Adopt-a-Trail

Town *of* Wake Forest

"If the greenway movement can help us get back a bit of honest, natural beauty and our heritage of historic place, we shall owe it much."

—Charles Little, *Greenways for America*, 1990

Dear Community Leader,

On behalf of the Greenways Advisory Board of Wake Forest, we would like to thank you for your contribution to the Town of Wake Forest (the "Town") through your civic involvement. We also would like to introduce you to a new Town program.

The Adopt-A-Trail Program is intended to be a fun, meaningful way to promote civic responsibility and community pride while enhancing the Town's green heritage. It can also provide an opportunity for your group to be actively involved in conservation of community resources by helping to maintain and enhance existing trails.

The type of work that will be involved will depend on the section of trail that your group decides to adopt. It could include keeping trail surfaces free of sticks, rocks, and other debris; pruning small limbs from the trail corridors; cleaning water bars and drainage ditches; and clearing debris from bridges, stairs, and viewing decks. Other jobs might include litter clean up and beautification on the trails, trailheads or parking lots; maintaining bulletin boards and trail signs; and reporting vandalism, trail hazards or safety issues to Town staff.

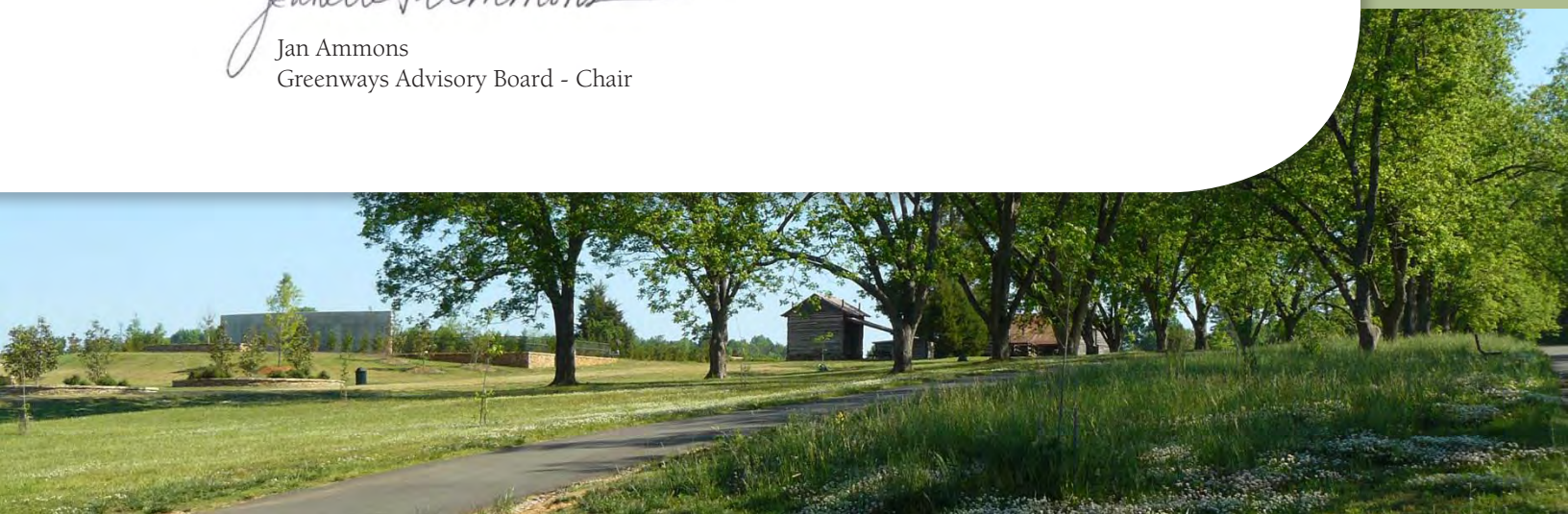
Your group's involvement would create awareness of trail locations, and provide a vehicle for distribution of Town-issued informative pamphlets and communications about Town greenway trails.

We hope that your group will find the enclosed brochure helpful in considering whether to participate in this rewarding program.

If you would like a representative from the Greenways Advisory Board to come to speak to your group, please call me at 919-422-9498.

With warm regards,

Jan Ammons
Greenways Advisory Board - Chair



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The beautification and visual enhancement of our greenway trails, provides volunteer community service opportunities for groups, individuals and businesses. By adopting a specific trail, and keeping it clear of weeds and debris for one year, you are actively contributing to the beauty of our greenway system.

How does the program work?

The greenway trails are publicly owned and need your personal concern and attention. The Parks and Recreation Department provides normal maintenance, but you can provide that extra attention to detail that makes a trail more beautiful.

To adopt a trail, your group agrees to pick up litter, debris and loose brush at least four times a year in the adopted trail section. A trail section must be adopted for a period of one year, renewable annually thereafter upon approval by the Adopt-a-Trail Program Coordinator.

You can choose any available trail section. Assignments are made on a first come, first served basis.

WHAT DOES THE TOWN OF WAKE FOREST PROVIDE?

Volunteers who adopt a section of trail will receive instruction in trail maintenance from Town of Wake Forest staff.

The Town will provide trash bags, gloves, safety vests, shovels, rakes, and free pick up of the trash you collect. If a task requires a tool you do not own, we will lend you the appropriate equipment.

ARE VOLUNTEERS COMPENSATED?

As a volunteer you will not be paid, but you will be rewarded.

- Your name and/or group name will appear on the Town's website, Community Channel 10 and in *Our Town* newsletter.
- You will receive special recognition at our Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Most important, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you're actively protecting and maintaining natural resources.

Can anyone volunteer to adopt a trail?

We encourage individuals, families, scout troops, youth groups, schools, churches, community and service organizations, and special interest groups to get involved. Anyone with an interest in trails and the outdoors is welcome to help us preserve our land and provide safe, enjoyable access to the outdoors.

CAN CHILDREN PARTICIPATE?

Minors under age 18 may participate if their parents or guardians sign a *Youth Participation Release* in addition to the *Adopt-A-Trail Release Form*. The parent or guardian must accompany the minor, or must assign responsibility to an adult representative of the Adopt-A-Trail applicant.

CAN WE CONTRACT THE WORK TO SOMEONE ELSE?

You may do the work yourself, with other volunteers, or hire a contractor to do the work for you. All volunteers or contractors must first sign an *Adopt-A-Trail Release Form* prior to beginning work.

What tasks are volunteers expected to do?

Adopt-A-Trail volunteers are agreeing to clean trash from adopted trails a minimum of four times a year. Your group will help Town of Wake Forest staff maintain trail systems by keeping trail surfaces free of sticks, rocks, and other debris; pruning small limbs from the trail corridor; cleaning water bars and drainage ditches; clearing debris from bridges and boardwalks; maintaining the trailhead area, including public access areas, bulletin boards, and trail signs; and reporting trail hazards, vandalism, and safety issues.

Depending on your interest and abilities, you might be asked to assist Town staff in repairing trail structures, building benches, or doing environmental restoration work.

WHEN CAN VOLUNTEERS WORK ON THEIR TRAILS?

Trail work can be done on your own schedule and at your own pace. A minimum of four inspection and/or work days should be carried out per year, spread throughout the seasons.

How do I sign up to adopt a trail?

If you or anyone you know is interested in adopting a Wake Forest trail, please contact the Adopt-a-Trail Program Coordinator:

Candace Davis
cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov
(919) 435-9513

Before any work is initiated, the volunteering group or individual will sign an *Adopt-A-Trail Agreement* outlining the responsibilities and obligations of adopting a trail, and each participating trail volunteer must sign an *Adopt-A-Trail Release Form* that must be delivered to the Parks and Recreation Department before any work may begin.

Note: For safety reasons, all trail maintenance must be carried out by a minimum of four volunteers, and someone in the group must carry a cell phone.

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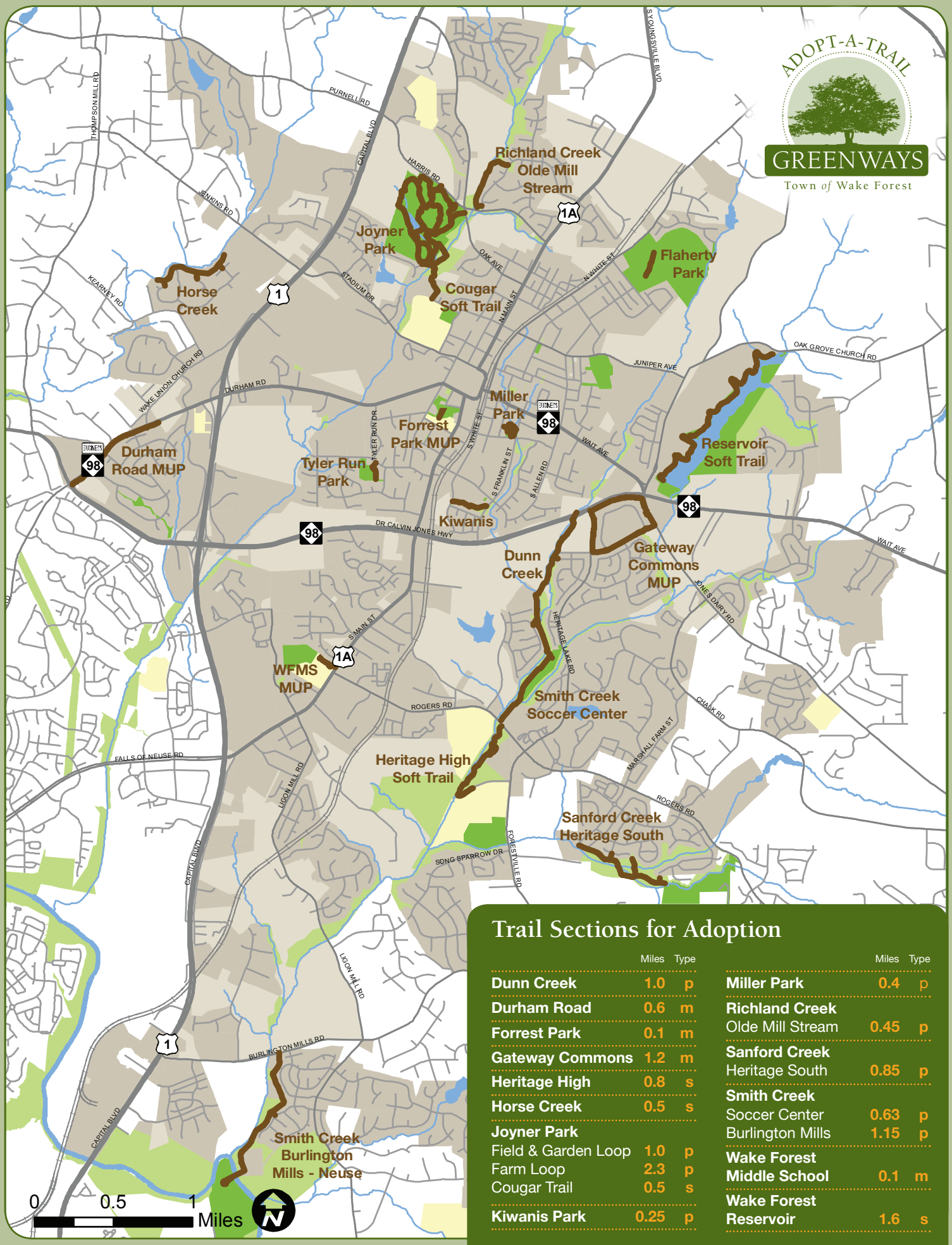
www . wakeforestnc.gov / residents / adoptatrail.aspx



Trail Sections for Adoption

	Miles	Type
Dunn Creek	1.0	p
Durham Road	0.6	m
Forrest Park	0.1	m
Gateway Commons	1.2	m
Heritage High	0.8	s
Horse Creek	0.5	s
Joyner Park		
Field & Garden Loop	1.0	p
Farm Loop	2.3	p
Cougar Trail	0.5	s
Kiwanis Park	0.25	p

	Miles	Type
Miller Park	0.4	p
Richland Creek		
Olde Mill Stream	0.45	p
Sanford Creek		
Heritage South	0.85	p
Smith Creek		
Soccer Center	0.63	p
Burlington Mills	1.15	p
Wake Forest Middle School	0.1	m
Wake Forest Reservoir	1.6	s

p=paved, m=multi-use path, s=soft trail