

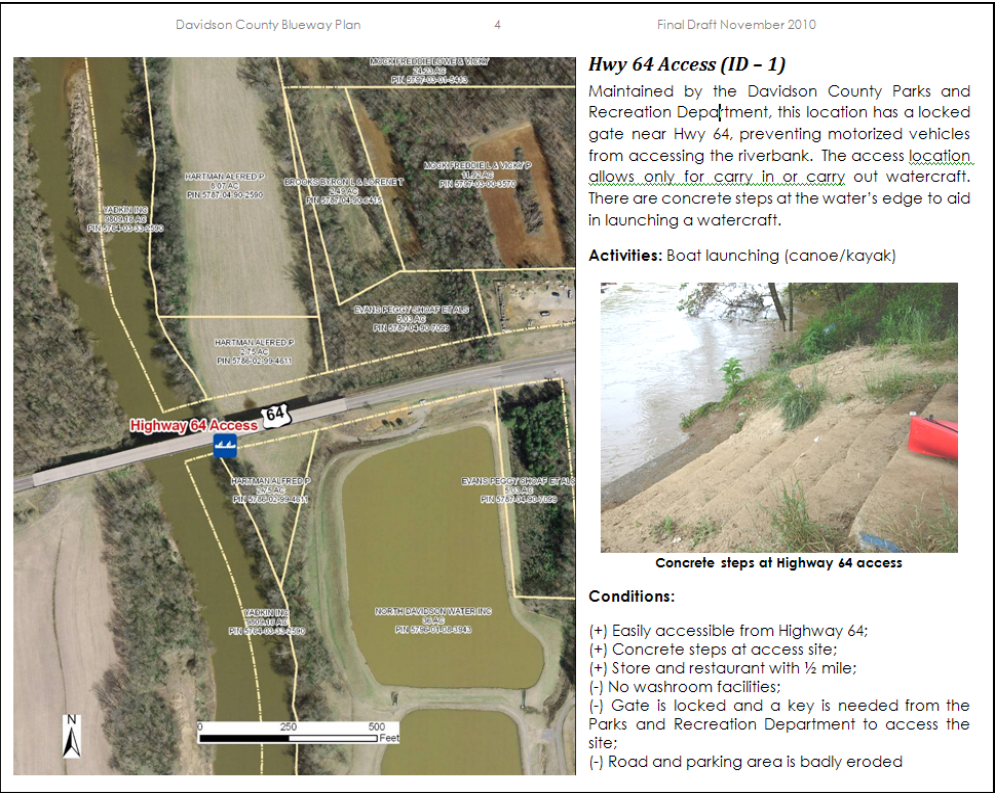
Action Steps

Following adoption of the Blueway Plan several steps will need to be taken to implement the Blueway Plan. These action steps are not necessarily in sequential order.

- 1. Organize an implementation committee. As an example an existing committee within the Davidson County Tourism and Recreation Investment Partnership (TRIP) the Central Land Trust or some other entity may be appropriate.
- 2. Discussion with the 6 different landowners at proposed access locations;
 - a. Send a copy of the plan and a cover letter to each landowner;
 - b. Include a request from an implementation committee member or another designee to meet with each landowner about their interest in developing a blueway access site; and
 - c. Gauge each landowner’s interest in plan implementation and prioritize access site development based on landowner’s willingness and interest.
- 3. Develop resources to acquire access site easements/acquisitions;
 - a. Acquire sites or access easements at proposed sites.
- 4. Secure matching funds and apply for grants to develop site plans and construction for each proposed facility where landowner agreements have been secured.
- 5. Create a paddle access site management agreement with participating local governments, non-profits and volunteers. Seek a small funding source to ensure there are enough resources to maintain existing and new

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Report Content: The full report includes a detailed analysis of all existing and proposed access locations. The existing Hwy 64 Access is shown here as an example. An aerial is shown to understand neighboring land uses; parcel information and roads are included as well. The site analysis includes a description of how to access the site, whether the access has a boat ramp or not, what activities are accommodated, a picture and the conditions that may need to be improved. Proposed access locations include GPS coordinates to confirm locations during the implementation phase. Paddle time to and from proposed sites is calculated based on the nearest existing public access.



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Davidson County Blueway Plan
Executive Summary

Overview

Recreational access to waterways has been a strong theme in recent planning efforts in Davidson County. The Davidson County Tourism and Recreation Investment Plan, Greenway Master Plan and the Piedmont Triad Regional Trail Plan & Inventory identified policy and action items to increase recreational access. There are a number of existing water access points along the Yadkin River and lakes in Davidson County, including High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Reservoir, Old City Lake and Lake Thom-A-Lex. This plan looks at the existing accesses, considers potential improvements and also identifies potential locations for new waterway access points.

Plan Contents

- Section 1 – Existing Blueway Access Site Conditions: examines existing water access locations and identifies potential areas of improvement. (P. 2 of full report)
- Section 2 – Proposed Blueway Access Site Locations: identifies potential new access locations. (P. 15)
- Section 3 – Implementation Plan: lists steps that need to be taken to implement the plan. (P. 41)
- Section 4 – Resources: includes organizations and resources to assist with plan implementation and information about design guidelines, assistance programs and safety information. (P. 42)



Getting ready to paddle at Boone’s Cave Park

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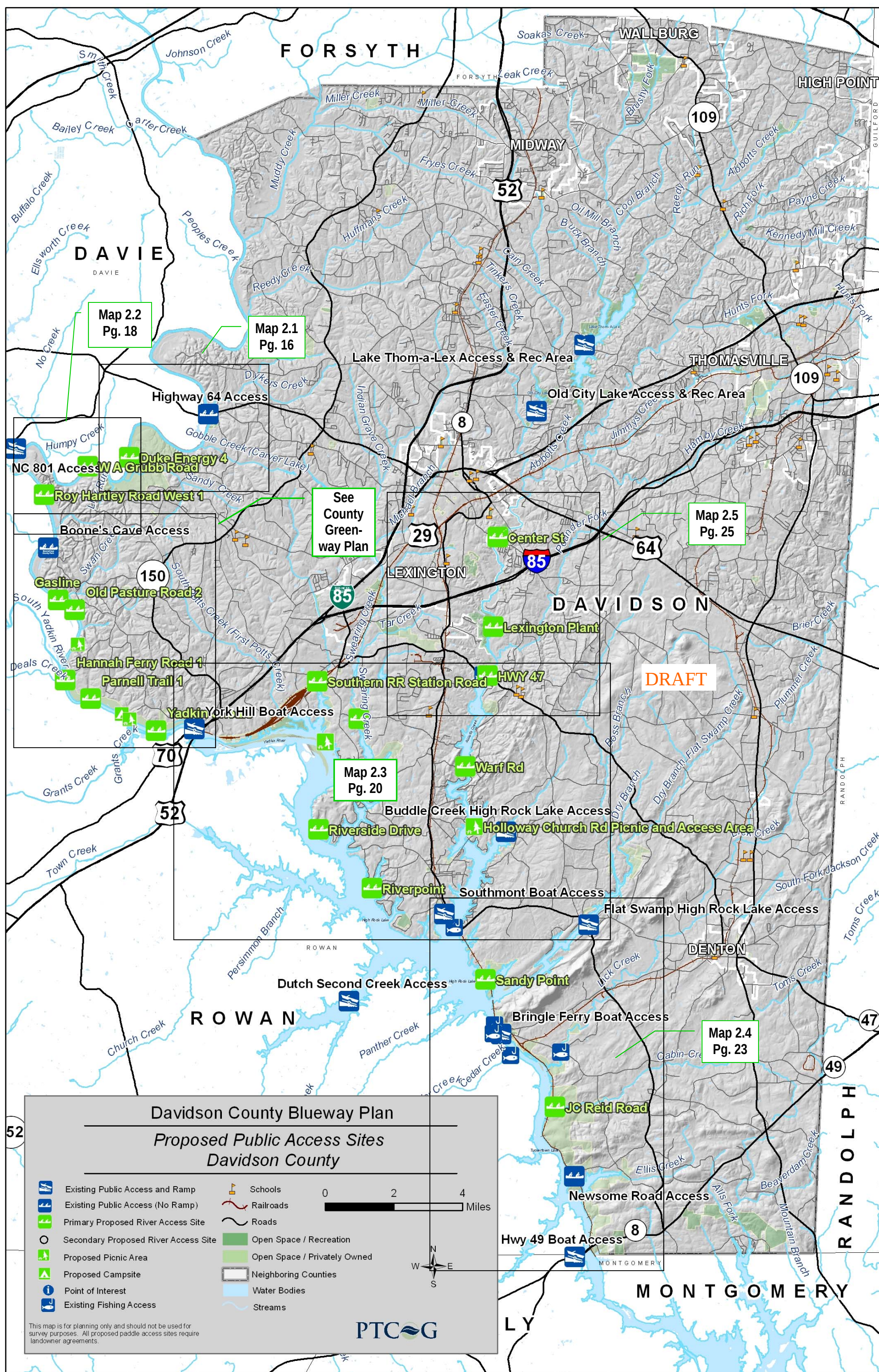
Findings

There are several areas to consider investing time and resources to improve public access to Davidson County’s waterways.

Existing Facilities: There are ten (10) existing public boat ramp or paddle access locations and four (4) public fishing access sites in Davidson County that are maintained by either Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department, NC Wildlife Resources, Alcoa-Yadkin or NCDOT. Some sites are maintained very well, other sites need improvement to access roads, more convenient gate access, washroom upgrades, general maintenance, etc.

Proposed Facilities: The plan identifies thirteen (13) newly proposed blueway access site locations to consider. The study area included the Yadkin River from US 64 and points south to the Montgomery County line (including High Rock Lake and Tuckertown Reservoir) and Abbotts Creek from Finch Park in the City of Lexington South to High Rock Lake.

Blueway Map Information: The inside pages display the locations of proposed water access sites. The full plan report has more detail on each proposed access site. The blueway map inside displays the boundaries of each detailed map inside the full report, refers to the map number and page number.



Bald Eagle Blueway Trail

