



**A&Y Greenway design and RFQ process  
(Hwy. 220 pedestrian tunnel to Centerfield Rd.)**

Attachment(s): yes

MEETING DATE: MARCH 10, 2015

**STAFF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:**

A public-driven component of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan is Policy Area 2 entitled "Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Trail System" and an A&Y (Atlantic and Yadkin) Greenway feasibility study was completed in 2012. The greenway is a regional effort to develop the A&Y from downtown Greensboro through Summerfield to downtown Stokesdale and beyond, and it has been designated as part of the statewide Mountains-to-Sea Trail. The towns of Summerfield and Stokesdale, Guilford County, the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO), the City of Greensboro, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), Summerfield Parks and Recreation Committee (SPARC), Revitalizing Our Ancestors' Dreams in Stokesdale (ROADS), Stokesdale Trails, Paths, and Right-of-Way Committee (STPRC), NC Rails and Trails, Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and the Piedmont Land Conservancy provided input regarding the feasibility study.

In 2012, the town also entered into an agreement with NCDOT to connect the greenway to a planned pedestrian tunnel under Highway 220. The town has been working on a proposed southern-section route since fall 2012 that would begin at the tunnel and connect to the former railroad bed near Summerfield Elementary. Leadership formed the Trails and Open Space Committee, which has worked tirelessly to determine a southern route. An initial route was proposed in early 2014 and based partially on community input, the recommended route has been heavily modified in the revised alignment that will be presented.

The next major step is trail design and ultimately securing realistic cost expectations. Development costs are substantial and in order to receive major funding for development/construction, a formal design is required to meet NCDOT and federal guidelines. The committee has made a recommendation to proceed with the design process (committee minutes are attached elsewhere in the packet) and a short presentation will be made showing the general placement of the suggested route and explaining the changes since the previous recommendation. The request is to begin the process of qualifying design vendors and starting the design process, which would involve requesting letters of interest and qualifications from potential design contractors. When that process is completed, a firm price and contract can be presented for Council consideration. Responses from qualified firms would also be kept for potential future work.

***Suggested motion:*** I motion to allow the Town Manager to work with an MPO representative and Trails and Open Space Committee representation [name(s) to be suggested at meeting] to solicit qualified design firms and return a contract recommendation to Town Council for the design of the southern section of the A&Y Greenway.

(over for notes)



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TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS / ACTION:

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## Sale of Brookbank Road properties

Attachment(s): (on back of this sheet)

MEETING DATE: MARCH 10, 2015

### STAFF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:

The Town has is considering the sale of three town-owned tracts on Brookbank Road for \$160,000 with the right to purchase back specific areas for future trail use at today's selling price. It has reached agreement with a buyer and will use the statutory process outlined in NCGS § 160A-269 entitled "Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bids." The potential sale and conditions will be discussed in more detail at the meeting.

The parcels involved are shown on the back and total acreage is +/- 25.61 acres. These are referred to as Northern A, Northern B, and Southern tracts. The pink area on the map is what the town sold to NCDOT for ROW in the past. The following outlines the statutory process:

*A city may receive, solicit, or negotiate an offer to purchase property and advertise it for upset bids. When an offer is made and the council proposes to accept it, the council shall require the offer or to deposit five percent (5%) of his bid with the city clerk, and shall publish a notice of the offer. The notice shall contain a general description of the property, the amount and terms of the offer, and a notice that within 10 days any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5%) of the remainder. When a bid is raised, the bidder shall deposit with the city clerk five percent (5%) of the increased bid, and the clerk shall readvertise the offer at the increased bid. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the council may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The council may at any time reject any and all offers. (1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 25.)*

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