

# Jackson County Walks

Public Meeting #3  
March 17 & 19, 2021



Thank you for joining us, the  
meeting will start shortly.



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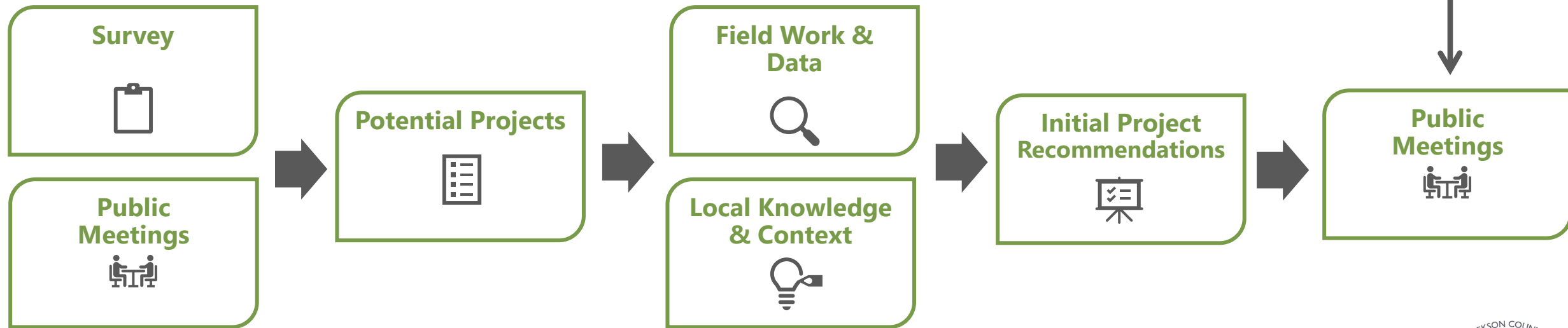
# Today's Meeting

- Update since July meeting
- Presentation of preliminary prioritized projects
- Feedback
- Next steps



# Project Development Process

We Are Here



# By the Numbers

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## First Round

140 plan projects  
53 community lines  
457 location specific  
comments



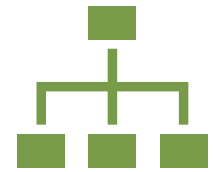
## Remove Duplicates

120 projects



## Steering Committee & Field Work

52 presented  
15 added after field  
work



## Prioritization/ Grouping

67 projects



# Today's Ask

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1. Review projects
2. Prioritize projects
3. Share your thoughts



# Goals



Improve safety for all



Create a prioritized list of projects



Prioritize connections of schools and colleges



Promote inclusiveness and equity



Provide opportunities for physical activity and improved health



# Sidewalk Planning at the County Scale

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- ... is unusual!
- Most counties don't plan at this level
- Jackson County is special
- Urban areas with no municipality (441, Cullowhee, Cashiers)





# Facility Types

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**EXAMPLE**  
**Multi-Use Sidepath**



Source: Ped Bike Images

**EXAMPLE**  
**Sidewalk**



Detached Sidewalk

Attached Sidewalk

Pedestrian Access Route (PAR)





**EXAMPLE**  
**Off-Road Greenway**



**EXAMPLE**  
**Natural Surface Trail**





# About These Projects

## PLANNING AT LOCAL SCALE

- Planning focus: nodes of pedestrian activity
- Not effective to plan county-wide corridors
- All ideas captured; top ideas prioritized

## PROJECT TYPES

- Transportation
- Recreational

## PROJECT SOURCE VARIES

- Local plans, CTP
- Community feedback

## FUNDED PROJECTS OMITTED

i.e. Skyland Drive





# 441/ Whittier

## Jackson Walks: Project Prioritization



STEP 1: Select an Area of Jackson County

441/Whittier

Sylva/Dillsboro

Webster

Cullowhee

Cashiers

### STEP 2: Select a Project

1. Harrah's to Santa Land Sidewalk

2. US 441 Westside Sidewalk

3. Cherokee to 441 Connector

4. Whittier and County Property Connector

5. Smokey Mountain Elementary Connector

6. 441 to Whittier Post Office Sidepath

### STEP 4: Rank the Project

Project name\*

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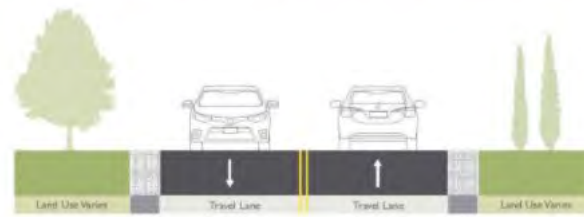
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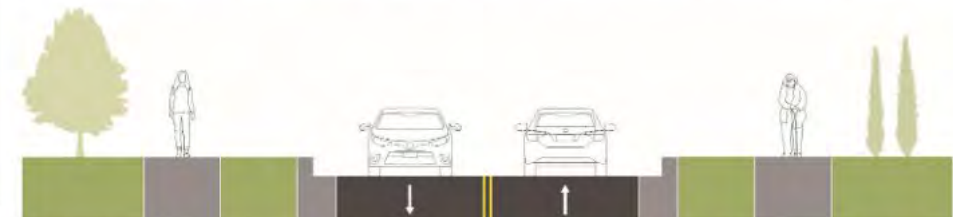
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Existing Typical Cross Section (click image to view in a new tab)



Proposed Typical Cross Section (click image to view in a new tab)



# **441/ Whittier**

**Smokey Mountain Elementary Connector**

**Cherokee to 441 Connector**

**Whittier and County Property Connector**

**441 to Whittier Post Office Sidepath**

**River Access to Swinging Bridge Greenway**

**Dillsboro-Whittier Trail**

**US 441 Westside Sidewalk**

**Harrah's to Santa Land Sidewalk**



# Sylva/Dillsboro

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### STEP 2: Select a Project

1. Green Energy Park Connector

2. Asheville Highway Sidewalks I

3. Asheville Highway Sidewalks I

4. Main Street Sidewalk Gaps

5. Mill Street Sidewalk Gaps

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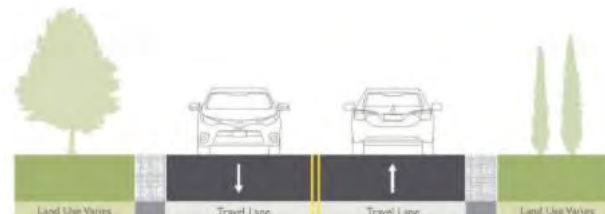
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# Sylva/ Dillsboro

**Green Energy Park Connector**

**Asheville Highway Sidewalks**

**Main Street Sidewalk Gaps**

**Mill Street Sidewalk Gaps**

**Justice Center Sidewalks**

**Jackson Plaza Sidewalks**

**Municipal Drive Sidewalks**

**Savannah Dr Connector**

**Grindstaff Cover Rd Sidewalk Gaps**

**Chipper Curve Sidewalks**

**Allen Street Sidewalks**

**Sylva Circle Connector**

**Dillardtown Rd Connector**

**Parris Branch Connector**

**River Access to Dillsboro Sidepath**

**Monteith Park to Bus 23 (W Main St) Sidepath**

**Old Hometown Rd to Mark Watson Park Sidepath**

**Finch St Connector**

**Skyland Dr Sidepath**



# Webster

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### STEP 2: Select a Project

1. Fairview Elementary Connector

2. Smoky Mountain High Connector

3. Buchanan Loop Connector

4. Webster Rd Sidewalk Gaps

5. Webster Ballpark to River Access Sidepath

### STEP 4: Rank the Project

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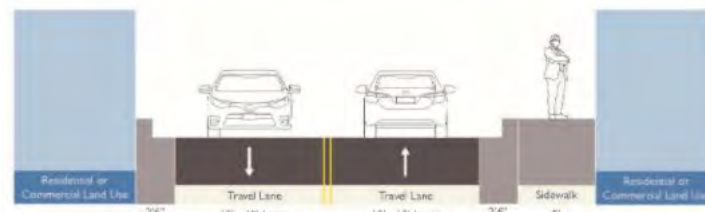
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# Webster



**Fairview Elementary Connector**

**Smokey Mountain High Connector**

**Buchanan Loop Connector**

**Webster Rd Sidewalk Gaps**

**Webster Ballpark to River Access Sidepath**

**Nannys Lane Sidewalk**



# Cullowhee

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### STEP 2: Select a Project

8. Little Savannah Rd Sidewalks

9. VFH to Little Savannah Rd Sidepath

10. Moses Creek to Judaculla Rock Trail Conne...

11. S. Painter WCU Connector Spur

12. Blackhawk Rd Sidewalk

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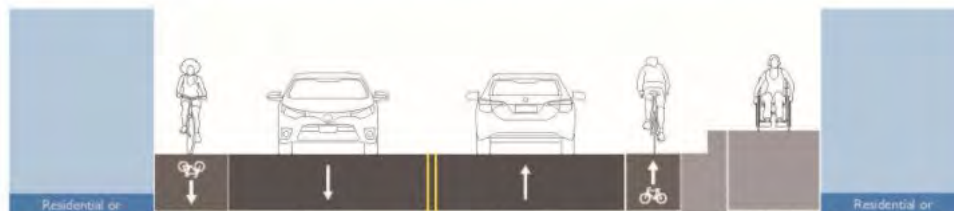
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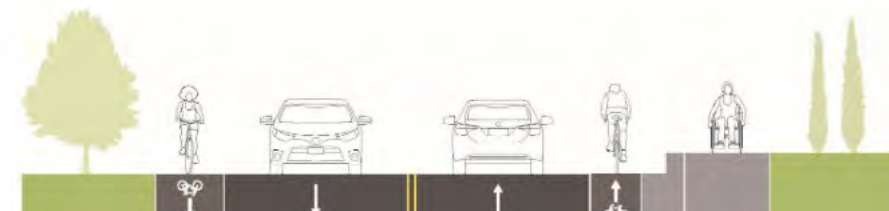
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# Cullowhee

**Forest Hills Rd Sidewalk/ADA**

**Central Dr Sidewalk/ADA**

**Cullowhee Valley School to North Country Club Sidepath**

**River Park to Moses Creek Trail Connector**

**Monteith Gap Rd Sidewalks**

**S Painter to WCU Connector**

**Ledbetter Rd Sidewalks**

**Little Savannah Rd Sidewalks**

**Village of Forest Hills to Little Savannah Rd Sidepath**

**Moses Creek to Judaculla Rock Trail Connector**

**S Painter to WCU Connector Spur**

**Blackhawk Rd Sidewalks**

**Speedwell Rd Sidewalks**

**Old Cullowhee Rd to River Sidepath**



# Cashiers

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### STEP 2: Select a Project

1. Cashiers - Ingles Connector

2. Cashiers Crossroads Sidewalks I

3. Cashiers Crossroads Sidewalks II

4. Summit Charter Connector

5. Valley Road Connector

### STEP 4: Rank the Project

Project name\*

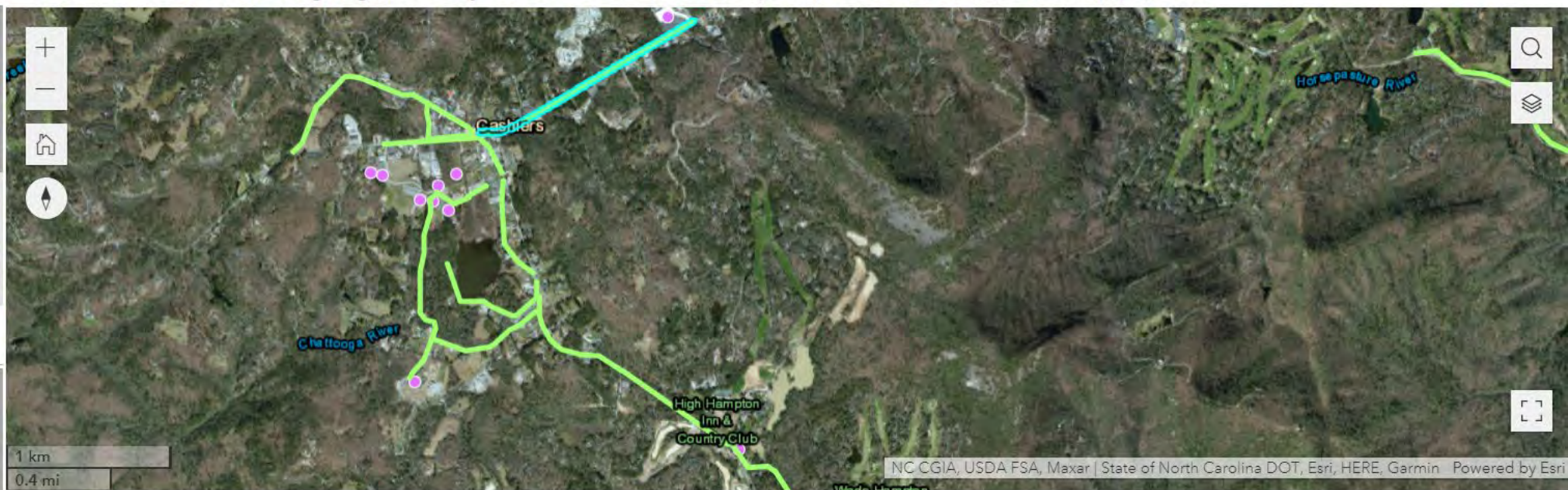
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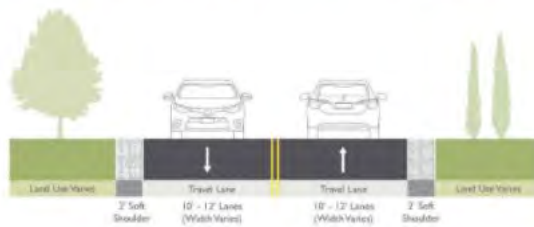
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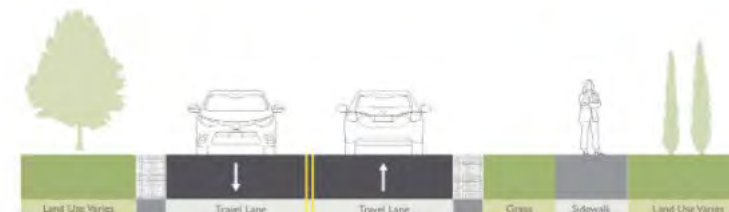
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# Cashiers

**Cashiers – Ingles Connector**

**Cashiers Crossroads Sidewalks**

**Summit Charter Connector**

**Valley Road Connector**

**Zeb Alley Rd Sidepath**

**High Hampton Sidepath**

**Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation Property Connector**

**Cashiers School Rd Greenway**

**Frank Allen Rd Sidewalk**

**Cashiers Lake Rd Sidewalk, Cashiers School Rd**

**Sapphire Greenway**

**Slaptown Rd Sidepath**

**High Hampton Sidepath**



# Project Elements

**Along with these projects, you want to see:**

- Lighting
- Enhanced crosswalks
- Audible signals
- Improved ped signage
- Flat trails with benches, accessible parking, restrooms
- Landscaping and trees
- Separation from traffic

# Other Recommendations



## TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

### PROGRAMMING

- 5E: Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, Evaluation
- Vision Zero
- Partnerships



## POCKET PARKS

Places for kids



## PARKS WITH TRAILS IN RURAL AREAS

Geographic Equity



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projects for the Jackson Pedestrian  
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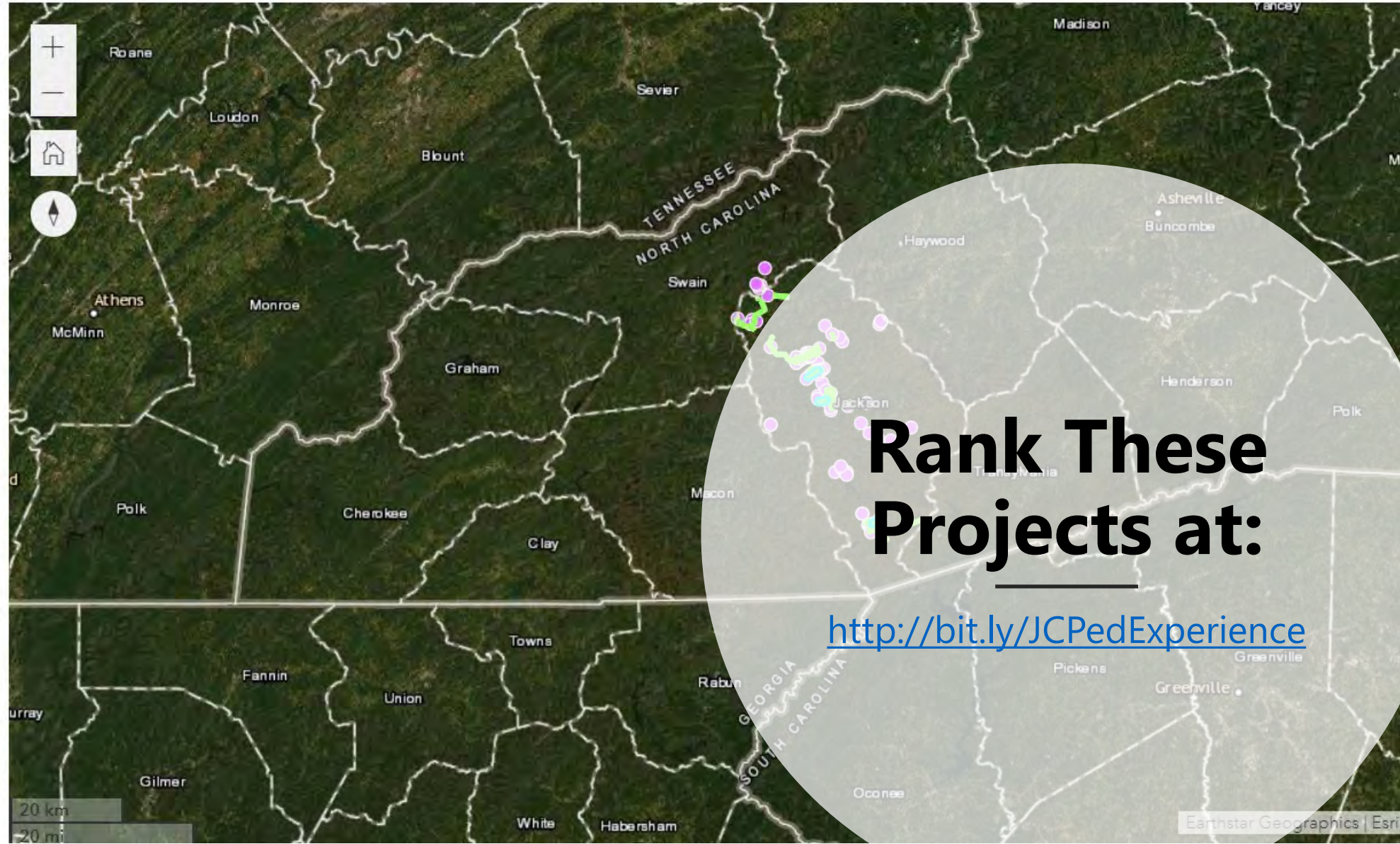
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at the top of the site (ex. 'Webster'). To  
home (this screen), hit the home button.

Click the purple buttons on the left  
I appear in the location of this text) to  
e map to the project.

Click the highlighted line on the map  
more project information in the pop-  
ow. The green lines are the projects,  
s are points of interest. You may need  
the map to see the pop-up window.

Rank the project by clicking the stars.  
to hit 'Submit'.

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ns. Thank you!





# Next Steps

- Public feedback (end of March 2021)
- Cost estimating (April 2021)
- Final Steering Committee meeting (April 2021)
- Final recommendations & report (May 2021)
- Final public meeting/County Commission Meeting (June 2021)
- Project completion (July 2021)

Thank you!

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