Peter R. Flynn, Town Administrator
Presented by

August 27, 2009
Presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee

Azalea Park

Henniker, N.H. 1668
Outline of Book

1. Letter of Introduction

2. Letter of Intent (to the NH Department of Transportation)

3. Project Planning Background

4. Formal Presentation
   a. Henninger Community Profile
   b. Catoctin Creek Valley Paper Mill Restoration Plan
   4. Open Space Trail System Plan

5. Formal Presentation
The trail will improve entrance to trail and make it ADA compliant, and introduce adequate signage.

3. **Project Issues**: Lack of security, overgrowth vegetation, lack of lighting, deficient surface, population: recreational need, local residents and neighbors.

2. **Project Needs**: Transportation need, College students-middle school-library and general school. Town residents would like to use the trail if it would be safer and more accessible. Located in the middle of downtown surrounded by town offices, library, NEC and the middle school.

1. **Existing Conditions**: The trail connects to a historic pedestrian covered bridge. The trail is narrow.

I have attached a review of the many aspects of this project request for your review. They include:

- Bridge. It would provide beautiful recreation opportunities for walkers and bicyclers.
- Proposed walkway to extend from behind the Grove Building to the New England College Covered Development of Azalea Park, which has deteriorated over the last twenty years. This walkway is in need of replanning.
- This section would be part of the trail and a long-term plan for a safe walking area and a.

Therefore, it was determined that the Phase 4 section would be more appropriate for discussion.

That explained many of the details and criteria in order to qualify.

I have more educated in the process as a result of a recent mandatory meeting with the DOT.

That only one phase is valid at this point in time.

Submitting my ideas of including four phases in this letter, I have learned through further investigation that only one phase is viable at this point.

The attached presentation will focus on my letter to Mr. Thomas Jameson of the NHDOT dated on July 1, 2009 and the various phases of the project and also the importance of the project.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to come before you to present some history and ideas relative to a project that has been discussed and sought after for at least the past ten years.

August 27, 2009

Deanne, N. H. 03301
21 Commercial Street
NHCPC

Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee:

Established November 10, 1958

Henniker, Board of Selectmen
Respectfully yours,

Thanking you for your consideration and looking forward to your input and response, I am

On behalf of the Town of Henniker, I would appreciate your consideration in recommending and

Total - $131,500.

(a) Engineering & signage, $15,000
(b) Surface Material and Labor, $28,000
(c) Lighting (ten lamp posts) $26,000
(d) Entrance Improvement with ramps, $60,000
(e) Signage with maps, $2,500

The estimated cost of the project would be broken down as follows:

with map included.
Why These Proposed Projects are Important to Henneker

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission and the Town’s STIS Committee

Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission and the Town’s STIS Committee recommends this project as part of the regional transportation and land use plan. The project seeks to improve the overall quality of life in the region by enhancing the regional transportation system and promoting more efficient and effective use of public resources.

What Henneker Believes

Number 1 and Number 2: A Phase 2 request will focus on activity number 2.

In this letter, the Town of Henneker outlines a four-phase pedestrian and bicycle transportation improvement project. It includes

1) Improving commuter bikes and trails, and
2) Enhancing pedestrian and bicycle transportation services.

The letter reflects the Town's commitment to improving the overall quality of life for residents and visitors, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, and fostering economic development.

Date: 7/15/2009

M. Thomas Jameson
Director of Transportation
NH Department of Transportation

July 1, 2009

Office of Selection

Incorporated

November 10, 1.7%
Phases of Implementation:

Phase 1 Overview

Phase 1 will add sidewalks on Western Avenue around the location of the accident where the sidewalk ends.

Phase 2 Overview

Phase 2 of the project will complete priority sidewalks as identified in the town's master plan along with any additional projects that make sense to include. The Town SRIS Committee will continue to review potential projects, the CNHPC and Town officials identified a handful of projects that could be blended, hence could be added. Pictscape and Hemner Community School need improvements, what areas would benefit from new sidewalks and where.

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Phase 3 Overview

The SRIS Committee plans to submit a SRIS Level Plan early once work from the planning Grant is completed.

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Realistically accessible by motorized vehicle.

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CC: Robert W. Don, CNHPC

Peter Flynn, Town Administrator

Sincerely,

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Where the Phase 1 sidewalk project has been proposed. This segment would be approximately 1 mile, from the Remington Road bridge and road west one Western Avenue above the site to Liberty Hill Avenue. This segment would be approximately 2.5 miles. In its first phase, the project would go from Southport Road to Newton Road and be approximately 2.5 miles. The total project would support. First, it would serve as an alternative route for people going to and from college to town. The abandoned rights of way near the Comstock River. The town sees the project as serving dual

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When many students and staff walk and bike into town, south of the river is the Town Hall and New England College (approximately 300 students and 200 employees), application to acquire the rights of way. The Comstock River runs along Western Avenue to the north and abandoned rights of way. If the project is determined to be feasible, the town will submit a finance TI advisory committee to explore the initial road project and this committee will also explore the acquisition of The town has an extensive inventory of abandoned railroad rights of way. The town plans to develop a local

Overview

Assurance and the possibility of bicycling as a viable mode of transportation.

Developers. Where appropriate, it will also work with CNHPC to help promote public awareness. The benefit of the plan includes an improvement of bicyclist needs at businesses and multi-family communities, through the plan. The improvement of bicyclist needs at businesses and multi-family communities, through the plan. The improvement of bicyclist needs at businesses and multi-family communities, through the plan.

The town will also work with schools, libraries, police stations, schools, college buildings, etc. Infrastructure improvements would include widening, upgrades, and safety improvements.

Aside from connecting downtown to College Park, the Rush Road Project would allow residents Rush study, and project implementation, through public meetings, STS requests.

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July 1999

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TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE

View of the Contoocook River from the old railroad bed

OPEN SPACE TRAIL SYSTEM PLAN
Restoration Project
Contoocook Valley Paper Mill
Town of Henniker, New Hampshire

DRAFT 2
April 17 & 18, 2009
Henniker, New Hampshire

Community Profile
Henniker

Cooperative Extension
University of New Hampshire
ACTION GROUPS

# 5 Volunteerism, Citizen Participation, & Leadership

- Coordinator (cultural, events, recreational, community center)
- Communication/Recreation (p) positions
- Promotion newsletter
- Welcome wagon
-Build board available to everyone at all times
- Improving local communication (2 votes)
- Leadership programs
- Promoting NCG events
**Who will be involved?**

promote/maintain for town benefit (27 votes)

Determine the final character that will define the town’s natural resources and how to

Conduct a study that shows the socio-economic potential of the natural resources and

**Natural Resources/Rural Character**

Research on grain possibilities – Bob Stamps

Lot map and list of owners – Maria Simmons

Talk with Army Corps of Engineers – Jim Meechy

Prior to July

Proprietary

Department of materials

Community input – survey or other

Volunteers

Grant $ to Food pan

Food pantry map

**What resources are needed?**

People involved previously in park efforts

Trail Rights Club

Whoever will be in charge of maintaining the park

Trail volunteers/caretakers, etc.

Representatives from college as well as other landowners
Town of Hemiker, NH

August 27, 2009

Preliminary to the Transportation Advisory Committee

Azalea Park Presentation
Project Location
Project Issues
Unauthorized entrance from private property
Building
Proposed entrance from Town parking lot behind crane
Proposed handicap access point at proposed entrance.
Trail connection to New England College Covered Bridge
Project Issues
Frequent vandalism.
Deficient surface conditions
Lack of Signage
Continue trail beyond park to loop around to covered bridge.
Project Cost
Estimated Costs

$131,500  Grand Total

$15,000  Engineering

$2,500  Signature with maps

$60,000  Entrance Improvements with ramps

$26,000  Lighting (10 lamp posts)

$28,000  Surface Material and Labor