



## Knightsdale

Within the Town of Knightdale's Urban Service Area (USA) there are approximately 116.34 acres of protected open space. The majority of Raleigh and Wake County land is located along the Neuse River Corridor. The Triangle Land Conservancy owns a 38 acre tract of land, Temple Flat Rock, northeast of Knightdale. Currently Knightdale is in the process of acquiring land for Phase I of the Mingo Creek Greenway as well as securing open space dedications from new developments.

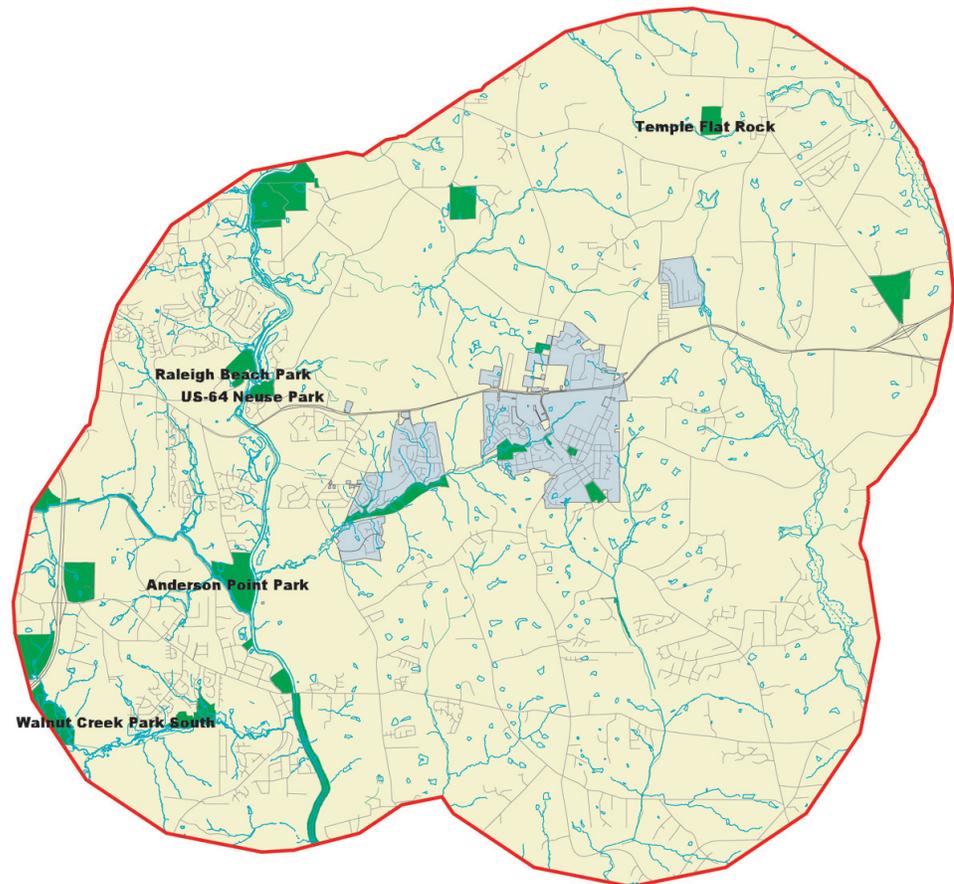
### Vital Statistics:

Population: 8,041

Acres of Parkland: 116.34

Miles of Greenway: .76

Ratio of People to Open Space: .018 ac/person



## Morrisville

The Town of Morrisville, like many other municipalities in Wake County, has seen a surge in development in the last few years. This increase in activity has absorbed many areas that were once wooded and changed the overall character of the town. Morrisville has understood these changes and is committed to creating an open space master plan that will preserve the town's charm and quality of life for years to come.

Morrisville currently has 92 acres of parks and open space land. The Morrisville Community Park (34 acres), Luther Green Park (6 acres), and Ruritan Park (.5 acres) serve the community's existing needs. Morrisville Community Park is in the midst of a renovation/expansion project that will include the addition of two baseball/softball fields, the construction of the initial leg of the town's greenway system, additional walking trails, new concessions and restroom facilities, additional parking, and updates to the existing playground. In addition, the Town owns three other parcels of open space land, the Weston Park Site (34 acres), Morrisville Square (10 acres) and Breckenridge Park (8 acres), which will be developed in the future to serve new residents. The majority of the current land and facilities is located in the historic area of the Town, near Crabtree Creek. Wake County owns more than 260 acres of land in and around Morrisville, including parks, open space, floodplain and wetland mitigation lands.

Morrisville plans to conserve open space throughout the community by focusing on the protection of hardwood forests, and by dividing up large masses of developed land. The recently adopted greenway master plan will link these areas with existing and future park lands, residential and commercial areas, and other municipalities, creating an interwoven system of open space lands.

### Vital Statistics:

Population: 12,195 (July 2005)

Acres of Parkland: 92

Miles of Greenway: .75 miles

Ratio of People to Open Space: .007 ac/person





## Raleigh

The City of Raleigh has more than 8,499 acres of open space and almost 1,400 acres of water, offering recreational activities year-round. A nationally acclaimed greenway system spans 54 miles, providing walking, jogging and hiking trails that connect many of the city's 115 major parks. Programs are offered for the mentally, physically, and visually impaired and the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

In an effort to preserve natural areas in the face of rapid urban growth, Raleigh city leaders started the city's greenway system in 1974. With more than 54 miles of trails, the system is the oldest of its kind in the southeastern U.S. More than 40 miles of the trail system is surfaced for jogging, hiking, nature study and biking, and many of the trails are conveniently located throughout the city, making them easily accessible for residents and visitors alike.

The City of Raleigh has conserved an estimated 1,100 acres of water supply buffer lands around Falls Lake and the Neuse River. These undeveloped lands provide the infrastructure necessary to protect some of the drinking water supply for Wake County.

### Vital Statistics:

Population: 353,604 (July 2006)

Acres of Parkland and Greenways: 8,499

Miles of Greenway: 54

Ratio of People to Open Space:.024 ac/person

