

# Downtown Greenway selects firm for next phase – and gets a \$1.5M grant

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A Raleigh/Cary-based design firm has been selected for the next phase of the Downtown Greenway — a project that also received a \$1.5 million grant today.

Officials with the economic development project, a collaboration between the City of Greensboro and Action Greensboro, chose **Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc.** to lead the next stage of the effort, according to a news release. A grant from the Phillips Foundation, also announced today, includes naming rights for the section of the greenway being planned by Kimley-Horn.

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includes award-winning streetscape work at Spring Garden Street, where Kimley-Horn provided concepts as well as design and development services for landscape architecture and traffic calming.

Kimley-Horn's portfolio also includes the redesign of two roads in Miami to incorporate a continuous greenway along the river, as well as the reopening of the Fayetteville Street Mall in downtown Raleigh, the Whittier Greenway Trail in California, a pedestrian mall in Long Beach, Calif., and a streetscape project in Lake Worth, Fla., among other projects.

In Greensboro, the firm will design the next phase of a planned 4-mile urban paved trail that will encircle the city. Features will include landscaping and lighting, benches, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, trash and recycling receptacles and public art commissions, according to the release.

Dabney Sanders, project manager for the Downtown Greenway, said the Phillips Foundation's \$1.5 million grant is "critical to the development" of the project.

"Both Phillips Foundation and Kimley-Horn share our vision to invest in Greensboro through an innovative landmark that will transform our community by increasing walkability and thereby boosting property values, retail traffic, tourism, and attracting businesses and residents to downtown Greensboro," Sanders said.

Elizabeth Phillips, executive director of the Phillips Foundations, says the greenway will be the only trail of its kind in the state and one of just a few in the country.

"We've made this investment to catalyze the completion of the project, which will spur further economic development in Greensboro's center city, as well as provide the broader community with a unique green space that promotes health and wellness, alternative transportation, art interface and an outdoor attraction to residents and visitors alike," she said.