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**Subject:** Bolin Creek Trail near the Coal Ash Site

Bonnie, many thanks for contacting us about this issue. Your email was forwarded to me to respond. We expect construction of the Bolin Creek Trail to resume in October 2018 and to be finished in early 2019.

Construction of the Bolin Creek Trail project was temporarily stopped in March 2016 due to the discovery of the coal ash deposit on the Police Department property. At the time of the stoppage the trail project was about 80% complete. Work completed included all of the trail from under the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. culvert to Umstead Drive in Umstead Park. The missing portion includes a 550 foot gap in the trail from the eastern edge of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. culvert to the existing trail. Future work will also include reconstruction of approximately 900 linear feet of the existing trail, which we expect will be severely damaged by construction traffic and work related to processing of soils. Work was stopped at a critical point in the construction process. We had previously obtained 401 and 404 nationwide permits to allow us to work in the Bolin Creek floodway. This work was necessary to allow us to extend the trail under Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. via NCDOT's culvert. We had completed a little over half of the in-stream work when the decision was made to halt construction. During the pause in construction both of these permits expired. We now have new permits in hand and can begin construction as soon as we obtain additional funding and we can re-mobilize the contractor. We expect to request additional funds from the 2015 Greenways bond for the project at the Council's September 19, 2018 meeting.

Trail work will not affect the main coal ash deposit, which is north of our construction area. The future of the coal ash deposit will be handled through a separate process.

A major potential issue that very well could affect this schedule is Hurricane Florence, which is expected to make landfall at the end of this week. Our contractor is currently working in Wilmington. If the hurricane disrupts his work in Wilmington we could see an additional delay before he can begin work here.

Please let me know if I can answer any other questions. My email address is

[bwebster@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:bwebster@townofchapelhill.org)

If you would like I could add you to an email list that I maintain for updates to trail and parks projects. In a typical month would expect to receive about 2 emails. Some months there are none, but in other months a few more. Let me know if you want to be added to the list. I'll use it to announce major topics related to the Bolin Creek Trail included expected resumption of work and the expected opening date.

Submit the form below or email [mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org).

**1. Name**

Bonnie Gregory

**2. Residency\***

(o) I am a resident of Chapel Hill

**3. Message**

Please let me know when the coal ash dump site blocking the Bolin Creek Trail near MLK will be removed. I believe it has been there several weeks and blocks that part of Bolin Creek Trail going out from Community Center to MLK.

Many thanks for information.  
Bonnie Gregory  
[bnn.grgr@gmail.com](mailto:bnn.grgr@gmail.com).

**4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.**

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Thank you,  
Town of Chapel Hill, NC



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