

# ARCTC

ALLIANCE FOR REEDY CREEK TRENTON CORRIDOR

Quarterly Newsletter

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## Proposed High-Density Residential Development on Trenton Road – Be Prepared to Provide Feedback!

A development containing **265 apartments and 61 town homes** that will almost triple the number of households in the corridor and substantially increase traffic has been proposed for land on the Cary side of Trenton Road next to I-40. In December, development company Heritage Capital Partners presented the proposal to the Cary Development Review Committee (DRC), who provided comments and requested a traffic study. The 21.7 acres of land, which contains Roscoe Trail, is currently zoned for office and institutional use. No re-zoning application can be submitted until completion of the traffic study, which will take three to four months.

In March, ARCTC Board members met with Raleigh District D City Council Representative Jane Harrison and members of the Cary Town Council and Planning Department. We discussed

- The proposed density of this project does not fit in the ARCTC area of high-tech campuses, single-family homes, and natural parks and streams that also attract a very active recreational community.
- Safety for both vehicles and people will become an issue if the road infrastructure to support the development is not provided. That infrastructure is not planned and would be hard to fit into the corridor.
- The ARCTC corridor functions as a single entity between Trinity and Edwards Mill Roads, so development on the Cary side of I-40 impacts the Raleigh side of I-40.



**Proposed Development. Purple buildings are town homes and yellow buildings are apartments.**

When the revised proposal and re-zoning request is officially submitted, **opportunities for the public to get involved will be at a Neighborhood Meeting and a Public Hearing.** The Neighborhood Meeting would likely occur in August and ARCTC will keep you informed because non-Cary residents will be able to attend and voice their concerns!

## Trenton Road Greenway Path is Complete!

Just in time for beautiful weather, the path is finally complete. Come on out and meet your neighbors and friends. Almost everyone comments about how many more people are out walking and biking now that there is safe passage along Trenton Road. Please be respectful of adjacent property owners by not littering and cleaning up after your pets.

## Walk/Run/Bike for Umstead – April 20<sup>nd</sup>

Join neighbors and friends at the annual Umstead Coalition event where you can enjoy the park trails at your own pace!! There will be music, children's activities, a silent auction, craft vendors, food trucks, and more from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the fields next to the Reedy Creek Road park entrance. **Stop by the ARCTC information booth to learn about area updates and exchange ideas with Board members!** Event details: <https://umsteadcoalition.org/walkrunbike>.

## Invasive Species Are Being Removed from Schenck Forest – You Can Help Support this Effort



Autumn Olive

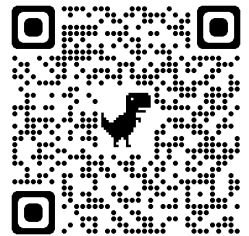
Invasive species are one of the most urgent threats our forests face today. They offer little to no wildlife value and detract from the value (intrinsic and financial) that a good working forest like Schenck provides to the University and its neighbors. In December, NC State University students volunteered along with Forestry students to remove invasive plant Autumn Olive from a heavily infested area in the forest.

Schenck has hiking and birding opportunities while being a self-supporting, working forest providing a research area for NC State University students, professors and faculty.

If you'd like to help with invasive plant removal in Schenck, send an email to Garrett Sumner at [gsumner@ncsu.edu](mailto:gsumner@ncsu.edu) and if there are enough volunteers, he will organize an invasive species removal workday.

### Help Keep the Corridor Safe!

Access the ARCTC website incident logging form using the QR code to the right or go directly to <https://arctc.org/incidentreport.php> to log unsafe incidents with vehicles, bikers, or pedestrians. The reporting is not a replacement for a police report, which should be done when appropriate, but information you provide will help to monitor safety in the corridor.



Raleigh is preparing to update their Bike Plan and will hold community input meetings to identify priorities. At the February District D community meeting, safety concerns and the need to have a pedestrian plan coordinated with the Bike Plan were discussed. The City wants to evaluate areas that have safety concerns and is considering providing a way for citizens to log "close calls" in vehicle/bike/pedestrian conflicts very similar to what is provided on the ARCTC website.

### Umstead Park Bridge Repair and Closure Updates

Most of the repairs to bridges on the multi-use trails (MUT) in Umstead are complete or will be complete soon. However, the bridge over Crabtree Creek on Turkey Creek MUT, where the Raleigh Greenway connects to Umstead Park on Ebenezer Church Road, is not repairable and will be closed for two to three years until a replacement bridge can be built. For their safety, visitors must not attempt to access the construction area during this closure.

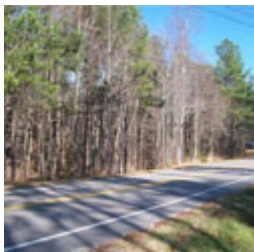
### Richland Lake Dam Maintenance Study Requires Lower Water Levels

Wake County and NRCS has temporarily lowered lake water levels to assess the need for Richland Creek dam rehabilitation. Through mid May, lake levels will be low and the lake trail may be partially closed by heavy equipment.

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### Mission Statement



The Alliance for Reedy Creek Trenton Corridor exists to preserve and enhance the safety and environment of the area along Trenton and Reedy Creek Roads. We support and are committed to protecting the park, forest, lake, creeks, farms and greenways within the corridor, and promote the safety of neighbors and recreational users of this area.