

HRT News Spring 2007

May 23, 2007

Nalls Donate Land for Paddle Access

Longtime Burlington residents George and Jerrie Nall donated a two-acre tract adjacent to the Glencoe Mill Village this week. The parcel is located at the intersection of Glencoe Street and Highway 62 on the north bank of the Haw River. The Nalls' gift was inspired by a desire to provide the Haw River Trail with a highly visible location from which to educate the public about the Trail and the HRT's corresponding conservation efforts. Plans for the land include a new Haw River Paddle Trail Access which will open an exciting stretch of river between Glencoe and the Graham access on Highway 54. The property will also house the Haw River Trail/Mountains to Sea Trail, connecting the new Alamance County park at Glencoe with trails on the former Carolina Mill site, now owned by Capitol Broadcasting Company of Durham. The generosity of the Nalls is inspiring to all of us and tremendously appreciated.

May 17, 2007

REI of Durham Donates Kayaks for Haw River Trail Coordinators

Outdoor outfitter REI donated two kayaks this week to support the Haw River Trail conservation and recreation mission. The Durham cooperative donated the boats for use by the Haw River Trail Coordinators as they continue to their efforts to conserve and study the river. In addition to retailing and renting outdoor equipment, REI supports a number of non-profit and volunteer organizations with donations and customer outings. Details on upcoming events can be found at <http://www.rei.com/stores/85>.

April 28, 2007

Haw River Trail Named Site on North Carolina Birding Trail

The North Carolina Birding Trail confirmed this week that the Haw River Trail will be named as a site on the Piedmont Section of the NCBT. The North Carolina Birding Trail publishes regional guide books to help birders find prime locations for viewing birds throughout the state. The Coastal region was completed in 2006 and the Piedmont regional trail guide is slated to be published in Fall 2007. One area of particular interest to birders on the Haw River Trail will be a wetland area on the Indian Valley to Glencoe segment of the Haw River Trail. The small wetland is within the Future Alamance County Park at Glencoe and will be easily accessible via the Haw River Trail, or off Greenwood Drive. The HRT's acceptance as a site on the birding trail will bring a significant contingent of birders to the burgeoning trail and will also be a boost for local businesses and hoteliers. For more information go to www.ncbirdingtrail.org.

April 24, 2007

Alamance County Awarded New Grant for Glencoe Park

The Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department was awarded an \$170,000 grant this week from the State of North Carolina to expand the new park near the Glencoe Mill Village. The grant was awarded from the North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund, and will help Alamance County add to the 20 acres acquired earlier this year with a \$158,000 grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department plans to develop the site over into a passive-use park including a paddle access for the Haw River Paddle Trail, fishing accesses and picnic areas. The new park will also be a stop on the Haw River Trail and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

April 12, 2007

Get Outdoors! provides 8 New Kayaks for Haw River Trail

Greensboro-based outfitter Get Outdoors has provided 8 new Wilderness Systems Pungo Kayaks to the Haw River Trail effort in 2007. Get Outdoors donated the kayaks to assist our conservation and public outreach efforts, and

their generosity is much appreciated. The kayaks will help us show the Haw River to landowners, community leaders and grantmakers in the comfort of the new Wilderness Systems Phase III seats. Please let Will Sealey and all the folks at Get Outdoors know how much their generosity is appreciated and look for the "Blue Angels" out on the River.

April 5, 2007

Construction Under Way on Indian Valley-Glencoe Section of Haw River Trail

Trail work is under way on the newest stretch of the Haw River Trail. A crew from Dan River Prison Work Farm has been on site for almost 10 days clearing vegetation and building trail on the new route. The new trail will stretch from Indian Valley Paddle Access to Highway 62. Along the way, the trail will wind through the soon to be opened Alamance County park and the historic Glencoe Mill Villiage, terminating at Glencoe Paddle Access. The trail will provide for fishing spots, a spur onto the island created by the Glencoe Mill race, and birdwatching on a site that has been nominated for the North Carolina Birding Trail.