

Agenda

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Regular meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2025

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



1. Call to order and confirmation of quorum

2. Agenda changes and approval

3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Mar. 18, 2025

4. Discussion items

- A. Riverwalk Master Plan: Discuss water quality and floodplains with Terry Hackett, Stormwater and Environmental Services Manager
- B. Riverwalk Master Plan: Discuss town utilities and easements with Bryant Green, Engineering Services Manager

5. Parks and recreation-related reports

- A. Board of Commissioners: Robb English
- B. Planning Board: Hooper Schultz
- C. Intergovernmental Parks Work Group: Staff

6. Park steward reports

- A. Gold Park: Cole Kenworthy
- B. Cates Creek Park: Richard von Furstenberg
- C. Murray Street Park: Hooper Schultz
- D. Kings Highway Park: Robb English
- E. Hillsborough Heights Park: David Weinberg
- F. Riverwalk: Nevin Daryani
- G. Turnip Patch Park: Wendy Kuhn

7. Staff updates

Recent repairs at Turnip Patch Park, Climate Challenge, FY26 budget update, Wayfinding signs

8. Adjournment

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Minutes

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7 p.m. Mar. 18, 2025

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



Present: Chair Cole Kenworthy, Vice Chair Richard von Furstenberg, Todd Cayton, Nevin Daryani, Wendy Kuhn, Hooper Schultz, Paul Weinberg and Commissioner Robb English

Absent: David Weinberg

Staff: Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

1. Call to order and confirmation of quorum

Chair Cole Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

2. Agenda changes and approval

There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion: Member Hooper Schultz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Richard von Furstenberg seconded.

Vote: 8-0

3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Feb. 18, 2025

Motion: Member Wendy Kuhn moved approval of the Feb. 18, 2025, minutes as submitted. Member von Furstenberg seconded.

Vote: 8-0

4. Discussion Items

A. Review Riverwalk 10-year anniversary press release and discuss master plan components

Board members reviewed the Riverwalk Urban Forest Plan. The board agreed to carry over recommendations from the plan including the removal of invasive species and reforestation with native species. The board discussed adding recommendations for public art along the trail.

In April, Stormwater and Environmental Service Manager, Terry Hackett, will discuss water quality, floodplains, and stream buffer requirements. Also, in April, the Engineering Services Manager, Bryant Green, will discuss the town's utilities and utility easements and any plans for future repair and maintenance projects along Riverwalk.

In addition to utilities and water quality regulations the plan will address topics including history, connectivity, economic impacts, transportation, return on investment, resilience, public health, culture and arts, events and tourism, the state parks and Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Occaneechi Village and the Great Indian Trading Path.

No action was taken

5. Parks and recreation-related reports

- A. Board of Commissioners: Robb English reported the Police Chief, Duane Hampton, is retiring and Major Jason Winn is named Interim Police Chief. He also reported that staff is working with NCDOT to reduce speed limits from 45 mph to 35 mph in town limits along U.S. 70/Cornelius Street.
- B. Planning Board: Hooper Schultz reported the Planning Board did not meet in February due to snow.
- C. Intergovernmental Parks Work Group: No report.

6. Park Steward Reports

- A. Gold Park: Cole Kenworthy reported a mallet is missing from the musical play stations and there is chalk that needs to be washed off under picnic tables.
- B. Cates Creek Park: Richard von Furstenberg reported no issues. Board agreed to use the same exterior paint colors for the restroom building as used in Gold Park.
- C. Murray Street Park: Hooper Schultz had no issues to report.
- D. Kings Highway Park: Robb English reported the new kayak launch is installed.
- E. Hillsborough Heights Park: No report.
- F. Riverwalk: No issues to report.
- G. Turnip Patch Park: Wendy Kuhn reported that the leg on one of the sculpture ladies is nearly falling off. Also, the split rail fence has broken sections.

7. Staff Updates

Staff provided an update on Creek Week activities, the upcoming Climate Challenge, Turnip Patch Park fence repairs, a new Little Library at Hillsborough Heights Park, and a new climber being installed at Gold Park to replace a deteriorated piece of equipment.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Member Hooper Schultz moved to adjourn. Member Richard von Furstenberg seconded.
Vote: 8-0

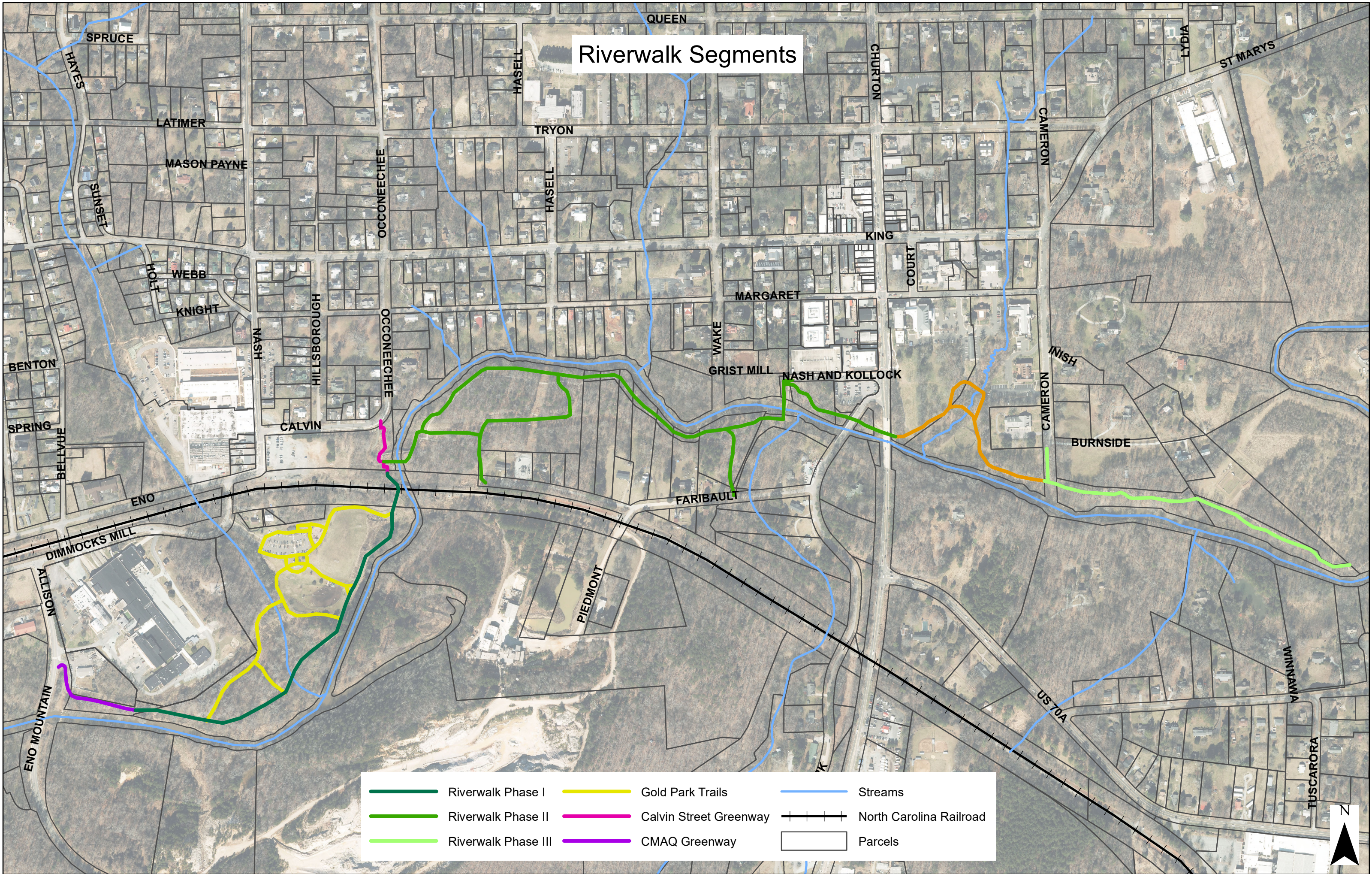
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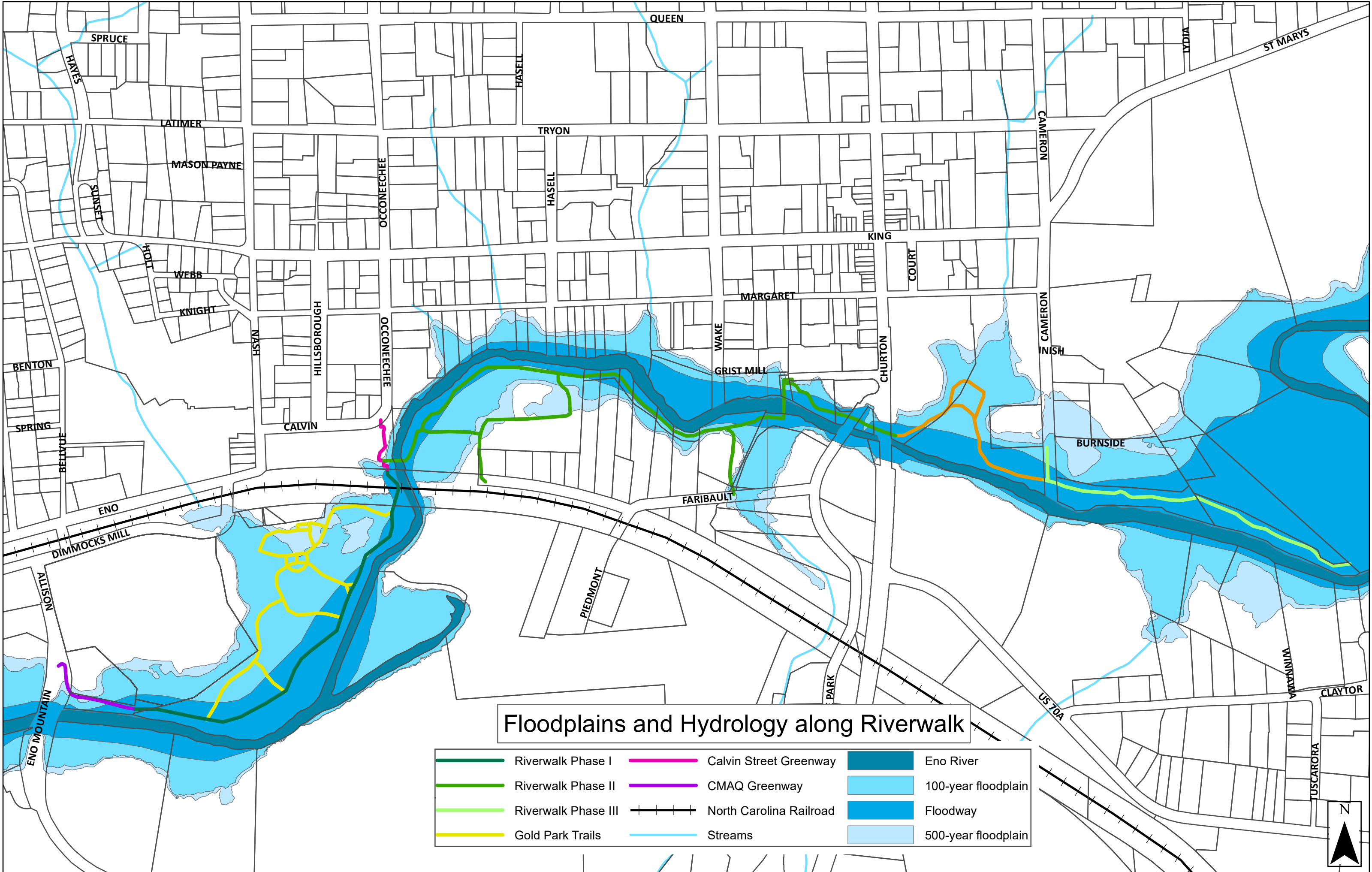
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Stephanie Trueblood
Public Space and Sustainability Manager
Staff support to the Parks and Recreation Board

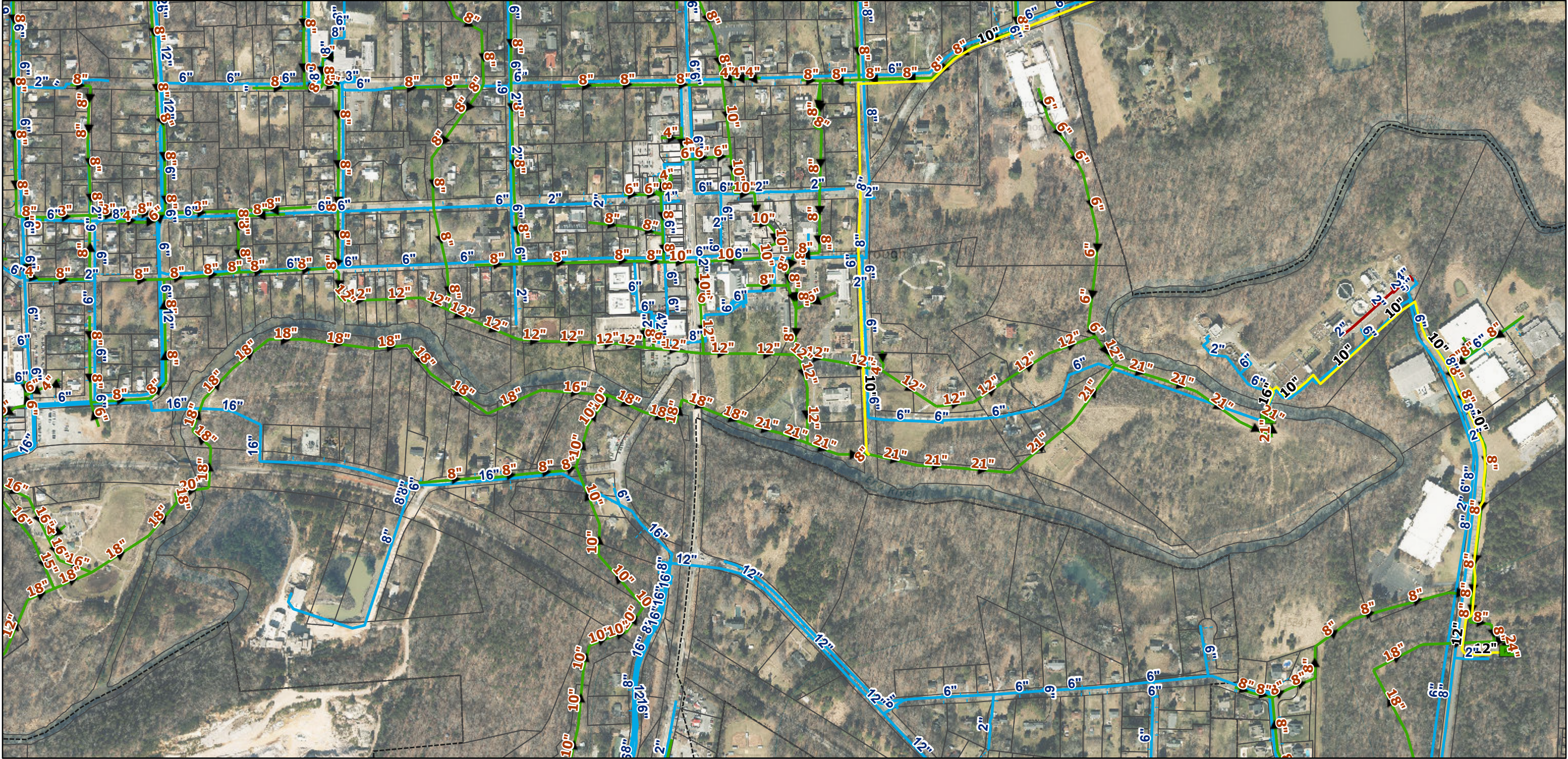
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Riverwalk Segments





Riverwalk Utilities - East



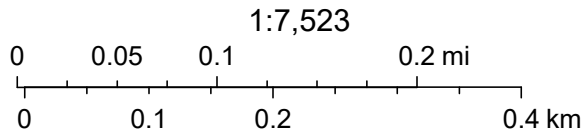
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- Hillsborough Primary Service Area
- Sanitary Lift Station
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- Sanitary Force Main
 - Public
- Sanitary Pipe
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- Water Pipe
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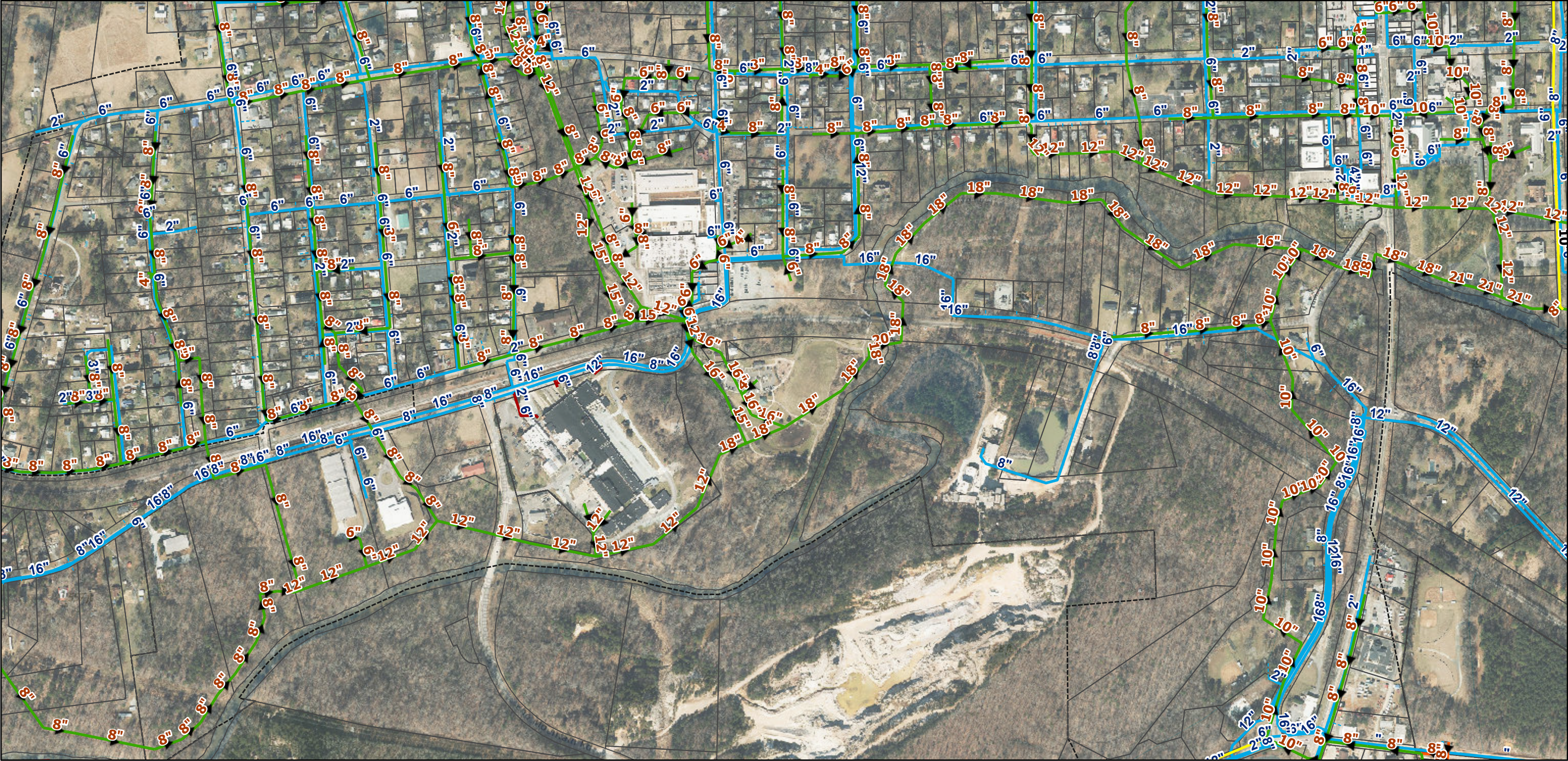
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- Parcels
- New Urban Service Boundry

- Hillsborough Town Limits
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Riverwalk Utilities - West



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□ Hillsborough Primary Service Area

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Sanitary Pipe — Public

— Private Water Service Pipe

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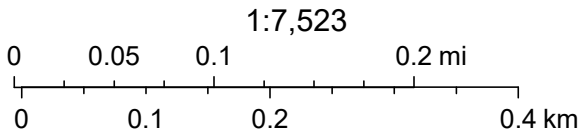
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Eno River Outfall East and Exchange Club Sewer Outfall Replacement and Exchange Club Stream Study Projects

Project Area Map



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| 1 | Challenge: Existing sanitary sewer located under playground equipment in park.
Consideration: Coordination with park will be critical. Limited ability to relocate the sewer and avoid play structures. | 6 | Challenge: The existing sewer under the Churton Street bridge is located between two pier sections.
Consideration: Similar to Exchange Park Lane, replacing the sewer in place will likely be required. |
| 2 | Challenge: Aged storm crossing with stone headwalls and significant grade/depth at NCRR crossing.
Consideration: Parallel storm installation(s) and stream improvements/grading will be required to add capacity. | 7 | Challenge: Existing aerial crossing is located in a conservation easement where Stillhouse Creek connects to the Eno River.
Consideration: Shifting the alignment and impacting additional conservation easement is time consuming (if allowed). |
| 3 | Challenge: Increase hydraulic capacity under NCRR will increase downstream flows, potentially making the LOS worse
Consideration: Reconnecting Exchange Club stream to the floodplain upstream of NCRR could offset increases downstream | 8 | Challenge: The Stillhouse Creek Restoration project includes a conservation easement near existing gravity sewer.
Consideration: Expanding the easement, even for temporary construction easement (TCE), can be time consuming and costly. |
| 4 | Challenge: Existing sewer is located between Exchange Park Lane bridge abutment and piers.
Consideration: Replacing or adjusting alignment to north side of Eno may be required due to spacing constraints. | 9 | Challenge: A replica of the Occaneechi Village is located directly adjacent to the existing sewer outfall.
Consideration: Impacts to recreational and cultural facilities along the Riverwalk will be required throughout the project. |
| 5 | Challenge: The existing aerial crossing will need to be upsized to accommodate larger pipe.
Consideration: In addition to constructability concerns, floodplain modeling/permitting will be required. | 10 | Challenge: The Hillsborough Community Garden is located directly adjacent to the existing sewer easement.
Consideration: Coordination with this facility, and volunteers in the area, will be required throughout. |