

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2009

TITLE: Review of the Bolin Creek Greenway Conceptual Plan

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff memo	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: JEFF BRUBAKER, 918-7329 RANDY DODD, 918-7326 BRENDAN MOORE, 918-7392

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this agenda item is to forward the greenway conceptual plan for Bolin Creek and Jones Creek from the Greenways Commission for Board of Aldermen review.

INFORMATION:

In 2003 the citizens of Carrboro approved a bond referendum that included funds for planning and construction of two greenways: one in the Bolin Creek corridor and one in the Morgan Creek corridor. That same year the Town sought, and was granted, funds from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization to help fund the planning and construction of the greenways. In June 2007 the Board established the Greenways Commission to guide the planning of the greenways. The Greenways Commission began meeting in January 2008 and has since been advancing the greenways projects. The consulting firm Greenways Incorporated has prepared the conceptual plan for the Bolin Creek greenway. The report, and supporting information, is available for download from the Greenways, Inc. website at <http://www.greenways.com/bolin.html>. Additional information about the Greenways Commission is available at <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/Greenways/default.htm>, and greenways resource material at <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/Greenways/ResourceInfo.htm>.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT:

The planning for the projects is being funded through the Town's sidewalk and greenway bond as well as through the Metropolitan Planning Organization's STP-DA funding resource. The total planning budget for the project is \$70,000; of which \$14,000 is funded through the bond and \$56,000 is funded through the STP-DA funds. In addition to planning funds, the Town has programmed construction funds in the amount of \$1 million. The specific programmed construction amounts and funding sources are identified in the table below. As described in the staff memo, the construction estimates below do not reflect the full estimated construction costs. The conceptual plan and staff memo include detailed cost estimates and implementation and funding considerations.

Project Name	Construction Estimate	STP-DA	Town Share (20%) - bond funds	Town Share (20%) - unfunded
Bolin Creek Greenway	\$737,500	\$590,000	\$147,500	
Jones Creek Greenway	\$268,375	\$214,700 (FY11)		\$53,657
Total	\$1,005,875	\$ 804,700	\$147,500	\$53,657

The planning work has involved substantial dedication of the Transportation Planner, Environmental Planner, and Facilities Administrator and lesser amounts of time from other staff. Future phases will require substantial ongoing commitment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board receive this report, and approve the attached resolution.