

GLOSSARY

Abiotic: environmental elements not associated with or derived from living organisms.

Active transportation: any self-propelled, human-powered transportation mode, including walking and bicycling.

Biotic: environmental elements associated with or derived from living organisms.

Bikeway: a generic term for any road, street, path, or way that in some manner is specifically designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or to be shared with other transportation modes.

Conservation buffers: strips of vegetation placed in the landscape to influence ecological processes and provide a variety of services to us, such as screening undesirable views and increasing habitat connectivity.

Conservation easements: voluntary, legally binding agreements that prevents development or limits certain types of uses on a piece of property for present and future use to protect the property's ecological or open-space values.

Greenway: a corridor of open land managed for conservation and/or recreation. Greenways may follow natural land or water features such as rivers, shorelines or ridges, or human landscape features such as abandoned railroad corridors, trails or canals. Greenways may form connections between communities, parks, historic and cultural sites, and nature preserves. Although they differ in location and function, they provide recreational benefits, protect natural areas or enhance natural beauty and quality of life, and/or stimulate economic development opportunities in neighborhoods and communities.

Riparian corridors: transitional areas between those characterized by terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. In other words, these are the areas between land and a river or stream.

Trail: a type of greenway which can accommodate one or many types of non-automobile users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, roller skaters, and wheelchair users. Trails can be used for recreation and/or transportation purposes, and can connect different land uses and facilities. Trails can be found in parks, natural environments, and other designated corridors.