

**Crozet Master Plan Content Review / Update Topics**  
**Parks & Green Systems Chapter Discussion – 4/10/2019**

- **Eastern Crozet**
  - Areas from Crozet Avenue east seem to be not as well served with connections to active recreation.
  - The railroad poses challenges for trail connections to Highlands/Wickham Pond.
    - There was discussion about a shared-use path during the Transportation chapter review.
    - Improving pedestrian connectivity across the railroad should be a priority.
    - It might be possible to create a trail connection to Highlands by following the north side of the railroad tracks east from Park Ridge Road. However, easement acquisition is the main challenge here.
  - **Eastern Park**
    - Recent development in the area shown for this park in 2010 may eliminate some possibilities.
    - Providing (vehicular?) access and active recreation may be challenged with current constraints.
- **Jarman's Gap / Orchard Acres Area**
  - Ongoing development (e.g. The Vue, Pleasant Green) in this area may create a future need for open space/parks for neighborhoods north of Jarman's Gap Road.
  - Staff should look at developer commitments in proposed developments to help identify potential opportunities.
  - For example, the potential park at the corner of Orchard Drive and Jarman's Gap Road as shown in the Pleasant Green stream crossing SUP will exceed the minimum open space requirement and include trail connections along Powell's Creek.
- **Greenways Implementation**
  - The biggest challenge to greenway implementation is easement acquisition. After an easement is acquired, the Crozet Trails Crew can work with the County and build the trail within a reasonable amount of time.
  - Education for HOAs and other stakeholders about how trail projects are implemented (including easement acquisition and liability), key leadership, and benefits of trails will be crucial.
  - Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Trails Crew should partner to verify/clean up data on what's existing to help communicate gaps to the public.
- Connecting The Square to Crozet Park should be a priority.
- There is a need for active spaces, fields, etc: currently only at Crozet Park, which is down at the bottom and floods. There are supposed to be more in later phases of Western Park.
- **Environmental**
  - Wildlife connectivity currently seems to be an afterthought but greenways could help.
  - Looking for more enabling authority for forest & tree canopy preservation.
- **Regional Park Connections**
  - Look at walking trail connection to Shenandoah National Park / Brown's Gap Turnpike.
  - Prioritize an east-west Parrott Branch trail connection to Beaver Creek.