

## **Thiokol Greenway Progress Report and Opportunity to Contribute**

September 25, 2020

One of the objectives of the HDAA is to preserve the good image of the organization and foster the spirit that we found to be valuable during its 47-year history (1949 – 1996) of the Huntsville Division. HDAA board members have been working for several years to establish a Thiokol Greenway near the plant site and then develop a marker for that portion of the greenway. This includes a sign and two benches mounted on a concrete pad. The Thiokol Greenway is part of an 8-mile section of city greenway construction being completed at Hays Farm in southwest Huntsville near the arsenal boundary. In turn, this is part of a 44-mile phase of citywide trail/greenway construction. So, this is a part of a bigger effort to promote health and recreation in the Huntsville area and is very much in keeping with our objectives in the HDAA bylaws.

This effort is proceeding well, as you can tell from the attached photos. The greenway itself is paved and connects all the way to Haysland Square Shopping Center, but the connector to Rothmore Drive is still in fine gravel. The concrete pad and sign are completed and in place. The two benches remain to be purchased and installed.

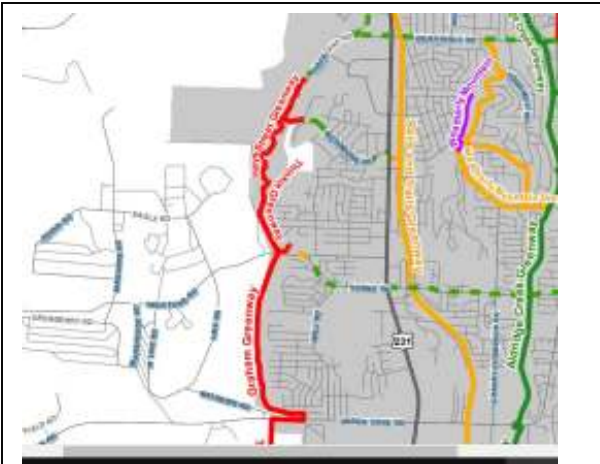
There has been a lot of interest in this project, with questions about how people could contribute to it. The last phase of the project is the acquisition of two benches. This purchase must be done through the city so they will be ordering, installing, and maintaining the benches. The total amount required for the two benches is \$3,670, installed. Any amount of money donated above this goal may be used for landscaping around the Thiokol Greenway pad. (A generous anonymous contribution has been received to initiate this effort.)

The HDAA Treasurer Charlie Thomas is ready to accept donations by mail. The memo line on the check should be marked Thiokol Greenway. HDAA address is:

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Updates on progress are available in the newsletter. Or for up-to-the-minute information look on our HDAA Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/993222857390133/>



Thiokol Greenway is in center of map. Thiokol Line 2 is just west across the arsenal boundary.



Thiokol Greenway and Grissom Greenway is light blue line projected onto Google Earth map. Thiokol Line 2 is in center of map. Bell Mountain Park is at bottom of greenway line and Haysland Square is at top of greenway line.



Tah dah! Fanfare please. Pad and sign installed week of September 20.



Thiokol History sign is installed.



Graphic of Thiokol Greenway showing the pad, sign, and benches. Thiokol Line 2 is just across the arsenal boundary in front of the sign.



The final step in the installation will be the addition of two benches. (This photo from Big Springs Park. Thiokol Greenway benches will be identical.)



Behind the mask is Glenn Webb admiring the Thiokol History sign.



Cecil Stokes checking out the pad before sign installation.



Anna and Charlie Thomas walking the greenway. Thiokol marker is south of this.



Ron Clements checking out the pad site before forming and pouring.

