

## PLAN BASICS & PROCESS

## PLAN PURPOSE

#### WHERE DO PEOPLE WANT TO GO BY FOOT?

Identify key locations that people in Jackson County want to walk to.

#### **HOW DO WE CONNECT THOSE PLACES?**

Identify the facilities and standards to connect key locations.

#### **HOW DO WE BUILD THE NETWORK?**

Identify priority projects, costs and funding opportunities.

**HOW DO WE BUILD A BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY JACKSON COUNTY?** 

Identify programs and policies to promote walking.

#### PLAN PROCESS

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LIFE CYCLE IMPLEMENTATION

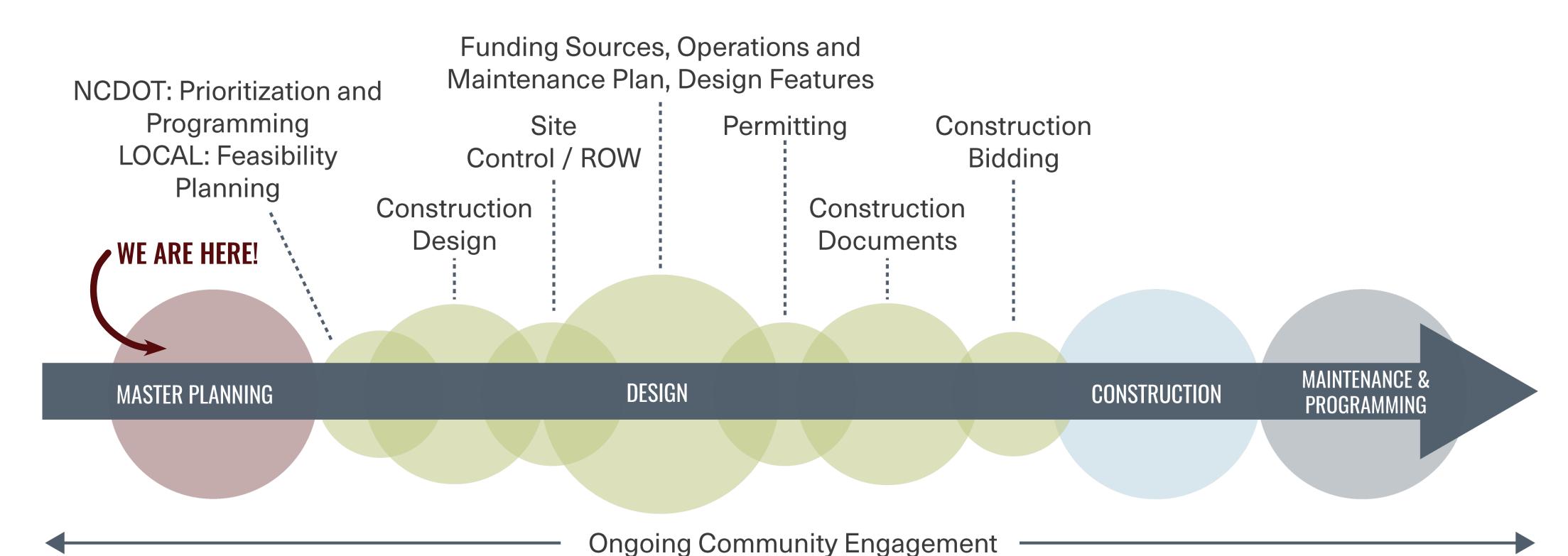
## HOW CAN WE GET AROUND USING...







#### LIFE CYCLE OF AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT



#### WHO IMPLEMENTS A PROJECT?

It depends! Most roads in Jackson County are managed by NCDOT, which will partner with the County and local municipality to implement projects such as sidewalks and crossings. The County will likely implement greenways with help from partners.

#### WHO PAYS FOR A PROJECT AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It depends! Funding for most projects will come from a variety of sources such as the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, NCDOT, non-profit trail partners and foundations, or private funds. Project costs range depending on how complex a project is (or isn't) see the next question for more about complexity.

#### **HOW LONG DOES A PROJECT TAKE?**

It depends! The time it takes to implement a project can depend on how uncomplicated or complex the project may be, who "owns" the project (e.g. the County or NCDOT), the type of funding involved, how much land is needed (right of way), and the scale (size) of a project. An example of an uncomplicated project is a new crosswalk. An example of a complex project is a greenway that requires the purchase of private property and crosses streams and busy roadways.



# WHAT JACKSON HAS (SIDEWALKS)

## SIDEWALKS IN JACKSON

**HOW MUCH SIDEWALK?** 

### **25.5** Miles

There are approximately twenty-five miles of sidewalk in Jackson County. The longest segments are connecting Sylva with Dillsboro and along NC 107.

In the last several years, the County and NCDOT have expanded sidewalks along US 441 south of the Casino. A mid-block crossing was added on US 441.

As Western Carolina University's student body population grows, so does the student housing and the pedestrian infrastructure contained within these developments.

There has been sidewalk expansion along Highway 64 and Frank Allen Rd in Cashiers.



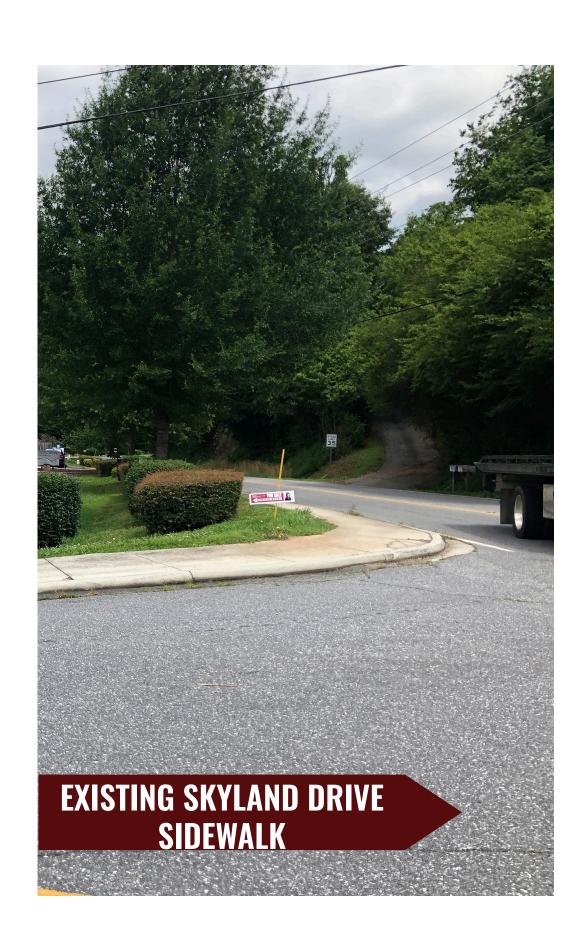
**SIDEWALKS FUNDED & MOVING TO CONSTRUCTION?** 

## 2.5 Miles

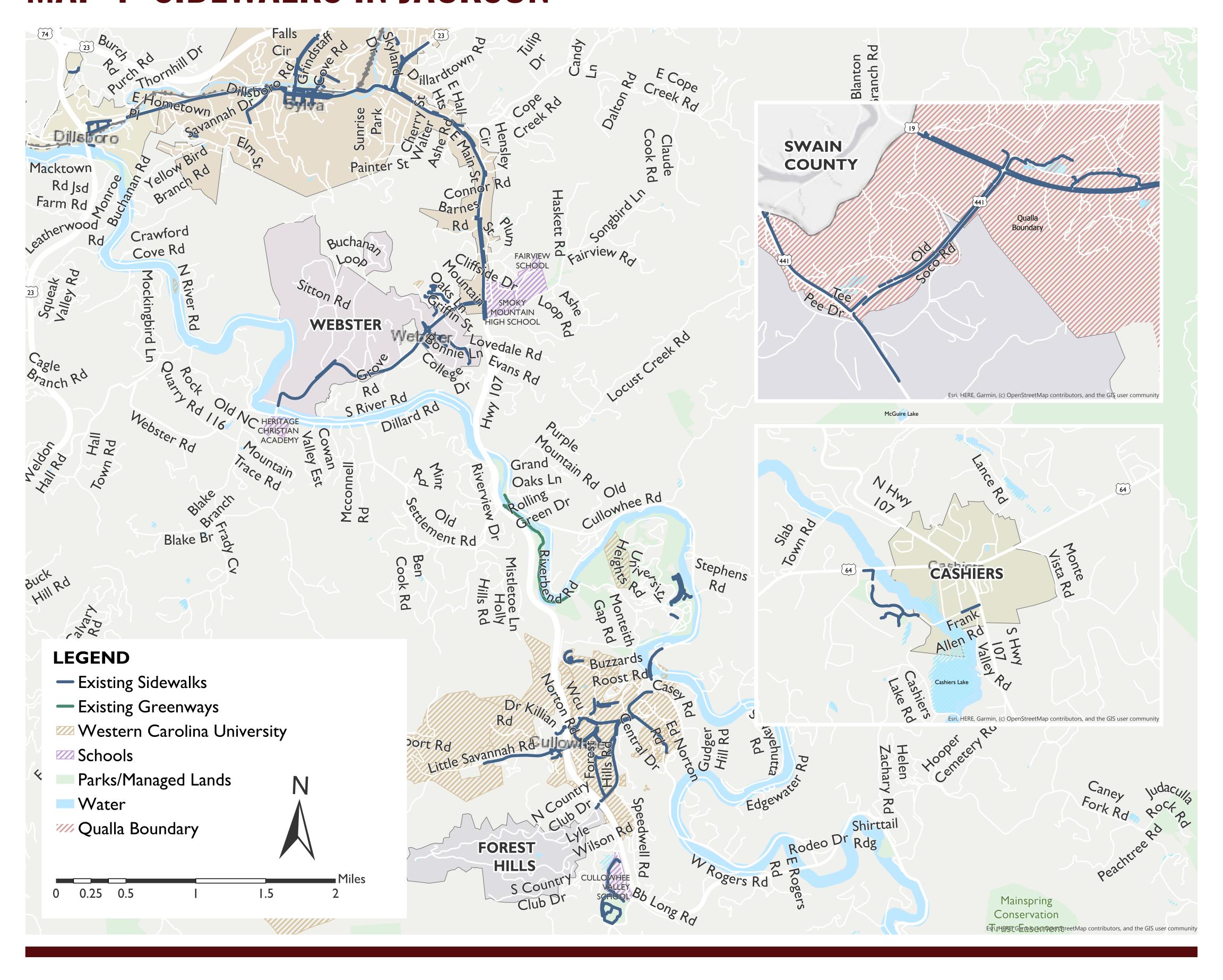
The Town of Sylva is partnering with NC-DOT to construct a sidewalk along Skyland Drive from Asheville Highway to Chipper Curve.

The Highway 107 widening and upgrade project through Sylva will provide continuous sidewalks throughout the corridor. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

NCDOT has a funded road project along Monteith Gap Rd from Old Cullowhee Rd to Ledbetter Rd, which will include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.



## MAP 1: SIDEWALKS IN JACKSON





# WHAT JACKSON HAS (GREENWAYS)

### GREENWAYS IN JACKSON

**HOW MUCH GREENWAY?** 

#### 1 Mile

The Jackson County Greenway is 1 mile in length along the Tuckasegee River. When complete, the greenway will total 3.8 miles from near the intersection of NC 107/Locust Creek Road to near the Painter/Monteith Road intersection.

There are other greenway segments around the Cullowhee Recreation Center and the Cashiers/Glenville Recreation Center. These total XX miles in length.





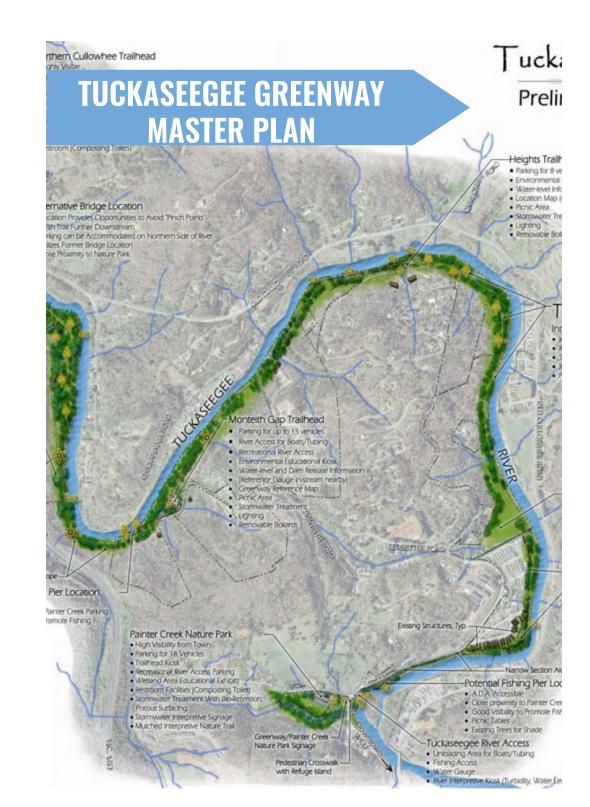
**GREENWAYS IN PLANNING STAGE?** 

## 3 Trail Studies

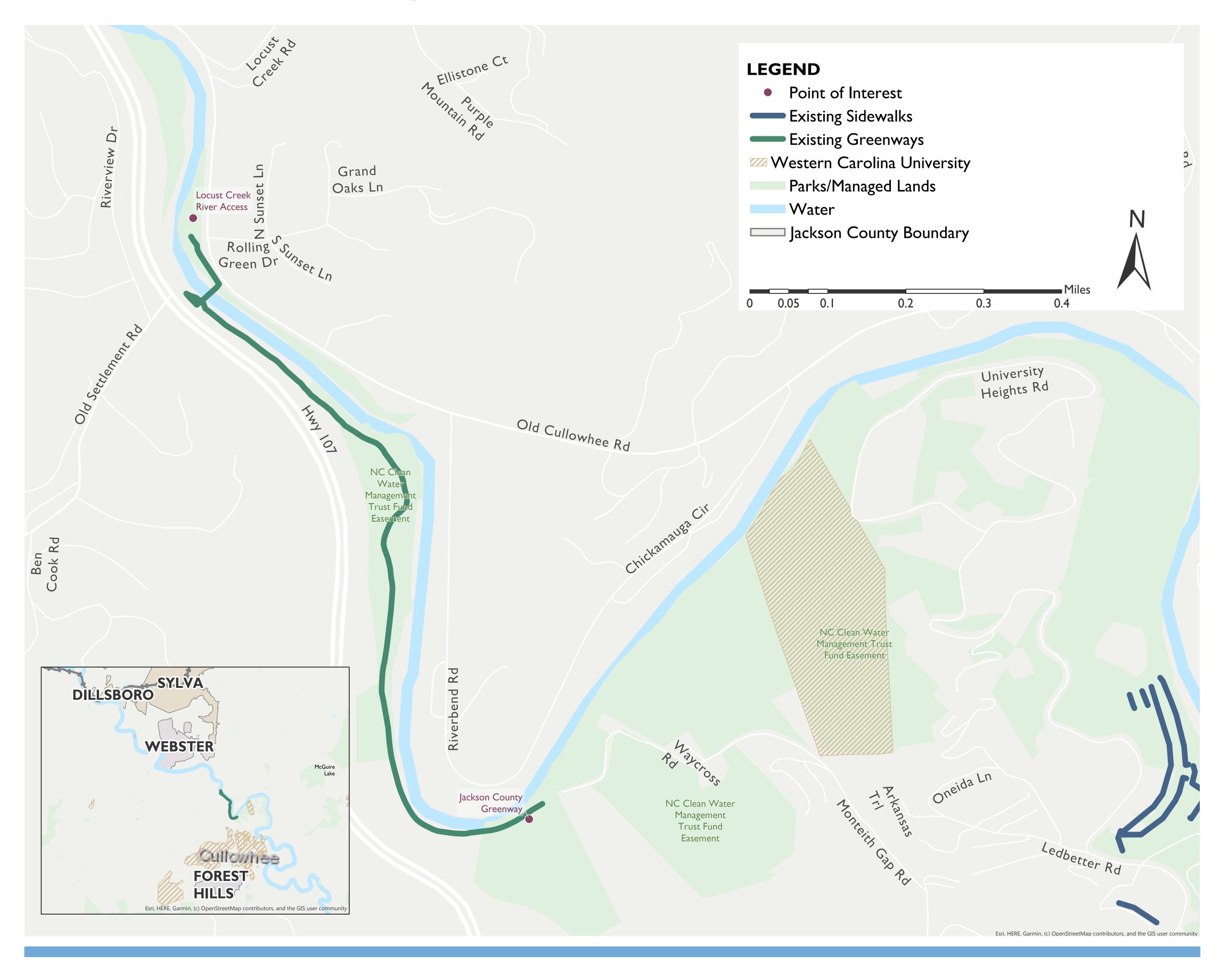
Western Carolina University is currently undergoing a feasibility study for a greenway on Cullowhee Creek.

Jackson County last updated it's Greenway Master Plan in 2009.

The County developed the Tuckaseegee River Greenway Preliminary Master Plan in 2009.



#### MAP 2: GREENWAYS IN JACKSON





## HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO!

ATTEND FUTURE MEETINGS

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE TEAM** 

ATTEND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

ATTEND LOCAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

WALK OR BIKE FOR MORE TRIPS

STAY INVOLVED FOR THE LONG HAUL!



#### SURVEY RESPONSES TO DATE



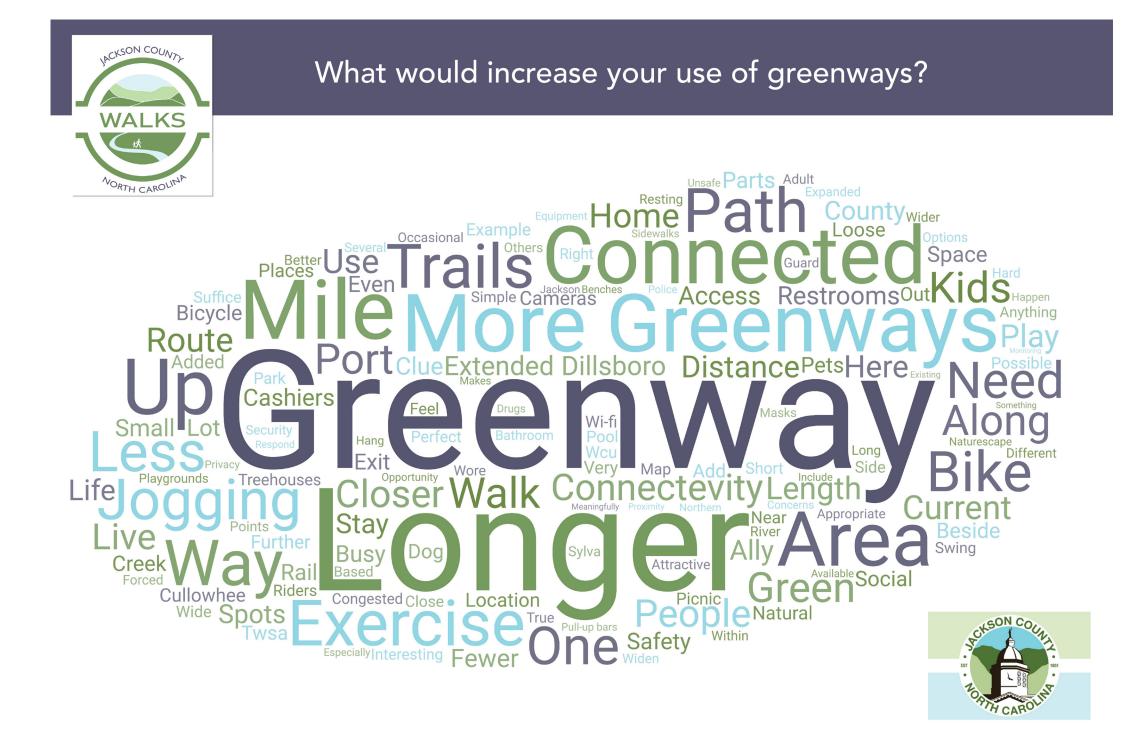
**PARTICIPANTS** 







#### WHAT WE ARE HEARING





If you were searching for a new place to live, would you rent or buy a home/apartment that is connected to a sidewalk or greenway?

#### Sidewalks joining neighborhoods to stores is brilliant!

We love the Cashiers Ramble and need more sidewalks in the commercial area.

Sidewalks would allow for more vibrant shopping areas.

I love having a traffic free place to walk my dog or ride bikes with my grandchildren.

I'd LOVE to walk out my door onto a safe sidewalk.

Pocket walking areas and Greenways would be a great way to begin connecting.

As a runner, I would love to have a home close to the greenway.

Good pedestrian access to SMHS and Fairview school from Webster Road (across 107) is much needed.

