



**Ordinance:** Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee

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ORDINANCE  
ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD  
TRAILS and OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**Ordinance Establishing the Town of Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Summerfield is a municipality located in Guilford County, North Carolina, with an estimated population of 10,487 residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, Summerfield citizens have indicated a preference for enhanced recreational opportunities and connection to neighborhoods and amenities. A public-driven component of the town's 2010 Comprehensive Plan was a "sidewalk, bikeway, and trail system" and an Atlantic and Yadkin (A&Y) Greenway Feasibility Study was completed in 2012; and,

**WHEREAS**, there has been persistent local and regional interest in Summerfield trails development, and the towns of Summerfield and Stokesdale, Guilford County, the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO), the City of Greensboro, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), the past 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 have all provided input regarding the A&Y Feasibility Study; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a regional effort to develop the A&Y from downtown Greensboro through Summerfield to downtown Stokesdale and beyond, the greenway was designated as part of the statewide Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and a new underground tunnel is being constructed from the terminus of the Vineyard Trail and under Highway 220 for a trail to run west/northwest beyond the tunnel; and,

**WHEREAS**, "open space" and "community character preservation" are other components of the aforementioned Comprehensive Plan, and important planning, logistical, political, and budgeting decisions remain regarding both trails and open space. Town leadership would benefit from a citizen/stakeholder committee of members with specialized knowledge and experience that would advise, recommend, and help shape trails and open space outcomes; and,

**WHEREAS**, now is an ideal time to be proactive about planning and Summerfield has major transportation changes underway and on the horizon with Highway 220 improvements and the upcoming I-73 project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of Summerfield adopts this ordinance establishing the Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee and governing the operations and policies of the Committee.

Adopted this 9th day of July 2013.

  
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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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William Hill, Town Attorney

## **Ordinance Establishing the Town of Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee**

- A. Purpose:** The purpose of the Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee is to provide representation for the citizens of Summerfield, support Town leadership's decision-making regarding trails and open space, improve connectivity among neighborhoods and amenities, enhance recreational opportunities, and address related policy areas within the 2010 Summerfield Comprehensive Plan. Ultimately the committee will help shape trails and open space outcomes.
- B. Creation and Establishment:** The Summerfield Trails and Open Space Committee is an on-going advisory committee that will serve at the pleasure of Town Council. This ordinance establishes the creation of the committee and replaces any policies, ordinances, or standards established previously.
- C. Term of Office/Qualifications:**
- 1) The committee shall follow the latest revision of General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02 for terms of office and replacement of membership.
  - 2) Committee membership shall be limited to twelve members total consisting of nine voting citizen members, plus three non-voting, "ex-officio" members (as defined within General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02) consisting of the Town Manager, a designated Guilford County Parks representative, and a designated Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO) representative.
  - 3) Appointment to the Trails and Open Space Committee will be based on the following:
    - i. Knowledge of the subject(s) of trails and open space.
    - ii. Professional experience with trails and open space.
    - iii. Knowledge and willingness to serve the community.
    - iv. Ex-officio members may reside inside or outside the Town limits.
    - v. Employees of the Town of Summerfield shall not be considered members of the Committee and shall not be appointed as such, with the exception of the Town Manager.
- D. Compensation:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.
- E. Duties and Responsibilities:** The committee shall serve as the citizens' advisory board to the Town Council and Town Manager. Duties and responsibilities may include:
- 1) Advising on establishing and maintaining trails and open space within budgetary levels authorized by the Town Council. The committee cannot expend or obligate funds.
  - 2) Recommending to the Town Council land and designated areas to be set apart for use for trails and open space.

- 3) Advising the Town Council as to controls for and operation of trails and open space which are owned or controlled by the Town.
- 4) Recommending to the Town Council regulatory control, rules, and measures for use of Town-owned or controlled trails and open space.
- 5) Reviewing the budget for the committee and making comments and recommendations to the Town Council with respect thereto.
- 6) Advising on the development of cooperative arrangements with other organizations and groups when it will further Town objectives related to trails and open space.
- 7) Reporting to the Town Manager and Town Council the community's needs and desires with respect to trails and open space.
- 8) Making recommendations with respect to encouraging proper and safe uses of trails and increased public participation.
- 9) Maintaining records and preparing reports of activities and expenditures as requested by the Town Manager and Town Council.
- 10) Serving as advocates to the community and to the Town Council in promoting trails and open space as it seeks to enhance the quality of life for Summerfield citizens.

**F. Organization, Rules, Records, and Meetings:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**G. Annual Report:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**H. Staff and Technical Services:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02 with the Town Manager fulfilling the liaison staff connection requirement.

**I. Receipts and Expenditures of Funds:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**J. Agency Funds:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**K. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**L. Grounds for Removal of a Committee Member:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.

**M. Complaints against Committee Members:** The committee shall follow General Committee Ordinance O-2008-02.