



ADOPTION OF THE MASTER PLAN

The original adoption of this Comprehensive Greenways Master Plan completed a process that provided opportunities for comment and assimilated input from a variety of sources including citizens, professional staff, Advisory Board and Greenways Commission members and the Town Council. Opportunities for citizen participation were frequent. Several different methods of gauging public sentiment were used, including informal meetings and formal public hearings.

The adoption of this Plan and its recommendations reflected the broad sense of participation and ownership the Chapel Hill community has with its greenway system. This positive endorsement will help to ensure that the program remains a priority.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE PLAN

Implementation of a master plan, by definition, is a long-term process. Over the next several decades and beyond, the Town will experience an almost constant need to adapt to growth and change. Public objectives, local situations and funding opportunities are constantly in flux. In order to accommodate such changes, the Comprehensive Greenways Master Plan should be viewed as a working document. The Town should update the entire document approximately every five to ten years to ensure the continued improvement and enhancement of the Chapel Hill Greenway System.

However, the document should be treated as a living document and updated as real world changes cause the document to become out-of-date. The 2013 update to the plan ensures its continuing relevance and indicates the commitment of the Town to this improvement.