

PROJECT HISTORY

The Downtown Greenway is a proposed 4.2 mile walking and biking trail that will loop around downtown Greensboro, and will enhance the urban landscape with a green space that will promote fitness, encourage alternative transportation, provide connectedness and well-being for our residents and visitors in an aesthetically pleasing environment. The loop itself provides a unique opportunity for Greensboro to have the only one of its kind in the state and one of the few in the country. In addition, with the connections to the extensive existing and planned trails systems in the city and the county, this loop will connect residents from all parts of the community and beyond.

The idea for this loop was first proposed as a part of the Center City Master Plan in 2001. This project builds on the strengths that currently exist in our community. Greensboro is nationally recognized as having one of the best Parks & Recreation systems in the country. The City of Greensboro adopted the BiPed Plan in the fall of 2006 which calls for an addition of over 400 miles of trails to complement the 81 miles that are built and maintained today. This loop is the central hub of the entire trails system and provides a connection among over a dozen in-town neighborhoods, as well as to neighborhoods and communities further afield. Greensboro has also recently adopted a Public Art Master Plan and the program of public art planned for the Greenway will enhance this effort.

The Greensboro Bicentennial Commission unanimously adopted the Downtown Greenway as its signature project in the Fall of 2006 as a lasting legacy of the city's celebration of its 200th birthday.

The Greensboro City Council adopted a resolution of support for the project in February 2007. The Downtown Greenway steering committee and its volunteers are working together with the City of Greensboro and other partners to plan, design, fundraise, and build this project for the City of Greensboro.

Ground was broken on small Phase 1 (along JC Price Boulevard between South Eugene Street and West Lee Street) in March 2008 and design and planning work continues on subsequent phases. Next up for construction: Phase 1a (between West Lee Street and Spring Garden Street). Next up for planning: Phase 2 (Morrow Boulevard and East Lee Street to Fisher Avenue and North Eugene Street).