

**FRIENDS OF CHAPEL HILL
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GREENWAYS**

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ATTACHMENT 1

February 11, 2009

Butch Kisiah, Director
Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department
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Dear Mr. Kisiah:

Joe Herzenberg was a former Town Council member and 7 year member of the Town's Greenways Commission. In those capacities Joe was a champion of the Town's open space and trails programs. He was especially proud of the Town's efforts to develop the Bolin Creek Trail. He passed away in 2007 and left an amount in excess of \$250,000 to the Friends of the Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation, and Greenways to be used for the Bolin Creek Trail.

The Friends of the Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation, and Greenways is a non-profit organization that was established in 1992 to support the efforts of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department.

On February 11, 2009, the Board of the Friends agreed to offer to the Town an initial \$15,000 to be used for a preliminary assessment of the existing portion of the Bolin Creek Trail from Community Center Park to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. We believe that the condition of the trail has deteriorated significantly since the first phase was constructed in the early 1990s and it is time for a major renovation. We would like these funds to be used to develop design solutions for some of the more straightforward problems and recommendations on how to address the more complicated issues. We believe that once this work is done our organization could then work with the Town to prioritize work to be accomplished to bring the trail back up to the condition that would make Joe proud. We are also considering other projects related to existing and future segments of Bolin Creek Trail. We believe that we could make a significant contribution toward this effort.

We hope that the Town is willing to accept this gift in order to help preserve one of the Town's best recreation and transportation facilities.

Sincerely,



Jim Earnhardt,
Chair