



## UNION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT CANE CREEK PARK

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### News Release

## Residents Tour Greenways

**November 4, 2014, Monroe, NC** — A group of Union County residents recently toured Matthews' 4-Mile Greenway at Squirrel Park and the Mineral Springs Greenway to experience the benefits of such a recreational resource. The tours allowed LandDesign, the consulting firm assisting Union County with developing the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, to document the responses from actual users of the greenway.

Attendees consisted of both new and experienced greenway users. Matthews Parks and Recreation Director Corey King provided history on the development of Matthews' Greenway and future plans for linkage to other key locations.

"Since recent surveys overwhelmingly indicate that Union County residents desire more trails and greenways, it was felt that the Plan's Steering Committee and other key individuals interested in parks and recreation be provided with an actual 'greenway' experience," said Parks and Recreation Director Bill Whitley. "

Attendees stated the tour provided them with ideas that can be used in their future planning efforts. The consultant relayed the health benefits from the "open space" experience and the value to the community as a whole. Each person better realized that a simple system, if properly planned, can later be used to develop a more complex system of trails designed to link other key locations.

Please e-mail any questions concerning the master plan process to [ParksandRecPlan@unioncountync.gov](mailto:ParksandRecPlan@unioncountync.gov) or call Bill Whitley at 704-283-3611.

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