

A photograph of two women running on a dirt trail in a forest. The woman in the foreground is wearing a dark tank top, striped leggings, and a race bib with the number 50. She is running towards the right. The woman in the background is wearing a white t-shirt and red shorts, also running towards the right. The trail is surrounded by tall trees and green foliage.

# Sources of Funding Trails and Greenways

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# MONEY FOLLOWS VISION

# Local Government Sources

Hospitality Tax Funding

Dedicated Funding for Parks and Recreation

General Revenues

Bond Referendum

Local Option Sales Tax

# South Carolina Funding

Community Development Block Grant

Rural Infrastructure Authority

State Revolving Fund

Recreational Trails Program

Parks and Recreation Development Fund

Department of Transportation Funding

# Federal Funding

Land and Water Conservation Fund

AmeriCorps Grants

FEMA Mitigation Grants

USDOT FHWA Transportation Funding

USDA Communities Facilities Grant

USDA Conservation Reserve Grant

USDA Wetland Reserve Program

US Dept. Commerce Grants for Public Works

# Private Sector Funding

Naming Rights Funding

Corporate Gifts and Donations

Individual Gifts and Donations

Purchase of Park Furnishings  
Program



# Case Study: Razorback Regional Greenway





# TIGER 2 Grant Award

## Funding Formula:

USDOT \$15,000,000

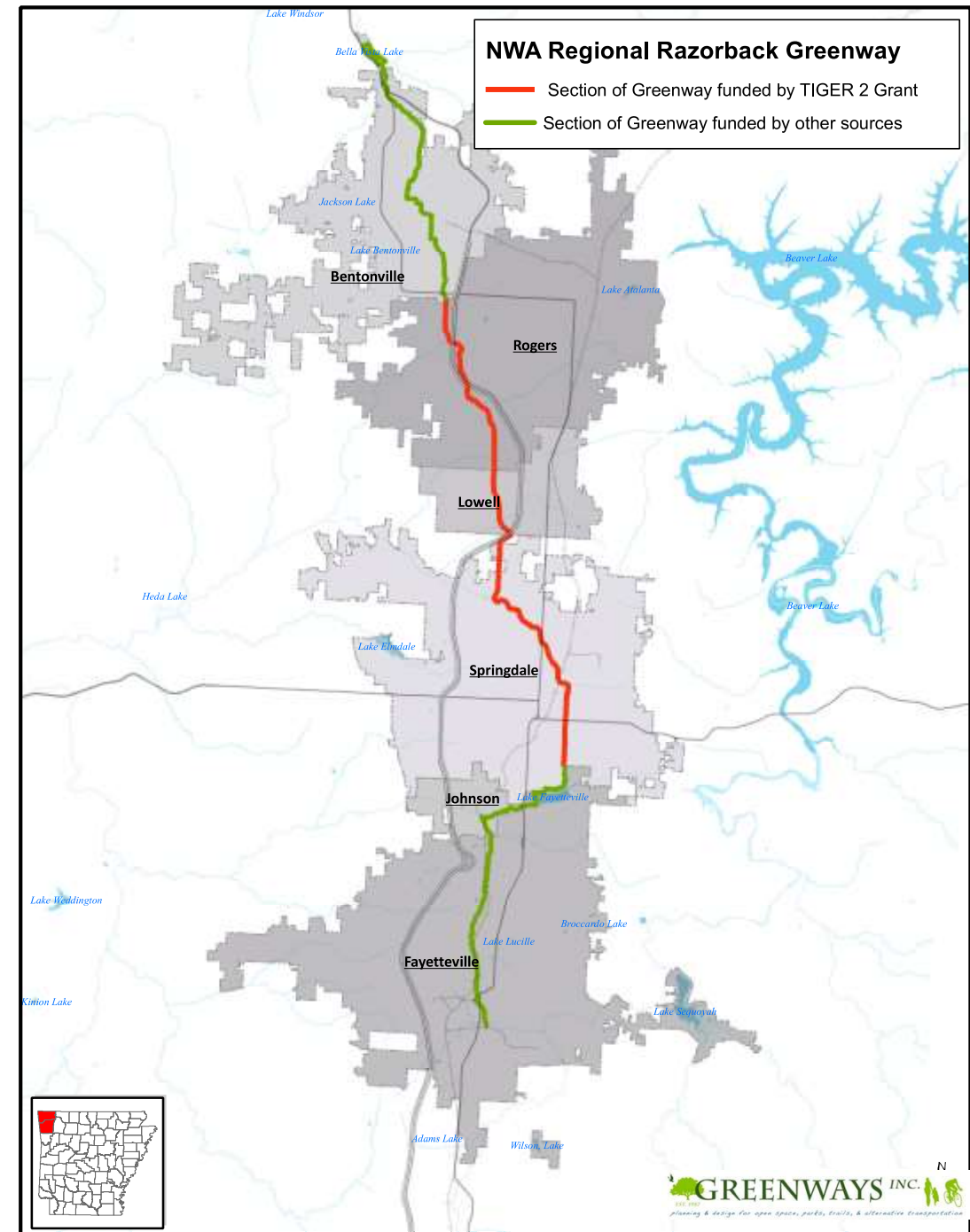
WFF Match \$3,750,000

Total \$18,750,000

## Additional Funding

\$1,350,000 – WFF

Baseline: \$20 million





# Leveraged Funding Strategy

## Primary Funding – Greenway Trail

- Walton Family Foundation - \$12 million
- TIGER 2 Grant - \$20 million

Baseline: **\$32 million**

# Leveraged Funding

- **City of Rogers – Enhancements Grant**
  - \$270,000 – Mercy Hospital Trailhead
  - \$200,000 – Mercy Hospital In-kind donation
- **City of Springdale TCSP Grant**
  - \$400,000 – Sanders Ave. Trailhead
  - \$342,000 WFF in-kind donation
- **City of Fayetteville – Trails Funding**
  - \$108,000 – Home Depot Foundation
  - \$250,000 – City Funds



A close-up photograph of several yellow, cylindrical chips with numbers printed on them in a dark red color. The numbers visible include 60, 40, 20, and 30. The chips are scattered and slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

# Leverage Funding

- **City of Springdale – Lake Springdale Trailhead**
  - Endeavor Foundation - \$350,000 grant
  - TAP Grant- \$125,000 grant
  - City of Springdale - \$150,000 in-kind
- **EPA 319 Water Quality Grant**
  - Illinois River Watershed Alliance - \$250,000
- **National Urban Forestry Grant**
  - Illinois River Watershed Alliance - \$50,000



# Total Funding for Razorback Greenway

**\$42 million** in public and private funding



# Managing the Finances

## Northwest Arkansas Razorback Regional Greenway

### Financial Tracking Worksheet

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Denotes actual Contract Value

TIGER II Contract Terms (federal share + local match)		Source	Amount Funded
PS&E	\$3,110,185.00	FHWA	\$15,000,000.00
ROW	\$925,350.00	WFF	\$3,750,000.00
Construction/Title 2	\$14,714,465.00		\$18,750,000.00
Totals	\$18,750,000.00		

				Sources of Funding				
Design/Administration (Federal Phase 1 + WFF Grant # 1+ WFF Grant # 2 + WFF Contingency)	Actual Contract Value	Tiger II portion 80%	WFF Allocation	TIGER II Grant	WFF 20% Match	WFF Grant One	WFF Grant Two	WFF Contingency
PS&E Contract (Amend. 1, 2, 3 & 4)	\$2,733,192.91	\$2,186,554.33	\$546,638.58	\$2,186,554.33	\$546,638.58	\$546,638.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$664,414.65	\$531,531.72	\$132,882.93	\$531,531.72	\$132,882.93	\$132,882.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
a) Keenan Acquisition (WFF Contingency)	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170,000.00
b) Magnolia Gardens (WFF Contingency)	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00
c) Parker NW Property (WFF Contingency)	\$47,500.00	\$0.00	\$47,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,500.00
d) ROW Costs Ruled Ineligible (WFF Conting)	\$24,682.12	\$0.00	\$24,682.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,682.12
Contract Administration (NWARPC)	\$300,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Work (Defined in WFF Grant One)	\$137,500.00	\$0.00	\$137,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$4,167,289.68	\$2,958,086.05	\$1,209,203.63	\$2,958,086.05	\$739,521.51	\$877,021.51	\$0.00	\$332,182.12
Trail Construction Projects (Federal Phases P 2 & 3 + WFF Match of Federal Grant)	Actual Contract Value or most current engineers estimate	Tiger II portion 80%	WFF Allocation	TIGER II Grant	WFF 20% Match	WFF Grant One	WFF Grant Two	WFF Contingency
Sections 7 and 9 (090314/090315)	\$1,154,747.65	\$923,798.12	\$230,949.53	\$923,798.12	\$230,949.53	\$0.00	\$230,949.53	\$0.00
Contract Phase 1 (040637)	\$2,412,885.00	\$1,930,308.00	\$482,577.00	\$1,930,308.00	\$482,577.00	\$0.00	\$482,577.00	\$0.00
Contract Phase 2 (012174)	\$4,373,376.90	\$3,498,701.52	\$874,675.38	\$3,498,701.52	\$874,675.38	\$0.00	\$874,675.38	\$0.00
Contract Phase 3A (090361)	\$1,825,311.66	\$1,460,249.33	\$365,062.33	\$1,460,249.33	\$365,062.33	\$0.00	\$350,011.33	\$0.00
Contract Phase 3B (090362)	\$714,703.00	\$571,762.40	\$142,940.60	\$571,762.40	\$142,940.60	\$0.00	\$142,940.60	\$0.00
Contract Phase 4A (090363)	\$2,059,757.90	\$1,647,806.32	\$411,951.58	\$1,647,806.32	\$411,951.58	\$0.00	\$411,951.58	\$0.00
Contract Phase 4B (090364)	\$830,756.84	\$664,605.47	\$166,151.37	\$664,605.47	\$166,151.37	\$0.00	\$166,151.37	\$0.00
Contract Phase 5 (090365)	\$1,094,597.58	\$875,678.06	\$218,919.52	\$875,678.06	\$218,919.52	\$0.00	\$218,919.52	\$0.00
Title 2 Construction Admin Services	\$769,011.09	\$615,208.87	\$153,802.22	\$615,208.87	\$153,802.22	\$0.00	\$153,802.22	\$0.00
Utility Relocation* (WFF Contingency)	\$250,843.60	\$0.00	\$250,843.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250,843.60
Environmental Mitigation Credits	\$105,911.35	\$84,729.08	\$21,182.27	\$84,729.08	\$21,182.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



# Soft Surfaced Trails



# Federal Recreation Trails Program

- **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**
- **The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses.**
- **Since 1991, the RTP has doled out more than \$2 billion to fund 26,000 trail projects across the nation**

# Recreation Trails Program in South Carolina

- The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). RTP, a federally funded program, receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in nonhighway recreational vehicles.
- Funding is provided by this program on a **cost-reimbursement basis** — the grant recipient must pay 100% of the cost of an item before submitting a reimbursement request for 80% of eligible costs.
- Funds can be spent on **both Motorized and Nonmotorized** recreational trail projects — to construct new recreational trails, improve/maintain existing trails, develop/enhance trailhead or trailside facilities and acquire trail corridors.
- Eligible applicants include local, state and federal governmental agencies, **qualified private organizations, and registered nonprofits.**



# Recreation Trails Program in South Carolina

- Since 1991, **\$24 million** in funding has been distributed to build a variety of non-motorized and motorized trails in South Carolina
- Projects range from natural surface trails to paved trails to boardwalks.
- In 2022, **six projects** were awarded funding
- Individual trail grants can range from a minimum of \$10,000 (\$12,500 would be the total project cost) to \$100,000 maximum (\$125,000—total project cost), with the exception of Motorized projects.
- Motorized trail projects are not limited to \$100,000 — these projects are eligible for the maximum amount of Motorized funding available.

# Other Funding Sources

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

PASSES THE SENATE





# HR 3684: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- \$1.2 trillion for infrastructure improvements: roads, bridges, passenger and freight rail, transportation safety, transit, broadband, ports and waterways, airports, drinking water and wastewater, and energy, among other initiatives.
- Reauthorizes Surface Transportation Act for another 5 years.
- \$12.5 billion for National Infrastructure Investments grants, previously known as TIGER and BUILD grants.
- 70% more money, \$1.4 billion, available for Transportation Alternatives Program
- \$ 1 billion in active transportation earmarks

# HR 3684: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- \$1 billion a year for Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program to support local initiatives
- \$100 million a year for a new Healthy Streets grant program to “deploy cool pavements and porous pavements” to mitigate urban heat islands, improve air quality, and reduce stormwater runoff
- \$2 billion over five years for a new, competitive rural surface transportation program
- \$1 billion over five years for a new Reconnecting Communities competitive grant program, \$200 million for planning and \$800 million for construction

# Questions