

## Exhibit C

### Mecklenburg County Standards for Greenway Operations and Maintenance

#### Mowing

1. Maintain open corridor of trail and 3-foot mowed areas either side of trail.  
Standard practice is approximately 26 mowings annually centered around July 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Bush hog from mowed area at least 8 feet up to tree line where required.
3. Weed eat and brush cut any growth that falls or droops into 3 foot mowed area along the trail

#### Brush Cutting

1. As needed to maintain sight visibility; safety around curves
2. Drainage ditches and swales, as needed
3. Ditch slopes and bottoms
4. Removal of heavy vegetation, within guidelines for water quality

#### Pruning

1. Remove tree limbs that encroach into trail
2. Use proper arbor culture practices
3. Lift tree branches in bush hog areas as needed to permit mowing and safe passage
4. Trail clearance heights should be 10 to 12 feet, maintained to mowed areas

#### Drains / Erosion

1. Keep pipes clear of debris

#### Leaf Removal

1. Blow leaves and debris material from trail surface and drain areas

#### Weed Control / Pesticides

1. Application of vegetative pesticides
2. General non-select pesticide
3. Chemical control of vegetation along designated trail edges
4. Chemical control of vegetation over rip rap, pipe heads and drain ways -- follow water quality guidelines

#### Fallen trees / Tree work

1. Remove when encountered while working
2. Remove trees that present safety concern for greenway trail user
3. Contract removal as necessary

#### Tunnel Cleaning

1. Remove silt and sediment after any flood event
2. Contract tunnel cleaning as necessary

#### Boardwalk Repair

1. Repair any loose or broken boards or rails
2. Raise boardwalks if needed due to excessive flooding

#### Trail repair / Patch work

1. Maintain trails as needed
2. Repair pot holes, cracks, tree roots in trail surface
3. Install bollards where needed

#### Signage

1. Install signs as needed.
2. Replace signs as needed.
3. Clean signs as needed.
4. Assist programming events with banners, temporary signs, etc.

#### Lighting

1. Replace bulbs/lenses
2. Repair as needed to keep functional

#### Citizen Concerns

1. Perform site visits to determine necessary action
2. Respond to citizen concerns with direct phone call and suggested action

#### Landscaping

1. Pruning:  
All shrubbery will be pruned four (4) times a year for desired look. Work to include hedges, shrubbery, ground covers, etc. Generally, trees will be kept elevated seven (7) feet from ground level and in any event shall not be an obstruction or nuisance to pedestrians or vehicular traffic. Pruning techniques will conform to accepted American Nurserymen Association Standards
2. Weed Control:  
No weeds or tree seedlings shall grow to six (6) inches or taller; or, weeds shall not exceed ten (10) square feet of coverage at any one time
3. Mulching:  
Remulch once a year, after leaf drop. Total depth of current and old mulch not to exceed three (3) inches. Mulch to be single hammered Metro Mulch from Compost Central or similar. All sticks larger than six (6) inches and more than two (2) inches in caliper to be removed
4. Watering and Fertilization:  
As necessary
5. Cleanliness and Safety:  
Site to be kept and left clean and safe during work activities. Further, site to be left each night clean and safe for patrons
6. Improvements and Major Repairs:
  - a. County will consult with Town to determine levels of financial participation in future capital projects or improvements to the Greenway

- b. Town will be responsible for any new additions and maintenance related to projects that were not in the original Greenway design.
- c. In the event of Force Majeure, as defined in this document, resulting in significant damage to Greenway, consistent with budgetary limitations, County will work with Town to repair any major damage done to Greenway