

Friends of Bolin Creek
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David Miller, Transportation Planner
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Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO

Dear David and Madeline,

Friends of Bolin Creek (FOBC) submits these brief comments and enthusiastically supports the DCCMPO's draft Wildlife Crossings Plan.

This initiative marks the first time a North Carolina transit organization has boldly made wildlife connectivity part of transportation planning.

The 425-acre Bolin Creek Natural Area's riparian corridor preserves water quality for a downstream water supply and is a critical habitat for many species. Birds of all kinds, particularly migrating species, rely on the vegetation covering the riparian corridor and the food sources found along and in the creek. For example, when migrating warblers stop along their journey, they must increase their body weight by a third, resting and eating before their long journey.

We look forward to working with you as the Wildlife Crossings Plan evolves. We recommend ensuring wildlife corridors within the MPO are:

- Already rich in wildlife species
- Follow waterways
- Inhabit areas that are planned for conservation or are already conserved.

[The Bolin Creek Natural Area](#) between Estes Drive Extension and Homestead Road meets these criteria.

Sincerely,

Julie McClintock, Martha Hoelzer
Co-Presidents