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JACKSON CREEK PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The Jackson Creek Greenway is an exciting opportunity for a community gathering spot that promotes nature, health, walking, bike riding, and connectivity. A thoughtful design will increase community identity and usage.
- -Route A, the green path, provided on the map from the July 24, 2025 public transportation meeting is preferable. This route is more scenic following a path through wooded areas, along the creek and ponds, and will have a trail that is less exposed to the roadway.
- -Multiple parking lots will be needed to increase and encourage the usage of the greenway.
 - -A small parking lot on North Trenholm near Dent Middle School is vital for that community to have easy access and to identify with the greenway.
 - -A larger parking lot on Decker on the property owned by Richland County can allow for more parking.
 - -A small parking lot on the Trenholm Extension will allow for easier access for people accessing it from the north.
- -A pedestrian walkway from the Windsor Lake neighborhood is needed for the neighborhood to have access.
- -Including a playground located near the parking area on Decker would allow families to use the greenway in multiple ways. Parents with younger children would be able to bring children to play before exploring the greenway. There is not a public play area within about five miles of this area, so a playground is a very important and needed component to the project. The revitalized Mays Park in the City of Columbia is a great example of a community playground.

<https://columbiasc.gov/columbia-parks-recreation-invests-in-the-revitalization-of-mays-park/>



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- -A few picnic tables along the greenway can encourage usage of the greenway so families can picnic.
- -Including the SC Adopt-a-Stream would be a great way to promote science, monitor water quality, and help protect and restore the waterways. Access points to the water would be needed for this program. The local schools can include this program as a resource for teaching curriculum, and participation from the greater community is possible as well.

<https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-water/watersheds-program/sc-adopt-stream>

- -Can there be water access points for community members that fish?
- -An emergency call system along the park would promote safety.
- -Cameras installed along the park and monitored by Richland County Sheriff Department, like the ones at intersections, can help promote safety.
- -The greenway would need designated hours for usage, like dawn to dusk.
- -Coordinate with Richland School District 2 in planning of a pedestrian crosswalk that the middle school students can also use to cross Decker. THE GREENWAY PARKING AREA ON DECKER CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OR AN AREA THAT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GATHER UNATTENDED! These issues will become a major problem if not planned for and controlled from the beginning. RCSD and local businesses already have problems controlling these issues along Decker. These concerns would discourage the greater community from using the greenway and increase potential problems with middle school students and violence, which there is a history of in this area.
- -Incorporating a Food Forest would encourage healthy eating by residents and increase the access to food. Planting sustainable varieties of food that are native to the area, like blueberries, figs, blackberries, raspberries, paw paw trees, nuts, etc. would provide an accessible food source. This can be envisioned along the area that backs up to the Windsor Lake neighborhood.

<https://www.charlestonparksconservancy.org/park-finder/mulberry-pond-park/>

<https://columbiaresilience.org/?cat=4>