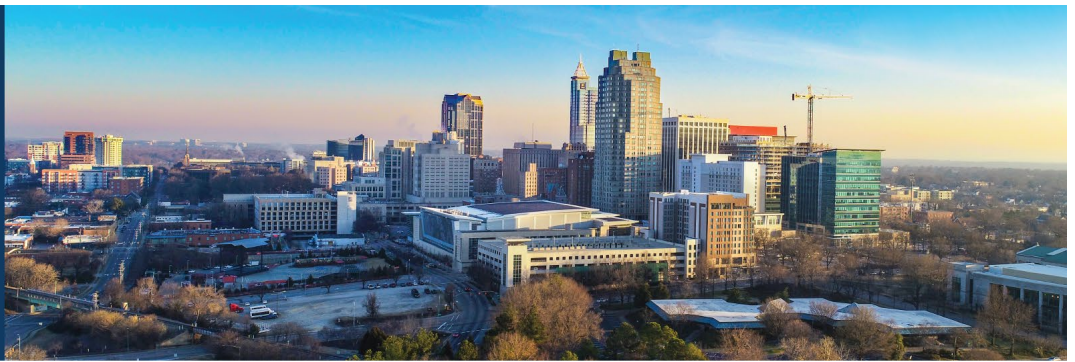


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### **Greenway Master Plan**

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In January 2020, the City initiated an update to the Greenway Master Plan, which was the plan's first update since 1989. Over the last 20 months, Parks staff have worked with the consultant project team (led by Toole Design), the project's steering committee, and the design review team to develop a Draft Greenway Master Plan.

The Draft Greenway Master Plan was made available on the [city website](#) on August 27, 2021 for a 30 day public review and comment; this period will conclude on Monday, September 27. The project page includes [an online survey](#), allowing the public to share their thoughts and comments on the draft plan. In addition to posting the plan online, project information has been shared at three in-person events and three virtual open houses. During the virtual open houses, the project team shared a project presentation and responded to questions from the public in real-time.

The next steps for the project include presentations and updates to the Parks, Recreation, and Greenways Advisory Board during their October and November meetings. The draft plan will then come to the City Council in late 2021 and early 2022. Council will be asked to provide input on the draft plan, confirm direction and priorities, and make any needed adjustments before the plan is finalized.

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**East Coast Greenway and State of North Carolina Trail Status Application**

*Staff Resource: Kris Nikfar, Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources, 996-4786, [kris.nikfar@raleighnc.gov](mailto:kris.nikfar@raleighnc.gov)*

[The East Coast Greenway](#) is a walking and biking route stretching 3,000 miles from Maine to Florida. Within North Carolina, the East Coast Greenway features a 365-mile spine route and a 425-mile complementary coastal route. The 75-mile stretch of greenway from North Durham through Cary, Raleigh, and Clayton forms the longest continuous stretch of the entire 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway in a metropolitan area. Within the City of Raleigh, the East Coast Greenway extends from Umstead State Park to Johnston County and includes portions of the Reedy Creek Trail, House Creek Trail, Rocky Branch Trail, Little Rock Trail, Walnut Creek Trail, and Neuse River Trail.

In June, [Governor Cooper signed HB130](#), officially designating the East Coast Greenway as a State Trail in North Carolina. Following this designation, the East Coast Greenway became eligible for a variety of funding mechanisms and other forms of support for trail planning and construction in North Carolina. While becoming part of the State Trail System opens up the East Coast Greenway to potential State funding opportunities, each segment will still be managed, operated, and regulated by the individual jurisdictions that own each segment of the trail.

To become part of the State Trails system, each locality with a segment of the East Coast Greenway that is completed greenway (i.e. traffic-separated multi-use trail) is required to fill out an "Application for State Trail Status." The application will be reviewed by NC State Parks staff, the NC Trails Committee, and the Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Once approved, the City of Raleigh's segment of the East Coast Greenway will be officially part of the State Trails system. Staff has submitted this application and awaits official designation of the City of Raleigh's portion of the East Coast Greenway as a State of North Carolina Trail.

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**Downtown Newsrack Art**

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Earlier this year, the City initiated a project to enhance the aesthetics of the nine modular newspaper kiosks located on Fayetteville Street between Morgan Street and Lenoir Street. With over 150 publication slots available and only 20% being permitted, five of the kiosks were converted to provide a highly visible canvas for displaying local artwork. An open call to artists was issued, and nine artists were selected through a jury made up of City staff and community partners. Selected artists received a \$500 honorarium to have their work printed on large metal panels along this main downtown corridor. Participating artists include: Sampada Agarwal, Sydney Baldwin, Jane Cheek, Mayanthi Jayawardena, Tim Lee, Suijin Li, Shamica Phillips, JP Jermaine Powell, and Wendy Spitzer.

The art panels have now been installed. Some of the panels are shown below; more photos and information are on the [city website](#). Artwork displays on the Fayetteville Street newspaper kiosks are a program of the City of Raleigh Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events, Facilities and Operations, and Raleigh Arts.



*Newsrack "before" (January 2021)*



*Artwork by Jermaine Powell*



*Artwork by Sampada Agarwal*

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### **Weekly Digest of Special Events**

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Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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## Council Member Follow Up Item

### Follow Up from the September 14 City Council Work Session

#### **Partnership with Carolina Small Business Development Fund (Mayor Baldwin)**

*Staff Resource: Evan Raleigh, City Manager's Office, 996-4656, [evan.raleigh@raleighnc.gov](mailto:evan.raleigh@raleighnc.gov)*

In April 2020, City Council appropriated \$1 million for the creation of a relief fund to assist small businesses that had been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City ultimately entered into partnerships with Wake Tech and the Carolina Small Business Development Fund (CSBDF) to administer the application and funding process for these funds. During the September 14 work session, staff proposed a renewed partnership with CSBDF to administer a \$5 million small business assistance fund intended to provide additional support additional for impacted small businesses. During that work session, Mayor Baldwin requested that staff provide a report on the outcomes of the City's previous partnership with CSBDF. Below is a brief overview of the outcomes of the City's previous partnership with the CSBDF:

- Total number of applications received: 564
- Total number of applications funded: 201
- Average grant award: \$6,980
- Demographics of funded applications:
  - 43% women-owned businesses
  - 25% minority-owned businesses
  - 36% low-moderate income business owners
- Top sectors by total award amount:
  - #1 – Food Services and Drinking Places - \$368,522
  - #2 – Personal and Laundry Services - \$191,458
  - #3 – Ambulatory Health Care Services - \$117,107
  - #4 – Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services - \$113,516
  - #5 – Amusement and Recreation Industries - \$90,517

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## Weekly Events Digest

Friday, September 24 – Thursday, September 30

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### Permitted Special Events

#### Raleigh Balloon Glow

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Friday, September 24 – Sunday, September 26

Event Times: 4:00pm - 10:00pm on 9-24-21, 9-25-21, & 9-26-21

Associated Road Closures: Big Field will be used from 12:00pm on 9-24-21 until 11:59pm on 9-26-21.

The following roads will be closed from 4:00pm until 10:00pm on all event dates:

- Umstead Drive west of Ruggles Drive
- Biggs Drive west of Goode Street
- Park entrance at Barbour Drive and Bilyeu Street
- Park entrance at Blair Drive and Centennial Parkway
- Park entrance at Hunt Drive and Western Boulevard

#### First Responders Vehicle Display

Cabarrus Street

Friday, September 24

Event Time: 6:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Cabarrus Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed from 6:00am until 12:00pm.

#### Festa Italiana

Tucker Street & Boylan Avenue

Saturday, September 25

Event Time: 11:00am - 7:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Tucker Street between Glenwood Avenue and N. Boylan Avenue and N. Boylan Avenue between Tucker Street and W. Johnson Street will be closed from 4:00am until 11:00pm.

#### Ramblin' Rose Women's Triathlon

AE Finley YMCA, Baileywick Road, & Route

Sunday, September 26

Event Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following sidewalks will be used from 8:00am until 11:00am to facilitate the run portion of the triathlon:

- Lead Mine Road northern sidewalks between Harvest Oaks Drive and Six Forks Road
- Harvest Oaks Drive eastern sidewalks between Lead Mine Road and Baileywick Road

Note that the majority of the bike route takes place outside of city limits; traffic could be impacted on additional streets. View more route details [here](#).

#### Black Flea Market

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, September 26

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 7:00pm.

#### Carroll's Kitchen Birthday Bash

Market Plaza

Tuesday, September 28

Event Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Market Plaza will be used from 9:30am until 3:00pm.

### **IBMA Bluegrass Live!**

Fayetteville Street District

Friday, October 1 & Saturday, October 2 (road closures start 9-30-21)

Event Times: 12:00pm - 11:00pm on 10-1-21 & 10-2-21

Associated Road Closures: The following roads will be closed from 6:00pm on 9-30-21 until 7:00am on 10-3-21:

- Fayetteville Street between Hargett Street and Lenoir Street (note that local traffic will have access to the 500 block of Fayetteville Street)
- Martin Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street
- Davie Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street
- Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street
- Gale Street between W. Cabarrus Street and southern entrance of parking deck

The following roads will be closed from 6:00am on 9-30-21 until 7:00am on 10-3-21:

- Lenoir Street between S. Dawson Street and S. McDowell Street
- Lenoir Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street

The following road will be closed from 10:00am on 9-30-21 until 7:00am on 10-3-21:

- South Street between S. Salisbury Street and S. Wilmington Street

## **Other Events This Weekend**

### **Dash Bash**

Friday, September 24

Fletcher Opera Theater

### **TLC with Bone Thugs-N-Harmony**

Friday, September 24

Red Hat Amphitheater

### **Free Improv Comedy Performance**

Friday, September 24 & Saturday, September 25

Pullen Park

### **Big Sweep at Walnut Creek Wetland Park**

Saturday, September 25

Walnut Creek Wetland Park

### **Black Flea Market**

Saturday, September 25

Moore Square

### **Capital Area Greenway Master Plan Update**

Saturday, September 25

Virtual

### **¿Por Qué los Hombres Aman a las Cabronas?**

Saturday, September 25

Memorial Auditorium

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### **Brett Young with Maddie & Tae**

Saturday, September 25  
Red Hat Amphitheater

### **Moore Square Market**

Sunday, September 26  
Moore Square

### **Acorn Live Music Series – Autumn Nicholas**

Sunday, September 26  
Chapel at Dix Park

### **Dude Perfect**

Sunday, September 26  
PNC Arena

## **Special Events Funding through the American Rescue Plan**

The City of Raleigh has received federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to respond to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts. Those funds are now available to assist agencies in producing high-quality, equitable events that will enhance Raleigh's cultural environment and strengthen the local economy.

The Office of Emergency Management and Special Events has issued a Notice of Funding Availability and is accepting proposals to help event organizers offset the costs associated with hosting special events that take place in City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park. Round one of proposals must be submitted by 5:00pm today, September 24. More information on program requirements and selection criteria can be found on the [Special Events Funding](#) webpage.

## **Public Resources**

**Pilot Text Alert Program**: Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

**Event Feedback Form**: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

**Road Closure and Road Race Map**: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

**Online Events Calendar**: View all currently scheduled events that impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.