

Guilford County Celebrates Partnership, Supports the Haw River Trail

Guilford County joined with eight other local governments on July 14 to celebrate its support for the Haw River Trail. The Haw River Trail features a paddle trail for kayaking and canoeing and a hiking trail along the Haw River. It also preserves valuable natural resources in our state.

The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the State Trails Program hosted the event to commemorate the Haw River Trail Governmental Agency Partnership's signing of a "memorandum of understanding." Guilford, Rockingham, Alamance, Orange and Chatham counties, the cities of Burlington and Graham, and the towns of Haw River and Swepsonville together pledged to cooperate in promoting the Haw River Trail and in planning for the future conservation and recreational development of the corridor along the Haw River.

The Guilford Board of County Commissioners approved the memorandum on February 16, 2006. Commissioner Kay Cashion attended the July 14 event where she accepted a copy signed by all of the participating local governments and a certificate of appreciation for Guilford County.

"Guilford County is proud to be a part of this historic intergovernmental partnership supporting the Haw River Trail," said Cashion. "And I am pleased that we are helping preserve this natural area for future generations and bringing more recreational opportunities to our residents and visitors."

The Haw River Trail connects with the state's Mountains to Sea Trail, a 900-plus mile trail of footpaths, roads and state bike routes that stretches from the Great Smokey Mountains National Park to Jockey's Ridge State Park by the Atlantic Ocean. The Mountains to Sea Trail passes through 37 counties and highlights historic and natural resources.

For more information on Guilford County's parks and recreation offerings, visit our web site at www.GuilfordCED.com.



Pictured from left to right:
Lewis Ledford, Director, N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation; **Jack Jezorek**, Guilford County Open Space Committee; N.C. Representative **Alice Bordsen**, Alamance County; **William Ross, Jr.**, Secretary, N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources; **Kay Cashion**, Guilford County Commissioner; **Rob Bencini**, Director, Guilford County Community and Economic Development; **Roger Bardsley**, Parks Planner, Guilford County Community and Economic Development