

## FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR GREENWAY PROJECTS

Proposed policy: The city should strive to have greenway projects in every phase of development. The initial feasibility stage is the least costly and most important as regards development impacts. The city should seek to fund feasibility studies on another 1-3 greenways on the Master Plan (at least) within the current 5 year CIP.

- The city should be aware that private partnerships, funding and grant opportunities can come unexpectedly. It should seek those opportunities but also strive to have greenway projects in **all** phases of planning (if not shovel-ready) that can be good fits for those types of outside funding.
- Given the long lead time to bring greenways from conception to completion and the irregularity of funding, the city stands to reach the end of the current 5-year CIP without a greenway near construction phase. This will cause the city to miss funding opportunities (such as TPDF and future TIGER)
- The pace of Asheville's growth means new development projects are impinging on possible greenway paths, making them more expensive and difficult. A good example is the Stoner Ave. apartments approved near Biltmore Village on future Swannanoa River Greenway. It will be helpful to have more detail about greenways paths sooner rather than later, so they can be considered as part of a proposed project.