

Honeycutt Creek Greenway Impact on Summerfield North

Parks, Recreation and Greenway
Advisory Board Meeting

November 19, 2009

Summerfield North Neighborhood

Consists of:

Young first home owners.

They purchased for good school systems and hope that their investment will grow.

Middle-aged home owners.

They purchased for the school systems and now hope that their investment continues to grow to offset college tuition, etc.

Retired home owners.

They purchased as the others have but they are now relying on their home equity to carry them through their Golden years.

Greenway Impacts

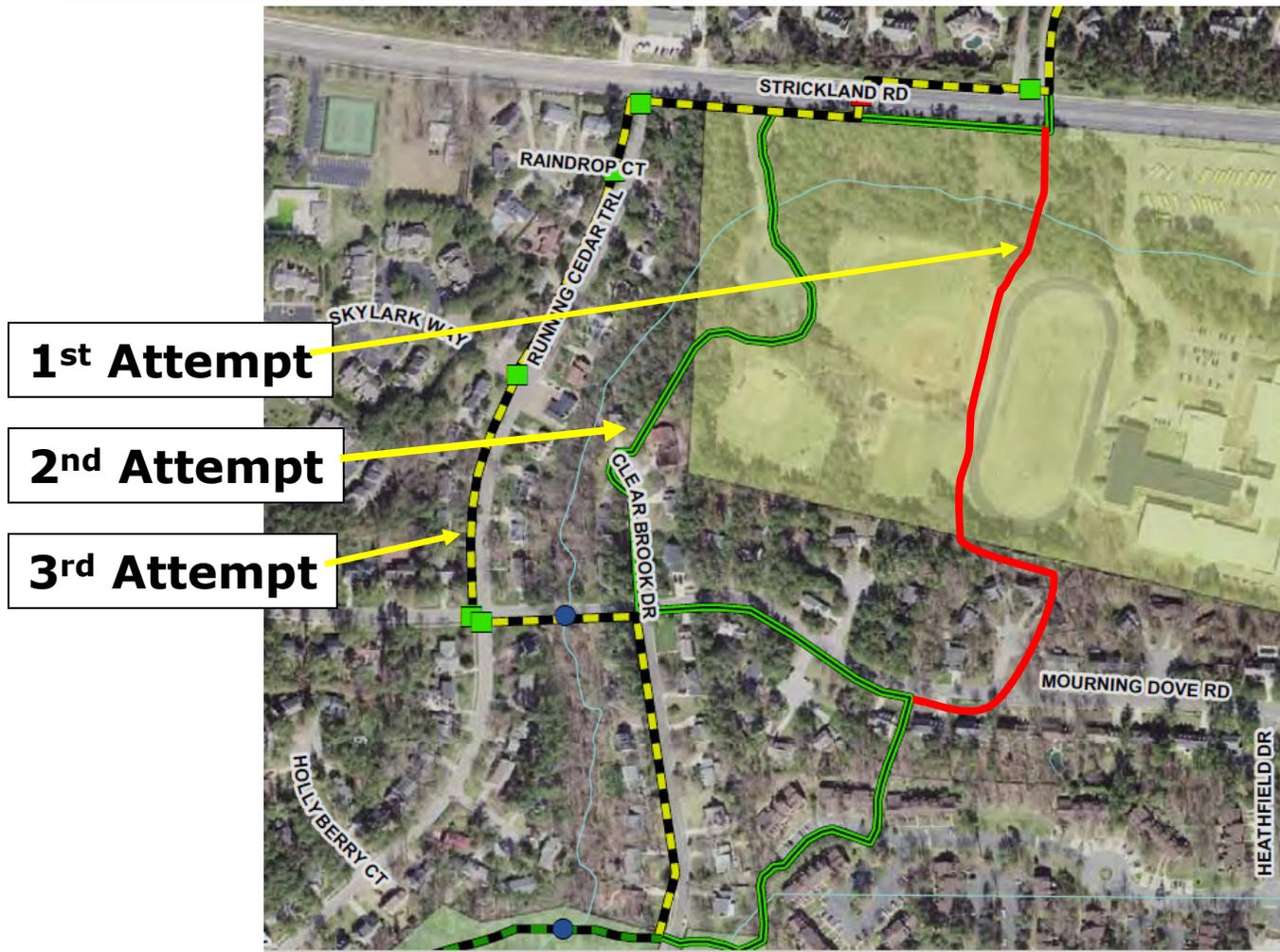
- Front Lawns (19)
 - Front Adjacent (26)
 - Side Lawns (3)
 - Back yards (22)
- (70) homes impacted directly
- Proximity impacts (123)
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Honeycutt Greenway: Impacts, Concerns and

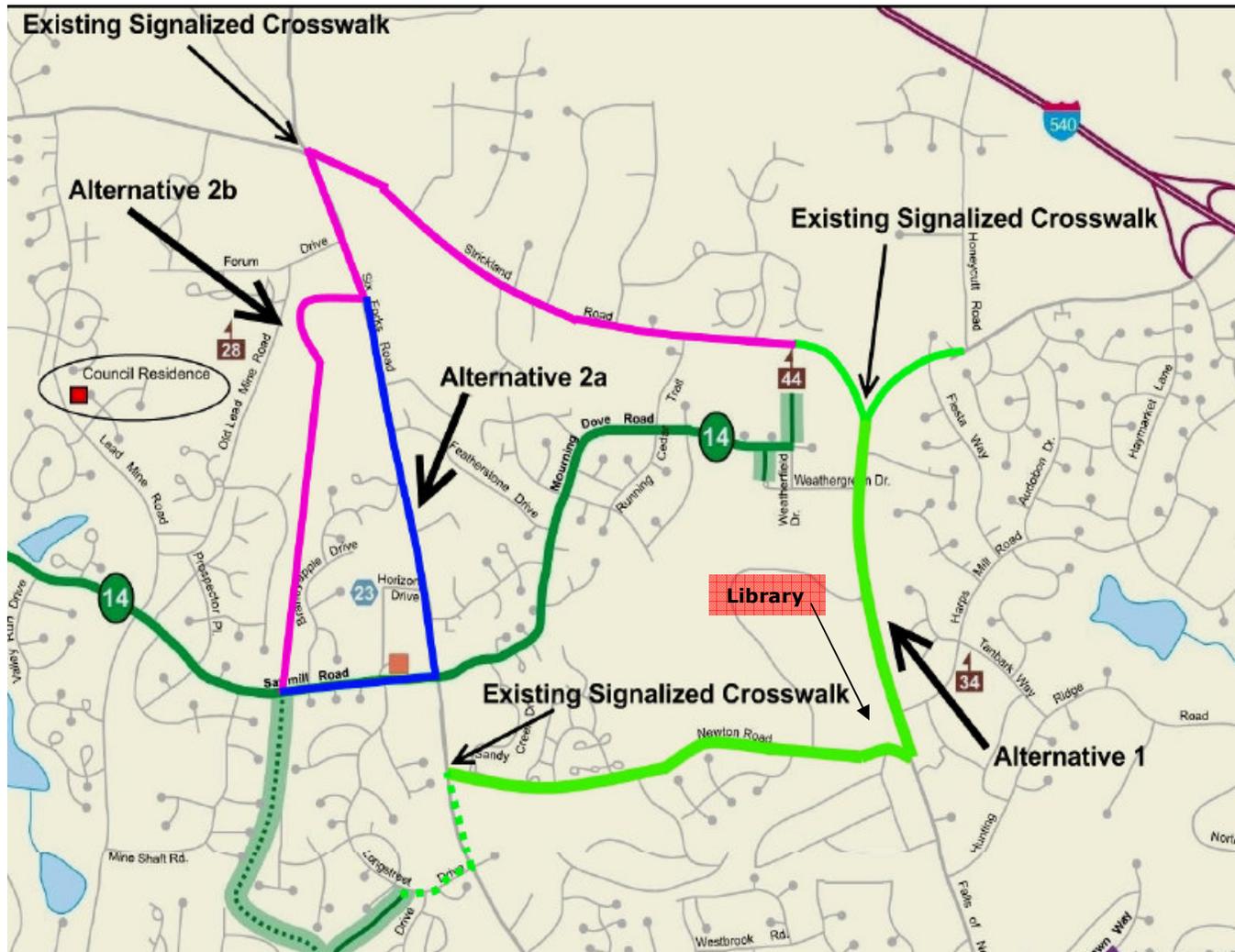
Issues to Summerfield North:

1. Probability of additional crime
 2. Limited Safety of our children and students
 3. Loss of privacy
 4. Adds automobile traffic and parking.
 5. Injury and personal liability
 6. No provision for restrooms
 7. No plan for litter and waste removal.
 8. Private driveways will be crossed.
 9. Mailboxes will be in Greenway.
 10. Home values will suffer.
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Raleigh Parks and Recreation Greenway Design History



Suggested Alternatives



Alt Path 1 is **Light Green**.

14 indicates existing bike path

Strickland Road – crossing at Running Cedar



Strickland Road at Running Cedar: 5-lane, 45mph road , width 75'
Strickland Road at WMMS : 6-lane, 45mph road , width 85'
16000 vehicles per day, 2007 ADT.

Strickland Road – crossing at Running Cedar

- The average pedestrian foot speed is 3.5 feet per second. It takes **22 seconds** to cross Strickland Road, 75 feet wide at Running Cedar.
 - It takes **25 seconds** to cross Strickland Road, 85 feet wide at West Millbrook Middle School
 - Two schools are on opposite sides of Strickland where the Greenway is being planned.
 - **Will there be foot traffic to or from either of these schools?**
 - **Do we want middle school children crossing Strickland Road from Bent Tree or other neighborhoods?**
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Alternative 1 Highlights

(Falls of Neuse and Newton RD) :

- Provides connectivity to Longstreet Dr/Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
 - Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Six Forks Rd, Newton Dr, Falls of Neuse.
 - Provides access to public library, and shopping centers.
 - Provides access to Ravenscroft and West Millbrook Middle School.
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Alternative 2a Highlights

(Strickland Rd and Sixforks Rd) :

- Provides connectivity to Sawmill Trail, Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
 - Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Sawmill Rd, Six Forks Rd, and Strickland Rd.
 - Could be extended to connect with Lead Mine Rd and AE Finley YMCA.
 - Provides access to West Millbrook Middle School, and shopping centers.
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Alternative 2b Highlights

(Strickland Rd and Sixforks Rd) :

- Extension of Sawmill Trail provides connectivity to Bent Creek Trail and Shelley Lake.
 - Utilizes existing sidewalks and signalized crosswalks on Six Forks Rd, and Strickland Rd.
 - Could be extended to connect with Lead Mine Rd and AE Finley YMCA.
 - Provides access to West Millbrook Middle School, and shopping centers.
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Benefits to these 3 alternatives:

1. Superior Benefit/Cost ratio.
 2. Superior access and connectivity
 3. Minimal traffic congestion
 4. Superior safety benefits with signaled crosswalks
 5. Access to City Bus systems
 6. Summerfield North prefers these 3 alternative
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Summary

Summerfield North does **NOT support Greenway plans that come through our neighborhood.**

Summerfield North Neighborhoods support Alternative 1 because it:

1. Provides the safest solution for Greenway users to cross Strickland Road.
 2. Can be implemented quicker and at less cost to the taxpayers.
 3. Provides Greenway users with easy access to the public library on Harps Mill Road.
 4. Supports the city's goal for "The trails to connect many of Raleigh's parks."
 5. Has minimal impact on individual homeowners quality of life or their property values.
 6. Allows neighbors to retain their sense of security.
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