

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2016

SUBJECT: NC DEQ Water Resources Development Grant Resolution for Kunz Farm Park Application

PRESENTER: Rachel Kipar, Environmental Programs Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County staff are prepared to submit a Water Resources Development Grant to the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) Division of Water Resources (DWR) for Phase 1 and 2 of Kunz Farm Park, located adjacent to Westfeldt Park. Phase 1 of the project will include the permitting and design of the project (pre-construction costs). Phase 2 covers design and construction of the pedestrian bridge, additional parking lots expansion/construction in Westfeldt Park, and includes contingency funds.

The total estimated cost at this time for Phase 1 and 2 is \$500,000. The DWR grant request is \$250,000 and the grant requires a 50% cash match from the applicant. Staff anticipates the match (\$217,000) will come from interested local Broadpointe Industry donors, and the remaining portion of the 50% match will come from the Park Reserve Account (\$33,000 revenue from the former property lease). The grant application requires a resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners.

Kunz Farm Park will serve as a unique natural resources and agricultural heritage site for citizens and visitors to enjoy the area's natural beauty, participate in outdoor recreation, and learn about local agricultural practices. The park's ideal location along the French Broad River will provide a multitude of conservation, agricultural, and educational opportunities for area residents and students, outdoor enthusiasts, local industry employees, and tourists. The main feature of the park will be a pedestrian access bridge across the French Broad River that will be ADA-compliant and provide a distinctive perspective for park visitors.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached resolution supporting the Water Resources Development Grant application to the NC DEQ Division of Water Resources for Phases 1-2 of the Kunz Farm Park project.

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY THE HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners desires to sponsor a grant application to the NCDEQ Division of Water Resources for matching funding to cover Phases 1 and 2 of Kunz Farm Park. Phase 1 expenses cover pre-construction costs (permitting and design). Phase 2 covers design and construction of the pedestrian bridge, additional Westfeldt Park parking lots expansion/construction, and include contingency funds.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY:

The Board requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to Henderson County for Kunz Farm Park in the amount of 50 percent of project costs;

The Board assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs;

The Board will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits;

The Board will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments.

The Board will supervise construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications;

The Board will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State;

The Board will assure that the project is open for use by the public on an equal basis with no restrictions;

The Board will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the project;

The Board accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Adopted this date, December 5, 2016 at Hendersonville, North Carolina.

THOMAS THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD