

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee Meeting 9/10/09

(present: Edeburn, Korest, Youngblood, Kent, Fisher, Schuster, Fowler, Masten, Welch, Chris Smith)

- Chris Smith introduced: masters student at Nicholas School of the Environment, who will be helping us this year with interpretation and environmental education planning for Hollow Rock park. Chris has done summer work in two Tennessee state parks, one natural, the other historical. Chris strongly encouraged to coordinate his work at Hollow Rock with Schuster/Korest, Fisher, and Shaw.

- Kent discussed proposed dog kennel on upper section of New Hope Creek
 - special use permit already in hand
 - neighbors taking issue to court
 - may be late to block kennel
 - Kent will send Youngblood more information so that she can further research.

- Korest explained progress on Hollow Rock process
 - Durham/Chapel Hill/Orange (D/CH/O) work group discussed proposed Hollow Rock budget at June meeting. Budget revision (reduction) requested by group, because of weak economy. Nonessential elements of Phase 1 moved to a “Phase 1B”. These include items such as overlooks and purchase of TLC parcel, as well as reductions in other areas such as educational signage. Essential elements to the opening of the park, “Phase 1A”, were left in budget. Revised budget presented electronically to members of Hollow Rock Planning committee, and will go before Governing Bodies for adoption in Oct.
 - Korest will present Hollow Rock progress (revised budget) at Oct. DOST meeting.
 - Korest suggested that finalized Hollow Rock plan/budget be passed by NHCCAC for approval (or changes) recommendation to BOCC

- Edeburn brought up for discussion a possible new sewer outfall through Duke Forest, in the New Hope drainage.
 - City has approached Duke about running new gravity flow sewer line along southeast side of Erwin Rd., from area of traffic circle intersection with Hwy 751, continuing across Cornwallis Rd, then approximately paralleling Mud Creek.
 - Would replace sewage outflow now carried by pump station at Erwin/751 intersection that moves sewage over 15-501 rise. That pump station is now at maximum capacity.

- Agreed that from environmental impact point of view, a gravity flow line is preferable, as pumps are subject to spills caused by electrical outages, and pump breakdown.
- Reduction of standard 30 ft clearing swath for sewer right of way should be requested
- Cleared right of way does offer opportunity for emplacement of trail which is on New Hope Creek master plan at that approximate location, from intersection, to along Mud Creek.

- Offer made to help Schuster lay out trail location along New Hope Creek starting from Hollow Rock area (weekdays)

- Durham Centerfest will be 19 and 20 Sept. DOST has offered to share booth with NHCCAC. Sign up sheet to be sent around electronically.