



# THE MOUTH OF THE HAW

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAW RIVER TRAIL PARTNERSHIP

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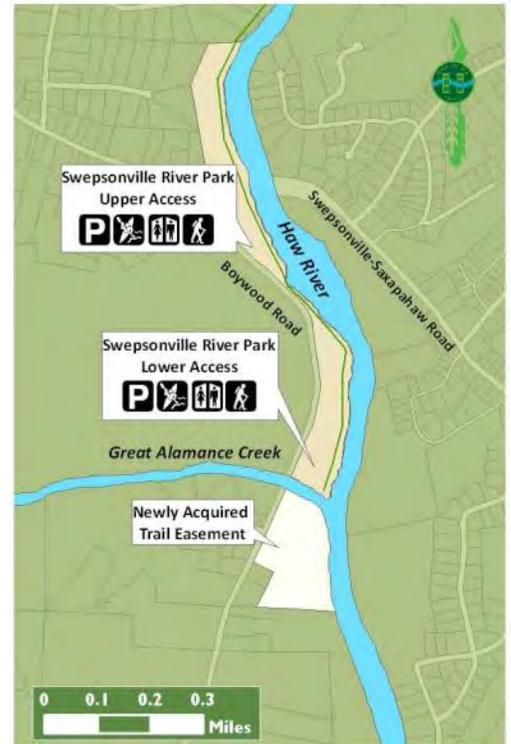
### What is the Haw River Trail Partnership?

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.

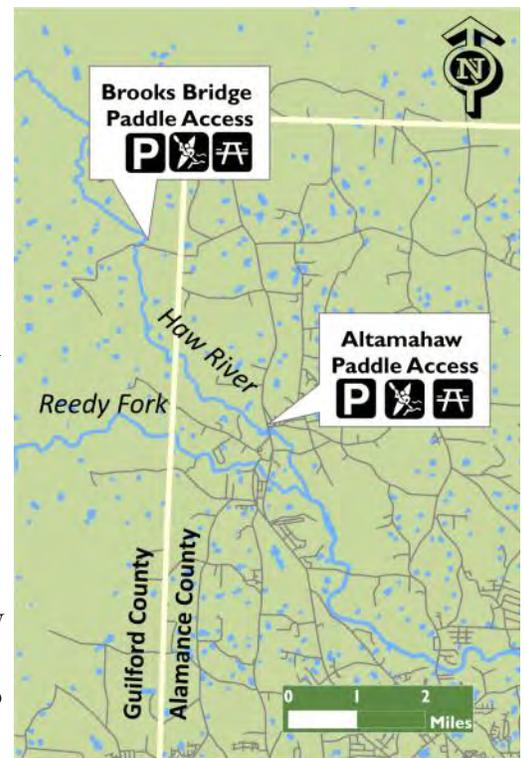
### NEW ACQUISITION BEGINS TRAIL TO SAXAPAHAW

The Haw River Trail added another key piece this Spring with the acquisition of a trail easement immediately south of Swepsonville River Park. The acquisition will allow hikers to return to the river bank after crossing the Boywood Road bridge over Great Alamance Creek. The acquisition of trail on this parcel is the first step on the six mile journey to connect Swepsonville River Park to Saxapahaw. This section is the longest stretch on the river without a bridge crossing, requiring the cooperation of a significant number of landowners on the west bank of the Haw. Thanks to the Stone family for helping us begin this effort.



### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW PADDLE ACCESS

Guilford County began construction on a new paddle access to the Haw River Paddle Trail this week. The paddle access will be located on Brooks Bridge Road in northeast Guilford County on a parcel of land owned by the City of Greensboro for a water intake on the Haw. The access will be the northernmost on the river, approximately four miles upstream from Altamahaw paddle access. The bridge has long been used to access the river, but the new construction will provide safe, legal access to a beautiful stretch of river for the first time. Far narrower than in most parts of Alamance County, the Haw River below Brooks Bridge provides an intimate paddling experience with close up views of Mountain Laurel blooming in the Spring. The first two miles of river provide rocky ledges that require skilled navigation, before giving way to flat water backed up by Altamahaw Dam. It will be well worth paddling once complete. Congratulations to Haw River Trail Partnership members Guilford County and the City of Greensboro for their efforts.



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## HRT RECEIVES HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

The Haw River Trail was honored in May by the City of Burlington for its historic preservation efforts along the Haw. The HRT was awarded the 2013 Minetree Pyne Historic Preservation Award. "in recognition of efforts to preserve the character and timeliness of architecture in Burlington." Traditionally awarded to structures, this award was an attempt to recognize the Haw River Trail's efforts to interpret and celebrate the complicated history of the Haw River in our community. The Haw River is striking in its present beauty, but the river cannot be fully understood without a broader context of its role throughout the generations. Our responsibility to reveal this past to visitors to the river is one we take seriously, and we are truly honored to receive the award.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Nature Journal Hikes

Saturday, June 29, 2013  
Shallow Ford Natural Area, 9:00-10:30am  
&  
Saturday, August 3, 2013  
Great Bend Park at Glencoe, 9:00-10:30am

Join us in learning to make your own nature journal. The program is free but limited to 10 participants. Journal supplies provided. To register call 270-5124 or email [kim.brown@alamance-nc.com](mailto:kim.brown@alamance-nc.com).



## RUN FOR THE HAW

Nearly 200 people gathered on Memorial Day weekend to benefit the Haw River Trail and the Run for the Haw 5K/10K. The race through the streets of Graham was met with unseasonably cool temperatures, no doubt helping the runners. The race was organized by Graham Recreation and Parks with assistance from the Graham Rotary Club. The annual race raises funds for the ongoing acquisition and construction of the Haw River Trail. Our thanks to all the runners who participated this year.



### Quarterly Attendance at Haw River Trail Sites

March 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013

Altamahaw Paddle Access:

6,827

Shallow Ford Natural Area:

5,805

Great Bend Park:

3,455

Glencoe Paddle Access:

3,813

Town & Country Paddle Access:

1,621

Red Slide Park:

12,868

Graham Paddle Access:

4,102

Sweptsonville River Park-Upper:

9,767

Sweptsonville River Park-Lower:

11,696

Sax. Lake Paddle Access:

6,608

Sax. Mill Race Paddle Access:

7,973

Total Attendance For Period:

74,535

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