New Bern Downtown Parks Link (East Coast **Greenway**)

LENGTH 5.96 miles FROM Stevenson Road то **Union Point Park**

LEGEND

TRAIL FACILITIES

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

CALCER FEATURES

100-Year Floodplain **Municipal Boundary** Park

Public Land (Federal/State/Muni.)

- **Conservation Easement**
- School 6
 - Grocery Store



Continuation of East Coast Greenway

Trail crossing improvements needed

> See rendering of proposed trail

Future development in this area should connect to the trail system.

If public access around Tyler Lake is not permitted, this Alternative route alternate trail route could be proposed as part of pursued. the New Bern Bicycle

Parkway East

and Pedestrian Blan Derby Park Ave

NEW BERN

The future roundabout in this the trail connection in this 🕷 area.

PREFERRED ROUTE: USE OF RAILROAD ROW

Proposed to use Norfolk Southern's Railroad right-of-way which is 125' to 200' depending on the location The corridor should be examined - from the Queen St/Pasteur St 17 intersection to Glenburnie Rd as a potential 'rail-with-trail' (active railroad corridor with adjacent trail). Yarmouth Rd

Access to this existing pathway would depend on agreements with the developer, and whether or not they want to have trail connections to Martin Marietta Park.

JACK SMITH

Martin Marietta Park

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Jack Smith Creek Wetlands

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O ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: BIKE ROUTE

City to explore options for boardwalk and trail routing Air this vicinity as an alternative to the trail construction and ROW constraints along Oaks Rd. Chestnut Av

Glenburnie Park

Ridge Ro

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Multiple park improvements underway, including trailheads/ parking, blueway access, and new park amenities

The City of New Bern is exploring how to address flooding issues at this bridge location. Solutions should also consider how to address adding a future trail here.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: BIKE ROUTE

Hoyle Farm Rd

The alternative route proposed in the New Bern Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan largely utilizes on-street neighborhood greenways along the river

NEUSE RIVER

E Front St and Front St are proposed as neighborhood greenways/ on-street greenways in the New Bern Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

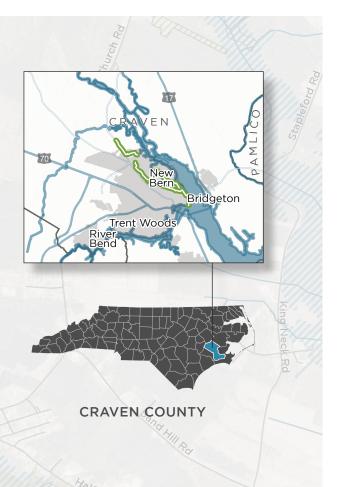


Continuation of East **Coast Greenway**

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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%)

New Bern Downtown Parks Link (East Coast Greenway)

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.



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





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.