

Walnut Creek Wetland Community Partnership

Fall 2020 Newsletter

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Hello from the partners at WCWCP. We hope that you and your family are staying healthy. Read below to discover exciting updates for the Bailey Drive Gateway site, explore neighborhood art, and hear from our partners. Oh! Have you been able to get out and walk on the Walnut Creek Greenway? Be sure to check it out and remember to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart!

Parks with Purpose Updates

Visit www.raleighparkswithpurpose.com for more details!

The votes are in! The “A Walk in the Neighborhood” concept plan has been selected for the Bailey Drive Gateway site.

BAILEY DRIVE GATEWAY AT WALNUT CREEK WETLAND PARK

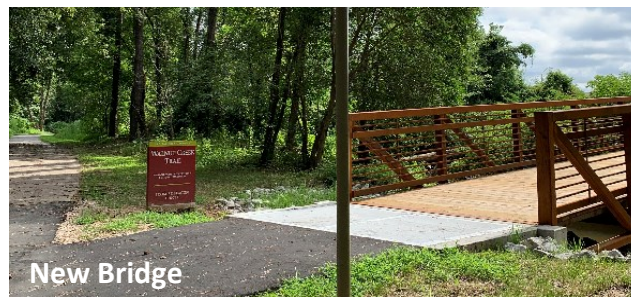
CONCEPT / A WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This concept's focus is outward, celebrating the neighborhood and investing in a sidewalk and a series of art, garden and gathering areas on Bailey Drive. The primary site entry is at the west, with a pavilion inspired by Ranch house architecture and a trailhead leading to surface trails that skirt the wetland.

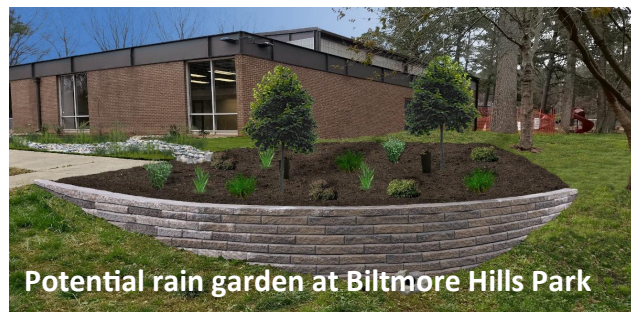


- We're seeking an artist to design a temporary art installation that highlights community stories. Details are at www.raleighparkswithpurpose.com
Proposals due October 9, 2020. Please share with artists you know!
- Visit the PWP website to hear Biltmore Hills and Rochester Heights stories!
- Coming soon- paid opportunities to help restore the wetland habitat at Walnut Creek! Contact us or follow on social media for updates.

Check out the new bridge that connects the greenway to the Beacon Promise Campus!



New Bridge



Potential rain garden at Biltmore Hills Park

Walking Along the Walnut Creek Greenway

Partners are interested in adding some enhancements along the greenway. What do you want to see?

- Fun and engaging educational signage
- Enhancements to the State Street underpass
- Sculptures or more seating areas
- Restoration work and invasive species removal

Provide comments to Christy at Christy_perrin@ncsu.edu or Grace at gfullme@ncsu.edu, or leave message at 919.513.1152

Stormwater at Biltmore Hills Park

City of Raleigh Stormwater, Kris Bass Engineering, NCSU College of Natural Resources and WRII have been awarded an EPA 319 grant to install green stormwater infrastructure in Biltmore Hills Park. The project will help address stormwater and flooding issues. The project will start in early 2021. Stay tuned for more details!



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Exciting News From Around the Wetlands!



Tatiana Height is a native of Chicago, IL but has made North Carolina home. She's a PhD Candidate in Agricultural and Extension Education at NC State University and in her free time enjoys karaoke, hiking, reading, and traveling. Prior to joining PEJ, she has been an Integrated Water Management Planner for the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources, a Community Development Planner for City of Kinston, and a youth programmer with expertise in outdoor and environmental education. Tatiana holds memberships with the Planning and the Black Community Division of the APA, the National Association of Multicultural Educators, the NC Environmental Justice Network, and the Environmental Educators of North Carolina.

A Busy Summer for Partners for Environmental Justice!

PEJ is excited to welcome Tatiana Height as our new Program Director, and Corey Dodd and Lacey Frownfelder as new Board Members.

PEJ and partners are developing the **Raleigh Watershed Learning Network**. Participants will explore topics such as watersheds, stormwater, green infrastructure, environmental justice, and equitable development. The program will be interactive, focus on Walnut Creek communities in SE Raleigh, and participants will receive a stipend.

Make sure to check out pejraleighnc.org and [@PEJRaleigh](https://www.facebook.com/PEJRaleigh) on Facebook

Coming Soon to Peterson Street

Bioretention and **gravel wetlands!** These projects will feature plants that benefit wildlife and capture and clean stormwater coming from streets and buildings. Learn more: RaleighNC.gov and search *Stormwater Projects*.

Ever Wonder How Much Trash Ends Up in Streams?

The "Carolina Madtom" sculpture, located on Peterson Street at Walnut Creek Wetland Park, is made from 800 pounds of trash found in Walnut Creek in Raleigh and surrounding areas. This piece brings awareness to the impact we have on streams and wildlife, like the Carolina

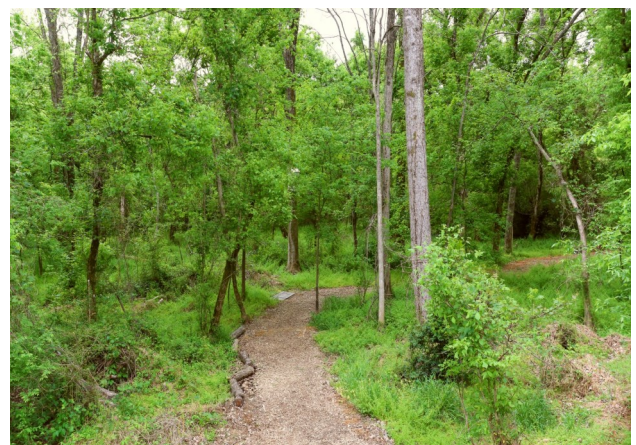
Madtom, a rare NC catfish. The piece was created by artists Jaclyn Bowie, Nyssa Collins, and Anna Wagner in collaboration with Walnut Creek Wetland Park, the City of Raleigh's Stormwater Management Division, and Conservation Corps North Carolina volunteers. To learn more about this temporary public art display, visit RaleighNC.gov and search Public Art.



Can We Still Visit the Walnut Creek Wetland Park?

The staff at Walnut Creek Wetland Park is so excited to welcome back patrons for lobby visits and programming **beginning Tuesday, September 15!** We have not yet been given the OK for rentals; hopefully soon! Our hours for the month of September are Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-7:30pm, and Sundays 1pm-7:30pm. We are closed on Mondays.

The staff is hyper-focused on safety. If you decide to visit: please bring a mask and your own water bottle. You will undergo a quick health screening, and programming will be at a reduced capacity. Contact Stacie Hagwood at Stacie.Hagwood@raleighnc.gov for more details.



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