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CLEARING OPERATIONS TO BEGIN ON MEADOW CREEK PARKWAY *Section of Rivanna Trail to be closed when construction begins next week*

CULPEPER — Land-clearing will begin the week of February 16 for the Meadow Creek Parkway project in Albemarle County. Project contractor Falconer Construction Company, Inc. is currently doing preliminary site work including cutting access roads and placing the project office.

The first work to be done on the project will be clearing the right of way from East Rio Road south to Meadow Creek to allow work to begin on the bridge over Meadow Creek. Additional clearing will be done along the Norfolk-Southern Railroad where it runs under East Rio Road to allow placement of underground utilities and construction of the new bridge.

When site work begins on Feb. 17 the segment of the Rivanna Trail between Park Street and East Rio Road will be closed to the public. The project includes building a new trail that will open when construction of the parkway is completed.

The project will build a new 1.4-mile, two-lane parkway from East Rio Road south to the Charlottesville city limits at Melbourne Road. It will also include reconstruction of a portion of Rio Road east of the current transition from four lanes to two lanes and replacement of the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. Charlottesville-based Falconer Construction Company, Inc. is the contractor on the \$11.8 million project.

The city's portion of the new road, known as McIntire Road Extended, will be advertised for construction bids in early 2009. A third project, to replace the at-grade intersection of the Route 250 Bypass and McIntire Road with a grade-separated interchange and link to McIntire Road Extended, is also under development by the city of Charlottesville with construction advertisement scheduled for early 2010.

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