

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 20, 2007

TITLE: Comments on Concept Plan for Chapel Hill Bolin Creek Greenway Phase III

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Concept Plan for the Bolin Creek Greenway, Phase III (See the town's website for tonight's meeting to view this plan.) C. Minutes of January 16, 2007 Board of Aldermen Meeting D. Map from Carrboro's Comprehensive Master Plan for Recreation and E. Excerpt from Carrboro CIP FY 2006-2007 F. Staff Memo G. Map Showing Staff Recommended Route	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327 Kendal Brown – 918-7334

PURPOSE

The Town of Chapel Hill referred its Bolin Creek Greenway Phase III concept plan to the Board of Aldermen for comment. Staff has reviewed the plan and offers comments for the Board's consideration. A resolution providing comments has been prepared for the Board's adoption (*Attachment A*).

INFORMATION

Phase III of the Bolin Creek Greenway would be located in the west central portion of Chapel Hill, and would extend Chapel Hill's greenway network westward from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to Umstead Park northwest to Seawell School Road. A spur trail from Umstead Park would extend south to Caldwell Street in the Northside neighborhood. The general alignments for the greenway and the alternatives discussed in this Concept Plan are consistent with the *Chapel Hill Greenways Comprehensive Master Plan* adopted by the Town Council in January, 2006. Comments are requested by the end of February, 2007.

The Board of Aldermen received a presentation by Town of Chapel Hill staff on the Bolin Creek Greenway Phase III concept plan at its January 16, 2007 meeting and referred the item to Carrboro staff for review. The graphics for the concept plan are available in their entirety on the Carrboro website for tonight's meeting. Excerpts of the plan are attached (*Attachment B*). The minutes from this meeting are also attached (*Attachment C*).

The Board of Aldermen recently adopted an updated Comprehensive Master Plan for Recreation and Parks. The plan includes a greenway component and proposes a trail system along Bolin Creek. A copy of the map showing the existing and proposed greenway facilities is attached

(*Attachment D*). The Carrboro CIP FY 2006-2007 anticipates planning and engineering studies for greenways, as shown on page 2.9 of the CIP (*Attachment E*).

A staff memo on the concept plan in reference to planning for greenways in Carrboro has been prepared (*Attachment F*). A map illustrating the recommended route, following the existing sewer line easement along Bolin Creek, is also attached (*Attachment G*).

FISCAL IMPACT

None noted.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the attached resolution providing comments on the Chapel Hill concept plan for Bolin Creek Greenway Phase III (*Attachment A*).