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Photo of the Day: Great day on the greenway

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About 50 people showed up Saturday afternoon, May 21, for the grand opening of the town's newest greenway, a 1.1 mile biking and walking trail along the West Branch Rocky River through the River Run neighborhood.

People came to hike ride and jog along the tree-lined paved trail, which runs between Shearer Road on the east and River Ford Drive on the West. The new trail also includes a section of boardwalk with views of the river.



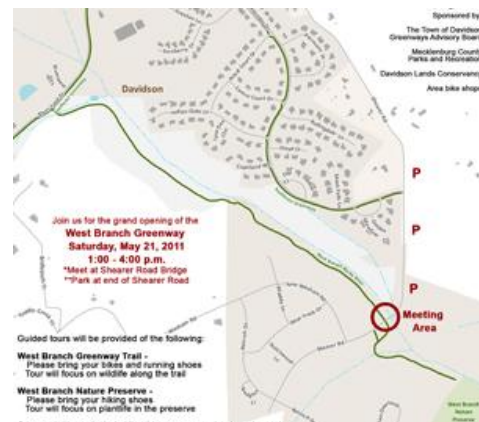
Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation received \$1.1 million in federal stimulus funds through the N.C. Department of Transportation last year to build the trail, which is part of the [Carolina Thread Trail](#), a planned network of greenways in the county and region.

"It's really pretty. They did a really nice job," said resident Rodney Graham, who bicycled to and along the trail with his family.

LOOKING FOR THE TRAIL?

The west end of the trail is off the east side River Ford Drive, and has limited parking.

The east end of the trail is off Shearer Road, and runs under the new, and still unopened bridge over the West Branch. As of this weekend, there was no clear signage. There's parking near the bridge, and you'll have to hike down to the trail.



If you're on bicycle, getting down the hill to the trail from Shearer Road is a bit more difficult.

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