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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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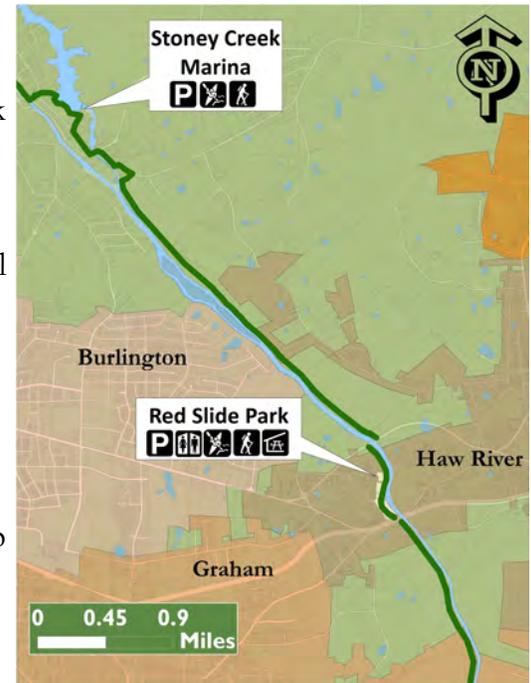
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAW RIVER TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

Spring 2014

CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON NEWEST SECTION OF TRAIL

Trail construction begins this weekend on a four mile section of trail through the heart of Alamance County. This stretch of trail, from Stoney Creek Marina to Red Slide Park in downtown Haw River, is the culmination of over five years of planning, fundraising and working with riverside landowners to gain access to the property. Once complete, this section will add to the existing trail between Indian Valley and Stoney Creek to create eight miles of continuous Haw River Trail/Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

The trail construction will be completed with the assistance of the Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail. Work begins this Saturday and will continue through the Fall. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed to help with this section, so please consider coming out to help.



WORK DAY DETAILS

Date: Saturday, May 10th

Location: Red Slide Park, 389 Lang Street, Haw River- [Map and Directions](#)

Start time: 9am until you are we're tired, usually around early afternoon (BUT you are free to go when you need to)

Bring: sack lunch & snacks for yourself, water, work gloves, long pants (poison ivy), work shoes, and bug spray (ticks).

To RSVP of for more information, please contact the FMST Alamance Task Force Leader Megan Squire at megansquire@gmail.com.

2014 YEE-HAW! RIVER PADDLE SET FOR JUNE 7TH

Preparations are underway for the 7th Annual Yee Haw! River Paddle, slated this year for June 7th. We have moved the date this year to correspond with National Trails Day, and look forward to celebrating the day with the community. This year's event is tentatively planned to highlight our newest section of paddle trail from Brooks Bridge Paddle Access to Altamahaw Paddle Access, a beautiful section of river just opened in 2013 with the addition of Brooks Bridge Paddle Access.

Full event details and registration will be available on May 15th are available at www.thehaw.org/yeehaw.



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SAXAPAHAW ISLAND PROPERTY TO BE DONATED TO HRT

Waste Industries, the Raleigh-based waste collection company, has agreed to donate an 18.4 acre parcel in Saxapahaw. The parcel is part of a nearly 30 acre island, one of the largest in the Haw River. The island has long been an integral part of the Saxapahaw community. Decades ago, the island hosted youth football games and community picnics. More recently, the island has proved an irresistible draw to locals and tourists alike, despite being privately owned. This donation will return the island to its place as a public gathering spot in the heart of Saxapahaw. Although no plans for development of the property have been finalized, public access to the island will be a priority in fulfillment of the Haw River Trail's "Conservation through Recreation" mission. A ceremony in recognition of the donation will be held in June. The public is invited to attend, and we will provide more details once the event is finalized.

Quarterly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites

January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014

Altamahaw Paddle Access: 2,429

Shallow Ford Natural Area: 1,588

Great Bend Park: 1,918

Glencoe Paddle Access: 1,673

Red Slide Park: 8,245

Graham Paddle Access: 2,669

Swepsonville River Park-Upper: 5,922

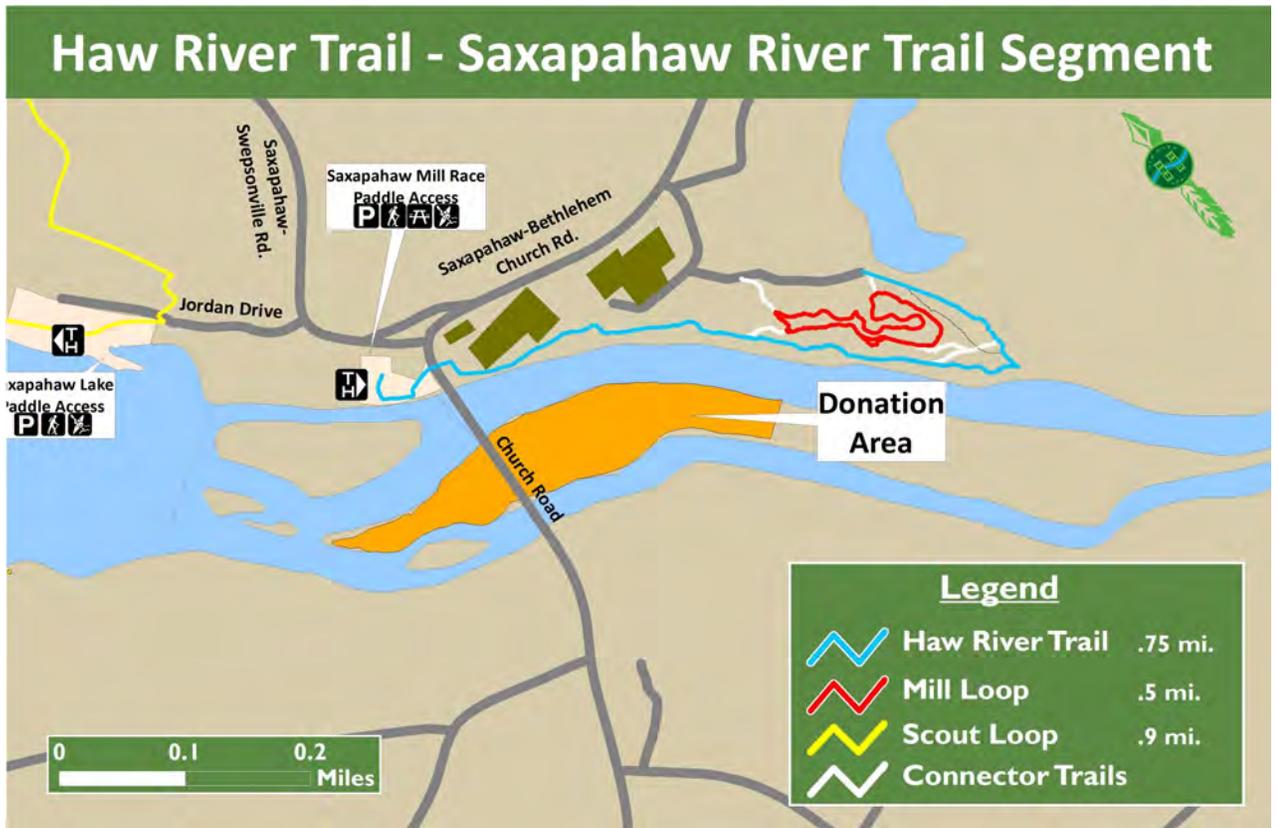
Swepsonville River Park-Lower: 7,356

Great Alamance Creek Access: 2,089

Sax. Lake Paddle Access: 6,453

Sax. Mill Race Paddle Access: 2,032

Total Attendance For Period: 42,374



GREENSBORO-CHAPEL HILL ROAD PADDLE ACCESS UPDATE

Progress is continuing on the construction of a paddle access at Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road. A major hurdle was passed in February with the completion of the property acquisition portion of the project. After final construction approvals are complete, construction on the access is slated to begin this Fall. The paddle access at Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road is the final access needed to complete the Haw River Paddle Trail in Alamance County.

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