

# GREENWAYS

## WHAT ARE GREENWAYS, ANYWAYS?

GREENWAYS ARE CORRIDORS OF LAND RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ABILITY TO CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES TOGETHER, WORKING AS A TOOL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES. GREENWAYS CAN ALSO BE UTILIZED AS BUFFERS, SEPARATING AND PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FROM THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT.

### BENEFITS OF A GREENWAY

- > **Enhances Health and Wellness:** Greenways promote a healthy, active lifestyle by providing a safe and attractive environment for physical recreational opportunities such as running, jogging, biking or simply going for a walk.
- > **Positive Environmental Impacts:** Supports clean air and water, preserves habitat and mitigates flooding.
- > **Economic Impacts:** Greenway create benefits on a micro-economic scale by increasing adjacent property values and encourages trail-centric local business growth.
- > **Alternative Transportation:** Greenways can remove vehicles from the congested roads by creating safe bicycle commuter routes.
- > **Aesthetic Contribution:** Greenways contribute to the visual character and identity of the community.

### WAYS TO ENJOY A GREENWAY

- > Connect with family on a walk
- > Exercise by running or jogging
- > Visit a neighbor
- > Walk your pet
- > Go to work
- > Go grocery shopping
- > Reduce daily stress by connecting with nature

### GREENWAY COMPONENTS



#### Trail Surface

- > Concrete, asphalt, or natural surface
- > Typical Width: 10-14 feet

#### Pedestrian Intersections

- > High-visibility crosswalks
- > Utilization of grade separation

#### Structures + Furnishings

- > Bridges and boardwalks
- > Comfort facilities, bike storage, and seating

### QUESTION + ANSWER



**Q:** How much does a mile of greenway cost?

**A:** \$1.4 million to \$1.7 million



**Q:** How long does it take for a greenway to be built?

**A:** From design to completion of construction, greenways typically take 2-4 years

