Welcome to the first Community Workshop for Toby Creek Greenway, Phase 2
Blue Rock Road to Town Center Plaza
What is a Greenway?

- Active Transportation
- Linear Public Park
- Recreation
- Health and Fitness
- Desirable Amenity
- Access to destinations
- Creates a Sense of Community
- County standard is a 10’ wide asphalt trail conforming to AASHTO and ADA for recreational trails.
- 37 miles are complete and open
- Mecklenburg County Greenway Plan currently calls for 185 miles.
Greenway is funded by NCDOT (CMAQ Grant), a City of Charlotte Implementation Grant and a Carolina Thread Trail Implementation Grant. MCPR is deeply appreciative of the generosity of these partners.
Project History

• Toby Creek Greenway, Phase 1 across the UNC Charlotte was opened to the public in April 2012.

• Toby Creek Greenway is part of the 2008 Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

• This project was approved by the citizens as part of the 2008 Park and Recreation Bond Referendum, however the economic conditions did not allow the project to proceed.

• In 2010-11, partnerships developed and grants were approved allowing this section of Toby Creek Greenway to be funded through NCDOT, the City of Charlotte and the Carolina Thread Trail.
Process

Newell South Neighborhood Improvement Plan

• Staff participated in workshop held for this process to be aware of neighborhood concerns regarding the greenway as well as plans for Newell South pedestrian improvements along Rockland Drive and Blue Rock Road, in particular. NIP Construction is anticipated in late 2013.

Greenway Community Workshops

• Workshop #1 Monday February 11, 2013 - Preliminary Design
  Address opportunities and concerns.

• Workshop #2 Monday April 8, 2013 - Approximately 50% Design
  Address opportunities and concerns.

• Complete design, permit and bid project.

• Begin construction in spring/summer 2014.

• Anticipate 9-12 months to complete.
Existing Conditions

View looking Northeast on Hwy 49 @ Town Center Plaza

Harris Boulevard Overpass @ Hwy 49

Chancellor Park Drive/Hwy 49 Intersection

View looking Southwest on Hwy 49 @ Chancellor Park Drive
Existing Conditions

Chancellor Park Drive Box Culvert

View looking South on Rockland Drive to West Rocky River Road Intersection

Chancellor Park Drive Box Culvert

Rockland Drive/West Rocky River Road Intersection
Existing Conditions

Rockland Drive/West Rocky River Intersection

Rockland Drive Box Culvert

Steep Slopes/Brambles along Rockland Drive

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Preliminary Trail Alignment

Overall Project
Preliminary Trail Alignment - South Section
• This project will provide a main greenway trail that is a permanent part of the Mecklenburg County Greenway Program.

• This effort is a public-private funding partnership with NCDOT, the City of Charlotte and the Carolina Thread Trail.

• Toby Creek Greenway will provide a direct link between Autumnwood and Clark’s Mallard Creek Greenways, connecting local residential areas to a 9 mile and growing system of existing greenway trails, the largest in the County.

• The new greenway will provide access to existing Mallard and Clark’s Creek Greenway, UNC Charlotte, schools, sports amenities and extensive dining and retail areas.
CONSTRAINTS

• Cost associated with the challenging topography will may require reconsidering some retail connections.

• CDOT will need to be directly involved in the at-grade crossing at West Rocky River Road.

• The underpass at Chancellor Drive will be challenging.

• The side trail along Hwy 49 will be challenging.

• There is a deadline that must be monitored concerning the beginning and completing construction by the funders.
Topography can be Challenging

Four Mile Creek Greenway in Matthews – Segmental Unit Retaining Walls

McAlpine Creek Greenway at Torrington - Elevated Concrete Decking/Bridge

Four Mile Creek Greenway – Wood Boardwalk
Wayfinding
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