

**ATTACHMENT A**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND GREENWAYS  
BOND EDUCATION STRATEGY AND BROCHURE  
Resolution No. 26/2003-04**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen directed staff to prepare a brochure providing information on the proposed bond referendum and a strategy for disseminating this information to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO  
HEREBY RESOLVES:

That the Board has reviewed and commented on the brochure and the proposed elements of the education plan.

## Introduction

On Election Day, November 4, 2003, Carrboro voters will be asked to vote on a bond order to build sidewalks and greenway trails in Carrboro. If approved, the Town will be authorized, but not required, to borrow up to \$4.6 million for sidewalk and greenway trail construction.

This brochure explains why the Board of Aldermen has chosen to put this issue before the voters, how the money may be used, and what the effect on tax rates could be. This brochure does not urge anyone to vote for or against the bond order. Instead, its sole purpose is to inform voters.

A map showing proposed sidewalk and greenway locations, frequently asked questions, and other information are available on the town's website ([www.townofcarrboro.org](http://www.townofcarrboro.org)).



An example of a street in need of a sidewalk.

## Sidewalks

There are many streets in Carrboro that do not have sidewalks. Over the years, many citizens have requested that sidewalks be constructed along existing streets. A Sidewalk Task Force, appointed by the Board of Aldermen, identified 67 proposed locations for new sidewalks throughout the Town and estimated the cost of building these facilities.

The total cost of constructing the sidewalks in these locations would likely exceed the funds derived from the proposed bond issue. Therefore, the Board of Aldermen has adopted a preliminary priority list of proposed sidewalks. The ranking of sidewalks on this list is based on a number of objective criteria, such as traffic speeds along adjacent streets and proximity to schools, parks, and business districts. :

The sidewalk priority list is preliminary and is subject to change. If the bond order is approved by voters, there will be many other factors that will be considered before definitive decisions are made about when and where to build sidewalks. Other factors to be considered include the desires of the public, reports from public safety officials, engineering and construction costs, debt capacity, and the availability of alternative funding sources.

## Greenways

Carrboro's long-range parks and land-use plans include greenway trails along Morgan and Bolin Creeks. The proposed bond would provide funding for the construction of greenway trails along Morgan Creek, between Smith Level Road and University Lake, and along Bolin Creek between Estes Drive and Homestead Road.

The greenway trails along Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek would serve as both recreational and transportation corridors for walkers, joggers, bicyclists and other users. The trails would also be part of an interconnected system of greenway trails planned for Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County.

It is anticipated that as much as 80 percent of the cost of the Morgan and Bolin Creek trails will be paid with federal funds. If approved by the voters, funds from the bond order would be used to cover the portion of the costs not paid with federal funding.

### What will the bonds pay for?

Sidewalks           \$4,308,600

Greenways         \$ 291,400

If the bonds are approved and if the Board chooses to issue the full amount authorized, then the annual debt service payment on the bonds would require a maximum tax increase of 4.5 to 5.2 cents. This translates to a \$45-52 annual tax bill increase for a home valued at \$100,000.



Greenways provide recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

**Sidewalks are proposed on all or a portion of the following streets:**

1. Estes
2. Old Fayetteville
3. James
4. Main
5. Oak Ave
6. Carol
7. Hillsborough
8. Jones Ferry
9. Lindsay
10. Main
11. Oak St.
12. Pine
13. Quail Roost
14. Rainbow
15. Williams
16. Smith Level
17. Ashe
18. Birn
19. Cheek
20. Elm
21. Fowler
22. Greensboro
23. Hanna
24. Lisa
25. Lloyd
26. NC 54
27. Pleasant
28. Poplar
29. Strowd
30. Culbreth
31. Jones Ferry
32. Barrington Hill
33. Blueridge
34. Bolin Forest
35. Carr
36. Carr
37. Center
38. Davie
39. Gary
40. Greensboro
41. High
42. Hill
43. Laurel
44. Laurel
45. Lorraine
46. Maple
47. Milton
48. Morningside
49. Oleander
50. Roberson
51. Shelton
52. Short
53. Simpson
54. Autumn
55. Bolin Creek
56. Davie
57. Eugene
58. Maple
59. Phipps
60. Spring Valley
61. Merritt Mill
62. Barnes
63. Bel Arbor
64. King
65. Prince
66. Wild Oak
67. Queen



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**CARRBORO RESIDENT**