

City of Monroe Parks and Recreation Department
Greenway Master Plan

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Greenway System Totals

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Existing Sidewalks	12.32 Miles
Proposed Sidewalks	20.68 Miles
Existing Trails	1.92 Miles
Proposed Trails	26.39 Miles
Total Greenway System	61.31 Miles

Priority Projects

Bearskin Creek Greenway, PH II (EB-5011) – 1.6 miles

Land Acquisition and design is currently underway for Phase II of Bearskin Creek Greenway, which will extend the greenway 1.6 miles and connect Dickerson Park to Don Griffin Park. The project is programmed in NCDOT’s current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), with \$1,420,000 in Bicycle Enhancement funding earmarked for construction of the project in FY 2016. (Figure-7)

- Construction cost estimate - \$1,294,000 (from Kimley-Horn)



Monroe Aquatics & Fitness Center to Parks Williams – 0.3 mile

It is recommended that the city pursue a greenway connection from the Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center to Parks Williams Athletic Complex within the first five years of implementation of this Greenway Master Plan. Funding for this project could be sought from the Recreational Trails Program, NCDOT through the STIP, the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and/or private funding sources such as the Union County Community Foundation and American Hiking Society. It is also recommended that the city review local funding options including funding through the city’s general fund and debt financing options through loans and/or bonds. (Figure-8)

Cost Estimate:

Design	\$22,876
1,752 LF of Paved Trail	\$227,760
1 Midblock Crossing	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$251,636

*Cost does not include land/easement acquisition.

Parcels Needed (portions):

City of Monroe	9261016A
City of Monroe	9261012A
Union Baptist Association	9265012B
Moore Donald Lee & Jean T	9261005G
East Metro Partners	9261005F
Nelda Jean W. Davis, Inc.	9261005K
City of Monroe	9261005



Bearskin Creek Greenway, PH III – 0.4 miles

Once construction of Phase II of Bearskin Creek Greenway from Dickerson Park to Don Griffin Park begins, the city should focus on the next phase of the project, connecting Don Griffin Park over to Creft Park. Funding for this project could be sought from the Recreational Trails Program, NCDOT through the STIP, the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Clean Water

Management Trust Fund for land acquisition, and/or private funding sources such as the Union County Community Foundation and American Hiking Society. It is also recommended that the city review local funding options including funding through the city's general fund and debt financing options through loans and/or bonds. (Figure-9)

Cost Estimate:

Design	\$26,932
2,064 LF of Paved Trail	\$268,320
1 Midblock Crossing	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$296,252

*Cost does not include land/easement acquisition.

Parcels Needed (portions):

City of Monroe	9229015B
Bearskin Mill, LLC	9228228
City of Monroe	9228091



Winchester Center to Bearskin Creek Greenway at Don Griffin Park – 0.9 mile

Looking for a project that could be accomplished fairly quickly, at a low cost, and make a substantial positive impact on the community, the city should focus on connecting the Winchester Center to Bearskin Creek Greenway at Don Griffin Park. The project consists of existing sidewalks for the majority of the 0.9 mile connection, with only a gap of roughly 1,035 linear feet. It is proposed that this connection be accomplished with the addition of 760 feet of sidewalk along Miller Street with a crosswalk at Heath Street, and 275 linear feet of new trail within Griffin Park to connect up to the existing Bearskin Creek Greenway. Funding for this project could come from the

city's allocation of Powell Bill Funding, as well as funding through the city's general fund. (Figure-10)

Cost Estimate:

Design	\$4,967
760 LF of Sidewalk	\$12,920
275 LF of Paved Trail	\$35,750
1 Midblock Crossing	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$54,637

*Cost does not include land/easement acquisition.

Parcels Needed (portions):

Nettles Mark A	9229015
City of Monroe	9229015D
City of Monroe	9229015C
City of Monroe	9229015B



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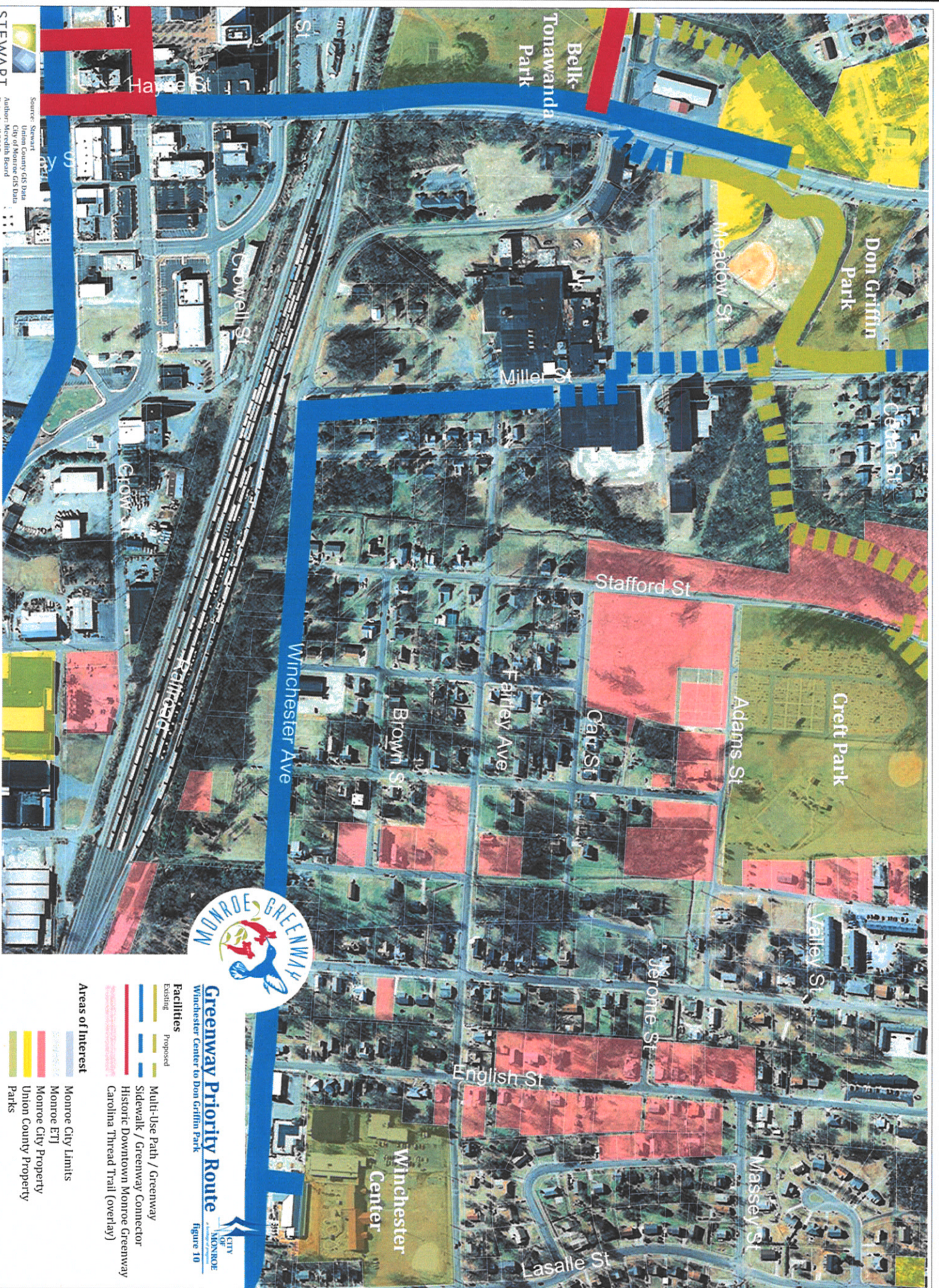


Greenway Priority Route

Bearskin Creek Greenway, Phase II
 Figure 07

- Facilities**
- Proposed: Multi-Use Path / Greenway
 - Existing: Sidewalk / Greenway Connector
 - Historic Downtown Monroe Greenway
 - Carolina Thread Trail (overlay)

- Areas of Interest**
- Monroe City Limits
 - Monroe ETJ
 - Monroe City Property
 - Union County Property
 - Parks



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Greenway Priority Route
 Winchester Center to Don Griffin Park

figure 10

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