

3/5/2025 BPC Notes

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3/5/2025 BPC Meeting Summary: This was the first of our two planned in-person BPC meetings this year. Thanks to Tom Bell for hosting us at the amazing Rock Hill Sports and Event Center. We wish him well in his retirement, are grateful for the huge contributions he has made to the BPC and outdoor recreation in Rock Hill and York County throughout his career, and ask him to keep connected with the BPC. Our roundtable discussion covered the status of the Tega Cay comprehensive plan, Carolina Thread Trail NC State Line to Fort Mill feasibility study, and rails to trails effort. We also talked about funding opportunities, people who might be interested in BPC efforts, and potential future in-person meeting spaces.

Attendees:

Tom Bell (RH PRT),
Liz Duda,
Dave Keely (RFATS CAC),
Maddie Lee (City of TC),
Stevie Micheli (SC DPH)



Followups:

1. Duda to investigate Duke Power strategic plan / rail line needs.

2. Invite Andy Clinton to distribution list, as BPC initiatives would interest Visit York County.
3. Stay in touch with Tom Bell!

Roundtable Discussion:

TC updating comprehensive plan; BPC members can help publicize public input opportunities; expect the plan will maintain the same elements - including the Health and Active Living component which is considered best practice.

Tom Bell retiring 4/1; will remain in RH and be willing to take passion jobs (and he is passionate about outdoor recreation). Tom has been a huge force in and proponent for the BPC. We appreciate him, wish him well, and hope that he will stay involved in the BPC after some time away!

Carolina Thread Trail to State Line 4th and final steering committee was on Feb. 12 to wrap up the Carolina Thread Trail State Line to Fort Mill [Feasibility Study](#), with some BPC members involved.

Reviewed:

- draft study.
- Project Cut Sheets: project phasing and cost estimates.
- implementation strategies and action plan.
- maintenance and program recommendations.

Rails to Trails

- CTT will put money towards a corridor plan
- NS said no in past because Duke wanted to be able to bring in a reactor -
 - *Followup: what does Duke Power say? What is Duke Power Strategic plan (approaching 50 years)?*

People

- Tom Bell might be interested in coming back to be involved in rails to trails initiative
- Invite Andy Clinton, Visit York County - he would get questions about these amenities

SC Trails Grant Program

- Requires a 20% match
- RH has been very successful with this grant program, funding a lot of projects; grantors like different programs; RH used to budget \$100K per year for grant matches

Consider state, county, city annual budget planning.

The widening of I-77 will affect 11 bridges.

Potential future meeting spaces:

- Knowledge Perk - RH
- Fort Mill Library in Baxter Village (exit 85 off the I-77)
- City of RH
- City of TC