



# Beaufort Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 10-Year Planning



“Beaufort has never  
been better!”

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## Why?



- Beaufort transportation infrastructure is currently tailored toward motorized transit
- Walking from one section of town to another section can be challenging and/or risky
- Making Beaufort more walkable and bike-able
  - Makes the town a more attractive destination
  - Expands commerce potential
  - Provides additional fitness opportunities
  - **Enhances community safety**

## Assumptions



- Planning is based on an FY2018 projection to consider new traffic patterns
- Limited revenue demands a thoughtful plan over a ten-year period

## What is Walkable?



- A community culture that embraces walking
- Enhanced transit with sidewalks and/or paths that are obstruction free and ADA compliant
- Safe crosswalks at all major intersections
- Safe routes to school
- Safe routes between residential, commercial and recreational sectors

## What is Bike-able?



- A community culture that fully embraces bikes for commerce, leisure and recreation
- Safe paths and designated routes to enhance transit



## Step 1: Fully Understanding Connectivity Challenges

### Major Motorized Arteries

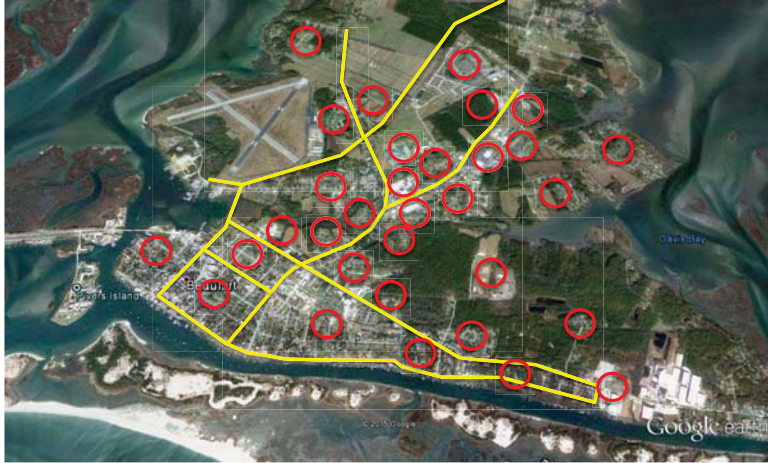


### Who Owns Arteries





## Town Nodes



## Intersections of Interest



## Add Safe Routes to Schools

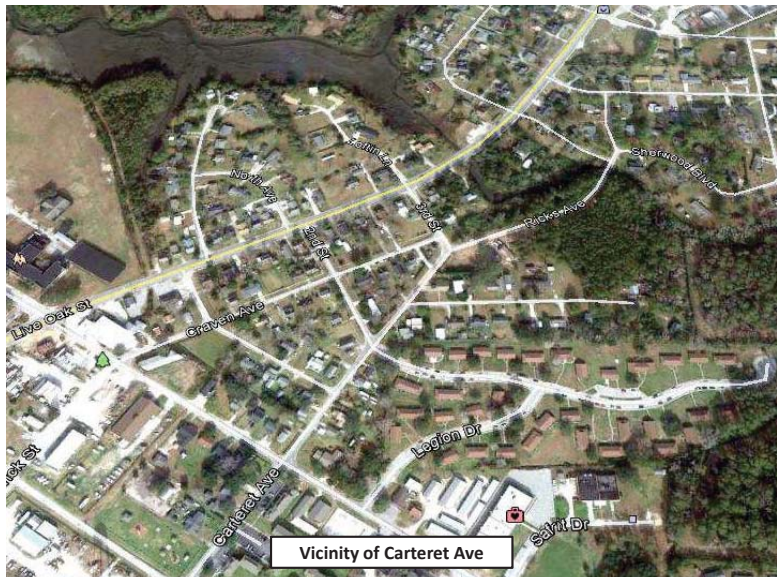


## Safety Concerns

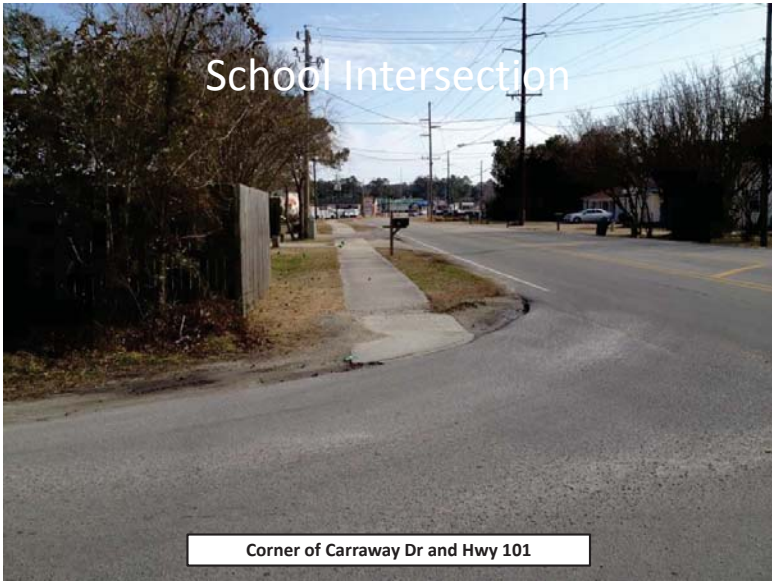


- Corner of Live Oak St and Campen Rd
- Vicinity of Carteret Ave

## CVS Intersection











Sidewalks to Nowhere



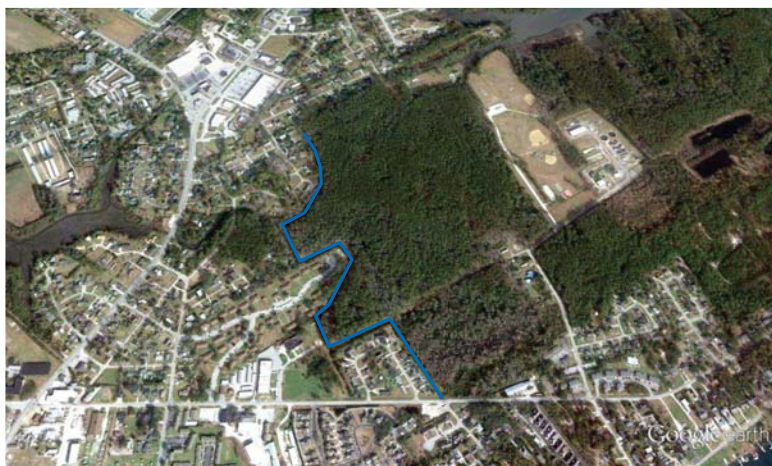
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Wye Connector



2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Connector



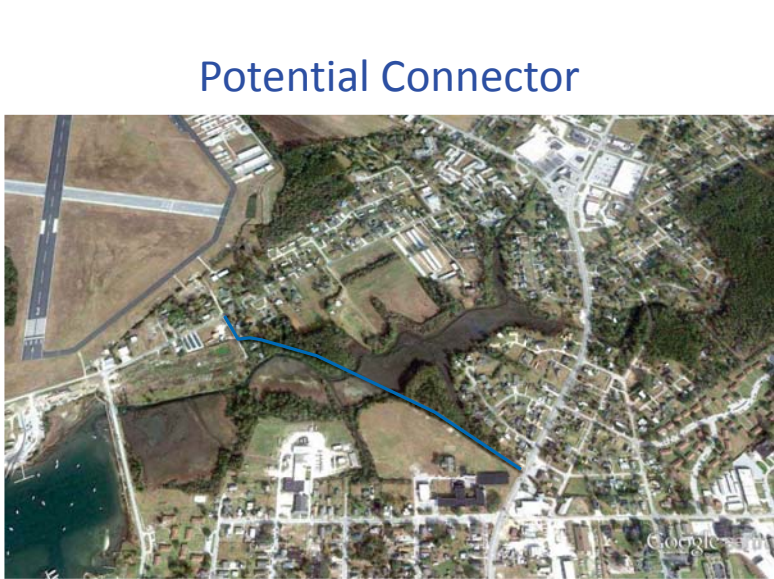
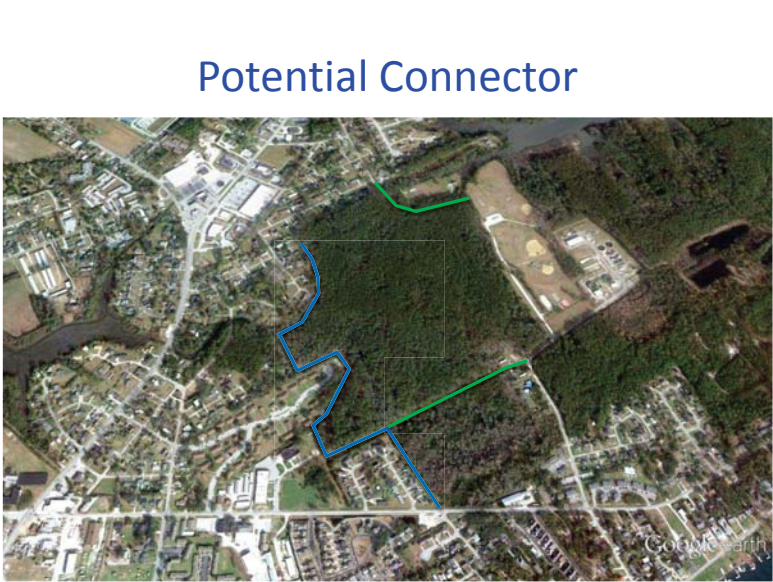
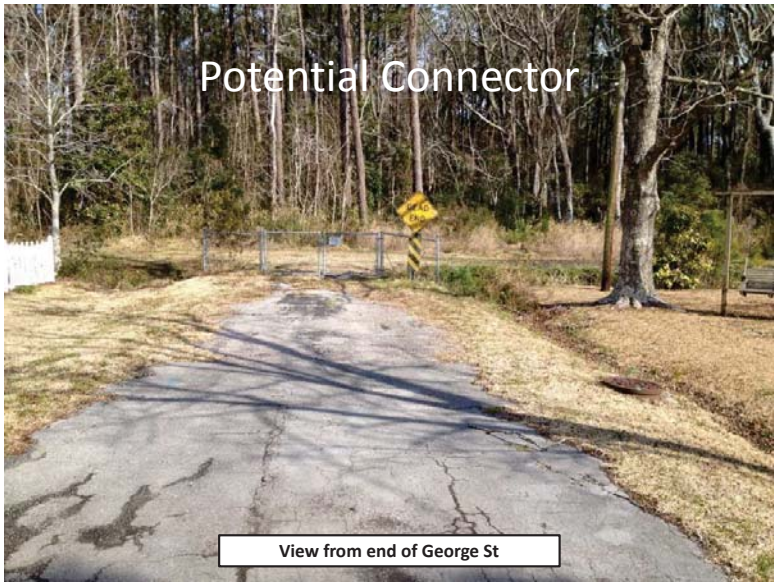
Potential Connector



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View from corner of Lennoxville Rd and Ocean St









## Step 2: Exploring Funding Requirements and Options

## Approximate Costs



- Length of sidewalk
- Length of asphalt path
- Ramp and crosswalk
- Tactile markings
- Complete intersection (ADA compliant)
- Major intersection with pedestrian signals (ADA compliant)

## Step 3: Identifying Low-Cost Projects That Can Have High Impact in the Near-Term



## Step 4: Prioritizing Projects in a Ten-Year Plan Through 2025



## Ten Year Overview



- |               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| • FY2016      | Policy development          |
| • FY2016-2020 | Improve current paths       |
| • FY2017      | Improve major intersections |
| • FY2018-2025 | Add walking and bike paths  |



## FY2016



- Policy development
  - Incorporate best practices from programs like Watch for Me and Complete Streets tailored to the needs and resources of Beaufort
  - Explore requiring home builders to install sidewalks
- Improve current paths
  - Using a thoughtful plan, continue to improve existing infrastructure

## Current Paths



## FY2017



- Improve current paths
- Improve major intersections

## Major Intersections

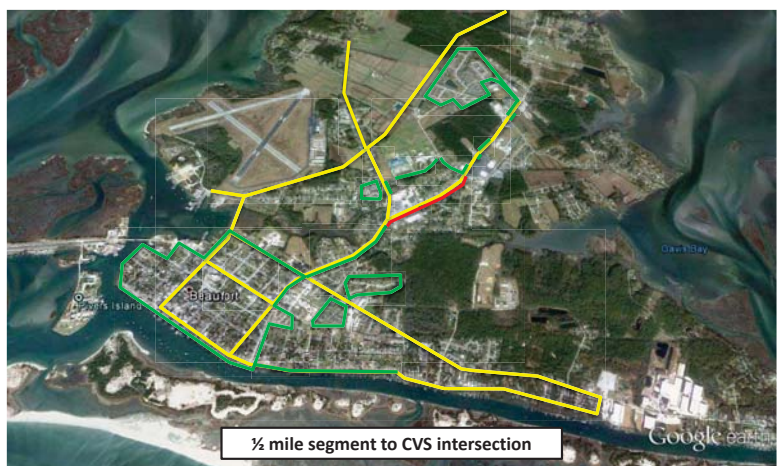


## FY2018-FY2020



- Improve current paths
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## FY2018





FY2019



FY2020

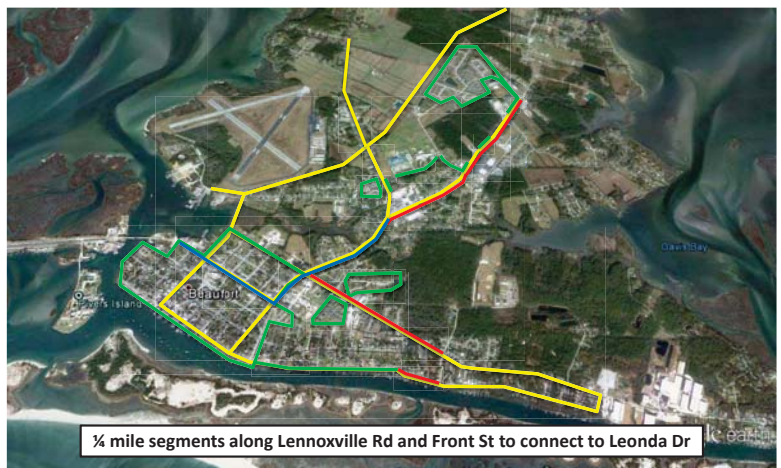


FY2021-FY2025



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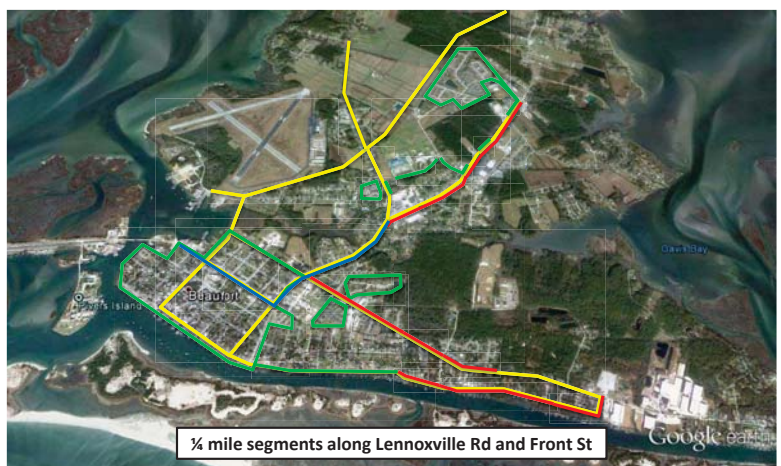
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FY2022

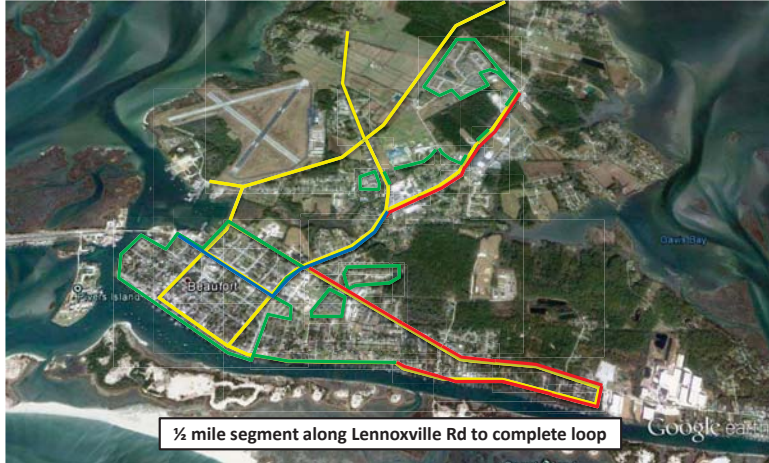


FY2023





FY2024



FY2025



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## Discussion



### The Town of Beaufort MISSION, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & CORE VALUES JANUARY 2013

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Town of Beaufort is to foster a scenic and welcoming coastal community that enhances the well-being and prosperity of our citizens, celebrates our diverse culture and heritage, and preserves our natural and historic resources.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

##### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Provide for the essential service needs of our community by funding and maintaining resilient water, sewer, waste disposal, streets, and storm water systems.
- Continuously evaluate and plan for future infrastructure needs.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

- Maximize the responsiveness capabilities of our police and fire departments by ensuring they have the necessary personnel, training, and equipment to fulfill their missions.
- Enhance the safety of our neighborhoods through consistent community outreach focusing on education and prevention.
- Monitor our roads, pedestrian areas, and public lands and assume a proactive approach to improving public safety.

##### CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

- Through a citizen-centered approach to communications and recruitment, empower our diverse citizenry to participate in local government activities and decision making.
- Foster a productive and civil discourse between citizens and the Town.
- Maximize the functionality of committees, advisory boards, and other citizen-comprised groups through focused capacity building and dedicated staff support.

##### PARKS/RECREATION/OUTDOORS

- Continue to champion outdoor recreation and scenic beauty as essential components of Beaufort's healthy lifestyle and tourism economy by preserving and increasing people's ability to connect with and enjoy our natural environment.
- Encourage and promote environmental stewardship and preservation.
- Increase the amount of recreational offerings and opportunities in our public spaces.

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Increase our tax revenue base and improve citizen employment opportunities by encouraging private enterprise through retention, support of expansion, and recruitment.
- Continue to embrace tourism as our primary economic driver and work to increase visitation by promoting Beaufort as a destination and working to maximize the visitor experience.



### RESOLUTION RECONSTITUTING THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, parks and recreation services can make a vital contribution to the personal health and well-being of people, and can work to improve the quality of family and community life;

WHEREAS, recreational activities, public open spaces, and public water access are critical components of Beaufort's tourism-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and programming of Beaufort's park, recreation, and public space resources can benefit from the thoughtful review and oversight from the citizens whose lives and neighborhoods are touched by such resources; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of interested and knowledgeable citizen representatives is of great importance in assessing, evaluating and meeting community park, recreation and public space needs and desires;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beaufort Board of Commissioners hereby reconstitutes the Town of Beaufort Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall be advisory to the Board of Commissioners, and in that capacity may make studies, develop recommendations, conduct public meetings and educational programs, hold hearings, prepare reports, and appear before public bodies in furthering the objectives stated above.

The Advisory Board's primary responsibilities shall be to provide the Board of Commissioners with advice and recommendations concerning park and recreation planning, programming, and budgetary matters. The board shall also make recommendations concerning grants and other funding sources, as well as parks and facilities naming. The Board shall appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed to successfully carry out these responsibilities.

The Board shall be composed of 10 persons who reside within the Town or its ETJ, with a chairperson to be appointed annually by the Board. Terms shall run for three years, with terms staggered. The Board shall meet on the call of the chairperson.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the functions of the Town of Beaufort Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall include:

1. Review and revision of the Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan and its successors. The Board will also work to oversee and ensure implementation of the recommendations contained within the Comprehensive Plan and its successors.
2. Review, and make recommendations concerning the overall distribution and adequacy of park and recreation facilities and opportunities for all Town citizens to include people within the Town having special or under met needs.
3. Hold public hearings, review, analyze, and make recommendations with respect to all parks and recreation plans and issue final findings on proposed plans.

