

Third Fork Creek Extension Trail Fact Sheet

Project Description & Connections

The Third Fork Creek Extension Trail is an approximately two-mile trail planned for southern Durham. The southern termini is the existing Third Fork Creek Trail in Southern Boundaries Park and the northern termini is the existing American Tobacco Trail at the intersection of Fayetteville Street. The Trail will connect and provide safe transportation and recreation between Southern Boundaries Park, Weaver Street Recreation Center, the Weaver Street Neighborhood, the forested corridor between Weaver Street and Fayetteville Street, and businesses and bus stops in the Fayetteville Street corridor employment and commercial area.

Adopted Plans: Durham Trails and Greenways Master Plans (2001 & 2011); N.C. State University Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Study (2015); NCDOT STIP

Project Benefits

- Fill a gap in the City’s trail network by serving as the connection between the existing Third Fork Creek Trail and the American Tobacco Trail, both of these trails experience **high volumes of commuter and recreational traffic**.
- Provide equitable access to **open space, parks, transportation, jobs, and basic needs** in an area of Durham that is suburban and highly constrained by the existing environment.
- Establish a **safe crossing of Cornwallis Road, a four-lane roadway** with speeds that exceed 50mph.
- Deliver a bicycling and walking facility that is fully separated from vehicular traffic and will provide a safe means of transportation for the **large population that lives in the Weaver Street neighborhood to access the commercial and employment areas along Fayetteville Street**.

Project Funding

- Total Project Cost (estimate): **\$9,350,000**
- Current Funding Gap: **\$4,900,000**
- Initial TAP funding received in 2016 through the NCDOT Competitive SPOT process.

Community Context along Trail Corridor¹

- Population Density, Persons per Square Mile: **1,880 - 5,100**
- Percent of Population that is African American Race: **68 - 82**
- Median HH Income: **\$28,900 - \$36,800**

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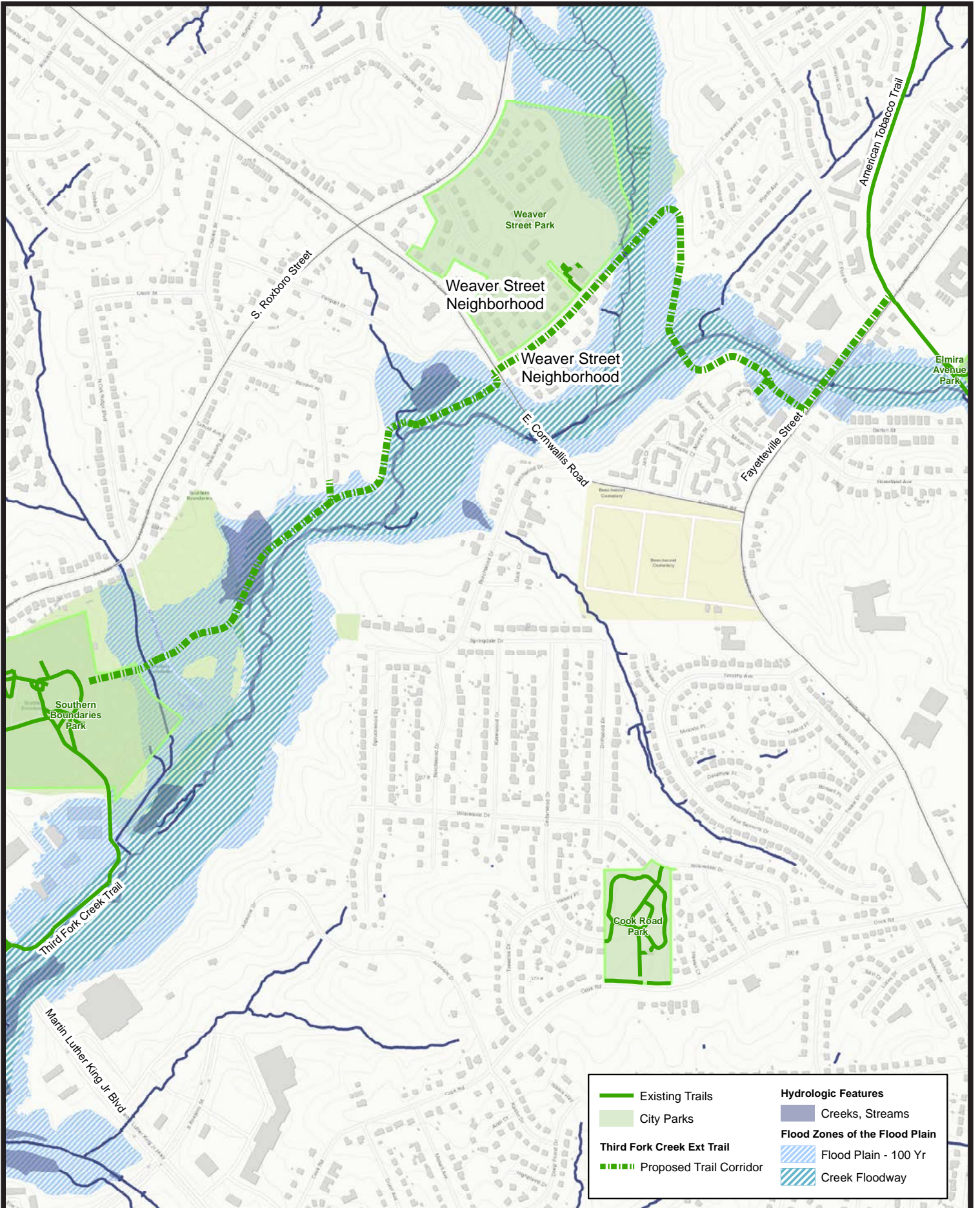
The Third Fork Creek is the main water body in the Third Fork Creek Watershed. The Watershed is in an older portion of Durham, south of the Durham Freeway. It includes headwaters near Forest Hills and NC Central University. The Creek continues southeast from there through Hope Valley and Woodcroft neighborhoods. Many of Durham’s residents live in the Third Fork Creek Watershed. The population density is the second highest of Durham’s watersheds.

Project Schedule

- Design Notice To Proceed: **June 2019**
- Community Engagement and Outreach: **April 2018 - 2026**
- Design Completion: **September 2023***
- Property Acquisition: **2023**
- Construction Start: **January 2024****
- Project Completion: **2025****

*City completed extensive Public Engagement as part of the prior Alternative Analysis during 30% Design Phase, which drove many decisions that led to the current trail corridor alignments.

**Overall Critical Path for Design & Construction Phases greatly depends on the timing of NCDOT reviews/approvals and availability of funding.



Existing Trails	Hydrologic Features
City Parks	Creeks, Streams
Third Fork Creek Ext Trail	Flood Zones of the Flood Plain
Proposed Trail Corridor	Flood Plain - 100 Yr
	Creek Floodway

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