

# Appendix A

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

### A.1 Overview

Public input was gathered through several different means, with the chief efforts being public workshops, public opinion forms, walkability checklists, and top ten lists. Two public workshops were held during the planning process, with the first being held in June 2005 and the second in March 2006. The initial public workshop informed the public of the pedestrian planning process and gathered early input and recommendations. The second public workshop presented preliminary recommendations to the public, in order to receive feedback. Public input was taken in the form of map markups, written comments, and discussion between citizens, consultants from Greenways, Incorporated and Town of Wake Forest staff.



*Figure A.1 - Map comment collection at March 2006 Public Workshop*



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*Figure A.2 - Map comment collection at  
June 2005 Public Workshop*

### **A.2 Map Comment Summary**

Common overall recommendations included providing more pedestrian facilities to fill in gaps across the Town, connecting neighborhoods to schools, recreation sites, existing trails and commercial areas. A large majority of the map comments pointed to specific locations where citizens requested a sidewalk, crosswalk, or a link to a desired destination. Additionally, areas of concern were highlighted and it was noted that safety issues needed to be addressed in certain areas. Some specific areas indicated as unsafe for pedestrians included the following: the intersection of US-1 and South Main Street, Rogers Road, Heritage Lake Road, Stadium Drive, and Durham Road. These comments and all other suggestions were taken into account when developing the comprehensive recommended pedestrian network.

### **A.3 Public Comment Form Summary**

Various destination points were emphasized by citizens that filled out the Public Opinion Form, Walkability Checklist and/or Top 10 Lists. Connectivity and safety were among



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the highest priorities on most citizens' lists. Again, some top destination points included schools, parks, greenways, commercial areas, and places of work. Specific destinations included Downtown Wake Forest, the Seminary, The Factory, the Heritage shopping district, and the Wake Forest Soccer Complex. Other general requests included the following: locating sidewalks a safe distance from busy roads, aesthetically pleasing walking environments, benches, encouraging the police to walk around town, producing a map of Wake Forest's pedestrian and trail network, and opening future greenway corridors to citizens for use prior to completion or paving.



Figure A.3 - Comment markup map from March 2006 Public Workshop



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### Participant Survey for the June 23, 2005 Public Workshop

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**1) What is your age?**

<18     26-35     46-55     >65

19-25     36-45     56-65

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**2) What is your sex?**

Male

Female

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**3) How many times per month (on average) do you walk for the following purposes?**

\_\_\_\_\_ To go to work

\_\_\_\_\_ To go to school

\_\_\_\_\_ For general recreation/exercise

\_\_\_\_\_ To attend social activities/events

\_\_\_\_\_ To shop or run errands

\_\_\_\_\_ Nature study/appreciation

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Are there places you would like to be able to bike that you cannot at this time?**

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5) Please order this list according to the importance you place on each item.**

Rank the options below from 1 (highest importance) to 4 (lowest importance)

\_\_\_\_\_ A) Maximizing safety for pedestrians across the entire community

\_\_\_\_\_ B) Perfecting a few major travel corridors for pedestrians

\_\_\_\_\_ C) Maximizing pedestrian opportunities in certain hubs or nodes around the community

\_\_\_\_\_ D) Improving aesthetic quality of existing pedestrian facilities

**Please complete both sides of this form**

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**7) Which of the following factors play a role in whether or not you walk to a destination?**

*Check as many as apply*

- Availability of a safe route
- Availability of an aesthetically pleasing route
- Costs of other travel modes
- Availability of other travel options
- Need for exercise
- Weather
- Travel time/length of trip
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**8) Should public funds be used to improve pedestrian options and facilities?**

- Yes
- No

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**9) If yes, what types of funds should be used? (select one or multiple)**

- Existing local taxes
- New local taxes
- State and federal grants
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Form 2006

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**10) Do you have suggestions about specific programming or pedestrian related policies that you would like to see enacted?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**11) Please provide your address below so we can better understand who was represented at tonight's meeting.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Thanks for your input!*

Please complete both sides of this form

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**Wake Forest Pedestrian Plan**  
*Neighborhood Walkability Checklist*

Take this checklist on a typical walk and note things that might discourage people from walking regularly along that route. Score each question with a score from 1 (low) to 6 (high), then submit the form to the address on the back so your responses can be included in the planning for Wake Forest's pedestrian facilities

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ROUTE YOU WALKED. LIST STARTING POINT, ENDING POINT, AND THE ROADS OR TRAILS YOU FOLLOWED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ROUTE, PLEASE DO SO ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many people were in your group? \_\_\_\_\_ Any children? \_\_\_\_\_  
How often do you walk this route? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the purpose of this walk? (commute, exercise, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 1: Is there enough room to walk?** SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A score of 6 indicates room for 2-3 people. A score of 1 would indicate that there is barely room for 1 person.

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**Question 2: Was it easy to cross streets?** SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A score of 6 indicates there was no problem. A score of 1 would indicate that it took a very long time to cross and it seemed very dangerous.

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**Question 3: Was traffic a problem?** SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A score of 6 indicates that you barely even noticed the presence of cars. A score of 1 would indicate that cars were far too many cars, travelling too close and too fast.

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Please answer the questions on both sides of the page

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Question 4: Did you feel safe? SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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A score of 6 indicates that you would walk here alone at any time. A score of 1 would indicate that this route is scary, even with other people in daylight.

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Question 5: Was it a pleasant place to walk? SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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A score of 6 indicates that it was great and you'd be like to go back again. A score of 1 would indicate that there really is no reason to be here.

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Please return this survey to: Ann Ayers, 221 Brooks Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587  
If you have questions, please call Ann at: (919) 570-7999

If you would like to be contacted about future Wake Forest Pedestrian Plan events, please provide your contact information below. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to sketch your route, please do so in the box provided here.

This survey sheet was designed specifically for Wake Forest but is based on Mark Fenton's adaptation of the checklist for a walkable america, which is available at [www.walkinginfo.org](http://www.walkinginfo.org)

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