

## Eastern NC Regional Trail Network COG Planning Meetings

The project team will identify routes based on existing conditions. Each of the criteria below are considerations for trail alignments. Based on your input, the project team will prioritize the below criteria for consideration.

How much of a priority is each of the following items to consider when aligning the trail? Criteria include items that could weigh negatively or positively in trail alignment. Please ask questions if needed.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	HIGH PRIORITY TO CONSIDER	MEDIUM PRIORITY TO CONSIDER	LOW PRIORITY TO CONSIDER
Attractive Features			
Parks			
Historic Sites			
Tourist Destinations			
Rail			
High Crash Rate Areas			
High Average Annual Daily Traffic			
STIP Projects			
Wetlands and Flood Plain			
Natural Heritage Element Occurrences and Natural Areas			
Swine Lagoons			
Public Game Lands			
Military Bases			
Hazardous Areas			
Parcels greater than 100 acres.			

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The project team will make alignment, planning, and design decisions based on community values. Each of the values below are considerations for trail planning. Based on your input, the project team will ensure the planned trails respond to stated community values.

How high of a priority are each of the following values for the team to consider when planning the trail? Please ask questions if needed.

COMMUNITY VALUE	HIGH PRIORITY TO CONSIDER	MEDIUM PRIORITY TO CONSIDER	LOW PRIORITY TO CONSIDER
<b>Improved quality of life</b> – Trails and greenways should improve quality of life by expanding transportation options, providing safe places for recreation, and improving air quality.			
<b>Increase property value</b> – Greenways and trails are desirable assets in communities and their presence should increase community property values.			
<b>Access to destinations</b> - Trails should connect users to places they want to go – parks, shops, restaurants, and other public spaces.			
<b>Health and wellness</b> - Trails should offer users opportunities to keep fit by providing safe and accessible places to walk, bike, and run.			
<b>Community identity</b> - Trails and greenways should reflect a community's identity and promote a community's cultural, historic, and natural assets.			
<b>Economic Development</b> - Greenways and trails should make communities desirable destinations, connecting people to local businesses, attracting tourism, and drawing new investment.			
<b>Tourism</b> - Trails and greenways should attract visitors to communities by providing opportunities for recreation activities like hiking, biking, and paddling.			
<b>Environmental protection</b> - Trails and greenways should help protect open spaces and sensitive natural areas like wetlands.			