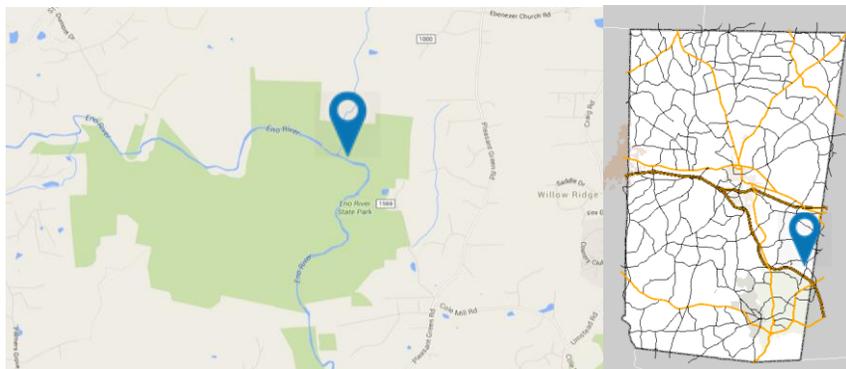


Upper Eno Nature Preserve

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| Project Status | Parking lot survey- January. Parking lot and trail work to be completed in Spring/Summer 2016. |
| Start Date | Parking lot bid award expected April '16 |
| Expected Completion Date | Fall 2016 |
| Size of Project | 400 acres |
| Total Cost | \$125,000 |

Location: Upper Eno Nature Reserve



Project Photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskvGGXLV>



Project Description:

Public access is envisioned at the Seven Mile Creek Natural Area and McGowan Creek Natural Area. Upper Eno Preserve would also include a portion of the future NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Initial work using existing staff resources occurred in FY 12-13 to create initial loop trail, & continued into FY 13-14 to identify parking and signage. The project is anticipated to begin in with completion of the Seven Mile Creek Natural Area, wildlife viewing areas, and primitive camping.

Public Record Chronology:

Public Records are searchable [here](#).

County Capital Projects
Fiscal Years 2016-21

| Project Name | <i>Upper Eno Nature Preserve - Public Natural Areas</i> | | | | | | Project Status | <i>Approved</i> | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Functional Service Area | <i>Community Services</i> | | | | | | Starting Date | <i>7/1/2015</i> | |
| Department | <i>DEAPR</i> | | | | | | Completion Date | <i>7/1/2020</i> | |
| Project Budget | Prior Years Funding | Current Fiscal Year 2015-16 | Year 1 Fiscal Year 2016-17 | Year 2 Fiscal Year 2017-18 | Year 3 Fiscal Year 2018-19 | Year 4 Fiscal Year 2019-20 | Year 5 Fiscal Year 2020-21 | Five Year Total | Year 6 to Year 10 |
| <i>Appropriation</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Land/Building</i> | | | | | | | | | - |
| <i>Construction/Repairs/Renovations</i> | | 100,000 | | 100,000 | | 400,000 | | 500,000 | |
| <i>Equipment/Furnishings</i> | | 25,000 | | 10,000 | | 30,000 | | 40,000 | |
| <i>Total Project Budget</i> | | 125,000 | - | 110,000 | - | 430,000 | - | 540,000 | - |
| <i>General Fund Related Operating Costs</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Personnel Services</i> | | | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 47,000 | 207,000 | 235,000 |
| <i>Operations</i> | | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 22,000 | 66,000 | 110,000 |
| <i>New Debt Service</i> | | | 12,000 | 12,000 | 22,560 | 22,560 | 63,840 | 132,960 | 319,200 |
| <i>Total Operating Costs</i> | | | 62,000 | 62,000 | 74,560 | 74,560 | 132,840 | 405,960 | 664,200 |
| <i>Revenues/Funding Source</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Transfer from General Fund</i> | | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 52,000 | 52,000 | 69,000 | 273,000 | 345,000 |
| <i>Transfer from Other Capital Funds</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>General Fund - Debt Service</i> | | | 12,000 | 12,000 | 22,560 | 22,560 | 63,840 | 132,960 | 319,200 |
| <i>Future Debt Issuance</i> | | 125,000 | - | 110,000 | | 430,000 | | 540,000 | - |
| <i>Total</i> | | 125,000 | 62,000 | 172,000 | 74,560 | 504,560 | 132,840 | 945,960 | 664,200 |

Project Description/Justification

There is no funding request in FY2016-17 for the Upper Eno Nature Preserve. The requested funding in FY2017-18 will include a portion of the future NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST) as it runs northeast from Saxapahaw to Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area, and waystation amenities at Seven Mile. The requested funding in FY2019-20 is for the McGowan Creek Natural Area for the road redesign on US 70. Grant funding would be pursued for this project. The Upper Eno Nature Preserve includes approximately 400 acres of sensitive natural heritage lands, wildlife habitat and prime forests along the Eno River and its main tributaries west of Hillsborough. Public access occur at two locations, 1) the Seven Mile Creek Natural Area (adjacent to the Moorefields Local Landmark protected lands) and 2) McGowan Creek Natural Area (near US 70 West). Construction of trails, primitive camping and a parking area is underway at the Seven Mile Natural Area using current year funds.