

New Bern Downtown Parks Link (East Coast Greenway)

LENGTH
5.96 miles

FROM
Stevenson Road

TO
Union Point Park

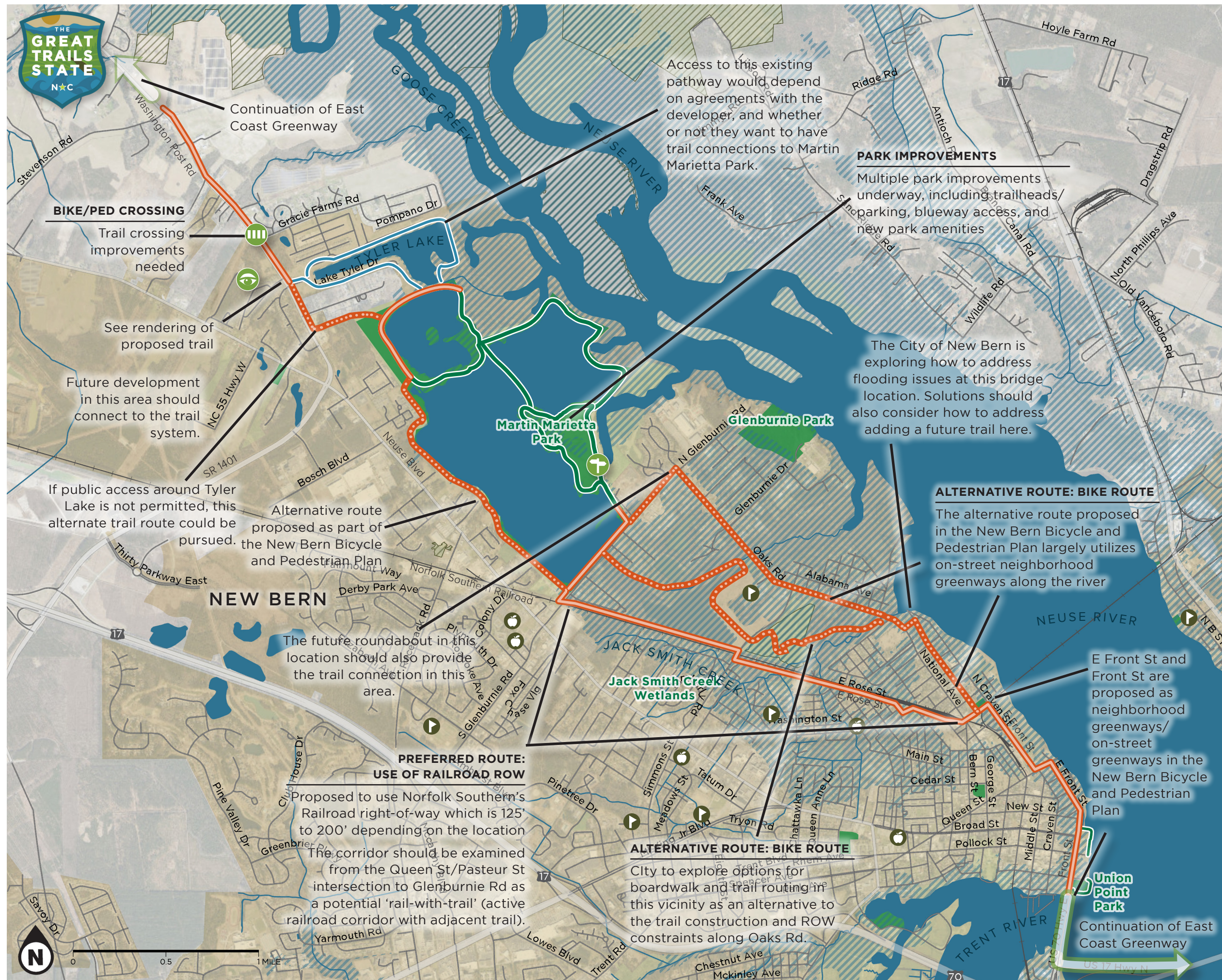
LEGEND

TRAIL FACILITIES

- Existing Trail or Shared Use Path
- Proposed Trail Route
- Proposed Alternate Route
- Future Trail Connections
- Existing Sidewalk Connection
- Proposed Trailhead
- Proposed Trail Crossing
- Location of Artist's Rendering
- Railroad Crossing

OTHER FEATURES

- 100-Year Floodplain
- Municipal Boundary
- Park
- Public Land (Federal/State/Muni.)
- Conservation Easement
- School
- Grocery Store



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Why?

PROJECT CONTEXT

This project connects downtown New Bern to several of the City's major parks. This route will become part of the East Coast Greenway's "complementary route" through NC, serving as an eastern alternative to the spine route through the center of the state.¹

KEY DESTINATIONS

- Martin Marietta Park
- Glenburnie Park
- Jack Smith Creek Wetlands
- George Street Park
- Union Point Park and Riverwalk
- Barber Elementary
- Oaks Road Elementary

SUPPORT IN PREVIOUS PLANS

- New Bern Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2022)
- Craven County Comprehensive Plan (2020)
- New Bern Pedestrian Plan (2009)
- Martin Marietta Park Master Plan (2018)

PUBLIC INPUT

The above plans all incorporated an extensive public input process.



Current conditions

¹ <https://www.greenway.org/states/north-carolina>

How?

JURISDICTION(S)

City of New Bern, Craven County

OTHER POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- NCDOT
- East Coast Greenway
- Developers

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Transportation Alternatives Program grants, Safe Routes to School (especially near Oaks Rd Elementary), Carbon Reduction Program, other state or federal grant funding, East Coast Greenway Alliance

PLANNING-LEVEL COST ESTIMATES

The project cost is estimated to be around \$6.5 million. For a detailed breakout of planning level



Rendering of proposed project (view from north side of Washington Post Road)

costs, see Appendix A.

ROW NEEDS

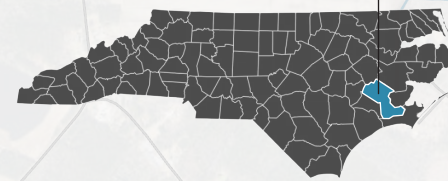
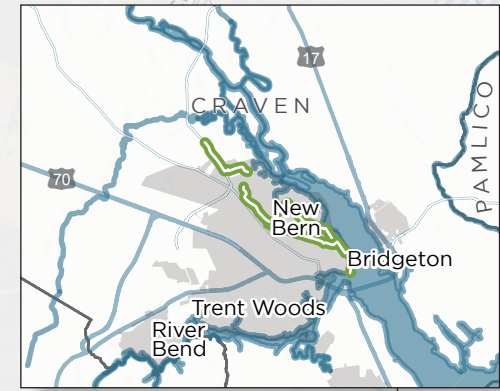
Washington Post Road has 30+ feet of ROW where pathway is shown below. ROW around Lake Tyler needs to be secured. The preferred route through downtown New Bern would need to secure use of an active railroad ROW to be a rail-with-trail.

DESIGN OPTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The trail along Washington Post Road and the railroad line would be a 10-12 foot paved greenway.

Martin Marietta Park's trails are unpaved; if a paved trail is desired, an alternate paved route paralleling Neuse Boulevard could be built.

The section of E Front Street and Front Street would be an on-street neighborhood greenway.



CRAVEN COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGE FACTORS: NEW BERN

Block Group ID: 370499605021

Age 15 and Under	14% (vs NC Average of 18%)
Age 65 and Over	16% (vs NC Average of 18%)
Poverty	21% (vs NC Average of 24%)
BIPOC Population	49% (vs NC Average of 36%)
Zero-Car Households	21% (vs NC Average of 6%)
Disability Prevalence (Adult Population)	24% (vs NC Average of 17%)

Block Group ID: 370499608004

Age 15 and Under	18% (vs NC Average of 18%)
Age 65 and Over	6% (vs NC Average of 18%)
Poverty	62% (vs NC Average of 24%)
BIPOC Population	100% (vs NC Average of 36%)
Zero-Car Households	43% (vs NC Average of 6%)
Disability Prevalence (Adult Population)	48% (vs NC Average of 17%)