

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2017

SUBJECT: NC Division of Parks & Recreation Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
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 NC Division of Parks & Recreation Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Trail Project Grant Application for Phases 1 and 2 of Kunz Farm Park, located adjacent to Westfeldt Park. The grant application requires a resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners. 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 Phases 1 and 2 is \$500,000. The RTP grant amount being requested is \$100,000 and the grant requires a 25% cash match from the applicant. Staff anticipates the match (\$25,000) will come from interested local Broadpointe Industry donors. Should the cash match not be met, the grant will not be executed, if awarded, by the County. Staff submitted another grant in December 2016 and plans to submit a third grant this spring to cover the full cost of the entire project.

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 NC Division of Parks & Recreation RTP Trail Project Grant Application for Phases 1 and 2 of Kunz Farm Park.

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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 NC Division of Parks & Recreation Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Trail Project Grant Application for 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 North Carolina State Parks Recreational Trails Program to provide financial assistance to Henderson County for Kunz Farm Park in the amount of 75 percent of outlined 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, March 6, 2017 at Hendersonville, North Carolina.

J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD