

## **New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting of June 10, 2010**

(Present, Edeburn, Fowler, Goebel, Healy, Kent, Greg Schuster, Jane Korest, Alan Dippy (chair of Durham Bike-Ped Commission))

- (1) Table at Piedmont Wildlife Festival. (at Leigh Farm). Goebel and Fowler each sold one Hollow Rock DC. Goebel says we need a large up-do-date map of the corridor to display. (fyi--Healy has a large map of the corridor from the original plan mounted on cardboard, but agrees that something newer would be much better). And we could use a canopy to shade the table from the sun. Fowler suggested the next time we go to a festival at Leigh Farm, we have some scheduled hikes to the creek. He says there is some access via the sewer easement.
- (2) Schuster said there have been two volunteer trail cleanup days on the Githens Trail, one in May, the second for National Trails Day, June 6. Only 7 people showed up for the latter. Official opening of the trail will be in late July when the city opens the park. Triangle Orthopedics granted us temporary access to the trail through their parking lot—perhaps they will be willing to extend this. Schuster is working on to establish a data bank of volunteers for trail cleanups. Condition of the Githens Trail is currently good, but at least one area badly needs boardwalking of 30 feet or so. It's a bit challenging generally because of the amount of wet/dry variation. More interpretation is needed, and Jane Korest (and her intern) is working on this.
- (3) Goebel says building of the trail along Third Fork Creek is progressing well. Healy suggested that a future Friends of the New Hope might include groups concerned with all the tributaries of what was formerly the New Hope River (dammed, along with Haw River) to form Jordan Lake. This would include Northeast Creek, Third Fork Creek, and several streams coming out of Chapel Hill). Edeburn suggested that local governments should be involved.
- (4) Dippy (chair of Durham-Bike/Ped Commission) said he was interested in future of the Sandy Creek Trail. The old Candle Shop is the major barrier to a long distance trail in the area. Edeburn said that a Duke sewer lift station on the Lemur Center side of 751 might provide another route for a long distance connection between Sandy Creek and Duke.
- (5) Korest said her son's Boy Scout troop is looking for a project, and would like to look into the possibility of a bird viewing platform at Sandy Creek. Goebel said planting (with native plants) on the Garrett Rd. side of the Park is growing well. Existing neighborhood trail is still extant.
- (6) Goebel suggested that Kent summarize and widely publish his long term water quality data. Kent suggested a comprehensive report on our activities similar to our 10 year report in 2002.

(7) Kent said last meeting of Durham-Orange elected officials group called for more consideration of the opening of Hollow Rock. However, most construction would have to be by Orange County and they presently lack funds.