

## Asheville Greenway Commission 2008 Annual Report

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### Master Plan Update

- The Greenway Commission was actively involved in supporting the creation of a draft departmental Master Plan that would supersede the existing Greenways Master Plan. Staff provided GreenPlay consultants with numerous tours and GIS information of greenway corridors, off road corridors, parks. Two members from the Greenway Commission served on the Master Plan committee which served to provide broad based information and feedback as well as assist in the editing process of the drafts and presentations from GreenPlay. Commissioners attended an all-board vote on the Master Plan and have supported staff in development of the plan.

### Land Acquisitions/Donations

- Progress Energy donated land including Jean Webb Park and the former gas plant bordering the French Broad River Park.
- Several parcels of land along Swannanoa River Road (adjacent to Spirits on the River) were acquired using FEMA funds.
- The City acquired five properties along the route for the Hominy Creek Greenway.
- The City acquired an easement from Thomas Wolfe that will serve the extension of the Reed Creek Greenway.

### Greenway Project-Related Work

- **Reviewed a number of proposed greenway / park projects.** A few of the larger projects:
  - **Beaucatcher Overlook Park**
  - **Waller Tract in West Asheville** as part of the Hominy Creek Greenway
  - **Parcel for Future Trail in Haw Creek**
  - **Hominy Creek Greenway**
  - **Continued Development of Reed Creek Greenway –**
    - Mountain Housing Opportunities development along **Choctaw and Ralph Streets that would include the Town Branch** greenway – participated in public meetings and provided comments on designs.
    - **Hominy Creek – A-B Tech Enka potential greenway** – Citizens presented a proposal to the Greenway Commission for a greenway connecting A-B Tech Enka to the Buncombe County Sports Complex.

### Public Education/Involvement and Partnerships

- Collaboration with Buncombe County Greenway Commission with Commissioner Marcia Bromberg serving as liaison.
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- Commissioner Glen Locascio is the liaison for the Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation.
- Participation in the Downtown Master Planning process.
- Provided maps of the City during the Downtown After 5 to promote alternative transportation during the Strive Not To Drive campaign.
- Engaged with City Council in discussions and feasibility studies regarding a future general obligation bond.
- Attendance at the Bicycle Summit meeting.
- Presentation to Leadership Asheville Seniors

### **Organizational Development and Recognition**

- Recognition appreciation of Scott Jackson and his four years of service, of David Tuch for his six years of service, and of outgoing Chair Linda Giltz for her 7+ years of service
- Marc Hunt elected as Chair and Marcia Bromberg elected as Vice-Chair for 2009.

#### Commission Members in 2008:

Linda Giltz (Chair)  
 Marc Hunt (Vice-Chair)  
 Glen Locascio  
 Marcia Bromberg (new in March)  
 Phyllis Stiles  
 David Tuch  
 Russell Pierce (new in November)  
 Susan Roderick (ex-officio)  
 Karen Cragolin (ex-officio)

#### Commission Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room in City Hall