

SPRING 2023

Friends of Greenville Greenways



Updates from the Greenway



Greenway Expansions Continue



South Tar River

Greenway Expansion, Phase 3a

Current work on the Phase 3a development of the South Tar River Greenway expansion is expected to be complete by July 14, 2023. This development will connect Nash Street to the Western terminus of the existing South Tar River Greenway located near Pitt Street and will add approximately 0.8 miles to the greenway.

Wildwood Park Trails and Amenities

Wildwood Park continues to develop; expansion of the trails is ongoing with current work being done on the natural trail system, mountain bike trails, and the bicycle skills course. Additional projects at the park have commenced to add boardwalks and pedestrian bridges, which are estimated to take more than a year to be completed.



2023 Named Year of the Trail

An official act through NC House Bill 554 designates the year 2023 as "North Carolina Year of the Trail" as North Carolina is often considered the Great Trails State. There are approximately 1,556 miles within NC State Park Lands and Trails and additional plans for more than 3,500 miles of added trail networks.



The outdoor recreation industry in NC supports more than 260,000 jobs in the state with an economic impact of over 28 billion dollars. Designating 2023 as the Year of the Trail was done in hopes of encouraging NC residents to use and celebrate local and regional trail networks and pay tribute to those who support, maintain, and advocate for our trail systems.

Greenville-Washington Trail Planning

First steps are underway to develop a 20-plus mile greenway section connecting Greenville's Town Common and downtown Washington. The proposed greenway would be a part of the East Coast Greenway Alternate Coastal Route and NC Bicycle Route 2: Mountains to Sea and offer a safe alternative multimodal transportation option for Beaufort and Pitt County. The Mid-East Rural Planning Organization has begun a feasibility study as the lead planning agency to analyze three potential routes: US 264, Tar River, and NC 33. After the completion of the study, funding for the project will likely be submitted through NCDOT, federal, and state grants. Due to traffic and road design, current routes are not considered as safe passage for bicyclists and highlight the need for an alternative option in these communities.

Trash Cleanup Success



More than 40 bags of trash have been collected from the area surrounding the Green Mill Run creek near the Charles-Evans Greenway section. Over 20 volunteers attended FROGGS trash cleanup events in January and February to clear out the neglected area. Efforts will continue on April 22nd to bring this area back to its natural state.

Interesting in volunteering? Contact:
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Board Member Highlight

Thank you, Brianna Long, for your years of service as Treasurer of FROGGS and helping to promote, expand, and improve Greenville Greenways!

Q: Why do you choose to volunteer for FROGGS?

Brianna: I have always enjoyed the green spaces we have in Greenville and when the opportunity came to become a member of FROGGS, I thought it was a great pairing. I have enjoyed getting to know the inner workings of a non-profit organization and the other members.

Q: What is your favorite greenway section?

Brianna: My favorite section of the greenway is Green Springs Park. I have spent many afternoons running, walking, and biking through this beautiful area.



Save the Date: FROGGapalooza!

FROGGS is proud to announce our new event, FROGGapalooza, to be held on May 20th, 2023. FROGGapalooza will be a day to celebrate and encourage use of the Greenways. Come join us on the greenways near the dog park and Shade Garden between 10AM - 2 PM for free chalk, face painting, scavenger hunts, activities, and more!



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.