

Consider Approval of Plum Creek Easement Agreement

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Kathryn Spatz, Parks & Recreation Director

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1. OVERVIEW

The adopted regional greenway plan has long shown a leg that connects the Town of Davidson's Kincaid Trail, known as the South Prong of the Rocky River Greenway regionally, to areas in Cornelius, including Hough High School, Bailey Middle School, and the North Mecklenburg Recreation Center, once it is constructed. This greenway leg runs through a parcel that was recently donated to the Town of Davidson and is now part of Plum Creek Park. The town needs to grant an easement to Mecklenburg County for construction of the greenway and to the Town of Cornelius for maintenance of the greenway once it has been constructed. This would approve the agreements with Mecklenburg County and the Town of Cornelius for construction and maintenance, respectively, of the Plum Creek Greenway.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Core Value: The Physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

Partnerships: The Town of Davidson will build on existing relationships to strengthen partnerships with strategic organizations and institutions.

The Town of Davidson will increase physical and mental health of Davidson citizens. Improve neighborhood parks.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Pros: Connectivity. Regional cooperation. Youth would be able to safely walk and bike to school.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

5. NEXT STEPS

Execute the contract with Mecklenburg County and Town of Cornelius.