

February 5, 2008

Dear Members of the PATH Advisory Committee:

On February 3, 2008, I walked the proposed route of the PATH between Mason Mill Park and Medlock Park. The forest through which the route travels is best characterized as a mid-successional forest that is dominated by mature pines. This observation is consistent with historical documents that show that the area around the water works was clear cut in the 1940s. Some mature hardwoods can be found along the proposed route and should be protected during construction. However, these mature hardwoods do not predominate in the forest, as would be expected for an old-growth forest. Many areas of the forest also have been impacted by invasive plant species, therefore decreasing the quality of the habitat for both native plant species and animals.

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