V. Greenway

OVERVIEW:
The Greenway Master Plan provides an interconnected system of trails to serve both the transportation and recreation needs of the citizens of Anderson. Trails are designed to link major destination points around the city as well as residential areas. The two types of trails shown on the Master Plan are greenway trails and street based trails. A greenway trail is an 8-12’ wide paved trail typically located in natural areas or existing green space. In order to provide an interconnected trail system, street based trails are used where a greenway trail is impractical. A street based trail typically consists of bike lanes on the roadway and a widened sidewalk for pedestrians. Where feasible, a wider side path of 8-12’ may be used. Webster’s dictionary defines a greenway as “a corridor of undeveloped land preserved for recreational use or environmental protection.”

PRIMARY GREENWAY CORRIDORS:

Whitner Creek Trail – 4.9 miles
This main western corridor connects the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Complex and the Anderson Country Club. It utilizes existing green space along Whitner Creek and in Lindley Park. Destination points along the greenway include the Anderson Mall, Whitehall Elementary School, Southwood Middle School, Hudgens Swim Center, the Anderson Recreation Center, Westside Community Center, Westside Park, Cathcart Park, and Beatrice Thompson Park.

Bailey Creek Trail – 4.5 miles
This eastern corridor begins where Bailey Creek joins the Rocky River and proceeds north to the intersection of Highway 81 and the proposed East Beltline Blvd. Destinations along this corridor are the Anderson Health Campus, YMCA, Calhoun Elementary School, and the Anderson County Fairgrounds.

Cox Creek Trail – 2.6 miles
This greenway branch follows Cox Creek from Reed Rd to the junction of Cox and Bailey creeks at the Anderson County Fairgrounds. Destination points are the Sheppard Swim Center, McCants Middle School, and Anderson University.

Beltline Trail – 4.2 miles
The proposed East Beltline Blvd between Clemson Blvd and Hwy 81 provides the opportunity for a road based greenway connector between the Whitner Creek Trail and Bailey Creek Trail. Destination points include the Anderson Sports & Entertainment Complex, the CAT bus stop at Wal-Mart, the Anderson Mall, and shopping on Clemson Blvd.

North Railroad Trail – 3.7 miles
This east/west connector around the north side of downtown follows an abandoned rail line. It begins at the Anderson Recreation Center and goes out to the eastern city limits, with the opportunity to be extended to Belton. Destinations points are the Anderson Medical Center, Anderson University, and the fairgrounds.

South Railroad Trail – 3.7 miles
Utilizing another abandoned rail on the south side of downtown, this east/west connector links the Whitner Creek corridor with the Bailey Creek/North Railroad corridors. Destinations include Westview Cemetery, Silverbrook Cemetery, South Fant Elementary School, and Morningside Park.