



Azalea Road Project Lake Craig Flood Management



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Timeline

2015 JANUARY
Project complete

2014 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
Assembly of bridge
Sidewalk installation
Patching existing Azalea Road

2014 SPRING/SUMMER
Grading floodplain and bridge
construction begun

2014 FEBRUARY
Grading
Bridge abutments
Stream restoration

2013 JUNE 15
Begin construction

2013 MAY 21
Award construction contract

2013 MAY 9
Open construction bids

2013 MARCH 18
Final TRC approval

2013 FEBRUARY 6
Planning & Zoning Review
([minutes & audio recording](#))

2012 DECEMBER 7
Technical Review Committee
review

2012 OCTOBER 19
Last day to submit comments

2012 SEPTEMBER 25
[Environmental assessment](#)
completed.

2012 SEPTEMBER 4
Third community meeting

2012 MARCH 1
Second community meeting

What's happening now?

Work to upgrade the existing section of Azalea Road is ready to begin. Starting Monday, October 20, 2014, Azalea Road will be closed from the Gashes Creek Bridge to the first parking area for the soccer fields. The road will be reopened by Friday October 24. Emergency vehicles will have full access to the road as needed.

The project will involve milling out the existing asphalt, installation of a stone base to help with road stability and leveling of bumps in the road and then asphalt over the stone base. Keeping all unnecessary traffic off the surface will prevent degradation of the stone so it will provide a better and longer-lasting base for the final surface.

Why it's happening

Phase I of the Lake Craig / Azalea Road Improvements Project is an effort to better manage high water flood events and create new and improved infrastructure for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists at one of the City of Asheville's most popular park complexes. The \$3.7 million project [uses a mix of federal and state local funds](#) and will include:

- Much needed [flood control](#)
- Traffic signal and turn lane along NC 81 near the [WNC Nature Center, Recreation Park](#), and the [John B. Lewis Soccer Complex](#) (NCDOT project)
- Sidewalks along Swannanoa River Road, a bike path and road improvements along Azalea Road
- One-way road into the John B. Lewis Soccer Complex to improve safety

Supporting documents

[Environmental assessment](#)
[Aerial photo of proposed project](#)

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