

Current Status of Green Infrastructure- Greenways and Parks:

Green Infrastructure is defined as an interconnected network of protected land and water that supports native species, maintains natural ecological processes, sustains air and water resources and combined with trails for people contributes to community health and quality of life. Green infrastructure is a critical element of the Crozet Master Plan, with the following efforts currently underway:

- **Western Park at Old Trails-** Proffered by developer; 25 acre Park and 17 + acres of Greenway.
In addition the owner will construct the trails and provide approximately 1.5 million dollars for master planning and construction costs of the park. The Greenway and trail systems through this development will, among other uses, serve the greater community with safe routes to Schools.
- **Crozet Connector Trail 1.5 miles** (From Licking Hole Basin to Crozet Park)
4,038 feet under temporary interim access agreement with 240 LLC
2,735 feet nearing negotiated agreement with RWSA
600 feet under negotiation
- **Brookwood Loop Trail .6 miles** (From Licking Hole Creek at Cory Farm to Crozet Park)
2,949 feet dedicated by Stonehouse Development
600 feet under negotiation
- **Parrot Creek Trail**
Consistent with the Crozet Master Plan, Henley and Western students have adopted and are building a new trail through Beaver Creek Park that will eventually connect with Crozet Elementary School.
- **Mint Springs Park** (Trail enhancement)
In response to a recent county recreation needs survey that indicated a strong desire for more natural area recreation opportunities, park staff and various volunteer groups are being directed to work on new and existing trails within the park.

Highlights

The Master Plan's Green Infrastructure Map identifies greenway, park and trail locations as well as protected natural areas.

Significant trail projects are already underway in partnership with Crozet residents, with additional projects to be completed in the next Fiscal Year.

Next Steps:

Anticipated trail projects in Crozet for FY06 include:

Acquire the right-of-way and build approximately 50% of the trails envisioned with the Crozet Master Plan while continuing to plan and negotiate for the remaining links, routes and access points. Design and Install trail information kiosks, trail signage and site amenities such as

benches and trash receptacles. Further engage local volunteer groups and school community service interests.

Who to Contact:

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