

Next Steps

The next steps in the study process will be to transform the individual segments into three viable alternative routes for the Pond Creek Corridor portion of the Louisville Loop. Metro Parks will evaluate all input received to select these routes.

Key factors that will be considered when selecting a route are:

Constructability	Will the existing right-of-way accommodate a path? Is the topography within the Louisville Loop Standard Design Guidelines for constructing paths?
Cost Considerations	Will location of a path require major infrastructure improvements like bridges or utility relocation?
Safety	Can the path be safely traversed without major conflicts with vehicles?
User Experience	Does the path provide a scenic, memorable, and enjoyable experience?
Connections	Are there connections to schools, libraries, neighborhoods, commercial areas, and other destinations that can be taken advantage of?
Right-of-Way Acquisition	How many parcels of land are affected by the proposed paths? How much land, if any, would have to be acquired?

Following the segments being narrowed to the three proposed routes, a summary report will be developed that includes the following information:

- Proposed routing of hard surface and soft surface paths
- Potential locations for trailheads and other facilities (restrooms, drinking fountains)
- Operation and maintenance issues
- Development costs for each of the alternatives
- Preliminary environmental conflicts evaluation

From the three alternative routes, a preferred alignment will be selected. This preferred alignment could be one of the three routes, or a combination of portions of the routes. The next public meeting will be held in Early Spring 2011 to aid in the determination of the preferred alternative.

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Pond Creek Corridor

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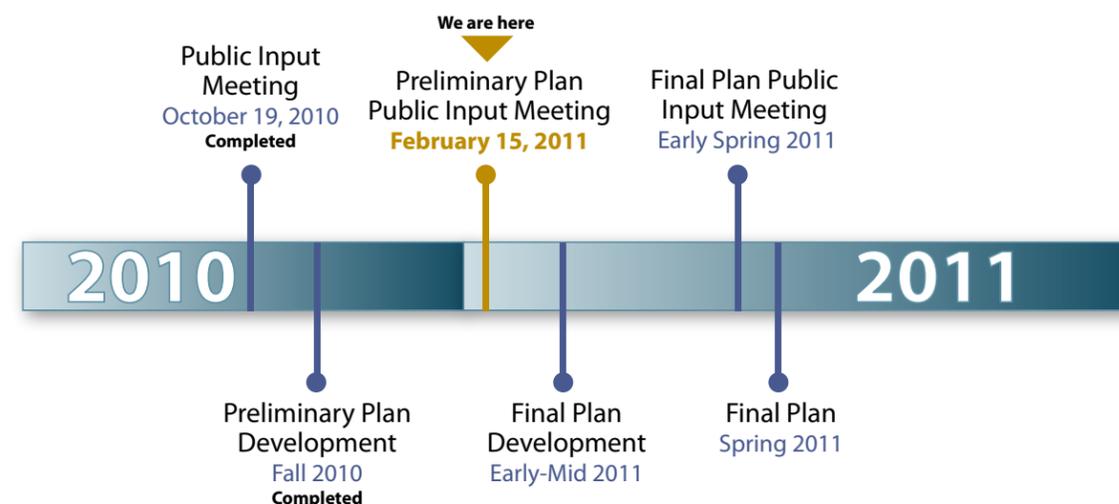
The purpose of today's meeting is to gather input that will aid in the development of the Preliminary Concept Plan for the Pond Creek Corridor Project. Your input will be used to identify three potential routes of the shared-use path within the Pond Creek Corridor. Last October, a public meeting was held to gather preliminary information that aided in the development of shared-use path segments (see inside pages of this handout).

The Pond Creek Corridor Study Area (generally from North Turnpike Road to 7600 Watson Lane) is the south-southwest link of The Louisville Loop. This path will serve as a major recreational and transportation feature for the nearby community and region. Path uses will include walking, biking, hiking and horseback riding. As part of the Pond Creek Corridor Study, the restoration of ecosystems along Pond Creek and associated tributaries will be addressed as a way to protect and enhance the watershed.

In 2005, Mayor Jerry Abramson and Metro Parks announced a multi-million dollar, multi-year initiative to add thousands of acres of park land and protected green space to Louisville Metro's "greenprint." As part of the Louisville Metro Parks' City of Parks initiative, The Louisville Loop, a planned paved trail of more than 100 miles around the Louisville community, will:

- Improve mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians
- Connect neighborhoods, schools, parks, workplaces and shopping areas
- Encourage a wide range of users to improve their health and fitness
- Celebrate the natural and cultural history of Louisville
- Enrich lives with public art
- Serve as a catalyst for economic development

This is the second of three public meetings planned for this Project. Please see the back page of this handout for more details on the next steps following this public meeting. Several phases of public outreach and development will be utilized during the course of the study, as illustrated by the graphic below.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Plan a route for a 12' wide paved shared use path beginning at the LG&E plant entrance on Watson Lane and terminating at the National Turnpike/Fairdale Road intersection.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Provide connectivity to neighborhoods, schools, parks, workplaces, and commercial districts.
2. Achieve proper balance between path user experience, cost, and land acquisition.
3. Minimize disturbance to environmentally sensitive areas.

W LG&E Plant at Watson Ln to Dixie Hwy. Routing options include Watson Ln, Frost Middle School and Shipley Ln.	MD Medora Rd/Pendleton Rd intersection to Blevins Gap Rd. Routing options include Medora Rd and private property along CSX Railroad and Crane Run Creek.	GS North side of existing Gene Snyder tunnel to Stonestreet Rd following edge of Gene Snyder R/W and Pond Creek.	M Manslick Rd (at terminus of existing MSD trail) to Old New Cut Rd/Manslick Rd intersection following Manslick Rd R/W.	MH BlevinsGapRd/LonesomeHollowRd intersection to proposed Fairdale round-about via Lonesome Hollow Rd, Forest property, and Mitchell Hill Rd.
GW Dixie Hwy to Pendleton Rd/Pond Creek intersection. Options include railroad crossings at Lewis Rd or at a private drive and routes roughly following Pond Creek.	BG Blevins Gap Rd/Orell Rd intersection to Jefferson Memorial Forest property at Blevins Gap Rd.	H Stonestreet Rd/Pond Station Rd to existing MSD trail via northwest side of Pond Creek.	P Greyling Dr/Penile Rd Intersection to Penile Rd/Manslick Rd intersection. Routing options include following Penile Rd and Gene Snyder Hwy.	F New Cut Rd/ Brown Austin Rd intersection to Fairdale Rd/National Turnpike intersection. Routing options include New Cut Rd, Fairdale Rd, and drainage easements behind high school.
PN Dixie Hwy/Pendleton Rd intersection to Medora Rd via Pendleton Rd.	PC Blevins Gap Rd/ Orell Rd intersection or Blevins Gap Rd/ Medora Rd intersection to existing Gene Snyder tunnel @ Metro Parks property (former Flynn Brothers sand quarry). Route roughly follows Pond Creek with highway crossing at CSX Railroad underpass.	PS Stonestreet Rd/Pond Station Rd intersection to existing MSD trail via Pond Station Rd and private property along CSX Railroad and Lamborne Blvd.	WV Blevins Gap Rd/ Lonesome Hollow Rd intersection to north side of Gene Snyder Hwy via existing Watsonville Rd underpass. Routing options include termination points at Pond Station Rd, existing MSD trail, and Greyling Dr.	NC Old New Cut Rd/Manslick Rd intersection New Cut Rd/Brown Austin intersection following private property along Gene Snyder Hwy and New Cut Rd R/W.
R Pendleton Rd to Blevins Gap Rd via small stream corridor. Routing options also include Krages Ave, Meadowlawn Dr and private property along railroad corridor.	JMF Jefferson Memorial Forest property at Blevins Gap Rd to north side of Gene Snyder Hwy via forest property. Includes crossing below highway through existing tunnel.	MSD Existing MSD trail along north side of Pond Creek from Yarmouth Ct to Manslick Rd.	B BlevinsGap/LonesomeHollowRd intersection to Greyling Dr/Penile Rd intersection via Blevins Gap Rd.	

