

# Park and Trail Project Updates

## Bicycle Advisory Committee

July 22, 2025



Mecklenburg County  
**Park and Recreation**



# Agenda

1. Greenway Projects
2. Park Projects
3. Facility Projects
4. Land Acquisition
5. Meck Playbook
6. Resources





# Greenway Projects

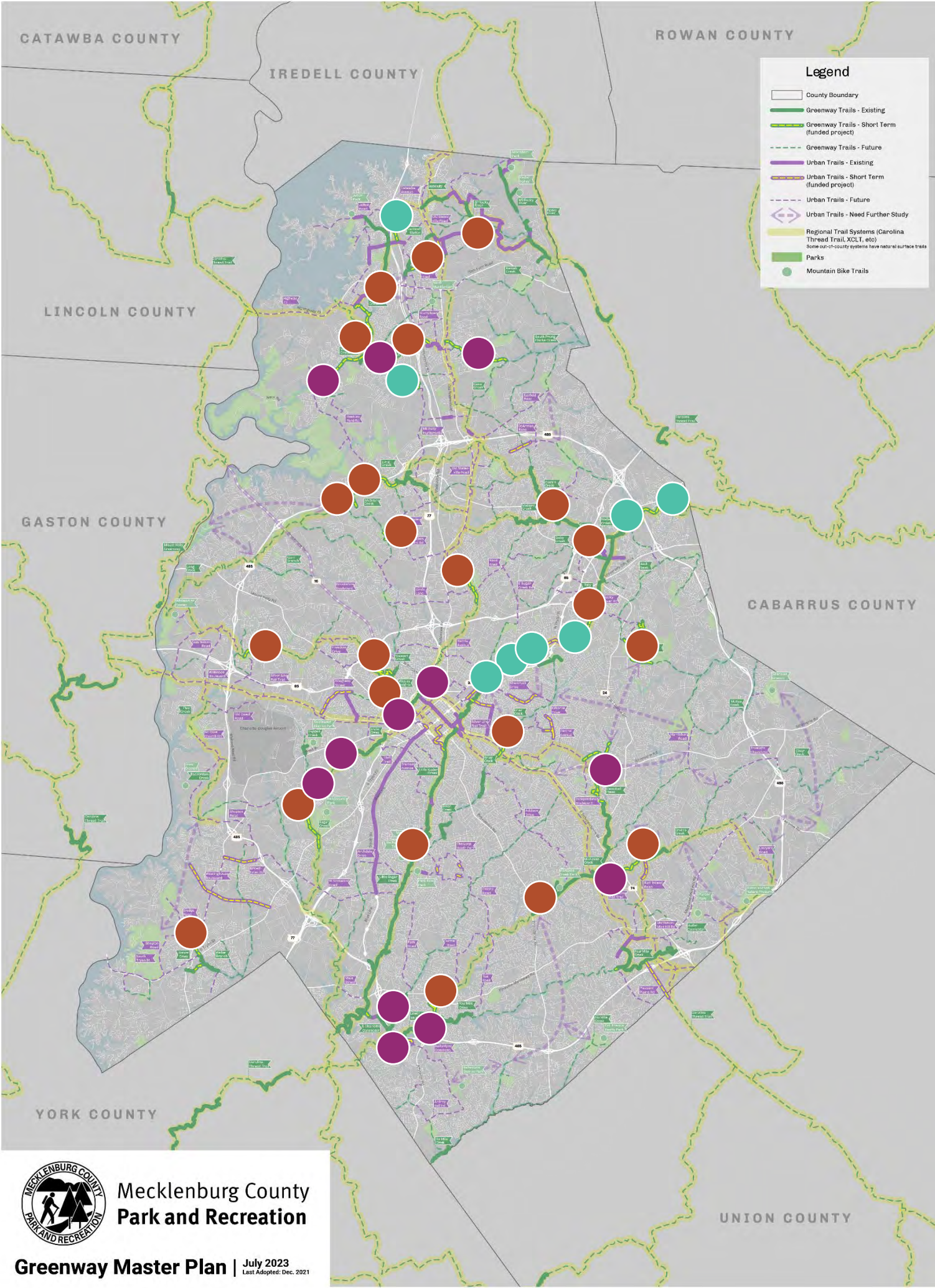




# Greenway Projects

Miles	Greenway Development Status
83	Existing/Developed (+ 21.5 miles of Access Trails) (+29 Miles of Urban Trails)
18.4	Funded – In Construction
7.1	Funded – In Design
9.0	Funded – Future
2.7	Funded – By Others (Includes City + Town projects)
~120	Total Greenway Miles

- <FY23 CIP Projects
- FY 24-30 CIP Projects
- City/Town Projects

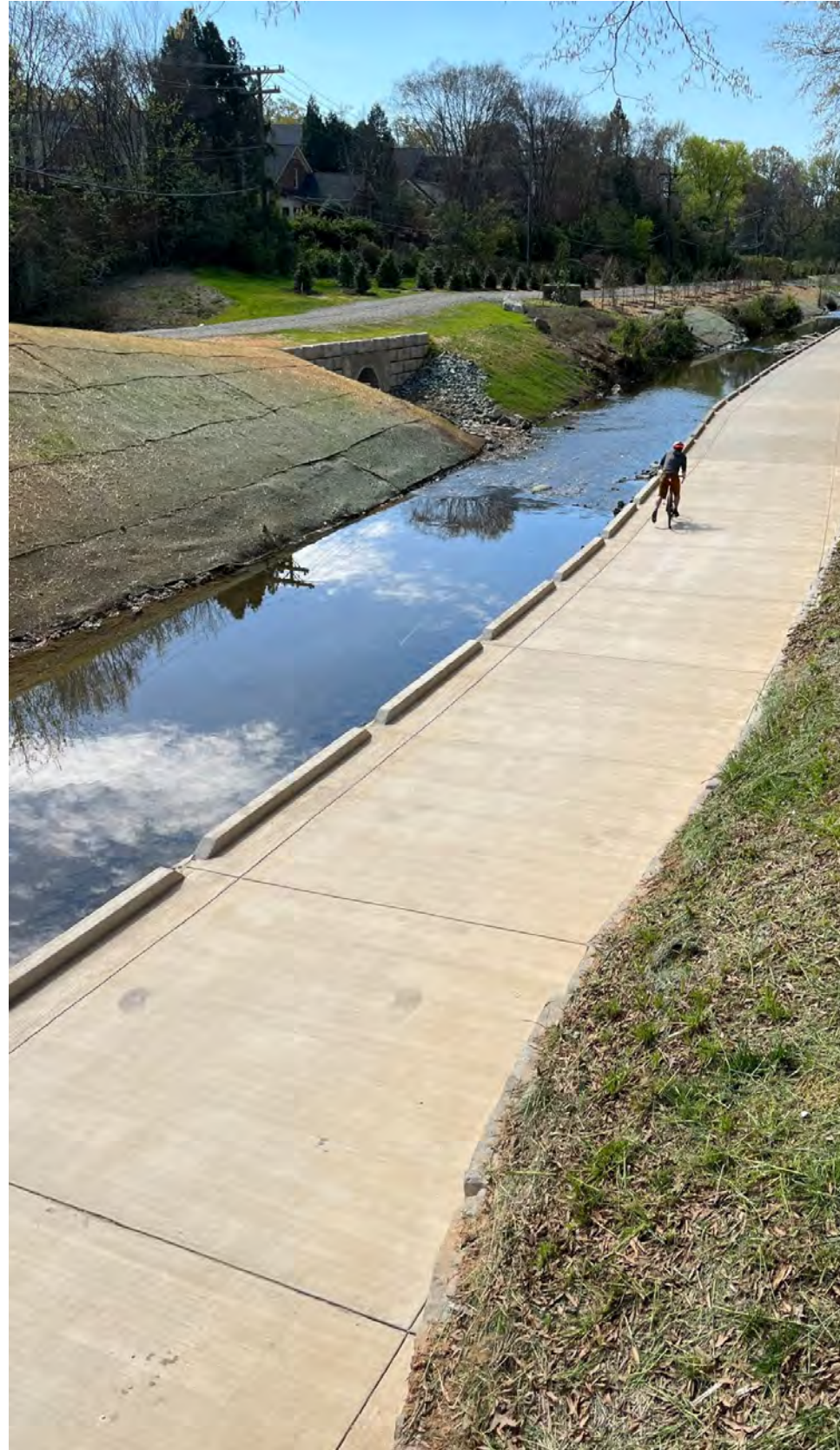




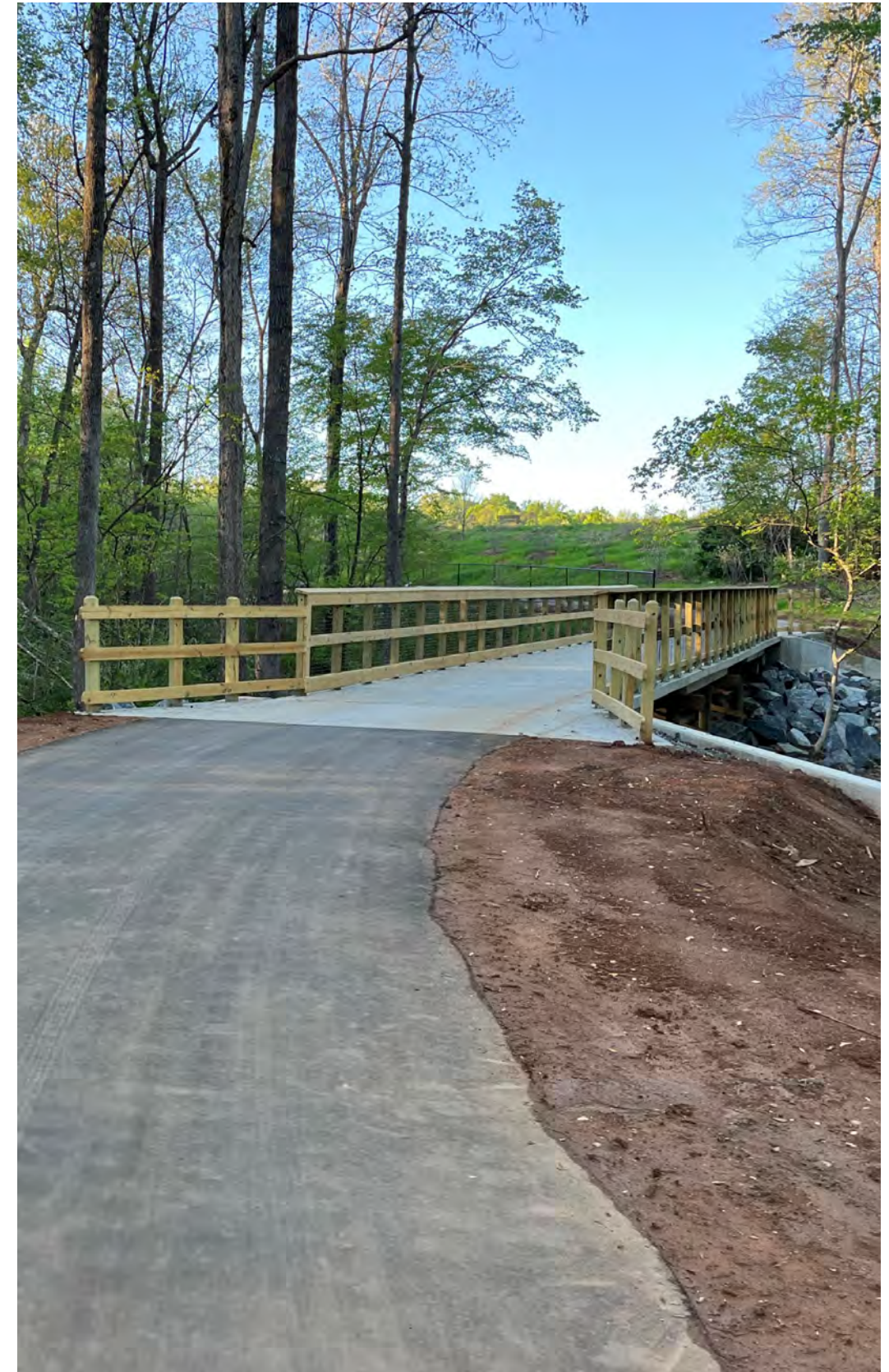
# Some Recently Completed Greenway Projects



Stewart Creek Greenway



Little Sugar Creek - Atrium



Paw Creek Greenway



# Some Recently Completed Greenway Projects

Miles	Greenway Trail	Project Limits	Completion Date
0.8	Caldwell Station Tributary	Old Statesville to Ex. Caldwell Station Greenway	Spring 2025
0.0	Little Sugar Creek (Atrium)	East to Morehead	Spring 2025
2.1	Long Creek	I-485 to Oakdale	Spring 2025
0.6	McDowell Creek	Chilgrove to Gilead	Summer 2025
1.5	Paw Creek	Little Rock to Beckinhall	Spring 2025
2.5	Reedy Creek	Grier Rd to Plaza Rd Ext	Spring 2025
0.5	Stewart Creek	State to Coronet Way	Spring 2025
8.0	Total Greenway Miles Recently Complete		



# Greenway Projects In Construction

Miles	Greenway Trail	Project Limits	Estimated Completion Date
0.5	Briar Creek Greenway	Phase 1: Monroe Road to Bay St	Spring 2026
2.2	Irwin Creek Greenway	Old Statesville to Allen Hills Park	2026
1.0	McAlpine Creek	51 to Johnston	Fall 2025
2.5	McDowell Creek	Sam Furr Rd to Chilgrove	2026
3.3	Sugar Creek	Yorkmont to McDowell Farms Dr.	2027
1.5	Walker Branch/Hoover Creek	Sledge Rd to Tryon St / Steele Creek Rd to Walker Branch Gwy	Late 2025
1.8	XCLT/Toby Creek (Built by City)	Orr to Rocky River	2026
2.3	XCLT/Little Sugar Creek Greenway (Built by City)	Tryon to Orr	2026
0.7	XCLT/Little Sugar Creek Greenway (Built by City)	Craighead to Tryon	2025
1.5	XCLT/Mallard Creek Greenway (Built by City)	Mallard Creek Church to Pavilion	2028
1.1	XCLT/Mallard Creek Greenway (Built by City)	Pavilion to Kempsford	2028
18.4	Total Greenway Miles in Construction		



# Other Funded Greenway Projects In Design

Miles	Greenway Trail	Project Limits	Estimated Completion Date
1.2*	Briar Creek	Central to Bay St	2 Phases
0.0* (1.7)**	Mallard Creek	Mallard Creek to David Taylor	TBD
2.9*	McDowell Creek	Gilead to Beatties Ford	TBD
2.9*	South Prong Clark Creek	Church to Asbury Chapel	TBD
7	Total Greenway Miles		

\* Received additional or new construction funding in FY 24-28 CIP

\*\* Miles Improved



# New Greenway Projects in FY25-30 CIP

Miles	Greenway Trail	Project Limits	Estimated Completion Date
Investment Projects (New greenway trail miles)			
2.5	Campbell Creek	Ex. Gwy/Lockmont to Campbell Creek Park	Funded starting in FY 2028 Completion: TBD
2.5	Irvins Creek	Ex. Gwy/Lakeview Cr to McAlpine Creek Gwy/Park	Funded starting in FY 2028 Completion: TBD
0.9	Irwin Creek	Clanton Rd. to Crestridge Dr.	Funded starting in FY 2029 Completion: TBD
1.0	Irwin Creek	Crestridge Dr. to Yorkmont	Funded starting in FY 2029 Completion: TBD
0.0	Sugar Creek (Funded for Design Only)	McDowell Farms to Arrowood	Funded starting in FY 2029 Completion: TBD
2.3	McDowell Creek East	Catawba Ave (Smithville Park) to Westmoreland Rd	Funded starting in FY 2029 Completion: TBD
0.9	Irwin Creek	Hamilton to Existing Irwin Creek Gwy at Ray's Splash Planet	Funded starting in FY 2030 Completion: TBD
1.2	Stewart Creek/Stewart Creek Trib	Alleghany to Freedom Dr to Bryant Park	Funded starting in FY 2030 Completion: TBD
7.1	Total New Greenway Miles		



# New Greenway Projects in FY25-30 CIP

Miles	Greenway Trail	Project Limits	Estimated Completion Date
Reinvestment Projects (Improving existing trails)			
0.0 (2)**	McAlpine Creek	Johnston Road to Carmel Road	Funded starting in FY 2026 Completion: TBD
0.0 (2.1)**	McMullen Creek	Hwy 51 to McAlpine Creek Gwy/Carmel Rd	Funded starting in FY 2026 Completion: TBD
0.0 (1.8)**	Four Mile	Bevington Place to Johnston Road	Funded starting in FY 2027 Completion: TBD
0.0 (1.3)**	Torrence Creek	Cedar River Road to McDowell Creek Greenway	Funded starting in FY 2028 Completion: TBD
0.0	Total New Greenway Miles	** Miles Improved	



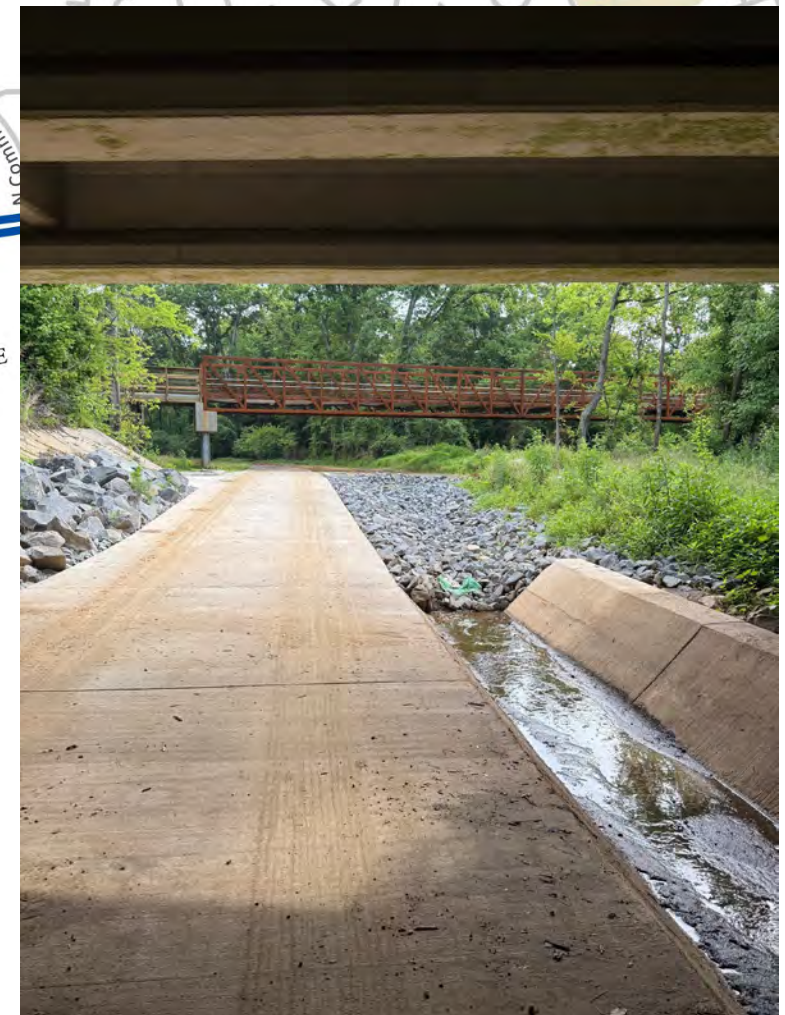
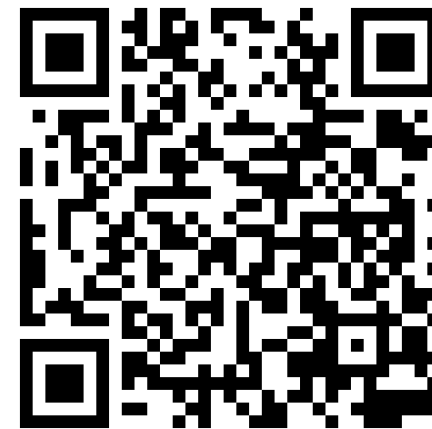
# McAlpine Creek Greenway

## Project Scope

- 1-mile trail from Johnston Road to Pineville-Matthews Road/NC-51
  - New Parking Lot
- Connections to Existing 6.5+ miles of greenway trail

## Schedule

- Complete Fall 2025





# Irwin Creek Greenway

## Project Scope

- 2-mile trail from Statesville Road to Allen Hills Park
- Trail Within:
  - Nevin Park
  - Ribbonwalk Nature Preserve
  - Allen Hills Park

## Schedule

- Complete Summer 2026





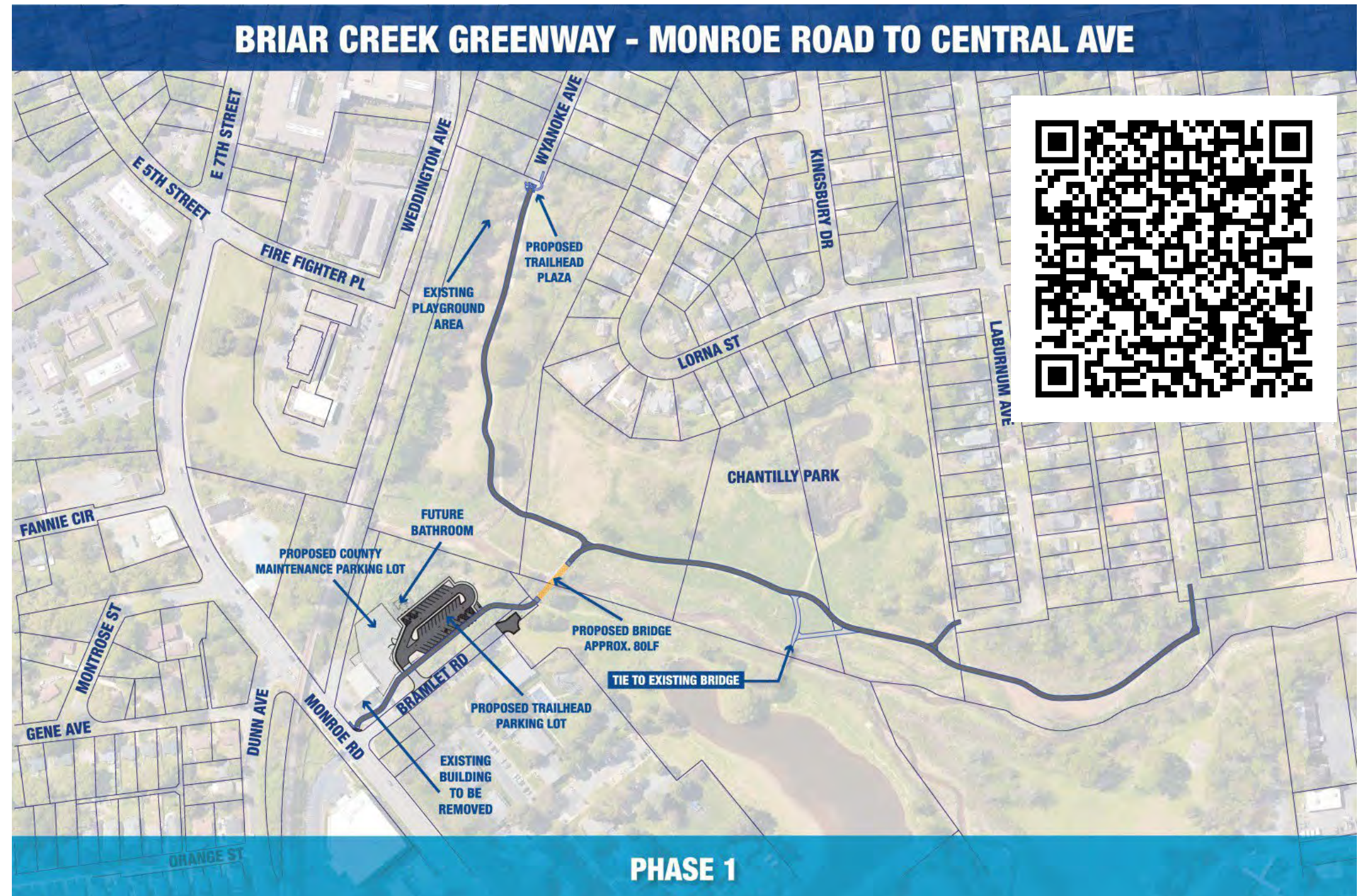
# Briar Creek Greenway: Phase 1

## Project Scope

- Entire Project: Central Ave to Monroe Rd
- Phase 1: Bay St to Monroe Rd
  - Parking lot at Monroe Rd

## Schedule

- Construction begins Summer 2025
- Complete Summer 2026





# Park + Nature Preserve Projects

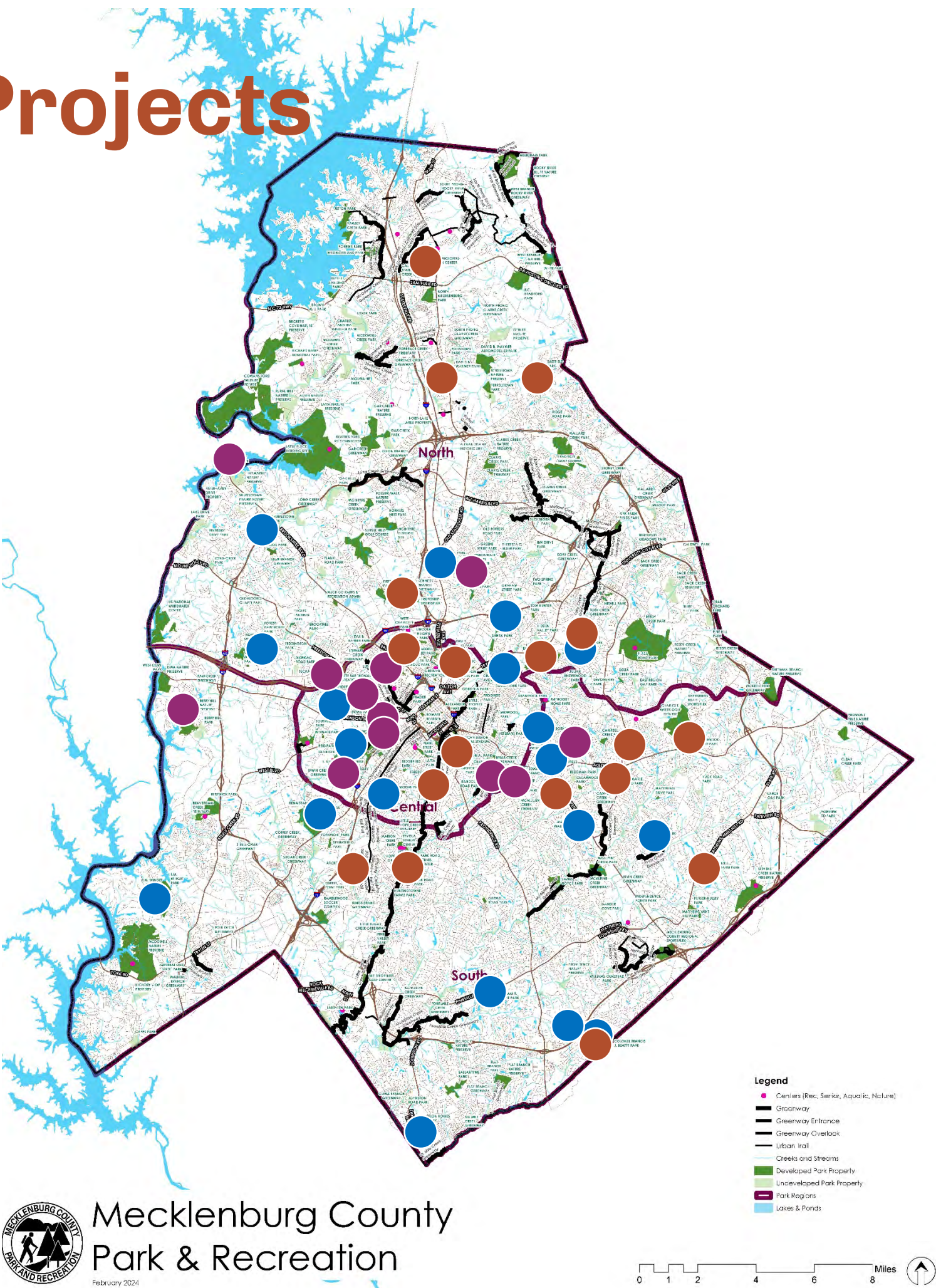




# Park + Nature Preserve Projects

Projects	Development Status
11	Funded – In Construction
12	Funded – In Design
11	Funded – Future CIP
19	Funded –CIP: Amenities + Connections Projects
53	Total Projects

- <FY23 CIP Projects
- FY 24-30 CIP Projects
- FY 25-26 CIP Amenities + Connections Projects





# Some Recently Completed Park Projects



Devonshire Park



Tryon Hills Park



Independence Park



# Monroe Road Park

## Project Scope

- 12.2 acre park
- Park + Recycling Center
- Playground
- Shelter
- Trails
- Fitness Equipment

## Schedule

- Currently in construction
- Complete Spring 2026





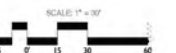
# Eastland Park

## Project Scope

- 4.5 acre park
- Eastland Yards
  - Event lawns
  - Large play area
  - Sprayground
  - Multi-sport courts
  - Restrooms/shade structures

## Schedule

- Construction begins Fall 2025
- Complete Early 2027





# Howie Acres Park

## Project Scope

- 8 acre park
- Operations Project to include:
  - Playground Replacement
  - Accessibility/Trail Improvements

## Schedule

- Currently in construction
- Complete Early 2026





# Pressley Road Park

## Project Scope

- 6 acre park
- Paved spine trail connecting Manchester Dr and Pressley Rd
- New amenities
- Accessibility Improvements

## Schedule

- Anticipated construction start in early 2026





# Bryant Park

## Project Scope

- 15 acre park
- Expand the park across the creek
- Add a skatepark,
- Extend Stewart Creek Greenway from W Morehead Street to Suttle Avenue
- Accessibility Improvements

## Schedule

- Currently in design
- Community Meetings planned for Fall 2025





# Grier Heights Park

## Project Scope

- 6 acre park
- Playground + shelter Replacement
- Accessibility Improvements
- Connections to Briar Creek Gwy
- New signage
- New amenities

## Schedule

- Beginning Design in Late 2025





# Facility Projects

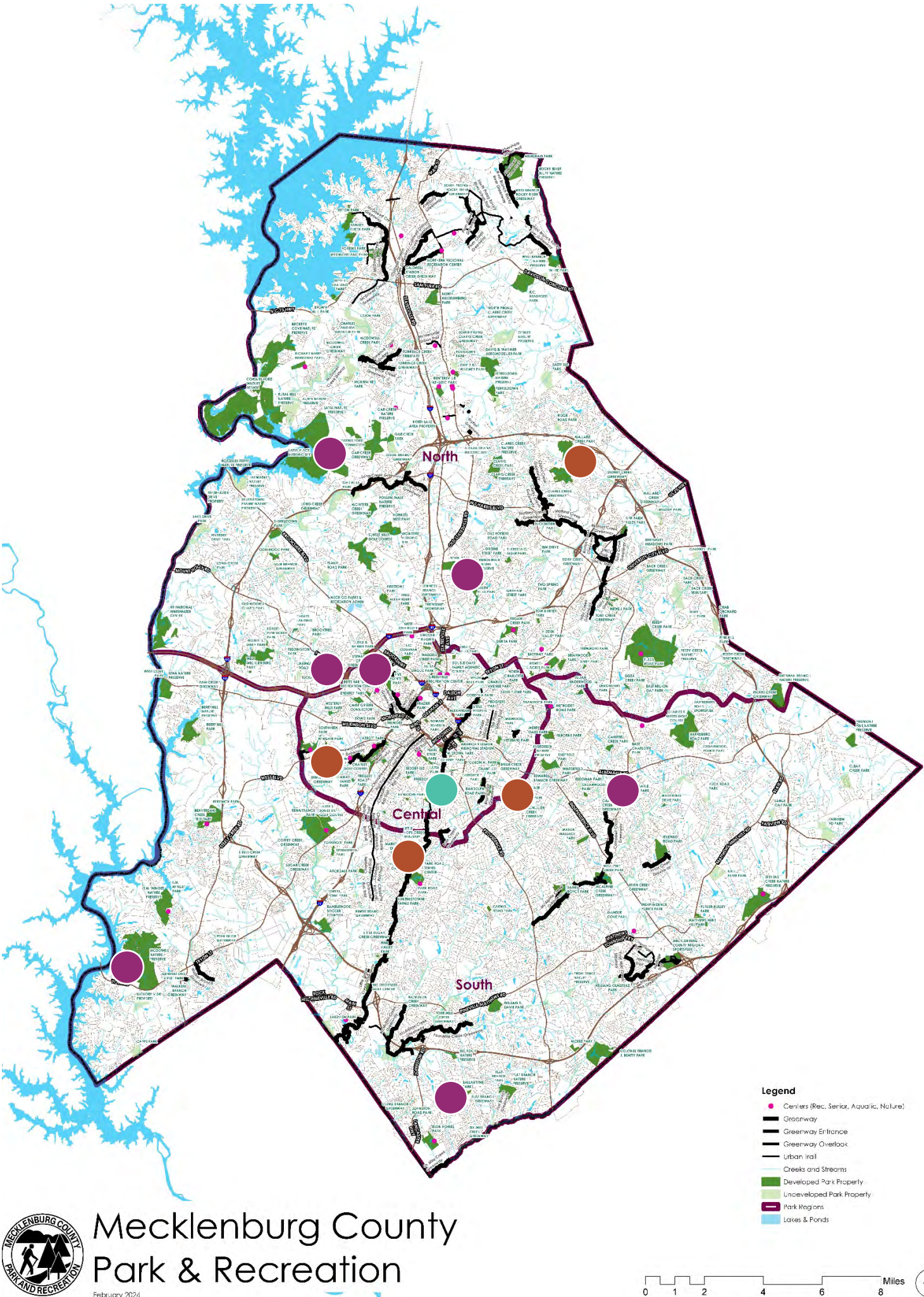




# Facility Projects

Projects	Development Status
2	Funded – In Construction
4	Funded – In Design
2	Funded – Future CIP
1	Funded – By Others (Includes Partner projects)
9	Total Projects

- <FY23 CIP Projects
- FY 24-28 CIP Projects
- Partner Projects





# Mallard Creek Recreation Center

## Project Scope

- 20,000 sf recreation center built in 1997
- Updates include:
  - Tech lab
  - Multi-purpose rooms
  - Lobby and offices
  - Building systems
  - Fire protection
  - Outdoor play area

## Schedule

- Completed Spring 2025 completion





# Tuckaseegee Park + Recreation Center

## Project Scope

- 30,000 sf recreation center replacement
- Updates include:
  - Gyms
  - Multi-purpose rooms
  - Fitness Area
  - Outdoor Pool
  - Site Improvements

## Schedule

- Design Beginning Summer 2025





The background image shows a shallow stream with dark, wet rocks. In the foreground, on the left, there are green plants with thin, feathery leaves and numerous small, bright yellow flowers with dark brown centers. The water in the stream is clear, reflecting the light, and the overall scene is bright and natural.

# Land Acquisition



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## Filling Gaps

- Create land acquisition priorities that address gaps in under-resourced communities and keep ahead of development.

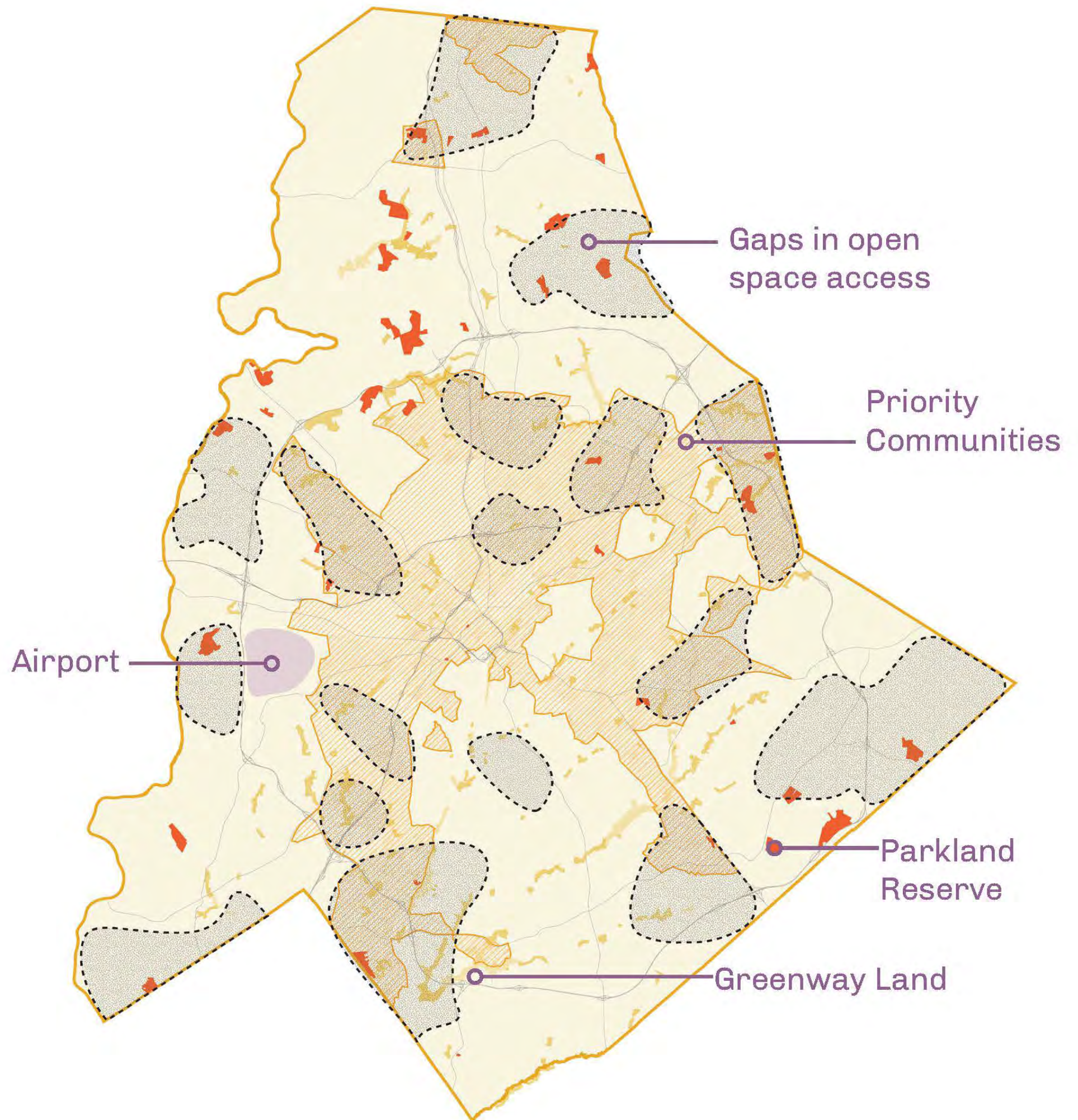
## Accounting for Growth

- Link existing parkland with other publicly accessible land.
- Explore parkland expansion through impact fees to balance open space acquisition with development.

## Restoring and Protecting Ecology

- Enhance the greenway network, designate new parkland reserves, and procure open space.

## Aligns with Environmental Leadership Action Plan

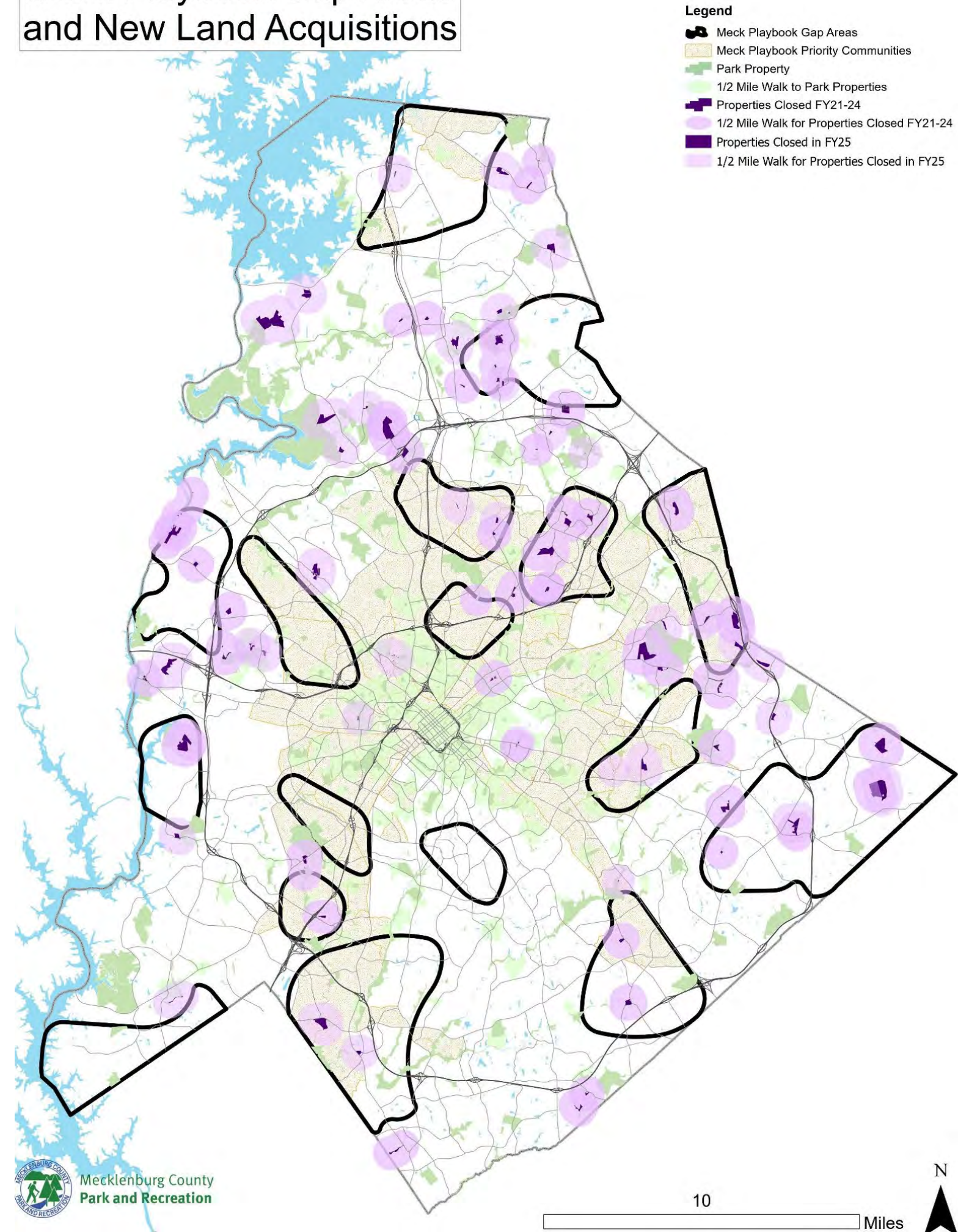




# Land Acquisition

- FY 2021
  - 308 acres
- FY 2022
  - 295 acres
- FY 2023
  - 495.69 acres
- FY 2024
  - 550.94 acres acquired
- FY 2025
  - 342.5 acres acquired

## Meck Playbook Gap Areas and New Land Acquisitions



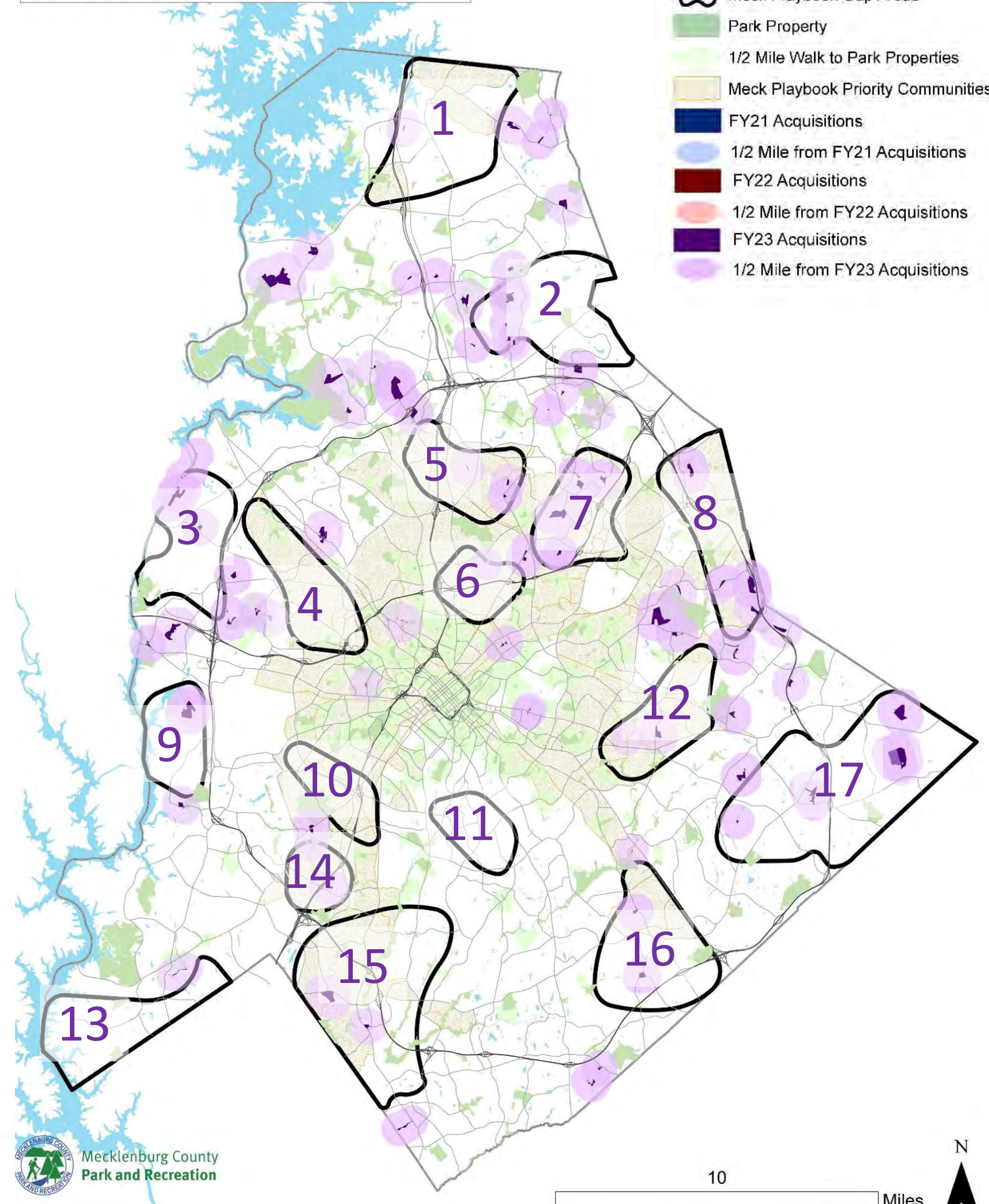


# Future Acquisitions

## ● Next Steps

- Celebrate successes and begin planning in some Gap Areas: 2, 7, 8, 14, 17
- Expand efforts in Priority Community Gap Areas: 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15
- Contacting property owners of key properties identified by Staff
- Anticipate longer times to close on these properties unless they happen to be on the market

## Meck Playbook Gap Areas and New Land Acquisitions





# Land Acquisition

## Other Updates

- **Conservation and Preservation Plan**
  - Long-term protection for land purchased as public open space
- **Funding**
  - Currently determined on an annual basis
  - Uniform funding over the next five years
  - Costs of securing, demolition, and upkeep until developed





# Meck Playbook Update





# Meck Playbook

## 4 Guiding Principles

# Meck Playbook

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation  
Master Plan

1

### Commit to Equity

to make improvements and close gaps where it is needed most.

2

### Evolve and Grow

County assets to keep pace with population change and meet the needs of new communities.

3

### Tell More Stories

to increase awareness and make an impact.

4

### Move Beyond Boundaries

to better connect people and the system.

[www.PublicInput.com/MeckPlaybook](http://www.PublicInput.com/MeckPlaybook)



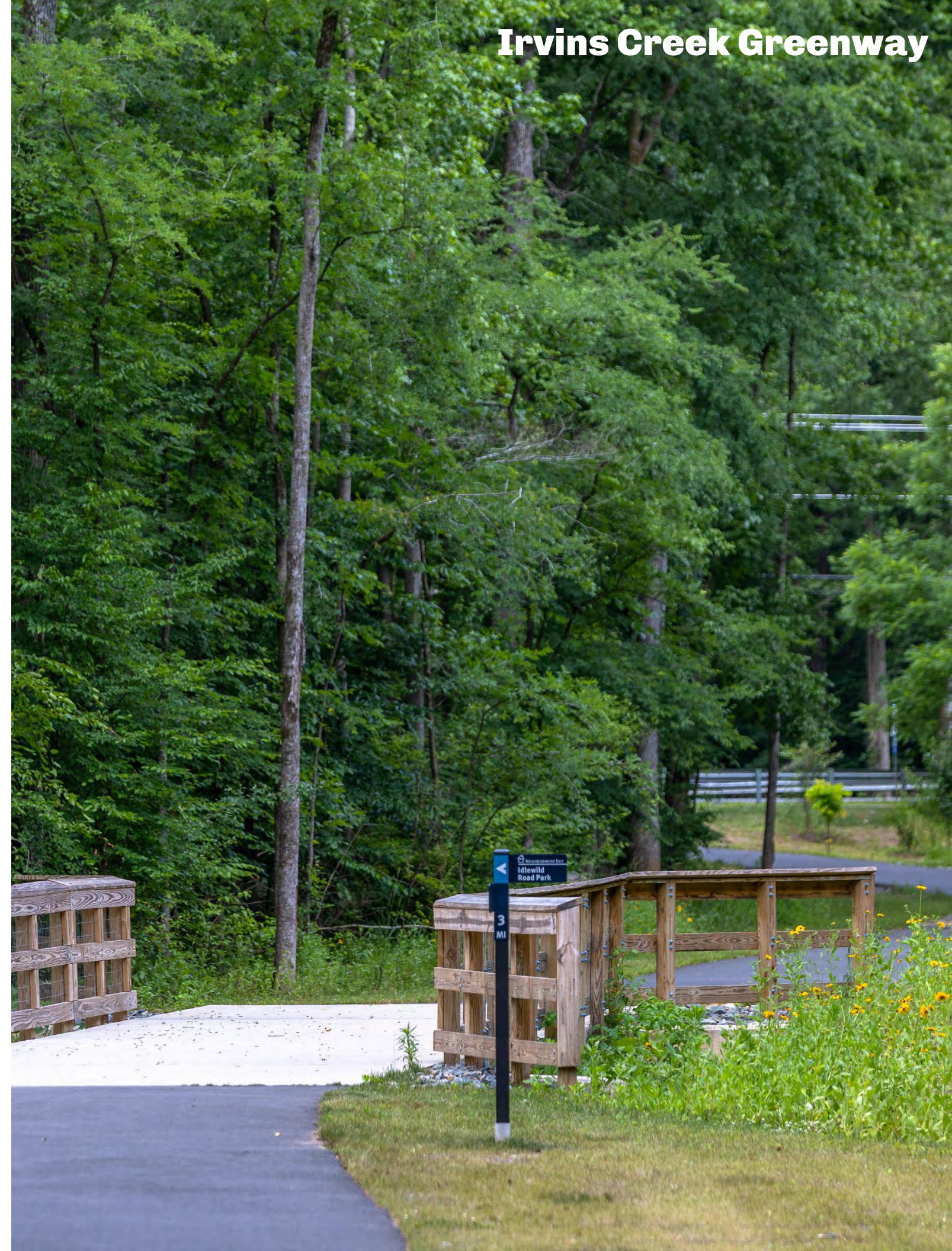


# Meck Playbook

## Mid-cycle Update

## Starting this Summer

- **Scope of Study**
  - Reflect on progress made on recommendations
  - Engage residents to understand wants and needs for recreation facilities and programs
  - Align and update recommendations for growth for the next five years





# Strategic Planning

## Rolling CIP- FY 2031 and Beyond

- Unfunded projects from FY 24-30 CIP study by priority ranking
- Similarities with higher ranked unfunded projects
  - Take advantage of partnerships
  - Expand existing parks with new phase of development
  - Tie parks into greenway trail system
  - Activate new parks
  - Address demand and geographic distribution

FY 2026		
Annual Land Purchases		\$30,000,000
Grier Heights Park		\$7,369,511
Martin Luther King Jr. Park		\$10,572,339
McAlpine Creek Greenway- Johnston Road to Carmel Road		\$9,732,981
McMullen Creek Gwy- Hwy 51 to McAlpine Creek Gwy/Carmel Rd		\$5,048,323
Park Access Improvement		\$17,690,329
South Prong Clarke Creek Greenway - N Church St to Asbury Chapel Rd		\$14,507,178
Tuckaseegee Park and Recreation Center		\$35,774,444

FY 2027		
Annual Land Purchases		\$30,000,000
Albemarle Road Recreation Center		\$22,768,163
Four Mile Creek Greenway- Bevington Place to Johnston Road		\$13,624,960
Mallard Creek Greenway - Mallard Creek Drive to David Taylor Drive		\$11,044,980
Oakhurst Park		\$2,493,152
Wilmore (Spruce Street) Park		\$893,357

FY 2028		
Annual Land Purchases		\$30,000,000
Campbell Creek Greenway- Campbell Creek Park to Campbell Creek Greenway		\$26,276,924
Irvins Creek Greenway- Lakeview Circle to McAlpine Creek Greenway		\$16,928,248
McDowell Nature Center and Nature Preserve		\$21,872,190
Torrence Creek Greenway - Cedar River Road to McDowell Creek Greenway		\$8,238,123

FY 2029		
Annual Land Purchases		\$30,000,000
Campbell Creek Park		\$5,001,243
Derita Park		\$4,690,228
Irwin Creek Greenway- Clanton Road to Crestridge		\$10,173,675
Irwin Creek Gway- Crestridge Drive to Yorkmont Road		\$8,658,168
Julian Underwood Park		\$2,865,859
Little Sugar Creek Greenway - Parkwood Underpass		\$267,446
McDowell Creek Gway - Catawba Ave (Smithville Park) to Westmoreland Rd		\$14,149,445
Springfield Park		\$6,718,522
Sugar Creek Greenway- Mounting Rock Road to Arrowood Road- Design Only		\$4,121,093
Wayfinding		\$832,233
Yorkmont Park		\$2,545,174

FY 2030		
Annual Land Purchases		\$30,000,000
Irwin Creek Greenway- Hamilton to Existing Irwin Creek Gwy		\$9,668,816
East Charlotte Park		\$16,621,046
Stewart Creek/Stewart Creek Trib- Alleghany to Freedom Dr to Bryant Park		\$14,188,111
Camp Greene Park & Stewart Creek Trib Greenway		\$30,426,227



# How to get involved and stay informed



**MORE INFO:**

[www.PublicInput.com/MeckParkRec](http://www.PublicInput.com/MeckParkRec)



1. Go to [www.publicinput.com/meckparkrec](http://www.publicinput.com/meckparkrec)
2. Navigate to the project of your interest
3. Scroll to the bottom of the project page
4. Provide your contact information



# Resources



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## Park and Recreation

<https://parkandrec.mecknc.gov>

## Existing Greenways and Greenway Master Plan

<https://parkandrec.mecknc.gov/Places-to-Visit/greenways>

## Park Explorer

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6d2ec0ff61843999af0e6655ef77e24/>

## Public Input Hub

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