

**Third Fork Creek Stream Restoration Project**  
**Public Information Session**  
**Southwest Regional Library, 3605 Shannon Road, Durham, NC 27707**  
**Tuesday August 25, 2015, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Record of Comments**

This record of comments summarizes the key discussion topics from the public information session held on August 25, 2015. First the public comment is paraphrased and then the City response and/or discussion is presented.

Public comment: *A citizen shared at the meeting that there is a river walk in Hillsborough and a trail near Bolin Creek in Chapel Hill that may or may not be helpful to this work on Third Fork Creek Trail.*

City response: The City's consultant noted this and will review.

Public comment: *How might trail closure be affected during actual construction?*

City response: The actual duration of trail closures is not yet known. The City estimates there will be three separate closings of trail sections and that each of these might last 1 to 2 weeks.

Public comment: *Will the proposed boardwalk sections be step-ups, that is using stairs?*

City response: No, the proposed boardwalk sections will tie-in to the existing trail at grade, they will not use steps.

Public comment: *When do floodplain maps get revised? Does FEMA approve it? What is the review agency in the State of North Carolina?*

City response: In general, floodplain maps are draft revised every five to ten years. New maps were issued in 2015; however, Third Fork Creek did not get restudied for this latest round. The State Floodplain Mapping Program (NC Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management) administers floodplain mapping and revisions in North Carolina (<http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/>). Ultimately FEMA does approve the mapping. The State contact is John Dorman (919-825-2310). However, you should start inquiries locally with Stephan Windsor (919-560-4326 x30268) or Graham Summerson (919-560-4326, x30287) or send an email to [SSDFloodplains@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:SSDFloodplains@DurhamNC.gov).

Public comment: *How could the proposed boardwalk construction in Area 1, near Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway affect birds in the area?*

City response: No new clearing is needed for the proposed boardwalk.

Public comment: *Area 2, why are you connecting tributary UT-3 to UT-4?*

City response: There is a linear draw in the land between these tributaries which indicates historical connection. Reconstructing this connection will serve one of the objectives of the project by pulling the flow away from the sanitary sewer line.

Public comment: *Can the City place trash, recycle, and dog waste barrels as part of this project?*

City response: The City will investigate this possibility. Typically the installation of these features, if not already present, are minimal. We will investigate the maintenance as well. More information about dog waste stewardship can be found at the City's Stormwater Education page, <http://durhamnc.gov/910/Public-Education>. Please scroll down on this page and review the information available.

Public comment: *It was reported that the trash build-up on the City side of the fence at Public Works Operation Center along the Third Fork Creek Trail needs to be addressed.*

City response: The management at Public Works Operation Center routinely maintains the property and addresses trash. The facility passed an inspection on August 26, 2015. A portion of the parking lot is in the floodplain and when water rises it also brings in trash to the PWOC parking lot.

Project Website: <http://durhamnc.gov/608/2013-Third-Fork-Creek-Stream-Rest-SD-201>