

## Next Steps

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

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

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

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
- General concepts for equestrian uses
- 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 Fall of 2012 to aid in the determination of the preferred alternative. In addition, general concepts for equestrian opportunities will be documented as part of the Study process.

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# Fairdale to Floyds Fork CORRIDOR

## Welcome!

The purpose of today's meeting is to gather input that will aid in the development of the Preliminary Concept Plan for the Fairdale to Floyds Fork Shared Use Path and Ecological Restoration Plan Study, answer questions and gather public comments. Your input will be used to identify three potential alternative routes for this portion of the Louisville Loop within the Fairdale to Floyds Fork Study Area. The three potential alternative routes will be determined from the individual segments that have been identified based on the initial public input meeting (held on April 16, 2012) and through Metro Parks field review and preliminary data collection (see inside of this handout). In addition, general concepts for equestrian opportunities will be evaluated.

In 2005, a multi-million dollar, multi-year initiative to add thousands of acres of park land and protected green space to Louisville Metro's "greenprint" was initiated. This effort builds upon the groundwork laid by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted over a century ago and will complete Louisville's transformation into a City of Parks.

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

In addition, this trail will include planned connections to southern Indiana and surrounding Kentucky counties, offering significant opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation.

The intent of this portion of the Louisville Loop is to provide a user-friendly, shared use recreational path planned from the community of Fairdale to the Floyds Fork crossing at Old Bardstown Road. This path will serve as a major recreational and transportation feature for the nearby community and region, connecting the Louisville Loop from the future path location in Fairdale and eastward to the path system being proposed by 21st Century Parks along Floyds Fork. Path uses may include walking, biking, hiking and horseback riding. This Study will include an evaluation for the potential for equestrian opportunities and for restoration of ecosystems along tributaries to Pond Creek and Floyds Fork as a way to protect and enhance water quality and wildlife habitat.

Several phases of public outreach will be utilized during the course of the study, as illustrated by the graphic below. This is the second of four public meetings planned for this project. Information gathered from the public will be used to narrow down possible locations of the shared use path.

