

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Firm Selection for Northern and Southern Oklawaha Greenway Feasibility Studies

PRESENTER: John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. List of Submitting Firms

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County has received STBGP-DA funds from the French Broad River MPO to conduct two feasibility studies for possible Oklawaha Greenway extensions both Northward and Southward. The total project cost for the Southern Expansion Study is \$50,000 for which Henderson County received \$40,000 from STBGP-DA, with a 20% match requirement (\$10,000).

The total project cost for the Northern Expansion Study is \$70,000, for which Henderson County received \$56,000 from STBGP-DA, with a 20% match requirement (\$14,000).

As part of the procurement requirements associated with the grant and state law, the Planning Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services. After review of the proposals (by an advisory committee comprised of representation from staff, NCDOT Planning Branch, FBRMPO Staff, Recreation Advisory Board, and community stakeholders), it was determined that the proposal submitted by Equinox best meets the project requirements.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the selection of Equinox, and direct staff to proceed with the project.

Suggested Motions:

I move that the Board select Equinox as the firm for the Oklawaha Greenway Extension Feasibility Studies and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Equinox.

**Submitting Firms – Oklawaha Greenway
Northern Extension Feasibility Study**

Aecom

Contact: Sunny Nandagiri, PE
701 Corporate Center Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607

Alta Planning + Design

Contact: John Cock
227 W. 4th St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

Equinox

Contact: David Tuch
37 Haywood St., Suite 100
Asheville, NC 28801

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