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NEW PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE IN HILLSBOROUGH, NC

Connecting Riverwalk to Ayr Mount's Master Trail Plan

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Classical American Homes Preservation Trust (CAHPT) and The Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation is pleased to announce the construction of a new footbridge and a half mile section of the Mountains to Sea Trail (MST) located at the Oxbow in Hillsborough, NC. This pedestrian footbridge, spanning 95-feet over the Eno River, will connect downtown Hillsborough to the Historic Occoneechee Speedway Trail (HOST) and the Johnston Nature Preserve, situated east of Riverwalk. Construction is scheduled to be completed by August 1, 2016.

“This pedestrian footbridge is a unique intersection of heritage and history, nature preservation and scenic recreation. It will also link neighborhoods from the east into downtown Hillsborough. This is an exciting addition to the MST and our historic landscape,” said Ayr Mount Site Supervisor Bill Crowther.

The new bridge and trail will pass over and protect the original Native American village sites along the Eno River. Since the 1950s, the UNC Archeological School has conducted research in this area and it has served as a laboratory and classroom for many UNC students.

Classical American Homes Preservation Trust is the main underwriter of this project and has received dedicated grants from the North Carolina Recreational Trails Program, Crescent Communities, Vietri, Drees Homes, Kim Walsh Memorial, and many other individual donors. This effort is accomplished in collaboration with the Town of Hillsborough, Eno River Assoc., Friends of the MST, the Historic Speedway Group, and Davey Tree Service. Donations for this project are ongoing and can be sent via the CAHPT website below. Summit Design and Engineering will oversee and manage the construction that is being conducted by McQueen Construction Inc. A formal opening will be announced in a future Press Release.

Classical American Homes Preservation Trust and The Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to preserve, protect and open to the public some of the finest examples of 19th century American residential architecture, as well as surrounding landscapes and scenic trails. Ayr Mount in Hillsborough, NC, is one of six historic houses preserved by CAHPT founder, Richard H. Jenrette, who is a Raleigh, NC native, UNC graduate and noted preservationist.

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For more information about the Foot Bridge Project, or to schedule an interview with Bill Crowther, Site Supervisor at Ayr Mount, please contact Linda Park at (212) 369-4460 or email info@classicalamericanhomes.org or go to www.classicalamericanhomes.org