



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
HIGH POINT GREENWAY MASTER PLAN
VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

DECEMBER 8, 2020, 4-5PM and 6-7PM
VIA ZOOM

Meeting Overview and Outline

The purpose of these two meetings was to provide an overview of the project and work completed to-date, including existing conditions analysis and initial public outreach. There were a total of 125 people registered for the meetings, and 79 in attendance. The meeting covered:

- Plan Purpose + Goals
- Existing Conditions
- Outreach Update
- Next Steps

Presentation Slides & Group Polling Results

Responses from both sessions are combined and attached below.

Group Chat Digest

Responses from both sessions are combined under the topic areas of discussion below.

Chat Discussion: What have you seen in other communities that you would like to see in High Point, related to greenways?

- sidewalks linking greenways--like over penny road
- downtown greenway in greensboro---\$500 M+ new commercial investments
- I would like to see many bike friendly paths through the city...connecting neighborhoods to places of interest...baseball stadium, etc.
- breweries and wine bars on the trails...
- Pedestrian bridges over major roads?
- Better signage on the Greenway (notable interest markers, distance, etc.)
- During the summer months, possibly beverage carts to sell water, Gatorade, etc.
- I have seen interactive activities for families along greenways, such as hop scotch and educational boards with insects they may see along the greenway

- Greenway extend towards Main St.
- Pet friendly amenities for dogs, also more public art, history and cultural opportunities for discovery
- tiny libraries
- I would like to see a strong coordinated effort as Matt Hayes mentioned. One idea or suggestion is to get the neighborhoods that's closest to the Greenway involved with clean up days, in addition, get our local school community involved through environmental day project as well as High Point University Civic Clubs and Organizations in addition to GTCC and Guilford Co Schools High Point.
- provide transportation
- Fernard, that is a great point too. Programming opportunities with schools and colleges and other organizations are great things to help educate folks about trails and take ownership of the trails
- We would just have to remind people not for motor cycle transportation unless for City or Law Enf use.
- good point! And I should say that I have been talking about the Southwest Greenway, it's also most known now as Southwest Heritage Greenway. check it out - relatively new shared-use path greenway there now!
- Thanks for the feedback and response Matt.
- Melody, great point too about ways to enhance trails with learning about our history, sharing art, etc
- Art along the trail
- workout equipment
- longer greenways - to Greensboro, Winston, Asheboro
- Benches for reading spots and rest for older guests
- restrooms
- better links to the Davidson & Forsyth county areas of High Point as well as the Stadium
- Exercise Stations and Historical Stations
- Better signage in the meantime when the greenways don't connect and a biker has to go to the roads

Chat Discussion: Comments & questions about existing conditions?

- Are these maps available to us?
- yes they will be
- Good question Thomas...to add to Tracy's response, we can share this slideshow. These maps will be in the Draft Plan as well when that is published in a couple months.
- Is there already funding and time frame for bridge over city lake on penny rd?
- Have braille and tactile maps for blind or visually impaired persons been developed to access at greenways before?
- Bollards limiting access into Armstrong Park are too close together for safe cycling
- Yes, the crossing over Penny might be moved 100 yards north to improve safety and eliminate almost blind curve at current crossing

- There was a study done in High Point about ten years ago that showed more people ranked parks and natural spaces being important to them when choosing a place to live. Also additional spaces to exercise whether that be along the greenway or cycling lanes
- Suggestion: I believe in key areas especially at road cross walks, if the City could post some signs exhibiting how much one can be fined if one chooses to litter. Such example to "FINE Up to \$250.00" with that it can help us all police ourselves concerning keeping our Greenways Clean & Green or work as a deterrence.
- Thanks Matt, yes you pronounced it right. Thanks Jason.
- I'll be glad to share any information you may want to share.
- let realtors know of the plans for new greenways
- HighPointGreenwayPlan.com is our project website - would be great for you to send along to neighbors, friends, colleagues to get more people involved
- great job on the bridge on east fork and the high point greenway--it is now a destination for my out of town visitors
- awesome Gregg. that is an incredible trail
- have always thought the caterer at the golf course was missing out on customers walking by...
- --Definitely
- Would there be a way to connect the greenway to the Rich Fork Creek area?
- we are at the Armstrong terminus. We see many more walkers than bikes. That may be different for folks who live along the paths. But balance for both is important. Make space for ebikes.
- Yes, crossings are very hard today. Motorists do not seem to realize that folks standing at a crosswalk want to cross before the 15th car goes by.
- Really like 1,2 ,and 3
- Important to keep greenway open through HPU campus.
- I have waved at passing motorists. They wave back, but don't slow down.
- more sidewalks. wish we could see some of these proposed sidewalks. miss europe where you can walk everywhere
- soft trails work well along with pavement, we saw that work really well in Sweden.
- Agree with the safety issues concerning crossing roadways and so far I've had good luck (like crossing Montlieu). Also think just general safety issues for the trail(s)? Like when I'm riding my bike and come up on a walker I always try to say "on your left or right" as a courtesy-maybe hold quick 15 minute safety sessions?
- Rich Fork Preserve is such a beautiful area and Piedmont Fat Tire Society has done an outstanding job of building a natural surface trail. I'd love to see more of that style trail.
- The greenway should be user friendly for parents with children.
- not downtown but Uptown.
- Signage would be great!
- we see big usage by folks who own dogs, so accommodating that by walkers and cyclists is a must.
- Handicap accessible
- yes, it's a good point! different users, speeds, etc. what we have seen with greenways is they become so popular that folks want/need more space

- thanks Michelle! that is a good point about ADA accessibility. parts of the Bicentennial Greenway were developed many years ago and there are some locations with steps and steep slopes. going forward, cities are working hard to provide ADA accessible trails and that will be important going forward
- Yes - Good points Matt and Michelle. A great deal of elevation with the BiCentennial and accessibility needs to be addressed as we move forward.
- food trucks - Cool!
- Yes, people are looking for experiences along trails too; outdoor meeting space, places to rest, outdoor areas to buy food, etc. greenways can become places for a whole host of things
- we walk daily - but some older folks are reticent - myths - about is it safe to walk the greenway?
- totally agree - we think those who are afraid are nuts.
- will the greenway have lighting?
- Michelle there will not be lighting on the entirety of the greenway.
- Will there be areas on the trail for bicyclers to park their bikes on bike racks?

Chat Discussion: Comments & questions about public outreach?

- Have you done any neighborhood association outreach? And since there isn't the connectivity yet to have strong numbers of commuters on the greenway and technology constraints are a thing,, may be missing much of their input
- great idea Nicole
- City bill insert may be worth doing as well
- I'm in the meadows at Jamestown and my hoa was MIA on this notice
- Gregg I can email you the survey if you can get it to your HOA
- great job folks; thx for all you do. happy to send survey
- Gregg, you've given us a great idea. We need to reach out to more HOA's, other than the ones that the City of High Point works directly with.
- I will be glad to send the website to my HOA President.
- that was Nicole and it was a great idea. adjacent neighborhoods have vested interests in this area
- And the survey - Carrie can you send that to me?
- guilford county and high ;point have always supported parks and greenways in bonds. perhaps we need more bonds supporting this greenway effort.
- @ Nicole - thank you! @Gregg - knowing we missed yours helped with the idea
- I just shared the link to the project website on our Facebook page. If you'd like to share it to your page, that will help us get more responses. www.highpointgreenwayplan.com
- We would also like to reach as many Home Owner Associations as possible if you have any contacts you can share. Thanks!

Chat Discussion: Any additional comments/questions?

- Thank you Lee, Tracy, Matt and Jason, great presentation.

- Thanks everyone!
- Thank you for the presentation!
- Thank you Leanne! Great suggestions.
- Thank you to everyone for participating today!
- Wonderful presentation. Thank you!
- greenways can offer more opportunities for police on bikes to get to know neighbors
- Thank you all for the presentation and the feedback presented, it was very informative.
- www.highpointgreenwayplan.com
- Thanks!
- Thanks for the opportunity to participate. The greenways in High Point are great!
Businesses move to a community when recreation is available, so this info is wonderful.
I travel to VA to use some of the longer greenways, so I look forward when the
Piedmont is a destination for others to enjoy our Greenways.
- Thank you everyone!
- Kudos to HP Parks and Rec - we think they generally do a great job keeping the
greenway beautiful.
- Yes High Point Parks and Rec does do a great job!
- Thank you!!