

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Greenways Commission *BWBA P.C.*
Peter Calingaert, Chair

SUBJECT: Greenway Priorities Using 2003 Greenways Park Bonds

DATE: December 17, 2003

The Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend that the Council:

1. Begin the process to determine a bond sale schedule as soon as possible.
2. Contact officials from Orange County and begin the Project Planning process for the Bolin Creek Trail.

Bond Sale Schedule: The Commission is very interested in securing funding for design work related to the proposed extension of the Bolin Creek Trail upstream of the Airport Road Bridge. This section of trail will likely be the most difficult that the Town will ever build. Yet, once it is finished it has the potential of being the most beautiful and most used.

OWASA will soon begin design work for replacement of the interceptor sewer in that area. We should be engaged in the trail design work as soon as possible in order to allow the trail and sewer to be located in a way that would minimize disturbance to the environment and save construction costs.

We understand that the Council will be asked to provide funding for a number of bond projects. We believe that many of the Greenway projects that potentially can be funded from bonds can come in later years. However, we believe that design of the Bolin Creek Trail would be best accomplished as soon as possible to take advantage of opportunities that may be soon be gone.

Bolin Creek Trail Project Planning Process: Related to the bond sale schedule is the need to start the Project Planning process with county officials. We urge the Council to communicate the need to identify how the \$1,000,000 in County greenway bond funds are to be used. If they are to be used for the Bolin Creek project the Committee should begin work on the project as soon as possible.

Voting yes were Peter Calingaert (Chair), Bill Bracey (Vice Chair), Jim Earnhardt, Mary Ann Freedman, Glenn Parks, and Robert Verboon