



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Bermuda Run East Pedestrian Pathways

*This set of FAQs is intended to answer general questions about the proposed sidewalk project. It is not intended to answer specific questions or concerns homeowners might have regarding their individual property. Questions of this nature should be directed to Town staff for further discussion and clarification.*

### OVERALL PROJECT

- Why are sidewalks being constructed?
  - This project aligns with the recently adopted Town of Bermuda Run Comprehensive Plan. Strategy 2.1 calls for “budget[ing] funds annually to complete priority pedestrian facilities ... that will provide connectivity within neighborhoods and links to key destinations throughout town.” Public input from residents also indicated support for the completion of additional sidewalks and increasing the walkability of the town. Over 70% of respondents to a public survey about the Town’s future indicated that trail and pedestrian connectivity are important to the economic vitality of the town. This was also ranked as the most important economic development factor during an in-person community meeting on May 25, 2022. Bermuda Run Town Council adopted this Comprehensive Plan in April of 2023, and set the above implementation Strategy 2.1 as a “high priority.”
- How long will the project last?
  - Below is an estimate of the scheduling for each of the 4 proposed phases. These estimates are subject to change as utility coordination and sidewalk construction begin.

	Survey and Preliminary Design	Utility Coordination	RoW and Easement Acquisition	Utility Relocations	Sidewalk Construction
Phase 1	Complete	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025
Phase 2	Complete	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Winter 2025
Phase 3	Complete	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Winter 2025	Spring 2026
Phase 4	Complete	Fall 2025	Winter 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026

- What will the hours of work be on the project?
  - Work will typically be done Monday to Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. Weekend work may only be considered late in the project if weather delays are encountered. If weekend work is deemed necessary, advance notice will be provided to the area so that residents may plan accordingly.
- What is the estimated cost for this project and how is it being funded?
  - This project is estimated to cost \$3,679,746. The majority of this project is funded through a grant from the North Carolina Office Of State Budget and Management. With the assistance of Rep. Julia Howard, the Town of Bermuda Run was awarded a publicly funded Economic Grant in 2024 for \$3,250,000 for quality-of-life improvements and pedestrian projects. The remaining \$429,746 will be covered by Town of Bermuda Run funds. The actual construction of the improvements is estimated at \$2,839,236. The remainder of the funds will be used for the design, permitting, and inspection phases of the project. Residents will not be responsible for any costs associated with construction.
- Who will be doing the construction work?
  - The contractor will be determined when the Town bids out this project. The bid opening is expected to be in Spring of 2025.
- Will access to the sidewalks be limited?
  - While requested primarily by residents of Bermuda Run East, access to the public sidewalks will not be restricted. It is the intention of the Town that only the sidewalks have public access.

## ROUTE DESIGN

- How was the proposed route planned? How were the locations of crosswalks and speed tables decided?
  - The Town contracted with Wetherill Engineering to plan and design the proposed sidewalks. The routes, crosswalk, and speed table locations were chosen using a number of relevant factors including traffic volumes, roadway slope, sight distances and speed limits. Prior to these sessions, the proposed route was walked by Town staff to ensure compatibility with the existing road network.
- Can we add or move speed tables and/or crosswalk locations?
  - The engineers have determined the appropriate number and location of speed tables and crosswalks using the metrics listed above.
- What kind of signage will be present at the proposed crosswalks?
  - All crosswalks will feature appropriate signage, to alert both pedestrians and motorists, as defined by the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Will the path meet ADA standards?
  - The whole of the proposed sidewalk project, including crosswalk locations, will be built to the recommended ADA standards.
- Will the town need additional property to complete the proposed project?
  - The Town owns and maintains a 60' right-of-way along both Riverbend Dr. and Bermuda Run Dr. The proposed sidewalks are to be constructed primarily within this right-of-way. There may be instances in which the Town needs to obtain permanent access easements or temporary construction easements to facilitate the completion of this project. These may be voluntarily granted or obtained through a negotiation process, or as prescribed by North Carolina General Statutes. These instances will vary on a case-by-case basis and will be discussed with impacted property owners.
- Will this construction work affect trash/brush pickup, deliveries, or emergency services like police and fire?
  - No, your trash collection (including leaf and yard waste pickups, when available) will remain exactly the same. As the phases finish construction, we will work with our contractors to determine their preferred placement of these items, to ensure efficient service delivery. Also, the roadway will be maintained for travel at all times. Emergency

services personnel know that they can drive through the construction zone any time of day or night to access your property.

- Will there be any utility outages during this project?
  - Although we do not anticipate any significant interruptions, with any construction project there is always the potential for disruptions in utility service. If the Town becomes aware of any significant interruptions in service, the affected residents will be notified.
- Will the town be installing and maintaining dog waste stations along the path?
  - Yes, these stations will be installed as part of the proposed construction and would be maintained by the Town. These locations would be more specifically defined later in the project.
- What other forms of transportation will be allowed on the public sidewalk?
  - Similar to the Blue Heron trail, golf carts and other, non-essential, motorized means of travel will not be allowed.

## PROPERTY IMPACTS

- How will the path affect my current landscaping?
  - The contractor will be required to topsoil and seed all disturbed areas of your lawn as a part of this project.
- Will the town move/replace my bushes, trees, landscaping?
  - No, the Town will not replace any bushes or trees that are removed as part of the proposed construction and are within the Town owned right-of-way. Areas outside of the right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements will not be disturbed.
- Is there anything I need to do to prepare for the construction?
  - Landscaping features, flowers, fencing, or other physical objects located in the Towns rights of way in front of your property may need to be relocated before construction to avoid damage. Landowners will be individually contacted where concerns are found. The Town will also keep residents up-to-date with construction timelines and estimates of when construction might reach their property.
- How will the path affect my driveway?
  - A minimum of 8.5' (3.5' apron and 5' sidewalk) behind the new curb will have to be removed to allow the new sidewalk to be built. Some driveways may have more than 8.5' removed and replaced to ensure that the slopes of the new driveways are not too steep.
- Will you replace my driveway to the same standards as it was built?
  - Driveway aprons within road right-of-way will be replaced with either concrete and/or asphalt material, as appropriate.
- Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?
  - The Town is responsible for the maintenance of any improvements located within its rights of way, with the exception of snow removal. In instances of snow accumulation, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to clear snow and ice from the section of sidewalk in front of their home. This is standard in most other cities and towns across the US which experience more frequent snow events than Bermuda Run.
- Will traffic be maintained on my street during construction?

- Yes, the streets will be open to residents living within the construction area throughout the project. On-street parking may be restricted during construction, as needed by the contractor.
- Will access to my driveway be impacted by construction?
  - Resident access to their properties may be restricted for a short period of time while certain works are being carried out. However, access to residents' property will always be accommodated.
- What will the Town do about dirt and dust control?
  - During construction, the contractor will use watering trucks and/or dust suppressants to manage dirt and dust control.
- What do I do if I live on the road and have key events or activities (moving, family gathering, weddings, pool installations, site construction, etc..) planned this summer?
  - Residents are encouraged to contact the Town in advance to advise of any special events or activities that may be happening at their property this summer. Contractors will do their best to plan or schedule works in a manner that reduces inconveniences where possible.