

# 8/4/2023 BPC Mtg

Friday, August 4, 2023 9:00 AM

## Participants:

- **Liz Duda** (BPC Co-Chair), TC resident, [Wholespire YC](#), [Tega Cay Healthy Kids](#)
- **Bret Baronak**, [Carolina Thread Trail](#)
- **Joanne Burkett**, [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#)
- **Watts Huckabee**, [York County](#) Council
- **Dr. David Keely**, [RFATS](#) Citizen Advisory Committee, [Wholespire YC](#), [Tobacco-Free YC](#)
- **Steve Micheli**, SC DHEC
- **Kelly Reddecliff**, [York County Economic Development](#)

## Absent be checked in:

- **Ben Ullman** (BPC Co-Chair), trail and cycling advocate
- **Luther Dasher** (BPC advocacy)
- **Janet Wojcik**, Winthrop, Wholespire YC
- **Steve Yaffe**, transit consultant



## Takeaways/Next Steps:

1. Small group convene to discuss "next steps" for Rail Trail initiative and communicate ideas to interested parties.
2. Promote, attend, and support Fort Mill Trail Master Plan at 8/14 council meeting ([agenda](#) and [recording](#)).
3. Save the date to attend the Catawba Thread Trail 12/5 [Trail Forum](#)

## Rail Trail initiative:

- Baronak summarized that Steve Allen reached out to Norfolk Southern (NS). They still aren't interested in selling their corridor – no real reason given. Group debated water/sewer in western York county. Is NS thinking about possible opportunities in future? Baronak thinks rail line is still the most viable option.
- Not giving up yet. The small group will meet to figure out next steps. NS owns land 50' on either side of tracks - possibly ask to use part of Right-of-Way instead of pulling up tracks?
- Duke spur line opportunity seems viable.
- Funding: Leverage existing resources and be creative.

## Fort Mill Trail Master Plan

- Fort Mill is presenting their master trail plan August 14<sup>th</sup>. Recognizing the importance of Safe Routes to Schools, the plan includes improvements along Harris Road to Fort Mill High School. BPC will try to get a coalition of parents out to that meeting to push for that part of the project to move to the forefront so kids in surrounding neighborhoods safely can walk/bike to school.

## Carolina Thread Trail

- Baronak is speaking to the Rock Hill Bike Club on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm? To build support for trail initiatives including rail trail.
- Has funding and is about to start a Feasibility Study to bring the Little Sugar Creek Greenway from

the state line down to Anne Springs Greenway, Fort Mill and then Rock Hill. Preswick neighborhood (where greenway ends in SC) has already agreed to let CTT use their community space for trail.

- Mark your calendar. CTT Trail Forum is December 5<sup>th</sup> in Mooresville, NC. Largest Trails conference in Carolinas. Registration is \$100 for all-day summit. Trying to get more participation from SC groups.