

Timeline for Town Owned Land on the Pathway Drive and Crest Street Parcels

Please note that this is a work in progress and will be updated accordingly. As additional information becomes available it will be noted here.

PATHWAY DRIVE

The Town of Carrboro acquired by deed of gift a 2.82-acre parcel located off Pathway Drive in connection with the November 23, 1976 approval of the final plat for Phase II of the Webbwood Subdivision. The Town owns two additional parcels totaling 3.5 acres adjacent to the original parcel. These two parcels consist of a 1.3 acre tract donated by Spring Valley in 1985 and a 2.17 acre tract donated by Fair Oaks in 1985.

April 27, 1993 – Site Review of Pathway Drive Park Property

[Minutes](#)

Aug. 24, 1999 – Review of a Request to Sell the Property on Pathway Drive

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

Nov 16, 1999 – Consideration of Sale of Property to Pay for a Park on Hillsborough Street (MLK)

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

Nov 30, 1999 – Continuation of Public Hearing to Consider the Purchase of Property

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

March 20, 2001 – Report from the Carrboro Housing Committee

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

Feb 26, 2002 – Response to Questions Asked by the Board Regarding Budget Cuts and the Town's Fiscal Position

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

October 5, 2004 – Review of the MLK Jr. Park Master Plan

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

Other Relevant Information

The [2006 Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan](#) states that none of the Pathway Drive parcels were needed to serve as a park since the MLK Park was acquired (pages 22-23). No other Board action/discussion was found.

Fall 2015 - Affordable Housing Task Force* Examination of Town-Owned Land

A preliminary review of Town-owned properties was conducted in 2015 by staff and members of the Affordable Housing Task Force. Parcels were excluded if they were designated for another use, or if they met certain criteria, noted in the agenda item below.

Feb 15, 2018 - Legal Analysis of Parcels

The Town Attorneys conducted a [legal analysis](#) of the parcels to determine whether the use of Town-owned property adjacent to the Webbwood, Fair Oaks, and Spring Valley subdivisions was somehow constrained. The conclusion was that there are no constraints on the Town's use of its property.

June 19, 2018 - Presentation of Affordable Housing on Town-Owned Land

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

May 19, 2021 - Master's Project Thesis, UNC-DCRP, on Town-Owned Land, presented to Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC)

The AHAC supported staff moving forward in drafting a Town-owned land strategy to guide the process, step by step, to create more homeownership and/or rental units in Carrboro. (Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies - Goal 1.1. Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable in Carrboro; and 2.1. Increase number of rental units that are permanently affordable to individuals and families earning less than 60% of AMI.)

[Minutes](#); see also [Agenda](#)

November 17, 2021 - Draft Town-Owned Land Strategy Presented to AHAC

The AHAC provided feedback on the draft Town-Owned Land Strategy. Staff incorporated suggestions into the next draft with the intent of reviewing the revised draft in January 2022. [Minutes](#)
See also [Agenda](#).

January 19, 2022 - Review of Revised Strategy to Use Town-Owned Land for Affordable Housing (AHAC)

The AHAC reviewed the revised draft and had no further changes. They supported the draft going before Town Council in February 2022. [Minutes](#)
See also [Agenda](#).

February 8, 2022 - Presentation and Adoption of Process for Using Town-Owned Land to Create Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Advisory Commission's recommendation to move forward following the process, as well as an explanation of the process, was presented to the Town Council. The Town Council adopted a multi-step process, based on national best practice, for moving forward with analyzing town-owned land for affordable housing. Minutes not yet available. [Agenda](#)

CREST STREET

August 20, 2002 – Board of Aldermen authorized the town manager to continue to work with the Town of Chapel Hill to create and accept a new lot along Crest Street. [Minutes](#)
See also [Agenda](#) and [Deed](#)

Fall 2015 - Affordable Housing Task Force Examination of Town-Owned Land

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- 1) Within a conservation easement
- 2) Inside a Long-Term Interest Areas for future utility development
- 3) No water or sewer nearby
- 4) Within 100-year floodplain
- 5) Within dedicated right-of-way
- 6) Parcel completely developed
- 7) Inside Rural Buffer zoning

A Town-owned land map can be found [here](#).

An inventory and analysis of Town-owned land can be found [here](#).

June 19, 2018 - Presentation of Affordable Housing on Town-Owned Land

Findings of the Affordable Housing Task Force's examination of town-owned land presented to Board of Aldermen. Three sites were identified as having the greatest potential for affordable housing use: Hill Street, Crest Street, Pathway Drive. [Minutes](#)

See also [Agenda](#)

May 19, 2021 - Master's Project Thesis, UNC-DCRP, on Town-Owned Land, presented to Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (AHAC)

The AHAC expressed strong support to move forward in drafting a Town-owned land strategy to guide the process, step by step, to create more homeownership and/or rental units in Carrboro. (Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies - Goal 1.1. Increase number of homeownership units that are permanently affordable in Carrboro; and 2.1. Increase number of rental units that are permanently affordable to individuals and families earning less than 60% of AMI. [Minutes](#)

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* Established in 2012, the **Affordable Housing Task Force** was made up of 3 Board of Aldermen, a representative from the Planning Board, Transportation Advisory Board, and Town staff. The Affordable Housing Task Force disbanded in 2017 when the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was established.

The Affordable Housing Task Force evaluated existing policies and regulations that were in place to support and increase affordable housing opportunities in Carrboro. Other major projects included the creation of the Town's Affordable Housing Goals and Strategies, updating the guidelines of the Affordable Housing Fund, and examining Town-owned land for affordable housing potential.