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Draft Greenway and Bikeway Plan Now Available for Review and Comment

Burlington, NC -- The City of Burlington and the Burlington-Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (BGMPO) are working together to create greenway and bikeway connections in Burlington. The purpose of this plan is to create a connected and comprehensive system of greenways and bikeways that enhances quality of life throughout Burlington. Greenways and bikeways improve quality of life by providing opportunities for transportation, recreation, public health, economic development, and environmental stewardship. This Plan serves as a clear guideline seizing these opportunities, providing a framework for city staff, elected officials, and local and regional project partners to create a connected network of greenways and bikeways in Burlington.

Development of the plan began in December 2016. The planning process was guided by a large steering committee and multiple public outreach sessions throughout the first half of 2017. Additionally, a public comment form and online input map had participation from more than 600 people. A full draft of the Burlington Greenways and Bikeways Plan is now available for public download, review, and comment on the project webpage:

Draft Greenway and Bikeway Plan

The project webpage includes a link to the full draft plan and instructions for leaving comments. Public input through the project webpage will be open through August 10, 2017. Please use the contact form on the project website for questions, or contact Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Lisa Wolff at (336) 222-5030.

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