

# Orange County Trails Plan Project Update · August 2025

## What is the Trails Plan project?

The Trails Plan is a new Orange County Trails Plan (OCTP) and will serve as both a physical plan and policy implementation guide developed through an analysis of existing conditions and trends, evaluation of existing plans and trail systems, and other policies and initiatives. The outcome of this process will be a comprehensive trails plan that utilizes trail planning principles, a community engagement process, relevant data and analysis of trends, identification of opportunities and strategies, means and methods of coordination among different jurisdictions and trail systems, and an implementation plan with performance measures that track progress on achieving the goals and objectives of the plan.

The result of this planning effort will be a comprehensive, coordinated trails vision for the County, with corresponding policy recommendations and guidance for implementation of the plan over the next 20 years. The anticipated product will be a user-friendly, graphically pleasing document, reflecting concise goals, objectives, and policy recommendations.

## Summer Highlights & Progress Updates

On Monday, August 4, the Trails Plan project team met with leaders of the Orange County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to align efforts and create consistency between these two pivotal projects. Both teams are actively working to integrate findings from the discussion and will meet again in September for further coordination, in preparation for upcoming community engagement events.

The team is also in the process of creating guiding principles for the Trails Plan. Inputs from the May vision workshops and online survey are being used in the development of these principles to ensure they reflect a diverse collection of community voices.

## What's Next?

### September

#### Orange County Trails Plan Community Workshops

Join us next month for two open house style workshops to share your feedback and help us refine the draft Orange County Trails Plan. The sessions will begin with an introductory video presentation and arrival posters, followed by an opportunity to review the draft trail network and weigh in on corridor priorities.

These workshops are open to all members of the public and arrival/departure times are flexible; stop by as you are able and stay as long as you would like. We hope to see you there!

#### Session 1

**Wednesday, September 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Orange County Solid Waste Center  
1207 Eubanks Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

#### Session 2

**Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Bonnie B. Davis Environment & Agricultural Center  
1020 US-70  
Hillsborough, NC 27278

### Late 2025

#### Sharing of the Draft Trails Plan

The draft Trails Plan, as refined after the September workshops, will be shared with partner agencies this fall before an initial review with the Board of County Commissioners and eventual plan finalization. Stay tuned for more details!



**Registration is encouraged,  
but not required.**

Scan the QR code to the left or [click here](#) to register for the September workshop session that works best for you.

### Want to learn more?

Visit [orangecountync.gov/trailsplan](https://orangecountync.gov/trailsplan) for more information on the project including the roadmap, upcoming events, and more.