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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](http://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

Fall 2011

### CAROLINA MILL - STONEY CREEK SECTION OPENS SEPTEMBER 10TH

The newest section of Haw River Trail is set to open this month, connecting Carolina Mill to Stoney Creek Marina. The nearly mile-long section connects to three miles of open trail from Indian Valley Paddle Access to Carolina Mill - the longest contiguous stretch of Haw River Trail open to the public.

The Stoney Creek Section begins at Carolina Mill, before rising up "Gray Hill" to the former site of Midway School, so named because it was midway between Carolina and Hopedale. The trail then winds down to the banks of Stoney Creek Reservoir, one of Burlington's municipal water sources. The trail terminates at Stoney Creek Marina, off Carolina Road. In time, the trail will continue through the Hopedale Community to the Town of Haw River, crossing Three Governors Bridge and connecting with Red Slide Park.



Although the trail will be open beginning September 10th, Stoney Creek Marina remains closed while repairs are made to the dam. Parking is available outside the fence at Stoney Creek Marina, every day during daylight hours. No parking is available at Carolina Mill. The closest western trailhead is Glencoe Paddle Access, 1 mile west at the intersection of Hwy 62 and Mill Race Road.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS ON THE HAW RIVER TRAIL

October 1, 2011 - Alamance County Recreation and Parks is offering a guided hike from Great Bend Park to Stoney Creek Marina. The hike will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the Great Bend Park parking lot on Greenwood Drive. Call 270-5124 or email [kim.brown@alamance-nc.com](mailto:kim.brown@alamance-nc.com) for more details.

October 15th - Alamance County Recreation and Parks is offering an Outdoor Safety Program with Dick Thomas, Executive Director/Naturalist at the Piedmont Environmental Center. The program will begin at the Shallow Ford Natural Area parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Call 270-5124 or email [kim.brown@alamance-nc.com](mailto:kim.brown@alamance-nc.com) for more details.

For questions, comments, or to remove your name from the mailing list, email [info@thehaw.org](mailto:info@thehaw.org) or call 336/229-2229



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## SECOND ACQUISITION COMPLETES TRAIL ROUTE ON CHALLENGE GOLF COURSE

Monthly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites

July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011

Altamahaw Paddle Access: 1,515

Shallow Ford Natural Area: 2,244

Great Bend Park: 1,663

Glencoe Paddle Access: 2,031

Town & Country Paddle Access: 434

Red Slide Park: 4,585

Graham Paddle Access: 2,762

Total Attendance Since July 1st: 20,965

The Haw River Trail completed another key piece of the puzzle this Summer with the acquisition of a 13.47 acre parcel of riparian property adjacent to the Challenge Golf Course in Haw River. The property lies between Highway 49 and Interstate 40/85 and includes approximately 3500 linear feet of frontage on the Haw River. The land is an important piece for connecting existing sections of Haw River Trail. The property was acquired via bargain sale with the assistance of a grant from North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. Development of the new section of trail will begin in 2012, but an opening date has not been set. Check [www.thehaw.org](http://www.thehaw.org) for updates on the new trail section.



**TRAIL PHOTOS:** These photos were taken by security cameras at Haw River Trail sites this Summer.



### TEXAS ROAD HOUSE

### FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 9TH

Texas Road House has generously offered to donate 10% of all HRT related sales on Sunday, October 9th to the Haw River Trail. Just go by Texas Road House for lunch or dinner and tell your server you are there for the Haw River Trail.

### BLUE RIBBON DINER

### FUNDRAISER TOTALS

The August Fundraiser at Blue Ribbon Diner sold 282 Haw River Muds and raised over \$700 for the Haw River Trail. Thanks to Blue Ribbon Diner and everyone who helped us out by eating a giant dessert.