



Adopt-a-Trail

Town of Wake Forest



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 Parks and Recreation Director.

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 Parks and Recreation Director:

Susan Simpson
ssimpson@wakeforestnc.gov
(919) 435-9560

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.

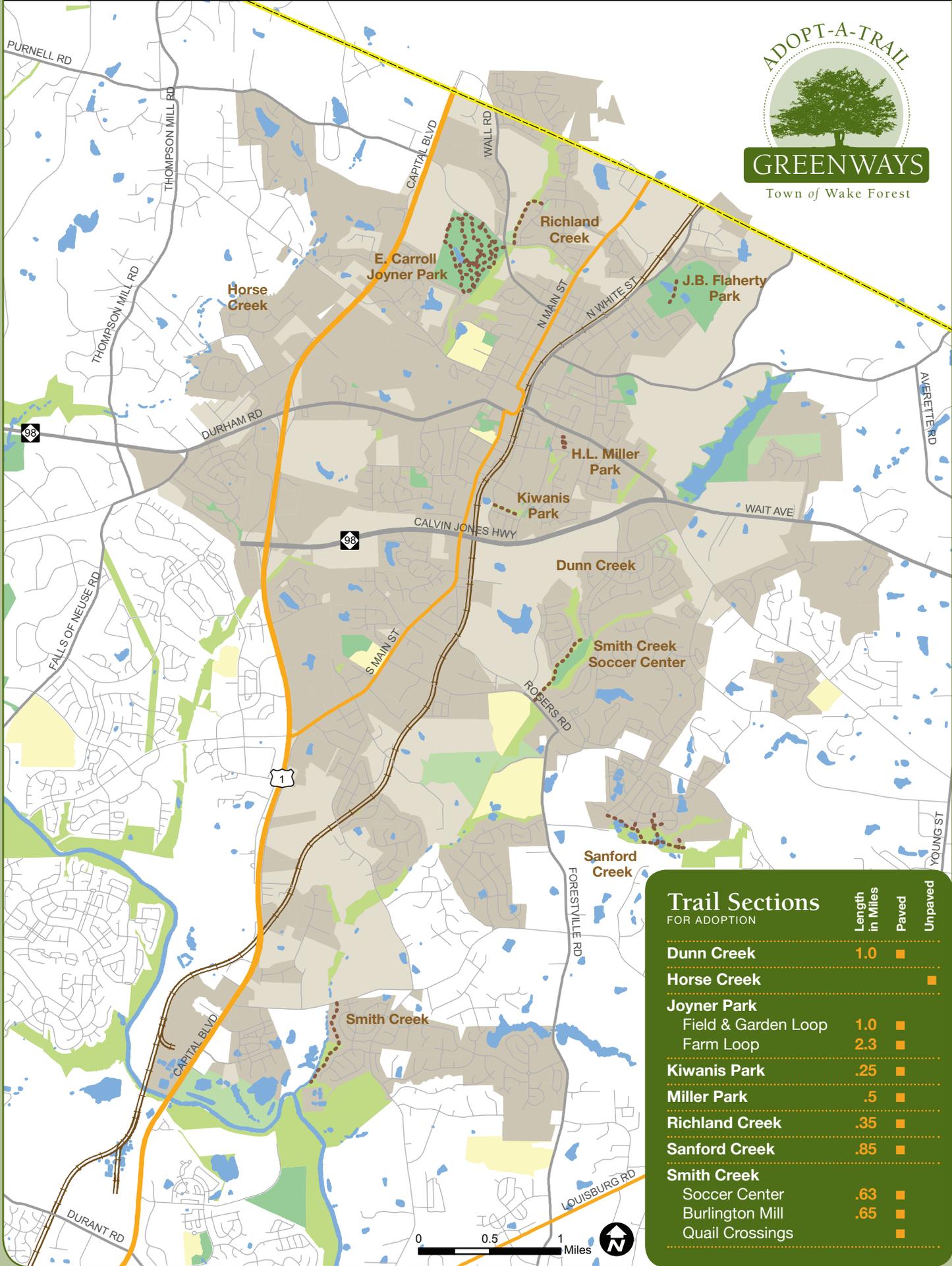
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GREENWAYS

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Trail Sections FOR ADOPTION		Length in Miles	Paved	Unpaved
Dunn Creek		1.0	■	■
Horse Creek			■	■
Joyner Park				
Field & Garden Loop	1.0	■		
Farm Loop	2.3	■		
Kiwanis Park		.25	■	
Miller Park		.5	■	
Richland Creek		.35	■	
Sanford Creek		.85	■	
Smith Creek				
Soccer Center	.63	■		
Burlington Mill	.65	■		
Quail Crossings			■	

