

HALEYS BRANCH TRAILS

PROJECT TIMELINE

PRELIMINARY DESIGN

**MARCH
2026**

The project team developed preliminary trail alignments and conceptual designs based on community feedback and site analysis. Planning focused on creating a sustainable trail network that balances recreation, conservation, and connectivity with William B. Umstead State Park and the surrounding natural areas. Environmental constraints, access points, and user experience continue to guide the evolving design.

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**JULY
2026**

DESIGN & PERMITTING

Following Community Meeting #2, the project team will prepare detailed construction drawings and complete the necessary engineering and environmental studies. Coordination with regulatory agencies and project partners will ensure the proposed improvements meet permitting requirements while protecting sensitive natural resources. Final design will incorporate public feedback and technical review prior to construction.

**WINTER
2027**

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Upon completion, the Haleys Branch Trails will provide a high quality regional trail destination offering diverse recreational opportunities for recreation. The completed network will strengthen connections while preserving the unique character of the site's forests and stream corridors. The project will create a lasting outdoor recreation asset that serves residents and visitors for years to come.

COMMUNITY MEETING #1

The first community meeting introduced the Haleys Branch Trails vision and project goals to the public. Community members shared feedback on desired trail experiences, connectivity, recreation opportunities, and environmental priorities. This input helped establish the foundation for the preliminary trail concepts and planning process.

**SPRING
2026**

COMMUNITY MEETING #2

The second public meeting presents the refined preliminary design and highlights how community input has shaped the proposed trail system. Attendees are invited to review the updated concepts, ask questions, and provide additional feedback before the project advances into final design. This meeting represents an important milestone in confirming the project's overall direction.

**FALL
2026**

START OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction is anticipated to begin following completion of design, permitting, and contractor procurement. Work will focus on building sustainable natural surface trails, trailhead improvements at Lake Crabtree, bridges, signage, and other supporting infrastructure while minimizing impacts to the surrounding forest. Construction activities will be phased to maximize safety and environmental stewardship.

**WINTER
2028**