

Green Infrastructure Planning Parks and Trails Working Group Summary Report

Our Work Product

A comprehensive map was created covering our area of interest (Fayetteville, Johnson, Farmington, and Greenland) showing current and proposed trails and parks, with connectivity proposals extending from these urban communities out to Ozark National Forest (Lake Wedington area) to the west, Lake Fayetteville Park to the north, Lake Sequoyah Park to the east, and Lake Wilson Park to the south.

Our Criteria

How did we choose what to include on our map? We answered the questions: What trails already exist? What are the proposed trails that cities in our area of interest have already identified? What green space areas within city neighborhoods are currently being utilized as parks? What urban forests do we already have access to? How can we expand access to different modes of travel? What is the least disruptive route to get to these urban forests?

Our Research

Our group collected trail maps showing current and proposed trails for surrounding cities, sent e-mails to members of the Fayetteville Council of Neighborhoods requesting feedback on areas that the associations felt should be protected in and around their neighborhoods, and relied upon those members in our group that are employed by local cities in the parks and trails areas, as well as local trail enthusiasts that have practical knowledge about our area of interest.

Elements Included on Our Map by color key

Apple Green	Existing Parks
Peach	Established Trails
Purple	Conservation Easement Properties
Blue-shade	Floodplains
Peach-dash	Proposed Trails as defined by existing city plans
Red-dash	Proposed Trails as defined by our working group
Tan	Proposed Green Space areas to protect defined by Neighborhood Assoc.
Red	Proposed Parks

Proposed Trails

Connectivity to Lake Sequoyah Park - allow pedestrian and bicycle traffic to flow east/west between Mission Blvd. and Wyman Rd. following the contours: Mission Blvd. to Fletcher Ave. to Rogers Dr. to Southern Heights Pl., skirting the south side of Mt. Sequoyah Woods to Happy

Hollow Rd., crossing Hwy. 265 and connecting to Wyman Rd., with Wyman Rd. connecting to the Lake Sequoyah Park.

Connectivity to Ozark National Forest (Lake Wedington area) using flood plains

- (1) Extend Clabber Creek Trail west along Hamstring Creek to Clear Creek to Ozark National Forest,
- (2) Extend the north end of Skull Creek Trail west along Clear Creek to Ozark National Forest,
- (3) Extend Owl Creek School / Boys and Girls Club area west along Owl Creek to Goose Creek to the Illinois River,
- (4) Connect Farmington by tying into Goose Creek west to the Illinois River,
- (5) Connect Kessler Mountain to Farmington Branch.

Connectivity along utility easements – allow pedestrian and bicycle traffic to flow east-west from Hwy 265 up and over Mt. Sequoyah following major power lines. (Not shown on map.)

Neighborhood Association Questionnaire Results

Root School – An 8 acre area of forest just outside the northeast boundary of our neighborhood on a steep slope that is a medium size connector to areas extending north to Gulley Park, south to Shadowridge Park and on to Sequoyah Woods.

Sunset Woods – Protect the green corridors through the NE to the south central area of the subdivision, along the western edge and just west of the south side of Lewis before Cleveland.

Wyman Stonebridge – Preserve an open field south of Huntsville Road and west of Stonebridge (presently developed as a community garden by the owner.) along with adjoining property to the north across Huntsville Road, surrounded by Sherlock on the west and Holmes on the north. Additionally, protect the area to the east of this, bordered by Huntsville on the south, Stonebridge on the west, and Wyman on the north. There also is a large wooded area from Huntsville road on the south and west of Crossover that is forested extending up past Wyman Road. These would all connect nicely to the Stone Mountain area.

Elm, Baxter, Hurston – Areas south of Colt Square and north of the houses on Elm St. between Gregg and Green Acres. Also, there is a nice green space north of the old Razorback Cinema between Green Acres and College Ave., as well as the green space that presently contains a dilapidated house south of Elm, east of Gregg Ave., north of Poplar and west of Baxter.

University Heights – Abundant wooded areas, including the Markham/Archer property, and deep, wooded backyards and hillsides.