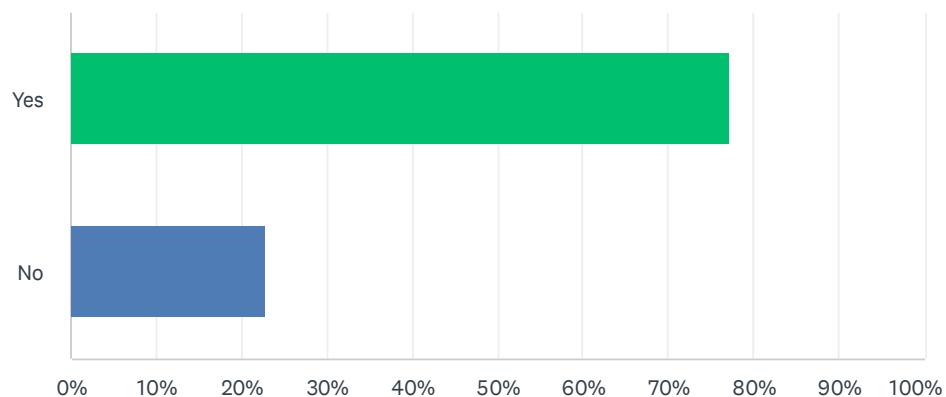


## Q3 Do you use the greenways in the Roanoke Valley?

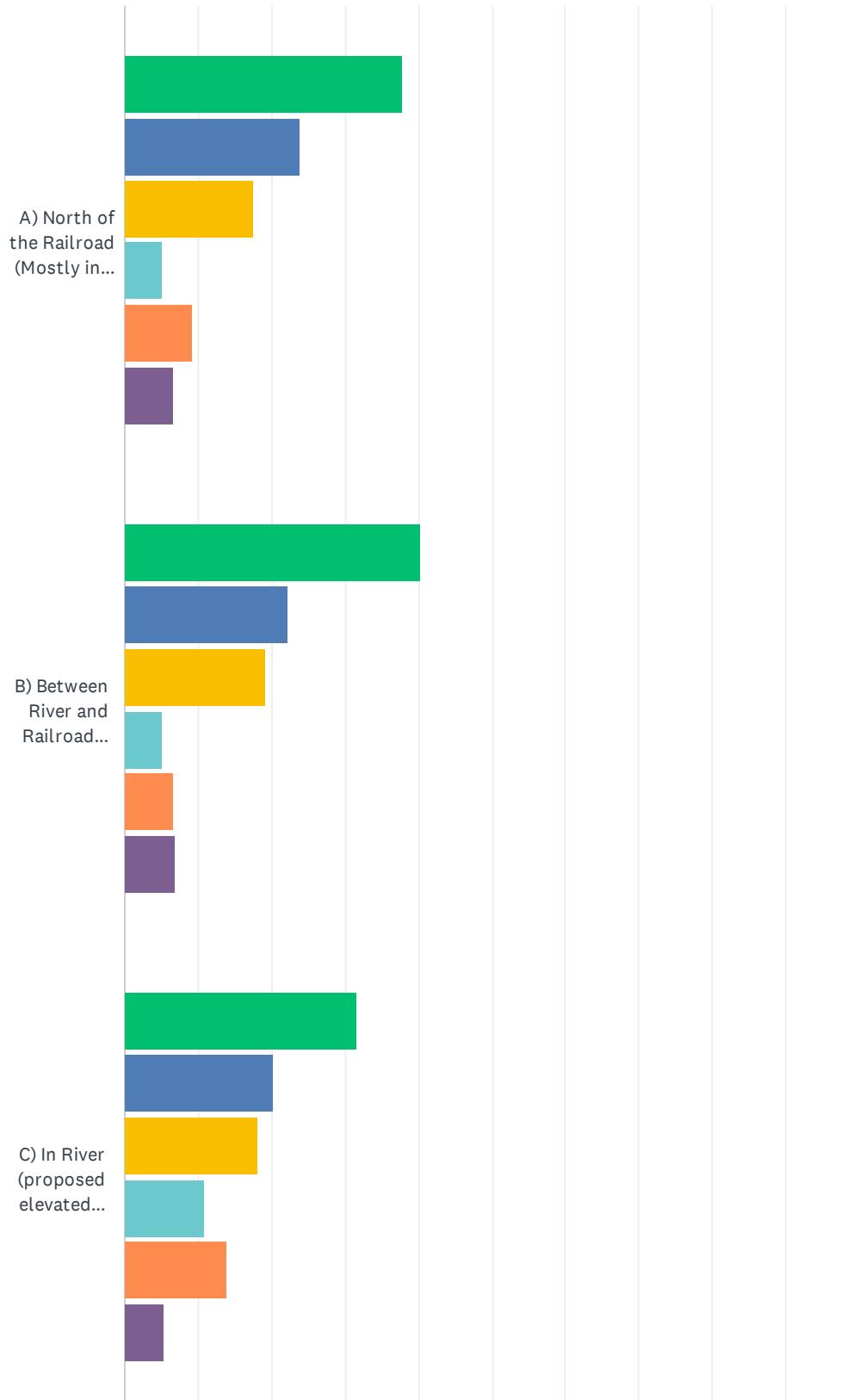
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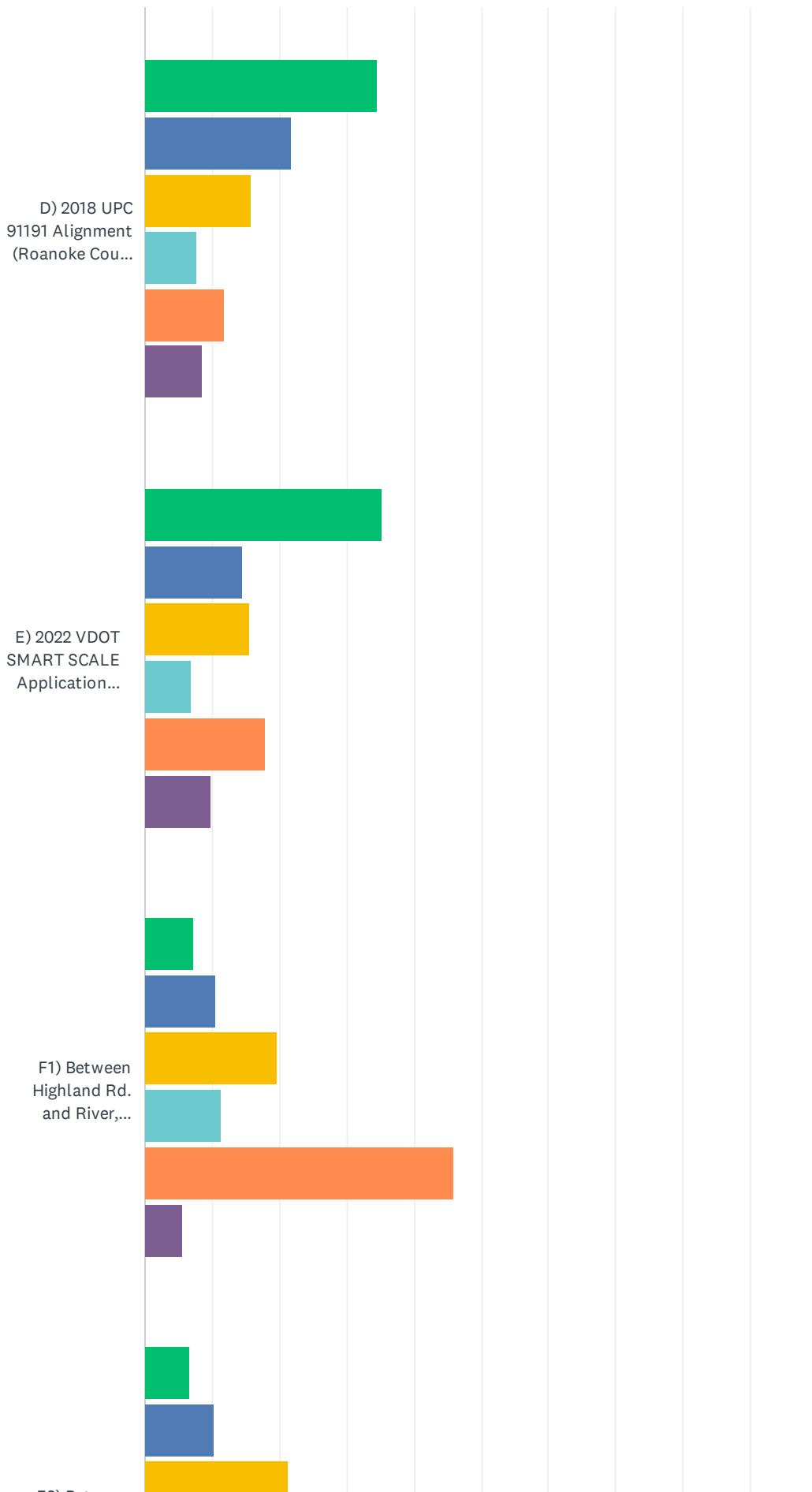
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.27%	221
No	22.73%	65
TOTAL		286

## Q4 What is your opinion about the Potential Alignment Alternatives shown on the East Roanoke River Greenway Gap map?

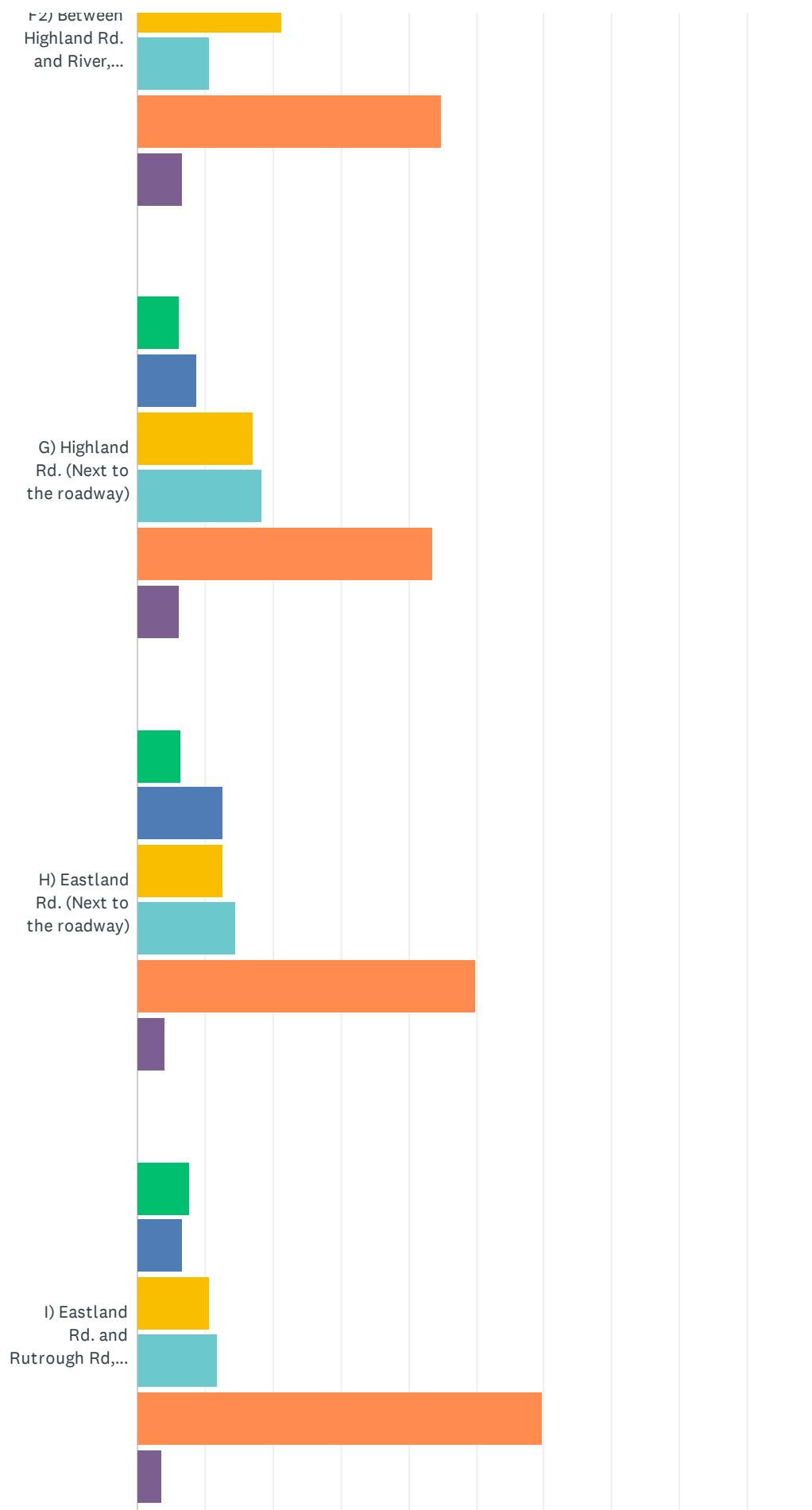
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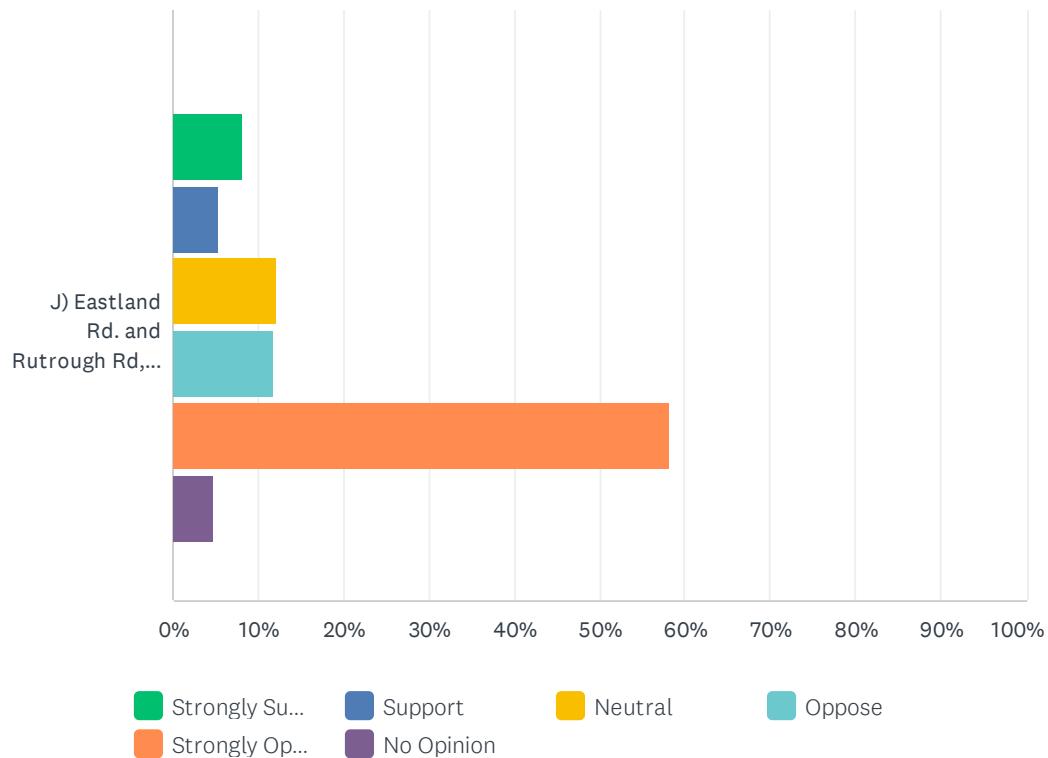
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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
A) North of the Railroad (Mostly in Vinton)	37.73% 103	23.81% 65	17.58% 48	5.13% 14	9.16% 25	6.59% 18	273
B) Between River and Railroad (Mostly in Vinton)	40.22% 111	22.10% 61	19.20% 53	5.07% 14	6.52% 18	6.88% 19	276
C) In River (proposed elevated structure)	31.52% 87	20.29% 56	18.12% 50	10.87% 30	13.77% 38	5.43% 15	276
D) 2018 UPC 91191 Alignment (Roanoke County River route)	34.56% 94	21.69% 59	15.81% 43	7.72% 21	11.76% 32	8.46% 23	272
E) 2022 VDOT SMART SCALE Application Realignment (Route evaluated at June 2022 community meeting)	35.27% 97	14.55% 40	15.64% 43	6.91% 19	17.82% 49	9.82% 27	275
F1) Between Highland Rd. and River, Option 1 (along Bluff Rd.)	7.27% 20	10.55% 29	19.64% 54	11.27% 31	45.82% 126	5.45% 15	275
F2) Between Highland Rd. and River, Option 2 (Southwest of Bluff Rd.)	6.59% 18	10.26% 28	21.25% 58	10.62% 29	44.69% 122	6.59% 18	273
G) Highland Rd. (Next to the roadway)	6.20% 17	8.76% 24	17.15% 47	18.25% 50	43.43% 119	6.20% 17	274
H) Eastland Rd. (Next to the roadway)	6.50% 18	12.64% 35	12.64% 35	14.44% 40	49.82% 138	3.97% 11	277
I) Eastland Rd. and Rutrough Rd, Alternative 1	7.77% 22	6.71% 19	10.60% 30	11.66% 33	59.72% 169	3.53% 10	283
J) Eastland Rd. and Rutrough Rd, Alternative 2	8.16% 23	5.32% 15	12.06% 34	11.70% 33	58.16% 164	4.61% 13	282

## Q5 How could the Potential Alignment Alternatives be changed to improve them?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 148

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The beauty of our area is the river and wilderness. That is what people want to see when walking and biking. I believe the greenway should showcase nature and not be on my neighbors back yard pools and gardens PAPER SURVEY ENTERED BY ROCO STAFF, NOT FULLY LEGIBLE	3/10/2025 9:25 AM
2	I feel that the Roanoke River Greenway should follow the Roanoke River. Many of the alternatives go into neighborhoods and areas that are not conducive to cyclist and pedestrian traffic.	2/28/2025 8:16 PM
3	Void populated neighborhoods	2/28/2025 11:20 AM
4	The traffic should not affect other houses.	2/28/2025 11:18 AM
5	Get off my lawn! Local neighborhoods don't need the extra attention houses easy targets for crooks and thieves.	2/28/2025 11:17 AM
6	River option	2/28/2025 11:15 AM
7	Not go through my property	2/28/2025 11:13 AM
8	Don't go through my yard or even close to my property. Been here for 50 years. Don't want to move!!! Would you?	2/28/2025 11:10 AM
9	In my opinion this will bring in more hoodlums with their drugs, trash, and violent behavior. Look around Roanoke City and see what destruction they have done. You owe it to your tax paying citizen to keep all of this out of our backyards.	2/28/2025 11:04 AM
10	I believe that the current route would create extremely large drug issues connecting all these hotspots for drugs and gang-related activities. It would be pushing all of this through the backyards of people who don't need this.	2/28/2025 10:59 AM
11	Avoid Neighborhoods Consider how these routes provide hidden pathways for drug dealers and thieves.	2/28/2025 10:54 AM
12	Avoid populated neighborhoods	2/28/2025 10:51 AM
13	Avoid neighborhoods, avoid generational family land, avoid creating a drug carrier superhighway between the city, the Ruthrough Trailor Park, and greatly wooded areas that create safe havens for homeless encampments.	2/28/2025 10:47 AM
14	Neighborhoods shouldn't be affected.	2/28/2025 10:43 AM
15	Best option is C (river option)	2/28/2025 10:38 AM
16	The river option makes a better nature walk.	2/28/2025 10:36 AM
17	I oppose on Eastland Rd. my sister lives on this road and dear friend, I fear for them.	2/28/2025 10:28 AM
18	I love utilizing the greenways, but future construction should be done in such a way as to minimize impact on property owners. We purchased our property because we value privacy. Construction on Eastland Rd. would basically put a city sidewalk in our front yard! No one should have to sacrifice their front or back yards for this project. The greenway must stay close to the river--not go through neighborhoods!	2/28/2025 10:22 AM
19	Don't mess with people's property	2/28/2025 10:14 AM
20	The best change that could happen would be to stop all greenway construction. All these trails do in out-of-site areas is allow places for the homeless and drug addicts to go. I don't feel safe for my wife to use the greenway. I have lived in my home for over 20 years, and my road has	2/28/2025 10:12 AM

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never been repaved in that time. Quit wasting money on this CRAP. Maybe we need a Statewide DOGE to stop this kind of wasteful spending.

21	First of all, this is wasteful spending; we don't need any more greenways in our area or in Virginia. Secondly, taxpayers don't want greenways behind or near our houses. I have encountered homeless people sleeping under the bridge of 13th Street and numerous people near the Blue Cow ice cream shop and Roanoke Memorial Hospital, who appeared to be high on drugs or drunk on alcohol. The greenway will lead to people like this on or near my property and make me and my family feel unsafe. How will this affect the value of my house? Will it lower the value due to the traffic of people, or raise my taxes to pay for it? Why is there money to fund this unneeded greenway, but the roads in my area and other parts of Virginia are neglected? I don't want any more greenway construction in my neighborhood or in Virginia. We need to get the homeless people and drug addicts off the streets.	2/28/2025 10:06 AM
22	No comment	2/28/2025 9:57 AM
23	The greenway expansion would be best done for the town of Vinton. Eastland Rd. is a tight road already as is and does not need all the extra traffic, activity, and homeless people that come with the whole greenway.	2/28/2025 9:43 AM
24	The best parts of the greenway system are the ones where the greenway is located closest to nature. Walking along the Greenway in the most secluded places that allows the user to the greenway to enjoy the outdoors without the visual of walking on someone's property and oftentimes in their front or back yards is not enjoyable as much as being in an area that is in the woods or along the river. Keeping the Greenway as much as possible in nature makes it a more enjoyable experience.	2/28/2025 9:37 AM
25	Keep it up north, so you're not messing with people's properties.	2/28/2025 9:29 AM
26	My daughter lives on Eastland fear they could be robbed.	2/28/2025 9:26 AM
27	Spend our hard earned money on things that HELP the community. Like tackling more affordable housing for the homeless, better healthcare options and help for the elderly that have to choose between rent, food or medicine!	2/27/2025 9:00 PM
28	Stop abusing eminent domain to take peoples property because of someone's pet project. I like the green ways but they need to be routed so that they do not go through people's front yards. There's plenty of beautiful Woodlands that would actually be worth walking through.	2/27/2025 8:47 PM
29	Not go through someone's yard. We can have a Greenway without intruding on neighborhoods.	2/27/2025 6:50 PM
30	N/A	2/27/2025 6:50 PM
31	I do not support going through people's property and neighborhoods. It is not safe for people walking or those living in those neighborhoods.	2/27/2025 6:50 PM
32	n/a	2/27/2025 6:43 PM
33	E or D with an out-and-back leg that goes to a Niagara observation point where you can see the falls during high water.	2/27/2025 2:40 PM
34	If the goal here is to create a greenway that is pleasing to the community, and a visitor attraction, let's do it right: make it beautiful and inviting with minimal impact on the people that live adjacent to it. Obviously, this means ideally this section of the greenway should be scenic, and that (to me) entails the river. Also, I am not convinced that there will be much foot traffic on this portion, and that the majority of users for this part will be bicyclists. Therefore, if along the river proves difficult, utilize existing roads and create path/bike-friendly corridors. This will inherently make these roads more safe (currently they are not, as people speed on these roads excessively), will utilize existing construction, and most importantly=>NOT destroy residents front yards! I am willing to devote time to help with this project in any way, as I am now a retired ER doc!	2/27/2025 2:34 PM
35	keep it out of private neighborhoods - stick to the river and existing public land	2/26/2025 7:26 PM
36	Stay the same	2/26/2025 5:02 PM
37	N/A	2/26/2025 2:48 PM
38	Keep that stupid greenway away from Rutrough Rd.	2/26/2025 1:53 PM

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39	It would be great to have a publicly available short overview of the benefits, downsides, projected costs, and challenges for each potential route. Even just a list of some bullet points describing each route qualitatively and quantitatively.	2/26/2025 12:59 PM
40	The Greenway should be along the river, in the forests or parks. It is a nature walk not a walk through neighborhoods.	2/26/2025 9:48 AM
41	The routs going through people's yards/neighborhoods is a horrible idea and is not safe.	2/26/2025 8:44 AM
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44	Keep them in open areas along roadways. The natural areas have the potential to become hobo jungles.	2/25/2025 1:24 PM
45	Spend the money on something more useful to the citizens of this county. Trash clean up for example.	2/25/2025 12:13 PM
46	Looking at the map (A, B, C, D, & E) make the most sense based on path. They look to have the least amount of impact on the current residents in the area. I & J make no sense as they affect the multiple residents and impact a lot of wooded area.	2/25/2025 8:12 AM
47	All federal expenditure for greenway should stop if cuts to social program are made to fund tax cuts for billionaires at the federal levels feeding people shoud be top priority	2/25/2025 8:10 AM
48	Don't build it. Not needed in that area. This is wooded area. This is too far out for a greenway.	2/25/2025 7:41 AM
49	The alignments need to be along the river.	2/25/2025 7:35 AM
50	Re route around the properties on Hogan.	2/25/2025 7:29 AM
51	I thought it was called the "River Greenway" because it went along the river instead of running through everyone's property. Keep the trail/walkway going along the river like it has been done in other sections. I don't want it on my property - we moved here for privacy! We wanted to be able to hunt our land - that is one of the many pleasures we get from living in the county.	2/24/2025 2:20 PM
52	The greenway linear park concept has always been linked to the Roanoke River, and should keep with that association. Roanoke City ran the route through only one residential area, but in area's where the property was being taken for the flood control project. As a trail user, I don't find much scenic attraction to riding a trail along a residential road. Nor do I find much support for taking residents property or imposing restrictions on what they can do with that property, even for rural residences	2/24/2025 2:17 PM
53	no comment	2/24/2025 2:04 PM
54	Keep it on the other side of the River and tracks (toward Vinton)	2/24/2025 1:59 PM
55	Don't take thru the neighborhoods!	2/24/2025 1:55 PM
56	?	2/24/2025 1:52 PM
57	I. And J could go 100% Rutrough Rd starting at Explore Park with a vehicle sensored 1 lane at the Blue Ridge Parkway bridge and add either a bridge or a pedestrian quick stop push button light to cross safely on Bennington street. Going with the round about is not safe as most don't obey pedestrian crossing now. I and J as proposed now is not safe for the greenway users and home owners affected with the greenway attached to their property. Taking the greenway off road 100% into the woods in the SE area is inviting more criminal activity and danger to homeowners as well as to law abiding dedicated greenway users.	2/24/2025 1:43 PM
58	Keep them away from neighborhoods and peoples private residences. These trails are bringing issues to homeowners that are unnecessary. There are already more than enough trails for people to walk, ride bikes, jog or whatever they want to do. Noone is dealing with the vagrants that are taking up shelter along these trails and stealing from the hard working homeowners along them. Why would we want anymore of them in more neighborhoods any where.	2/21/2025 2:51 PM
59	Option A seems like it might even help lend itself to connecting the Wolf Creek Greenway in Vinton to the main Roanoke River Greenway which would be great!	2/18/2025 9:27 PM
60	I think going along the river is the best option because it has the least impact on residents. I think factoring in cost is important. Options A, B, and C seem to require costly bridges or other	2/18/2025 12:55 PM

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in-river structures. While routes that are in the neighborhoods are not my preference overall, if the greenway does go that way, I feel very strongly that the greenway needs to be fully separated from cars along the ENTIRE route. I want this section of the greenway to be safe for all users, and full separation from cars is the only way to achieve this.

61	It would appear that the most advantageous routes would be those along the north side of the river since they would likely have the least impact on property owners.	2/18/2025 10:32 AM
62	You have offered quite the variety of routes. I wish there was some ranking of expense of different locations.	2/16/2025 9:22 AM
63	There's a balance to be considered between infringing upon housing areas and creating greenway access points for residents. Routes beside roadways are not ideal greenways for safety and noise. Rutrough Road is a small two-lane road already heavily traveled and unlikely to be expanded. Avoid it in favor of wooded areas that have the least impact on residents and ensure road safety for bikers and auto drivers.	2/15/2025 11:47 AM
64	Prefer no greenway at all.	2/14/2025 12:31 PM
65	Wolf creek gateway connection, better access to Vinton and overlooks.	2/14/2025 12:27 PM
66	Maybe figure out some more solutions to be able to build in the flood plain.	2/14/2025 12:24 PM
67	Keep them along the river or railroad and away from citizens' personal property revalues property in the future if we move.	2/14/2025 11:52 AM
68	I recommend Niagra Dam be removed. Why? to allow a greenway placed in exposed land beside river electricity generated DS. cost is too sustainable. Hydro credits, money-wise, are less than economic development/ benefits. AEP is a business. Profit loss should show profits are not from Niagra Dam because the cost to upgrade and provide electricity is less than the cost/benefit ratio for out-of-door business/economic development. Community Citizen-- AEP is struggling because of rate increases. AEP can be a good citizen and donate (tax write off). The dam to Roanoke Co. fishing, kayaking, support for brand outdoors will benefit the neighbors, the localities, and the region.	2/14/2025 11:47 AM
69	Down the Roanoke River bank because it probably want effect no houses and effect noboby property the red line. There is a lot of drug use next door to us now we don't need anymore traffic.	2/14/2025 11:02 AM
70	To not affect private land, we are hunters and that would take away all of our hunting opportunity. We do not want random people in our backyard.	2/14/2025 10:54 AM
71	Avoid private land--we have generational land and enjoy sports and livestock- it could dramatically affect our lifestyle.	2/14/2025 10:51 AM
72	H,I,J should not be used. Ridge Rd. Deadend is my drive way (one way) and goes directly to my house. (trees--big). We are 100 feet (house) from 5 A. line of land we have on Eastland Rd. We bought land to keep hunters and criminals from our front door and have had problems since we built our house in 1988. 2-On family land, my father had (an HOA) on Ridge Rd. and 10 acres on Eastland in 1940. My grandparents had 200 acres at one time and gave 10 a to Parkway. James E Hoogan (Stanback). One of my ancestors owned land in late 1700s where Mt. Pleasant School is another had land in 1836 near gordon brook and Hogan Rd. (Curtis Lacy & Rebecca Kessler). I am also a Hartman Desendant also Dillon (Franklin) & Morgan (Bedford). Many descendants of these people came to Roanoke to live and work and settled near my family along Eastland, Highland, Rutrough.	2/14/2025 10:46 AM
73	?	2/14/2025 10:33 AM
74	Alignments can be mixed and matched, i.e. utilizing F1 and the Bluff Rd paper ROW, then tying into E.	2/12/2025 4:40 PM
75	Is it possible for the F1/F2 alignment to start on the western end where the G alignment currently starts? This would Tee off of the city's current greenway project, then route behind (south) of the existing homes on Underhill, and join the existing F1/F2 alignments in open space east of the end of Underhill. This would keep the F1/F2 alignments off of the front of houses at Underhill, and on property that the city is already utilizing to build their greenway.	2/12/2025 2:58 PM
76	I like seeing so many different options. It would be nice to see elevation profiles of each as well as having them ranked from low cost to high and other challenges such as ROW,	2/12/2025 2:31 PM

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engineering and construction challenges.

77	I would like to add one more suggestion to the survey entry I previously submitted. As a general concept, please consider connecting the eastern portion of Alignment F1 to the combined alignments G & H (the switchback segment).	2/12/2025 11:50 AM
78	The newest section of Greenway from Highland Road to Explore Park is beautiful. Every effort should be made to ensure that whatever connects to this section is just as nice.	2/12/2025 8:33 AM
79	For a slight variation of Alignment H, consider Eastland Road as "share-the-road" only, while also building the short switchback alignment identified as G & H....but only as an interim solution until an alignment near the river can be accomplished.	2/11/2025 3:48 PM
80	Utilize existing county-owned land.	2/11/2025 9:49 AM
81	Keeping them away from the more rural and private properties.	2/11/2025 9:25 AM
82	The plans are difficult to understand what is being proposed for the actual route of the greenway	2/10/2025 8:18 AM
83	Nothing at this time. I think the options provided are good steps in the right direction if funding becomes available.	2/8/2025 3:45 PM
84	Stop wasting Elon's money	2/7/2025 10:19 PM
85	They can't it needs to stay in vinton	2/7/2025 8:03 PM
86	Favor options which minimize impact to private land owners and disrupting currently quiet neighborhoods. Working with City officials and police forces to curtail the present issue with the increasing population of dangerous and/or nuisance persons would be my number one suggestion to improving greenway plans. From my perspective and from conversations with neighbors, resistance to current alignments are motivated by: (1) reluctance to adopt higher risk to self, family, and private property and the increased nuisance of unwelcomed trespassers which will arise from the increased access to currently secluded neighborhoods; (2) resistance to the seizure of premium private property (farm and/or riverfront) from private land owners; (3) increased traffic on and/or decreased proximity of non-residents (of the neighborhood) to private residences and land.	2/7/2025 1:28 PM
87	Less switchbacks or at least have them not be as tight as what was used by the Water Authority at the west end of Route E to make them safer for users on the greenway.	2/6/2025 4:39 PM
88	connect to existing roanoke river greenway at alignment C, D, or E; cross river and transition to alignment B if needed to avoid landowner conflicts if any on south side of river.	2/6/2025 3:35 PM
89	remove Niagara Dam greenway in riverbed.	2/6/2025 2:14 PM
90	I would need to have a more detailed map or see property in proportion to give an alternative to what has been proposed.	2/6/2025 2:06 PM
91	Eastland Rd. best route/even terrain. We don't want crime in our neighborhood.	2/6/2025 1:31 PM
92	We need to make sure the homeless and drug dependant are no invading our peaceful neighborhood. We already are chasing away trespassers and illegal encampments on our property. (photos/ game cam available upon request) We want to stay safe and secure, that's our #1 priority. We have seen firsthand unwelcome "thugs" visiting our riverfront property. These people are not enjoying the greenway. They are using it for other purposes.	2/6/2025 1:27 PM
93	Not sure.	2/6/2025 12:16 PM
94	Take Redwoo off of Bennington or take Dundee off of Bennington instead of Rutrough Rd. Rutrough Rd. is narrow and dangerous by Food Lion. Options I and J also require going up a steep hill. I know because both routes go through my lots or beside them.	2/6/2025 12:05 PM
95	By not invading on private property or roads. Not congestion the roadways, when undergoing construction of the greenway. Make more access points to the greenway/choose the alignment alternative with the best views and is the most accessible. You also don't want it too secluded.	2/6/2025 11:54 AM
96	Connection to existing greenway (Roa river) to avoid unbuilt section K(UPC 119666) Benefits ease of use and avoid "Industrial/Commercial area.	2/6/2025 11:49 AM
97	Don't bring it to Bluff Rd. or Highland. Keep it in Vinton. No River or greenway views up there.	2/6/2025 11:33 AM

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98	Use the money for more important projects that will help people in need.	2/6/2025 11:26 AM
99	Keep them out of neighborhoods and away from busy roads would prefer down by the river.	2/6/2025 11:16 AM
100	Closer to the river, it is preferred to be on the road.	2/6/2025 11:14 AM
101	Why can't the greenway go along the between the treatment plant and the river to avoid the poop dues (Staff: properties).	2/6/2025 11:00 AM
102	A. Reroute the Underhill Ave. Section to Greenway/Underhill intersect to provide better smooth grade. B. Route should follow river around wastewater plant.	2/6/2025 10:51 AM
103	Remaining as close to the river as possible, or at least within the river valley (away from roads and residences) would be the preferred route.	2/6/2025 9:44 AM
104	The ones I chose "Strongly Oppose" on run through friends' yards where their children play. I don't think it's safe for children to have strangers walking through their yards.	2/5/2025 8:58 PM
105	Please do not run a greenway through anyone's property. It renders the property useless. There are plenty of other greenways in Roanoke, we do not need another one.	2/5/2025 8:35 PM
106	Would prefer to stay out of residential areas or cut through peoples property.	2/5/2025 5:47 PM
107	minimize but preferably eliminate options that take land from property owners	2/5/2025 5:39 PM
108	Don't mix greenway and any roads. Cars and bike/ped don't mix well. Greenways are for bike/ped use.	2/5/2025 1:43 PM
109	stay off residential streets, pretty through the woods would be better	2/5/2025 11:16 AM
110	Routes A, B, C, D, E, F1, F2, G, and H all rely on route (K) - (UPC 119666 - 60% Plans - Roanoke City Project) for access. It seems like many people do not realize that there is a link to the Tinker Creek greenway available. This part of the greenway needs to be completed before the link feels open, safe, and clean.	2/5/2025 9:08 AM
111	IDK	2/5/2025 6:47 AM
112	Don't come through the county where people work hard for their privacy and quiet life in the woods. :)	2/5/2025 6:08 AM
113	Prefer keeping the greenway and roads completely separated, motorists generally disrespect bike riders.	2/5/2025 5:47 AM
114	Do not use H I J	2/5/2025 12:10 AM
115	I don't have strong options for the route.	2/4/2025 8:38 PM
116	Cancel Them "I" Ridge Road is not wide enough and comes up my driveway and takes my property in front of my house.	2/4/2025 7:46 PM
117	The alignment should go through less populated areas, preferably where there are no residences, or as a last resort, bordering a few residences, without interfering with family owned property. Unlike large companies or businesses, families owning this land don't have the means to fight for their own concerns, nor to pay for security to keep their property and selves safe. By opening up the greenway to these areas, it is being opened to the public, and providing anyone with ill intention easy access to otherwise relatively safe communities and homes. Other nearby areas with public access are well known as dangerous areas. We do NOT want to increase access to otherwise private and safe areas. Roanoke is already considered one of the most dangerous cities in virginia, we don't need to increase those numbers.	2/4/2025 7:24 PM
118	The less Bridges the better, lower cost and maintenance	2/4/2025 5:32 PM
119	I do not feel that anyone's property should be used for this greenway if owners do not want it!	2/4/2025 5:05 PM
120	It appears on the surface that the alternatives would require more eminent domain of multiple properties and take the greenway away from the river. If the route were moved off of the river, it would have to be for a similar visual experience of mountain vistas, creeks, or other nature highlights. Connecting a point A to a point B without a nice visual journey would be limiting. If the greenway can be placed within fields/in forests/well off roads, that would be ideal if it cannot go along the river	2/4/2025 1:39 PM

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121	Alternate routes to greenway for safety and security for our neighborhood	2/4/2025 1:27 PM
122	Keep this away from our private property. This is a very private neighborhood and this would cause traffic and security issues for our area. This would provide easy access to our homes for criminals and thieves.	2/4/2025 1:17 PM
123	keep it in public and do not come up residential areas.	2/4/2025 11:57 AM
124	Connecting routes creates more opportunities for cyclists and those who use the greenway.	2/4/2025 11:15 AM
125	Eliminate alignments along the road.	2/4/2025 8:22 AM
126	Let musk pay for it	2/4/2025 5:51 AM
127	I prefer staying away from the roads as much as possible. The 2 Rutrough routes appear to lead to busy roads which would mean the greenway wouldn't be used as much	2/4/2025 12:25 AM
128	Any and all connections between the Parkway and Greenway would be greatly valued by my whole family.	2/3/2025 7:43 PM
129	Na	2/3/2025 9:13 AM
130	A plan that does not interfere with private properties is more advisable.	1/31/2025 9:10 PM
131	I strongly support the completion of the Roanoke River Greenway to Explore Park. Options along or adjacent to the river are likely to be the most scenic, most appealing, and most likely to serve the local community and to create a destination-worthy greenway. Next to roadway options are likely to be less appealing, may feel less safe, and are less likely to create a destination-worthy greenway.	1/31/2025 11:34 AM
132	Clarity in public communications is very much needed on two particular points: First, when the proposed routes follow existing streets which lack sidewalks or other safe pedestrian access, is the proposal to add such a pathway, or to have people walk along the roads as they are now? Second, there are several sections (particularly in the more eastern parts of I and J) which appear to follow the borders of privately owned parcels of land where there is currently no street or walkway and it is unclear how such routes could be created without the use of private land. For the routes along existing roads, I additionally note that in as well as being narrow and lacking sidewalks, some of the streets are quiet and don't have much current traffic. This raises questions about the impact of additional traffic (even if by foot) on property values, especially in terms of noise and light pollution, and crime. Not only are there few or no street lights on these roads, but the homes are a bit more spread out and/or set back from the road, meaning it is harder for police to patrol them effectively.	1/30/2025 7:09 PM
133	Move the alternates north of the river. I live right in the area where both alternates are proposed and I strongly oppose both of them.	1/30/2025 6:47 PM
134	Stay away from residential roads (particularly Bluff Road) and keep it closer to Vinton.	1/30/2025 12:43 PM
135	The alignment roads seem to do a good job of getting down along the greenway and connecting in an efficient manner to the rest of the greenway	1/29/2025 3:59 PM
136	More clarity on differences in D and E.	1/29/2025 12:29 PM
137	It would be nice to leave some surfaces dirt and not all of them pavement.	1/29/2025 7:55 AM
138	Keeping the greenway as close to the river as possible is the best solution — creating greenway through neighborhoods is not in the spirit of the greenway system. The first few options allow people to stay connected to the river as they go along the greenway, and we should preserve that as much as we can.	1/28/2025 9:01 PM
139	Not certain.	1/28/2025 7:46 PM
140	Less time on the roads.	1/28/2025 4:30 PM
141	N/A	1/28/2025 3:04 PM
142	Doesn't it make sense that the Roanoke River Greenway be located along the Roanoke River?	1/28/2025 3:02 PM
143	I think that you have laid out all of the viable options, but the only ones that truly make sense are the ones along the river as it is called the Roanoke River Greenway.	1/28/2025 1:39 PM

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Use existing bridge to vinton follow train tracks build bridge back to explorer park. Doesn't affect traffic or property this way

1/28/2025 10:24 AM

## Q6 Please share any other thoughts.

Answered: 187 Skipped: 105

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NOT LEGIBLE - SCANNED AND SAVED	3/10/2025 9:25 AM
2	Erosion on property Disturb Wildlife	3/10/2025 9:19 AM
3	Interfere with hunting Tresspassers Homeless in camps Potential Fires My Grandchildren play in these woods	3/10/2025 9:17 AM
4	We have enough greenways Need to respect peoples privacy and land not to be taken. We love our privacy. Takes away from the fishing and hunting	3/3/2025 8:49 AM
5	Will disturb wildlife My grandchildren play in the woods This property has been in the Spradlins over 100 years	3/3/2025 8:46 AM
6	This green way should be along the river ONLY. Several of the other proposed routes connect neighborhoods known to have high crime and drug activity and would give them a highway through peoples back yards including my own and put my family in danger.	2/28/2025 9:09 PM
7	The routes on Eastland Road would negatively affect my family and the ability of my children to play safely in their own yard. The best route for the greenway would be along the river.	2/28/2025 8:51 PM
8	I am very concerned about the homeless population finding locations along the proposed greenway alternatives that pose risk and danger to private properties and greenway users. With the expansion / connection of this greenway, what is the County planning to address these issues to protect both greenway users and property owners from damage and trespassing? This is a very serious concern for my family's safety as well as property values.	2/28/2025 8:16 PM
9	Thank you for all your hardwork on this project. Excited to see it come to life.	2/28/2025 1:31 PM
10	I have a family cemetery that is off of Hogan Circle and just don't want the greenway to run through land that has been in my family for 180 years! Don't want the traffic there.	2/28/2025 1:17 PM
11	I think this greenway idea is a waste of taxpayer money. This money could be better used to help this country. I and my family hunt and use my property for personal enjoyment. My family has owned this property since 1905. This alternative will infringe on my family's rights. Who will keep people off the rest of my property? If we have a dry spell and someone tosses a cigarette, there's no telling how many homes will be destroyed and maybe lives lost. I hope that you will keep this greenway away from my property!! As soon as you put this in, Roanoke Co. will want to increase taxes. Please leave us alone.	2/28/2025 11:24 AM
12	don't like the thought of strangers walking in my front yard.	2/28/2025 11:18 AM
13	why chance the drug traffic! No benefit with it coming through the neighborhood.	2/28/2025 11:15 AM
14	Avoid building greenways in personal properties and neighborhoods.	2/28/2025 11:12 AM
15	Probably should contact Roanoke City Police and Roanoke County Police Departments to see where all the negative issues are coming from and attempt to avoid at all costs.	2/28/2025 10:59 AM
16	Consult with Roanoke County Police to gain knowledge of areas that are already creating problems for them.	2/28/2025 10:54 AM
17	The "cheapest" option for the county is not the "cheapest" option for families affected by the kind grab and the introduction of a greater capacity for the criminal element.	2/28/2025 10:47 AM
18	No guns are allowed on city property. Easy place to get mugged.	2/28/2025 10:43 AM
19	The Greenway is great for muggers and drugs! Ask yourself one question--Do you want it in your front yard?	2/28/2025 10:38 AM
20	I think it's a shame you are trying to take people's property, homes away.	2/28/2025 10:26 AM

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21	I do not support adding a greenway in our front and backyards on property that our families have lived on for 60+ years.	2/28/2025 10:25 AM
22	I am also concerned about the increase in crime that can result from an increase in traffic as well as a decrease in property values. As much as I love the greenway there are many areas of it I avoid because there are so many homeless people of it I avoid because there are so many homeless people that are living there. I do not want that for my neighborhood.	2/28/2025 10:22 AM
23	Reason I live where I'm at is because not much traffic, quiet living down here.	2/28/2025 10:14 AM
24	It is my understanding that the police will not be able to get in these areas like Eastland Rd. Routes Hill Ave is always full of drug traffic, and those routes will only give them a path that doesn't get policed.	2/28/2025 10:12 AM
25	Stop the wasteful spending in Virginia by ending any and all plans and construction of greenways. Also, Virginia needs to stop pumping human waste into the Roanoke River. My family and many others kayak in that river and has seen fecal matter floating in the water numerous times. That is disgusting! and no one that I've talked to in my neighborhood ever received any letters about this, despite being told that it was mailed to everyone.	2/28/2025 10:06 AM
26	No comment	2/28/2025 9:57 AM
27	I do not use the current greenway due to homeless camps off of the greenway, and I do not want this near my home. Running the greenway through Eastland Rd. would take most of my front yard. Option J would take the trail past Pines Trailor Park and Hill Ave, where there is known drug activity, and this option would increase that activity. Bicyclists should be pleased to take the scenic route by the river.	2/28/2025 9:48 AM
28	With all the wooded areas along Eastland Rd., I don't think it is a good place for a greenway at all. That could potentially bring more homeless camps into the area that nobody wants to be a burden to. I strongly oppose of any kind of greenway extension in the Eastland area and think the county could use that money to instead the actual road itself.	2/28/2025 9:43 AM
29	Homeowners impacted by proposed plans are concerned about potential crime along the routes proposed in areas that encroach on their/our properties in the county. Furthermore, Roanoke City has done very little to quell the homeless problems along the Greenway system, and as such, the homeless are utilizing the Greenway as their highway. We have been advised by the police department to avoid certain areas of the greenway due to the homeless encampments.	2/28/2025 9:37 AM
30	I like living where I am, not much traffic, a reason I live down here.	2/28/2025 9:29 AM
31	I think the funding for this project can be better utilized in other areas besides taking peoples property. This is a very sore spot with me due to a similar situation involving my grandmother. Everyone I've spoken to about this in this neighborhood is strongly opposed. I feel it would open innocent people to things they aren't prepared to deal with.	2/27/2025 9:00 PM
32	I would like the greenway not to run along my property line.	2/27/2025 6:50 PM
33	I do not support going through people's property and neighborhoods. It is not safe for people walking or those living in those neighborhoods.	2/27/2025 6:50 PM
34	n/a	2/27/2025 6:43 PM
35	I do not want the greenway within feet of house	2/27/2025 6:34 PM
36	North of River would be problematic due to train noise and fencing required. E is ideal with or without the two short bridges although the bridges would be a nice touch. E looks superior to D assuming E avoids the switchbacks required to reach the Highland parking lot. Other options look feasible but are likely NIMBY targets.	2/27/2025 2:40 PM
37	First, THANK YOU for your dedication to making Roanoke better! As a very frequent user of the greenways, they truly are a wonderful thing! Ok, now that the buttering up part is done, let's look at the issues: 1) This proposal impacts many houses/resident, particularly in their FRONT YARDS (only Garden City greenway faces this, and frankly they needed a "sidewalk-type" of path anyway as that road is busy). Many of us live in this area for privacy, and many of the proposed routes destroy this. The Highland Road proposal would impact FOUR properties I own on Highland, including my home. How would you feel about a public path being constructed 15 feet from your front door, living room bay window, and bedroom bay window? As an ER doctor, my philosophy was to treat every patient like a family member. Roanoke	2/27/2025 2:34 PM

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County administrators should take this approach with their citizens. Honor our privacy. 2) Please give SE a break! We kinda are already neglected and abused. In this area, we have faced a landfill right next to us, a dump-drainage pipe proposal in our front yards (from the old landfill), a tank farm proposal adjacent to our neighborhoods, and those of us on Highland Road have to deal with AEP and their eminent domain for electrical towers, with the result we have huge metal towers in our yards (and get to stare at them)! Enough, please. 3) Privacy and safety. There is no question the greenway system has become a haven for the homeless in this area. Numerous encampments have sprung up adjacent to the greenways. There was a huge "tent city" next to the river with over 30 people camped out off the Tinker Creek section. Additionally, I have seen numerous people camping on the deck next to the Water Authority, for weeks at a time. Roanoke County/City's response is always slow and inefficient dealing with these matters. The site next to the river where the "tent city" was is now a huge pile of trash. Local residents do not feel safe with these encampments in their neighborhood. I have put hundreds of miles on the greenways, and have yet to see law enforcement. Perhaps Roanoke County/City needs to focus on solutions for the housing crisis, as opposed to more greenways. 4) I have to say that I am so opposed to greenways through the middle of this neighborhood, I would use every legal method/lawyers against it. Others would join me. Please don't interpret this as threatening language; just know that's how extremely upsetting this is to us (it would have to be for me to interact with a lawyer!). I don't want to just complain. I am willing to be part of the solution, knowing that your job can be difficult (I was Medical Director of the ER at Carilion and Lewis Gale, and Chief of Staff for 6 years at Lewis Gale. I get dealing with people). I am willing to donate my time to help arrive at solutions and creative ideas with this project. Thank you!

38	We moved to this area because it is private and quiet. Several of the routes would destroy our privacy and our the value of our property. F1 literally runs through our yard between our house and our barn.	2/26/2025 7:26 PM
39	Are taxes are high enough why put in project that will continually need to be maintained just like the current Greenway. By this foolishness that you partake in my property value has already dropped. Whoever drew up the map put it between my pole barn and my house running over top of my septic system so it's very clear to me there's very little research been done on property destruction. F1	2/26/2025 7:20 PM
40	Need to stay the same	2/26/2025 5:02 PM
41	Rutrough is far too busy too congested... Two people have already died on our road since the brewery has been open... It's not a good combination, alcohol and bicycles on the same road.. One of them need to go... Safety first... We don't mind sharing the road but if someone is under the influence that's not going to work	2/26/2025 3:31 PM
42	N/A	2/26/2025 2:48 PM
43	Build sidewalks on Colonial Ave to allow people to walk to Electric road. It is unsafe now and many people walk it.	2/26/2025 2:43 PM
44	Running the greenway by the river is preferred as it doesn't run through neighborhoods	2/26/2025 1:25 PM
45	I previously did this survey but did not understand the map.	2/26/2025 9:48 AM
46	I strongly oppose the proposed greenway passing through residential front yards. While green spaces are valuable, placing a public walkway in front of homes raises serious concerns about privacy, security, and property values. It would also increase unwanted foot traffic, including homelessness issues that many residents moved here to avoid. With much of the greenway already following the river, a more suitable route should be considered. I urge you to respect homeowners and find an alternative path that better serves the community.	2/26/2025 8:50 AM
47	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed greenway that would pass through residential front yards in our community. While I understand the value of green spaces, placing a public walkway directly in front of homes is an inappropriate and disruptive choice. This plan raises serious concerns about privacy, security, and property value for homeowners. A greenway in a neighborhood setting would not only disrupt the peace and character of our community but could also attract unwanted foot traffic, including individuals experiencing homelessness. Many residents move to areas like ours to avoid these very issues, and this project threatens to bring them closer to our homes. Additionally, with much of the greenway already following the river, it would make far more sense to continue that route rather than forcing it through a residential area where it does not belong. I urge you to reconsider this plan	2/26/2025 8:48 AM

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and find an alternative path that better respects homeowners and preserves the integrity of our neighborhood.

48	The routs going through people's yards/neighborhoods is a horrible idea and is not safe.	2/26/2025 8:44 AM
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51	I especially like option B, as it would have great views of the river from the rail side, and the Niagara dam, and I think the bridges would be amazing. I do not like the roadside routes, or ones that go through neighborhoods, as there will be land grabs, and more deforestation. B presents connections to more prior greenways and allows a web to form.	2/25/2025 9:31 PM
52	Please do NOT put this on I or J. We live right where that would be and people would be walking right by our yard. Our dog would go nuts anytime someone passed and also there are quite a few stray dogs in the area that would probably cause issues for families walking on the Greenway.	2/25/2025 9:11 PM
53	Any part of rutrough rd is frightening. There are multiple bikes that utilize rutrough road now and the traffic is already unable to handle the increase. There is a large portion of the road that has no shoulders, there's a brewery at the end. Two people have already died in car crashes since that has opened. People usually don't respect the speed limit and in my opinion safety is definitely an issue.	2/25/2025 9:06 PM
54	The idea of bridging to the railway side is best No real issues with it as I suspect the railway would be fine with it. They are everywhere else.	2/25/2025 1:24 PM
55	I understand, no matter the choice, that it will be expensive but it is very much needed and I encourage Roanoke County to be forward thinking on this and not take the path of least resistance. Route options through existing streets and neighborhoods may be the simplest but is not keeping in spirit of the greenway, and...I fear you will upset a lot more people when you have to factor in the rightaway and amount of land you'll need to make a path wide enough.	2/25/2025 9:24 AM
56	Putting the paths beside potentially high crime areas (mobile home parks) will effect the safety of Roanoke County citizens.	2/25/2025 8:15 AM
57	I have some concerns with what other activities the proposed greenway would be used for if it does take a path through the secluded woods.	2/25/2025 8:12 AM
58	Roanoke Countn should be aggressively opposing Elon Musk.	2/25/2025 8:10 AM
59	I and J too close to homes	2/25/2025 8:09 AM
60	We have too many problems with homeless in that area, criminal activity, drug use and an avenue for other criminal activity.	2/25/2025 7:41 AM
61	As someone who frequently utilizes the greenways, I want the new alignments along the river, I want to enjoy the beauty of the river, the sounds of the river. It is peaceful and relaxing. If benches were provided every so often, it would be an additional place to relax and unwind. I do not feel comfortable walking through peoples property. As a property owner myself, I am strongly opposed to this idea. I have already seen what was done along Highland and it is horrible. The lane through the parkway is one lane now with ugly barricades. Hundreds of trees were cut down for parking lots. Just leave it along and build a walkway / greenway only along the river.	2/25/2025 7:35 AM
62	The greenway needs to be kept close to the river, not near the homes on Highland and Eastland. I have already seen a homeless camp on the new portion on Highland. I do not want to worry about homeless camps setting up on my property.	2/25/2025 7:16 AM
63	We moved out here to have county/country living. We have enjoyed hunting on our property and moved here for peace and quiet - If we wanted a walkway/greenway near our residence, we would move to the city Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:20 PM
64	I understand the A and B routes would strongly impact NS railroad, but an argument could be made and sustained where the B trail option could give improved access to NS crews and/or emergency services to that trunk line. I favor the B option to reduce the bridging costs, and to keep from having to go over top the trunk (rail) line Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:17 PM
65	Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:11 PM

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66	Appreciate all the great work that you do! We have fantastic greenways! Would like to see more rail trails (crushed gravel) in the future. Not for this specific project but in the future. Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:10 PM
67	The Roanoke Valley has a multitude of bike trails. It is disheartening to see that the majority of the proposals takes homeowner's property to put it in their front or back yards. As is the case of the development on Highland/ Rutrough for a parking lot. Land that is already available that would not infringe on homeowners should be utilized. How would you feel if this was in your own backyard? This bike trail is not severely needed infrastructure. Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:08 PM
68	Would prefer to keep trail away from I and J Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:04 PM
69	I think f1 would be more scenic. E - would be more nature based - which is nice to look at Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 2:03 PM
70	Roads too narrow - people up here do NOT want the greenway in our neighborhood. None of us use the greenway. None of us like it either. We don't want any other than what we already HAVE Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 1:59 PM
71	Nobody in our neighborhood uses or NEEDS the greenway and do NOT want it in our neighborhood Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 1:55 PM
72	Parts of Roanoke River are semi-rural leave it that way. Leave it natural with only dirt trails. Some like to fish and observe nature in its natural state Paper survey entered by ROCO Staff	2/24/2025 1:52 PM
73	I think the proposed route C would be so beautiful but concerned on the impact of flooding when messing with the river. Routes A-D seem to have the least impact to the number of homeowners.	2/24/2025 1:43 PM
74	I truly think there are already plenty of trails. The homeless are taking up refuge on them and that is creating issues for homeowners with the greenway trails being placed in neighborhoods. Along the rivers are one thing but right through neighborhoods and peoples residences are not welcomed. Absolutely no reason for the trails to go through neighborhood areas.	2/21/2025 2:51 PM
75	North of the railroad seems easier to build and makes for a flatter trail. Highland Road would be steep and rolling, and riding on Eastland would be a better alternative.	2/20/2025 12:34 AM
76	I think option A could potentially be quite peaceful and scenic whenever a train isn't present.	2/18/2025 9:27 PM
77	I am fully supportive of this project to fill the gap in the greenway. Having the Roanoke River Greenway was a key reason my husband and I decided to move to Roanoke. Improving this critical infrastructure will make Roanoke better for current residents and more attractive to future ones.	2/18/2025 12:55 PM
78	It would be helpful when presenting various options to have cost information available.	2/18/2025 10:32 AM
79	Some perks of being north of river would be access for those neighborhoods. Would there be at least some scenic overlooks, views of the river? I think a greenway closer to the river overlooking the river would be ideal and be quite a draw tourist wise. I'm only leaning toward the A route because it seems like a more realistic compromise?	2/16/2025 9:22 AM
80	Greenways along the river are increasingly being overrun, as is Explore Park, by bikers, creating more congestion and greater risks to walkers. Do there need to be designated bikeways separate from walking lanes? Rutrough Road Alt. 2 cuts directly in between Pine Tree Mobile Estates and my property through a very small strip of wooded area, the only privacy created between a densely populated trailer park and our single-family dwelling. Development through that strip of woods is untenable for all property owners in this immediate vicinity. The less bike traffic there is on or near Rutrough, the safer the bikers will be. Find another route please.	2/15/2025 11:47 AM
81	I understand the issue with property owners opposition, but I strongly support the option that is the most engineering practical and less costly.	2/15/2025 11:41 AM
82	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my sister in law's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that her great-great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of her son's will be living there and a greenway in their nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:57 AM

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83	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my aunt's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that my great-great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of my cousin's will be living there and a greenway in their nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:52 AM
84	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my sister's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that my great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of my nephew's will be living there and a greenway in their nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:45 AM
85	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my daughter's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that my daughter's great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of my grandson's will be living there and a greenway in their nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:18 AM
86	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my parent's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that my mother's great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that either my brother or I will be living there and a greenway in our nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:14 AM
87	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my parent's property and down their gravel drive. They live in the house that my mother's great grandfather built so them moving is not an option and one day I hope that either my brother or I will be living there and a greenway in our nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:08 AM
88	I like the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my property and down my gravel drive. I live in the house that my wife's great grandfather built so moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of my boys will be living here and a greenway in our nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 10:00 AM
89	I love the greenway but REALLY DO NOT want it to run through my property and down my gravel drive. I live in the house that my great grandfather built so moving is not an option and one day I hope that one of my boys will be living here and a greenway in our nice little gravel drive is not wanted.	2/15/2025 9:51 AM
90	We bought land to keep people away. Me and my grandsons hunt on this land and don't want people infringing on our hunting and giving us the worry of safety for others.	2/14/2025 12:31 PM
91	Thank you for holding these meetings on this imperfect project.	2/14/2025 12:24 PM
92	The few times I've driven by the new greenway on Highland there has been no one on it. plenty of people riding their bike on the road not utilizing the greenway. It would be a massive invasion of one's personal property. It should be voted on within the members of the community could directly affect.	2/14/2025 11:52 AM
93	AEP needs to be a team player. Support SML development. Claytor Lake Dam, Buckdam, Byllsyby dam.	2/14/2025 11:47 AM
94	Don't want greenway on Hill Ave or any part around it. Down the river looks to be the best for all.	2/14/2025 11:02 AM
95	Concerned for disturbing private owners neighborhoods in rural H,I,J. and safety from street people. Need to stay safe!	2/14/2025 10:56 AM
96	Our land is family land, and the proposals could dramatically affect us.	2/14/2025 10:51 AM
97	1) Small cemetery near Pine Tree Rd. 2) Mailboxes too close to the road 3) Too steep to walk up Ridge Rd. 4) Difficult for (2 cars) Drive at same time (No room for sidewalks, someone may get hit by car).	2/14/2025 10:46 AM
98	This project has brought nothing but inconvenience and hardship to this community, to this date. All I see in the future is more of the same. Plus, a decrease in property value, all for a very small percentage of the population in Roanoke Co.	2/14/2025 10:33 AM
99	Please try your best to get a river-adjacent alignment. It is the Roanoke River Greenway and that looks to be a scenic stretch of the river that few get to enjoy. Don't be afraid to use some muscle in getting easements.	2/12/2025 4:40 PM
100	I have no other suggestions than to say the in-river alignment C seems most achievable. I think there is an understanding that greenways can flood, especially given the situation at	2/12/2025 2:58 PM

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Wiley drive, and the in-river alignment appears to have the least challenges with regards to bridge building and property easements. I personally prefer alignment A for the potential future connection to Vinton.

101	I really like the most northern route recommendation because of its potential to tie into some new areas in Vinton as well as a potential future Wolf Creek Greenway system. I know it has a huge bridge that will be challenging and expensive, but the elevation profile of that route has got to be fantastic and it would be enjoyed by a lot of current greenway users. Many road cyclists have gotten used to riding along Eastland Road, and will continue to do so as it's the quickest route. However, these are people used to riding in traffic already and don't really need additional accommodations. Highland Road is beautiful but the elevation along it will keep most away. Right now most cyclist have the option of taking Eastland or Highland and heatmaps show almost everyone takes Eastland (because it's flat). Along the south riverbank would have been great but I understand it has ROW challenges. Between the River and Railroad is nice too but would leave out possible other connections to neighborhoods, has elevation challenges after it passes the dam.	2/12/2025 2:31 PM
102	Thoughts provided in first survey entry.	2/12/2025 11:50 AM
103	Any greenway alignment that crosses multiple driveways like the Garden City Greenway is dangerous and really just a wide sidewalk not at all suitable for cyclists. Any route that runs alongside Eastland, Highland or Rutrough Roads would be an unsatisfactory solution.	2/12/2025 8:33 AM
104	This is not a very useful exercise with no information on cost, number of landowners, ROW feasibility, engineering feasibility.	2/11/2025 7:54 PM
105	1. Alignment B really makes sense to me in terms of proximity to the river and its connection points at both ends. It also maintains viability of a future Wolf Creek connection. However, I would encourage some early communication with Norfolk Southern to identify any unforeseen obstacles before going too much further with this alignment. 2. In terms of the viability of Alignment D, can a reevaluation of Alignment D's expected flooding frequency be done now for a reduced river level that results from the removal of the Niagara Dam? Seems like this would be an important piece of data. 3. It is important for the greenway to be as close as possible to the river. It will also be important to maintain forward momentum of the entire Roanoke River Greenway project. My fear is that funding availability for the foreseeable future for any of the alignments near the river will result in an extended delay. Nonetheless, I'd encourage the County to take whatever time is needed to hold out for a close-to-the-river alignment. Then, to maintain forward progress on greenway connectivity, I'd like to suggest resurfacing Eastland Road (a relatively flat, low-volume street) to serve as a "share-the-road" interim alignment (no property acquisition needed) in combination with construction of the short switchback alignment (identified as G & H) that connects the Eastland/Highland intersection to the recently completed 0.4-mile greenway segment that was part of UPC 91191 (thereby bypassing a steep and curvy segment of Highland Road). This would remain as an important neighborhood greenway spur even after the ultimate Roanoke River Greenway alignment is completed.	2/11/2025 3:48 PM
106	The new greenway, mostly finished, in Explore Park is awesome!	2/11/2025 12:26 PM
107	I find it very troubling most of the proposed paths would be infringing upon my neighbors' lands. This is not something I would want in my own back yard. There are plenty of places for biking in Roanoke as it stands, so please do not tear up more residential property to make trails. It has been very upsetting to see the development on Highland Road/Rutrough Road already. I cannot imagine how the people who live across from that have felt, as they watch the trees cut down and the roads stained with red mud. All for a parking lot. I would be more understanding if this was for desperately needed infrastructure, but not for a bike trail.	2/11/2025 9:49 AM
108	I regularly use the greenway and it has become a drug trafficking highway. I've seen drug deals, drug use, homeless sleeping on the greenway and I have literally had to dodge human defecation. I had needed to call the police 3 times while on greenway. Connecting the city greenway to the county will 100% bring those same drug deals into people's back yards. We be required to purchase guard dogs should the greenway run along our commercial property. This will likely cause a lot of complaints to come in from the greenway users. People also hunt on our 4 acres. As much as I'd love to be able to bike from the explorer park to Greenhill park without hitting the road, I would rather not see the greenway from the city be connected to the explorer park.	2/11/2025 9:25 AM
109	You guys are going to be tearing up land that is used by so many animals. We bought our property 3 years ago in hopes to build a future for our kids and grandkids. We have 3 acres on	2/10/2025 12:36 PM

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the river that we are able to hunt and fish on and enjoy the NATURAL beauty of our home. The proposals you guys have provided now run STRAIGHT through our property, we bought the place to get away from the city. Not to have the city come through our property and basically ruin everything we've worked so hard to get. I don't think homeless and the drugs addict who use the greenways frequently need to be walking back and forth dropping needles and god knows what else need to be walking near my property where my children and niece play. I will oppose this all the way through.

110	I think all efforts should be made to maximize the river viewshed along the greenway. Of course, this must be within reason to minimize flooding and ensure the costs score well enough for funding.	2/10/2025 11:56 AM
111	It would be nice if a sidewalk was added to colonial ave from Ogden to Electric, to allow all those residents to walk rather than drive to visit all the businesses in the area.	2/10/2025 9:43 AM
112	I would like to see the greenway extended along the river edge from its current end point, follow the Roanoke river to the Parkway and explorer park. I would also like to see a pedestrian/Bicycle only path vs. a mixed use of a path/roads	2/10/2025 8:18 AM
113	I evaluated based on the proximity to the river, potential costs around bridges or raised structures, and potential increases in traffic through neighborhoods	2/9/2025 11:08 PM
114	Please include funding for a permanent restroom facility	2/9/2025 8:49 AM
115	The cost per mile of Greenways in Roanoke County is horrendous. Did you get Elon's approval?	2/7/2025 10:19 PM
116	I don't want the greenway anywhere near my property	2/7/2025 8:03 PM
117	My primary concern is that the area of greenway that is to be connected to Explore park is currently a dangerous and unsavory area of the greenway. The neighborhood in which I live already suffers a constant issue from the out-of-control homeless and drug-addicted population trespassing on private property and posing bodily threat to my neighbors. This is currently an issue even without a curated pathway (greenway) granting increased access to the neighborhood. If the homeless and drug-addicted population continues to exist at present levels or expand at the current rate then connecting the 13th street bridge area through present-day, mostly-quiet neighborhoods, this will be introducing an increased risk to families and property owners in those neighborhoods. I myself was attacked and faced life-threatening circumstances on the greenway in April of 2023 between the 9th street bridge and Primrose Street SE. I do not want myself, my family, or my neighbors to have to be in fear of the same activity being introduced into our neighborhood in greater measures than we already face. Until the potential threat source is mitigated, having a greenway in the neighborhood is an added danger, not a public benefit.	2/7/2025 1:28 PM
118	Route A, although expensive with at least two bridges, would be less invasive on personal property, provide a stronger GW tie to the Town of Vinton, and stay within view of the river (for the most part)	2/6/2025 7:11 PM
119	Utilizing the D or E options will continue the feel and scenic nature of the rest of the Roanoke River greenway next to the river. The River is a free asset to utilize for this project. These routes are a known quantity for what is needed to complete this section from previous applications submitted for grants and/or planning. The west end of options of I and J will exit into a very busy and dangerous section of road infrastructure that is very tight and not well lit. I feel these routes would feel unsafe to users and not give the safe feeling as the rest of the greenway system. Alignments that route through neighborhoods would be great future neighborhood connections to the greenway system but I feel that these routes favor more to people traveling from the south or west sides of the City/County. Citizens traveling from the North would have to travel farther to get to the Explore Park via the greenway and then travel farther to get back home. Route A would reverse that issue and have citizens from the west/south direction traveling further than from citizens traveling from the North.	2/6/2025 4:39 PM
120	On road alignments are less accessible/inviting for families and less confident cyclists	2/6/2025 3:35 PM
121	No need to spend money on very large bridges and "in river" infrastructure.	2/6/2025 2:11 PM
122	Option A is in my backyard and also in neighbors' yards, so compensation is a factor, option B may be costly if bridge option is going over the river. Option D with a bridge option for roisdown may be a good alternative	2/6/2025 2:06 PM

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123	The greenway in that area is not alway safe. I don't want this coming across my back yard literally! You have gone up on our property taxes where its questionable and now you're going to depreciate the properties for sure. No! We don't want this in our back yard for more problems!	2/6/2025 1:49 PM
124	Very Excited about this project. I use the greenways and Explore Park every week.	2/6/2025 1:42 PM
125	We don't homeless, drug addicts at our doorsteps. Roanoke has so many homeless using the greenway for routes to steal these people are already camping on our property and we have to run them away. They are dangerous. One of our neighbors has already, been attacked on the Greenway. He had to use a knife to protect himself.	2/6/2025 1:31 PM
126	The east land routes are less hilly, most houses are set back from the road, easier walking, cycling route. The road is wider and It already connect the Explorer Park property @ the Niagra Dam.	2/6/2025 1:27 PM
127	Please offer more meetings or put this information into a slide explains the proposal. This map is overwhelming and beyond confusing bc of exit s non existing.	2/6/2025 12:20 PM
128	I am already cycling Eastland. Routes close to river route seems ideal but I am not sure about cost differences. In river sounds very expensive but very expensive. I'm not clear on what that would look like.	2/6/2025 12:16 PM
129	The path of F1 would literally be in our sideway. We did not buy a house and move to this quiet neighborhood to now have a heavily trafficked area. It would make us feel very unsafe and a lack of privacy.	2/6/2025 11:54 AM
130	I support the least invasive rather routes that are the least expensive	2/6/2025 11:44 AM
131	Used to use the green way, too much crime and homeless now.	2/6/2025 11:33 AM
132	We do not want the greenway run through our neighborhoods. People in the country live there for privacy and quietude, and the greenway would disrupt privacy, trees, driveways, yards, etc. A more economical approach would to be to run bike lands on the roads which wouldn't destroy people's properties. The top of Riverdale and onto Highland does not see hikers/walkers because it is too steep. Definitely not a feasible route	2/6/2025 11:26 AM
133	Along 18th St./Hiram St. we have had many issues with trespassing/homeless people with having the greenway here this will be a huge safety issue. Also, promoting continued issues in this area.	2/6/2025 11:21 AM
134	Route A-North of Railroad seems to be the best most reasonable route. A major bridge is expensive but so is obtaining/buying right of ways from individual property owners is also expensive and requires substantial time-months and years.	2/6/2025 10:51 AM
135	Potentially the most cost effective and least private property option is not on this route; the removal of Niagara Dam. That absolutely should be on the table.	2/6/2025 9:44 AM
136	Stay off of Private Property!	2/6/2025 9:21 AM
137	A should not even be an option because of the proximity to the railroad tracks. I live on shelbourne and have hiked all along the proposed route. The bank is steep, trees are constantly falling along the bank just above the tracks. In order to utilize this route far too much land will need to be cleared and acquired from property owners. This would not endear this project to the community. I am an avid cyclist and use the greenway frequently, but I do not want to lose any of my backyard to a greenway. Option A is a poor option. Option B is further from the tracks and is on flatter ground. This would be better than A, but I think the proximity to the tracks should be a concern. Kids will be kids and will find their way to the tracks (fence or no fence). I think Option D is the best option, no worry of being close to the railroad tracks, still follows the river, no need for bridges and easily ties into the greenway below the water treatment plant. This land looks to be owned by AEP, I would think they would be happy to be a partner with the greenway. Lastly, any of the options that involve taking land from property owners should not be considered.	2/5/2025 5:39 PM
138	Several steep hills in this area. Grading greenway slope moderate to easy will protect the greatest use by the most diverse range of ages and abilities.	2/5/2025 1:43 PM
139	Any path needs to be physically separated or protected from vehicle traffic. This is non negotiable. Need to see the contours in relation to alignments.	2/5/2025 12:41 PM

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140	Eastland floods a lot	2/5/2025 11:16 AM
141	Routes G, H, I, J provide high quality access to the greenway system to the community that lives in the area.	2/5/2025 9:08 AM
142	Thank you all for doing this	2/5/2025 6:47 AM
143	The people back here do NOT want MORE people wandering through our property and peering into our privacy. We live back here in the woods because of that! We don't work hard to PAY for what we have so Roanoke can just piss our money away on more projects that never have a return profit. Enough is enough. Cutting into property lines and streets that already have barely enough room for one car, is so beyond ridiculous. Our roads back here haven't been paved in YEARS and are dilapidated with patches all throughout, but you want to spend our tax payer dollars on maintaining and building a greenway? Nice.	2/5/2025 6:08 AM
144	Any elevated structure or bridges would increase cost and slow down the expansion. They are awesome if funds are available, but not if it slows the expansion.	2/5/2025 5:47 AM
145	"I" is Ridge Rd and my gravel driveway starts at Dead End "I" would take you about 100 feet of my front door and turn and cross my adjoining Eastland 5 A Land downhill where springs may open if you move a rock. We have also had a problem with deer hunters and criminals. It would not benefit anybody except for people who try to use it to walk to Food Lion from Pine Tree Mobile Home on a road that is not safe because 2 cars have a problem using it at same time on Ridge Rd. Mailboxes would have to be moved and there is not room for a sidewalk making it unsafe for a walking person. Bicycles cannot be used and walking difficult at beginning of Ridge Rd. Because of incline. Just about everyone in our family has head a utility pole going downhill because road ices up easy.	2/5/2025 12:10 AM
146	I use the greenway every time I'm in town for business and pleasure and will often stay in Roanoke as opposed to other locations for use the greenway (and the food) and typically get hotel rooms where I can pedal to the greenway.	2/4/2025 8:38 PM
147	Whoever planned "I" and "J" are taking family land too close to houses and inviting criminals to our houses.	2/4/2025 7:46 PM
148	These roads have some steep hills. It would be dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles alike to bring the greenway toward those roads.	2/4/2025 7:24 PM
149	I have lived on both sides of the river my entire life(78) years the higher you build it the better you will be.	2/4/2025 5:32 PM
150	The Vinton routes are right behind my house! My property goes to Norfolk Southern tracks! I do not want strangers walking behind my house! This is a nice quite neighborhood & I would like to keep it that way! Thank you for letting us have our say in this matter. Please keep me updated!	2/4/2025 5:05 PM
151	Alternatives A and B are WAY too close to the railroad tracks. Option E would disrupt the least amount of personal property it seems.	2/4/2025 4:01 PM
152	Completion of this section of the greenway will make it a true destination for bike tourists. It would be a great addition to the recreational opportunities already offered at Explore Park	2/4/2025 3:34 PM
153	I don't like the solutions that place the Greenway along either Highland or Eastland road. Both possibilities seem to invite automobile accidents with Greenway users.	2/4/2025 2:51 PM
154	I am only in opposition to the alternatives because they take the greenway away from the river where both ends currently reside and the logical course for the greenway at first glance. The alternatives would be generally perfectly acceptable, just not ideal if a river option is feasible.	2/4/2025 1:39 PM
155	Public access would not only disrupt our community's heritage but also presents serious safety and security concerns. Adding a public walkway on a narrow rural road, dangerous and safety hazard.	2/4/2025 1:27 PM
156	Get out of debt before more spending occurs.	2/4/2025 11:59 AM
157	With the recent uprise in crime and everything coming in through Eastland or up Ridge Road will put residents at risk. Eastland and Ridge road are NOT a good place to put ANY public walkways due to their settings and with Ridge being almost a single car road it will make it more dangerous for Civilians and cars to traverse it. We do not have any room to give for other cars much less walkers. We also are dealing with a homeless camp near the Pine Tree	2/4/2025 11:57 AM

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estates, and with all of the private land and woods up here it will be an obvious breeding ground for crime and other unsightly things. Do not consider these roads as alternatives! and if for some reason you do we will stand our ground legally.

158	I	2/4/2025 11:15 AM
159	Though I can't comment on individual routes, I commend you for making a safe connection to the BRP. Having biked the BRP and SD end to end twice, trying to get into Roanoke via 220 was very dangerous so we didn't explore the Star City on those trips. Making a safe connection between the greenway and BRP is LON overdue and a fantastic idea. Thanks!	2/4/2025 11:13 AM
160	That map is incomprehensible.	2/4/2025 10:40 AM
161	I just want longer, more biking options in general.	2/4/2025 10:31 AM
162	Highly recommend alignment E to provide a beautiful, natural corridor that is completely separated from vehicular traffic and complements the rest of the existing greenway system design.	2/4/2025 8:22 AM
163	Ro Co supports fascism stop wasting money when people starve	2/4/2025 5:51 AM
164	Any of the routes along the river seem to be the easiest and most economical. The others encroach on others land which could mean lawsuits that drag the project on forever	2/4/2025 12:25 AM
165	Thank you for considering doing this!!!!	2/3/2025 7:43 PM
166	Na	2/3/2025 9:13 AM
167	They should continue the route along the river, the other routes will affect the privacy of the home owners!	2/1/2025 12:42 PM
168	I am opposed to Plan I greatly. I utilize the Greenway regularly but prefer to drive to access than to have it passing thru my private property. This would be a nuisance to me and my well-being. This could be a significant impact on property values and possible damage to my property. I chose this property for privacy reasons, and this would impact that greatly.	1/31/2025 9:10 PM
169	It's exciting to see progress on either side of the gap that this greenway segment would fill and I hope the county moves to complete it promptly.	1/31/2025 11:34 AM
170	Route B seems the best choice, as it is a direct connection between existing segments and has the least disruption to private property or previously undeveloped/unaccessed land. Route C, the 'in river' route would alter the appearance of the river, making it less natural, has potential unintended ecological consequences due to an artificial structure in or over the river for a significant distance, and seems likely to be more expensive to both build and maintain when compared with a ground level path. I strongly oppose routes such as E, I, and J which have sections that cut through areas that have no current street or walkway access, and which have significant tree cover and sections of undeveloped/unbuilt land. I believe maintaining these undeveloped areas, and uninterrupted areas of tree canopy, are of vital importance to the environmental wellbeing and aesthetic appeal of the town. I would support purchasing undeveloped parcels intact, and maintaining them (with pedestrian access) in their natural state/protecting them from development. Route I appears to run along Redwood Road, a very narrow street with multiple blind turns, no sidewalk, and no way to add a sidewalk without seizing people's front yards. Additionally, it is a quiet street and increased traffic/noise would not be welcome. Similarly, many sections of routes J, H, and G are quiet areas with narrow streets and no sidewalks.	1/30/2025 7:09 PM
171	Why don't you put those proposed areas in YOUR neighborhood and see how the construction disrupts your lives.	1/30/2025 6:47 PM
172	Greenways seem to bring bad people into neighborhoods, Garden City has gotten worse since installing that greenway, where I used to live and where I grew up. Highland is also already very thin as is. We use this land as farm land as well up here in this small community, driving tractors and what not across yard to yard which may be disturbed by a greenway.	1/30/2025 6:25 PM
173	Keep the greenway out of the quiet peaceful neighborhood. We do not need foot traffic! The Vinton side of the river is a much better option with less homes on route!	1/30/2025 6:15 PM
174	The alignments through the residential areas make little sense. If you keep the path near the river and close to Vinton, it could potentially facilitate more business for the small businesses in the town.	1/30/2025 12:43 PM

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175	Connecting them to the greenway as efficiently as possible is important. Highland and Eastland roads, even with a separate bike lane, are roads that people drive excessively fast and aggressively around the corners. You'd need a fully separated (i.e., walled barrier) for me to feel comfortable taking my family on a ride along those roads	1/29/2025 3:59 PM
176	D and E each look like good choices and the difference between them is not clear. B does not seem realistic nor does C. Routes through the neighborhoods are bad. Note I've ridden each of these roads on my bicycle multiple times, as well as paddled the Roanoke River between Tinker and Niagara dozens of times.	1/29/2025 12:29 PM
177	I appreciate the work being done. I use the green way to ride my bike on atleast once a week and I do 20 miles on it. I really enjoy that it is along the river.	1/29/2025 7:59 AM
178	We've ridden bikes down on that end of the greenway, and it would be great if it continues on!	1/28/2025 9:01 PM
179	Would be amazing and so much safer to bike the greenway to Explore park vs the roads.	1/28/2025 7:46 PM
180	Views of the roads and railroads take away from the appeal of a greenway.	1/28/2025 7:42 PM
181	Excited for this to happen. Are there short term low cost solutions to better enable this?	1/28/2025 7:23 PM
182	It would be great if the city built some singletrack trails adjacent to the Greenway where space permits. That area along the river would be a great candidate for this.	1/28/2025 7:22 PM
183	We love the greenways and regularly drive into the City to enjoy them. I hope the county makes the kind of improvements necessary to connect them all!	1/28/2025 3:04 PM
184	I am afraid that the people on Bluff, Highland, and Eastland will very much oppose these routes.	1/28/2025 1:40 PM
185	The idea of being able to ride a bike between the city and Explore Park is incredible. Please make it happen.	1/28/2025 1:39 PM
186	A lot of land in or on highland bluff and eastland is rural zoned ag and used by many for recreational hunting and fishing. Please keep in mind that if the greenway is within a certain proximity it will affect the property nearby therefore altering the value of the land , it was discussed during one of the meetings by vdgif that even if the greenway comes close property nearby would not be able to use there property as intended during purchase.	1/28/2025 10:24 AM
187	What is the plan to address the homeless camps along the river? Money seems to be better spent possibly coming up with a solution for the homeless.	1/28/2025 9:06 AM