

Next Steps

The next steps in the study process will be to identify a preferred alignment for the shared-use path from the three alternative alignments identified for the Pond Creek Corridor. This preferred alignment could be one of the three alternative alignments, or a combination of portions of the alternative alignments. Metro Parks will evaluate all input received to identify a preferred alignment.

Key factors that will be considered when selecting the preferred alignment 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 this meeting, a final draft study report will be developed that will summarize the planning process used to identify the preliminary preferred alignment. The study report will include:

- Planning process used to identify the alternative alignments and the preliminary preferred alignment
- Potential locations for trailheads and other facilities (restrooms, drinking fountains)
- Operation and maintenance issues
- Development costs for the alternative alignments and preliminary preferred alignment
- Rationale for the alternative alignments and the preliminary preferred alignment
- Preliminary environmental conflicts evaluation
- Concepts for Ecological Restoration

The next public meeting will be held in late summer 2011 to present the preliminary preferred alignment and to receive input on that alignment for consideration in determining the final alignment.

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Pond Creek Corridor

Welcome!

The purpose of today's meeting is to gather input on the preliminary alternative alignments of the shared-use path for the Pond Creek Corridor Project. Your input will be used to identify the preferred alignment of the shared-use path within the Pond Creek Corridor. In February, a public meeting was held to gather preliminary information that aided in the development of the alternative alignments presented here (see inside pages of this handout).

The Pond Creek Corridor Study Area (generally from National 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, the Mayor 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 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
- Encourage a wide range of users to improve their health and fitness
- Connect neighborhoods, schools, parks, workplaces and shopping areas
- Serve as a catalyst for economic development
- Celebrate the natural and cultural history of Louisville
- Enrich lives with public art

This is the third of four 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.

