



# East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Survey

June-July, 2022

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please review the "East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Community Meeting Display" when answering these questions.

Roanoke County staff began working in 2013 on the "Original Greenway Concept," with the greenway located closer to the Roanoke River to reduce impacts to property owners. This concept can no longer be built as shown because of a change in regulations that requires the greenway to have no steeper than five percent grade, or slope, to provide a better experience for users with disabilities. This concept is also expected to flood every year.

The "Proposed Greenway Concept" is located at a higher elevation which is unlikely to flood, and will meet the new grade requirements which results in the greenway having fewer steep sections. Two optional bridges are also shown as part of this concept.

We appreciate your thoughts on the "Proposed Greenway Concept" and optional bridges. Please complete the survey by July 15th.

**1. What is your name?**

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**2. What is your address?**

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**3. Do you use any of the greenways in the Roanoke Valley?**

Yes  No

**4. What is your opinion about the Proposed Greenway Concept?**

Strongly agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

**5. How could the Proposed Greenway Concept be changed to improve it?**

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**6. What is your opinion about the proposed Bridge Option A?**

Strongly agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

## 7. What is your opinion about the proposed Bridge Option B?

Strongly agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly disagree  No opinion

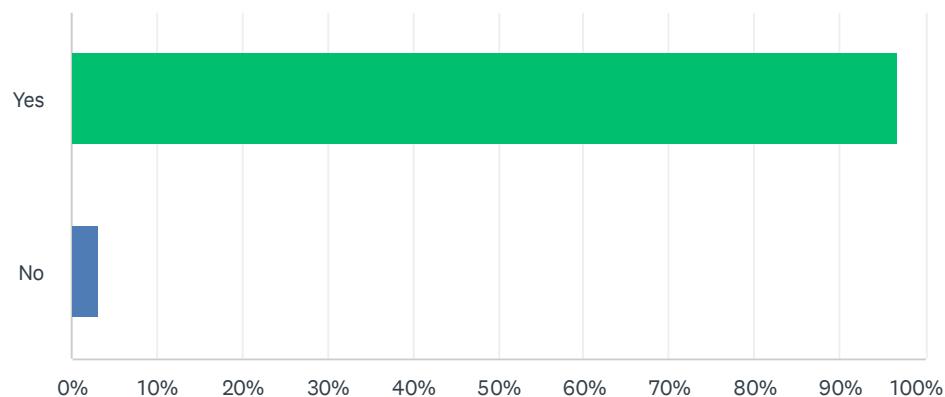
**8. Please share any other thoughts**

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## Q3 Do you use any of the greenways in the Roanoke Valley?

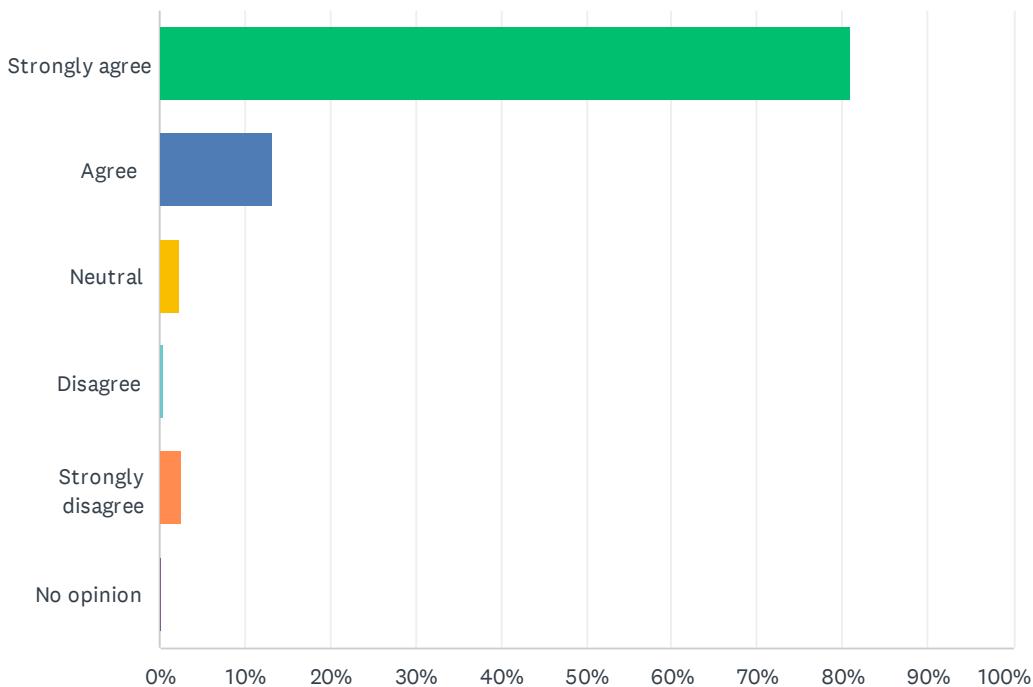
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.84%	368
No	3.16%	12
TOTAL		380

## Q4 What is your opinion about the Proposed Greenway Concept?

Answered: 381 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	81.10%	309
Agree	13.12%	50
Neutral	2.36%	9
Disagree	0.52%	2
Strongly disagree	2.62%	10
No opinion	0.26%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>381</b>

## Q5 How could the Proposed Greenway Concept be changed to improve it?

Answered: 189 Skipped: 192

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I much prefer the new routing proposal, I only wish that it could be built and open for use sooner	7/25/2022 9:30 AM
2	Informing others about transportation not by car.	7/15/2022 10:53 PM
3	Widen and lengthen the path wherever possible	7/15/2022 8:57 PM
4	The more Greenway connecting the surrounding areas to downtown and places of work the better.	7/15/2022 7:03 PM
5	Na	7/15/2022 5:28 PM
6	It looks great! So excited to see this and looking forward to using the extended greenway!	7/15/2022 3:58 PM
7	The bridges seem unnecessary. This greenway connection is plenty long already; making it a little longer to avoid the cost of 2 bridges seems like the smart investment to me.	7/15/2022 3:50 PM
8	No input	7/15/2022 3:41 PM
9	Have benches at various points to allow a person a place to rest. What measures are being considered for security in more remote areas of the proposed greenway? Lighting, etc? Police patrol?	7/15/2022 3:41 PM
10	Security in remote areas. Sufficient parking at starting points. Benches where needed.	7/15/2022 3:39 PM
11	There are plenty of Greenway miles that are flat. If having some areas with steeper slopes reduces the cast I am for that. There are many areas now that do not meet ADA. Switch backs at Waste Water and many more.	7/15/2022 2:42 PM
12	Unsure but I love the idea.	7/15/2022 8:27 AM
13	Accelerate it	7/15/2022 7:44 AM
14	Take the greenway through Explore Park.	7/15/2022 6:04 AM
15	N.a	7/15/2022 5:13 AM
16	It would be nice if the Greenway was closer to the river in the vicinity of the dam and the Parkway. I suppose the Parkway hasn't been very cooperative?	7/15/2022 12:08 AM
17	the more greenway the better.	7/14/2022 11:06 PM
18	As this section of the proposed greenway extension is several miles from the nearest water fountain (Piedmont park), I'd like to see a permanent water fountain installed. For runners, walkers, and cyclists traversing this section, it would be great to have water access prior to making the climb up to explore park.	7/14/2022 10:06 PM
19	the only song comment is the dangerous conflict that's created by the mixed use of cyclists traveling at HIGH speeds and the slower pedestrian traffic. Compare a slow moving horse drawn carriage on an interstate highway. 10 mph traffic and 65 mph are a disaster waiting to happen. Same concept on the greenway. As such I have greatly curtailed our family's and friends use of the greenway after being involved in multiple mishaps with cyclists. One simple and straightforward suggestion for a shared greenway could be that bikes are limited to a certain time of day.	7/14/2022 6:05 PM
20	It looks to be a good replacement plan based on the changes in what is required.	7/14/2022 4:07 PM
21	Put it on the other side of the river (or don't build it at all) between the tracks and the river so it does not disturb peoples' property or the caves or the many animals that rely on the river on this side. If it can't be moved, then best not to build it at all.	7/14/2022 4:04 PM

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22	New bridges and opportunities to avoid flooding should greatly benefit the greenways	7/14/2022 3:20 PM
23	I am unsure.	7/14/2022 3:18 PM
24	N/A	7/14/2022 2:52 PM
25	Build it.	7/14/2022 2:23 PM
26	Add a narrow kayak concrete in/out-portage before dam. More metal trash cans!!!	7/14/2022 11:00 AM
27	Don't have it cross the street at Spruce Ave. just to have it cross back at 16th St. Instead have it stay on the north side with a mid-block crossing to Golden Park.	7/14/2022 10:10 AM
28	Find a way to allow the path to more easily follow the topography of the land. Rules about inclines for pathways don't make sense when the pathway is in a mountainous region. I know you all didn't make the rules; I just hope there is a way to find a way around them, so that the paths can be accessible but still true to the area.	7/14/2022 8:42 AM
29	No opinion	7/13/2022 7:21 PM
30	Niagra Dam viewpoints identified and prioritized, along with other points of interest.	7/13/2022 2:07 PM
31	Good stuff! Keep at it.	7/13/2022 1:49 PM
32	Not sure yet. Need to review maps from June meeting. I have looked at it.	7/13/2022 12:34 PM
33	Provide a side trail to the base of Niagra Dam for river access and portages.	7/13/2022 11:39 AM
34	N/a	7/12/2022 7:44 PM
35	All of it paved, multiple places with access.	7/12/2022 7:23 PM
36	No opinion	7/12/2022 6:05 PM
37	It could be enhanced and promoted as an important cultural amenity of the Roanoke Valley	7/12/2022 5:03 PM
38	Like as is. Good idea to reduce likelihood of flooding as much as possible	7/12/2022 4:53 PM
39	Possibly have a dedicated bike lane on either side	7/12/2022 4:40 PM
40	clean up the river banks	7/12/2022 2:56 PM
41	The new proposed route looks great.	7/12/2022 2:51 PM
42	Remove greenway access off of Underhill Ave. This part of Underhill Ave is state maintained (poorly), has blind spots (dangerous). No mowing has been done this year.	7/12/2022 1:32 PM
43	Although I was unable to attend the meeting - just getting any option to move forward is an improvement! Great work putting this together - I choose the option that is the most practical and has the fewest hurdles!	7/12/2022 12:45 PM
44	It could be completed	7/12/2022 10:36 AM
45	Connection of greenway to EP should be made with as minimal environmental impact as possible while ensuring completion.	7/12/2022 9:51 AM
46	Please keep some of the natural surface trails (gravel etc) in the area of the former landfill. They would be excellent for running and cycling.	7/12/2022 5:51 AM
47	Split the difference between the current proposal and the old one OR coordinate with the town of Vinton to build on the other side of the river. Ultimately, reduce the amount of land being seized from private owners and maximize distance between the greenway and private residences. Also, build a sufficient layer of fencing between the greenway and the private property. The neighborhood is currently peaceful, but several homeless people are known to live under the bridge on the existing greenway and in the "existing cave". On rare occasion these people have ventured up the hill from the river and into people's sheds or houses even without a paved pathway from the cave into our yards. I am sincerely concerned that paving a path through the back-yards of the neighborhood; without a sufficient fence, is an open invitation for the wandering homeless to help themselves into our sheds and basements, causing unnecessary conflict and concern for safety. The majority of "serious crime" that I have been aware of since moving to Roanoke has involved unknown parties on a stretch of the greenway, at night. So, while I am excited about better connectivity and easier access to the greenway	7/12/2022 4:12 AM

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from home; given this stigma associated with it, bringing the greenway into my neighborhood is something that causes me some level of anxiety for the continued safety and peacefulness of my neighborhood.

48	Don't do it.	7/11/2022 6:49 PM
49	Closer to River to reduce cost	7/11/2022 11:53 AM
50	connect the salem and roanoke greenways ASAP- don't care how its done it just needs to happen.	7/11/2022 10:15 AM
51	Minimize encroachment into private properties. Designing with security and privacy in mind along with maintaining access to river by property owners, ie, privacy gates or other design features.	7/11/2022 9:24 AM
52	Connect all Sections	7/10/2022 8:06 PM
53	I think that this plan has a much smarter for environmental sustainability in the long term, as opposed to the existing Roanoke River greenway. I'm not sure if I agree with the fencing present in the diagram - it could possibly restrict animal populations. I would consider creating a bioswale with a focus on infiltration in the ditch located in the diagram.	7/10/2022 7:38 PM
54	Equitable use should be prioritized, making sure steep areas have flat wheelchair and stroller resting spots incrementally. Shade & occasional benches/water sources are also important to consider to promote use and encourage safety.	7/10/2022 12:33 PM
55	I'd like to see a report on the environmental impact of the proposed route and what steps are being taken to reduce ecological impact - not just that engineers are adhering to minimum erosion specs.	7/10/2022 12:12 PM
56	No comment. Concept looks good overall.	7/10/2022 10:02 AM
57	Make accessible to as many abilities as possible, avoid flooding, keep close in distance to where people live, offer paths for walking/running and for biking	7/10/2022 7:42 AM
58	Safety as priority. Before funding or groundbreak- would recommend funding/plan in place for police on bicycle patrol on the trail. Sadly, we do have serious problems with crime. As inflation and a recession looming crime will get more serious. Additionally, if this greenway would encourage tourists then we must provide them security to use of the greenway and ability to advertise this resource as such.	7/9/2022 11:28 PM
59	Include as many native trees shrubs grasses as possible in the landscape plans.	7/9/2022 10:39 PM
60	I like the proposed concept.	7/9/2022 8:07 PM
61	No change	7/9/2022 12:11 PM
62	Not sure	7/9/2022 7:02 AM
63	More parking.	7/8/2022 8:38 PM
64	Extending the greenway to a higher elevation to make it handicapped accessible would be nice as long as it maintains its secluded quality of a green space through way. And keeping the natural, native, plants as close as possible is a must.	7/8/2022 7:21 PM
65	Ensure sufficient space for both pedestrian and bicycle users.	7/8/2022 7:18 PM
66	Looked over the plans, and I'd be delighted with the planned expansion of the trail. Yes, raise money for the section from after the Water Treatment Plant, around the steep hill and on towards Vinton.	7/8/2022 7:02 PM
67	The overall RR Greenway project through Salem would be vastly improved if Salem City reverted back to a town. Roanoke County could then complete the proposed greenway(s) expeditiously and professionally.	7/8/2022 6:36 PM
68	Right now, the Underhill improvements should be first priority, allowing better access to the existing segment to Fallon Park. It's too bad the 5% slope requirement would likely remove the Greenway from views of the river- is this a requirement of the funding authorities?	7/8/2022 5:47 PM
69	Based on how well the existing greenways are designed, I trust your judgement better than mine. I do like the idea of using signage to educate users about waste water treatment plant,	7/8/2022 4:26 PM

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dam, and landfill.

70	Looks great, thank you for taking accessibility into account.	7/8/2022 4:22 PM
71	It could get completed.	7/8/2022 4:19 PM
72	Whatever concept can build the longest connected greenway without utilizing road detours is best. This brings more commerce to less centrally located neighborhoods and businesses. And gives our city a more desireable landscape. I am confused if this new plan requires greenway closures and rebuilds. If it does then I would be against it. Flooding can be costly which is negative but bridge closures due to nature are part of the process of connecting to natures ever changing landscape.	7/8/2022 4:05 PM
73	Expand to areas north of downtown	7/8/2022 3:31 PM
74	Build it sooner	7/8/2022 3:18 PM
75	No suggested improvements	7/8/2022 3:16 PM
76	I'd love to see a reroute so the hill on Underhill Ave. is bypassed.	7/8/2022 3:10 PM
77	Overlooks to view the river in places	7/8/2022 3:09 PM
78	I dislike moving the greenway further away from the river. Anywhere it is elevated there should still be ways to access the water along this path where possible.	7/8/2022 3:06 PM
79	None	7/8/2022 3:04 PM
80	Great plan! It would be amazing to have it all connected.	7/8/2022 2:30 PM
81	Remove all greenways	7/8/2022 2:19 PM
82	No improvement needed.	7/8/2022 1:55 PM
83	Sorry, I have not studied the concept enough to make any educated comments.	7/8/2022 1:11 PM
84	Sooner is better. Ensure that subgrade preparation eliminates tree roots to avoid eventual upheavals. Widened or separate pavement areas at logical scenic stops, to encourage enjoyment of scenery without causing undue congestion. One or more drinking water stations would be appreciated, if water supply can be arranged.	7/8/2022 12:43 PM
85	Control the invasive plants that border the trail.	7/8/2022 12:18 PM
86	Connect to the overlook near Bridge on blue Ridge Parkway	7/8/2022 12:15 PM
87	no changes needed	7/8/2022 11:57 AM
88	I would like you to remove the blind curve and extremely steep hill be the sewerage treatment plant first and then jump to the Explore Park additions.	7/8/2022 11:54 AM
89	I have no suggestions.	7/8/2022 11:32 AM
90	The sooner it is completed the better!	7/8/2022 10:48 AM
91	Good proposal.	7/8/2022 10:11 AM
92	I think this would be perfect	7/8/2022 10:00 AM
93	Keep coming out to Daleville and Fincastle	7/8/2022 9:24 AM
94	Add Art	7/8/2022 9:07 AM
95	Fund it, these kinds of things bring young professionals, companies and jobs to the area	7/8/2022 8:38 AM
96	I would rather it be allowed to have a > 5% grade, but I understand the law's intent.	7/8/2022 8:26 AM
97	It seems as though you all have fully discussed impacts and ways to make it available to all people. Safety is of course the biggest concern. Keeping it maintained is most important. And I like that you have decided to keep it from flooding. So not always close to the river which will rage now and then. Keeping maintenance cost down by moving it to a slightly higher elevation is wise.	7/8/2022 8:24 AM
98	Defer to Pete	7/8/2022 8:19 AM

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99	Get moving on it.	7/8/2022 6:36 AM
100	Love the plans now	7/8/2022 6:34 AM
101	Access to Niagara Dam, an overlook, perhaps.	7/8/2022 6:26 AM
102	I think it looks like a great concept.	7/8/2022 6:07 AM
103	Build it faster.	7/8/2022 4:11 AM
104	I'm a huge fan of the greenway system - I would LOVE to see it expanded through the entire region and to turn the city into a Denmark like biking/walking/people 'utopia'. My only suggestion for this concept would be maybe marking the 10' pathway with clear separation of biking and walking lanes. This might be nice as it becomes more popular. I think the design looks good and hopefully the greenway can expand even more - I really like this feature about this city!	7/8/2022 12:13 AM
105	N/A	7/7/2022 10:51 PM
106	More Greenway all over the place	7/7/2022 10:18 PM
107	I do not see obvious ways to improve it. Maybe just assure the location/orientation of Bridge B minimizes or avoids property impacts to 008 if that would help facilitate the project. The alignment south of the proposed bridge/AEP Access Rd looks like it could be improved to shorten the trail/eliminate a switchback?	7/7/2022 9:50 PM
108	Wider tunnel under the Blue Ridge Parkway rather than Highland Dr	7/7/2022 7:47 PM
109	Connect it to Explore Park.	7/7/2022 1:40 PM
110	While I like being able to see the river from the greenway, I think the amended concept makes more sense than the original. Being outside the 100 year floodplain makes more sense.	7/7/2022 1:20 PM
111	I'm happy as it is	7/7/2022 12:50 PM
112	Fencing should be provided at the option of the adjacent property owners. The on street section of the greenway along Brownlee, 16th St. SE and Underhill should be properly marked for bicycle usage and never repaved with chip seal (which creates dangerous conditions for cyclists) and signed for steep grades in both directions.	7/7/2022 10:37 AM
113	Along with the Greenway we need more safe connections on major and secondary roads.	7/7/2022 12:12 AM
114	The connection will allow easier commutes to and from Roanoke, expand ability to ride from the city to BRP and reduce emissions, and bring unique experiences for riders of all ages.	7/6/2022 11:19 PM
115	Complete the plans	7/6/2022 10:54 PM
116	Seems solid as is	7/6/2022 9:39 PM
117	None, I think it should be done	7/6/2022 8:33 PM
118	No comment	7/6/2022 8:10 PM
119	Any long connecting stretches of green way that would allow cyclists to ride long distance is needed so that cyclists can ride apart from motored vehicles.	7/6/2022 7:36 PM
120	Looks good to me!	7/6/2022 7:31 PM
121	Ensure sufficient signage & points of interest including signs to selected places (e.g. "Explore Park 2.5 miles")	7/6/2022 7:27 PM
122	I support it the way it is.	7/6/2022 7:10 PM
123	None	7/6/2022 7:09 PM
124	No change would love to have that option	7/6/2022 6:40 PM
125	?	7/6/2022 6:04 PM
126	Take a fresh look but also contemplates the Blueway and apco's either renewal or permit for possible sale to county of dam. North bank has large sections already owned by Vinton or apartments that would have limited interest in the section and might favorite for residents/market value and could be integrated into Blueway access improvements by	7/6/2022 6:01 PM

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reworking the apco access road to also be Greenway path and Portage path with a self tow rail for small water craft. Essentially a guardrail concept, expanded to provide a place to set and pull boats along to get downstream. Perhaps integrated with improved put in at parking lot, and actual big parking area to make alternative to parkway parking. Bring the Greenway back to the southside via bridge at narrowest point prior to dam, or better yet, underneath existing NPS bridge and then angled SE towards county property (if NPS can be partnered). Parking area at current facility lot below dam at access point for Kayak/Canoe, also Greenway, regardless of whether Greenway crosses south of via bridge prior to dam. This also takes pressure off the overlook parking way above river and makes it much more user friendly for kayak/canoes. Boaters to utilize Roanoke gorge leading eventually into SML

127	Ensuring views of the river would be great	7/6/2022 5:46 PM
128	Consider removing the Niagra - work w/ DEQ, DWR. This would increase land available for R-O-W, improve endangered fish habitat and improve transportation features	7/6/2022 5:45 PM
129	Removed the extremely steep sections just past the concrete specialized plant. I've fallen trying to ride up it and I'm in fairly good shape	7/6/2022 5:42 PM
130	The residents on Bluff Ave concerned about homeless invading their property. Will there be walls on fences to protect them?	7/6/2022 5:39 PM
131	There is concern about homeless and unwanted trespassers having access to private properties	7/6/2022 5:37 PM
132	Remove Niagra dam and most if not all easement issue if not all go away Improved boating Improved habitat for eastern log perch Improve access to Explore Park	7/6/2022 5:35 PM
133	Signage indicating distance to each trailhead/attraction. See Va capital trail Strategically located restrooms and water stations Bike tool station	7/6/2022 5:32 PM
134	Additional signage for distances and attractions. Areas for "step-off" points that would allow pedestrians and cyclists to stop and talk, etc.	7/6/2022 5:31 PM
135	Excited for the connection. Avoiding Underhill is great.	7/6/2022 5:28 PM
136	N/A	7/6/2022 5:24 PM
137	Addition of water access/blueway tie-in as appropriate. Linear riverside park concept works well further upstream; would be good here provided it preserves the feeling of being closer to wilderness.	7/6/2022 5:23 PM
138	More money to get it done faster	7/6/2022 5:22 PM
139	The owners have voiced concerns regarding hunting in the proposed area- would an option for a retaining wall on the landowners side be possible?	7/6/2022 5:20 PM
140	Put a yellow canter stripe in all highly traveled sections and use letter paint and do it before winter time.	7/6/2022 5:15 PM
141	It looks pretty good, but I don't know enough detail to comment. I like very much the idea of taking us off Underhill Road. That should be top priority.	7/6/2022 5:13 PM
142	1. Do the section through the woods to avoid the 16% road grade first (underhill by the sewage plant) 2. Then connect to Explore Park	7/6/2022 5:10 PM
143	please don't use paint to mark lanes as was used before and is now deteriorating and washing into the river. try to plant native species to eliminate mowing.	7/6/2022 4:44 PM
144	Wide paths to allow foot and wheel traffic.	7/6/2022 4:42 PM
145	Include emergency call boxes for greenway users to dial 911 from the greenway	7/6/2022 4:21 PM
146	I like the concept.	7/6/2022 4:19 PM
147	Get to completion sooner.	7/6/2022 4:17 PM
148	Take down Niagara Dam. The water level in this area would allow the Roanoke River Blueway to not need a portage (that is terrible to use), fish and eel could travel up river to spawn. AEP could build instead of the dam a water "run" down Mill Mountain that would be continuous pumping of water back up the mountain to run down again. The "structure" would be visible	7/6/2022 2:03 PM

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water flow from pond to pond. I have seen a town in Germany that generated all the electricity for the town by a created water park that generated electricity. Greenways are alternative transportation corridors. Please make them handicap accessible.

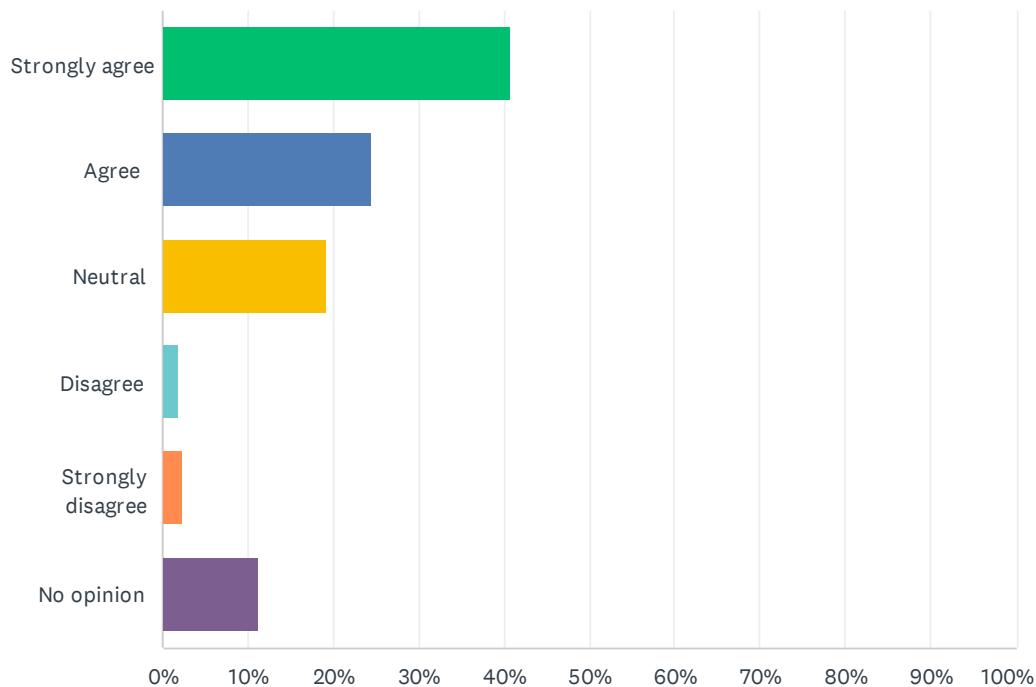
149	Whatever gets it done in a manner that shows off the river, do that, and do it fast!	7/6/2022 12:17 PM
150	Put it where established thru-way is available such as rutrough rd. , cyclists are continually using that route, widen rd. to accommodate	7/6/2022 11:31 AM
151	looks good on paper	7/5/2022 9:36 PM
152	There is a large variety of traffic on this section of the green way. Drugs, homeless, mopeds and dirt bikes. We have seen it all. My son was recently chased by a man with what is best described as an ice pick. We filed a police report. I think the greenway is great, but this section is used heavily for other things, and the secluded section being proposed seems scary given the current environment.	7/5/2022 9:17 PM
153	Provide bathrooms. Keep the Greenway away from the river enough to prevent flooding. Keep the Greenway grade as flat as possible.	7/5/2022 8:22 PM
154	I think it is good the way it is. Assuming the trail will connect to the access road for Explore Park.	7/5/2022 7:40 PM
155	Making easy connections both from where the greenway currently ends, to Explore Park.	7/5/2022 5:38 PM
156	Make it high enough that flooding doesn't erode the path.	7/5/2022 5:04 PM
157	Walking along the river is, for me, one of the best features of the greenway. But I completely support the option that makes this section accessible to all. Opening views of the river as much as possible without damaging natural habitats would be a priority for me.	7/5/2022 4:52 PM
158	I strongly agree with the proposed concept but have reservations regarding implementation with this many land owners, with legitimate concerns, in opposition. I hope the meeting helped dispel some of the misconceptions of those land owners. Not sure if the elimination of Niagara Dam is even a consideration for APCO down the road, but that would create more options.	7/5/2022 3:45 PM
159	Connect directly to the Parkway	7/5/2022 3:28 PM
160	Always looking for more access to recreation or other stops along the way in general!	7/5/2022 3:19 PM
161	Better connection to Explore Park and Parkway	7/5/2022 2:42 PM
162	I just wonder why the proposed greenway is quite a distance from the Roanoke River over the areas of 018 and 016. I imagine there is a good reason. Also, I have neighbors that are nervous about the homeless community possibly traveling onto their lots of land. Do you have a plan for how to remedy this concern?	7/5/2022 2:26 PM
163	Extra water fountains. We'll labeled bike and running lanes showing proper direction.	7/5/2022 2:08 PM
164	N/A	7/5/2022 1:37 PM
165	Can there be a future option along the river	7/5/2022 1:25 PM
166	Keep it at river level all the way into Explore Park.	7/5/2022 1:24 PM
167	To me, the precise route is less important than the ease of connectivity. The proposed path by the Dam seems like a more gradual route that is better aligned with the contours of the land.	7/5/2022 1:07 PM
168	I am not sure.	7/5/2022 12:35 PM
169	Easy or easier access to shops, restaurants, etc along the way to allow greenway users options for food, drink, rest, equipment repairs, etc.	7/5/2022 11:47 AM
170	I would love for there to be one completely connected system.	7/5/2022 11:38 AM
171	I'm not a civil engineer, but trying to keep it as close to the river, elevated where possible is the my suggestion. It will cost more! Trying to keep it near the property owners will cause conflict, which we don't need.	7/5/2022 11:34 AM
172	Not sure. I like it.	7/5/2022 11:30 AM
173	More bike infrastructure so that more people can safely access greenway by bike	7/5/2022 11:19 AM

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174	missing sections in Salem need attention, too, before we start on new extensions	7/5/2022 11:18 AM
175	Complete the route from Salem to The Explore Park as soon as possible. Add a mid way divider where needed to keep the traffic flow moving smoothly. Use volunteer patrols to keep the greenway safe.	7/5/2022 11:18 AM
176	Make it happen sooner!	7/5/2022 11:12 AM
177	It would be really nice if there were some cleared areas with benches or picnic tables that allow for views over the river/dam area.	7/5/2022 11:02 AM
178	Added restroom points like the parks have. Along with drinking water access.	7/5/2022 11:01 AM
179	Get the pieces connected. We have so many non-contiguous sections that need to be.	7/5/2022 11:00 AM
180	Parking available at either end.	7/5/2022 10:58 AM
181	Is there a plan to extend the Greenway to the BRP entrance on	7/5/2022 10:55 AM
182	My first choice would have been along the river. But as that is not an option, I think this plan is great. Perhaps a few scenic overlooks would be nice? Thank you! I'm excited about the new greenway! It will be an awesome addition to Roanoke.	7/5/2022 10:55 AM
183	Just looks longer, but I don't have a strong opinion about the alignment	7/5/2022 10:49 AM
184	I'd love to see a connection around the sewer treatment plant that eliminates the steep grades involved on the current route.	7/5/2022 10:42 AM
185	I doubt that it's financially reasonable, but anything that can be done to keep it away from flooding, that causes closures, would be beneficial.	7/2/2022 12:36 PM
186	DON'T RUIN PEOPLE'S PRIVACY. WE JUST BOUGHT OUR FIRST HOME AND THIS PROJECT WILL ABSOLUTELY RUIN IT	7/1/2022 3:47 PM
187	DO NOT PUT IT BEHIND OUR PROPERTY; WE HAVEN'T EVEN LIVED THERE 6 MONTHS AND THIS WILL RUIN EVERYTHING WE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY FOR. ALL THIS IS GOING TO DO IS CAUSE MORE HOMELESS AND DRUG ADDICTS ACCESS TO PLACES THE POLICE ARE NOT GOING TO PATROL. WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO WILL PUT THE GREENWAY DIRECTLY BEHIND OUR HOME; WE DIDN'T MOVE THERE TO BE NEAR PEOPLE-WE MOVED THERE TO HAVE OUR OWN PRIVATE LAND.	7/1/2022 3:40 PM
188	It could loop behind the water plant at the same elevation as the majority of the greenway to make it more accessible. I enjoy cycling up the hill to get from one section to the next, but it seems there are very few others willing to do it.	7/1/2022 9:15 AM
189	I like it-- would like to see it completed	7/1/2022 8:58 AM

## Q6 What is your opinion about the proposed Bridge Option A?

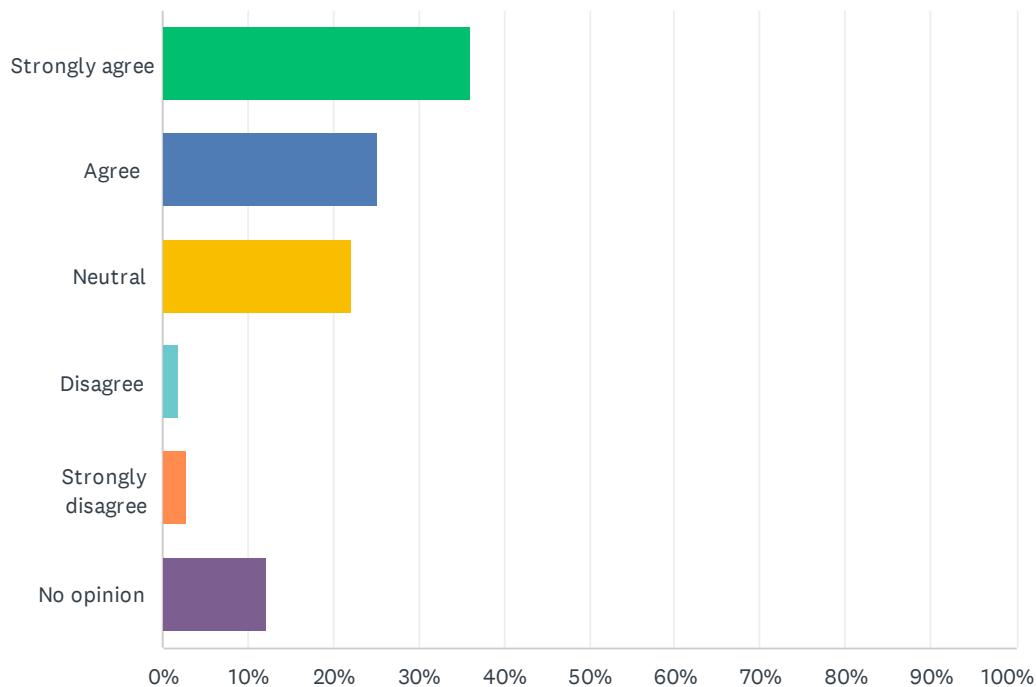
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	40.70%	151
Agree	24.53%	91
Neutral	19.14%	71
Disagree	1.89%	7
Strongly disagree	2.43%	9
No opinion	11.32%	42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>371</b>

## Q7 What is your opinion about the proposed Bridge Option B?

Answered: 370    Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	35.95%	133
Agree	25.14%	93
Neutral	22.16%	82
Disagree	1.89%	7
Strongly disagree	2.70%	10
No opinion	12.16%	45
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>370</b>

## Q8 Please share any other thoughts

Answered: 167 Skipped: 214

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A there are no cost comparisons given, it is difficult to evaluate the bridges and the alternative routing. I would generally prefer the bridges in both cases to eliminate sharp bends for cyclists and those who require walking assistance.	7/25/2022 9:30 AM
2	I am OK with or without the bridges. I like as many miles as possible of greenway, so that's why I would prefer no bridges as "shortcuts." However, if it's more economical to build the bridges, as opposed to more asphalt, then I'm fine with either or both bridges. I'll just be thrilled if it happens either way!	7/15/2022 10:07 PM
3	I selected "disagree" for the two bridges only because I can't find anywhere in the project information indicating what benefit there is to the bridges. I assume it is significantly more costly to build with bridges than without. If that is true and the only benefit is shortening the distance I wouldn't think that is a good use of funds.	7/15/2022 3:58 PM
4	I am a greenway fan since 2001. I am eagerly anticipating these improvements/expansions of the greenway coming to fruition! Thanks to all involved for your work!	7/15/2022 3:50 PM
5	N/A	7/15/2022 3:41 PM
6	no information on Bridge options so not commit. Bridges are expensive and at some point will need maintenance. Where will these dollars come from?	7/15/2022 2:42 PM
7	Either design works for me, bridging the gap between downtown and Explore Park is a win-win. Thanks for all you do!	7/15/2022 10:00 AM
8	I love the idea honestly more place's to ride to enjoy the outdoors!	7/15/2022 8:27 AM
9	I really enjoy the greenway - extending and connecting will be big win. I am open to soft surface and that has advantages for runners with less wear and tear on body	7/15/2022 7:44 AM
10	Roanoke County already owns Explore Park. The greenway should go through it and end on Rutrough Rd.	7/15/2022 6:04 AM
11	The bridges will probably have a nice view, however they appear high going by the topo lines so I expect the expense will be considerable. They are probably gave a better user experience than following the grade around the curves. I'm glad some construction is scheduled soon.	7/15/2022 12:08 AM
12	Extending the greenway to Explore Park is a great idea! I ride my bike all the time to Explore Park and having a greenway system into Explore Park will make bikers safer. Making the greenway farther away from the river is the best option because it avoids flooding. No flooding means it will be used more and less workers have to clear and maintain the greenway.	7/14/2022 10:26 PM
13	not sure where to find the info on the above options A & B - this have left blank.	7/14/2022 6:05 PM
14	I'm all in favor for any work being done to add additional sections to the regional greenways. Thank you!	7/14/2022 4:37 PM
15	Roanoke City/County need to take care of what they already have rather than messing with homeowners' properties.	7/14/2022 4:09 PM
16	This area has always been quiet and peaceful and a natural habitat for many species of animals and plants. Some possibly endangered. It is also historically known for indigenous/native tribes so therefore known to have artifacts throughout the area, maybe even graves. The caves are also special natural formations that could easily be destroyed by "vagrants." The animals who rely on the river would be more likely to be run off by foot/bike traffic on the greenway as well. More damage than good will come from/result from the greenway on this side of the river. Please consider strongly to put it on the other side of the river (by the RR tracks) or not at all.	7/14/2022 4:04 PM
17	Keep guard rails further away from asphalt to prevent bike handle bar accidents. Put up "Don't	7/14/2022 11:00 AM

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pollute' signs!

18	I don't know what was being referred to with the Bridge Options. In the future, it'd probably be a good idea to include graphics or links to graphics of what you're asking about.	7/14/2022 10:10 AM
19	This would be a great addition to the Roanoke area	7/13/2022 7:21 PM
20	Are the bridges necesacary? Do they add to the desired expereince? if so, I am in support. If not, I am not.	7/13/2022 2:07 PM
21	Please let our Greenway grow It is a huge marketing tool for the Valley . The Greenway helps us all stay healthy. The Greenway is an important area of beauty in the Valley .	7/13/2022 1:12 PM
22	It's great to make it user friendly for people with disabilities. This section of the proposed greenway could make it a regional attraction.	7/13/2022 12:34 PM
23	Prefer trail without the bridges.	7/13/2022 11:39 AM
24	I don't have an opinion about the bridge locations as I'm not an engineer. My concern is that bridge options may impede finishing construction as soon as possible. I would favor reroutes to avoid bridge construction if it means an earlier completion date. I look forward to completion of this greenway extension. It is not safe to ride a bike to Explore Park in the early morning or late afternoon hours as commuters use the BRP as a cut through twice daily and travel in excess of 60mph .	7/13/2022 8:19 AM
25	This is so important to bring this community together. This will attract active outdoor people and companies looking for these amenities	7/12/2022 6:05 PM
26	It furthers the concept of Roanoke as a "go to" community that it is well on the way to becoming. Increasingly people can choose their residence, regardless of their employment	7/12/2022 5:03 PM
27	Straighter option allowed by the bridges is great. Having amenities such as restrooms and plenty of parking at either end would be a huge bonus! Thank you all for helping to increase biking opportunitieis in the community!	7/12/2022 4:53 PM
28	Either option is good	7/12/2022 4:14 PM
29	On the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Underhill Ave, we have people parking in our driveways and yards and completely ignorig No Parking signs. Some have parked in the street. How about a parking area and more trash cans?	7/12/2022 1:32 PM
30	Great work Lindsay and team!!!	7/12/2022 12:45 PM
31	Thank You	7/12/2022 10:51 AM
32	I think either bridge option is appropriate.	7/12/2022 9:45 AM
33	The new alignment is superior for avoiding flooding, which is a major problem on the existing Greenway. I support all decisions that will limit flooding. I am strongly in favor of this project in general. Thank you for working on it! A safe pedestrian route to Explore Park will be fantastic for our community.	7/12/2022 5:51 AM
34	For the bridge options, given that the bridges are closer to the river and less invasive to the private property of the neighborhood, I am in favor of EVERY option that keeps the greenway footprint closer to the original plan.	7/12/2022 4:12 AM
35	As a resident of Roanoke City and owner of a small outdoor recreation business, I believe the expansion of the greenway system is the most beneficial possible infrastructure improvement we could make. It would create a vital, safe link for pedestrians and cyclists to a much greater range of outdoor amenities, thus affording residents and visitors alike much greater access to healthy and sustainable activities. It would serve the whole Roanoke-area community directly all while increasing the region's appeal to relocating businesses and potential tourists.	7/11/2022 10:13 PM
36	The neighborhood does not want any more traffic in the area. Very concerned about privacy issues. Need to protect the animals habitat.	7/11/2022 6:49 PM
37	Both bridge options are good. I think the most important thing is to complete the greenery to the parkway and Explore Park	7/11/2022 4:25 PM
38	I love the greenway and think it makes the Roanoke Area a much better place to live. It adds greatly to the quality of life.	7/11/2022 12:54 PM

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39	Love taking my wife biking to her favorite pastime.	7/11/2022 12:23 PM
40	What an awesome project that will connect communities in a very positive manner!	7/11/2022 12:21 PM
41	There is already increased traffic on our road with people traveling to the Explore Park. Most of them speed and I feel that this will bring more unwanted traffic with people going to the Greenway. Our neighbors are concerned about foot traffic on their properties bringing strangers closer to their homes. I feel that this could be a potential problem too.	7/11/2022 10:46 AM
42	Many friends and neighbors feel that this would bring too much foot traffic onto their property and too close to their homes. It would also bring more vehicle traffic for those traveling to the Greenway. It would limit deer hunting to those of us that like to hunt.	7/11/2022 10:43 AM
43	Really love Roanoke for its initiatives for outdoor recreation. Keep up the great work!	7/11/2022 10:15 AM
44	A restroom/porta potty is much needed on the Garden City Greenway	7/11/2022 2:32 AM
45	I appreciate the thoughtfulness in the incline consideration.	7/10/2022 10:59 PM
46	Love the Greenway. Want to see it go all the way to Explore Park and be linked together to be one long continuous path.	7/10/2022 8:06 PM
47	I think placing Bridge B in its proposed location is essential due to its floodplain location. There is also a greater elevation change in this location, which could make a bridge more attractive for accessibility.	7/10/2022 7:38 PM
48	I think this is an important asset to our community and I hope the project is funded.	7/10/2022 12:33 PM
49	Why are the bridges being proposed? Would installing the bridges increase or minimize environmental impact?	7/10/2022 12:12 PM
50	Re: bridges, from my perspective as a regular greenway user there is no significant benefit to using a bridge. The extra distance around the gap requires to maintain a reasonable grade is not significant. I would consider whichever option is lower cost as it may improve the projects chance of receiving funding.	7/10/2022 10:02 AM
51	I do not see any information about the bridge options so I can't answer accurately	7/10/2022 7:42 AM
52	it seems that bridge A may be less invasive to personal property. What are the advantages/disadvantages of each ? Which would be easier to repair/replace when they wash out? Which would be the least likely to wash out? just a few thoughts.	7/9/2022 11:28 PM
53	Make completion of Greenway over other parks and rec projects a top priority. We don't need more ball fields as much as we need the greenways completed and linked!	7/9/2022 10:39 PM
54	I would suggest posted signs for the max speeds for bikes. I ride my bike on the Greenway and encourage others to as well, but this is not the place to see how fast you can ride. I see bikers going way too fast.	7/9/2022 8:07 PM
55	Please continue to improve and extend our greenways	7/9/2022 12:11 PM
56	Both bridges appear necessary. Connect up with Rotary Park soon, Please? I consider the greenway to be a huge quality of life asset for the Roanoke area, and likely to pay big dividends in attracting tax base.	7/8/2022 5:47 PM
57	I will be happy with any addition of the Greenway, it is a part of Roanoke that our family enjoys frequently. Tighter turns are harder for my kids when they're on their bikes when the greenways are highly populated, so that is why I think the bridges are a benefit. Thank you.	7/8/2022 5:21 PM
58	As a bicyclist and runner, I would use the greenway for those purposes.	7/8/2022 4:26 PM
59	I 100% support the proposed greenway plan, let's make it happen!	7/8/2022 4:22 PM
60	I don't know enough about the Bridge options	7/8/2022 4:19 PM
61	Myself and many people I speak with only really desire that 1) the greenway connects as closely to forest land in Salem, and to explore park as possible. I am confused if the new options require closures or demolishing existing greenway	7/8/2022 4:05 PM
62	If it is more affordable to build around the slope than a bridge then the proposed paths are acceptable alternates	7/8/2022 3:16 PM

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63	Whatever you choose to do, I hope you make this greenway section easy for all age levels to ride, run and walk.	7/8/2022 3:10 PM
64	Bridges are needed to avoid interrupting spring and creek flow especially during rain events. This was be a great addition to the city but the river needs to be cleaned up above the niagra dam. It catches trash from most of the city during high rain events. The city should also look at adding trash catchment systems where storm water from the city enters the water ways if the river is going to be considered a resource.	7/8/2022 3:06 PM
65	Go for it!	7/8/2022 2:30 PM
66	I think the greenway serves as a very important way for our community to enjoy outdoor space, exercise and stay healthy and I fully support expanding it.	7/8/2022 2:13 PM
67	would love to see the greenway project move forward!	7/8/2022 2:02 PM
68	Some places, like in Green Hill Park, in my opinion, the greenway is tilting too much towards the river. This is quite noticeable and a little bit of a nuisance walking. I and other Trout Unlimited volunteers have been collecting trash between the greenway and the river in Green Hill Park. We have noticed that the amount of trash has been significantly reduced after the greenway was installed.	7/8/2022 1:11 PM
69	Are the bridges worth the expense?	7/8/2022 1:08 PM
70	This most definitely is a worthwhile endeavor and should be completed.	7/8/2022 12:59 PM
71	Our family enjoys participating in some of the 5K race/walks that use the greenway. We also enjoy fast walking at Garst Mill Park & Wasena Park. We are very appreciative of the parks & Greenway, since there are no sidewalks in our neighborhood to go walking or running.	7/8/2022 12:18 PM
72	The wonderful cooperation between the county and the city on outdoor recreation are making this a prime location to live in. You are not only improving OUR quality of life, but indirectly, our financial quality of life.	7/8/2022 11:54 AM
73	Completing the greenway to the Blue Ridge Parkway would be a boon to local cyclists, especially those who want to bike to the Explore Park, and it could encourage tourism by enabling tourists on the Parkway to bike to town.	7/8/2022 11:44 AM
74	We moved to the Valley long before the first Greenway, so I hope to see it all completed during my lifetime.	7/8/2022 11:35 AM
75	I support any expansion of the valley greenways (to Explore or elsewhere). More is better. I am the maintainer for the Catawba Greenway and a former member of the Mid-Week Trail Crew.	7/8/2022 11:32 AM
76	Our growing greenway is a tremendous asset to the region, and is wildly successful to residents.	7/8/2022 11:14 AM
77	Not sure that the cost of either bridge is justified unless there issues with acquiring/accessing the additional property required to go upstream and cross with requiring a bridge	7/8/2022 10:58 AM
78	I could not comment on the bridges because I could not figure out how to use view the options online. The overall concept looks outstanding. I have used ALL of the Greenways and look forward to adding this one. Thank you for bringing this forward.	7/8/2022 10:48 AM
79	I believe the experts in charge of this project have done a great job coming up with solutions. We need to proceed as quickly as possible to complete this project.	7/8/2022 10:11 AM
80	Keep the greenways going.	7/8/2022 9:24 AM
81	Please do this - we need it!	7/8/2022 9:11 AM
82	This would be a tremendous asset to Roanoke to build this network. Let's get this project rolling!	7/8/2022 8:57 AM
83	Roanoke has an opportunity to set itself apart with a full greenway. Connecting explore park will enhance tourism and attract new businesses as Roanoke becomes a more attractive place to live and play in.	7/8/2022 8:38 AM
84	Can't wait to see this important connection between Roanoke and Salem made. We use the greenways every weekend.	7/8/2022 8:32 AM

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85	I would rather it be allowed to have a > 5% grade, but I understand the law's intent. I'm sure this will make the project more expensive, which is unfortunate. Extending the greenway would be great!	7/8/2022 8:26 AM
86	Appreciate this joint effort. Keep on making our Valley enjoyable and promoting outdoor activities for everyone. Also reminding everyone to clean up behind them selves and their pets. Having a place to sit now and then. Increment mile markers are great. Helps keep people focused. Water stations when possible. And important there is ample parking when possible as well. Thank you.	7/8/2022 8:24 AM
87	Hope this happens in some form or another	7/8/2022 6:34 AM
88	Can't wait!	7/8/2022 6:26 AM
89	I'd pay a user fee if it would help make it happen sooner! This would be a great addition to current greenways!	7/8/2022 6:07 AM
90	Greenway is a huge draw for those visiting Roanoke and will improve our appeal to visitors and those relocating.	7/8/2022 6:04 AM
91	This would be so awesome	7/7/2022 11:21 PM
92	This would be great!	7/7/2022 10:55 PM
93	So excited to see wheels turning on this project. I hope the survey results are useful and grant funding can be secured!	7/7/2022 10:51 PM
94	Please add more Greenway like Raleigh NC	7/7/2022 10:18 PM
95	As a trail user, I would like having the trail out of the floodplain, as it is designed, for obvious reasons of year-round use. I understand this makes it easier to permit as well. I hope the property owners can see these advantages to the public. It seems the required ROW is far downslope from any private structures, with ample wooded buffer between the trail and any clearing.	7/7/2022 9:50 PM
96	Completion of this project would mean that the Roanoke River Greenway would be very near completion. This will be a great asset for tourism in the valley	7/7/2022 7:47 PM
97	Either option works for me. We visit Roanoke all the time bc if its bike infrastructure. This would be an amazing addition.	7/7/2022 4:13 PM
98	My quess is that Roanoke must meet Greenway Concept to get dollars Making sure it gets built is less important to me than any grades on the surface	7/7/2022 1:55 PM
99	The greenway is a wonder asset in our valley!	7/7/2022 1:24 PM
100	We moved to Roanoke in large part because of the greenways. It is our opinion that more greenways will improve the community.	7/7/2022 1:20 PM
101	land around Bridge Option A doesn't seem steep enough to warrant the construction of a bridge. Bridge Option B does seem steep, and a bridge is justified, especially in lieu of the 5% grade requirement.	7/7/2022 11:32 AM
102	Whichever bridge options are most advantageous in terms of balancing costs and environmental impacts should be selected. Completing the greenway link to Explore Park will be a major advantage to our community in terms of livability, health and economic attractiveness and should be completed as soon as possible. Linking our parks from Greenhill to Explore will be a make Roanoke County, Salem, Vinton and Roanoke even more attractive places to do business and will enhance the transportation options available to commuters as well as tourists and recreational users. The proposed option will be much more usable in that it will be farther from the flood plain and, long term, will involve less maintenance and fewer closures.	7/7/2022 10:37 AM
103	Much needed, this would be money well spent	7/7/2022 8:57 AM
104	I am a big advocate for the greenway system in the Roanoke Valley and the state of Virginia. The benefits for our residents to have outdoor recreation coupled with the economic benefits are tremendous. Recent example are the U.S. amateur cycling championships, Ironman and the Blue Ridge Marathon.	7/7/2022 7:25 AM
105	I fully support this project and am excited to see the progress. I am also happy to help with the	7/6/2022 11:19 PM

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fundraising process to see it through. Thank you.

106	Just do the best job you can for the life and access the greenway will provide walkers joggers and bicyclists	7/6/2022 10:54 PM
107	I use the present greenway quite a bit and find it very busy. Added greenway will most likely get busy as well but will provide greater opportunity. If you build it they will come.	7/6/2022 10:37 PM
108	This would be an added value to the community	7/6/2022 9:39 PM
109	No comment	7/6/2022 8:10 PM
110	Please connect the green ways into a long distance stretch so that we cyclists can go for a nice long ride without interfering with cars and traffic. Thanks.	7/6/2022 7:36 PM
111	I love the Greenway and think that it adds so much to our community.	7/6/2022 7:31 PM
112	Bridges will add to the aesthetic	7/6/2022 7:27 PM
113	I would prefer no bridge and to route around	7/6/2022 7:12 PM
114	I am considering moving back to the area based on the outcome of these plans and the whitewater park	7/6/2022 7:09 PM
115	The Greenways are one of the best things to happen in the Roanoke valley. A connection to Explore Park would give urban dwellers safe bike access out of town to the forest. It may even reduce traffic on the BRP.	7/6/2022 6:04 PM
116	Against both bridge options- curves help control misuse/speed add visual variety and indirectly slow illegal activity. Also cheaper. The only upside is bridges could be integrated to include passageways beneath greenway to lower lands by river. You should also reverse the cut-in plan for hillsides. Have the retaining wall and fence uphill away from river, towards property owner. This creates/preserves property owner privacy to greater degree, puts drop off at lower-use audience etc	7/6/2022 6:01 PM
117	Get it built. Consider option of building around the big rock, into the river, if ROW is problem	7/6/2022 5:48 PM
118	Love the concept. Greenway provide immeasurable benefit to the community	7/6/2022 5:46 PM
119	also again fences/walls	7/6/2022 5:39 PM
120	This is helpful to those concerned about tresspassers	7/6/2022 5:37 PM
121	Bridges seem nice to have and could be good viewing areas or areas for social media sharing Glad floodplain is avoided	7/6/2022 5:28 PM
122	This would be of great benefit to the area and to the families living along the greenway and potential new users	7/6/2022 5:24 PM
123	Bridges are good especially if they help make ROW acquisition easier. If there are major impacts to funding because of bridges then maybe not necessary. Can't wait to run and ride this, the sooner we can build it the better!	7/6/2022 5:23 PM
124	Bridges are super helpful for cyclists . Also much safer generally.	7/6/2022 5:22 PM
125	I question the safety and longevity building over or near the caves. Some of the land owners voiced concerns about the homeless population that live near the caves. I really want to see our greenways become a diverse celebration of community outdoors. I wish we could partner with local schools, non-profits, artists to evolve into a walking mural. With the evolution of social media people would flock to take pictures and boost tourism to the area. Fun, art, and outdoors always attract people	7/6/2022 5:20 PM
126	I am less interested in the Greenway connection to Explore Park. What I want you to focus on is the connection to Blacksburg's Huckleberry Trail.	7/6/2022 5:13 PM
127	The Greenway system is part of what makes Roanoke City and surrounds such a special place to live.	7/6/2022 5:10 PM
128	this is a great way to connect different sections of the city, biking from nw or sw into the mill mountain area is dangerous because of the curvy small roads with no bike lane or shoulder. this will be great it is very important for our health and sustainable transportation, thank you. please do not allow cars on the greenway i still cannot believe this is allowed it really ruins the	7/6/2022 4:44 PM

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point. thanks for considering public opinion, good job guys we are proud of living in a bike friendly city, thanks so much i am very excited to someday bike to explore park from salem even wow incredible!

129	Thank you	7/6/2022 4:42 PM
130	The local Greenway is one of the attributes that make the Roanoke area great. As a citizen I use it frequently.	7/6/2022 4:30 PM
131	I have not looked at the bridge options and am afraid I can't leave this page and come back but I will try.	7/6/2022 4:17 PM
132	Hard decisions require alternatives. I don't think the homeowners at the Explore Park meeting are going to allow the Greenway to be in their backyard. The NS side of the tracks do NOT look good from the river. Sustainable energy, out - of - door branding; Roanoke Blueway, and the Roanoke Greenway. It will be hard to do now, but future generations will say thank you.	7/6/2022 2:03 PM
133	Puts an end to hunting, recreational shooting, privacy, security, opens easy path to vagrants, homeless, thieves and mal intentioned people in my back yard, as it is I have never had a problem, anything stolen or damaged in the past 12 yrs. I have lived here. It would have a very negative impact on the value of my property, my security and peace of mind, all this and no mention of the negative impact on the environment, and numerous species of wildlife, I am apposed to this project completely.	7/6/2022 11:31 AM
134	bridges make it interesting and fun	7/5/2022 9:36 PM
135	There is a large variety of traffic on this section of the green way. Drugs, homeless, mopeds and dirt bikes. We have seen it all. My son was recently chased by a man with what is best described as an ice pick. We filed a police report. I think the greenway is great, but this section is used heavily for other things, and the secluded section being proposed seems scary given the current environment.	7/5/2022 9:17 PM
136	This is a great improvement to cycling in Virginia's Blue Ridge! My wife and I ride the greenway several times a week!!! We are not alone in that, I recognize many of the riders from having seen them before. Thank You!	7/5/2022 7:40 PM
137	This is such a vital piece of the greenway and so excited to see this being planned, I hope it happens! I ride the greenway multiple times weekly and would treasure the opportunity to get out to Explore park more easily, and also access the parkway. This extension would make those resources so much more accessible to those in our community who would not be inclined to ride up Mill Mountain and out the parkway road to access them. Thank you for your work.	7/5/2022 5:38 PM
138	Thank you!	7/5/2022 4:52 PM
139	We live close to the Greenway and it is amazing for our area. We use the Greenway system in Salem and Roanoke City and if the weather is good our family of 4 are out at least a couple of days a week walking, running and biking. It is great to see so many people using the outdoor space and I am excited for the Greenway to be expanded and connections made.	7/5/2022 4:13 PM
140	Bridge B seems to provide less impact on land owners by keeping the trail significantly closer to the river compared to Bridge A. Given the cost of bridges, it seems that B would be a priority over A.	7/5/2022 3:45 PM
141	Would be a wonderful addition to a exceptional resource for the valley.	7/5/2022 3:28 PM
142	Just start digging!	7/5/2022 2:42 PM
143	Will this section of the Roanoke Greenway be connecting with Roanoke Greenway construction near Explore Park off of Rt. 618?	7/5/2022 2:26 PM
144	Bridge option B may be a bit better option as it appears from the maps that this option will afford a better view of the river. If this is not true, than whichever one is more affordable or better than another from an engineering point of view could be used as a deciding factor.	7/5/2022 2:14 PM
145	As an avid runner and biker, this project would be very helpful not for just me but the entire community. I sincerely hope it moves forward.	7/5/2022 2:08 PM
146	Roanoke River Greenway is critical for Roanoke Valley, therefore the East Roanoke River Greenway needs to be completed.	7/5/2022 1:37 PM

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147	This will be an awesome addition to our existing greenways Greenway system	7/5/2022 1:25 PM
148	Please make this happen. A fully completed and connected Roanoke River Greenway will do so much for our community.	7/5/2022 1:24 PM
149	Bridge B seems to be the more important area to cross as opposed to going around (from the aerial map at least), however, if Bridge A is more cost effective and there is only one Bridge that is going to be built, then that cost-benefit analysis is worth doing. This connectivity is so important to the region. I fully support it!	7/5/2022 1:07 PM
150	This would be a great addition to the existing greenway infrastructure. It would provide a safe and accessible connection for cyclists and pedestrians to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Explore Park. It would also expand recreational, fitness, and commuting options for locals in general. I think both bridge options should be included to provide accessibility over the steep portions of the greenway for those with limited mobility. Please include bike parking at or near Explore Park. I noticed that when I use the greenways to bike to shopping plazas and other attractions in Roanoke, there are rarely places to park a bike once I arrive.	7/5/2022 12:35 PM
151	The proposed Bridge Plans A and B should have been included in the survey. This survey is useless data without the complete information included.	7/5/2022 11:47 AM
152	While I know the proposed new Greenway concept is more expensive, it appears to be a great option. The original concept would be acceptable, if it would save money. But the original concept appears it would be affected by flooding more frequently. We already experience a lot of flooding along Wiley Drive. Compromise and build it!	7/5/2022 11:34 AM
153	need map to understand proposed alignment and bridge options	7/5/2022 11:18 AM
154	I have used every section of the area Greenways and helped build and clean many of them. They are very well appreciated by the area residents and by visitors. Spend money to get the job done.	7/5/2022 11:18 AM
155	I like the bridges as it will give options for views will limiting impacts on adjacent properties.	7/5/2022 11:17 AM
156	I like the idea of the optional bridges because they will add additional interest and beauty to the area, as well as offering some additional views, since the higher-elevation route may not have the same views of the river that the lower-elevation one would have. Overall I am very much in support of the revised plan and look forward to the ability to connect Roanoke City with Explore Park via greenway access.	7/5/2022 11:02 AM
157	Greenways in the valley improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.	7/5/2022 10:58 AM
158	The more greenway, the better, and it should absolutely meet accessibility requirements.	7/5/2022 10:58 AM
159	The bridges would be nice if they result in a nice view but if they don't, and cost and maintenance is more, I would skip them.	7/5/2022 10:55 AM
160	Good project, and excited to see some progress on this construction	7/5/2022 10:49 AM
161	This would be an amazing recreational amenity and provide transportation options for people visiting Explorer Park.	7/5/2022 10:42 AM
162	Long overdue - let's get this gap section constructed asap!	7/5/2022 10:35 AM
163	Re: bridges, I assume (??) they cost more and also require more upkeep, plus without the greenway is longer which I find more preferable. Thank you for your efforts..	7/2/2022 12:36 PM
164	THE WILDLIFE AND SERENITY THAT YOU ALL WILL RUIN WITH THIS PROJECT IS OVERWHELMING. WE HAVE WETLANDS, CAVE SYSTEMS AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IS SLOWLY BEING TAKEN AWAY BY "PROJECTS" ALL THIS IS GOING TO DO IS GIVE THE HOMELESS AND DRUG ADDICTS ANOTHER PLACE TO HIDE. THIS WILL BACK UP RIGHT ON MY PROPERTY, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY SON TRIES TO GO FISHING AND STEPS ON A DIRTY NEEDLE, OR PPL START "CAMPING" IN MY BACKYARD. WE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT THIS; EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.	7/1/2022 3:47 PM
165	IF THIS GREENWAY PLAN GOES THROUGH, YOU WILL HAVE RUINED OUR HARD WORK TO BUY OUR FIRST HOME. MY SON AND HUSBAND WILL LOSE THE HUNTING LAND; FISHING SPOTS AND OUR WELL EARNED PRIVACY.	7/1/2022 3:40 PM
166	The number of homeless camping out on the greenway seems to be increasing, sometimes	7/1/2022 9:15 AM

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creating safety hazards on the greenway.

167	I don't have an opinion on the bridges other than the impact on completing the section. If the bridges present a financial or time obstacle to completion, then routing the greenway around those sections is fine.	7/1/2022 8:58 AM
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