

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 1, 2019

SUBJECT: PARTF Grant Discussion (Jackson Park Oklawaha Greenway Realignment Project)

PRESENTER: John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director
Carleen Dixon, Park and Recreation Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) provides grants to local governments for parks and recreation projects. The grant funds require a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$500,000. Grant funds may be utilized for construction of new projects or to renovate existing park facilities including greenways, walking trails and fields. Projects are evaluated and scored by a committee of PARTF staff and regional consultants from the Recreation Resources Services. The Parks and Recreation Authority selects the projects to receive funding.

The deadline for PARTF applications is May 1, 2019. There are several projects in Henderson County that are eligible to receive PARTF funding. The Recreation Advisory Board identified four potential projects for PARTF funding, noting that the existing Oklawaha Greenway in Jackson Park that floods as the top priority for PARTF funding. Below is a list of these projects identified by the Recreation Advisory Board with cost estimates.

1. **Existing Oklawaha Greenway in Jackson Park:** Fixing the flooded section near the Four Seasons (US64) bridge. The City of Hendersonville agreed to provide approximately \$173,000 to the County to elevate and reconstruct the existing Oklawaha Greenway in Jackson Park which can be used as match to the grant. (Estimated cost of \$336,000)
2. **Etowah Park:** Correct the drainage issues impacting the fields. (Estimated cost of \$625,000)
3. **Etowah Park:** Rebuild the failing walking trail. (Estimated cost of \$40,000)
4. **Kunz Farm Park:** Construct the walking trail and park access. (Estimated cost of \$555,000 (this option does not include a pedestrian bridge across the French Board River)

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Board direction on a PARTF application is needed to submit a grant application by the May 1, 2019 deadline. A suggested motion is provided if that is the desire of the Board.

Suggested Motions:

I move that the Board direct staff to prepare a PARTF application as discussed by the Board and approve the required local County match.