

# Potential Pump Track Locations

The following locations are prioritized based on background information.

## **1. Land Adjacent to MLK Jr Park: PIN 9779321208**

Distance from existing trails: Carolina North – 3.0 Miles

Pros of Location: The property is a 3.45 acres located directly adjacent to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The area is centrally located in Carrboro and has good access via bike friendly routes. The pump track can be nestled in the wooded area and the foliage buffer can muffle if noise should arise from bike riders very well. Additionally, it can accommodate a .5 to 1 acre pump track with minor tree clearing. Additional space can be used for another purpose. The pump track could be added on a trial basis and if issues arose it could be removed and possibly relocated to another suitable location.

Cons of Location: Some neighbors have voiced concern about a pump track. Also, there may be a desire to use the land for other purposes.



## **2. Hank Anderson Park**

Distance from existing trails: Carolina North – 4.0 Miles

Pros of Location: The area identified is a multipurpose field approximately .88 acres and is adjacent to a large parking lot. Additionally, it would have a low impact on surrounding neighbors. If possible, our recommendation is to use approximately half of the .88 acres for the pump track and leave the remaining area open. Hank Anderson Park can be accessed via Strowd Lane off of Old Fayetteville Road.

Cons of Location: Hank Anderson Park does not have bike friendly access via Hwy. 54. Traffic is fairly heavy during peak hours and the road decreases to one westbound lane just prior to the park entrance which may deter cyclists from riding to facility. Of note though, the proposed sidepath project along NC 54 from James Street to Anderson Park was one of three projects recommended for resubmittal as part of the Prioritization 5.0 process. If approved and built, the sidepath could improve bike access to the park. Other roadway improvements are also under consideration. There is a lack of public transportation options, trails and greenways to park and the nearest bus stop is at Carrboro Plaza and may require pump track users to drive. It is farther from existing bike trails. It is the only open space in the park that is commonly used for multiple activities from reservations for large company events to free play for families. Using it for the pump track will greatly decrease the open space in the park. Placing the pump track here may mean the loss of the sand volleyball court as well. It could also affect the impervious surface and redefine compliance needs in that location.





## Adams Tract

Distance from existing trails: Carolina North – 1.6 Miles

Pros of location: A half-acre near the blue trail entrance off the multiuse path can be considered for the pump track. The area consists of 27 acres and is centrally located in Carrboro. 7.6 acres is under the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund Conservation Easement and the Orange County Conservation Easement. It is possible to request an amendment to the Orange County Conservation Easement from Orange County that would possibly allow limited bicycling and a pump track.

Additionally, an area of 12.6 acres of pines and other trees may be suitable for the pump track. The Wilson Park Urban Forestry Plan states “Although timber management is not a desired objective, the possibility of creating one or two wildlife plots should be considered. Cutting one or two half acre plots in an irregular shape creates an edge effect, ideal for many different wildlife species. This cutting regime would also address concerns of future decline, allowing openings for natural regeneration.”

Cons of location: Would require obtaining an amendment from Orange County on the Orange County Conservation Easement for the Adams Tract; may require taking down some existing trees and creating path to pump track.

**Appendix IV – Map Showing CWMTF and Orange County Conservation Easements**

