

**A GREENWAY IS** a long narrow park that typically follows a natural feature such as a stream or ridge, or perhaps an abandoned railroad corridor. Most greenways have trails but some do not.

**THE BENEFITS OF A GREENWAY** are many, from health benefits resulting from exercise and fresh air to the environmental benefits that affect wildlife and quality of life.

**RECREATION AND HEALTH:** by creating a greenway system, we make it easier to access a park and to lead a healthy lifestyle through exercise such as walking and biking.

**TRANSPORTATION:** greenways enable residents to move about the City without driving a car. This is a wonderful way to access restaurants, entertainment, other parks, shopping and employment.

**EDUCATION:** walking on a greenway trail puts us in close proximity to streams and wildlife that we may not see in active parks or in our normal daily activities. This interaction with the streams and wildlife makes us more aware of the value of our water quality and of the plants and animals that live nearby.

**ENVIRONMENT:** in addition to providing trails, greenways also serve to enhance water quality by preserving a buffer between development and streams and they create wildlife corridors throughout our city.



### MISSION:

*The mission of the City of Concord is to partner with our community to deliver services, preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life and plan for the future.*



Concord Parks and  
Recreation Department  
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Additional information about the City of Concord Parks and Recreation Department and the *Livable Community Blueprint* for Cabarrus County may be found at the following web site:

[www.concordparksandrec.org](http://www.concordparksandrec.org)

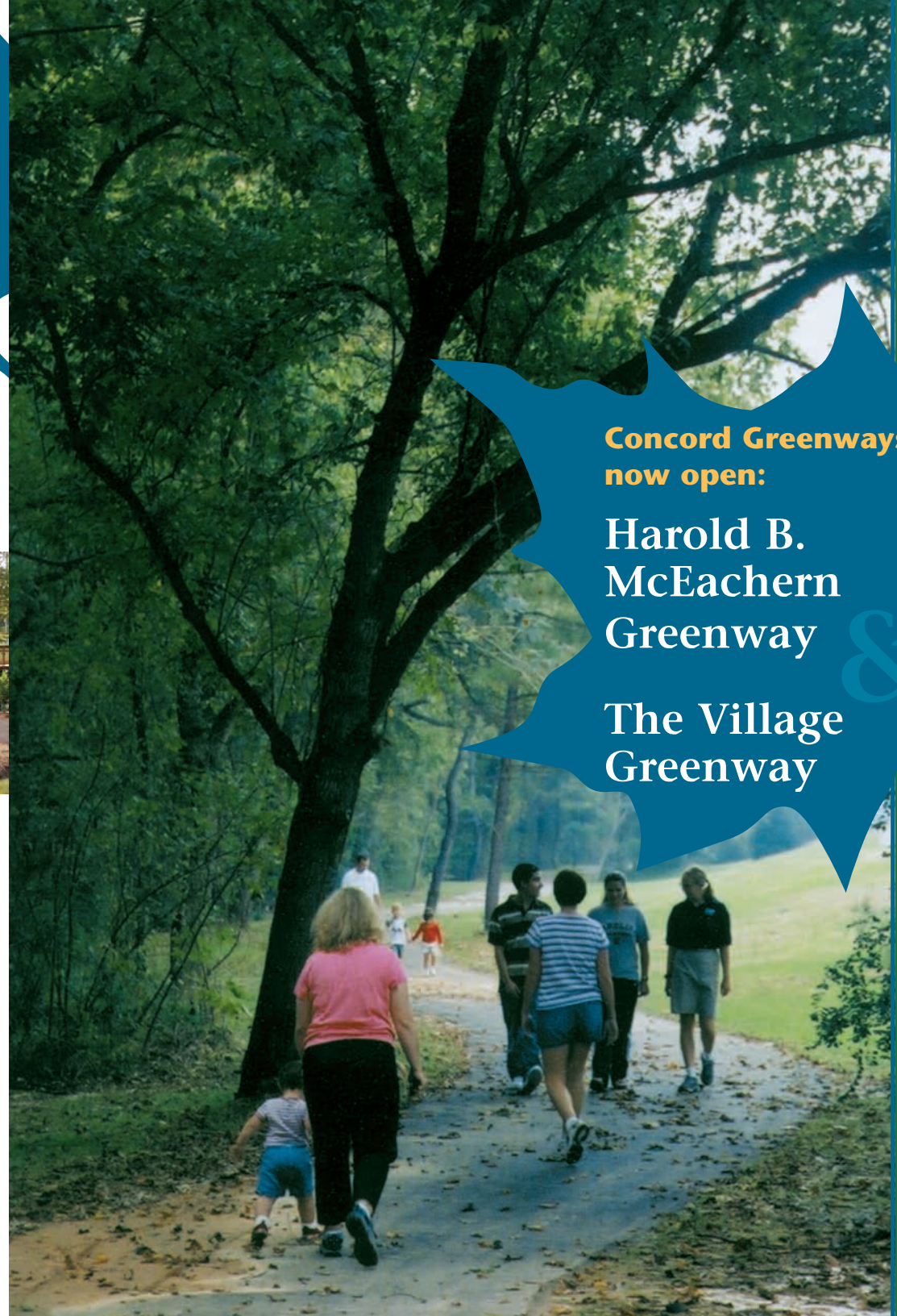


**Concord Greenways  
now open:**

**Harold B.  
McEachern  
Greenway &  
The Village  
Greenway**

*The Livable Community Blueprint identifies a future pedestrian/bicycle trail system of over 200 miles throughout Cabarrus County.*

*Greenways in Concord will eventually include 40 miles of trails along streams such as Rocky River, Irish Buffalo Creek, Coddle Creek, Three Mile Branch, and Academy Creek.*





# The City of Concord's Planned Greenway System

*(Contingent upon funding by Public/Private Partnerships)*

## Rocky River Greenway

The Rocky River extends well over forty miles through Cabarrus County, from the Iredell County line to the Stanly County line. Various segments will connect with the Lake Norman community via: Ramah Creek and Clarke Creek, the Highland Creek community, Christenberry Farms, Concord Mills, the Convention Center, Rocky River Golf Course, Lowe's Motor Speedway, a variety of neighborhoods, Mallard Creek, Reedy Creek and the Town of Harrisburg.

## Coddle Creek Greenway

Coddle Creek Greenway will extend from the Afton Village area, through James Dorton Park, Cannon School, and several neighborhoods on its way to Highway 29, eventually passing very close to Frank Liske Park on its way south.

## The Village Greenway

The Village Greenway trail starts on Spring Street, NW, beside the Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County. The trail travels down Elm Avenue, turns left at Alexander Street, and then right at Academy Avenue. The greenway takes you past the Academy Recreation Center and Webb Field, crosses a bridge and runs alongside Webb and McAllister fields. The greenway trail then crosses Crowell Drive and follows Locke Mill Creek to Kerr Street.

## Irish Buffalo Creek Greenway

Irish Buffalo runs in a southeasterly direction connecting Kannapolis with NC Highway 73 and Concord Parkway. This greenway will be adjacent to Downtown Concord, Marvin Caldwell Park and to developments in the Hwy 49 area.

## Harold B. McEachern Greenway

Harold B. McEachern Greenway will run upstream along Three Mile Branch Creek, ending in the vicinity of Carolinas Medical Center NorthEast. With trails constructed of ten foot wide paved asphalt, walkers, runners, bicyclists and roller bladers can enjoy nature equally.

## Harold B. McEachern Greenway

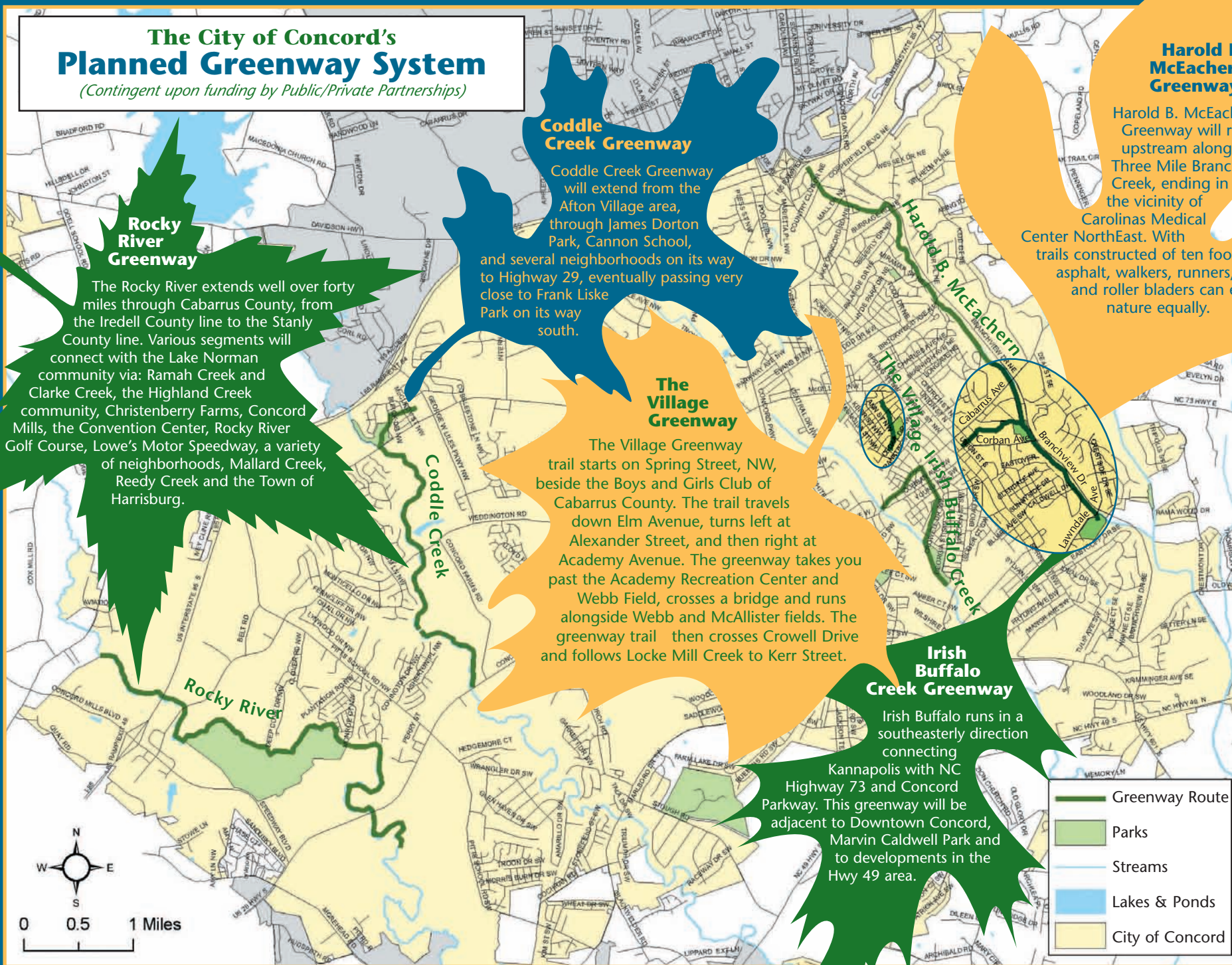
The greenway trail starts at the lower parking lot of Les Myers Park and travels to the traffic light at Branchview Drive and Lawndale Avenue. From here it runs alongside the creek for about 5,000 feet to the intersection of Branchview Drive and Corban Avenue. The path crosses under Corban Avenue using a pedestrian tunnel and accesses McGee Park, a fourteen acre park that includes a lawn area, shelter, playground, benches, a parking lot and trails.

Parking is available at Les Myers Park and McGee Park.

## The Village Greenway

The Village Greenway runs through the historic Gibson Village community, providing citizens of Concord with a one half-mile paved asphalt trail that walkers, runners, bicyclists, and roller bladers can all enjoy.

There are three entrances to The Village Greenway: at the Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County; on Academy Avenue just past Webb Field; and on Kerr Street between Crowell Drive and Cedar Drive.



The city is utilizing grants and public tax dollars to fund the greenway system.