



Appendix A: Public Input Summary

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1. Overview

The purpose of this section is to provide a summary of the two Bolin Creek Greenway Open House Workshops – an important avenue for needs identification – that took place in May and September 2009. The purpose of the workshops was to invite the citizens of Carrboro to view, respond and mark on maps of the proposed Bolin Creek Greenway Alignment Alternatives, view educational display boards, share ideas about trail destinations and connections; and finally, to fill out a public comment form that contained specific questions relevant to trails in Carrboro.

2. Workshop Attendance

The first workshop was held at The Homestead Center in the north central part of Carrboro's planning jurisdiction, very near the project study area. Organizers of the workshop wanted to provide a location that was in close proximity to the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed greenway. At the May workshop, a total of 41 citizens signed the attendance registration sheet. A second open house workshop was held at the Century Center in September for citizens to view and respond to the Preferred Trail Alignment. There were 31 in attendance at the September workshop. Members of the Carrboro Greenways Commission were in attendance at both workshops. The meetings were also staffed by representatives from the Town and by the consultant team, Greenways Incorporated (GWI).

3. Summary of Public Workshop #1

Summary of Public Comment Cards

One of the workshop objectives at the public workshop was to have participants fill out comment cards, prepared by the Consultant. The comment card was designed to solicit direct feedback for each proposed trail alignment. Workshop participants were given one card for each alignment (3 total). At the top of each card, the name of the alignment was shown with a rating scale of 1 to 10 (1 being don't prefer, 10 prefer). Participants were asked to circle the number for their preference and write comments about why they made their selection on the cards. The responses to each question are summarized on the following pages. A total of 83 responses were recorded.

Summary of Public Comment Forms

Participants filled out public comment forms at both workshops, which were prepared by the Consultant. The comment form was designed to solicit input on a series of questions about trails in Carrboro. The responses to each question are summarized in the following text. A total of 31 responses were recorded for the first input session. The discrepancy between responses to the comment form and attendance at the meetings is due to a couple factors. First, some residents that attended the workshops picked up blank comment forms for friends and neighbors who were unable to attend the meetings. Second, the Town posted the comment form to a web site, and some residents downloaded the form and mailed it to the Town.

Summary of Comments on Cards - Workshop #1

Alignment	Rating	Comments
Creekside Trail	10	would like a connection to MLK & connect to Morris Grove. Need to connect to Fox Meadow
Creekside Trail	10	1) all streets used must have bike lanes; 2) connector to MGE must be done 1st
Creekside Trail	10	Best but depends on PH Craig
Creekside Trail	10	This is the only option.
Creekside Trail	10	I like this path because it runs primarily along the creek and from areas of people connection to other areas of people. It also forms a non fuel-based transportation corridor from one end of Carrboro to the other.
Creekside Trail	10	No comments
Creekside Trail	10	most natural
Creekside Trail	10	Focusing on this alternative provides a unique opportunity for reducing sediment and erosion impacts along Bolin Creek.
Creekside Trail	9	Appealing in that it would be the most "beautiful" probably and would provide an opportunity to fix up the very abused land along the creek.
Creekside Trail	9	I like going beside the creek - direct route -
Creekside Trail	9	This seems like a good plan as long as it doesn't increase sedimentation into Bolin Creek and/or encourage teenagers etc. to hang out, drink, etc. (i.e. - install good lighting, safety phones, be regularly patrolled by police officers on bikes).
Creekside Trail	8	No real eastern connection going north - maybe include one of the logging trails, include urban streets
Creekside Trail	8	No comments
Creekside Trail	8	I like the connection to the Estes Dr. bikepaths. I dislike the indirect connection of the Seawell/Smith/CHHS campus to downtown.
Creekside Trail	8	I like the zig-zagging of trail over creeks & under the railroad. Feel it adds interest to the recreation experience.
Creekside Trail	8	Like trail in sewer easement.
Creekside Trail	7	Prefer proximity to stream to upland trail.
Creekside Trail	6	Very pretty route
Creekside Trail	5	I like the way this takes advantage of already existing line (e.g., sewer). Also like the "creek-side" aspect.
Creekside Trail	5	Good solution to trail under RxR at Estes Dr. Connects to Wilson Pk.
Creekside Trail	5	Support only in part and if trail surfaces are natural. I support Boardwalk way along wetlands from Trip Farm Rd. Meadow North to Homestead - mixed natural surface, realizing this is not the Dept. of Transportation standard. Were Dept. of Transportation to waive the requirement for concrete/asphalt trail surface, I would support creekside trailway as a #1 preference, until and unless D.O.T. waives the restrictive trail surfacing I don't support it along the creek.
Creekside Trail	3	Too many creek crossings. Cause opportunities for washing w/ heavy rains.
Creekside Trail	2	By adding bike traffic you're taking away from how people in nearby neighborhoods utilize the creek trail. People like to let their kids run around and their are also a lot of dogs. By increasing traffic you're increasing accidents along the trail & have potential for having the people who live along the trails to use it less.
Creekside Trail	1	Oppose using creek corridor for transportation, intro of traffic, human & pet, destruction of natural area. Use transportation corridors for transportation, preserve natural quality of Bolin Creek.
Creekside Trail	1	Protect the riparian zone.
Creekside Trail	1	Would rather not have creekside along the whole trail.
Creekside Trail	1	No comments
Creekside Trail	don't prefer	I would like to see the existing sewer easement trail upgraded & maintained as a nature preserve trail - not a transportation corridor trail. The natural beauty of ecosystem in this area is precious & should be preserved in its most natural state. No to creekside trail as transportation trail!

Summary of Comments on Cards - Workshop #1

Alignment	Rating	Comments
Upland Forest Trail	prefer	the existing trail already provides access to the schools so it would be most practical for transportation uses. Also it would not disturb the natural habitat/beauty of Bolin Creek.
Upland Forest Trail	-	Like the Northern section as it connects Fox Meadow and adjacent neighborhoods. Like the connection to the schools.
Upland Forest Trail	10	Stay away from creek. Don't justify altering natural character of creek with suggestion that erosion will be controlled. Pets etc. will increase nutrient loading to creek.
Upland Forest Trail	10	The Upland Forest Trail supports transportation needs from Wilson Park through to each of the schools to Homestead Road. It is a good trailway to pave as it is in the Uplands-and given the need to use Dept. of Transportation Standards requiring cement or asphalt trails, it makes sense for it to be used where children can traverse terrain to get to and from school.
Upland Forest Trail	10	More efficient transportation by bike and foot. More economical. Less riparian zone disturbance.
Upland Forest Trail	10	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	10	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	10	Connects to Shetley BP via Wilson. Still needs crossing under RxR at Estes from Creekside Trail option.
Upland Forest Trail	8	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	8	There are few unpaved trails & paths for neighborhoods to use for relaxing walk with dogs & kids. This route allows the neighborhoods along the trail to utilize a more leisure trail.
Upland Forest Trail	8	I like getting from Fox Meadow to CHHS, and having the trail on the Fox Meadow side of the creek.
Upland Forest Trail	8	I like the direct (i.e. relatively short) connection from Seawell/Smith/CHHS to downtown, I dislike the lack of connection to the Estes Dr. bikepaths.
Upland Forest Trail	8	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	7	I do like going along the RR tracks - it provides an alternative to the other walking trails -
Upland Forest Trail	6.5	Prefer proximity to creek to high to upland trail.
Upland Forest Trail	6.5	don't know enough about this option, but I think I prefer the Creekside Trail more simply because there is already an existing path there.
Upland Forest Trail	6	I like the way this one makes access from Fox Meadow easier. (to go to Morris Grove & connect us to the rest of Carrboro, too!)
Upland Forest Trail	6	
Upland Forest Trail	6	Not crazy about RR portion, but having a continuous trail is better than not.
Upland Forest Trail	6	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	5	include thing into the creekside plan
Upland Forest Trail	4	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	4	This option has merit only if PH Craig refuses to allow the greenway along the creek. Still would still require his permission along r/r. Very unscentic!
Upland Forest Trail	3	Main appeal here seems to be directives for commuters. But as a bike commuter myself, I'd rather be along the creek.
Upland Forest Trail	1	No comments
Upland Forest Trail	1	too unuseful. does more damage. too much disturbance

Summary of Comments on Cards - Workshop #1

Alignment	Rating	Comments
Bolin Connector Trail	-	like the MLK connection. Not so much on pathway
Bolin Connector Trail	10	Opportunity to get some trails going! Get a base. Expand from there
Bolin Connector Trail	10	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	8	Like connection to roads. Creek crossing would need to be done carefully
Bolin Connector Trail	8	Like the MLK connection to creek, then connect to school. Like coming from Bolin Forest.
Bolin Connector Trail	7	I like using existing road networks
Bolin Connector Trail	6	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	6	Fairly direct (although not toward town); but does not disturb the creek as much as the Creekside Trail
Bolin Connector Trail	6	Nice that this uses part of the old logging road, but really parts of this are appealing only as stopgap connectors. Paths along neighborhood roads are useful but don't bring people out of their houses like true greenways do.
Bolin Connector Trail	6	Neutral - I am afraid the neighborhoods will object. Is this a safe option for bikes, children?
Bolin Connector Trail	5.5	Prefer use of floodplain for trail itself; but feel that trails to Carolina North and to Street network are important pieces of entire system.
Bolin Connector Trail	5	Last resort if PH Craig does not allow access necessary for 2 other options
Bolin Connector Trail	4	I feel that street trails reduce usability. I like the street connections but with small children won't use street bike lanes. As an adult on my own the street bike lanes are great.
Bolin Connector Trail	4	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	3	Many disconnect points
Bolin Connector Trail	3	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	3	Prefer more natural/rustic trails to "urban" street trails. Upcoming Carolina North development may increase traffic, impacting the use of current roads which the trails will follow. Traffic/parking changes to Pathway Drive.
Bolin Connector Trail	3	Using the roads is not as pleasing an experience. The main advantage is if access is controlled. It could provide a short term alternative.
Bolin Connector Trail	3	Too much work to do along Pathway Dr. No outlet to Wilson Park or Estes Dr.
Bolin Connector Trail	2	I understand the plusses of incorporating already existing bikeway roads, but I would be uncomfortable having my small children on the roads. Would prefer something more separate from cars.
Bolin Connector Trail	1	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	1	Prefer work through Hillsborough Rd & MLK Park to Tripp Farm Rd keep off Pathway Dr. parked cars on Pathway Dr. already block bikeways. CN parking would create parking/traffic problems
Bolin Connector Trail	1	Awkward Not efficient. Still impacts the riparian zone.
Bolin Connector Trail	1	No comments
Bolin Connector Trail	1	I live in downtown, I'm interested in child-friendly bikeability to the Seawell/Smooth/CHHS Campus, & otherwise bypassing the nasty stretch of Estes Dr. ext. This alignment is irrelevant to me.
Bolin Connector Trail	1	using roadways instead is undesirable & presents safety perspectives. This option does provide alternative if PH says "No, no, no!"
Bolin Connector Trail	1	Don't like the thought of myself or kids having to ride on bike lanes on busy (or not busy) streets. Would much prefer greenways through the woods/fields/etc.

Comment Card Preference Results - Workshop #1

The following pages quantify the results of the three alignment alternatives from the May public workshop based on individuals' preference of the alignments on a scale of 1 to 10. Overall, the majority of workshop attendees preferred the Creekside Trail; however connections that resulted from the Upland Forest Trail alignment were also very popular. The numeric values seen within the graphs refer to actual number of ratings.

Creekside Trail

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THIS ALIGNMENT:

DON'T PREFER
PREFER

COMMENTS: *Appealing in that it would be the most "beautiful" probably and would provide an opportunity to fix up the very abused land along the creek.*

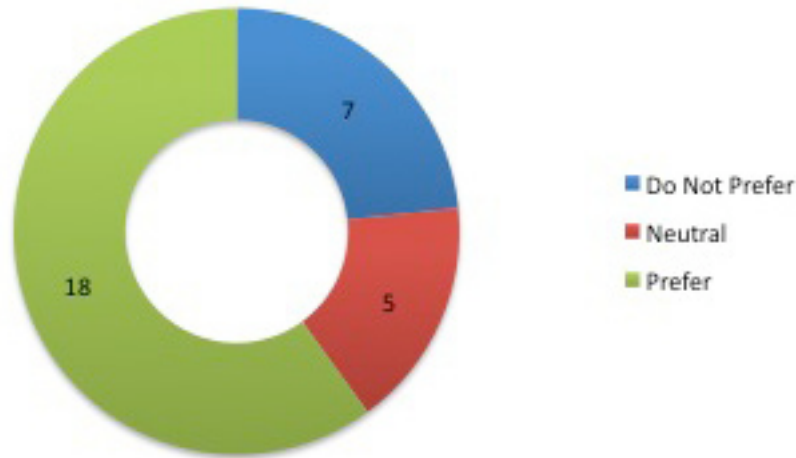
Example of comment card from workshop



Photos from the first public workshop, held at the Homestead Community Center.

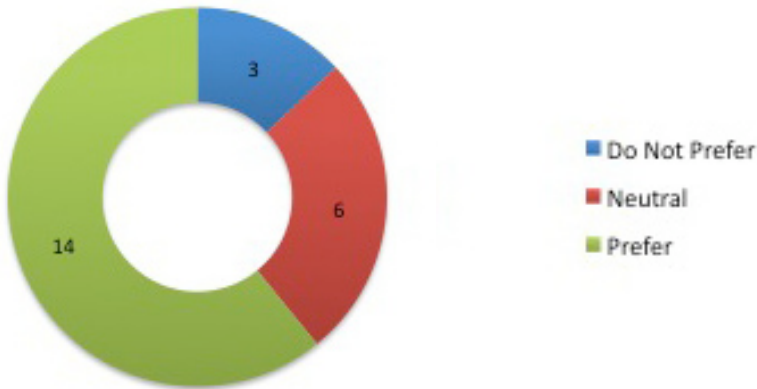
Creekside Trail Alignment

Total number of respondents: 30



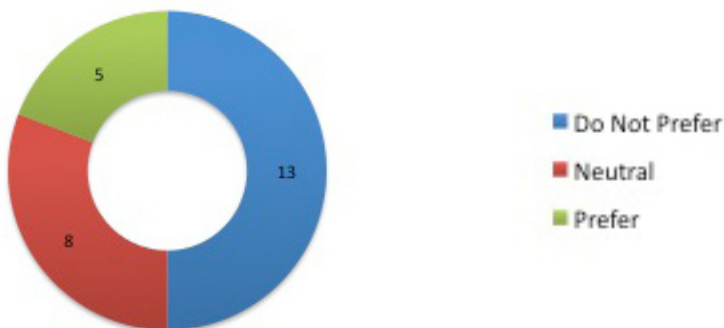
Upland Forest Alignment

Total number of respondents: 23






Bolin Connector Alignment


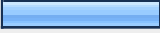
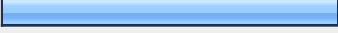
Total number of respondents: 26




Question 1: How important to you is the goal of creating more trails in Carrboro?

		Response Percent	Response Count
very important		79.3%	23
somewhat important		17.2%	5
not important		3.4%	1

Question 2: How often do you use trails in Carrboro?

		Response Percent	Response Count
never		0.0%	0
few times per year		24.1%	7
few times per month		24.1%	7
few times per week		51.7%	15


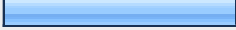
Question 3: Do you or have you used the corridor along Bolin Creek?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	29
No		0.0%	0

Question 4: What are the most significant factors that present obstacles for your ability to use trails in Carrboro?

	#1	#2	#3	Rating Average	Response Count
Lack of information about local trails	22.2% (2)	55.6% (5)	22.2% (2)	2.00	9
Unsafe street crossings	50.0% (3)	16.7% (1)	33.3% (2)	1.83	6
Lack of interest	0.0% (0)	33.3% (1)	66.7% (2)	2.67	3
Lack of time	75.0% (6)	25.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.25	8
Personal safety concerns	0.0% (0)	66.7% (2)	33.3% (1)	2.33	3
Located on private property	25.0% (1)	25.0% (1)	50.0% (2)	2.25	4
Accessibility concerns	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	25.0% (2)	2.00	8
Lack of connections	50.0% (9)	27.8% (5)	22.2% (4)	1.72	18
Other	28.6% (2)	14.3% (1)	57.1% (4)	2.29	7


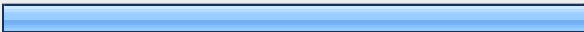
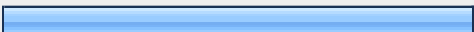
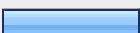

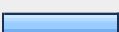
Question 5: Would you use trails more often if you could easily bike to, walk to, or park at a trailhead?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		64.3%	18
No		0.0%	0
I can already access trails.		35.7%	10

Question 6: For what purposes would you use the Bolin Creek Greenway in the future? (Rank Top 3)

	#1	#2	#3	Rating Average	Response Count
Fitness or recreation	71.4% (20)	28.6% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.29	28
Getting to and from destinations in Carrboro/Chapel Hill	33.3% (6)	61.1% (11)	5.6% (1)	1.72	18
Socializing	0.0% (0)	18.2% (2)	81.8% (9)	2.82	11
Walking the dog	12.5% (1)	37.5% (3)	50.0% (4)	2.38	8
Environmental education	33.3% (1)	66.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.67	3
Other	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (2)	3.00	2

Question 7: What modes of activity would you use on the Bolin Creek Greenway?



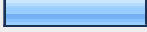
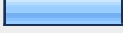
		Response Percent	Response Count
Bicycling		89.7%	26
Walking		89.7%	26
Running/Jogging		72.4%	21
Using a stroller		20.7%	6
Using a wheelchair		3.4%	1
Roller-blading		17.2%	5
Other (please specify)			2

Other: various provided the amenities i.e. bird-watching, community/pavilion rental, lawn sporting facilities, Art-walk, sponsored recreation events; hiking - nature/birding/geology

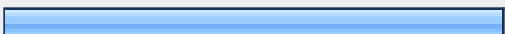
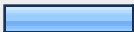

Question 8: What destinations would you most like to get to by trail?

	#1	#2	#3	Rating Average	Response Count
MLK Park	50.0% (2)	25.0% (1)	25.0% (1)	1.75	4
Wilson Park	14.3% (1)	28.6% (2)	57.1% (4)	2.43	7
Anderson Park	0.0% (0)	25.0% (1)	75.0% (3)	2.75	4
Other Carrboro parks	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (2)	3.00	2
Downtown Carrboro	33.3% (5)	40.0% (6)	26.7% (4)	1.93	15
UNC	37.5% (3)	25.0% (2)	37.5% (3)	2.00	8
Carolina North forest	55.6% (5)	22.2% (2)	22.2% (2)	1.67	9
Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools	62.5% (10)	25.0% (4)	12.5% (2)	1.50	16
Chapel Hill	15.4% (2)	61.5% (8)	23.1% (3)	2.08	13

Question 9: How would you rate the current environmental conditions along the Bolin Creek corridor?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		32.1%	9
Fair		28.6%	8
Poor		21.4%	6
Do not know		17.9%	5


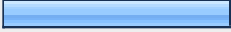


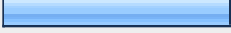
Question 10: What is your interest in improving environmental conditions along Bolin Creek (ex. water quality,

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important		76.9%	20
Somewhat important		19.2%	5
Not important		3.8%	1

Question 11: Do you have any other comments?

- For the Bolin Creek Greenway to become a reality, the Town of Carrboro must sit down and negotiate with P.H. Craig to purchase a portion of his property along the creek or a conservation easement to construct the greenway through his property. Mr. Craig has offered to sell the Town up to 25 acres but the Town sits on its butt and twiddles its thumbs. So in the meantime the economy has tanked, the Town and County are broke, and the CWMTF has also gone belly up. Shame on Carrboro!!
- my interest in improving the tracks are for safer, more efficient travel in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro communities by bike, walking, running
- Great ideas. Would like to see expansion to even more of Chapel Hill.
- I would much prefer not to have the corridor trail going along the creek. I like the trail that goes closer to the rail. I do also like the idea of the boardwalk along creek where environmental danger/flooding is typical. I like keeping most of the trail for recreational use, not transport.
- All three plans have good features. -Don't have the trail run close to any neighborhoods that do not have a way to get to it (via a path, or a bridge over water, etc.)
- No sure how good the water quality is. A continuous trail from Estes to Hogan Farms is highly desirable. As a biker, my highest priority is a bike shoulder on Estes Extension from CH border to Greensboro.
- I'm most concerned to have short term workarounds for the poor bike connection between the bike lanes on Estes Rd. (from MLK to approx. Hillcrest) & the bike lanes on N. Greensboro St. I'm particularly interested in child-bikeable routes from downtown to the Seawell/Smith/CHHS Campus. I like the 'Creekside' alignment's connection of Wilson Park & Estes Rd., but dislike its lack of direct connection to the schools. I like the 'Upland Forest' Alignment's direct connection to the schools, but dislike its lack of connection to Estes. I'd most prefer a combination of 'Creekside' & 'Upland Forest' that provided a direct connection to the school campus from downtown. (I find the 'Bolin Connector' alignment irrelevant to my needs)
- I am very interested in connections/accessibility to the trail. We are residents of Fox Meadow and would like very much to access the trail to go to Morris Grove Elem. School and south to the parks and the town of Carrboro.
- It's a gorgeous trail but is very eroded. The Bolin Creek Corridor should be protected. Please protect the Bolin Creek corridor! Turning the trail into a paved transportation corridor will spoil the quiet & natural beauty & wildlife habitat
- For as progressive as Carrboro/Chapel Hill are, it seems like a no-brainer to have an excellent greenway system in place - allowing residents to easily, "greenly," safely, and quickly connect to friends, family, shopping, restaurants, and schools. A great greenway system would allow residents to "buy local" and create a strong community much more effectively than requiring us to get into the car for everything. Thanks for your efforts & help!! :)
- Thank you! Great maps! Please post all materials online, and put all three proposed trail systems on the same digital map, so we can better compare/contrast.
- I sense a separation of public attitude towards the paving or non-paving issue near creeks. I support paving options or boardwalks. P.S. It's strong.
- Go for connectivity (trails that go places) and providing an accessible, long, linear park where all types of will enjoy, walking, running, cycling, roller blading, spending time with family
- i would be interested in helping work and this plan! Great work! Mike VanHoy 338-8010 NURoseBowl@nc.rr.com
- Please consult with adjacent property owners on Turtleback Crossing re: the Bolin Creek Crossing / greenway.
- I probably shouldn't admit this, but I really don't care much about trails. What bugs me is that my kids can't bike from where we live, on Cheek St, to their schools (Smith and Chapel Hill High) because of the dangerous stretch of Estes Rd right at North Greensboro. So I'm interested in ways they can avoid that, since I have no clue when Carrboro is going to fix that. A trail from Wilson Park across Bolin Creek to the schools would be great!

Question 12: How did you hear about this project?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Newspaper ad		8.7%	2
Web blog/forum		34.8%	8
Public television/radio		0.0%	0
Word of mouth		56.5%	13
Town website		26.1%	6
Flyer		34.8%	8
Other (please specify)			9


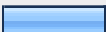



Other:

- I am a member of the Carrboro Greenways Commission
- Email from Spring Valley Homeowners Assoc.
- home owner organization
- email: neighborhood listserve
- fox meadow listserve
- flyer from Morris Grove
- email forwarded from Carrboro Parks & Rec
- email
- email

Question 13: What is your zip code?

- 27510 (10)
- 27516 (11)
- 27514 (2)

Question 14: Where do you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Carrboro		73.1%	19
Chapel Hill		15.4%	4
Downtown Carrboro		3.8%	1
Orange County		3.8%	1
Hillsborough		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		3.8%	1

Workshop participants were also asked to provide written comments on maps, supplied by the consultant Greenways Incorporated. For each trail alignment alternative, a map was provided for marking comments, drawing connections, and suggesting areas for improvement. Each map is shown with written comments, and the following section summarizes the comments written on the maps.

BOLIN CREEK GREENWAY

"Creekside" Trail

- Utilizes existing disturbed corridor
- Provides the opportunity for environmental improvements
- Maximizes creekside experience
- Improves Estes Drive corridor

Will require cooperation of railroad

Will require environmental permitting in northern sections

Numerous tributary crossings necessitate bridges and permits

TOTAL TRAIL LENGTH: 17,220 LINEAR FEET (3.26 MILES)

TOTAL BRIDGE XINGS: 4

TOTAL TRIBUTARY XINGS: 9

LEGEND

- Existing Bicycle Facilities
- Proposed Bicycle Facilities
- Existing Paved Trails
- Proposed Rail Trail
- Existing Foot Trails
- Power Easement
- Abandoned Logging Roads
- Sewer Easement
- Do Not Enter Property
- Water
- Steep Slopes
- Town/County Owned Property
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Limits

***** Proposed Off-Road Multi-Use Trail

***** Proposed Trail by Others

***** Proposed On-Road Multi-Use Trail

I want a path to my school & me too.

consideration Lake Rules and To absolutely riparian zones. Can The creekside Trail be right?

This section of trail will require wetland mitigation efforts and boardwalk surfacing

This stretch of trail scheduled for construction per town of Carrboro plans

Will require cooperation of railroad

Will require environmental permitting in northern sections

Numerous tributary crossings necessitate bridges and permits

Utilizes existing disturbed corridor

Provides the opportunity for environmental improvements

Maximizes creekside experience

Improves Estes Drive corridor

Total Trail Length: 17,220 Linear Feet (3.26 Miles)

Total Bridge Xings: 4

Total Tributary Xings: 9

Creekside Trail

Upland Forest Trail



Bolin Connector Trail



Summary of Map Comments

The text below was taken directly from the public input maps present at the workshop:

Creekside Trail Input Map

- 1) Morris Grove Elementary
 - Would love to be able to ride bikes instead of getting in the car everyday when dropping and picking up kids from Morris Grove Elementary
 - Would like a path to school
 - The dirt path is walkable and bikeable as is
- 2) Proposed Trail into Existing Lake Hogan Farms Trail
 - Consult with adjacent property owners new trail
- 3) Lake Hogan Farms Trail into Future Trail
 - Pave connection between Lake Hogan Farms and Claremont/ Winmore to increase walkability in Chapel Hill/ Carrboro
- 4) Claremont I
 - Need to get to school faster
- 5) Trail West of Carolina North Forest
- 6) Across the Top Near Fox Meadow
 - E/W to Chapel Hill
- 7) General Comment
 - Take into consideration Jordan Lake rules and the need to protect riparian zones. Can the Creekside Trail move 100' to the right?

Upland Forest Trail Input Map

- 1) Morris Grove Elementary
 - Would like a path from neighborhood to Morris Grove
- 2) Tie Proposed Trail into Future Trail
 - The area that is beyond the purple arrow that points north off of the page is important
- 3) Fox Meadow
 - Is it possible to construct a path that runs NW-SE along the existing stream corridor within the next 2 years
- 4) Lake Hogan Farms
 - Beaver activity exist along the orange line that runs through Lake Hogan Farms
 - Is there be a public access point to the existing trail that runs through Lake Hogan Farms
 - "Path continues" comment made east of proposed trails that runs through Lake Hogan Farms
- 5) Proposed Trail into Existing Lake Hogan Farms Trail
 - Paved path from Lake Hogan Farms to Chapel Hill High School would be welcomed
- 6) Chapel Hill/ Carrboro Schools
 - Connect proposed off-road multi-use trail to high school
- 7) Carolina North Forest
 - Boardwalk or close highlighted area marked by zone 1
 - Close wetland trail, move 100' east
 - Having a trail along the creek will increase volume (south end of Carolina North Forest)
- 8) Private Property
 - Playground near stream (south of the private property label) is private, if the trail is built will he public use it?
 - Why not connect to Seawell School Road (marked at yellow asterisk adjacent to private property label)
- 9) Work with Town of Chapel to Connect Greenway Network
 - More economical to bring across railroad Estes Drive extension
 - Why not connect to Estes Road
- 10) General Comments
 - There is a large population east of Carolina North Forest
 - Can these maps be put online for comparison?

Bolin Connector Trail Map Input

- 1) Tie Proposed Trail into Existing Claremont Trail
 - Increase bike lane to McDougle
- 2) Proposed On-Road Multi-Use Trail (Carrboro)
 - "Bike lane?" referring to the proposed trail that runs from Carrboro to Carolina North Forest
- 3) Private Property
 - "Parking issues?" referring to the end of the proposed trail south of the private property label
- 4) Wilson Park
 - Northeast "bikeable path" from yellow asterisk in Wilson Park to Adams Tract

**Conclusion from Workshop #1**

On May 20th, 2009, the Town of Carrboro held a public open house to solicit input for the conceptual master plan of the Bolin Creek Greenway. Workshop attendees were asked to fill out a comment card rating their preference for each proposed trail alignment; write comments on large scale maps of the project; and fill out a paper comment form about trails in Carrboro.

The majority of workshop participants preferred the *Creekside Trail* of all three proposed alignments because of the proximity to the creek, environmental restoration opportunities, natural setting, and the previously disturbed corridor. Opponents of the *Creekside Trail* were concerned with the number of creek crossings, increased trail traffic, and feared further disturbance to the riparian zone. The *Bolin Connector Trail* alignment was the least popular among participants. Concerns included the lack of safety for children along roadways, increased traffic problems, unappealing trail experience, and increased costs of construction. Participants were more neutral in their rating of the *Upland Forest Trail* alignment; however, their comments favored connections made in the design. Proponents preferred the direct connections being made to schools and the decreased riparian disturbance; while opponents criticized the lack of natural beauty and increased disturbance in upland areas.

Preferred

- 49% Creekside Trail
- 38% Upland Forest Trail
- 13% Bolin Connector Trail

Undecided/Neutral

- 42% Bolin Connector Trail
- 32% Upland Forest Trail
- 26% Creekside Trail

Opposed

- 57% Bolin Connector
- 30% Creekside Trail
- 13% Upland Forest Trail

Based on the paper comment forms, many workshop participants claimed they would use the proposed Bolin Creek Greenway for recreation; however, transportation and socializing were also considered important. Many users claimed to use trails a few times per week, and would use trails more if trailheads were more accessible. Top destinations desired to be connected by trails were:

- 1) Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools
- 2) Town of Chapel Hill
- 3) Downtown Carrboro
- 4) Carrboro Parks

It is apparent through the results of the first public input session that citizens of Carrboro prefer a greenway that is set in a natural setting, as an off-road facility that will accommodate children, in an existing disturbed corridor that has proximity to Bolin Creek. Connections to schools, parks and the Town of Chapel Hill should be priorities, as these destinations are frequented for recreation and socialization. *Based on results from Workshop #1, it was recommended that the Town consider a combination of the Creekside Trail alignment and the Upland Forest Trail alignment due to the amount of positive response for both.* Both alignments meet the needs of Carrboro trail users while providing future connections for regional trails in the vicinity.

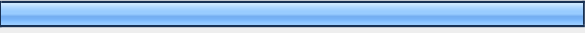
4. Summary of Public Workshop #2

On September 21st, 2009, a second public workshop was conducted to present the Draft Conceptual Alignment. The workshop was held at the Century Center, located in downtown Carrboro. There were 31 attendees at the September workshop. Educational boards, illustrative graphics boards, and two large copies of the preferred greenway alignment were presented where participants gathered to discuss and comment on the proposed alignment.

Summary of Comment Forms

Participants filled out public comment forms that targeted specific input for the preferred alignment. The responses to each question are summarized in the following text. A total of 19 responses were recorded for the second public input session.

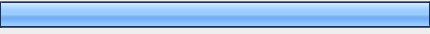


1. Are there any additional connections along the Bolin Creek corridor you would like to see made that have not been shown?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No, enough connections have been made		100.0%	13
There are too many connections		0.0%	0
Yes (please specify)			5

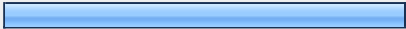
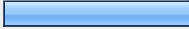
Comments:

- Need East-West from T(ri)pp (Farm) Road to McDo(ug)le and Chapel Hill
- Connector from McDoug(l)e Schools perhaps using bike path that comes out on Autumn Drive
- Connect existing Bolin Creek trail to University Mall
- Looks good I like the additional connections since the last forum
- There might be enough connections but many in the lower (southern) neighborhoods are hard to find (unmarked)



2. What is the primary reason you use the corridor along Bolin Creek?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Exercise/Fitness		73.7%	14
Getting to and from destinations		21.1%	4
Socializing		0.0%	0
Walking the dog		0.0%	0
Environmental Education		0.0%	0
Meditation/Respite		5.3%	1
Other (please specify)			0

3. If the trail was built as shown in the proposed conceptual plan, how would that effect your use of the corridor?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would use the trail more often		68.4%	13
I would use the trail less often		0.0%	0
I would not change my use of the corridor		31.6%	6

4. Do you support the Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Plan that you have seen today?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.7%	18
No		5.3%	1
Yes, with the following changes:			4


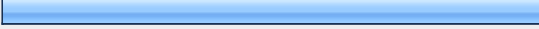
Comments:

- Would love to have 1/2 gravel surface of some variety
- But need NW Crossing
- Please work with Chapel Hill to connect the existing greenways.
- Not clear paving is truly necessary for the most part the existing soil and gravel works ok

5. If you answered "no" to the previous question, please specify your reason:

- I would prefer a nature trail along the creek and transportation corridor to be closer to the schools.



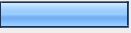


6. Trailheads provide ancillary features for greenways such as parking, water fountains, trash receptacles, and kiosks. Based on the proposed number and location of trailheads shown on the Plan, please select the following:

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would like to see fewer trailheads		7.7%	1
I am happy with the amount of proposed trailheads		92.3%	12
I would like to see additional trailheads (please specify location)			1

Comments:

- more specific location

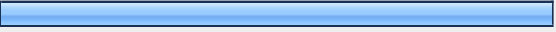

7. The proposed Bolin Creek Greenway project is being funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). NCDOT has defined specific standards for trail development, one of which includes providing approved surfacing on greenways that will accommodate all non-motorized users (including bicycles, wheelchairs, and strollers). What type of surfacing do you prefer for the Bolin Creek Greenway? (select one)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Asphalt		50.0%	7
Concrete		7.1%	1
Recycled Material (such as scrap tires)		21.4%	3
Raised Boardwalk		14.3%	2
None of the above		7.1%	1
Other/Multiple (please specify)			11

Comments:

- Or some sort of soft surface (more natural)
- Whatever is cheapest so we get the most
- Whatever is greenest at an affordable price
- Perhaps if your consultant was open to different materials this concept might go further. An impervious surface would be nice.
- Not sure- hard surface, whatever is economical and last
- Recycled Material
- Raised boardwalk seems to be the standard with regards to eco-friendliness. Also concerned about the impact of the installation process.
- As long as it is flat, it works
- Aren't there natural surfaces that are usable by those users as well?
- Would prefer gravel alongside paved to accommodate runners.
- If it has to be surfaced do whatever you think is best.

8. Goals of the proposed Bolin Creek Greenway project are 1) to protect and improve water quality along Bolin and Jones Creek; 2) to provide safe and accessible non-motorized connections to various uses along the corridor; and 3) to enhance and preserve the recreational resource that exists along Bolin Creek. Based on your understanding of the project, are these goals being met? (select one)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.4%	17
I don't know		5.6%	1
No (please explain)			1

Comments:

- There is no mention of preservation of the forest, wildlife and natural environment

Summary of Map Comments

Because map comments were nominal during Workshop #2, images of the maps are not included. A summary of all comments are listed below.

1. Access schools from future UNC housing development?
2. Connect to "The Highlands"
3. The proposed bridge over Bolin Creek near Homestead Rd. is key for school access!
4. Put as many bridges as possible to connect to neighborhoods (Written on PH Craig property)
5. Provide access to Horn Hollow
6. Connect to McDougal
7. Install a crosswalk on Estes Dr. to slow traffic!

Conclusion from Workshop #2

Based on map comments, comment forms, and workshop dialogue, the majority of Carrboro workshop participants at the September workshop support the Draft Preferred Alignment for the Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Plan. Of the respondents questioned, 94.7% were in support of the trail as it was presented at the September workshop. Suggestions for improving the alignment include having a combined surfacing; a crossing to Wexford; and tie-ins to Chapel Hill's greenways. Exercise and fitness, getting to and from destinations, and meditation were some of the preferred uses along the corridor, and there was a positive response from participants that the trail, if built, would be used frequently by citizens of Carrboro. Providing connections to all neighborhoods continues to be desired by participants.