



What Is It?

The Woodfin Greenway Project is a plan to develop a walkway along the French Broad River from Woodfin's southern limits to the Mill at Riverside and then connecting back to Weaverville Road and the City of Asheville.. The proposed Greenway would also include a new park along the French Broad, with currently planned improvements to our existing parks and recreation facilities along with additional amenities, such as:

- More than 5 miles of new sidewalks and walking trails.
- A fitness trail , dog park, and boat access.
- Increased opportunities to develop vacant commercial and residential property along the French Broad and Weaverville Road.

Why a Greenway?

The proposed Greenway is an excellent way to improve quality of life for our citizens, enhance our income from tourism, and jump start efforts to revitalize portions of Woodfin's Riverfront to improve and increase residential and commercial opportunities for the people of Woodfin.

Why a Bond?

Building a Greenway isn't an inexpensive project. In order to create something of this caliber the Town needs to either borrow money or take on the task incrementally. The advantages of "paying as you go" are that it avoids debt and spreads the cost of the project over several years. The advantages of a bond are that it allows you to deliver the amenities in a short amount of time and that it is ultimately less expensive to borrow the money at current interest rates than to spend the same amount over several years due to the impact of inflation. Other reasons for considering a bond are:

- It allows the Town to save money on construction costs.
- It enhances the Town's ability to leverage funds from grants, private sponsorships, and other governments.

What will it cost the taxpayer?

The Town is seeking authority to borrow up to \$4.5 million dollars, but at present is planning on borrowing approximately \$3.5 million dollars. This debt would be paid back over a 20 year period. At \$4.5 million the Town would have an annual additional tax rate of about 5.63 cents per \$100 value or \$4.69 a month on a \$100,000 home or \$56.30 a year.



A Greenway can lead to healthier, happier citizens.

How do I make my opinion heard?

The proposed Greenway will not be voted on by your elected leaders but will be decided by the voters of Woodfin. Regardless of how you feel about this issue you should make sure to vote in the 2016 General Election. In Buncombe County early voting starts October 20th and voting concludes when the polls close on November 8th. To check the status of your voting registration and or polling place visit www.buncombecounty.org and click on the Election Services tab. If you'd rather call someone to check your status call 828..250.4200 to talk with someone from the Board of Elections. The referendum question is on the back side of your ballot.

Why is this matter going to the voters?

In North Carolina the issuance of a General Obligation Bond requires a majority vote by the citizens of the Town or County. Woodfin voters—and only Woodfin voters— will have the right to decide if the proposed Greenway will be constructed. Questions about the Greenway itself should be directed to the Town of Woodfin at 828.253.4887 or simply hit contact us on the Town's website.

Estimated Annual Cost for Residents:

Home Value	Avg. Cost Per Year
\$100,000	\$56.30
\$250,000	\$140.75