

	Riverfront Projects			
	City of Asheville Projects	DATED APRIL 2016	All projects on this list - except those " on the radar" are funded and a part of the City of Asheville's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan or General Fund Budget.	
	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COMPONENTS	STATUS/PROGRESS MILESTONES
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION	RADTIP	<i>The River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP) implements the main concept from the Wilma Dykman RiverWay Master Plan, an urban riverfront parkway throughout Asheville. This project serves as the spine for all of the City's RAD investments, it improves the way people move through and around the district and provides an environment for private development in the RAD to thrive.</i>	The addition of the following components along a 2.2 existing roadway corridor: stormwater management system; bicycle facilities; pedestrian facilities; on street parking; streetscape; new Riverside Drive alignment that eliminates congestion and addresses safety at Lyman Street curve; additional clearance under railroad trestle bridge; and public art and historic interpretation of the region to create a better sense of place.	Public Art Master Plan Report and final greenway and streetscape plans to be finished in advance of Wilma Dykman Birthday Party on May 20 (4-6 pm Jean Webb Park). Application for grant funding for Clean Water Management Trust Fund(submitted in Feb) requires site visit by state on 5/11. City submitted application for \$350,000 of NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund first week of May. Land acquisition negotiations continue until June 2016. Field preconstruction activities to start this summer: clearing for Duke Energy Power pole relocation in July; utility relocation in August (Through late fall). Project construction from Spring 2017- to Fall 2019.
	Craven Street Improvements	<i>The Craven Street Improvement Project provides critical infrastructure improvements that insure economic viability for the former Stockyards area and implement the community's vision for a safer, greener riverfront.</i>	The rebuilding of Craven Street to modern standards including stormwater improvements, on street parking, transit shelters, bicycle lanes and sidewalk; the upgrading of .5 mile of city water line, and the development of the French Broad River Greenway trailhead with public parking for 85 vehicles.	Majority of project completed late last fall;final phase (greenway surface pour, trailhead build, bus shelter installation) was on hold until now/spring- expect occupancy on greenway in late May and completion of architectural portions of trailhead in August (steel on order). Plans for project completion celebrations with the public are under development. Private sector partner (New Belgium Brewing) opened Liquid Center (tap room + visitors center on May 2.
	Greenway Network	<i>The French Broad River Greenway Network provides a foundation for an urban bicycle and pedestrian system that connects people to jobs, activities, schools, and residences.</i>	The addition of the following sections of greenway: Town Branch Greenway, a 1.2 mile relatively flat paved trail with historic interpretation of key people and places in the Southside neighborhood in the 1960's, will connect the southern section of the RAD with the Southside community and the South Slope of downtown. Clingman Forest Greenway, a .5 mile boardwalk and paved trail through a hilly ravine featuring environmental interpretation of the regions flora and fauna, connects the north end of the RAD with WECAN and the western edge of Downtown. French Broad River Greenway (west bank sections), almost 2 miles of paved trail from an area north of New Belgium Brewing to the existing 3 miles of greenway, parks and outdoor recreation facilities along Amboy Road and beyond, provides a critical linkage in the City's most accessible and longest greenway. French Broad River Greenway east bank connection- 1 mile of greenway in the heart of the River Arts District between the Captain Bowen Bridge and the Arts and Culture Dispensary at 14 Riverside Drive.	Town Branch and Clingman Forest Greenways construction drawings need additional attention to bring to Project Spec +Engineering level. Staff will manage work on this task in May. City staff working with Duke Energy to secure lease of thier property for French Broad River Greenway West Bank (section two). Engineering on that greenway will be finished in June.

		<i>Building on the work of the Clingman Avenue Streetscape Project, these improvements will also providing safe walking options into and out of the RAD</i>	Haywood Road Sidewalk - from Craven Street to Beecham's Curve in W. Asheville. Project includes construction of a new 6 foot wide sidewalk in areas where there is no existing sidewalk. Incorporation of metal artwork in sidewalk as requested by neighborhood. Livingston Street Complete Streets- addition of bicycle lanes and sidewalk and other transportation improvements from southern section of Depot Street to intersection of Livingston Street and Victoria Road.	Haywood Road Sidewalk projected to be complete Spring 2016. Livingston Street design will be 100% engineered by June. Rapid flashing beacons and new mid-block crosswalk at Amboy Road River Park to be installed in April.
CLEAN ENVIRONMENT	Clean + Accessible River	<i>Maintaining and improving water quality in the French Broad River; and helping get people next to, into, and around the river itself.</i>	Penland Creek Restoration, Stormwater BMPS, River Access	Project via partnership with RiverLink at Amboy Road River Park complete (step river access). Repair of Jean Webb river access complete for 2016 summer season. Permitting for construction of boat ramp on east side of riverfront, south of Craven St. Bridge, and for new replacement river access at Jean Webb expected this fall; construction could occur in November. Staff holding a drop in info and input session regarding riverfront recreation opportunities at the next Open Office Hours (April 21, 3-5 pm, 6th floor of City Hall).
QUALITY DEVELOPMENT	Arts and Culture Dispensary	<i>The Arts and Culture Dispensary renovates a historic building into a place where visitors to the district can find out what's happening, how to get around, and get a taste of Asheville's arts and culture scene</i>	The renovation of an 1800 square foot building and surrounding site to include: public restrooms; reserved area for future bicycle rental or bike share station; building signage/visitor information display; flex space for gallery and/or performance space; deck area parking lot for 35 vehicles; streetside trolley drop-off ; bicycle racks to support 10 bicycles	On track for BID solicitation April 2016. City will work on RFP for lease to private or not for profit in spring with release in summer; expected occupancy in October 2016.
	Form Based Development Code		Creation of new development code for greater River Arts District	First draft code released in March 2016. Public meeting, advisory board, and stakeholder groups reviewed first draft in detail April 7-8. Public participation providing timely and useful input. Official public comment period open until end of April. Synthesis of comments and additional analysis results in draft 2 of code in August.
	Recreation and Cultural Facilities	<i>Improvements to and Expansion of the City's recreation facilities in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway area.</i>	Improvements to Carrier Park on French Broad; Improvements to Azalea (Recreation) Park and the Municipal Golf Course along the Swannanoa.	City investing in renovations to multipurpose building (restrooms, concessions, etc) at Carrier Park/Velodrome. Repair to in line rink and lawn bowling court at Carrier scheduled for later this year. WNC Nature Center improvements moving ahead. See Clean and Accessible River, above, for river access information.
	Redevelopment of City owned Property on Riverside Drive		Releasing an RFQ for perspective developers to create 300,000 to 1,000,00 square feet of new mixed use construction on property located between 6 and 99 Riverside Drive.	Future project. Continued private sector interest. Council goals could include affordable housing, parking, support for arts and culture and economic development. Council may wish to engage with staff on a review of Riverside Drive Development Plan findings after construction of the RADTIP has broke ground, in preparation of a later RFQ consideration.
	Redevelopment of City owned Property at Parks Maintenance	redeveloping City owned land at northeastern gateway of RAD to support mixed income or affordable housing	Rezoning and community engagement. Relocation of Parks Maintenance division to former Armory on Shelbourne road; RFQ process for developer; Council approval of development plan. Construction.	Request for Qualifications for interested developers to be released by third week in May.
	Equity and Alternatives to Gentrification		Creation of strategies that follow up on Neighborhood Scenario Planning and Alternatives to Gentrification Report for the East of the Riverway neighborhoods.	Equitable Development Report issued to public. City exploring economic impact analysis of RAD redevelopment to aid in partnership to train Asheville residents for direct and indirect jobs created by projects. Council has proposed a new FTE position for FY 2017 that would focus on city wide equity issues.

	<i>On the Radar -These are proposals or ideas, not funded by the city at this point.</i>			
			Partnership to Restore Thomas Wolfe Cabin at Azalea Park	Preservation Society, City of Asheville staff exploring partnership.
			Regional Flood Hazard Mitigation Project on Swannanoa River	Developing a partnership to implement the next project to mitigate flood impact: Warren Wilson, City of Asheville, Buncombe County, USACE, FEMA.
			Extension of French Broad Riverfront Greenway to Bent Creek and beyond.	Fundraising by Friends of Connect Buncombe. NCDOT leading feasibility as part of I-26 project. County led/County held public meeting in March. This greenway would extend through the Bent Creek property now owned by Buncombe County.
			Swannanoa Corridor greenway section feasibility (east Asheville)	Staff working with community groups/NGOs to develop funding plan.
			Whitewater Park Feature	Individuals interested in championing the concept are looking to form an organization that can partner with community- see notes on public engagement under Clean + Accessible River.

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