

# Safe Routes to Parks: A municipality's perspective

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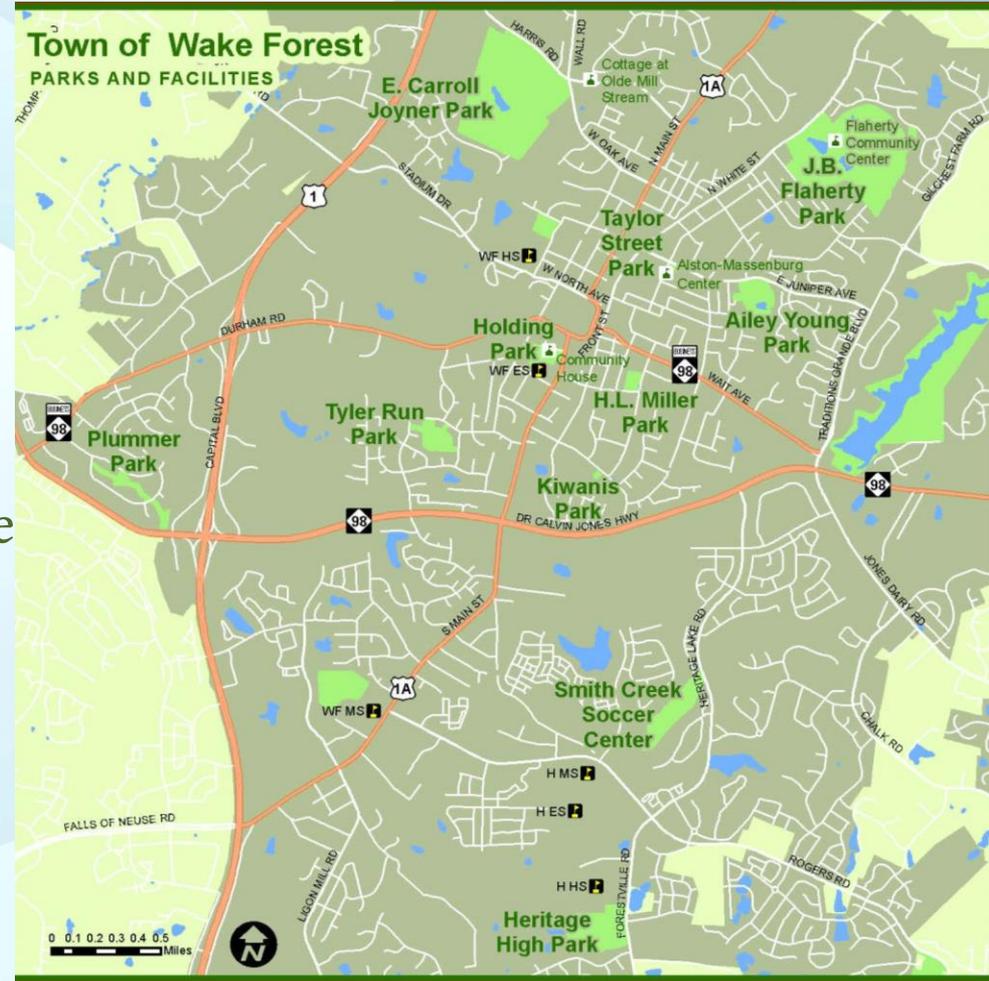
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# Parks and Facilities

- Population: 43,000
- Manage 561 acres of parks, open space, natural land and trails
- 12 parks, 14 miles of paved greenways
- One of the 1st municipalities in the state of North Carolina to be designated as a Tree City USA



# Transportation Planning

## ➤ 2019 Comprehensive Transportation Plan

The Town of Wake Forest will have a safe, efficient, flexible, innovative, and inclusive multimodal transportation system that provides residents of and visitors to the Town with a multitude of transportation options for local and regional travel while promoting a welcoming small-town charm and vibrant business environment.

## ➤ 2015 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Master Plan

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Master Plan is intended to help meet the needs of current and future residents by positioning Wake Forest to build on the community's unique parks and recreation assets and identify new opportunities.

## ➤ 2009 Open Space & Greenway Plan

Provide equitably distributed recreation areas, facilities, and programs conveniently located throughout Town; improve accessibility to meet the basic needs of children, teenagers and adults, while recognizing the special needs of the elderly, the disadvantaged and the handicapped.

## ➤ 2006 Pedestrian Plan, 2008 Bicycle Plan, 2010 Transportation Plan

## ➤ Development Plan Reviews

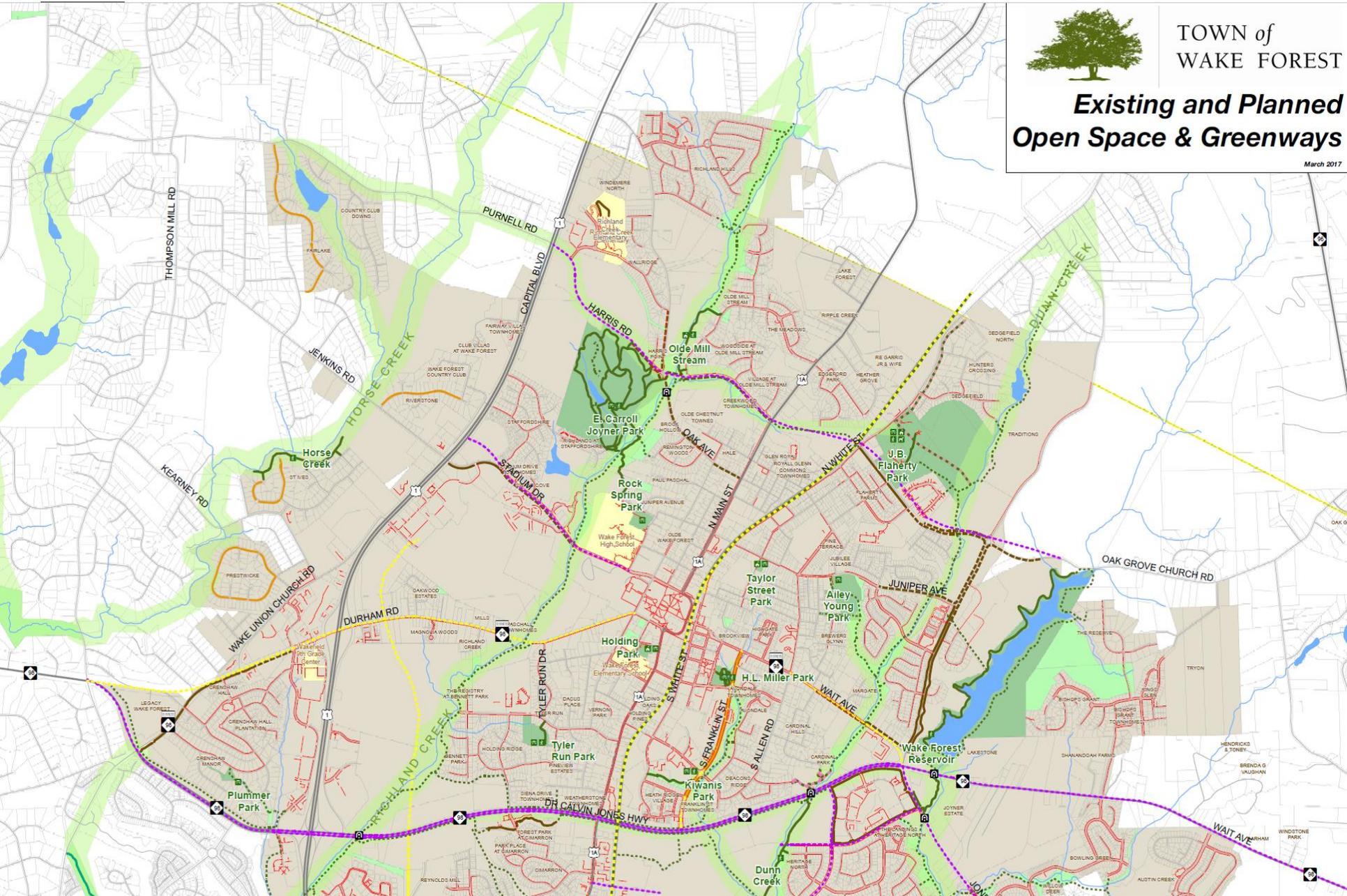


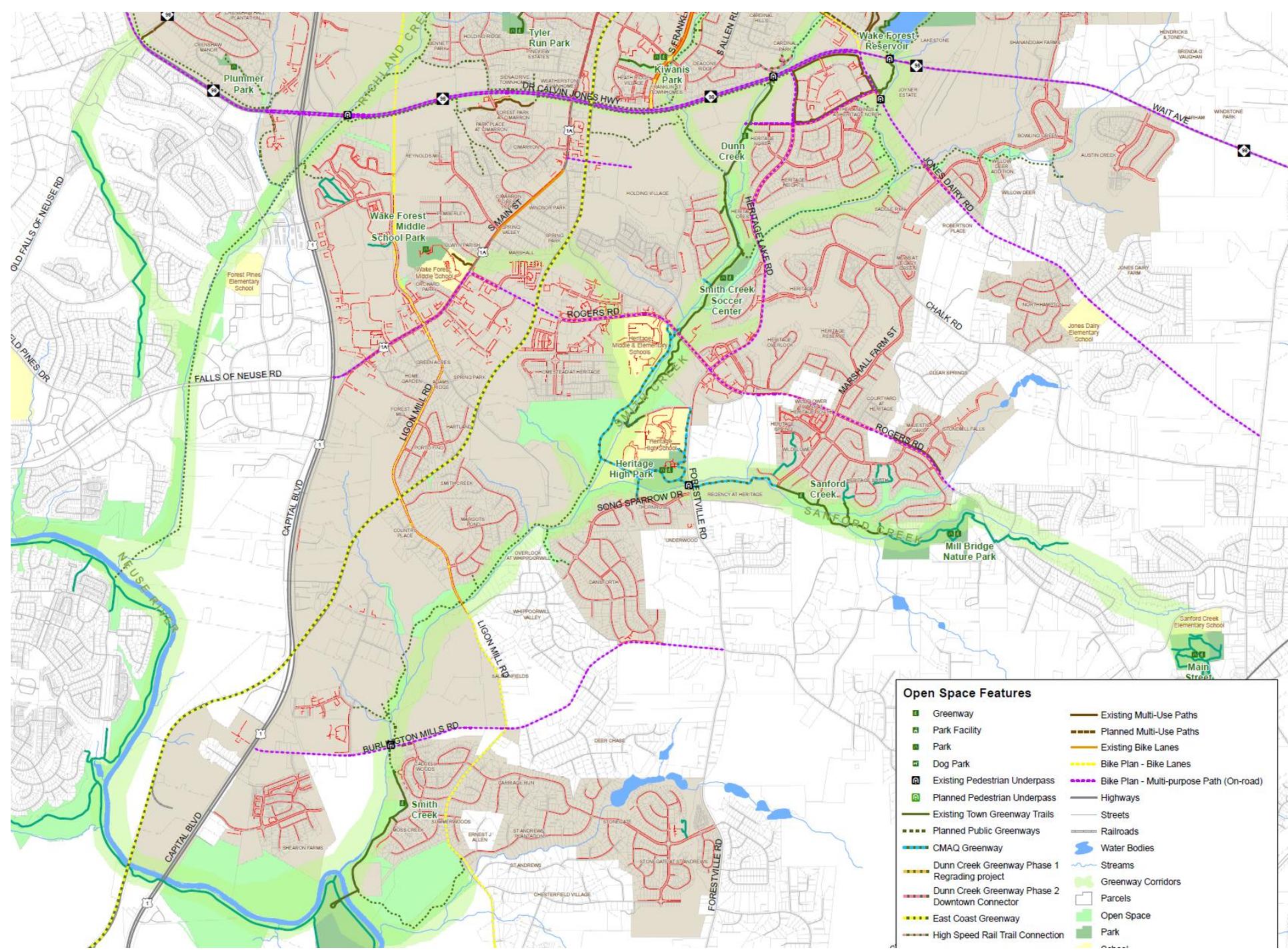


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# Existing and Planned Open Space & Greenways

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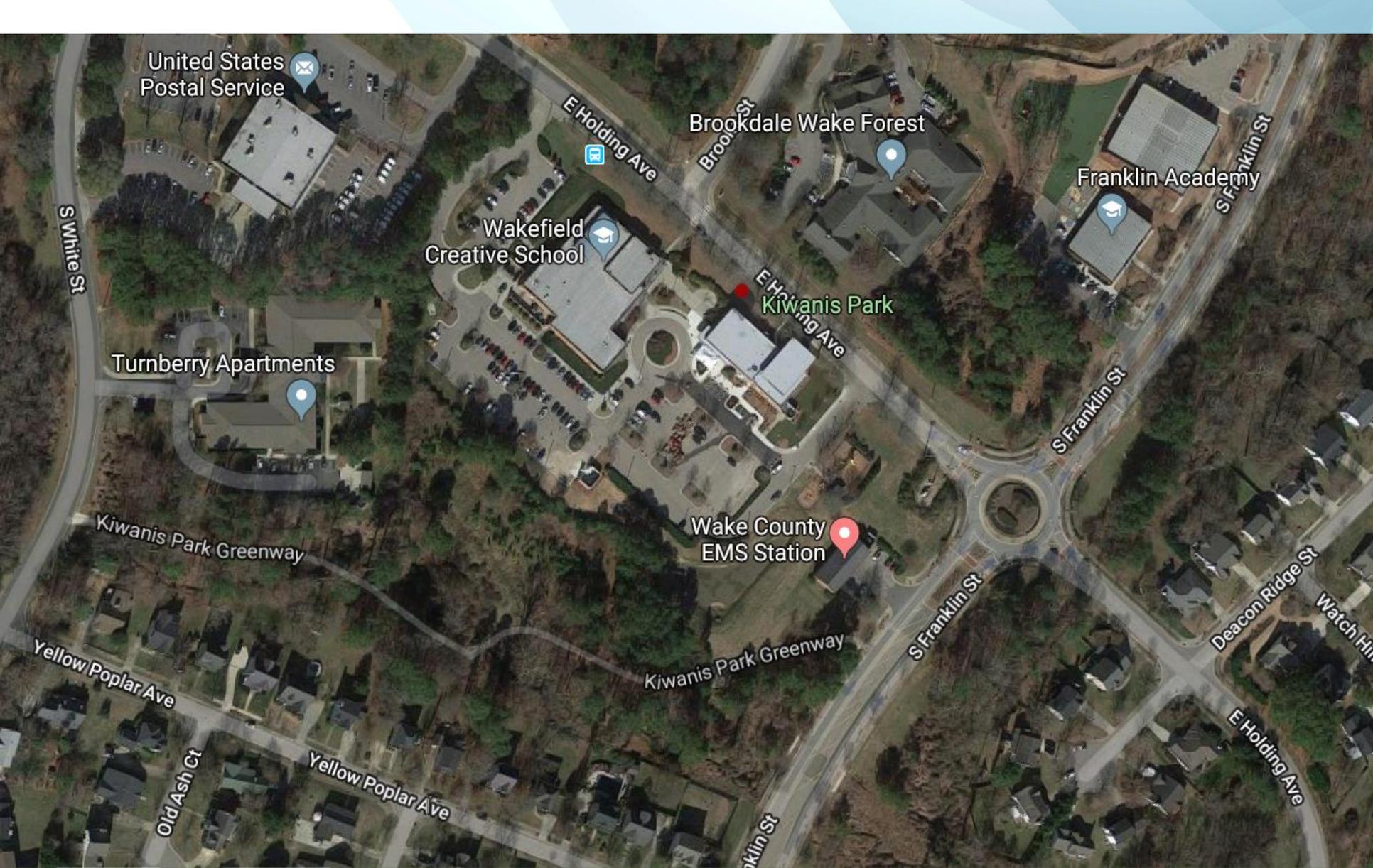
### Open Space Features

	Greenway		Existing Multi-Use Paths
	Park Facility		Planned Multi-Use Paths
	Park		Existing Bike Lanes
	Dog Park		Bike Plan - Bike Lanes
	Planned Pedestrian Underpass		Bike Plan - Multi-purpose Path (On-road)
	Existing Town Greenway Trails		Highways
	Planned Public Greenways		Streets
	CMAQ Greenway		Railroads
	Dunn Creek Greenway Phase 1 Regrading project		Water Bodies
	Dunn Creek Greenway Phase 2 Downtown Connector		Streams
	East Coast Greenway		Greenway Corridors
	High Speed Rail Trail Connection		Parcels
			Open Space
			Park
			Water Bodies

# Kiwanis Park

- A small but well-used ADA accessible play space adjacent to the library with the availability of restrooms and drinking water inside
- Safe Routes to Parks Accessibility
  - Vehicles
  - Pedestrians
  - Bicyclists
  - Transit
  - Nearby greenway trail



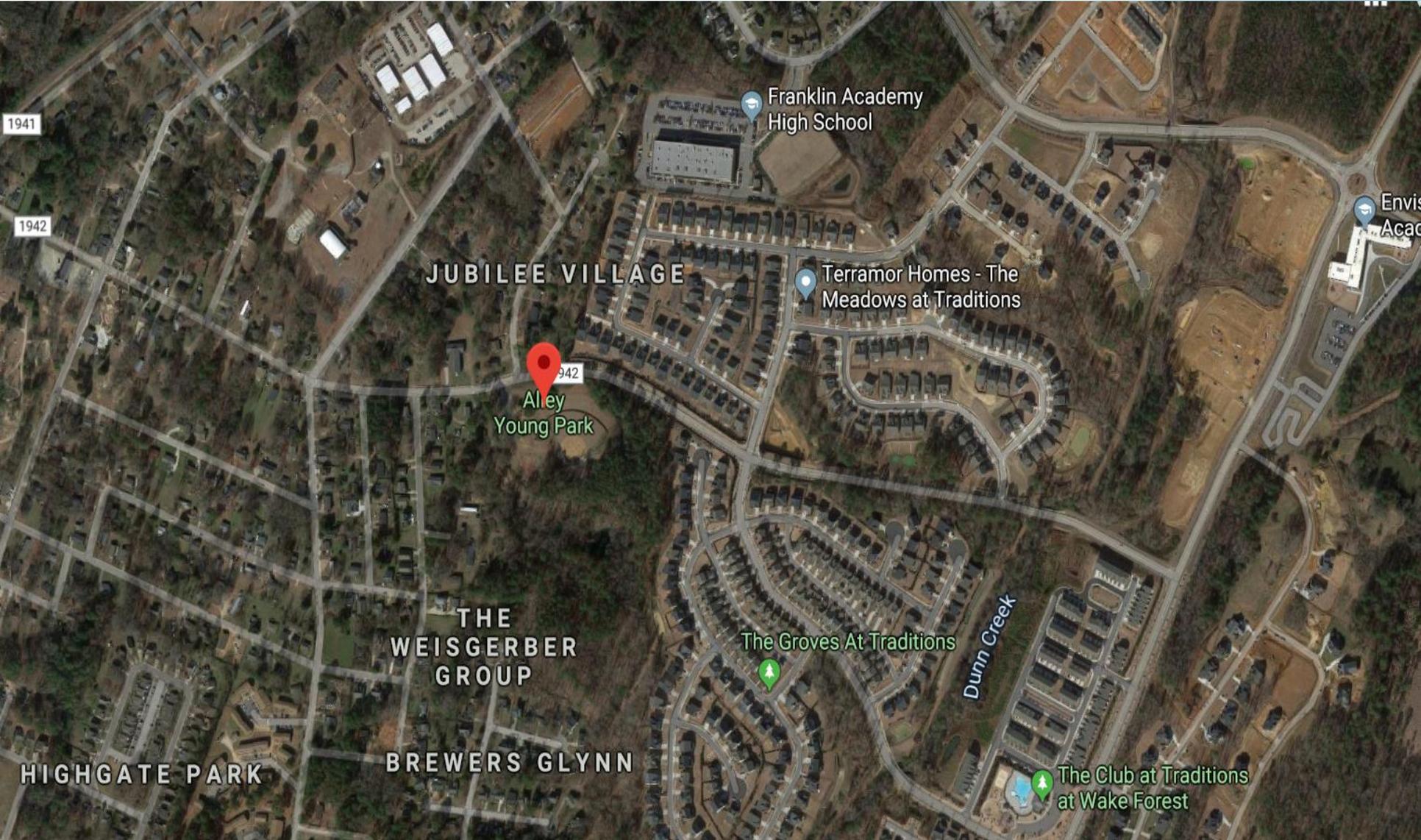


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# Ailey Young Park

- Offers a combination of active and passive recreation opportunities and has a portion that is undeveloped woods. The park is central to multiple neighborhoods of varying demographics.
- Safe Routes to Parks Accessibility
  - Vehicles
  - Pedestrians
  - Bicyclists
  - Transit
  - Greenway





942  
Aley  
Young Park

Franklin Academy  
High School

JUBILEE VILLAGE

Terramor Homes - The  
Meadows at Traditions

THE  
WEISGERBER  
GROUP

The Groves At Traditions

Dunn Creek

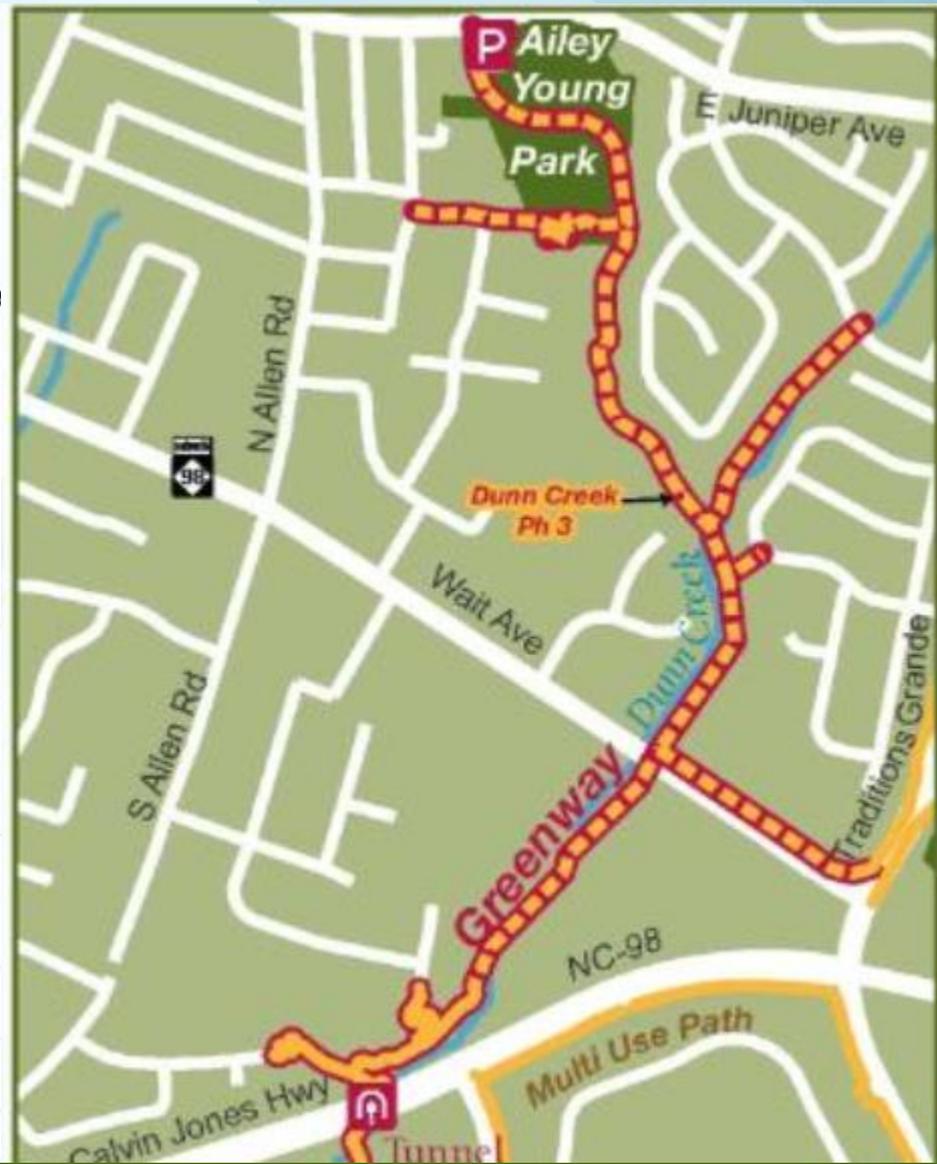
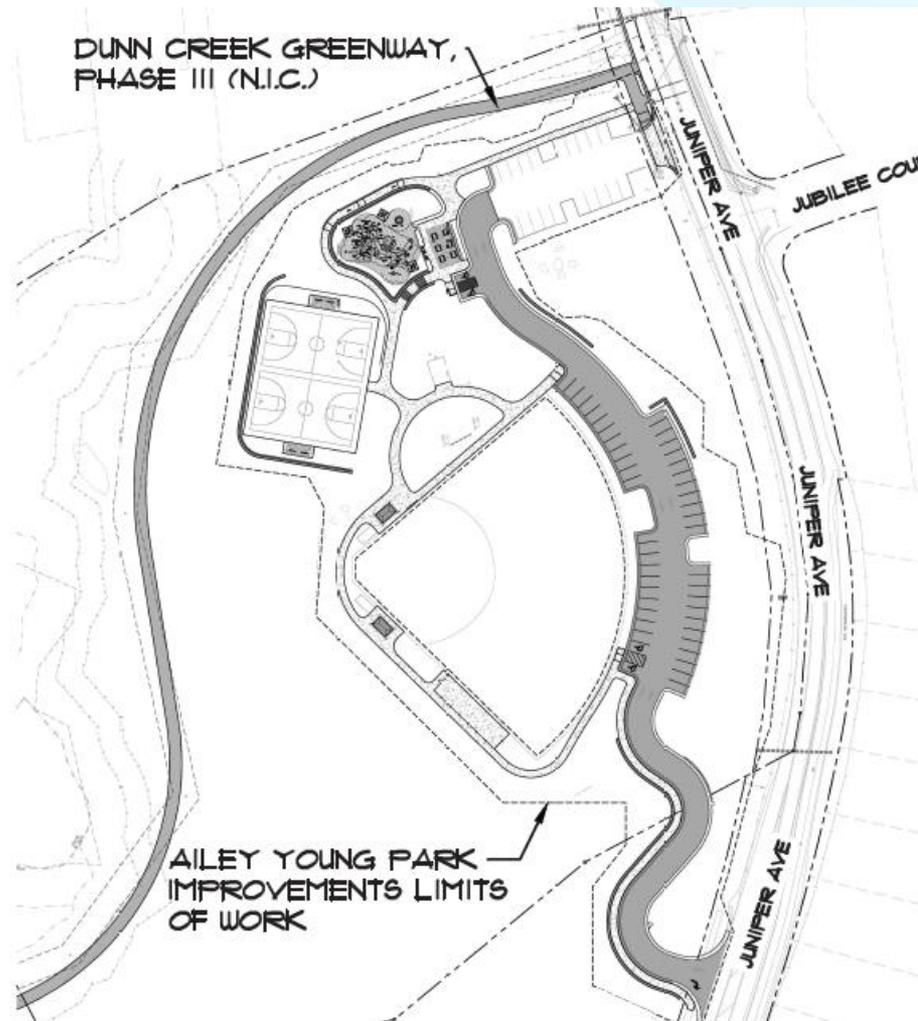
The Club at Traditions  
at Wake Forest

HIGHGATE PARK

BREWERS GLYNN

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# Dunn Creek Greenway Phase 3



# Funding



➤ Bond Referendum

➤ General Funds

➤ Grants

➤ NCDOT CAMPO

➤ County

➤ EXOFIT

➤ Parks & Rec Trust Fund (PARTF)



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# Encouragement & Awareness

- National Bike to School Day
  - Bicycle Safety Fair
  - Smart Cycle
- National Trails Day & 5K





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