Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods Shared-Use Trail

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  - Online participants
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    • Type your questions into “Q&A”
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    • Dial Star (*) 9 to “Raise Hand”
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Project Team Introductions

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  Regional Planning Coordinator

• Eric Anderson, KZF Design
  Design Consultant Project Manager

• Laura Whitman, Rasor
  Project Team Communications

• Haley Taylor, Rasor
  Project Team Communications
• Completed January 2019
  - Sets vision for parks, facilities, programming and services through 2028

• Eight priorities
  - Build more trails
  - Add programming, events for diverse audiences
  - Provide access to conservation areas
  - Establish a define blueway system
  - Focus on partnerships
  - Build ecological resiliency and sustainability
  - Expand access for all users
Feedback Received About Trails

- Prioritize trails
- Expand the regional trail system and its connections
- Trail expansions and connections should:
  - Focus on trails within parks
  - Fill in missing connections across the county
  - Increase trail/park access to underserved areas, adjacent neighborhoods
Benefits of Shared-Use Trails

- Free recreation and transportation opportunities
- Environmentally-friendly
- Improved health benefits
- Increased property values
- Increased job and local business revenues
Trail Development GOALS

• Enhance connectivity through safe and accessible alternative transportation options
• Improve pedestrian safety
• Provide non-vehicular access to greenspace and local businesses
• Improve air quality
• Improve community health and wellness
• Provide a high-quality outdoor recreation experience

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Trail Development GOALS

- Provide learning moments for nature observation as well as conservation and sustainability education;
- Protect and enhance natural resources in the development and construction of the project;
- Identify opportunities to utilize low-impact construction techniques and options;
- Incorporate strategic use of green infrastructure practices to build ecological resiliency.

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Trail Development
HISTORY & CONTEXT

• Vision of a shared-use trail in the Mill Creek watershed dates back 20+ years
• Great Parks has wanted to create a connection to Winton Woods since Glenwood Gardens was acquired in the 1990’s
• Completed in 2017
• Examined multiple route options
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Alternative Route Concepts for Feasibility Study
• Reviewed a broad variety of options
• Recommended route that best satisfies goals
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Recommended route that best satisfies goals
The Proposed Route:
• Builds on the preliminary alternative alignment
• Connects two Great Parks
• Connects multiple communities
• Is located entirely on public land/easements
Proposed Alignment

Glenwood Gardens
Glenview Golf Course
Winton Woods

MAP LEGEND:
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- Additional Access Improvements
- Existing West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail
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Expanding the Regional Trail System

• **Connections**
  - West Fork Mill Creek Trail
  - Harbor Loop Trail (Winton Woods)
  - Multiple trails in between

• **Expansion**
  - 3.6 miles of new trail
  - Nine miles of continuous trail
Regional Trail System

GG2WW Trail
Mill Creek Triangle Trails (existing/proposed)
Proposed trails
Other existing trails
Planned trails

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• Paved, 12 feet wide
• ADA-accessible
• Supports most forms of non-motorized travel
• Provides new access points to parks
  - Additional access improvements

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Expanding Choices

- Variety of route lengths
- Variety of experiences

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Your Input is Important

Ways to shared feedback include:

• Participate in tonight’s meeting
• Preferred: Complete online comment form
• Email: GG2WW@greatparks.org
• Mail: Attn: Ben Helmes
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Comments due by May 1!