

**Columbia Parks and Recreation Department  
Hinkson Creek Trail: Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane  
10/25/18 IP Meeting Comments and Online Survey Comments**

**Columbia Parks and Recreation Disclaimer on Hinkson Creek Trail: Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane Comments:**

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- Being connected! Can ride my bike! Can get exercise right outside of my home! (Not exercising in as bad as smoking. New study Oct 2018)

#### **Online Survey Responses:**

- This is a huge addition to this part of Columbia. It will make these stores and area more accessible to the pedestrian/biking community. I wonder if we can encourage the box stores there the brighten up that side of the buildings? Is there an opportunity to provide a sidewalk between Sams and Lowe's? Otherwise you wind yourself between the cars , dumpsters, and pallets.
- I strongly support this. I already see many people from NE Columbia using the Hominy Trail--a recreational access they didn't have before. This gives many people better and more direct access both to the jewel of our park system--Stephens Lake Park--and to shopping and services along Conley Road.
- I love this!!!
- It's a clear major benefit to the people of the northeast part of Columbia, providing safe and restful means to the city, especially so when there is talk of limiting public transportation due to budget limitations. Transportation should not be barrier to working opportunities. Also this extension will complete the 30 mile loop around the city. Also, people using the many trail connectors are not focused on houses - they're focused on nature, exercise, or getting to work safely. Criminal elements do not go out jogging. I'm 100% for this trail connection.

- I love the access to Stephen lake planned. Thank you
- I am very glad to see this project happening. It will provide the only connection for NE Columbia non-motorized transportation for NE Columbia east Rogers. We need more of these corridors to interconnect the city.
- Absolutely necessary addition to complete the 30 mile loop. I am looking forward to riding this!
- So happy this is being proposed. I fully support its completion
- I love that this creates a passage under I-70 and connects NE CoMo to the bike trails.
- This is a great project and will be a great addition to the city's wonderful trail system. Being able to access more of the city by bike or foot is a great improvement.
- I like everything about this. I very much like dedicated bike/walking routes through town. Thank you.
- I like the fact this will make it easier for more people north of I-70 to connect to the rest of the community. I also like that this link will draw us closer to the completion of the 30-mile loop around Columbia. Once finished the Six Creek Greenway will distinguish Columbia in many beneficial ways.
- I am excited that this next part of the trail is going to be built soon! This will allow non-motorized access to a part of Columbia that has always seemed just about off-limits to me when riding my bike (which I do a lot to get around town for work and errands). I fully support this project, and I look forward to the time when the whole trail system going around the town will be completed!
- As someone who lives on the North side of I70 and uses trails in Columbia, this would provide a way to access more of the system. I'm all for it!
- I like that this will connect the north side of I-70 to the rest of Columbia, this project should have happened years ago. I also think it is good that it will connect all the way to Stephan's Lake Park in order to provide access to the Park and the downtown.
- This would allow you to walk from Clark In to Walmart and in turn all of the shops along Conley rd without walking across the connector bridge (dangerous)
- This is an important link. It will connect thousands of homes north of I-70 to trails south. I am in favor of this as we continue to be a leader in trail systems nationwide.
- Yes yes yes! This will be a great addition to the trail system and allow folks north of the highway to link to our south trail system. This will make it more useable for the entire community for both recreation and commuting.
- This is an important link in completing the 30 mile loop of pedestrian/bicycle network of Columbia. It will safely connect thousands of homes north of I-70 to the trails of the south of Columbia. It will be a unique nature trail and give Columbia national recognition as a leader in trail systems
- This is an important link in the completion of the 30 mile loop around our town. It opens thousands of homes north of I-70 to safely access our existing southern trails. This will

create a unique nature trail that will distinguish Columbia and put us on a national map to being leaders in having a pedestrian/bicycle network.

- I think it is a needed addition to the Trail system, and, when combined with proposed extensions and improvements on Clark, will help development and renewal of that part of the City.
- It connects the part of Columbia that is north of I-70 to Columbia's network of trails.
- It would make Columbia a destination for trail users from all over. Providing safe non motorized travel under I70 would be great.
- This is a necessary trail to help residents safely cross under I-70. Thank you for constructing this trail.
- Nothing as it erases any privacy in our backyards if we live on East side of Willow Way & there is no guarantee existing flooding of homes will be corrected.
- Access to an area cut off to safe walking and cycling
- I am in favor on the current plan.
- Bicycle commuters need trails that keep them off of busy roads. People who will have these trails in their backyards should consider that those of us who already do have trails in our backyards get to look out as well as be looked at, and during the day, people generally don't see much inside our houses, anyway, even if we do leave blinds/curtains open - and at night, when the light differential would make it easier for people to see in...people generally are not on the trails. And no, the trails do not encourage "casing" for theft. I've had a trail behind my house for 19 years in Columbia and been robbed exactly zero times. Columbia \*is\* a city, and no matter how woodsy one's city yard may be, curious people looking in is both expected and harmless.
- Love the idea of connecting the north side of Columbia into the trail system and giving pedestrians more ability to get around 70 and 63.
- Makes large areas more accessible to foot and bike traffic while avoiding crossing on busy highways.

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- I have no problems with the current design. Please build this trail to provide improved access for people north of 70 to the network and to help complete the 30 mile trail loop.
- Nada
- Nothing
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- Sidewalks on Walnut.
- Change proposed route to go along the Hinkson Creek to the golf course or extend trail to run inside fence. Also, did not receive a postcard about meeting but did see two signs on E. Walnut.
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- Trail needs to follow the creek! Is there a conspiracy in this town to prevent citizens from witnessing what a creek is? Or, what a community does to her creeks? There is room for that trail to follow the creek! Perhaps not all the way through Country Club but for a ways north on east side of creek. What a crime no easement was obtained when County Club was added (?) land that they are bound to build hotels on without getting easement! Sham! Christine Doerr (573) 499-4985

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- How will this trail converge with any future plans for the 63-70 interchange? I'm assuming there will be some changes in the future based on traffic problems.
- I live in the neighborhood next to this proposed trail and I don't think it's in the neighborhoods best interest. We live here for the privacy aspect and that would create a lot more unwanted traffic. The tree line would be cut through and we love all the trees around here. Please consider making the trail somewhere where trees won't need to be cut down.
- I have lived on Willow Way for 10 years and I really hope that you do not put this trail behind my house. We already have many problems with transients, vandals, and drug dealers, and this trail is only going to increase the illegal activity around my home. There is a daycare on this street and other children trying to grow up in a safe environment. Please don't add more activity to an already crime-ridden neighborhood.
- Nothing. It's a good plan.
- In order to address worries of a few residents on Willow Way, perhaps some large plants or bushes (e.g. Pompas Grass?) could be planted along the west side of the trail.
- I hope the section along East Blvd (just south of Hwy 70) is a truly dedicated bike lane, preferably separated from the roadway by a median or similar physical barrier.

- Nothing I see.
- I wouldn't change a thing. Adding trails is good for Columbia.
- I don't have any suggested changes. Looks fine.
- I approve of the plan as proposed with no changes.
- I would recommend an increase in the extension to link it with the Hominy Creek Access as this would only link the trail to Clark where there are limited sidewalks. Sidewalks need to be expanded on Clark as well as make Clark more user friendly. The creation of the Connector at 63/70 cut off NE Columbia and destroyed the availability of resources including safe access to grocery stores and jobs. This has direct connections to elevated crime and joblessness in this region of the city. Furthermore, this trail access needs to have proper lighting. Most of the trails in Columbia are not able to be used at night due to the severity of criminal presence at night. this is due in part because of the limited lighting and emergency call boxes.
- Nothing, I like it. There would be a connector to get to Walmart right?
- Looks great.
- I would prefer to have the trail run adjacent to Hinkson Creek for as much as possible instead of running adjacent to Walmart.
- I would move the section along Conley Road further West, closer to the Country Club property if possible, to allow a less urban experience.
- Maybe put up visual barriers between trail and home owners who are concerned about privacy.
- N/A
- Change location from end of East Walnut & hill behind Conley road Walmart.
- Nothing. Looks great.
- I am in favor of the plan.
- Is it necessary to build a bridge over the creek next to east walnut instead of just using the existing road bridge

**Email Comments Received:**

- I regret that I had to miss the IP meeting for the proposed extension of the Hinkson Creek Trail north of Stephens Lake Park, but I want to be on record as favoring it. The trail system is a high point for living in Columbia. The proposed addition extends the reach of the trail system to a large population that should have access to it. It will not only serve to provide a wonderful recreation opportunity to many people it will serve as an alternate transportation corridor. In addition it will provide an important segment of the proposed trail loop around Columbia With it multiple benefits it should be built. Darwin Hindman 11/5/2018
- On behalf of PedNet Coalition and our 7,300 members in Columbia, I'd like to send a note of support for the Hinkson Creek Trail: Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane that will be considered tonight by the Parks & Rec Commission. PedNet strongly supports the Hinkson Creek Trail extension. This trail is a critical component of the City's Trail Master Plan, and is a direct segment of the 30-mile loop backbone of the trail system.

The extension is extremely valuable as it will open access to the trail system from communities north of I-70. These communities have long had fewer opportunities to access the trail system, and I-70 is a major barrier to traveling by walking or biking. The proposed Hinkson Creek Trail extension will overcome these barriers by connecting the trails in the central part of the city to the northern neighborhoods, and create trail access under I-70. This particular segment of the Hinkson Creek Trail is unique in that it will provide access to the Conley business district, which further increases the value of the trail system for non-motorized transportation to popular destinations (shopping, restaurants, groceries, etc.). The Hinkson Creek Trail: Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane is an ideal combination of park and trail facility for recreation and enjoyment, as well as transportation to access valuable community resources. We ask that the Parks & Recreation Commission vote in favor of proceeding with the project and advancing it to City Council.

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**Thank you for your participation.**

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