

Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization ASHEBORO – ZOO GREENWAY

Project Description

What is a Greenway?

Greenways are natural corridors with a permanent paved or gravel surface to accommodate walking, biking and other non-motorized uses.

Greenways:

- Provide a safe option for alternative transportation
- Enhance access to recreational opportunities
- Preserve natural areas
- Create opportunities for environmental education
- Increase tourism
- Improve community quality of life

Project History

The Asheboro-Zoo Greenway was originally proposed by the Chamber of Commerce to connect the US Highway 64 corridor in Asheboro to the North Carolina Zoo, primarily following Richland Creek. The total estimated length is 6.5 miles.

NCDOT approved a feasibility study of the greenway in the 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP # E-4711). The preferred design for the Asheboro-Zoo greenway consists of a 10' wide asphalt path, with a 2' gravel shoulder and 3' grass clear area on each side.

The Planning Process

Staff from the City of Asheboro, Randolph County, the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization and

NCDOT will be conducting field work in the area this spring and summer.

The purpose of this field work is to identify a preferred alignment and any environmental considerations. The feasibility study will result in a preferred route for the greenway, bridge locations and cost estimates.

Next Steps

Public workshops will be scheduled later this summer to provide landowners and other stakeholders an opportunity to share their concerns, comments and ideas regarding the project with NCDOT and local planners.

In order for the project to receive state and federal funding for design and construction, the City of Asheboro and Randolph County will be responsible for acquiring all necessary right-of-way and easements.

Contact

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