



WEST FORK WALK/BIKE ACTION PLAN

OVERVIEW

West Fork is a rural community along the West Fork of the White River with a population of 2,402 covering 3.7 square miles in Washington County. Greenland, West Fork’s closest neighbor, lies five miles to the north. Prairie Grove lies 12 miles to the northwest and Devil’s Den State Park lies 16 miles to the south. Key opportunities will include improving regional connectivity, improving circulation throughout West Fork, and making direct links to its schools and the two sides of the West Fork of the White River.

Regional Destinations

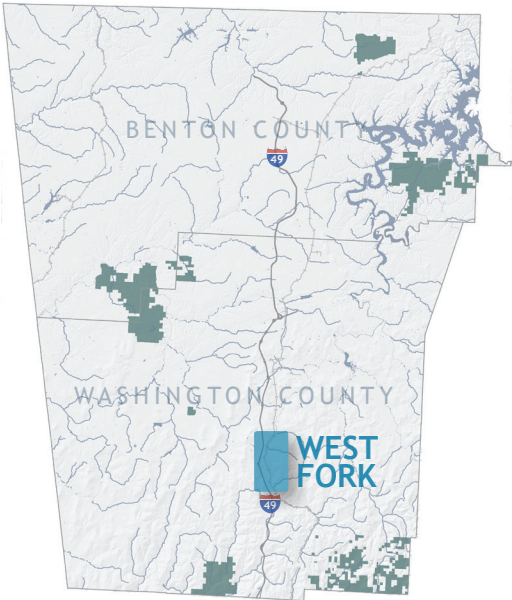
- » Downtown West Fork

Other Key Destinations

- » Schools and Mueller Park
- » Riverside Park and Carter Park
- » Grocery Store – Harp’s

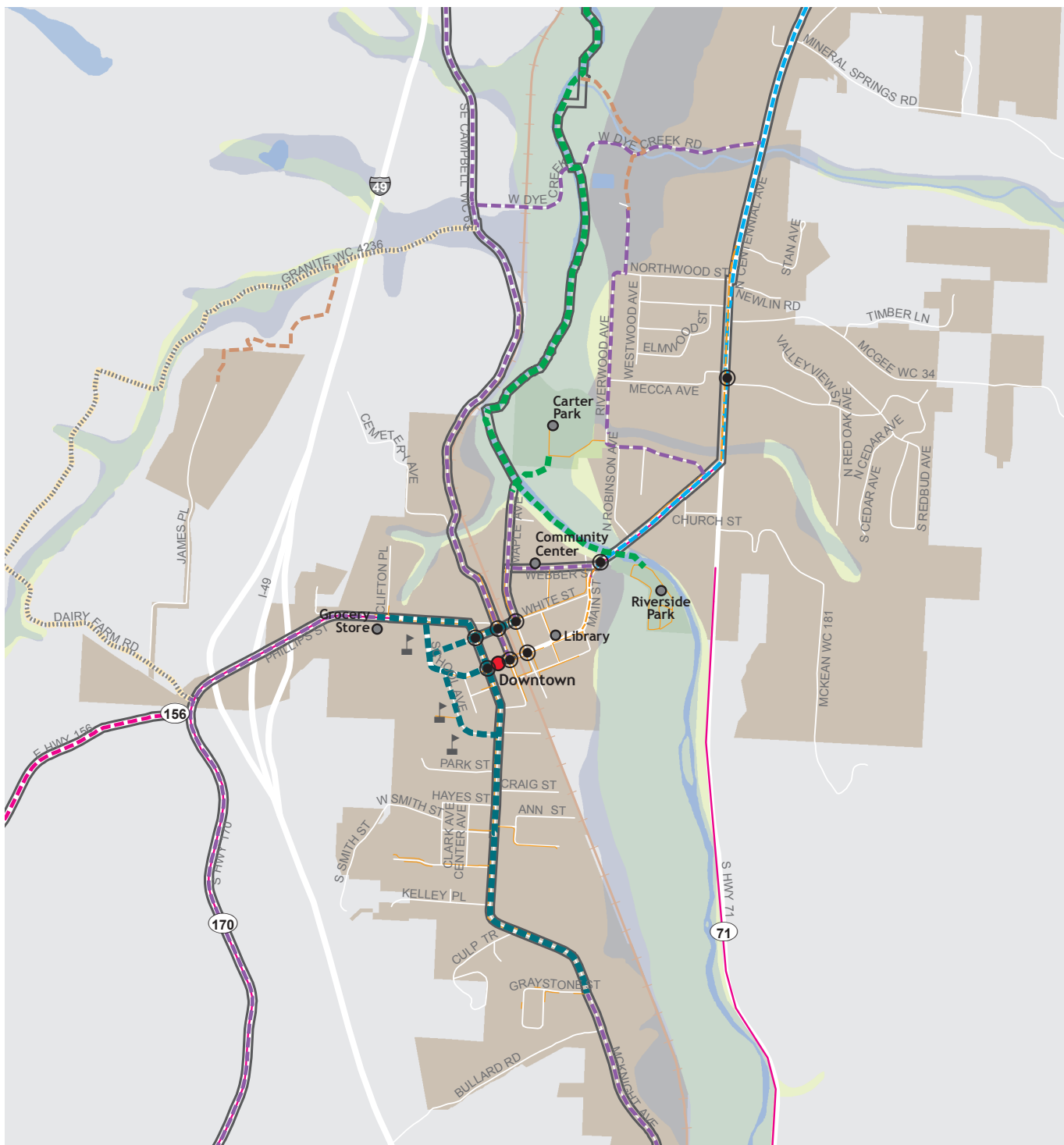


REGIONAL LOCATION MAP



Clockwise from upper left: West Fork schools; Riverside Park; Carter Park

MAP 6.25 WEST FORK COMMUNITY PLAN



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Razorback Greenway Regional Network Heritage Trail Regional Destination Local Destination School | <p>Shared Use Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Shared Use Paved Trail Existing Shared Use Paved Trail Proposed Sidewalk Existing Sidewalk Proposed Natural Surface Trail Existing Natural Surface Trail Crossing Improvement | <p>Bicycle Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Separated Bikeway Existing Separated Bikeway Existing Shared Roadway Proposed Shared Roadway Gravel Grinding Route | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Shoulder Improvement Existing Shoulder <p>Pedestrian Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Sidewalk Existing Sidewalk Neighborhood/Park Trails |
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Key Needs & Recommendations for West Fork

Topic	Key Needs & Notes
<i>Regional Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Connect north/south to Greenland and Devil's Den State Park.
<i>Other Key Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Connect schools, parks, and grocery store. » Provide safe crossing of the West Fork of the White River and US 71.
Facility Recommendation	Recommendation Detail
<i>Sidewalks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » US 71 and Mecca Avenue: Continue developing the sidewalk network, filling in gaps along as needed. Provide sidewalk link along US 71 and Mecca Avenue linking neighborhoods and Carter Park and as the trail network develops. » Main Street: Connect Main Street sidewalk to Riverside Park.
<i>Intersections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Downtown crossings: Intersections in the downtown area, especially significant to the bicycle and pedestrian network should be improved. » Riverside Park: Improve intersection access to Riverside Park on west side of the Main Street bridge.
<i>On-Street Bike Facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Separated Bikeway – US 71: A road diet combined with on-street separated bicycle facilities will connect West Fork with Greenland and Fayetteville. » Shared Roadway – Campbell Road: Campbell Road provides a scenic, low traffic link to Greenland » Shared Roadway – Maple Avenue and Webber Street: These streets provide low traffic links as the trail network develops.
<i>Shared Use Facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Sidepaths – School links: Develop sidepath network to thoroughly connect schools, grocery store, downtown, and residential areas. » Shared Use Paved Trail/Bridge: A bicycle and pedestrian bridge will allow safe crossing of the West Fork of the White River. Currently, the Main Street bridge has little room for safe crossing. » Shared Use Paved Trail – West Fork of the White River: Develop a shared use paved trail utilizing the scenic West Fork of the White River connecting West Fork to Greenland and Fayetteville.
Other Topics	Notes
<i>Multi-Modal Connections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » West Fork is connected by Ozark Regional Transit which serves the urban NWA corridor and parts of rural NWA. Stops in West Fork are found at Harps Grocery, city hall, the post office, park & ride lot, and the Dollar General. Bicycle parking, infrastructure connectivity, and other amenities should be considered here. Please see www.ozark.org for route details.
<i>Heritage Trail</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The NWA Heritage Trail does not connect through West Fork.

Program & Policy Recommendations

The table below presents a summary of recommendations organized by category which identifies the recommended program, time-frame for implementation, and lead entity. The table identifies Bronze (short-term), Silver (mid-term) and Gold (long-term) actions that can help achieve recognition as a Walk and Bicycle Friendly Community.

For many of these actions, there is an opportunity for the communities of the region to share resources, with individual communities participating in regional programs, attending trainings or meetings convened at the regional scale, or implementing regionally developed programs at the local level. Recommendations specific to the Six E's (Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation (with Equity considered broadly through all)) are found below. Economy is included as an additional category to help demonstrate the benefits of implementing all of the E's. Refer to Appendix D for detailed guidance on implementing each item, including a description of recommended actions, regional and local roles, as well as sample programs.

Program	Term	Lead Entity
Engineering		
Complete Streets Policy	Medium	City of West Fork
Non-Motorized Transportation Training for Engineers and Planners	Short	NWARPC, City of West Fork
Bicycle Parking	Medium	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of West Fork
Enhanced Funding for Bike and Pedestrian Projects	Medium	NWARPC, City of West Fork
Bike/Pedestrian Facility Inclusion in Engineering Documents, Plans, and Drawings	Short	NWARPC, City of West Fork
Education		
Safe Routes to School	Medium	City of West Fork
Network with existing capacity in NWA	Medium	City of West Fork, City of Fayetteville, City of Bentonville, City of Rogers, City of Springdale, Bike Bentonville, BCO, IMBA
Encouragement		
Walking and Biking Promotion Activities	Short	City of West Fork
Equity Oriented Programs	Short	NWARPC, Northwest Arkansas Council, City of West Fork
Bike and Walk Month	Medium	City of West Fork
Group Rides and Walks	Medium	City of West Fork
Enforcement		
Targeted Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement	Short	City of West Fork Law Enforcement
Trainings for Law Enforcement Officers	Short	NWARPC, City of West Fork Law Enforcement
Bike and Foot Patrol Units	Medium	City of West Fork Law Enforcement
Annual Meeting with Police, Planners and Engineers to Evaluate Collision Trends, Infrastructure Needs and Areas for Targeted Enforcement	Medium	NWARPC, City of West Fork
Evaluation		
Active Transportation Committee	Short	NWARPC, City of West Fork
Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Count Program	Short	City of West Fork
Walking, Bicycling and Trails Report Card	Medium	City of West Fork
Economy		
Bicycle and Walking Tourism Strategy	Medium	Northwest Arkansas Council, City of West Fork