

# APPENDIX C: INPUT TO THE UPDATE OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY CONCEPTUAL GREENWAY PLAN

Summary of Public Response on Update to the Greenway Plan  
February 16, 2006

## 1. What is your vision of the greenway network? Are there corridors that should be added or deleted from the Conceptual Greenway Plan?

Input No.	Question #	Written Comment	Date
G1	1	Work on core greenways and not on roadways	2/16/2006
G1	1	Major east west = Roanoke River; perhaps north-south=Lick Run	2/16/2006
G1	1	Roanoke River top priority; to Explore Park-destination	2/16/2006
G1	1	Connectivity to schools - needed	2/16/2006
G1	1	Connect to trails outside area	2/16/2006
G1	1	Connect Nature Conservancy and Happy Hollow	2/16/2006
G1	1	Concern with use at Havens Wildlife Management Area	2/16/2006
G2	1	Pedestrian traffic area	2/16/2006
G2	1	Connecting parks and recreation areas	2/16/2006
G2	1	Connecting people with places of employment	2/16/2006
G2	1	Venue for events - races	2/16/2006
G2	1	Connects natural resources	2/16/2006
G2	1	Connect neighborhoods/communities	2/16/2006
G3	1	Extend connections to Franklin, Montgomery and Botetourt County	2/16/2006
G3	1	Green Hill Park to Explore Park	2/16/2006
G3	1	Include Read Mountain	2/16/2006
G3	1	Tinker Creek to Carvins Cove to Botetourt	2/16/2006
G3	1	Lick Run out to William Fleming (west)	2/16/2006
G3	1	More bicycle/walker friendly greenways along roadways!	2/16/2006
G3	1	Add Glade Road trail - south of Vinton	2/16/2006
G3	1	Add Interior Dept. trails from 111 to Explore	2/16/2006
G3	1	Must include Explore Park	2/16/2006
G4	1	Mixed surfaces	2/16/2006
G4	1	On/off road	2/16/2006
G4	1	* Mix of location (urban, suburban, rural)	2/16/2006
G4	1	* Better/more uniform signage	2/16/2006
G4	1	Length of river entire way; tributaries as well	2/16/2006
G4	1	*Potential connection to other counties (Botetourt, Bedford)	2/16/2006
G4	1	* Better volunteer promotion	2/16/2006
G4	1	Tie into existing events (i.e. Clean Valley Day, etc)	2/16/2006
G4	1	*Enhance connections: Carvins Cove, Read Mtn, National Forest land	2/16/2006
G4	1	Low maintenance, pedestrian traffic	2/16/2006
G5	1	Emphasize the protection and enhancements of Nature	2/16/2006
G5	1	Safe clean area	2/16/2006

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G5	1	Create trails that serve multiple users	2/16/2006
G5	1	Greenways should parallel rivers/streams/creeks, not roadways	2/16/2006
G5	1	Focus on off-road trails; do not drop trails on top of roadways	2/16/2006
I-1	1	Nature Conservancy tract on Bent Mtn, connect to Happy Hollow	2/16/2006
I-1	1	Perimeter trail - horse trail around valley; start with trail along Blue Ridge Parkway	2/16/2006
I-10	1	1 - Recreation first	2/16/2006
I-10	1	2 - Casual development such as restaurants or condos	2/16/2006
I-10	1	3 - Connectors to access greenways	2/16/2006
I-11	1	Connected trails	2/16/2006
I-12	1	Add Hollins College to Carvins Cove	2/16/2006
I-12	1	Add Read Mtn.	2/16/2006
I-12	1	Vision: Connectivity to outlying counties and their trails, open spaces/ nat. lands	2/16/2006
I-12	1	Vision: *Preservation within city of undeveloped properties, open spaces, still natural patches of land.	2/16/2006
I-12	1	Vision: Connecting neighborhoods and communities	2/16/2006
I-13	1	That neighborhoods are connected to business districts to encourage more walking and biking to run your errands instead of driving - connecting neighborhoods to downtown and places like Grand village is essential	2/16/2006
I-14	1	Connections to all points & planned routes that can be accessed by bicycle & walking	2/16/2006
I-14	1	Connect existing trails of Roanoke River trail, Chestnut loop & Carvins Cove	2/16/2006
I-15	1	Facilitate biking transportation around the city and into downtown	2/16/2006
I-16	1	Add back greenway in Explore Park along Roanoke River. Also trails along river from STP down to Explore	2/16/2006
I-16	1	Havens Wildlife Refuge needs a trail	2/16/2006
I-17	1	Selfishly, my vision would be to use connected network of trails for commuting on bicycle from Garden City area to downtown, to northwest area of city. I think connecting downtown to Mill Mountain and Blue Ridge Parkway would also be wonderful!	2/16/2006
I-18	1	I think the greenway system should be both 1) beautiful and 2) functional. Some areas would be more of 1 and some would be more of 2, of course, depending on location and type of trail.	2/16/2006
I-19	1	I hope we're not holding up work in certain areas because of the overwhelming nature of the "big plan". My present perception is that we have a gorilla that we don't quite know how to approach. How many miles per year have we finished? Keep the big plan in mind, but finish something.	2/16/2006
I-2	1	Everything look good	2/16/2006
I-20	1	Delete the highways (e.g. #20, #1, #2). These are not greenways. <u>Focus on real trails.</u>	2/16/2006
I-21	1	I think the greenways need to be interactive connections throughout the whole region. We need connections to natural areas like Explore Park, the Appalachian Trail, the GW National Forest and the Roanoke River.	2/16/2006

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I-22	1	To be able to travel by foot or bike from downtown Roanoke to the Roanoke River and then either east to the Salem city limits or west to the Blue Ridge Parkway following the river's floodplain. There should also be at least 2 north-south greenways: Lick Run corridor and Peters Creek or Masons Creek corridors. Lastly, a connection to Carvins Cove and Havens WMA would be nice but only after the above items are finished.	2/16/2006
I-23	1	The greenways will be more populated & used when there is a continuous path of 5 miles. Therefore, all efforts should be directed toward this.	2/16/2006
I-24	1	All stream corridors should be greenways, as well as abandoned railroad rights of way and many alleys.	2/16/2006
I-25	1	A network that crosses the valley with connected trails	2/16/2006
I-26	1	Riverside greenway from Green Hill Park to Explore with feeder trails leading to the river from strategic areas of the valley	2/16/2006
I-27	1	Walks all the greenways all the time. Greenways make Roanoke a better place to be, healthier environment. Old folks need the greenways; they can't do the AT.	2/16/2006
I-28	1	Completion of the current plan throughout the Valley	2/17/2006
I-3	1	To have a network of pathways (paved/unpaved) throughout the valley to provide routes for non-motorized transportation, exercise, and recreation	2/16/2006
I-30	1	I have a copy of the original 1906 Roanoke River Greenway Plan. Back then they knew the value of having a greenway along the river. It is TIME we finish the thing!!!	2/14/2006
I-30	1	It would enhance our valley's offerings not only to citizens but to the traveling public, visitors, and tourists, if we could do a circumferential from Carvins Cove to Havens Wildlife Area to Spring Hollow, up Bent Mountain, down the Parkway to the National Forest, to Greenfield, and to the Cove. Many communities in America now have these wonderful loops	2/14/2006
I-30	1	Long range goal -- connect Montgomery County to Smith Mountain Lake.	2/14/2006
I-4	1	We need to get the river corridor completed as soon as possible. There are unlimited possibilities for greenways, but the corridor along the Roanoke River will serve as the backbone. The many smaller trails need to be connected by this river backbone.	2/16/2006
I-5	1	To be able to walk out my door and go anywhere from anywhere, on foot. To Damascus on the AT & back a different way, for example. To travel in large circles from my house. To walk & bike on more errands, commutes, etc.	2/16/2006
I-6	1	Extend Roanoke River Greenway to Blacksburg, Franklin County.	2/16/2006
I-6	1	Extend Lick Run to Peters Creek Rd. and to Mason's Cove.	2/16/2006
I-6	1	Use paper alleys in city for greenway corridor's.	2/16/2006
I-6	1	Use utility right of ways - sewer upgrade for right of way.	2/16/2006
I-6	1	Push for rail <u>with</u> trail from Wasena Park to Ghent Park.	2/16/2006

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I-7	1	I'm of the impression that the scope of Roanoke's Conceptual Greenway Plan is too ambitious at this stage. Too much red, not enough blue. Promote a more scaled back stage.	2/16/2006
I-8	1	Connected, usable for transportation as well as recreation	2/16/2006
I-30	1	I would like to see a place my family can ride bicycles and walk/run without fear of traffic. I would also enjoy being able to walk/bicycle to work and school safely.	2/16/2006

### 2. Which Greenways should be completed first? List 1-5

Input No.	Question #	Written Comment	Date
I-14	2	#32 [Roanoke River] to Blue Ridge Parkway	2/16/2006
I-18	2	#4, #5 Any other long wooded trails	2/16/2006
I-15	2	#8, #9, #23 - bike access from downtown Roanoke to Carvins Cove	2/16/2006
I-18	2	1 Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-23	2	1) Roanoke River - as far as feasible - hopefully to Explore Park and/or Salem	2/16/2006
I-10	2	1) Roanoke River corridor	2/16/2006
I-20	2	1. #32 [Roanoke River] Get the trunk done, then focus on the branches	2/16/2006
I-21	2	1. Bridge at Hanging Rock	2/16/2006
I-29	2	1. Lick Run. This corridor should ultimately serve the Carvins Cove natural area north of the City limits. Ample open space exists north of Valley View Crossing to extend this multi-use trail to residents near Countryside Golf Course and beyond.	2/16/2006
I-12	2	1. Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-13	2	1. Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-22	2	1. Roanoke River - No. 32	2/16/2006
I-17	2	1. Roanoke River #32	2/16/2006
I-18	2	2 Lick Run	2/16/2006
I-23	2	2) Barnhardt Creek #36	2/16/2006
I-10	2	2) Connectors to downtown, shopping	2/16/2006
I-20	2	2. #15 [Hanging Rock] Get the bridge in behind Orange Market so trail connects to trailhead and parking and future #4 & 5.	2/16/2006
I-12	2	2. Hollins to Carvins Cove	2/16/2006
I-22	2	2. Lick Run - No. 22	2/16/2006
I-13	2	2. Mill Mountain	2/16/2006
I-17	2	2. Mill Mountain #44	2/16/2006
I-21	2	2. Roanoke River Greenway - west Salem to Roanoke Co.	2/16/2006
I-29	2	2. Roanoke River. Currently, the City should focus on extending the Roanoke River greenway from Wiley Drive to Ghent park utilizing open space adjacent to the Roanoke River under the city's ownership.	2/16/2006

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I-18	2	3 Mill Mtn	2/16/2006
I-23	2	3) Roanoke River Tributary #28	2/16/2006
I-17	2	3. Garnand Branch #41	2/16/2006
I-13	2	3. Grandin Road - something to connect south Roanoke and downtown to Grandin Village	2/16/2006
I-22	2	3. Hanging Rock - No. 15	2/16/2006
I-21	2	3. Roanoke River Greenway - Roanoke City to Explore Park	2/16/2006
I-29	2	3. Tinker Creek. This corridor should be extended to NE Roanoke to Old Mountain Road. This is a viable option that can get pavement down now so that people can enjoy Tinker Creek and surroundings.	2/16/2006
I-17	2	4. Blue Ridge Parkway	2/16/2006
I-13	2	4. Blue Ridge Parkway - access from south Roanoke and downtown to BRP	2/16/2006
I-22	2	4. Get the 1st three done [Roanoke River, Lick Run, Hanging Rock]	2/16/2006
I-21	2	4. Raleigh Court area to Garst Mill Park	2/16/2006
I-21	2	5. Colonial Ave. (VWCC) to Parkway at 220 S.	2/16/2006
I-2	2	Along the Parkway: connected to Stewarts Knob	2/16/2006
I-4	2	As much of the river as possible. Green Hill Park to Explore Park as a start	2/16/2006
G4	2	Back Creek removed?	2/16/2006
I-5	2	Bent Mountain	2/16/2006
I-8	2	Bike lanes on 10th Street	2/16/2006
I-15	2	Blue Ridge Parkway #49 - biking access along BRP trails	2/16/2006
G2	2	Chestnut Ridge loop to Explore Park (horse trail)	2/16/2006
G5	2	Complete Garnand Branch (from Bedford County Residents)	2/16/2006
G5	2	Complete Roanoke Loop through the Havens area	2/16/2006
G3	2	Complete segments along the river (connect)*	2/16/2006
G5	2	Completion of Roanoke River Greenway a TOP priority	2/16/2006
G4	2	Concentrate on loops	2/16/2006
G2	2	Connect existing greenways! <u>All</u> greenways!	2/16/2006
I-11	2	Connect to Carvins Cove	2/16/2006
I-11	2	Connect to Parkway	2/16/2006
G2	2	Connect to Parkway - Mill Mtn. Greenway	2/16/2006
G2	2	Connect to Tanglewood Mall - Franklin Rd. corridor	2/16/2006
G5	2	Create Connection between Melrose and Cove Road	2/16/2006
I-28	2	Didn't pick up the map, but the River corridor	2/17/2006
G5	2	Finish Tinker Creek	2/16/2006
I-16	2	Greenway at Explore park, along river.	2/16/2006
I-5	2	Hanging Rock - connect to AT	2/16/2006
I-30	2	Hanging Rock - I live in the City near HR and would sure love to see the trail extend to Roanoke River. My end of town has NOTHING, no parks, no trails, no anything.	2/14/2006
I-7	2	I think connectivity is the most important aspect of staging. Making the first greenway development connect is most important. This whether linear connection or circular connection.	2/16/2006

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I-1	2	Lick Run	2/16/2006
I-6	2	Lick Run	2/16/2006
I-8	2	Lick Run	2/16/2006
I-5	2	Lick Run - connect to AT	2/16/2006
G5	2	Link Blue Ridge Parkway #42/#33	2/16/2006
I-1	2	Mason Creek	2/16/2006
G1	2	Masons Creek	2/16/2006
G4	2	Mason's Creek	2/16/2006
G5	2	Masons Creek - Initiate Construction of Masons Creek from Battlefield Trail	2/16/2006
I-1	2	Murray Run - Tanglewood	2/16/2006
I-9	2	Ones that link existing segments together.	2/16/2006
G1	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-1	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-11	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-24	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-26	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-6	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-8	2	Roanoke River	2/16/2006
I-5	2	Roanoke River - Victory Park - canoes	2/16/2006
I-15	2	Roanoke River #32 upstream from Smith/Wasena Park and downstream to BRP	2/16/2006
I-25	2	Roanoke River from Green Hill park to Mill Mt.	2/16/2006
G4	2	Roanoke River core of the system (Blueway) - also greenways leading into it, incorporation of blueways	2/16/2006
G2	2	Roanoke River!!	2/16/2006
I-19	2	Roanoke River!! This should be the core of the entire greenway project. What a showcase it could be.	2/16/2006
G4	2	Same goes for Parkway connections to other jurisdictions	2/16/2006
I-30	2	Roanoke River #32 Garden City #41 Tinker/Carvin Creek #19&24 Roanoke Valley Perimeter Trail #49 Wolf Creek #51	2/16/2006
I-18	2	Should complete main east-west trails 1st, then main south-north trails 2nd, then other connecting trails and long, wooded trails 3rd.	2/16/2006
G1	2	Shrine Hill ?	2/16/2006
I-29	2	The City should focus on Lick Run, Roanoke River and Tinker Creek. We cannot afford to wait any longer.	2/16/2006
I-5	2	Tinker Creek - connect to AT	2/16/2006
G4	2	Tinker Creek and Lick Run connections to AT are important	2/16/2006
G2	2	Tinker Creek to Carvins Cove + AT	2/16/2006
I-1	2	Work on Perimeter Trail	2/16/2006

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3. Have you encountered any problem (s) while visiting area greenways? If so, please describe what problem (s) was/were encountered and where encountered.

Input No.	Question #	Written Comment	Date
G5	3	Better lighting to promote safe trails	2/16/2006
I-25	3	Biggest problem is that the sections are not long enough for biking.	2/16/2006
I-16	3	City of Roanoke has a sign on the trail between Carvin Cove Dam and boat launch that says trail closed. Needs to be removed.	2/16/2006
I-8	3	Could they be plowed?	2/16/2006
I-3	3	Disconnected w/ other greenways or other non-motorized friendly routes - not always easy to get to	2/16/2006
G5	3	Emergency phones should be made available to Greeway users	2/16/2006
I-1	3	Erosion	2/16/2006
I-3	3	Finding/learning about the greenways	2/16/2006
I-22	3	Free ranging dogs along Mill Mountain Greenway and Roanoke River Greenway from Carilion Memorial to Piedmont Park area. These dogs come from nearby homes.	2/16/2006
I-30	3	Garst Mill - congestion/people not cleaning up after pets Hanging Rock - Trail not clearly marked	2/16/2006
G2	3	Getting info on greenways (RVCVB) (New Comer Mag.) (Media Coverage) (Website links from area hotels) (Pamphlets at retail establishments)	2/16/2006
I-18	3	I think unauthorized cross country travel is leading to erosion in some areas, esp. where there are switchbacks.	2/16/2006
G5	3	Increase the connectivity between trails	2/16/2006
I-6	3	Keep glass off of trails	2/16/2006
I-21	3	Lack of bathrooms	2/16/2006
I-21	3	Lack of interpretive signage	2/16/2006
I-21	3	Lack of trash cans	2/16/2006
G1	3	Lick Run: shopping carts, vandalism, security concerns	2/16/2006
G4	3	Lighting most important in urban areas	2/16/2006
G1	3	Loose pit bull	2/16/2006
I-6	3	Maintenance - keep open (Wiley Drive and Tinker Creek) - they close gates and are slow in removing mud from transportation corridor	2/16/2006
I-4	3	Marking of greenway to Mill Mountain	2/16/2006
I-6	3	Markings make it difficult to follow trails	2/16/2006
G1	3	Murray Run: trash, trash cans needed	2/16/2006
I-2	3	My husband Mr. Bryant looks after Wolf Creek Trail. We pick up trash - 24 underpass clean out after each flood, call Mrs. McMillan about portajohn's upside down	2/16/2006
I-11	3	No	2/16/2006
I-14	3	No	2/16/2006

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I-28	3	No	2/17/2006
I-15	3	No - trash in trees is unsightly	2/16/2006
I-26	3	No except the bridge over Mason's Creek needs to be completed.	2/16/2006
I-17	3	No problems encountered	2/16/2006
I-12	3	Not enough clear signage leading me to the routes	2/16/2006
I-12	3	Not enough promotion/publicity	2/16/2006
I-7	3	Not really.	2/16/2006
I-22	3	Obnoxious graffiti on the I-581 underpass, south side of Roanoke River; visible from Roanoke River trail where it passes under I-581, looking south at underpass supports along old NS tracks.	2/16/2006
I-24	3	Pet poop pollutes the water. Pet owners need to pick it up.	2/16/2006
G5	3	Police patrols	2/16/2006
G3	3	Problems: Amenities	2/16/2006
G4	3	Promotion should improve	2/16/2006
G1	3	Roanoke River: graffiti	2/16/2006
I-10	3	Safety - some are pretty scary	2/16/2006
G5	3	Safety (perception of being unsafe - Wolf Creek, Lick Run)	2/16/2006
G2	3	Security issues - lighting, call boxes in specific areas	2/16/2006
G4	3	Separate uses on a single greenway?	2/16/2006
G4	3	Smell! (Roanoke River)*	2/16/2006
G1	3	Smith/Wasena: security at night	2/16/2006
I-18	3	Some greenway routes are hard to follow (e.g. between VWCC & Patrick Henry). But <u>not too many signs</u> - ruins the outdoor experience.	2/16/2006
G1	3	Tinker Creek: garbage, security	2/16/2006
I-1	3	Trash	2/16/2006
G4	3	Trash (Roanoke and Tinker) *	2/16/2006
I-8	3	Trash in waterways and along Tinker Creek Greenway	2/16/2006
I-20	3	Vandalism & erosion from adjacent athletic fields on #21	2/16/2006
G4	3	Vandalism (Wolf Creek) *	2/16/2006
I-12	3	Washouts/trail cutting on hills on Murray Run above Fishburn Park	2/16/2006
I-19	3	Wiley Drive is a joke because of token auto traffic. The low water bridges should be replaced by graceful arched pedestrian bridges.	2/16/2006
G4	3	Wiley Drive near Smith Park (lighting concerns/safety)	2/16/2006
I-13	3	Yes - they don't connect and there aren't enough!!	2/16/2006
I-5	3	Yes. They only run a mile or two, on a long hike you have to navigate through scrambles. I've solved some problems.	2/16/2006

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### 4. What improvements or amenities would you like to see on existing greenways?

Input No.	Question #	Written Comment	Date
G4	4	*Interpretive signage in appropriate areas (natural, historical, etc.)	2/16/2006
G4	4	*Kiosks with maps	2/16/2006
I-27	4	Add bathrooms, trash cans (occasional)	2/16/2006
I-21	4	Add blueways (recreational water use) to the master plans.	2/16/2006
G2	4	Amenities - bike racks	2/16/2006
G3	4	Art on the trail	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Art sculptural elements	2/16/2006
G4	4	Auto traffic (remove where possible, river) - alternate routes	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Barriers keeping people on main trail and off of spur trails/cut throughs (erosion and degradation a problem)	2/16/2006
I-6	4	Bathrooms should be open all year round	2/16/2006
G1	4	Benches	2/16/2006
G3	4	Better markings on greenway itself (except Mill Mountain)	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Better signage	2/16/2006
G3	4	Better signage/identification - help in using/promoting	2/16/2006
G1	4	Bridge at Hanging Rock	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Call boxes and lighting periodically	2/16/2006
I-19	4	Complete Roanoke River section	2/16/2006
I-3	4	Connections w/ other greenways	2/16/2006
I-9	4	Consider porous pavement or grass pavers instead of asphalt on a demonstration segment	2/16/2006
G1	4	Contact information - notify about trash	2/16/2006
G3	4	Control of animals/ what to do if dog attacks?	2/16/2006
I-2	4	Do not have any complaints	2/16/2006
I-20	4	Don't worry about amenities. Get the core trail network built.	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Educational;/interpretive signage	2/16/2006
I-19	4	Have picnic areas, bike racks, benches, etc.	2/16/2006
I-18	4	Historic walks (with signs)	2/16/2006
I-5	4	Historical markers, monuments, fountains, etc.	2/16/2006
I-7	4	I'm more concerned with new trail than trail improvements	2/16/2006
G3	4	Kiosks with history of area or to emphasize natural amenities	2/16/2006
I-5	4	Latrines	2/16/2006
I-19	4	License vendors	2/16/2006
G3	4	Maintenance	2/16/2006
G1	4	Maps	2/16/2006
I-4	4	Maps	2/16/2006
I-4	4	Mile markers. From the river out.	2/16/2006
G1	4	Mileage markers	2/16/2006
I-22	4	Mileage markers and maps would be great although I realize the vandalism risk of these features.	2/16/2006

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G1	4	Mill Mountain kiosk - update	2/16/2006
I-12	4	More clear mapping & an adopt-a-mile plan	2/16/2006
I-11	4	More trees	2/16/2006
G1	4	Multi-use/ horse trails	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Natural habitat restoration (cleanout ivy, restore native plants, grasses)	2/16/2006
I-18	4	Nature walks (with signs)	2/16/2006
I-16	4	None	2/16/2006
G1	4	Parking - access - Murray Run	2/16/2006
I-9	4	Plan for pet waste bag dispensers as part of all new segments.	2/16/2006
I-24	4	Preserve or replant <u>thick vegetation</u> on stream banks for wildlife and water quality.	2/16/2006
I-21	4	Promote regular clean up events (like the fall waterways cleanup)	2/16/2006
I-18	4	Put up more bike ways near shops and retail areas. E.g. put up an outside bikeway around Towers and put bike racks at a safe location along the outside bikeway. The idea would be to have a safe corridor at these areas to increase non-motorized use.	2/16/2006
I-6	4	Remove debris that accumulates behind low water bridge	2/16/2006
I-23	4	Remove the concrete median in Smith Park	2/16/2006
I-10	4	Restaurants	2/16/2006
G2	4	Restrooms, etc.	2/16/2006
G4	4	Restrooms/water fountains, access	2/16/2006
I-12	4	Restrooms/water fountains/trash cans	2/16/2006
I-5	4	Rock gardens, sculptures, flowerbeds, other aesthetic things	2/16/2006
I-10	4	Security cameras	2/16/2006
I-21	4	See previous question [lack of bathrooms, trash cans, interpretive signage]	2/16/2006
G4	4	Signs (uniformity)*	2/16/2006
G4	4	Surface consideration important	2/16/2006
I-28	4	The car side of the Smith Park is too narrow, an extra 6 inches would mean a lot	2/17/2006
G5	4	There should be a footbridge over Lick Run to connect community.	2/16/2006
I-10	4	Trash pick up	2/16/2006
G4	4	Trash receptacles near greenways (wildlife proof)	2/16/2006
I-8	4	Trees, trees, trees!	2/16/2006
G1	4	Water fountains	2/16/2006
I-5	4	Water fountains	2/16/2006
I-6	4	Water fountains	2/16/2006
I-30	4	We need some decent signs for the trails.	2/14/2006
I-25	4	What exists is fine. We just need more.	2/16/2006
I-18	4	Wildflower gardens in some areas would be nice. Otherwise, retain the forest cover and allow older forests to grow along greenways.	2/16/2006
I-1	4		2/16/2006

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5. What is the best way to get citizens involved in greenways? Are there ways in which you would be willing to volunteer? For information on volunteering opportunities, please contact Pathfinders for Greenways (E-mail: [pathfinders@greenways.org](mailto:pathfinders@greenways.org))

Input No.	Question #	Written Comment	Date
G1	5	Foot race up Mill Mtn - fund raiser/interest	2/16/2006
G1	5	Sponsors for clean up	2/16/2006
G1	5	Have Pathfinder notifications	2/16/2006
G1	5	Involve Scouts, other groups	2/16/2006
G1	5	Brochures on greenways	2/16/2006
G1	5	Adopt-a-trail - neighborhood or corporate	2/16/2006
G3	5	Present to neighborhood groups	2/16/2006
G3	5	Adopt a trail/sponsors - create a sense of ownership	2/16/2006
G3	5	Involve everyone - arts community/civic	2/16/2006
G3	5	Better mapping to identify trails	2/16/2006
G3	5	Launching points to encourage and facilitate use	2/16/2006
G3	5	Promote to schools - outdoor recreation/nature or community study	2/16/2006
G4	5	Tie into festivals, etc.	2/16/2006
G4	5	Hype awareness "Greenway Day" media coverage	2/16/2006
G4	5	Advertise and increase opportunities more frequent	2/16/2006
G4	5	Promote awareness with additional events	2/16/2006
G4	5	Incorporate schools (curriculum and sports) - art, history, science	2/16/2006
G4	5	Promote ownership (adopt-a-trail/stream,greenway)	2/16/2006
I-1	5		2/16/2006
I-10	5	Great website. The current one did not list this meeting tonight.	2/16/2006
I-11	5	Branch out to business, civic groups, other non-profits	2/16/2006
I-11	5	Solicit funds from local business	2/16/2006
I-12	5	Present to & involve schools - PH cross country team adopt the trail they use; school groups volunteer on trails; taking home info to parents	2/16/2006
I-12	5	More neighborhood events on greenways - "may day", festivals, children's events, races, etc.	2/16/2006
I-12	5	Present regularly (1/yr or 1/2 yr?) at neighborhood meetings	2/16/2006
I-13	5	Build more to connect to neighborhoods to businesses!	2/16/2006
I-15	5	Adopt a section	2/16/2006
I-16	5	I already am a volunteer.	2/16/2006
I-17	5	Emphasize Charlotte's success. Stress economic development potential	2/16/2006
I-19	5	Have outdoor festivals with mayoral proclamations, youth participation, media coverage	2/16/2006
I-2	5	We are members of Dr. Bill Gordge's Wednesday work group - "all day, year round". Working at Carvins Cove - we have dug about 2 miles - with 3/4 mile to go.	2/16/2006

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I-20	5	I already do volunteer. Many others would if they knew how. I found out by accident.	2/16/2006
I-21	5	I already do volunteer and support program.	2/16/2006
I-21	5	Have picnics and outdoor events, like Earth day, to help get people out of doors.	2/16/2006
I-21	5	+ more money from the state.	2/16/2006
I-22	5	Race events, fun runs/walks/rides	2/16/2006
I-22	5	Clean-up events	2/16/2006
I-22	5	Neighborhood association events	2/16/2006
I-22	5	Adopt a trail programs	2/16/2006
I-22	5	School field trips	2/16/2006
I-25	5	Contact neighborhoods - people who live near a greenway will be more likely to volunteer on a particular section	2/16/2006
I-28	5	See sponsorship for sections on an annual basis, say \$1000 a mile	2/17/2006
I-3	5	Advertise/promote current greenways and their potential users	2/16/2006
I-3	5	Willing to volunteer w/ maintenance/upkeep - currently a member of Pathfinders for Greenways	2/16/2006
I-4	5	By having a greenway connect to their neighborhood	2/16/2006
I-5	5	Publicize it better. The open stretches are attracting traffic. Build more miles	2/16/2006
I-6	5	Fun!	2/16/2006
I-7	5	Connecting with community groups is probably the most effective way to engage people who are engaged.	2/16/2006
I-8	5	The picnics are good	2/16/2006
I-30	5	Make sure people know about them.	2/16/2006

### 6. Additional Comments?

Input No.	Question #	Response #	Written Comment	Date
G3	6	C	"Rails with trails"	2/16/2006
I-27	6	B	30 years from now greenways will define Roanoke, whereas what city managers are doing won't matter	2/16/2006
G6	6	A	Alley greenways. Bring into the neighborhoods. Identify.	2/16/2006
I-5	6	A	Bridges. Can Highland Park be connected with Roanoke River via footbridge?	2/16/2006
G4	6	K	Carillon would be a good target for corporate participation	2/16/2006
I-12	6	B	Coordinate right-of-way negotiations for alleys/sewers/electric service improvements w/ greenway development	2/16/2006

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I-12	6	A	Create obligations (govt/zoning) that developers allow/set aside funds and land for connections and or protections of corridors	2/16/2006
G6	6	C	Develop a pilot project urban greenway along the river to show the possibilities of a greenway as an urban economic generator, i.e. little San Antonio	2/16/2006
G4	6	I	Focus on important areas	2/16/2006
I-6	6	A	Funding needs to be a higher priority. Ask 10,000, 1,000 - 500 sponsors for business & government. Sell bonds to finance greenways.	2/16/2006
G4	6	A	Good opportunity for connections with Havens Wildlife area	2/16/2006
G3	6	A	Governments need to secure rights of way for greenways when creating/changing land use or rights of way	2/16/2006
I-10	6	A	Great recruiting tool for bringing people to town!	2/16/2006
G6	6	B	Greenways must be perceived as economic generators like softball/soccer complexes.	2/16/2006
G4	6	H	Identify potential places for redevelopment (ex.: Walnut Street bridge, Smith Park, etc.)	2/16/2006
I-15	6	A	Incorporate bike lanes on city streets to link existing sections	2/16/2006
G4	6	J	Incorporate greenway during Carilion development, biomed center	2/16/2006
G4	6	M	Involve NS railroad in the process	2/16/2006
I-15	6	B	Is there any way to add bike lanes on Jefferson St. from Memorial Hospital to downtown/Mill Mountain Greenway along Williamson?	2/16/2006
I-13	6	A	It seems that funding is a problem - the gov't needs to make it more of a priority to increase the quality of life for the area	2/16/2006
I-2	6	A	Just keep going.	2/16/2006
I-22	6	A	Keep up the good work!	2/16/2006
I-28	6	A	Keep up the good work!	2/17/2006
G4	6	F	More greenway development = cleaner rivers	2/16/2006
I-2	6	B	Mrs. Liz Belcher does a wonderful job.	2/16/2006
I-21	6	A	Need more efforts in Roanoke County and Salem City and some effort in Botetourt County to complement the City of Roanoke's efforts.	2/16/2006
I-19	6	A	One other thought - develop the river! (The rest will follow!)	2/16/2006
G3	6	B	Open utility ROW for greenways	2/16/2006
I-30	6	A	Please, please allow bikes on sidewalks.	2/14/2006
I-24	6	A	Presentations by Commission can be made at City Council, boards of supervisors, with budget requests.	2/16/2006
G4	6	G	Private contractors help	2/16/2006

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G4	6	E	Promote commercial exposure to greenway	2/16/2006
G4	6	D	Promote to <u>local/regional</u> business for economic benefit/quality of life long term benefits - ITT	2/16/2006
I-26	6	A	Push for corporate financial assistance along with construction money from local governments.	2/16/2006
G4	6	L	Rails to Trails potential sites? (Roanoke River Greenway near Wiley) - can be big economic driver	2/16/2006
I-6	6	B	Rails with trails	2/16/2006
G4	6	C	Reach out to business promote themselves through greenway awareness/participation	2/16/2006
G4	6	B	Some paved trails are good to get bikes off roads, road bikes	2/16/2006
I-30	6	C	The City needs greenways AND more trees to offset its increasing air pollution problem; on the back end, they need to plan to deal with the increasing amount of leaves to pick up.	2/14/2006
I-29	6	A	The City should avoid future mistakes in greenway design and construction evident in Mill Mountain greenway corridor. <i>Sidewalks should not be eligible as greenways.</i>	2/16/2006
I-5	6	B	The trail concept being connected with a historic neighborhood walk concept makes for interesting crosstown hikes.	2/16/2006
I-23	6	A	Use existing alleys, for which the City already owns the right of ways, to extend the greenway network	2/16/2006
I-30	6	B	Yearly funding could come from each locality as capital improvement funds.	2/14/2006

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### Public Input from Individuals at June 8, 2006 Public Input Meeting

#### 1. Do you support the vision of completing the Roanoke River Greenway as the #1 priority?

Comment #	Question	Response	Date
1	1	Yes	6/8/2006
3	1	Yes	6/8/2006
4	1	Yes	6/8/2006
5	1	Yes	6/8/2006
6	1	<u>Yes</u>	6/8/2006
7	1	Yes - showcase segments only to start with. This leaves money for other small connectors or less expensive greenways	6/8/2006
8	1	Yes. It is a natural artery.	6/8/2006
9	1	Yes, it is the cornerstone.	6/8/2006
10	1	I think that regionally, this is a great notion; however, localities may be privy to unplanned circumstances that provide them with positive opportunity to tackle other greenways.	6/8/2006
11	1	Yes.	6/8/2006
12	1	Yes	6/8/2006
13	1	Do it in two years	6/8/2006
14	1	The sooner this can be completed, the more that people and the community will see the benefits of a completed trail/greenway across the valley.	6/8/2006
15	1	Yes!	6/8/2006
16	1	Yes	6/8/2006
17	1	Yes - complete it first and use it as a model to gain support for other projects.	6/8/2006
18	1	Yes - like a tree, must have a strong trunk to support the limbs	6/8/2006
19	1	Yes	6/8/2006
20	1	Yes, but act on other opportunities for other greenways that become available too!	6/8/2006
21	1	<u>Yes</u>	6/8/2006
22	1	Yes but we need more involvement from the private sector in getting funds. Novozymes is a great start & maybe that will spur competition among other large companies to donate & get involved.	6/8/2006
23	1	Yes!	6/8/2006
24	1	<u>Yes</u>	6/8/2006
25	1	This would create a very long trail that should be scenic through much of the Roanoke Valley. Break the task up into sections and complete 1 section a year that could be used. With the right publicity this could create more local support and this should create local demand for connecting existing trails to this	6/8/2006

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### 2. Do you agree with the #2 priorities listed on the back of your map? If not, what changes would you suggest?

Comment #	Question	Response	Date
1	2	See 3	6/8/2006
3	2	#2 priority should be #9 in Botetourt and Ro. Co; #2 priority should be #8 in Botetourt Co.	6/8/2006
4	2	Yes	6/8/2006
5	2	Yes	6/8/2006
6	2	No. Move the Murray Run Greenway to a higher priority	6/8/2006
7	2	Delete 49. Add new trail Hanging Rock to Hollins via Timberview Road 1) connecting to Loch Haven Road via Loch Haven Lake 2) extending through the woods & connecting to #9 Tinker Creek	6/8/2006
8	2	Yes, because they connect to the Roanoke River Greenway, forming the beginnings of a network	6/8/2006
9	2	Yes	6/8/2006
10	2	Yep	6/8/2006
12	2	Yes. Also consider making main gravel trail through Carvins Cove a paved greenway.	6/8/2006
13	2	?	6/8/2006
14	2	I think that more emphasis should be placed in connecting neighborhoods and communities to existing trails and the Roanoke River Greenway. Specifically, the ability to access downtown and the greenway there is important but currently quite difficult to do safely. The connectivity can be done piece by piece and should be advocated by the Greenway Commission any time that road/infrastructure work is done in Roanoke.	6/8/2006
15	2	Yes.	6/8/2006
17	2	Yes	6/8/2006
18	2	Yes	6/8/2006
19	2	Yes	6/8/2006
20	2	Yes, again other opportunities that "pop up" should be grabbed even if on other #3 & #4 priorities.	6/8/2006
21	2	Yes - plus a connection from the Mason Cove trail to Carvins Cove.	6/8/2006
22	2	Yes	6/8/2006
23	2	Yes!	6/8/2006
24	2	Yes	6/8/2006

### 3. Other Comments?

Comment #	Question	Response	Date
1	3	Biking is my priority. We should complete small connector routes on the greenway or on a suitable public road. Typical of this would be a route around Roanoke Memorial Hospital which would allow biking from river's edge to the road going downstream along the Roanoke River. Perhaps Carilion would pay for this?	6/8/2006

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2	2	Acquisition Methods: I like rights of way in coordination with utility easements. I do not like condemnation because I distrust localities to pursue condemnation in a fair and equitable way	
4	3	Open Chestnut Ridge to mountain bikes!!!	6/8/2006
5	3	Thank you for all of your hard work. Please find more commitment for paying new staff members. A volunteer coordinator?	6/8/2006
6	3	More government staffing is an obvious and critical need. Liz Belcher <u>cannot</u> do it <u>all</u> !!!	6/8/2006
7	3	For the issue ranking, for each idea indicate the level of difficulty	6/8/2006
8	3	There should be a greenway authority, just as there is now a water authority. The only way to get anything done in a region of competing localities. Allow condemnation up to 10% of land needed, so that one landowner can't stop a whole greenway.	6/8/2006
9	3	Reserve the right to condemn 10%. A very few can ruin a good plan. We need a regional water authority. We need a regional airport authority. We need a regional trash authority. WE NEED A REGIONAL GREENWAY AUTHORITY.	6/8/2006
11	3	Lack of connectivity an obvious problem. Definitely need one comprehensive resource for trail maps and information, bikeways, etc. Push advertising of greenways as an economic development incentive.	6/8/2006
12	3	I hae ridden on many rail trails along east coast. Does Roanoke area have any potential rail trail areas from abandoned Norfolk-Southern routes.	6/8/2006
13	3	Take the railroad tracks you need for the Roanoke River greenway	6/8/2006
17	3	When at all possible keep greenways separate and free of motor vehicle traffic. Some streets could be closed and used for foot or bicycle use only! Work with "rails to trails" and other groups to connect projects. Ned to protect trails at Explore Park.	6/8/2006
18	3	Develop a bond issue regionally that includes greenway funding, schools, public safety, transportation, etc. - Something for everyone so it has a decent chance of voter approval - with coordinated marketing to all voters -- by all elected officials speaking as one voice (as close to it as possible)	6/8/2006
19	3	Create more regionalization to support other area localities in their greenway efforts.	6/8/2006
20	3	Would like to see the perimeter trail built, even if as sections at first connecting various major greenways (ex. Parkway to Carvins Cove via Greenfield)	6/8/2006
21	3	Let's have this as a priority for our valley.	6/8/2006
22	3	Have an online survey to solicit more input from the public	6/8/2006
23	3	Collect public input on greenway priorities via an online survey form so people can provide input without having to come to a meeting	6/8/2006
24	3	Utilize <u>as many</u> funding mechanisms & partners as possible!	6/8/2006
25	3	We need to create local support and convince everyone that it is to their advantage to have pleasant places to walk. More publicity.	6/8/2006

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### Results of the Dot Exercise at June 8, 2006 Public Input Meeting

<b>Construction Priorities</b> (place a dot under the one statement you most support)	# stickers
Build the complete Roanoke River Greenway in 5 years	44
Build the complete Roanoke River Greenway over the next 10-15 years	2
Build smaller neighborhood greenways and trails first, then the Roanoke River Greenway	0
Build some critical segments of the Roanoke River Greenway and a few smaller greenway segments	8
Build more on-road and sidewalk connections to connect existing greenway routes	1

<b>Acquisition Methods</b> (place a dot under the one statement you most support)	
Create an aggressive land acquisition program for greenway development that utilizes a range of acquisition methods, including land purchase at fair market value, land donations (which allow tax advantages), rights-of-way in coordination with utility easements, and possibly condemnation.	42
Create an aggressive land acquisition program for greenway development that utilizes only land purchase at fair market value and land donations (which allow tax advantages).	7
Rely on donations of rights-of-way or purchase only from willing sellers	0

<b>Funding</b> (place a dot under the three statements you most support)	
Increase local government contributions	32
Develop a regional greenway capital improvement program for localities.	11
Aggressively seek corporate donations	27
Build private/public economic development partnerships	18
Seek developer fees for Greenway development	14
Consider a Greenway and Trail Bond Issue	39
Continue to rely on standard State and Federal assistance	4
Create and promote a regional greenway donation program	5

<b>Other Initiatives</b> (place a dot under the one statement you most support)	
Increase information available to public on greenway opportunities and locations	15
Increase marketing efforts	5
Improve multi-jurisdictional coordination	12
Partner with the private sector	14
Conduct greenway training program annually for elected officials and government staff	3
Increase volunteer efforts	2

<b>Organization</b> (place a dot under the one statement you most support)	
Maintain the current organizational structure with the Greenway Commission as a regional advisory and planning board and local governments responsible for greenway construction and management within their jurisdictions; more clearly define the roles and responsibilities of each.	7
Increase the authority and staffing of the Greenway Commission to implement the Greenway Plan and better facilitate development of area greenways	30
Create a regional greenway authority responsible for development of a regional greenway network	12

### Summary of Qualitative Interviews by LandDesign

#### Regional Greenway Support and Funding

The Consultant addressed perceptions and attitudes regarding financial support for greenway development by conducting fifteen key stakeholders telephone interviews (one person per interview) with designated elected and appointed officials and government staff during the month of April, 2006. Interviewees were selected by the Client and asked nine qualitative discussion questions pertaining to general greenway development and greenway specific funding. Each interview was completed in a continuous timeframe, each lasting up to 45 minutes. A general summary of the results are presented below.

#### **1. Do you support right-of-way acquisition and greenway development?**

Most of the respondents supported the idea of acquiring more land for greenway development. However, the majority of the respondents did not support the idea of land condemnation for greenway development, but did support donation and fair value acquisition.

#### **2. What type of funding strategies would you support for greenway and trail development?**

In general the respondents cited the need for increases in private donations to fund greenway development. They also noted aggressive funding pursuits must continue through all available options, including leveraging of funds to develop more greenways at a quicker pace and various public/private partnership efforts. Some respondents noted that increasing local taxes for greenway development probably would not be supported.

#### **3. In what way does your locality contribute towards greenway development each year?**

Most of the respondents understood that their locality contributes in some fashion for greenway development either by monetary allocations or in kind services. Some of the participants were unable to report specific contribution amounts or hours of in-kind services used each year.

#### **4. Do you feel that your locality needs to contribute more in order to further stimulate right-of-way acquisition and greenway development?**

A mixed group of results were obtained from this question. Some participants highlighted the need for each locality to contribute more funds and services and others felt that increases were not necessary to stimulate greenway development and rights of way acquisition.

#### **5. Do you feel that greenways can spur economic development?**

A majority of the respondents agreed that greenways have the potential to spur economic development in some fashion. The respondents cited new business development, increased real estate values, cultural and tourism development as the most common forms of economic development that could spur from greenway development.

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### **6. Are there any specific interests that you or your organization would like to see addressed in the Greenway Plan update.**

A variety of responses were generated from the participants, the following lists the most common interests cited: Increased public education, increase publicity, consistent goals and objectives, increased cooperation, shared vision, better planning efforts, funding strategies, development of the Roanoke River Greenway.

### **7. What role do you see your organization playing in future greenway development?**

Most of the participants highlighted a variety of roles in which they see their organization playing in future greenway development. It was surprising to discover a wide variety of responses from leadership roles and financial responsibilities to site specific design assistance. Overall, there seemed to be a lack of consistency of defined roles for each organization.

### **8. In your opinion, what are the challenges that need to be overcome before developing a strong regional greenway network?**

A variety of responses were generated from the participants, the following lists the most common interests cited: Funding, public education, accountability, need for goals and objectives, lack of design standards, coordination and cooperation, and improved trail maintenance efforts.

### **9. Are you willing to become an avid supporter of right-of-way acquisition and greenway development?**

The majority of participants are willing to become avid supporters of greenway development and avid supporters of acquisition efforts as long as it does not include land condemnation.