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### **DUNN CREEK GREENWAY UPDATE**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – Aug. 16, 2011** – The Dunn Creek Greenway is not officially open, so Wake Forest officials are warning area residents who are already using the trail to proceed with caution.

According to Senior Planner Candace Davis, the 1.1 mile greenway is 96% complete, but it will not officially open until all of the punch list items have been addressed. In the meantime, Town officials are urging runners, walkers, and bikers to travel with a friend and, if possible, carry a cell phone for emergencies. Users should also be on the lookout for poison ivy, poison oak, snakes and foxes and report any encounters with these plants and critters by emailing the relevant information to [greenways@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:greenways@wakeforestnc.gov).

The Dunn Creek Greenway is a \$1 million joint project between the Town of Wake Forest and the N.C. Department of Transportation. Under construction since August 2009, the trail extends north from the Smith Creek Soccer Center to the Dr. Calvin Jones Highway (NC 98 bypass). The new addition will be the first constructed segment of the Dunn Creek Greenway Corridor.

In 2005, area voters approved \$500,000 in bond proceeds for trail construction. Wake Forest also received \$450,000 for the project from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Once Wake Forest accepts final ownership of the greenway, it will assume bi-weekly maintenance responsibilities, including landscaping and trash and graffiti removal. The Town also plans to host an official grand opening ceremony. A date for the observance has not been set.

For more information about the Dunn Creek Greenway, contact Senior Planner Candace Davis at (919) 435-9513 or [cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov).

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