

New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee
Durham Public Library, Shannon Road
January 21, 2004, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Bracey, Kevin Brice, Lorelei Costa, Marc deBree, Muriel Easterling, Judd Edeburn, Jeff Fisher, Walter Fowler, Mike Giles, Ed Harrison, Bill Hutchins, John Kent, Joan Magat, Marin Magat, Johnny Randall, Sally Robertson, Hildegard Ryals, Rich Shaw, Tom Stark

The two primary results of the retreat were A) we identified five areas for action, for which members volunteered to serve B) we mapped protection areas where individual organizations are focusing their activities.

The five action areas/subgroups are listed below with some of the individual tasks that fall under each action area. A list of individuals that expressed interest in working with the individual subgroups is also included.

Each of these groups will meet in February and the full New Hope Creek Advisory Group will meet in March.

1. Stewardship

- a. identify needs on protected properties and facilitate solutions

Judd Edeburn, chair, Mike Giles, Jeff Fisher

2. Educating community

- a. Website
- b. Events, hikes
- c. Trail building
- d. Streamwatch
- e. Schools
- f. Public relations

Walter Fowler, chair, John Kent, Gail Boyarsky, Jeff Fisher, Marin and Joan Magat, Sally Robertson (website)

3. Review development proposals

- a. Recruit people
- b. Review development proposals
- c. Review DOT Road proposals
- d. Lobby to get NHCCAC member on Durham DRB

Marc deBree, chair, Ed Harrison, Cherry Smith, Rich Shaw

4. Relationships with stakeholders

- a. All local governments, elected officials and staff
- b. Cultivate cooperation with the Durham City Parks and Recreation
- c. Establish active representation between NHCCAC and local government committees
- d. Internet site?
- e. Parks Departments, Planning departments, elected officials
- f. Telephone calls, invite to meetings, special events
- g. Person contacts
- h. Listserve
- i. Celebrate success
- j. Systematize the links

Hildegard Ryals, chair, John Kent (program), Bill Hutchins (listserv), Sally Robertson (website), Ed Harrison (hikes)

5. Monitor progress

- a. Need information from all entities
- b. Report progress to elected officials
- c. Set priorities

Lorelei Costa, chair, Mike Giles, Ed Harrison

New Hope Creek Corridor Protection Projects

Durham County

- Durham County's Clean Water Management Trust Fund money has expired.
- Durham County trying to protect the stream corridor from the county line to 15-501 but landowners don't want to sell.
- "Oak Ridge 58": 66 acres, start park quality, all floodplain but landowners won't sell for appraised value.

Durham City

- Durham City had no representatives at meeting, but committee thinks that the city is working on New Hope Creek tributaries

Triangle Land Conservancy

- Hollow Rock area, Erwin Road to county line (Trinity School, Wade Penny)
- Steep Bottom Expansion (New Hope Creek headwaters)
- Johnston Mill Nature Preserve to Duke Forest

Orange County

- Orange County also working on Hollow Rock area and the one-mile stretch from Erwin Road to the county line
- Orange County working on rustic trail concept from Homestead Park to Blackwood Division of Duke Forest to Johnston Mill Nature Preserve to Korstian Division of Duke Forest

Duke Forest

- Duke may want to sell two outliers north of Blackwood Division (committee should make sure that Duke sells to a conservation owner)
- Duke Forest concentrating on protecting land to connect their divisions and fill in holes

Chapel Hill

- Chapel Hill concentrating on Dry Creek 32A acquisition

Other

- Trinity school has grant money for trail building
- Kirkland tract across from Johnston Mill Nature Preserve should be a priority

Submitted by Muriel Easterling