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## Hundreds enjoy Northend Greenway in first month open

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Northend Greenway is already a hit for residents on the north side of Harrisonburg.

The 0.6-mile greenway trail, which opened between Mount Clinton Pike and Suter Street on Sept. 4, has already seen a surge of people using it for recreation or to get to and from work or shopping. A usage counter from the Virginia Department of Transportation, which provided a \$600,000 grant for the project, was installed recently and tracks how many trips a day people take down the greenway. Though still a new addition to Harrisonburg, people are taking more than 40 trips each day, with nearly 400 being counted in just the past week as more and more people take advantage of the addition to the area.



*(Above) A bicyclist uses the Northend Greenway on Friday afternoon.*

For Harrisonburg Public Works, which constructs and maintains the City's greenway trails, being able to see how many in the community are enjoying this new path is a plus.

"We're very happy to see that the community has embraced this new trail, and to see that walkers and bicyclists are using it as a connection between neighborhoods and a place to get outdoors to enjoy nature in our city," Public Works Director Tom Hartman said. "We're excited to see those numbers grow as more people learn about this important connection in their community."

Residents interested in viewing the counter and seeing usage numbers for specific time periods can find it at [www.eco-public.com/ParcPublic/?id=4161](http://www.eco-public.com/ParcPublic/?id=4161). Please be aware, as the counter is maintained by a Canadian company, dates shown are in a day/month/year format.

**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).

