

## Asheville's Greenways & Multi-Modal Downtown Greenway Connectors

For our local Asheville purposes, a Downtown Greenway Connector is a complete and multi-modal street with improved bicycle and pedestrian ways which runs through our downtown street system to connect greenway trailheads at the edges of downtown.

The city's greenways follow its natural and historic waterways and, in the case of the Beaucatcher Mountain Greenway, its natural and historic Blue Ridge topography.

An example is the use of Lexington Avenue to connect the south end of the Reed Creek Greenway through downtown to the east end of the Town Branch Greenway and the south, or Memorial Stadium, end of the Beaucatcher Greenway. Another example would be the use of College Street and Patton Avenue to connect the north, or Helen's Bridge, end of the Beaucatcher Greenway with the north, or Hilliard Avenue, end of the Clingman Forest Greenway as well as with a new Greenway leading to the Captain Jeffrey Bowen Bridge as part of the I-26 Connector Project. A third example would be the use of Depot Street in the River Arts District to connect the south, or Little Big Lane, junction of the Clingman Forest Greenway with the Depot Street junction of the Town Branch Greenway.

As a consequence of NCDOT's welcome selection of Alternative 4B for the I-26 Connector Project, the liberation of the Captain Jeffrey Bowen Bridge from I-240 traffic, and its decision to include a major greenway at this location, and the potential characters of downtown's Patton Avenue and College Street, this combination of streets is recommended as the major multi-modal and complete east-west boulevard through downtown, and serve also as a greenway connector.

Downtown Greenway Connectors fit within complete multi-modal streets and do not pose major additional costs beyond improved bike lanes, sidewalks, wayfinding signs or markers and unique pavement materials, colors and textures.

In combination with the Greenways themselves, the Connectors express the innovative spirit of Asheville by linking the natural beauty of Greenways with the astonishing urbane vitality of downtown Asheville.

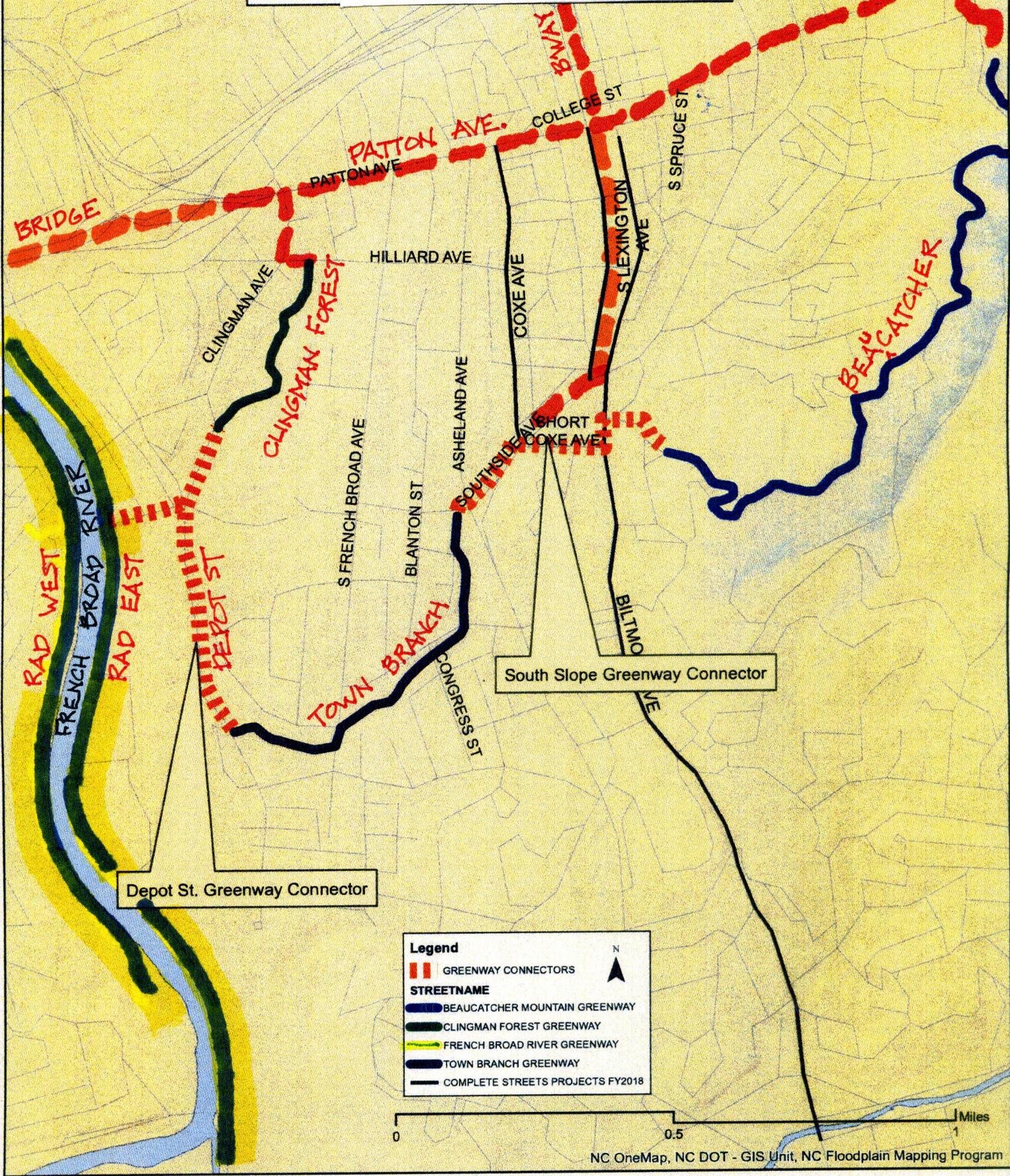
They are also Green Streets and Green Infrastructure opportunities at the center of the city.

"A Green Street is an integrated approach to maximize the opportunities for natural water infiltration and eliminate runoff; increase the number of street trees and improve planting conditions to ensure healthy tree and plant growth and life; create aesthetically pleasing streets that are safe and accessible for pedestrians, vehicular and bicyclists while increasing the biofilic qualities of our built environment." - Alta Planning & Design


**ASHEVILLE'S GREENWAYS**  
 &  
**MULTI-MODAL GREENWAY CONNECTORS**

REED CREEK

TUNNEL



Depot St. Greenway Connector

South Slope Greenway Connector

**Legend**

-  GREENWAY CONNECTORS
- STREETNAME**
-  BEAUCATCHER MOUNTAIN GREENWAY
-  CLINGMAN FOREST GREENWAY
-  FRENCH BROAD RIVER GREENWAY
-  TOWN BRANCH GREENWAY
-  COMPLETE STREETS PROJECTS FY2018

