

## Public Feedback Highlights

### General

- ◆ Public Information Meeting Nov.5, 2018: **52** participants. **69%** Chapel Hill North residents.
- ◆ Written Feedback Oct.-Dec. 2018: **32** submissions. **59%** Chapel Hill North residents.
- ◆ Appreciation expressed for results accomplished. Many thanks to respondents and participants.
- ◆ Identification of concerns and interests – passion and caring.
- ◆ Preferred way forward *Option A - Key Priorities with Community Engagement*

### Issues Identified

- ◆ **Environmental protection and sustainability**
  - Strong support for measures to protect the forest and its existing informal trails.
  - Balancing protection of CHN's urban natural areas with recreation interests.
- ◆ **Management**
  - More active involvement by NCC and City landowners and engagement with CHN.
  - Baseline environmental and sustainability reviews prior to design and maintenance.
  - Address user conflicts and behaviours consistent with sustainable management.
- ◆ **Public Education and Awareness**
  - Need to improve public awareness and understanding of the EP status of CHN forest and appropriate usage of forest and trails.
  - Lack of informative signage and user protocols for appropriate use and safety.
- ◆ **Appropriate Use**
  - Times have changed. New governing policies and plans. Allowed uses for urban natural areas based on EP status, long-term sustainability and more hands-on oversight.
  - Not all trails are necessarily suited to all uses all the time. Time to assess trail rationalization, repositioning and returning some trails to their natural state.
  - Determine appropriate uses based on environmental studies, policy maker review and sound management.
- ◆ **Trail Users and Activities**
  - CHN urban forest - unique, protected and compact natural area. Adverse impact evident and ongoing.
  - Accommodation of multiple users based on compatible activities and permitted uses. Other urban and rural natural areas may be more suitable and enjoyable for some users.
- ◆ **Access, Parking and Traffic**
  - Planning of official trails and access to consider impact on residential streets and users.

### Next Steps

- ◆ Option A: Key Priorities with Community Engagement – incremental approach.
- ◆ Involvement of CHN residents, discussions and feedback.
- ◆ Essential mandate, role and authorities of the City, NCC and RVCA.