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Status of Marvin Loop FAQ

Back at the end of 2020, the Village applied for Discretionary Funding through the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (CRTPO) Discretionary Project Program to help fund the completion of the Marvin Loop Trail. The Village was awarded funding totaling $1,710,000 (60 Percent Grant Funds = $1,025,000 and 40 Percent Local Match = $685,000).

Below is a list if FAQs on the Marvin Loop and the funding the Village was awarded:

Q: What is the location of the Marvin Loop? How much of it is completed?

A: The Marvin Loop Trail follows New Town, Marvin School, Joe Kerr, and Marvin Roads. Approximately 40% or 1.64 miles of the Loop is complete. The existing portion of the loop completed is the sidewalk/trial that follows Marvin School Road and Joe Kerr Road. Significant destinations along the existing trail are Marvin Elementary School, Village Hall, and neighborhoods (including the Preserve, Marvin Creek, Wyndham Hall, and Canterfield Creek).

Q: How much more of the Loop is remaining to be completed?

A: The Marvin Loop total distance is 3.73 miles. Roughly 2.09 miles remain to fully connect the loop. This includes the sections from Village Hall, along New Town Road, Marvin Road, and connect to the existing portion on Joe Kerr Road.
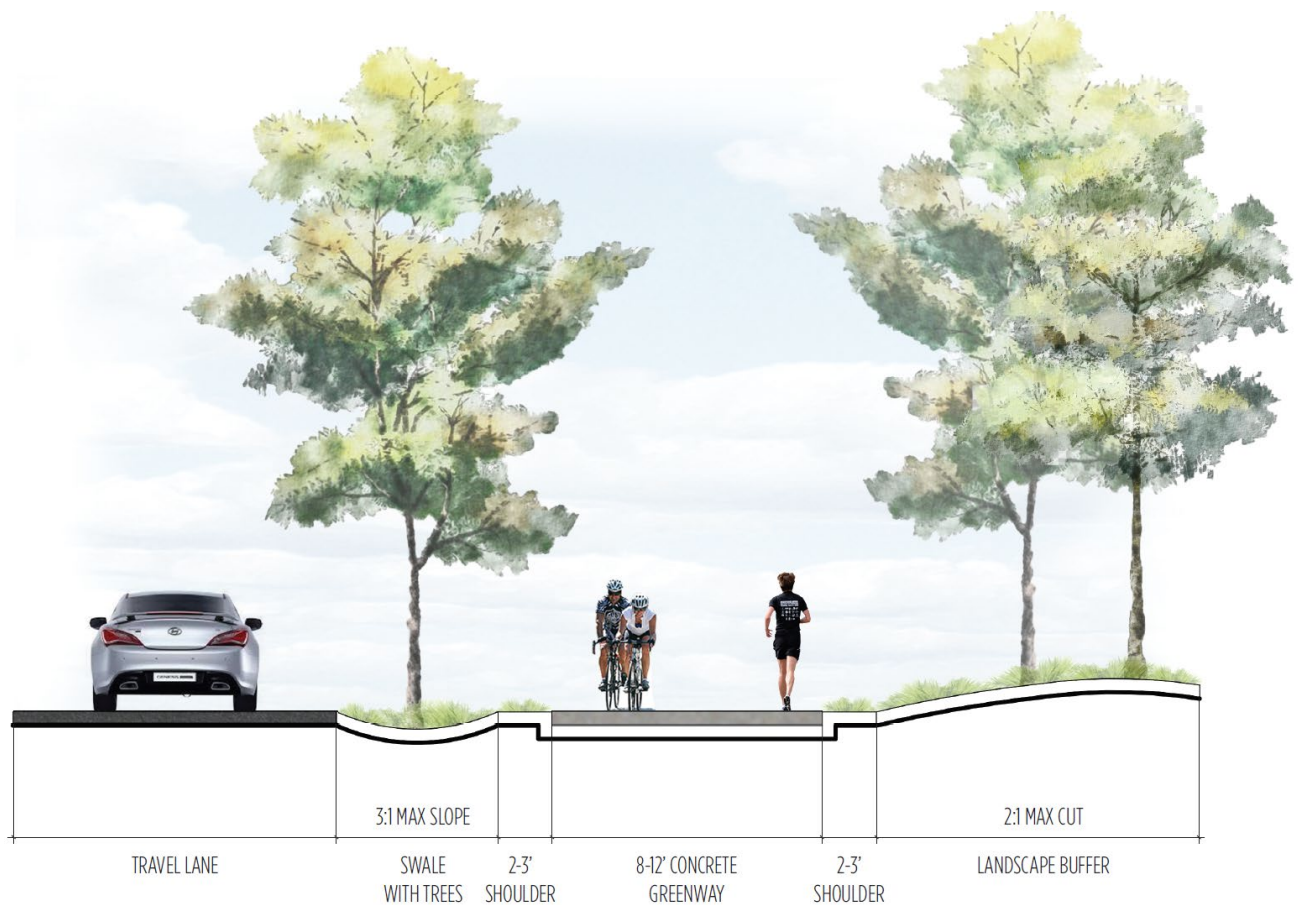

Q: What type of surface type is the trail?

A: The Marvin Loop is mainly considered a DOT side path. The DOT side path trail type is an 8 to 12 foot-wide paved concrete or asphalt path with a 2 to 3 foot wide shoulder on each side. The trail is separated from vehicular traffic by a minimum 5-foot-wide swale. The trail type is located along roadways and is a paved surface that will sustain moderate to heavy use. Please see below an illustrative for reference.

DOT SIDEPATH

3:1 MAX SLOPE   2:1 MAX CUT

TRAVEL LANE   SWALE WITH TREES   2-3' SHOULDER   8-12' CONCRETE GREENWAY   2-3' SHOULDER   LANDSCAPE BUFFER

The portion of the loop already completed is this type of trail. The remaining portions of the Loop to be completed will also be constructed in this manner as the Loop will be constructed along the roadway of New Town, Joe Kerr, and Marvin Roads and connect with existing portions of sidewalk or side paths constructed during development of neighborhoods (Preserve and Woodcliff).

Q: Are Greenways and Trails supported by Marvin residents? Why is the Marvin Loop a priority?

A: Yes, community-wide survey conducted in 2019, 77% of respondents wanted more parks, open space, or recreation options. Furthermore, 74% responded that walkability was important to them.

The Village Council has prioritized the development of our greenway system and the completion of the Marvin Loop Trail will be integral to providing a pedestrian connection to the Marvin Heritage District. This one trail segment in the scope of this grant application will provide interconnectivity between the proposed district, multiple neighborhoods, multiple churches, and Marvin Elementary School. The system will provide safe avenues of travel to promote a greater sense of community as well as healthy and active lifestyles.

Link to 2019 Survey

Q: What is the source of the funding awarded? How much funding was awarded? What portion of the loop extension will it fund?

A: The funded the Village was awarded is funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (CRTPO) Discretionary Project Program and the Village of Marvin.

The Village was awarded a total of $1,710,000 (60 Percent Grant Funds = $1,025,000 and 40 Percent Local Match = $685,000) to construct a portion of the Marvin Loop along Marvin Road (SR 3635) connecting Saddle Ave to Newtown Road (SR 1315) per Parks and Greenway Master Plan S1a. Furthermore, connecting SR 1316 (Marvin School Road) at Yellow Jasmine Lane to New Town Road (SR 1315) at Marvin Road (SR 3635) per Parks and Greenway Master Plan S1b.

Once this project is completed, 5,226 linear feet (estimated) of Asphalt Greenway or DOT Sidewalk along portions of Joe Kerr Road and Marvin Road will be the only segment remaining to complete the full loop. This is the remaining portion S1b connecting Wheatfield Drive to Saddle Avenue.

Link to 2020 Parks and Greenways Master Plan

Q: What does the grant cover? What is the timeline of completion for this project funded with the grant?

A: The funded Marvin Loop project will consist of three phases. Phase 1 is Preliminary Engineering and Environmental. The Village currently has advertised for Engineering Services from fully qualified professional consulting firms for the design, feasibility studies, and environmental documents of new trail segments, which will be a continuation of the existing Marvin Loop Greenway Trail. The Village is pursuing firms that are knowledgeable regarding federal regulations in general, and firms whose combination of experience and expertise will provide timely, professional services to the Village.

It is anticipated that the Village will award this project to an Engineering Firm in late April or early May of 2023. The selected firm will then begin with conceptual plans, planning or environmental studies, preliminary design, final design, and all other related design work necessary to advance a project to physical construction. This is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.

Phase II is the Right of Way procurement phase, and Phase III is the Construction phase. It is anticipated that construction of this project begins in October of 2024.

Q: Why is this project spread out over the next 2 to 3 years?

A: With this being federal government funds, the Village has to document all steps of this project and reviewed and approved by either the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in accordance with all federal and state guidelines.

The Village cannot move forwarded on portions of the project without receiving these approvals.