

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Commissioner Updates
PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Background Information

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Commissioner updates include current and ongoing items of interest in the County and allow commissioners an opportunity to bring the full Board up to date on issues that occur between meetings. Commissioners may also use this opportunity to report on related committee work and assignments.

Topics for this meeting are as follows:

- 1) First Contact Ministries.....Chairman Lapsley
- 2) Keep Henderson County Beautiful.....Vice-Chair McCall
- 3) Fostering Hopes.....Vice-Chair McCall
- 4) Oklawaha Greenway Remediation.....Commissioner Edney
- 5) Fire District Issues.....Commissioner Andreotta
- 6) Deed Scanning ProjectCommissioner Hill

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested. The Board is requested to discuss the items presented and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #1

SUBJECT: First Contact Ministries

PRESENTER: Chairman Lapsley

ATTACHMENTS: No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the Board's January 20, 2021 meeting, there was discussion of the Board's Substance Abuse Initiative. As a follow-up to that discussion, Reverend Craig Halford with First Contact Ministries will be present to provide information on their work with substance abuse.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #2

SUBJECT: Keep Henderson County Beautiful

PRESENTER: Vice-Chair McCall

ATTACHMENTS: No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the Board's January 20, 2021 meeting, Vice-Chair McCall discussed the amount of litter along the roadways in Henderson County. Staff was directed to bring this item back for further discussion, and Staff has done some research on some options to address this item.

STAFF RESEARCH:

Christine Wittmeier, Environmental Programs Coordinator, has researched the option for Henderson County to affiliate with the Keep America Beautiful program. The KAB affiliation offers networking opportunities, training/educational materials and community impact grants. The affiliation process starts by obtaining a letter of support from the Chairman of the Board, submitting the application and a one-time certification fee of \$4,500. The annual fee after certification is \$345 for our population.

The one-time certification fee listed above supports the initial development of Keep Henderson County Beautiful including:

- Training materials and step-by-step instructions on developing Keep Henderson County Beautiful.
- Travel expenses for the Keep America Beautiful Trainer to visit Henderson County as well as ongoing mentoring and support by the Trainer throughout the process.
- Attending a goal-setting session to develop an action plan for the first year.
- Stipend for affiliate to travel to the Keep America Beautiful National Office (Stamford, CT) for in-depth 1½-day training workshop.

Sheriff Lowell Griffin will also be present to provide some background on inmate clean-up crews, and answer questions from the Board.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #3

SUBJECT: Fostering Hopes

PRESENTER: Vice-Chair McCall

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. PowerPoint

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Vice-Chair McCall has requested the inclusion of an item discussing foster care in our area. Alex Williams, President of Fostering Hopes, will be present to provide information on their work and initiatives in this field.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #4

SUBJECT: Oklawaha Greenway Remediation

PRESENTER: Commissioner Edney

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Map of the Greenway Section

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the Board's budget workshop on January 20, 2021, staff was directed to develop a proposal to address the flooding problem with the section of the Oklawaha Greenway from 4th Avenue to Martin Luther King Blvd (US 64). A reference map is attached, on which the greenway appears as a white line, and the aerial photo captured the trail flooded on the upper middle portion. Typically, this flooding expands northward to the crossing under MLK Blvd.

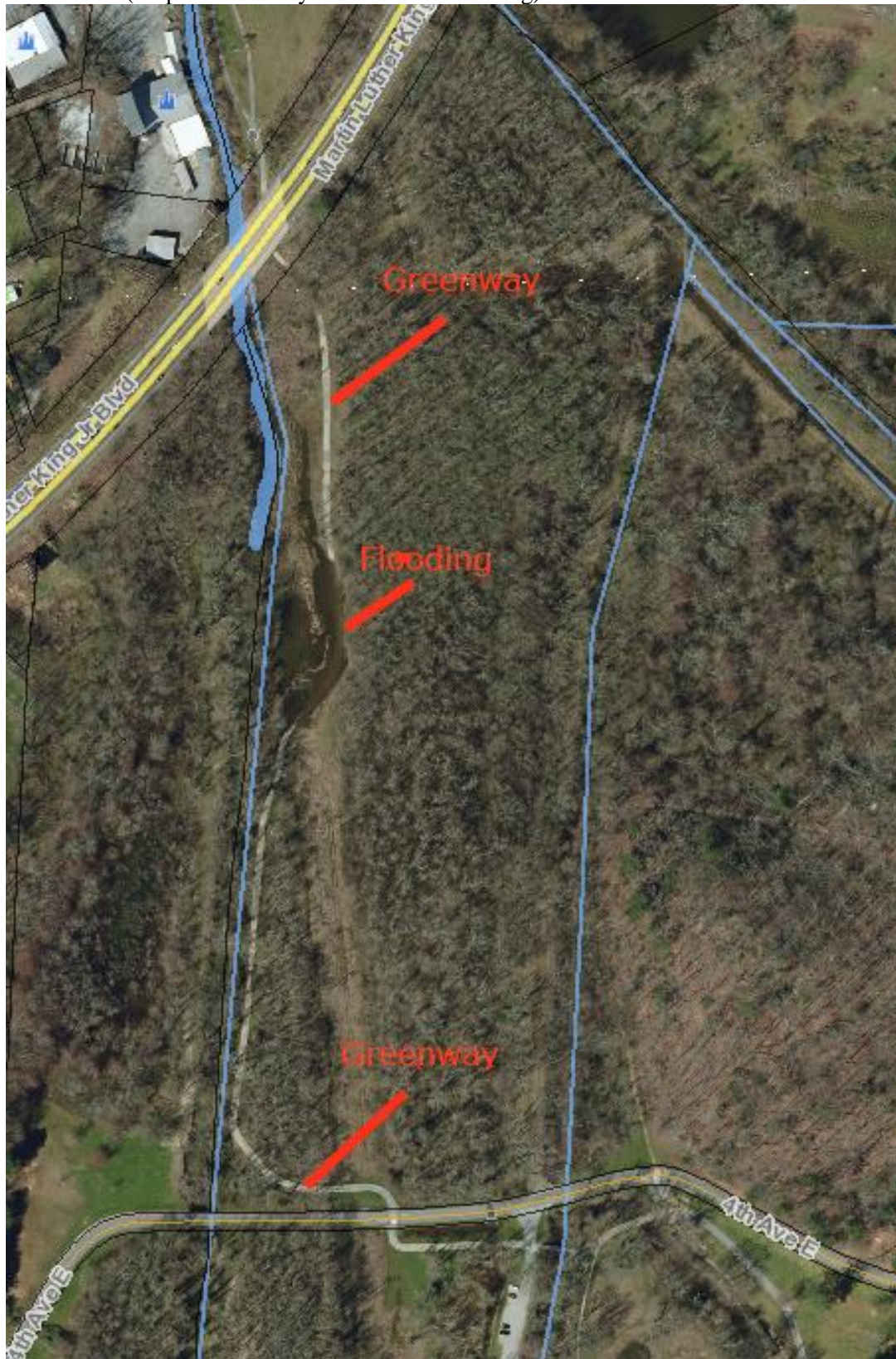
STAFF RESEARCH:

During the February 17, 2019 meeting, the Board directed staff to apply for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF grant) to replace this section of the greenway with a boardwalk structure. The application was not successful. Therefore, staff have identified the Land and Water Conservation Fund as a possible funding source. The LWCF grants are up to \$500,000 with a 50% local match as with PARTF. Should the Board direct Staff to make application, and the grant be awarded, Staff will bring this item back to the Board to request a Budget Amendment allocating \$77,000, with the \$173,000 required balance committed by the City of Hendersonville.

Last year, grant applications were due on July 1 and would anticipate the same date for 2021. Staff recommends applying for a LWCF grant in 2021 for the boardwalk solution. Also, to increase the competitiveness of the grant application, staff recommends delineating the stream and wetlands of the project area and updating the flood model. Topography of the site has already been surveyed and a flood model generated. This preliminary design work will make an application more competitive by making the project more ready for construction and eliminate uncertainty which could delay a project. A budget for preliminary design work is \$15,000. An update cost estimate for the project would be generated as well.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

Attachment (Map of Greenway Section with Flooding):



Source: Henderson County GoMaps

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #5

SUBJECT: Fire District Issues

PRESENTER: Commissioner Andreotta

ATTACHMENTS: No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Commissioner Andreotta has requested the inclusion of an item discussing fire district issues in the County, including, but not limited to, funding and the impact of annexation.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES - #6

SUBJECT: Deed Scanning Project
PRESENTER: Commissioner Hill
ATTACHMENTS: No

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the Board's January 20, 2021 meeting, Commissioner Hill discussed a Quote the Register of Deeds had received to scan the remaining Deed books that had not been digitized, as well as ensure that all Deed books have database searchable index records. The quote included:

<u>Document Book Scanning</u>	
Deed Books 1-199	\$57,675
<u>Back Indexing of All Deed Books prior to 1978</u>	
1962 to 1978	\$69,020
1949 to 1961	\$38,010
Formation of County to 1948	\$80,825

STAFF RESEARCH:

The funding for scanning Deed Books 1-199 was approved within the current year (FY21) budget. The Register of Deeds has worked with the Finance Director and Purchasing Agent on posting an RFP for those scanning services, and will update the Board on the status of that portion of the project.

Register of Deeds Lee King will also discuss the back indexing project, and potential phasing of those projects as they span the fiscal year.

The Board is requested to discuss, and direct staff accordingly.