Beaucatcher Greenway

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Timeline

1998 - Helen's Bridge saved from demolition. Community raised funds to prove bridge was structurally sound.

2007 - Trust for Public Lands, Buncombe County, PARTF, and private donations were used to acquire land for Overlook Park.

2008 -Greenways Master Plan adopted.

2009 - Beaucatcher Park and Greenway are included in the City Development Plan.

City Council approves land acquisition to create opportunity for overlook and park on the northern end of the greenway featuring Helen's Bridge.

2010 - City approves Beaucatcher Greenway in the 2010/2011 Capital Improvement Project Plan.

2012 - City enters into contract with Stewart to design Beaucatcher Greenway.

2013 – City Council approves land acquisition for an area that is located on the southern end of the greenway.

2015 – City Council approved Tourism Development Funds for this project. City holds 'Grilling on the Greenways'.

2016 – Public meeting to determine public support of project.

April 12, 2016 – City Council to hold public meeting to determine how project will move forward.

Questions about greenways may be submitted to:

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What's happening now

As the design stage progressed, opportunities for the public to share and receive information continued. On June 27, 2015, a "Grilling on Greenways" public meeting was held to gather input on planned greenway connections, including Beaucatcher Greenway. The last public meeting regarding the proposed Beaucatcher Greenway was an Open House held in March 2016. The Open House provided an opportunity for the public to 1) learn about the process which brought us to where we are today and 2) ask questions of City staff and the design team. Nearly 170 people attended that meeting.

City Council will discuss this project on April 12. If you have thoughts about the Beaucatcher section of the River to Ridge greenway network, we invite you to share them on Open City Hall. By sharing comments that can be viewed by others we have an opportunity to continue this ongoing community conversation. Input and feedback will be reported to City Council at their regularly scheduled April 12 meeting.

Background

The Beaucatcher Greenway project is part of the River-To-Ridge Connector, an initiative to link the French Broad River (River Arts District), Downtown Asheville, South Slope and Beaucatcher Overlook Park via a continuous multi-access greenway network. By connecting on-road bike lanes, sidewalks, and greenways, the River-To-Ridge Connector provides a continuous route from the riverfront to 30 acres of urban forest above McCormick Field and Memorial Stadium.

Supporting documents/Additional Info

Project web page
Map of Beaucatcher Greenway

Detail Trees Plot 1
Detail Trees Plot 2
Detail Trees Plot 3
Detail Memorial