

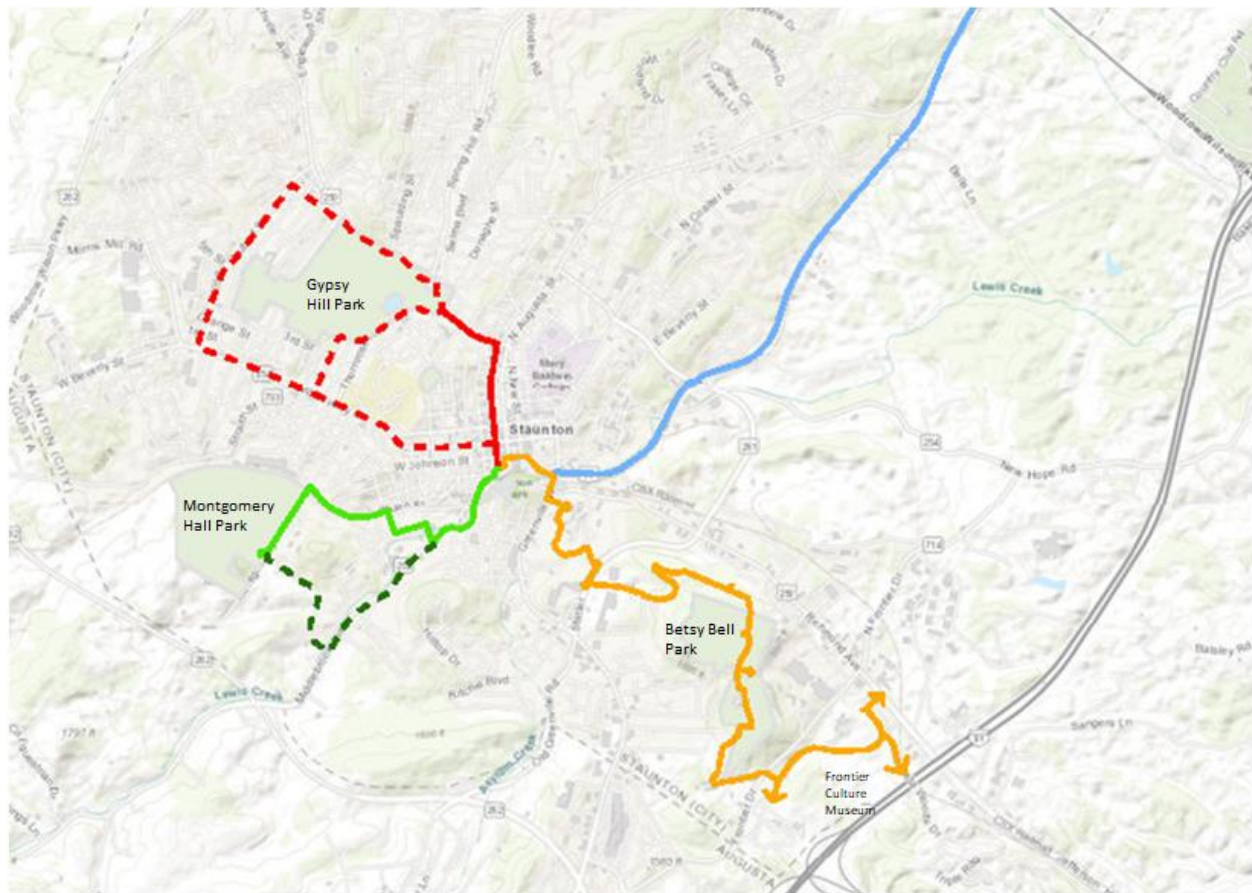
STAUNTON GREENWAYS PLAN (abstract)

Vision

The City of Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) has been working to assemble a greenways plan that will expand recreational opportunities and make more of the city accessible by foot or bike. Public input has pointed to a strong desire for safe places to walk and ride bicycles.

We propose four distinct greenways that would both enhance existing routes to important destinations and also guide the construction of additional dedicated paths and infrastructure. Framing our work has been the concept of an “urban hike” where visitors and residents can experience natural, cultural, and historical resources. While Staunton lacks the natural stream or rail corridor that might anchor a typical greenway, it *does* have extraordinary views from a variety of peaks and a concentration of pleasing historical and natural areas.

Our vision: residents and visitors can enjoy a scenic local journey as part of a day full of experiences, all within Staunton’s city limits.



1. North to City Limits

2. West to Gypsy Hill Park

3. East to City Limits

4. Southwest to Montgomery Hall Park

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Design Concepts and Principles

- **Connect popular destinations, especially parks.**
- **Follow “hub and spoke” concept.**
- **Use a combination of existing sidewalks and roads plus new off-road paths.**
- **Mesh with other city plans and goals.**
- **Build on Staunton’s unique attributes.**
- **Plan long term by designing for incremental implementation.**

Summary Route Descriptions

(all routes start Downtown from the Wharf at Byers Street)

1. **North to City Limits (via Commerce Road)** - Cycling/walking path from downtown along Commerce Road to Green Hills Industrial Park and northern city limits, using existing sidewalks and new construction of a shared use path that also would provide a connection to locations in the northern portion of the City including Bells Lane and Augusta County facilities.
2. **West to Gypsy Hill Park (with optional loop to Shelburne Middle School)**
Walking/cycling route from downtown to Gypsy Hill Park by way of Central Avenue and Churchville Avenue. A westward loop option connects to Shelburne Middle by way of Park Boulevard and W. Beverley Street to Grubert Avenue and from Grubert to Poplar Street and the west entrance of Gypsy Hill Park. Another option returns to downtown by way of W. Beverley Street.
3. **East to City Limits (via Villages at Staunton/Betsy Bell Park/Frontier Culture Museum)** - Walking/hiking/mountain biking route from downtown to the eastern city limits, passing through the Villages at Staunton development to Betsy Bell Park, skirting the mountain on the contour parallel to Richmond Road (with connections to adjacent apartment complexes and to the peak trail). The trail would continue eastward to join the existing Mary Gray path, descend near Red Oaks to Frontier Drive, cross into the Frontier Culture Museum property and ultimately join Route 250 to the city limit.
4. **Southwest to Montgomery Hall Park** - Cycling route using existing roads and sidewalks from downtown to Montgomery Hall Park. From Landes Park the route follows Middlebrook Road to Bridge Street, then Maple and Haile streets to Stuart Street, then left on Montgomery Avenue to Montgomery Hall Park. An optional loop uses a cycling route to return by way of Lacy B. King Way to Middlebrook Road to Landes Park.

See more information in [Draft Greenways Plan](#)