

Piedmont Triad Conceptual Regional Trail Plan and Inventory

Conference-Call Notes
July 16th at 3pm

Attendees:

Marc Allred, Alex Ashton, Brian Baker, Roger Bardsley, Amy Crum, Bryan Hagood, Frankie Legaux, Adam McComb, Tom Wiggins, Jon Barsanti, Darrell McBane, Jesse Day, Malinda Mock

The call started at 3:05 pm. After a roll call, the project timeline was discussed. The meeting and project schedule seemed agreeable to everyone, however Jon Barsanti pointed out that collecting and compiling data can be time consuming and more time may be needed. About 75% of the needed data has already been collected. At each of the workshops, a 2-county detailed map will be provided, along with a regional map. After all of the meetings have been held, during the winter, we will process all of the data and comments. By late spring, we will have a draft map/brochure of the regional plan. We will also provide a more detailed final map for each 2-county region.

The public involvement portion of the plan was discussed and the following people volunteered to help organize local meeting locations:

<u>Adam McComb</u> – Surry and Stokes	September Meeting
? – Davidson and Davie	September Meeting
<u>Amy Crum</u> – Forsyth and Yadkin	October Meeting
<u>Alex Ashton</u> – Guilford and Alamance	October Meeting
<u>Tom Wiggins</u> – Rockingham and Caswell	November Meeting
? – Randolph and Montgomery	November Meeting

The project website will be on www.myplaninput.com and will house public meeting information, notes, maps, contact information, pictures and video. Feedback on how the site might be able to work better is encouraged.

The GIS data we are collecting was also discussed. Alex Ashton requested that we send out a list of what we have already and what we are looking to acquire. Jon Barsanti emphasized that knowing what is planned and proposed is good, but getting a better handle on adjacent regions' priorities and where funding has been sought or is pending, will be extremely useful in planning out the Piedmont Triad Regional Trail System. Tom Wiggins mentioned that we should include the Haw River and the Mayo River State Park contacts. Jon Barsanti suggested that Bill Bussey from the Rails to Trails Conservancy would be a good contact and that we should also considering linking to the American Tobacco Trail.

Current trail planning/building efforts in the Piedmont Triad and neighboring areas was discussed and the following efforts were identified as active

1. Haw River Trail
2. Carolina Threadway Trail
3. Yadkin River Blueway
4. Davidson County Greenways
5. Forsyth County Small Area
6. Mountains to Sea Trail
7. High Country Regional Trail
8. Dan River Blueway and Greenway Trail
9. Central Caswell County Trails
10. Franklinville Rail Trail
11. Bicentennial Greenway & Deep River (Guilford County)
12. TJCOG Regional Greenway/Bike/Open Space Plan
13. Mocksville Ricks Park
14. Mt. Airy Ararat River and Emily B. Taylor Trail
15. Elkin Connection to Overmountain Victory Trail
16. Walnut Cove Trail
17. City of Eden greenways

18. Paddling trails between Caswell and Rivers to Virginia)
Rockingham counties (linking Dan and Mayo

A request for more contacts was also discussed. Alex Ashton pointed out it would be easier to look at what contact list we have. Darrell McBane mentioned that the Central Park, NCDOT Bike/Ped Division and Carolina Threadway Trail be involved in the planning process.

Another conference call was not scheduled, however the group thought it would be useful to again talk on the phone leading up to the fall meetings. The call was adjourned at 3:40pm.