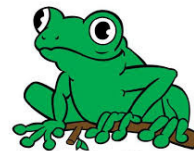


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Friends of Greenville Greenways



Updates from the Greenway



Wildwood Park Opening

Phase I in the development of Wildwood Park has been completed, and the park is now open to the public. FROGGS members and volunteers have been active in preparing and maintaining Wildwood park through cleanups and opening day events. Improvements to the park include:

- Parking Lot (135 spaces) with Street Lights
- Shelter Improvements for Outdoor Events
- 1.5 mile Natural Surface Trail
- Sandy Beach
- Kayak Launch
- Floating Dock with 3 Boat Slips
- Waterfront Camping Platform



Phase II development is now underway and is expected to be finished by December 2023. Designs are completed and construction will soon begin on three projects which will expand trail access, create a new mountain bike trail, and add a pump track and bicycle skills course to the park. The park is open Dawn to Dusk each day, and the newly built camping platform is available for reservations for overnight stays.

Addition into East Coast Greenway System

The South Tar River Greenway has been dedicated as part of the 3,000 mile East Coast Greenway that spans from Maine to Florida. This route stretches from Calais, Maine all the way to Key West, Florida.



The East Coast Greenway links routes for bicycle riders, hikers, or runners to sections of greenways and communities along the east coast for use with little to no vehicle traffic. The addition of our Greenville greenways into this system will uniquely highlight our city and help bring travelers into our community.

New Greenway Amenities

Gary Fenton Benches

FROGGS has funded and dedicated two benches to Gary Fenton, the former Recreation & Parks director, for his years of service in the Greenville community. Gary served as the director for 14 years and has been instrumental in efforts to expand the parks and Greenways in Greenville. We thank you for all your hard work for so many years, Gary! The

benches can be found in the Town Common and in Wildwood Park.



Flood History Informational Marker

A new marker will soon be installed at the Town Common at the NW corner near the Tar River flood gage. The marker will not only provide information about the frequencies and extents of recent floods in Greenville, but it will compare flooding from 1998 to 2022. The educational marker was created by one of our own FROGGS board members, Chris Mansfield (highlighted below), and uses data from US geographical surveys to provide accurate information. Be on the lookout for the marker this summer!

Board Member Highlight

Q: Why do you volunteer for FROGGS?

Chris Mansfield: The Greenway is one of the best things that has happened in Greenville. It started when Barney Kane and Vince Bellis shared the ideas for it with other visionary volunteers to convince City Council and administration of its value. The first two phases and the currently in-progress expansion would not have happened without advocacy, advice, and financial support of volunteers. I consider my volunteer time with FROGGS as an enjoyable civic responsibility; nice people to work with.



Board Member Solicitation

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the local community and Greenville Greenways? We are looking for new active and friendly individuals to join the FROGGS Board! Board members must be reliable, possess good communication skills, and attend all meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Current open Board positions include:

- Vice-Chair: assistance for Chair with all duties; later assumes Chair position
- Greenway Cleanup Coordinator: organization 4-5 cleanups annually
- Fundraising Coordinator: solicitation of donations and grant applications

Email FROGGS chair Jill Twark at jetwark@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining our team!

FROGGS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that fosters awareness of the importance of Greenways, advocates for their use, and solicits funding for their development and construction within the city of Greenville and the county of Pitt in North Carolina. All amenities, events, and improvements provided by FROGGS are donated and volunteer based.