

Integrating Parks, Trails & Open Space

Current Issues & Code Considerations



Parkland dedication

Waxhaw's code has no parkland dedication standards for subdivisions and there are few public park facilities within city limits.

Current policy guidance:

- 2009 Comprehensive Plan Strategy 3.2.1: *Amend the town's development ordinance to require residential developments to include parks and greenways/bike paths in all new developments.*
- 2012 Parks Master Plan also reinforces this need and provides direction on the amount and type of parkland needed for current and projected growth.

Considerations: Draft standards requiring parkland dedication and/or fee-in-lieu consistent with the Parks Master Plan.



Park location & design within new developments

Waxhaw's code has no parkland design standards – for how they should be integrated into new developments.

Current policy guidance:

- See related bullets above under Parkland dedication.

Considerations: Integrate design criteria for integrating parkland into new subdivisions and other developments emphasizing the principle that parkland spaces must be convenient, usable, and accessible. They must also be inviting, safe, and well maintained. Lastly, they must provide for uses & activities that serve anticipated residents and users of development



Integrating trails into new developments

While the Town has an adopted pedestrian plan and demonstrated demand for recreational trails, there are no standards to guide trail planning, acquisition, and improvement.

Current policy guidance:

- See related bullets above under Parkland dedication.

Considerations: Draft standards requiring the integration of trails/greenways into new subdivisions and other developments. Also provide standards and guidelines for the design of trails and their integration within subdivisions/developments.

