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What is the Haw River Trail Partnership?

In 2006, 10 governmental agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work together for the development of the Haw River Trail and the conservation of its land and waters.

In this spirit, the cities of Burlington and Graham have partnered with Alamance County, to fund a full-time position to coordinate conservation and trail efforts on the Upper Haw River. This newsletter, and our website: www.thehaw.org, are an effort to inform the public about the ongoing work stemming from the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding.

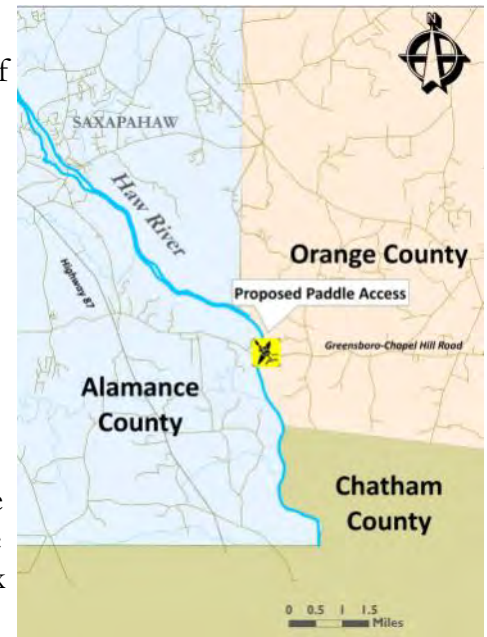
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAW RIVER TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

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STATE GRANT WILL HELP HRT PARTNERSHIP CREATE PADDLE ACCESS AT GREENSBORO-CHAPEL HILL ROAD

The stretch of the Haw between Saxapahaw and Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road has always been one of the most popular for Haw River Trail paddlers. Unfortunately, a great trip has always ended with a difficult ascent up a muddy river bank, over private property and to a car parked on the shoulder of the road. A new grant awarded to Haw River Trail Partnership will help change that experience, creating a new public paddle access at the intersection of the Haw River and Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road. The \$40,000 Recreational Trail Program grant will help fund the cooperative effort between Alamance County, Orange County and the NC Department of Transportation, which is allowing the paddle access on the site of the old bridge over the Haw River. The new paddle access will extend the Haw River Paddle Trail by nearly six miles, and will serve as the final paddle access needed on the Haw in Alamance and Orange counties. The new Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road access is slated to open in 2013.



GLENCOE SECTION OF HRT RECIEVES OFFICIAL MOUNTAINS TO SEA TRAIL DESIGNATION

The newest section of North Carolina Mountains-to-Sea Trail is a nearly three-mile stretch of Haw River Trail in Alamance County. The popular trail from Great Bend Park in Glencoe to Stoney Creek Marina in the Carolina community received the official designation from the State of North Carolina this month. Great Bend Park was one of the first sections of Haw River Trail opened 2008 and represents an important node on the Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail route. Great Bend Park and nearby Glencoe Paddle Access mark the center of the trail from Indian Valley to Stoney Creek named the "Glencoe Section."



This section of trail makes the third section of Haw River Trail designated as Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Swepsonville River Park was designated in 2008, and Shallow Ford Natural Area received the designation in 2010.

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Quarterly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites

March 1, 2012 through May 30, 2012

Altamahaw Paddle Access:

6,002

Shallow Ford Natural Area:

4,621

Great Bend Park:

3,490

Glencoe Paddle Access:

3,917

Town & Country Paddle Access:

936

Red Slide Park:

9,439

Graham Paddle Access:

5,395

Sweptsonville River Park-Upper:

13,135

Sweptsonville River Park-Lower:

12,561

Sax. Lake Paddle Access:

5,381

Sax. Mill Race Paddle Access:

7,708

Total Attendance For Period:

38,541

GREENSBORO/GUILFORD COUNTY PARTNERING ON NEW PADDLE ACCESS

Guilford County and the City of Greensboro have reached an agreement to create a new paddle access on the Haw River Paddle Trail at Brooks Bridge Road. The property for the access is already owned by Greensboro and houses an emergency water intake for the City's water supply lakes. The new agreement will allow Guilford County to utilize the site to create public access to the Haw. Both jurisdictions recently signed an extension of the Haw River Trail Memorandum of Understanding. The Brooks Bridge Road access, located upstream of the Altamahaw Paddle Access will be the first in Guilford County and will add over three miles the Haw River Paddle Trail.

YEE HAW! RIVER PADDLE RAISES OVER \$2,000 FOR HAW RIVER TRAIL

Impending storms held out almost long enough for all the paddlers for the 2012 Yee-Haw! River Paddle to get off the river. Over 80 paddlers braved the storm warnings this year to help make another successful event. The event introduced many newcomers to the Haw including visitors from the Triangle, Triad and across the state. Thanks to our sponsors and paddlers, the paddle raised over \$2,000 dollars for the Haw River Trail Partnership. Thanks to all the participants, sponsors and staff for making this year's event successful. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

ELON PROFESSORS' STUDY OF WILDLIFE ON HAW RIVER PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

A scientific assessment of the fauna of the Haw River Basin was published last month in the scientific journal *Southeastern Naturalist*. The study entitled: "An Assessment of Herpetofaunal and Non-Volant Mammal Communities at Sites in the Piedmont of North Carolina" took place on Haw River Trail sites in Alamance County and other properties located near the Haw. Elon professors Joshua M. Kapfer and David J. Muñoz completed the study, which provides much needed detail about the species that inhabit the North Carolina Piedmont. Kapfer and Munoz cataloged over 2,000 animals over the course of the study, and identified 49 distinct species including American mink, river otter and coyote.



One of beavers cataloged in the Elon study