



CHARLOTTE RAIL TRAIL

Charlotte's four-mile-long Rail Trail is envisioned to be a unique urban experience—a “linear commons” where neighbors and visitors can meet and explore a dynamic and evolving platform for creativity, economy, and recreation. Exploratory, lab, and integrated art experiences are vetted with a diverse community involvement experience.

The Vision set the foundation for the Rail Trail Framework Plan, with the purpose of guiding future development of the Trail by addressing programming, design, governance, funding, and maintenance. The Plan provides the framework necessary to ensure that the Rail Trail becomes a place that connects community, commerce, and culture.

Various program themes include Lab Spaces (LABs) and Public Art. LABs are envisioned to be flexibly-designed creative spaces within nodes where participants can engage in cultural explorations that is self- or community-driven. LABs will vary in size, character, and function, and may take the form of cooperative work areas, exhibition galleries, or creative incubators. Public Art can take various forms and would be thoughtfully located at nodes and other locations along the Trail. Permanent public art encourages users to stop, reflect, and enjoy the uniqueness of a place.

LOCATION
Charlotte, NC

CLIENT
Charlotte Center City Partners

MARKET
Transit Oriented Development

