

**New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee
Minutes
Meeting of May 12, 2005**

In attendance:

**Hildegard Ryals, Chair
Bob Healy
Bill Hutchinson
John Kent
Walter Fowler
Sally Robertson, Information Coordinator
Deb Christie
Billy Olive**

1. Turkey Farm Rd bridge

John Kent reported that Jud Edeburn, Duke Forest Manager, has a active interest in the repair/reconstruction/replacement of the Turkey Farm Rd bridge and would be in touch with the Greensboro Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) concerning their plans for the bridge. John suggested that we request a DOP representative to make a presentation at the next meeting of the NHCCAC.

2. Meeting times of NHCCAC

It was suggested that the NHCCAC meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, since Durham Open Space and Trails (DOST) meets each month on the 3rd Wednesday. By meeting before DOST, NHCCAC will be able to provide comments to DOST on proposed developments affecting the New Hope Creek Corridor. The NHCCAC usually meets at Forest View Elementary, and it is important that Mr. Winston, the Vice Principal of Forest View, be aware of our meeting dates and times.

3. NHCCAC website: www.newhopecreek.org

Sally Robertson is the Information Coordinator for the NHCCAC (as well as the newsletter editor of the Triangle Land Conservancy). Sally had no progress to report since the last meeting, but will be setting up the website before the next meeting of the NHCCAC. Bob Healy suggested that it might be possible to stream the 12-minute video on the New Hope Creek Corridor to the website. Bob will also try to search the Internet for press articles on the New Hope Creek to add to the website. The 1991 New Hope Creek Open Space Master Plan and the 10-year update report of 2000 will be linked to the website as well as digitized photographs and maps. Billy Olive suggested that the website should be publicized by links to other websites such as that for the Sierra Club, the New Hope Audubon Society, the People's Alliance, Durham City, Durham County, the Town of Chapel Hill and Orange County.

4. Mission Statement

Walter Fowler and Marin Magat are working on the Mission Statement and will report on it at the next meeting of the NHCCAC.

5. Membership of the NHCCAC

Bob Healy noted that membership on the NHCCAC is governed by charter documents which provide for membership in certain categories. The Chair will look at the membership documents and report at the next meeting.

6. Letter from the NHCCAC to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund

There was review and discussion of a draft of a letter to the CWMTF from the NHCCAC in support of a grant application by Durham County to the CWMTF for a grant in support of the purchase of the Duke Tract at the intersection of Erwin and Pickett Roads. The Chair was authorized to submit a letter in support of the grant. Bob Healy and Deb Christie will prepare a new draft based on the suggestions for change and circulate it by e-mail back to NHCCAC members. The letter must be submitted by the Chair prior to the June 1 deadline for the submission of the grant application.

Minutes submitted for correction and approval by

Deb Christie, acting Secretary