

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING
BOLIN CREEK GREENWAY CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, Carrboro residents and the Carrboro Town Council have long supported a network of greenways throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted a Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan in 1994 (and updated in 2006) that first identified the Bolin Creek corridor as a potential alignment for greenway development; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan (“the Plan”) in 2009 as a platform for future planning and implementation of the Bolin Creek and Jones Creek greenway trails; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1a (Wilson Park Multi-use Path) and Phase 1b (Homestead Road-Chapel Hill High School Multi-use Path) of the Plan have been completed, and construction of a portion of Phase 2 (Jones Creek Greenway) of the Plan is expected to begin next year; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the Plan, the Council directed Town staff to retain all alternative conceptual alignments for Phases 3 and 4 in the Plan and to establish a process for public input on those phases; and in March 2023, the Council directed staff to conduct public engagement on the alignments in the Plan and to bring a report to the Council no later than October; and

WHEREAS, the Town conducted a community survey and other community engagement activities between June and October of 2023 and, in a parallel effort, evaluated the alternative conceptual alignments in the Plan for any new technical or regulatory challenges; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Town’s community engagement activities indicate a strong preference for the conceptual “Creekside Alignment” for Phases 3 and 4 of the Bolin Creek Greenway; and Town staff identified no new regulatory or technical challenges to continuing to use the Plan as a platform for future planning and implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council:

Section 1. The Council receives this update and reaffirms its support for the continued pursuit of greenway development throughout the community.

Section 2. The conceptual alignment identified as the “Preferred Alignment” in the adopted Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan (and identified as the “Creekside Alignment” in the community survey) is hereby adopted as the preferred alignment for Phases 3 and 4 of the greenway trail.

Section 3. The Council reaffirms the conclusions from the Plan that the Preferred Alignment is the most successful in terms of serving the largest number of Carrboro neighborhoods and provides the greatest diversity of options for accessing the trail.

Section 4. The Council further affirms that other proposed routes do not offer practical alternatives in terms of connecting the largest number of Carrboro neighborhoods to each other and to schools, parks, jobs, civic and social opportunities, and downtown.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.