

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2010

TITLE: Review of the Morgan Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning, Zoning, and Inspections	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff memo C. Greenways Commission recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329 Randy Dodd, 918-7326 Brendan Moore, 918-7392

PURPOSE

The Morgan Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan will be presented to the Board of Aldermen for review. Staff have provided a supplemental memo, and the Greenways Commission has provided implementation recommendations (Attachment C).

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 greenway projects.

The consulting firm Coulter Jewell Thames (CJT) has prepared the Morgan Creek Greenway plan. The plan includes recommendations regarding a trail alignment in the corridor as well as a supplemental feasibility study on a connector trail to BPW Club Rd. to help connect adjacent neighborhoods and Carrboro High School.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

Development of the Morgan Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan is being funded by a combination of 80 percent federal Surface Transportation Program (STP-DA) and 20 percent local match. The high school connector study funding was programmed separately after staff determined that the original allocation was not enough to cover this additional analysis. The scope of work was subsequently amended to reflect the feasibility study, and the completed study is incorporated in the master plan.

The table below shows the funding breakdown for the Morgan Creek Greenway.

Description	STP-DA (80%)	Town share (20%)	Status
Conceptual Master Plan	\$40,000	\$10,000	Under contract, reimbursement-based
High school connector trail feasibility study	\$4,000	\$1,000	Under contract, reimbursement-based
Detailed design, environmental documentation, etc. Construction	\$480,000	\$120,000	Programmed for 2010-2011
TOTAL	\$524,000	\$131,000	

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Morgan Creek Greenway Conceptual Master Plan.