

PGS Spearheads Southside Greenway

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There is further movement on the East Coast Greenway as envisioned in the Richmond Bike Ped Plan. Sierra Club coalition member Sheila Sheppard of the Partnership for Smarter Growth and FOJ Conservation Chair Adele MacLean attended a community meeting in July to discuss efforts to connect trails along Reedy Creek to Forest Hill Park and the James River Park System. PSG is also in partnership with Rails to Trails Conservancy to engage the community, and the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department in furthering this endeavor. It has the support of Richmond Area Bicycling Association (RABA) and the Richmond Area Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts.

This Railroad Spur extends 2.3 miles from Cofer Road near Bellmeade and extends a short distance behind the McGuire Medical Center then crosses Hull Street to Westover Hills Boulevard. Richmond City Councilman Douglas G. Conner Jr. is reported by the Richmond Times Dispatch as leading an effort to buy the abandoned rail spur from CSX. State and Federal funds may be used to assist with this project. Councilman Conner hosted the first Community meeting.