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Overview

The Linear Park Corporation continued working with the City of Fayetteville in 2025 to support and enhance the Linear Park Trail. The committee focused on completing key projects, recognizing the trail's history, and preparing for future efforts that expand connectivity and recreational opportunities in the community.

Key Accomplishments in 2025

In 2025, the Linear Park Trail's name dedication and connector completion were recognized during a ceremony on August 4, 2025. The trail is now officially known as the **Harry F. Shaw Linear Park Trail**.

The 3.9-mile trail runs through downtown Fayetteville, connecting Festival Park, Cross Creek Cemetery, and Riverside Dog Park. The trail features scenic bridges, overlooks, and natural views, offering opportunities for walking, running, cycling, and enjoying the city's greenways and waterways.

An approximately half-mile connector trail now links the Harry F. Shaw Linear Park Trail to the Cape Fear River Trail, creating approximately 11.4 miles of continuous trails. The Cape Fear River Trail itself winds over 7 miles through woodlands and wetlands along the river, connecting areas from the Jordan Soccer Complex to Riverside Dog Park. This connectivity significantly enhances recreational access, encourages healthy activity, and links residents to more of Fayetteville's natural landmarks.

Additional improvements were completed, including landscaping enhancements, commemorative features, and the installation of planned signage at the trailhead.



Future Direction and Strategic Focus

Now that the previous project, including the trail renaming and connector completion, has been completed, the committee has identified the Center City Parks & Trails (CCPT) initiative as its next area of focus.

Since the Linear Park Trail is part of the broader CCPT network, expanding efforts in this area represents a natural next step. The committee is prepared to build on its experience and success with the Linear Park Trail to support connectivity, accessibility, and greenway development across Fayetteville. The committee is hopeful that Council will approve its continued involvement in the CCPT initiative.

Recommendations to City Council

The Linear Park Corporation respectfully requests City Council's approval to continue its work with the CCPT initiative under its existing mission to support trails and greenways. The committee looks forward to continuing its partnership with the City to advance connectivity, accessibility, and the overall development of Fayetteville's trail system.