

## DOST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

- **Grants** Sandy Creek Trail – 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.
- **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.
- **Grant** funded for trail construction in Sandy Creek Park.

### 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.
- **Grant** funded (\$55,000 matching) for the bridge on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail was finished in May of 2012. Final connections to the MTST section in Hillsborough have been 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 completes 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.
- **Stabilization** of the Third Fork Creek 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).

- **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 has moved to abandonment procedures and may be available for purchase in 2016*
- **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, The Tiger grant RFP has been released.*
- **Completion** of the 2011-2012 revision of the DTAG plan. Implementation of that plan in progress 2014.
- **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.*
- **Completion** of the “Priority Trails for a Healthy Well Connected Durham, brochure.

#### **OTHER PROJECTS and ACTIONS**

- **Formulated** Environmental Review Comments for inclusion in the record of decision for Triangle transit
- **Negotiations** continuing with outside agencies (Federal lands, wildlife managed) for camping areas along MTST Falls Lake Durham County. *Camping area secured for MTST 2014.*
- **Updated** comments submitted on Draft Army Corps Falls Lake Master Plan 2012. *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 completed plan to move forward in spring of 2016.*
- **Screened** 381 site plans and 40 zoning cases that related to environmental issues and/ or trails.
- **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. Creating an app for I-phones is in the works.

- **Presented** to neighborhood boards and groups as part of our 2015 public outreach campaign including more outreach to surrounding counties for connections/ interfacing with regional trails.
- **Completed** chapter on the built environment for the 2014 Health Assessment by Durham County Health Department, Published 2015.
- **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 as top priority trails.*
- **Screened** 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 = 29 miles of paved trails in Durham. Funding sources for continued maintenance and acquisition, *in progress*. Durham needs more trails and DOST is continuing to push for more funding for them!
- **Reinstatement** of the county matching grants \$ 85,000 funding source and completion of grant funded projects from 2014. 2014 revisions to grant application and process. Grants in process 2016 over 100 granted for the life of the matching grants program.
- **Resolutions** regarding trails and other environmental concerns that were raised to Council and Commissioners.