

**ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES.
ONE GREAT TRAILS STATE.**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

VISION

The Great Trails State (GTS) is a planned network of shared-use trails of statewide significance connecting North Carolina's counties and population centers with state parks and important recreational assets. It is founded upon extensive local and regional efforts to plan and build trails. *The Great Trails State Plan will link communities to the great outdoors, while creating opportunities for transportation, conservation, recreation, education, physical health, environmental health, tourism, and economic prosperity.*

GOALS OF THE GREAT TRAILS STATE

The Great Trails State Plan and network seeks to connect all counties and key destinations throughout the state to a growing network of strategic greenways. Other principal goals of the plan include:

- Foster connections between urban and rural areas in all 100 counties
- Provide transportation options between where people live, work and play for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities
- Create opportunities for conservation, recreation, education, physical health, environmental health, tourism, and economic prosperity
- Identify resources needed to plan, design, construct and connect the system
- Facilitate multi-jurisdictional partnerships to support, develop, manage, and maintain the system



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KEY INPUTS

- Existing Trails
- Existing Trail Plans
- Key Destinations/State Parks
- Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting
- Bicycle Level of Service Network
- Green Infrastructure Network

PLANNING PROCESS

40 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



provided direction, representing NCDOT's 14 Divisions, 7 RPOs and MPOs, and relevant statewide departments and organizations.

600+ STAKEHOLDERS



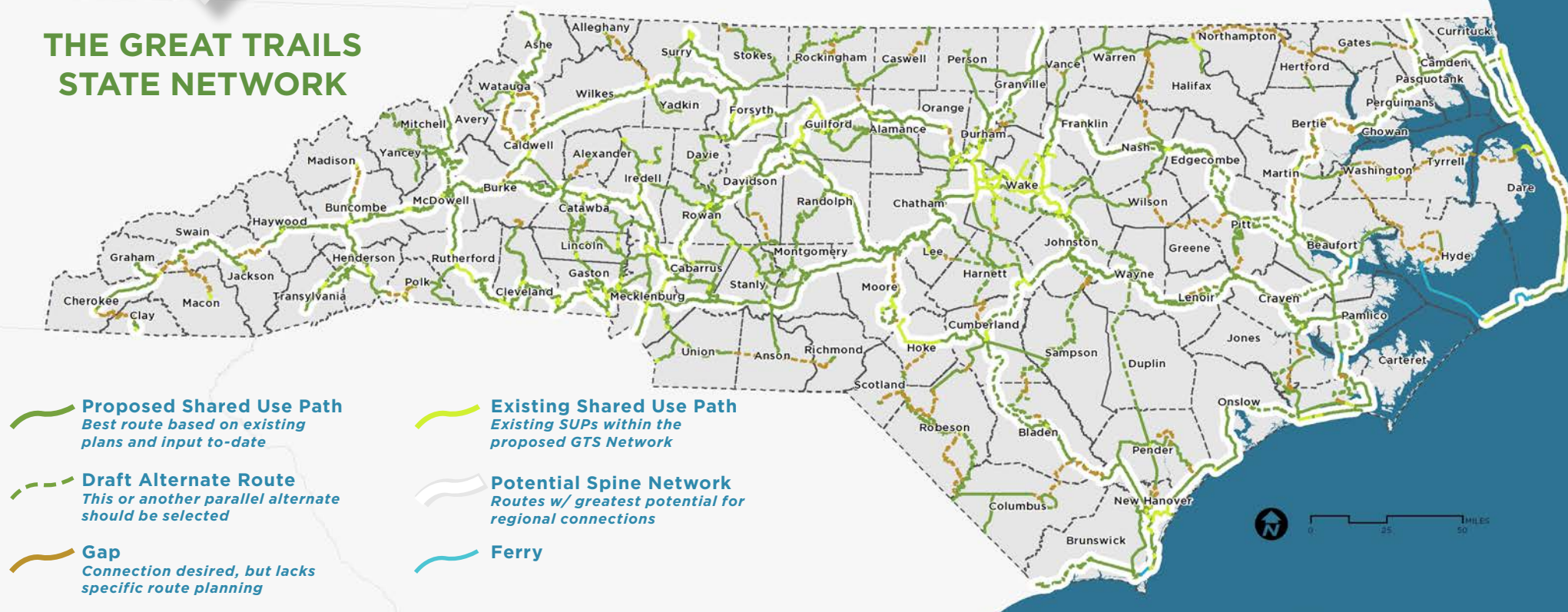
reviewed the proposed corridors, including town and county managers, planners, parks directors, land trusts, advocacy organizations, and many others.

11,000+ NC RESIDENTS



expressed support and shared ideas in public surveys, online input maps and plan review, including 850,000 of impressions on social media that generated awareness of the plan and process.

THE GREAT TRAILS STATE NETWORK



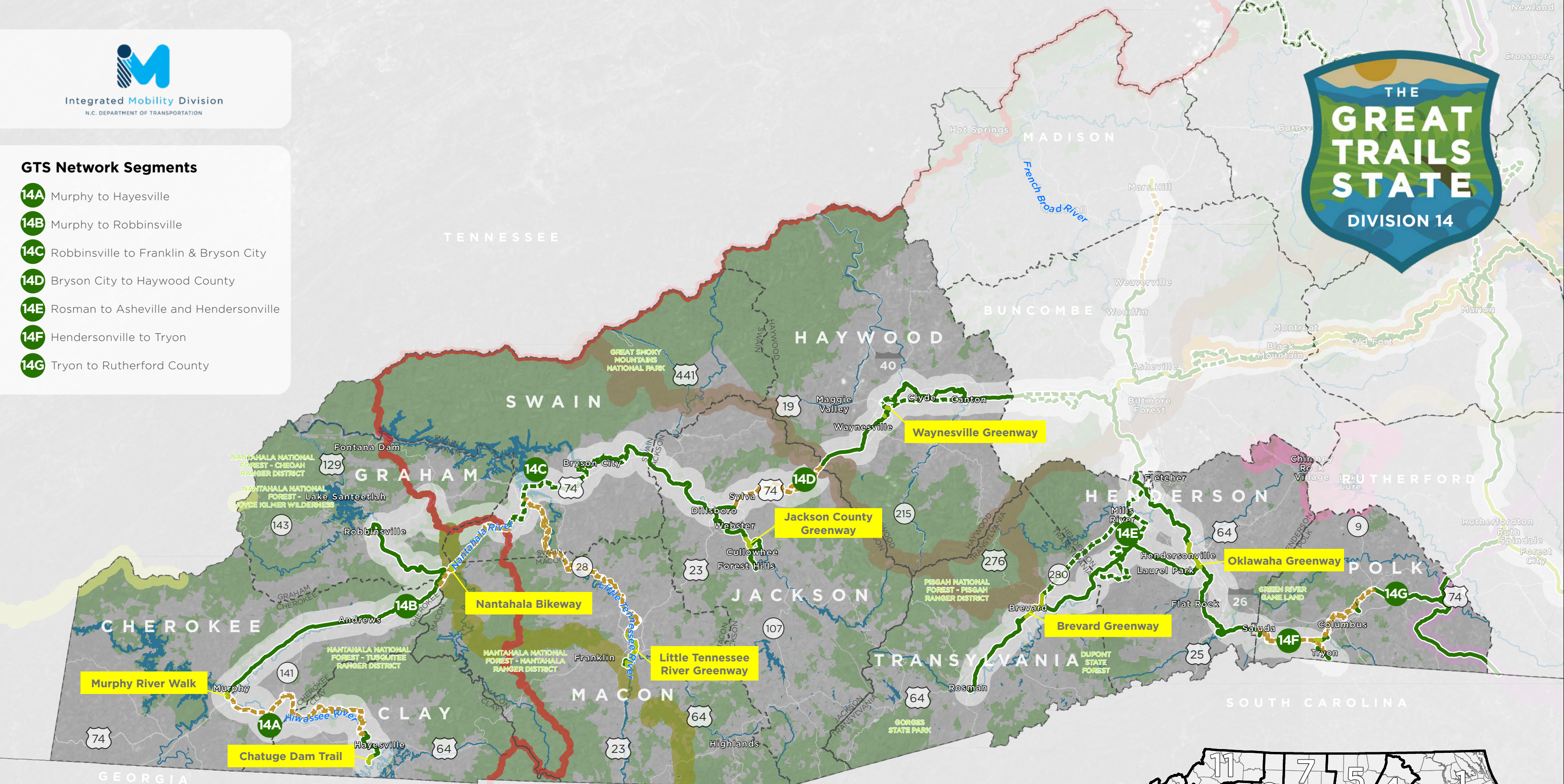


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GTS Network Segments

- 14A** Murphy to Hayesville
- 14B** Murphy to Robbinsville
- 14C** Robbinsville to Franklin & Bryson City
- 14D** Bryson City to Haywood County
- 14E** Rosman to Asheville and Hendersonville
- 14F** Hendersonville to Tryon
- 14G** Tryon to Rutherford County



DRAFT Great Trails State Network

- Proposed Shared Use Path
- Draft Alternate Route
- Existing Shared Use Path
- Gap

Other Features

- Municipalities
- Managed Areas
- County Boundary

State & National Trails

- Mountains to Sea State Trail
- Appalachian Trail
- Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail
- Bartram National Trail
- Benton Mackaye National Trail

