

Riverfront Projects			
City of Asheville Projects	DATED NOVEMBER 2015	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
Construction Activities			
<i>RADTIP</i>	<i>The River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP) is the first piece of an urban, multimodal riverfront parkway in Asheville. This project serves as the spine for all of the City's RAD innovation district improvements; 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.	Majority of engineering done and CEs are 80% complete. Land acquisition has started. The team leading the Public Art plan has been formed (led by Meg Williams from the Asheville Design Center) and will begin work in 2016 with the help of an advisory Committee. Streetscape plan being developed, guided by public input from September meeting. Developing partnerships that will ensure continued sustainable funding plan. Additional public engagement will happen in summer 2016 to 1)provide info on final project details and 2) get input on construction mitigation planning. Utility relocation to occur in fall 2016, construction from Spring 2017- to Fall 2019.
<i>Clean +Accessible River</i>	<i>Maintaining and improving water quality in the French Broad River; and helping get people next to, into, and around the river itself.</i>	The addition of the following components along the French Broad River between Carrier Park and Pearson Bridge: 3 acres of new riverfront green space in RAD; new boat ramps and parking at Amboy Road and at Craven Street; improvement to existing Jean Webb Park river access facilities; improvement to Pearson Bridge river access facilities; constructed wetlands in two riverfront areas of the RAD; stream restoration of Penland Creek through the New Belgium Brewing site, stormwater bmps on Craven Street.	Stream restoration at Craven (Penland Creek) is completed. Parks and Recreation staff partnering with RiverLink to build (steps) river access at Amboy Road Park east. City design partnership with Wildlife Resources Commission to create two boat ramps (at Craven Street, east bank in FY 16-17, and Amboy Road River Park west section in FY 17-18-) and reconstruct the Jean Webb (step) access in 2016/17. TPDF 2015 request for funding partnership on pedestrian connections for Amboy river access project with RiverLink was funded.
<i>Craven Street Improvements</i>	<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 addition of the following along or near Craven Street: .5 mile of new industrial water line, .5 mile of street rerouting and reconstruction to include bicycle lanes, on street parking and a sidewalk; transit stop; greenway trailhead; public parking (surface) lot for 85 vehicles.	Majority of project completed. Work on the City's greenway section was delayed due to issues with the site as a brownfield. Issues resolved, and final paving of the greenway is expected at beginning of next construction season/March 2016. French Broad River Trailhead plans complete, installation expected March 2016
<i>Greenway Network</i>	<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; Clingman Forest Greenway, a .5 mile boardwalk and paved trail through a hilly ravine featuring environmental interpretation of the regions flora and fauna; French Broad River Greenway west bank section, 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; French Broad River Greenway east bank connection- 1 mile of art infused greenway in the heart of the River Arts District between the Captain Bowen Bridge and the Arts and Culture Dispensary at 14 Riverside Drive.	Next public meeting for FBRG west bank section 2 expected in January. C +E drawings finished by March. TPDF 2015 awarded funds for Beaucatcher (serves as the upper section of the River to Ridge trail) and pledged future funds as strategic priority for FBRG west section2 (award considered by TDA in Feb 2016). Land Acquisition finished for Town Branch and Clingman, underway for French Broad River west bank (Duke) and east bank (RADTIP).

*NOTE: PED Committee has requested budget information be included on this report. Most of these projects are still in the design phase of development. Once the design is complete, staff will add the cost.

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	City is under contract with Mathews to address preconstruction issues. on track for construction starting in March 2016. Working to RFP for lease to private or not for profit that in summer, occupancy in October 2016.
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Transportation Connections	<i>The Transportation Connections Project addresses gaps in transportation needs and builds important facilities that make the River Arts District an attractive place to live, work and play.</i>	The addition of the following components in and around the River Arts District: Creation of 25 on street parking spaces on Depot Street; creation of bicycle lanes and sidewalk on Haywood Road to Craven Street; creation of wayfinding and building of on street connections between off road greenway pieces; building of a roundabout at the 5 points intersection to improve traffic flow, safety, wayfinding; complete streets re-build of Livingston Street (River Arts District to Hospital District).	Well attended public Meeting at Grant Center on September 3rd for the Livingston Street Project (extending multimodal and safety improvements from 372 Depot down Livingston to Victoria/Mission/High School. Public comment #1 for Livingston St. closed at the end of October and the design process continues . The greenway connectors project planning will begin next spring. Staff analysis recommended to continue two way traffic on Clingman extension.
Recreation and Cultural Facilities	<i>Improvements to and Expansion of the City's recreation facilities in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway area.</i>	Rebuilding the Velodrome at Carrier Park on French Broad; Renovation of the soccer fields at Azalea Park along the Swannanoa;	2015 TPDF application ask to support Velodrome rebuild project was unsuccessful; ABYSA received award for City soccer fields at Azalea (John B Lewis) and in other areas.
Non-Construction Activities			
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.
Form Based Development Code		Creation of new development code for greater River Arts District	Charette report delivered to staff for review in September. Public comment on concepts ended on November 16th and a draft code will be released in January/Feb with more public engagement to follow. Request to AARRC from Mr. Jerry Sternberg to remove large amount of property from rezoning area. AARRC to consider in 2016.
Equitable Development Strategies		Creation of strategies that follow up on Neighborhood Scenario Planning and Alternatives to Gentrification Report for the East of the Riverway neighborhoods.	US EPA and City hosted general public meeting on July 16 with a smaller workshop on the 17th for developers and leads of neighborhood orgs. Report due back to community in January, with recommendations for community. City exploring economic impact analysis of RAD redevelopment to aid in partnership to train Asheville residents for direct and indirect jobs created by projects.
On the Radar		These are proposals or ideas, not funded by the city at this point.	
		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 involved. AARRC receiving update at today's meeting
		Swannanoa Corridor greenway section feasibility (east Asheville)	No update since last meeting.