

THE GREENE TRACT FOREST

A Vision of Preservation, Housing, Open Space, & Connectivity

Connected and Preserved Open Space

The Greene Tract Forest (GTF) is in a prime geographic position to allow future greenways, trails, and other connections between Homestead Park (and pool), the Johnson Mill Nature Preserve, Orange County's future Twin Creeks Park, Brumley Forest, and the Rogers Road community. Preservation of the GTF means the Town could build a well-connected world-class park and greenway system for town and county residents.

Existing trail: --- New trail: ---

Plus, when the railroad becomes inactive, a rail-trail could connect:

- Central Chapel Hill
- Wilson Park
- Carolina North Forest
- Hillsborough
- Central Durham
- Johnson Mill Nature Preserve
- Brumley Forest Nature Preserve

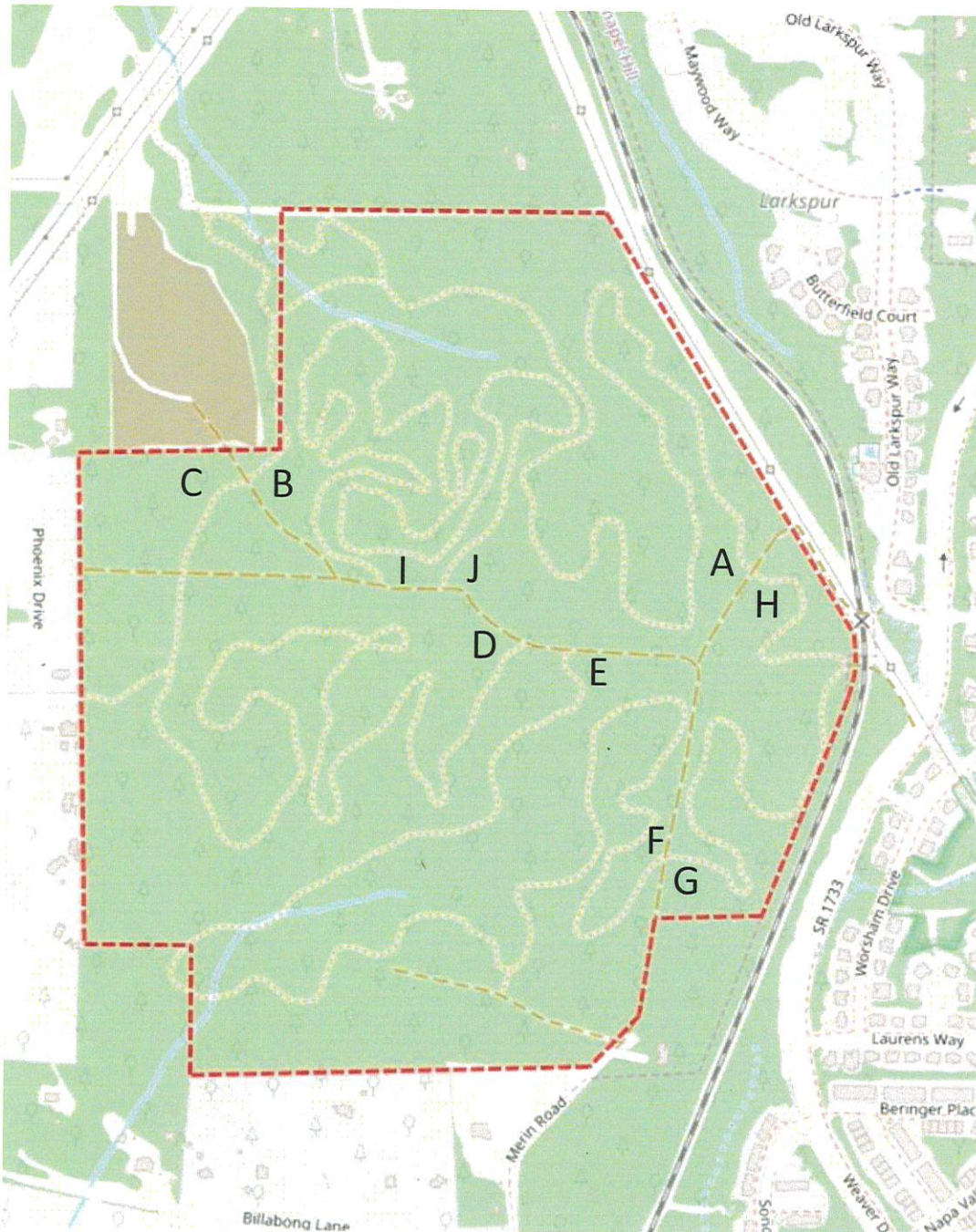
Preservation and Housing

Even with a substantial amount of preservation, 20% of the GTF could be used for mixed-income housing. With this plan, 5 miles of existing GTF trail could be preserved. Existing trail stewardship programs could be used to maintain them.

Increased Access with Parking Areas P

Designated parking areas would increase access to the GTF from the east, west, and north. Parking areas could use non-impervious surfaces.

Greene Tract Forest Trails



Start/End		Description
A	B	<i>Old Field Creek Trail</i> (1.4 miles) Trail follows the power lines, then turns and follows the headwaters of Old Field Creek. Trail winds around to the back side of the Bird homestead. The brick chimney is still visible. In early summer the Bird homestead is covered in purple wisteria. Trail then continues back down to the Old Field Creek before reaching the clear-cut Neville Tract
C	D	<i>Bolin Creek Headwaters Trail</i> (1.4 miles) Trail follows and crosses the upper Bolin Creek headwaters. Eventually the trail reaches the Bird homestead
E	H	<i>Homestead Trail</i> (2 miles) (passes F & G) Trail stretches between the Bird homestead, crosses the sawmill trail, and ends at the Larkspur neighborhood gate. Trail passes the ruins of a beautiful stone homestead
I	J	<i>Inner Old Field Loop Trail</i> (1.3 miles) Trail winds around and over Old Field Creek and eventually ends almost where it started. Trail also passes by the Bird homestead
		<i>Sawmill Road Trails</i> (0.4-0.7 miles) shown as dark dotted lines. Double-track and straight trails that connect the Rogers Road community with Larkspur and the end of Merin Dr.