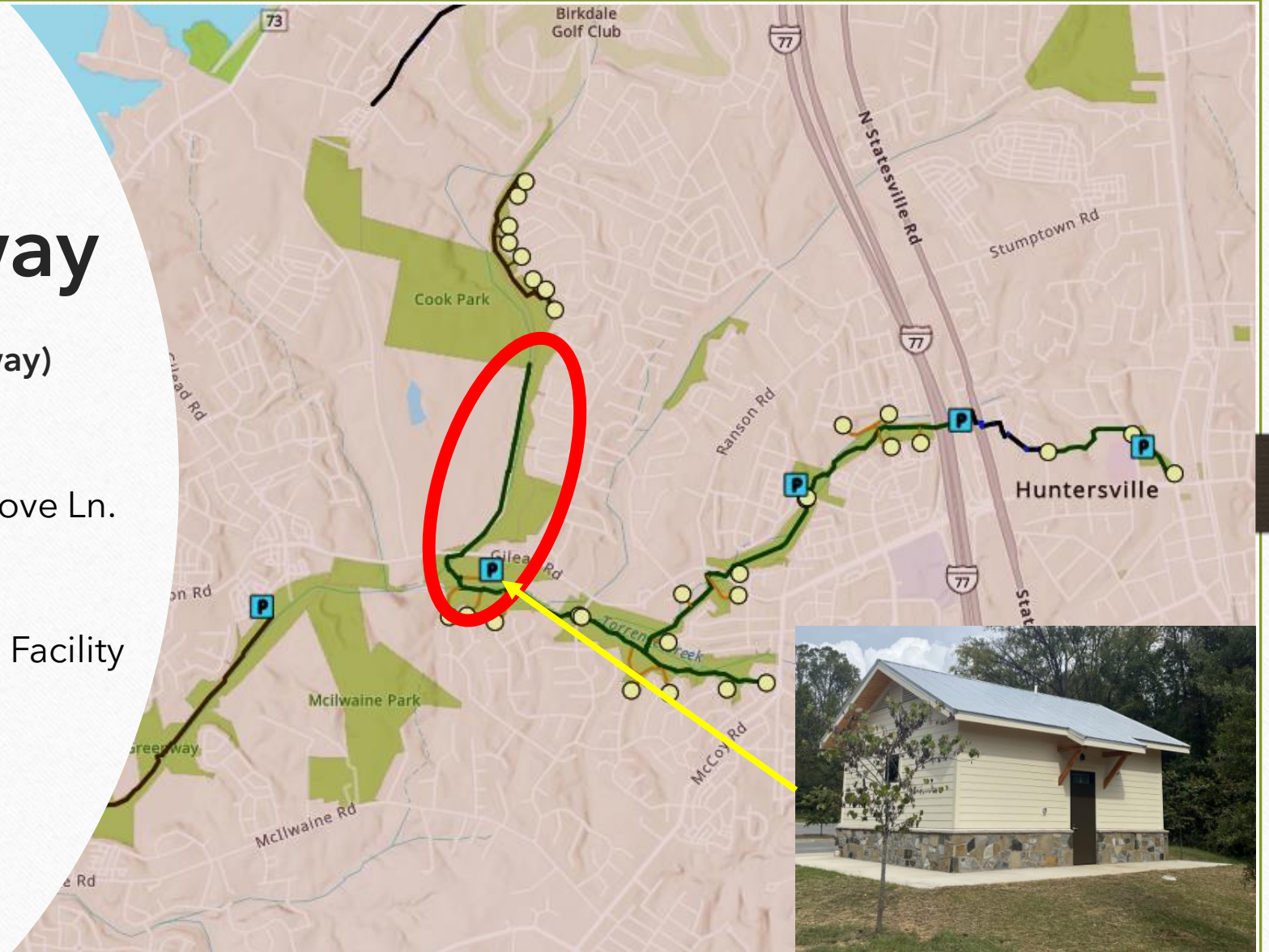
- Added Connection from NMP Greenway to NC 21
- Added alternative routes for The Seam



McDowell Creek Greenway

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

- Phase 1B: Gilead Rd to Chilgrove Ln.
✓ Completed
- McDowell/Torrence Restroom Facility
✓ Completed



NCDOT Grant


NC 73 Pedestrian Bridge

- \$3.1 million updated cost: \$6.1 million
 - Working with Meck Co.
 - Meck Co. committed to \$1.2 million in matching dollars
 - **Design Completed**



SPRING EVENT

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





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Wine on THE VINE

**Tuesday
May 13
6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Join the GTBC at the Downtown Greenway Trailhead for wine and updates on greenways, bikeways, & trails in Huntersville.



FALL EVENT

- Reached different demographic
- New Partnership with Neoteric Brewing
- Sponsors: Blue Oak Realty, Trek of Clt, CTT, Tarheel Trailblazers

BIKETOBER BLOCK PARTY

OCTOBER 2 | 6-8 PM

NEOTERIC BREWING

LOCATED IN PARKING LOT BEHIND NEOTERIC BREWING

H parks & recreation
"Something for Everyone"

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NEOTERIC
BREWING CO.

SUPPORTING SPONSORS: Blue Oak Realty, Trek of CLT, Carolina Thread Trail

2025-2027 SculpTOUR

- New Sculptures were placed on the downtown greenway September 2025
- They will remain through August 2027



"Calypso"
Rick Conn
Wilmington, NC



"Fighting for Alpha"
Todd Frahm
Asheville, NC



"Queen of Hearts"
Chris Plaisted
New Milford, CT



"Threshold"
Sam Spiczka
Apex, NC



"Wondering Feet"
Sunday Mahaja
Goshen, IN



"Galactic Corona"
Hanna Jubran
Grimesland, NC



WINTER EVENT

- Winterlight Wander Trail
- Open Dec - Feb
- Record Breaking Numbers on the Greenway for the winter months
 - Average of 200 visitors/day

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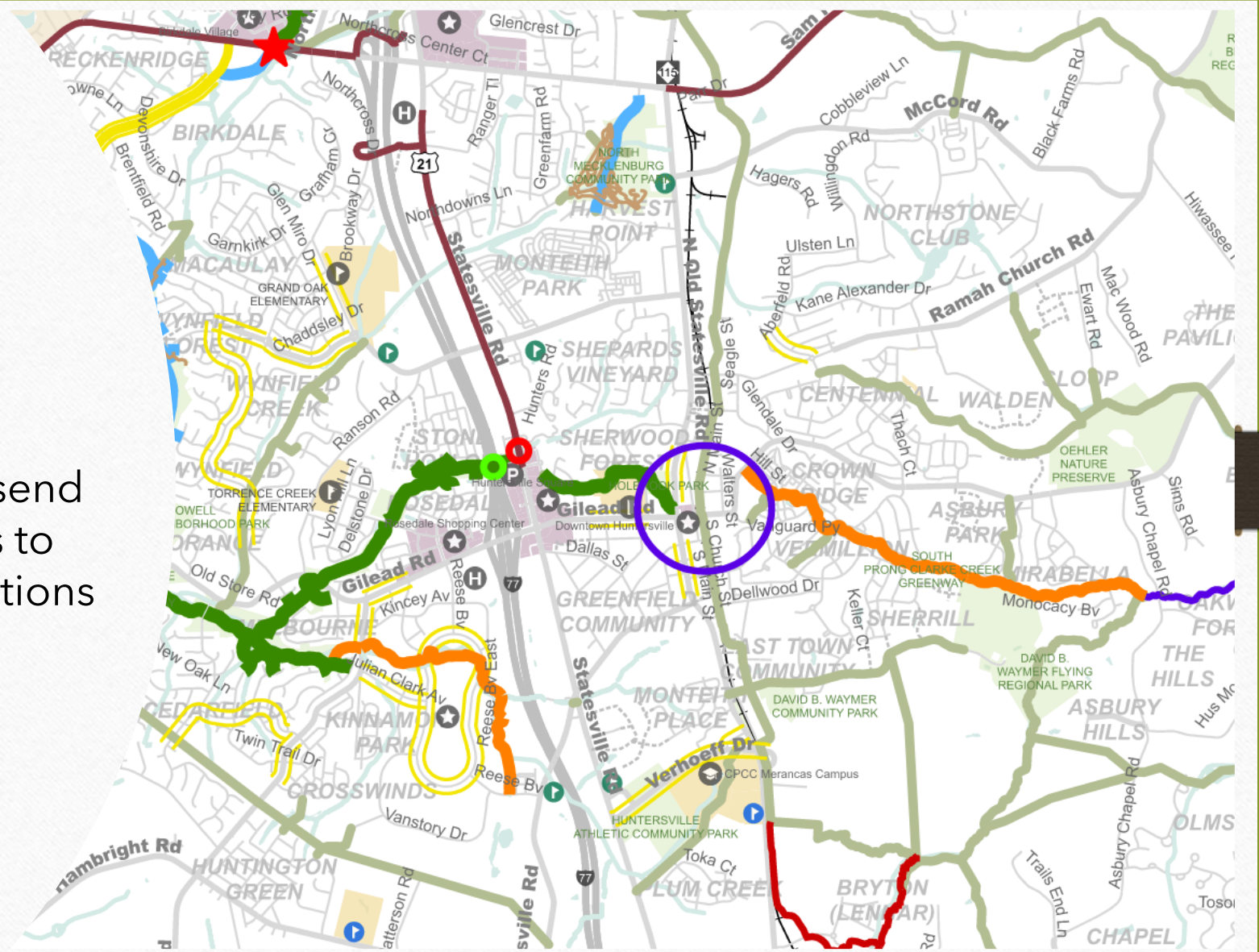
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Projects in the works...

NCDOT Grant

Downtown Connection

- Awarded \$160,000
- \$40,000 local match
- What's next... staff will send out RFQ for consultants to look at the best connections for the downtown area



NCDOT Grant

NC 21 Tunnel

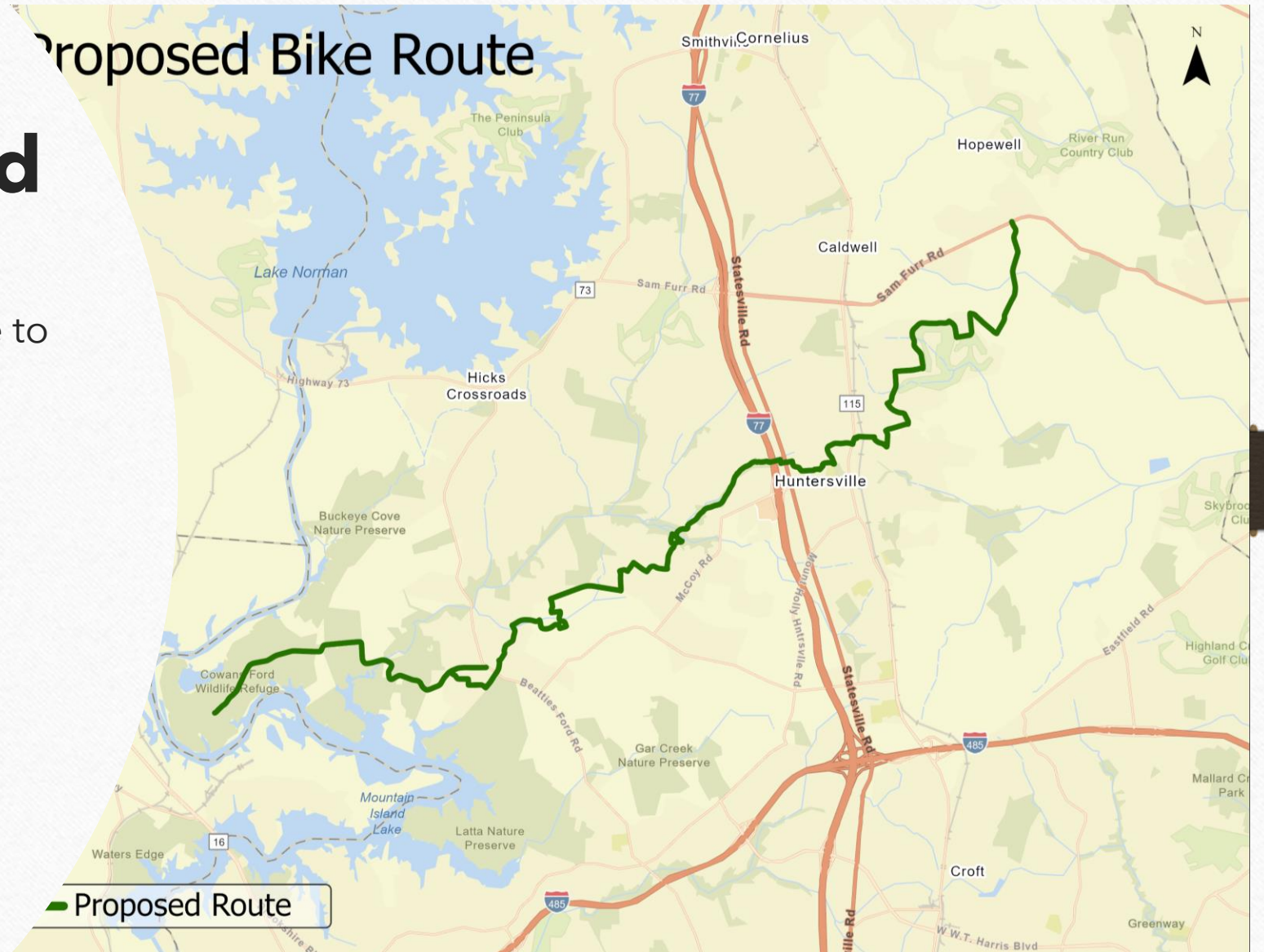
- \$2.6 million
- NCDOT is currently securing easements
- Town is looking into connecting greenway directly to the tunnel.



New Bike Blvd in the works

Cowans Ford Wildlife Refuge to
Sam Furr Rd.

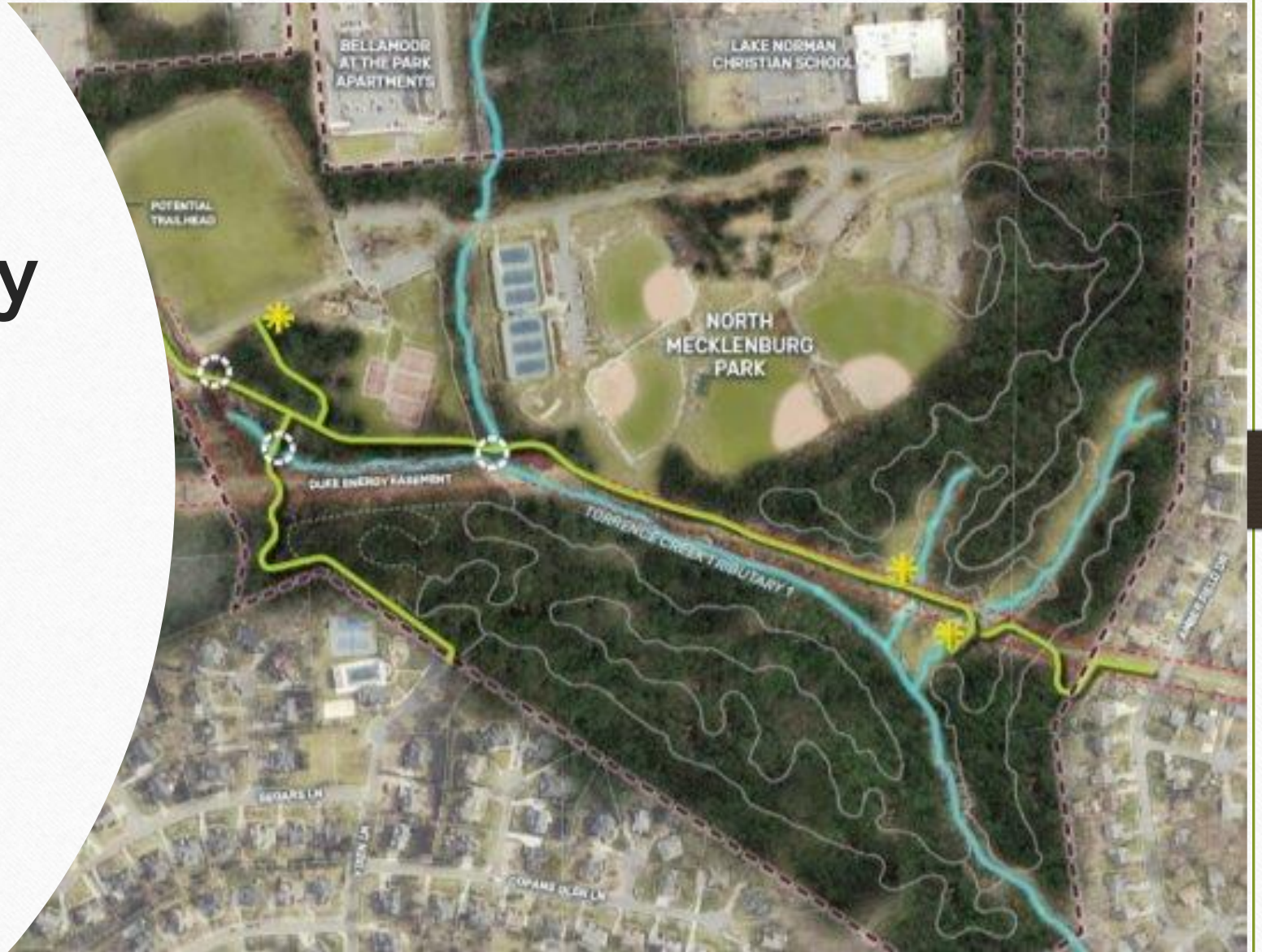
- Project was approved and funded.
- Currently waiting on signage



North Meck Park Greenway

Huntersville Crossing Dr to
Amberfield Dr.

- Under Construction
- Completion Winter 2026
- Approx. 0.8 miles



The Park – Huntersville Greenway

Existing Torrence Creek
Greenway to Reese Blvd

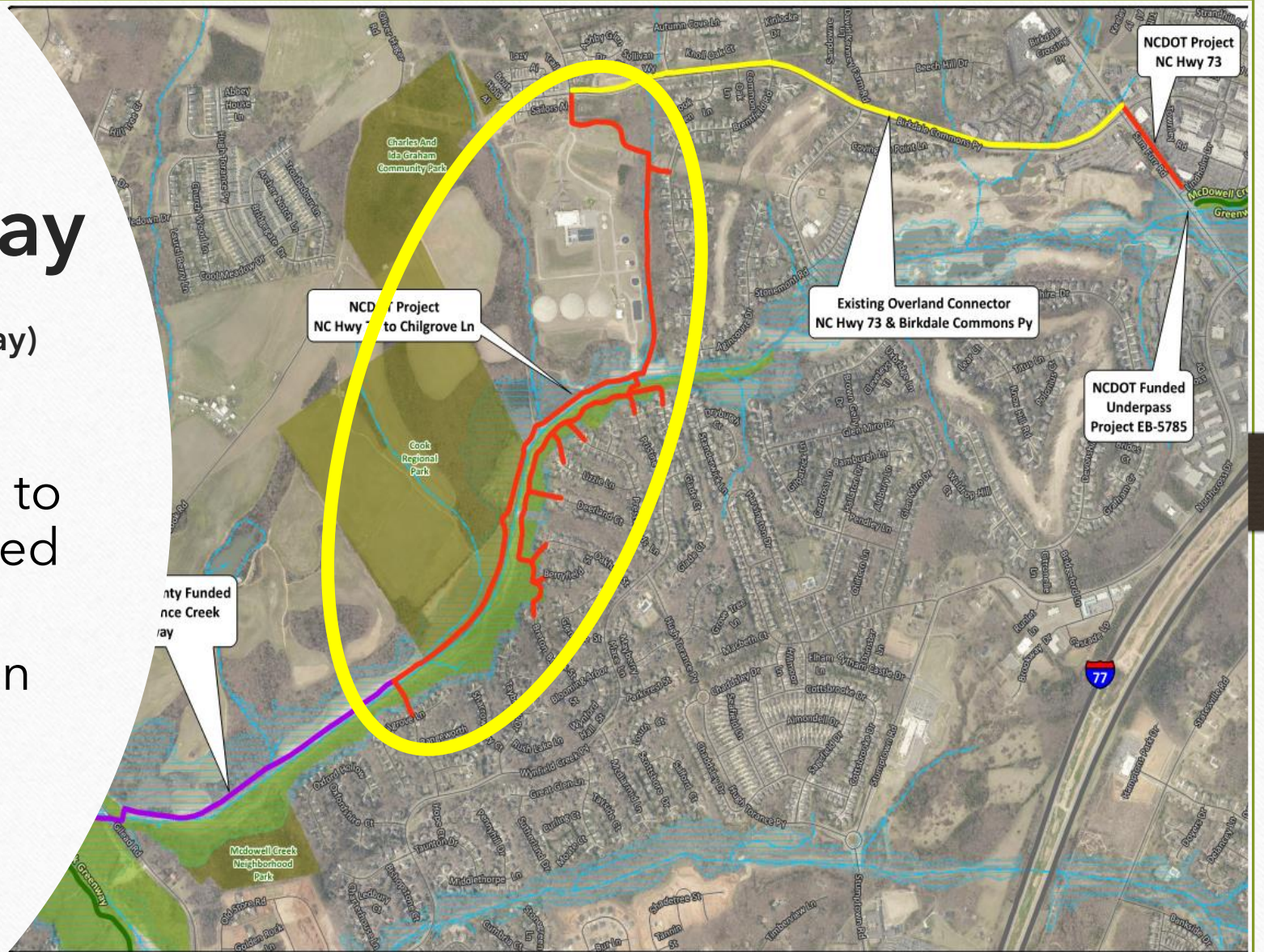
- CRTPO Discretionary Grant Project
- Currently in 30% design
- Approx 1.5 miles



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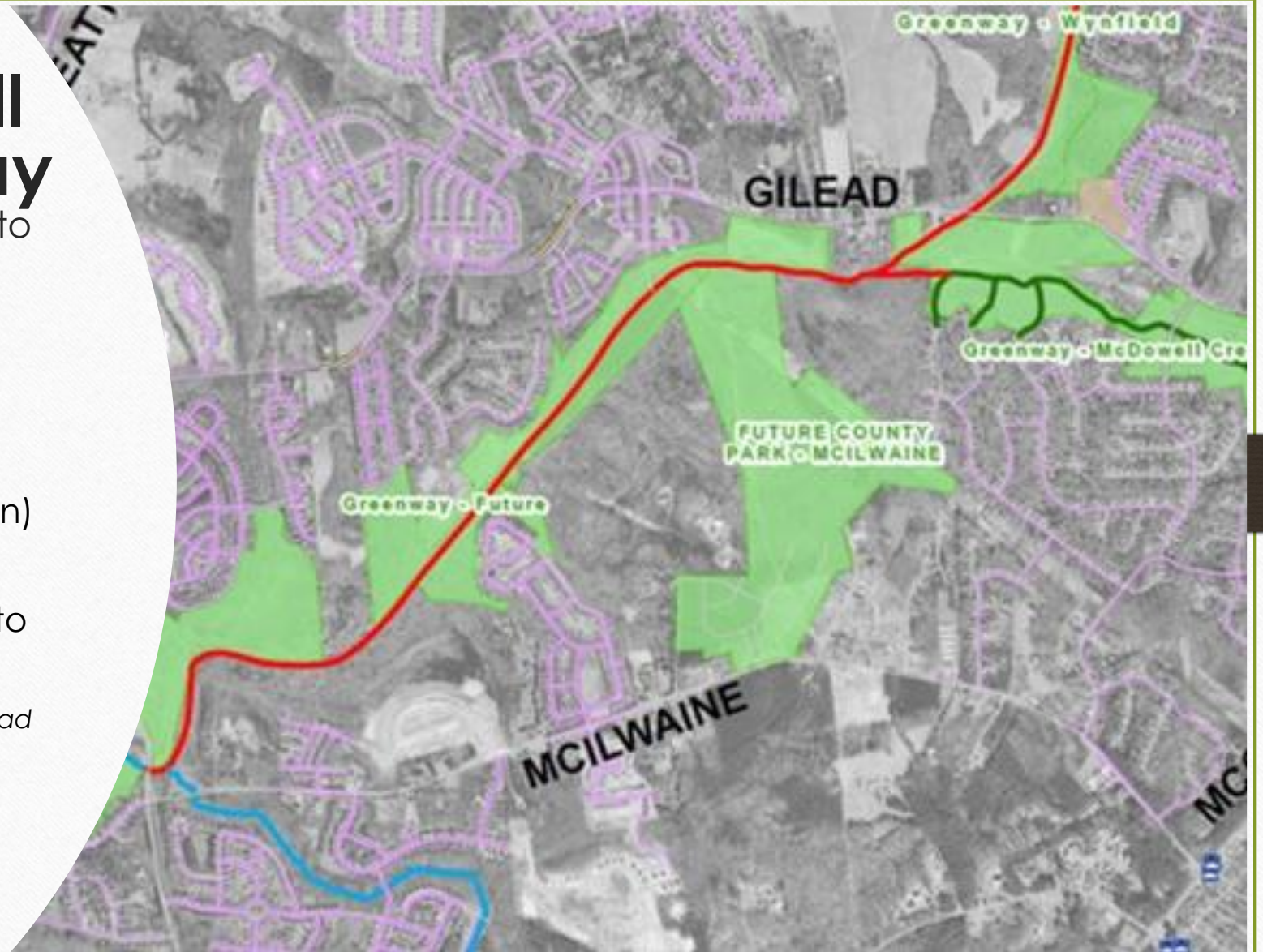
- Phase 2: Chilgrove Ln to NC 73 - Design, Funded by NCDOT
 - Under Construction



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. 2.5 miles (Gilead Trailhead Parking lot – Beatties Ford Rd.)



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





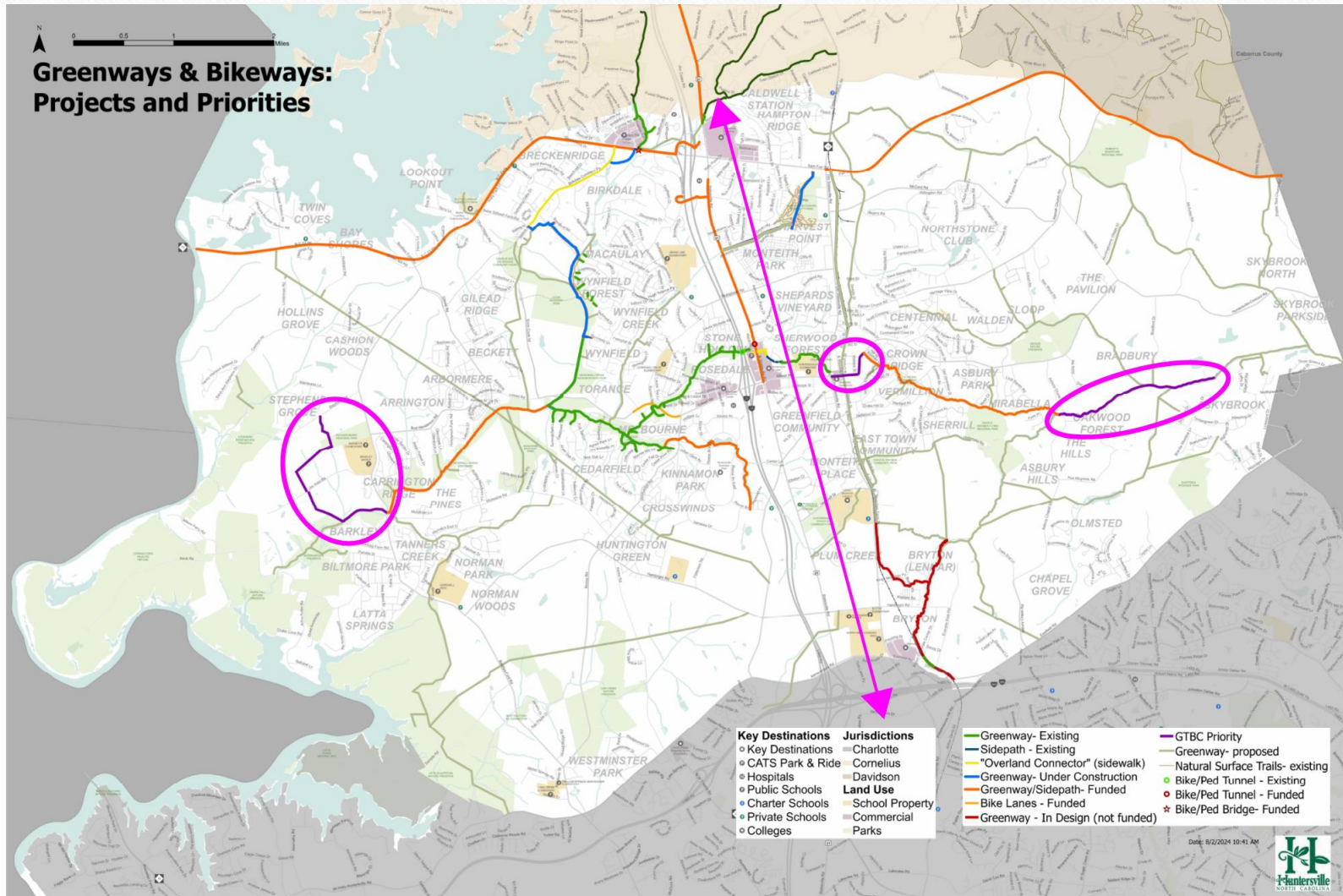
What's Next?

Goals for 2026



Continue to Focus on Connectivity

- **Our goal is to make Huntersville a connected, walkable, bikeable town by 2030.**
- **30 x 30 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



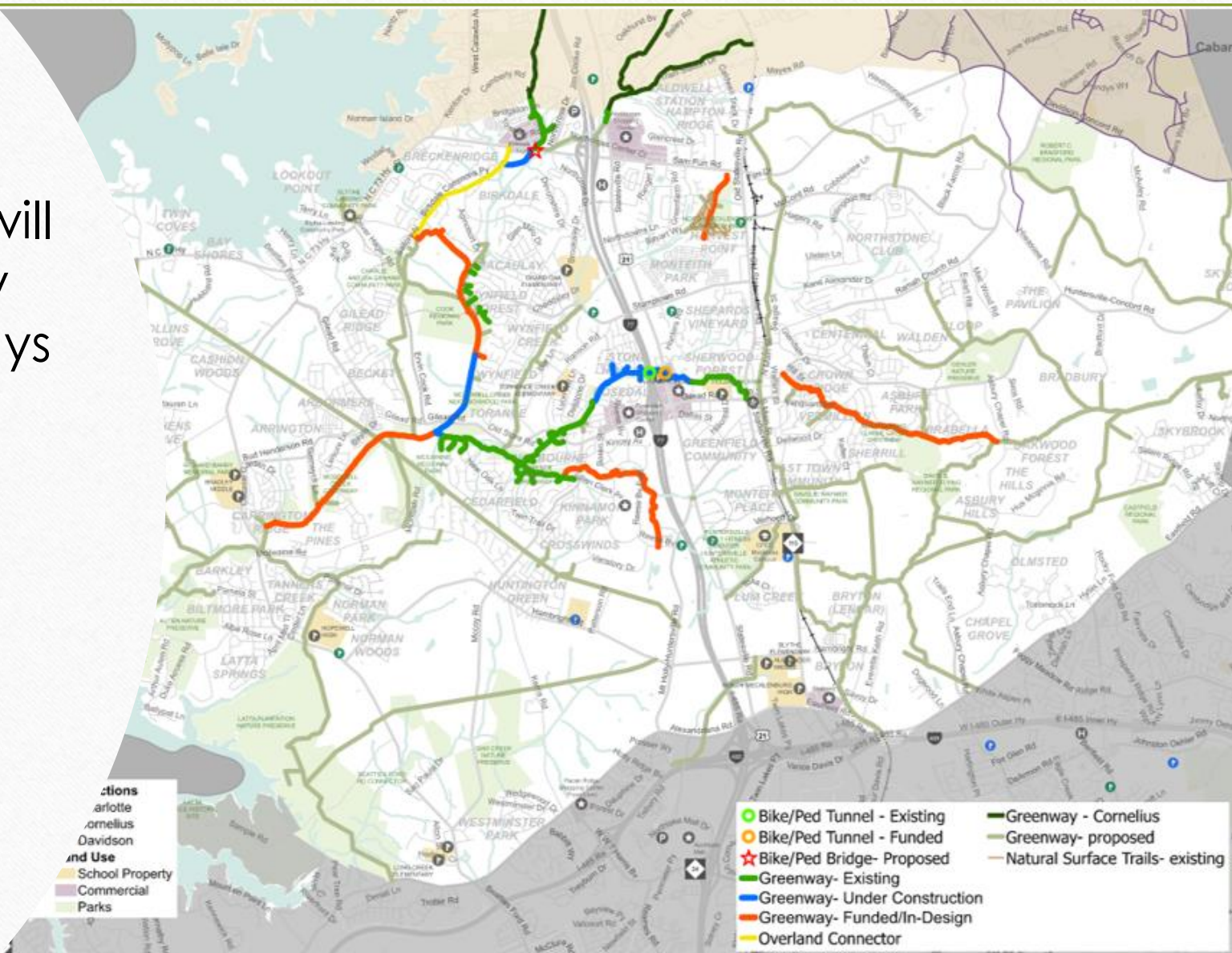
Continue to Focus on Priorities

- Connection to Skybrook
- Connection to Nature Preserves
- Downtown Connection
- North/South Connection
 - The Seam



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

Total of 15+ miles



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2026 MEETING DATES

TOWN HALL – ROOM 175 | 6:00 PM

- January 13
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December
 - *No meeting, end of year celebration*

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