

## Education and Outreach

DOST staffs a booth at the Earth Day Festival in April, the Festival for the Eno in July, and CenterFest in September to inform the public about open space and trails programs, provide maps, and encourage community involvement.

DOST publishes a newsletter, meets with community and neighborhood organizations, and sponsors trail clean-up days.



Additionally, DOST maintains a website, stocking it with news updates, calendar listings, information on the Matching Grants Program, and a wide collection of the most popular and commonly-used maps of trails and open spaces in Durham and the region at large.

## Mission Statement

The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission is an advisory board whose mission is to foster the wise use of Durham, North Carolina's natural resources while involving and educating all segments of the Durham Community.



Visit our website at [www.DurhamOST.org](http://www.DurhamOST.org)

Or contact Chairperson Dan Clever  
[Chair@DurhamOST.org](mailto:Chair@DurhamOST.org)

Members of the public are invited to attend our monthly meetings. They are held at 7pm on the third Wednesday of every month in the 2nd Floor Committee Room of City Hall.

# DOST

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Advocating outdoor recreation activities for Durham residents since 1983



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## Community Support

DOST has long been involved in the support of organizations and plans that provide outdoor recreation options for the residents of Durham County.

Here is a partial list of past accomplishments and endorsements:

- Prepared the Durham Urban Trails and Greenways Master Plan (1985)
- Lobbied for bond referenda supporting trails development (1990 and 1996)
- Completed the Durham Regional Bicycle Plan (1998)
- Founded the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (2000)
- Endorsed the East Durham Open Space Plan (2006)
- Endorsed the DurhamWalks Pedestrian Plan (2006)
- Recommended improvements to the EMS response of greenway emergencies (2007)
- Issued comments on the Jordan Lake Master Plan (2008)
- Published a series of information sheets and maps of five priority trails and trail extensions (2008)

## Matching Grants Program

Now almost twenty years old, the DOST Matching Grants Program continues to provide grants to community non-profit organizations for open space and recreation projects throughout the County. Durham County contributes an annual allocation of \$85,000 to support the Program.



During the life of this program, the County's investment of \$1,031,337 has leveraged over \$1.8 million in monetary and in-kind contributions.

Past Matching Grant recipients have included SEEDS, the Eno River Association, the Parkwood Athletic Association, and the Asbury Methodist Preschool.

## DOST Committees

DOST is composed of several working committees that oversee the Commission's various responsibilities.

The following is a list of the DOST committees. Committee meetings are open to the public. For a description of committee goals, meeting times and locations, consult our website, [www.DurhamOST.org](http://www.DurhamOST.org).

- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- EDUCATION
- FINANCE
- MATCHING GRANTS
- NOMINATIONS
- OPEN SPACE
- TRAILS

## Why DOST is important

In the Parks & Recreation section of the 2007 Durham Citizen Satisfaction Survey, trails and greenways were ranked second only to parks as the item that should receive the most emphasis from city leaders over the next two years.

According to a 2002 survey of recent homebuyers by the National Association of Home Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders, trails ranked as the second most important amenity out of a list of 18 choices.

