

Charlier Associates, Inc.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN TOBACCO TRAIL MASTER PLAN

DURHAM, CHATHAM AND WAKE COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA (COMPLETED)

Terri Musser led a multi-jurisdictional management team in planning the first major rails-to-trails conversion project in the state of North Carolina. As an employee of Greenways Incorporated, she authored the Design Development and Management Plan for this 30-mile corridor that transitions from urban to rural as it traverses Durham, Wake and Chatham Counties.

Through a series of public meetings involving diverse interests, several unique issues needed to be resolved before this abandoned rail corridor could revert to recreational use, including:

- *Effect of trail development on security, safety and property values*
- *Addressing hunting problems along rural sections of the corridor*
- *Balancing the needs of equestrians with other non-motorized users*
- *Potential use of sections of the right-of way for a future commuter rail line*

The Durham-to-New Hill corridor has been subsequently railbanked by NC DOT and is being leased to city and county governments, with 3.75 miles of trail in Wake County and 7.7 miles in Durham currently developed and open to the public.

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