



Walkable Watershed

healthy waters : healthy communities

Lower Little Rock Creek Watershed

Raleigh, North Carolina

The lower Little Rock Creek Watershed in Raleigh, NC includes a neglected creek and neighborhoods that lack sidewalks and crosswalks to safely connect residents with community destinations.

Approach

In 2013, Skeo's Raleigh Walkable Watershed initiative provided a new opportunity for local government and community organizations to improve both water quality and the quality of life in the lower watershed of Little Rock Creek. The walkable watershed approach is a creative, effective way to achieve environmental, public health, education and community development goals.

In Raleigh, the project brought together City of Raleigh staff, community members, non-profits and students to develop a Watershed Concept Plan for the lower Little Rock Creek Watershed. Streets providing key routes to community destinations such as a school or park also lacked sidewalks and piped stormwater directly to the creek. Building on community goals and priorities, the Plan identifies strategies to address pedestrian and stormwater management challenges simultaneously.



Outcome

The Walkable Watershed Concept Plan has helped form a cross-departmental city team, identify and build partnerships between organizations and build momentum around near-term opportunities. The resulting Action Plan will also help guide activities and investments in neighborhood-based watershed improvements.



"The integrated approach of the Walkable Watershed process inspired a unique collaborative process across City departments, *creating positive connections that will drive some early wins and long-term leveraging of existing programs.* It was truly remarkable to see colleagues who do not typically work together coalesce around this effort. The Walkable Watershed project has helped us build a strong foundation for future cross-departmental planning processes."

City Manager Ruffin L. Hall



Please visit: www.walkablewatershed.com for more information on Skeo Solutions' Walkable Watershed approach for linking watershed health and community revitalization.

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