**GREENWAY LINKAGES PLAN**

**What is a Greenway Linkage?**
A greenway linkage is defined as open space land set apart for public use that is wide enough to accommodate bike/pedestrian trails, buffers between differing types or intensities of land uses, as a means to conserve areas of natural or historic value, or as an enhancement to a community’s parks and roadways.

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