

DOST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRANTS APPLIED FOR RECEIVED AND UNDER WAY WITH DPR MANAGING THEM PUBLIC PRIVATE/ PARTNERSHIPS.

- Campus Hills Trail from NCDENR State Trails Division for bridge and nature trail and an additional \$5,000 from Triangle off Road Cyclists to complete the trail to the north for mountain bikers.
- Sandy Creek Trail Grants – Partnerships with Friends of New Hope, the New Hope Advisory Committee and Durham Academy to continue expanding the park as a nature area for children and persons with disabilities.
- Dedication of Bridge in Memoriam to Ken Coulter in Sandy Creek Park for his work on The New Hope Creek Plan and other environmental issues throughout the community.
- Additional grant sources being reviewed for future work on Sandy Creek as an outdoor ADA accessible facility.
- Grant for 10,000 funded for 2013 for the construction of the bird blind in Sandy Creek and other Improvements. *Completed 2014.*
- Grant of 5,000 from the Horse Council for ATT trail head.

BRIDGES/TRAIL CONSTRUCTION, COMPLETION, AND NEGOTIATIONS

- ATT Bridge completed over I-40.
- Completion and grand opening of the R. Kelly Bridge over NC 147. Wooden bridges constructed through woods near school for access (trails Committee). Note: A beer at Bull City Burger the, “R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Golden Ale” has been named after Mr. Bryant and the bridge.
- The \$ 55,000 matching grant funded bridge on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail was finished in May of 2012. Final connections to the MTST section in Hillsborough are being made with an easement negotiation completed across the North Carolina State Plant Conservation program and the North Carolina Division of Agriculture (Botanical Garden managed lands in Penny’s Bend), and City-owned lands. This will complete the final leg connecting MTST to Hillsborough bridge construction nearing completion for trail segments in the ENO spring 2014. *These have been completed.*
- Completion and opening of the Third Fork Creek Trail 3.2 miles (Phase One) in 2012.
- Storm damage in 2013- Stabilization of the trail via storm water services completed in fall of 2013-January 2014 --contract to be let for consultant work in 2014. *Completed*
- Completion of the trail for Herndon Park known as the ATT Connector (\$2,500) - grant funded through the Rails to Trails organization (2012).

- 2013-2014 Working towards the grant funded construction of a parking area (trail head) along the ATT at Scott King Road in partnership with the Triangle Rails to Trails and the NC Horse Council. *Grant awarded - funding secured.*
- Reached the Negotiation stage with an offer to purchase made by NCDOT and the City Of Durham for the Duke Beltline for 2.5 million (earmark funds transferred to the TIP for that purpose). Still like to buy it, funds are still there, but there is a 7 million dollar price tag By Norfolk Southern --*New negotiations, private donors and partnerships are still being investigated.*
- Beltline committee has been continuing to meet on this matter and has involved many citizens and officials. The committee is very interested in the pursuit of Tiger grant in 2014. *A Tiger Planning Grant for 250,000 was awarded to Durham their first - September 2014.*
- Completion of the 2011-2012 revision of the DTAG plan. Implementation of that plan in progress 2014.
- The completion of the Ellerbe Creek phase II site plan with the funding for construction in 2013-2014 -balancing condemnation and construction cost in different locations. *Trail acquisitions condemnations underway.*

OTHER PROJECTS and ACTIONS

- Negotiations continuing with outside agencies (Federal lands, wildlife managed) for camping areas along MTST Falls Lake Durham County. *Camping area secured for MTST 2014.*
- Army Corps Falls Lake Master Plan 2012. Updated comments submitted on Draft. *Completed*
- Completion of the Downtown Open Space Plan.
- Continued research and public process in 2014 on the Urban Open Space plan and citizen outreach. *Public process to begin fall of 2014*
- Screened 381 site plans and 35 zoning cases that related to environmental issues and/ or trails.
- Went into a 8th printing and an update of the Bike Hike Map (mobile phone accessible) with grant funded monies supplemented by monetary donations collected at Durham's festivals, and estimated 18,000 copies have been given out.
- Presented to neighborhood boards and groups as part of our 2013 public outreach campaign including more outreach to surrounding counties for connections/ interfacing with regional trails.
- Completion of a chapter on the built environment for the 2012 Health Assessment by Durham County Health Department, Published 2012, Will be participating the update of that document in 2014. *Completed*

- Worked with neighborhood improvement services and others to formulate a trail connector system with the North East Central Durham Initiative livability Study. Continuing this effort in 2014 through the Burden Creek Trail and Alston Avenue and the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge connections in 2014. *Working towards a funding source through the CIP*
- In general, screened lots of calls on low impact development issues, and neighborhood connectivity.
- Worked with Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) and the Center of the Region (CORE) to facilitate a regional bike and pedestrian plan, finalized 2012-2013. *Ongoing process for updates.*
- Worked with TJCOG and committees to create a storm water design objective.
- Created a trail easement tracking (GIS) application in progress for completion of easement acquisitions.
- Participated in American Tobacco Trail public safety issues outreach program with internal departments.
- Pushed for a long term trail maintenance source in the CIP 2013-2014. *DONE*
- Trail miles year to date = 26 paved with the completion of Phase E American tobacco (4.1 miles) there will be 29 miles of paved trails in Durham. Funding sources for continued maintenance and acquisition *in progress.*
- Reinstatement of the county matching grants \$ 85,000 funding source and completion of grant funded projects from 2013. *2014 revisions to grant application and process. Grants in process 2015.*
- Many resolutions regarding trails and other environmental concerns that were raised to Council and Commissioners.