

**Parks and Green Spaces Meeting
September 15, 2008**

At the last meeting we shared an update on TRAC plan projects. The same document was shared with County Council and the overview was well received. Copies of the pdf file are available from GCRD. The file is too large to email, so let Cindy know if you would like a copy (cindyb@gcrd.org).

In moving toward our discussion of the “next big thing” for this committee to focus on, the following was noted:

A Conservation Land Bank is critical. Paul Ellis shared a map of Greenville County’s population now vs. projections for 2010. The growth dictates a necessity to move now to preserve green space for future development.

The group agreed that setting our sites on a 2010 Referendum would be our key focus.

That would include:

funding for land

developing the master greenways plan as a connector / alternative to transportation
road improvements

Priorities:

Designing and managing a campaign that will generate some private dollars as well as grassroots support

Forming an Ad Hoc committee who writes the language for the referendum

Legislation for easy incentives for developers – working with them to put land in conservation bank / easements

Other groups we may want at the table / involved:

GPASS / NPO – to investigate federal monies

Finer Carolina

Greenville Residents Coalition

G3 Foundation

Large Land Owners