

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Request to Apply for Grant Funding for Henderson County Rail Trail Project

**PRESENTER:** Chris Todd, Business and Community Development Director  
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Map  
2. Cost Estimate

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

In 2020, the Board of Commissioners successfully secured over \$5 million in STBG-DA (Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable) grant funding for sections A-C of the Rail Trail from the French Broad River MPO (FBRMPO). The County has the opportunity to apply for additional funding through STBG and other grant opportunities in the coming months.

Staff is researching multiple grants that the Rail Trail may qualify for and requests that the Board direct staff to explore these options. These grant options require a 20% match from the local government. No matching funds are required until the project is implemented and only as the work is completed. The Board of Commissioners have the ability to not accept an awarded grant if they so choose.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

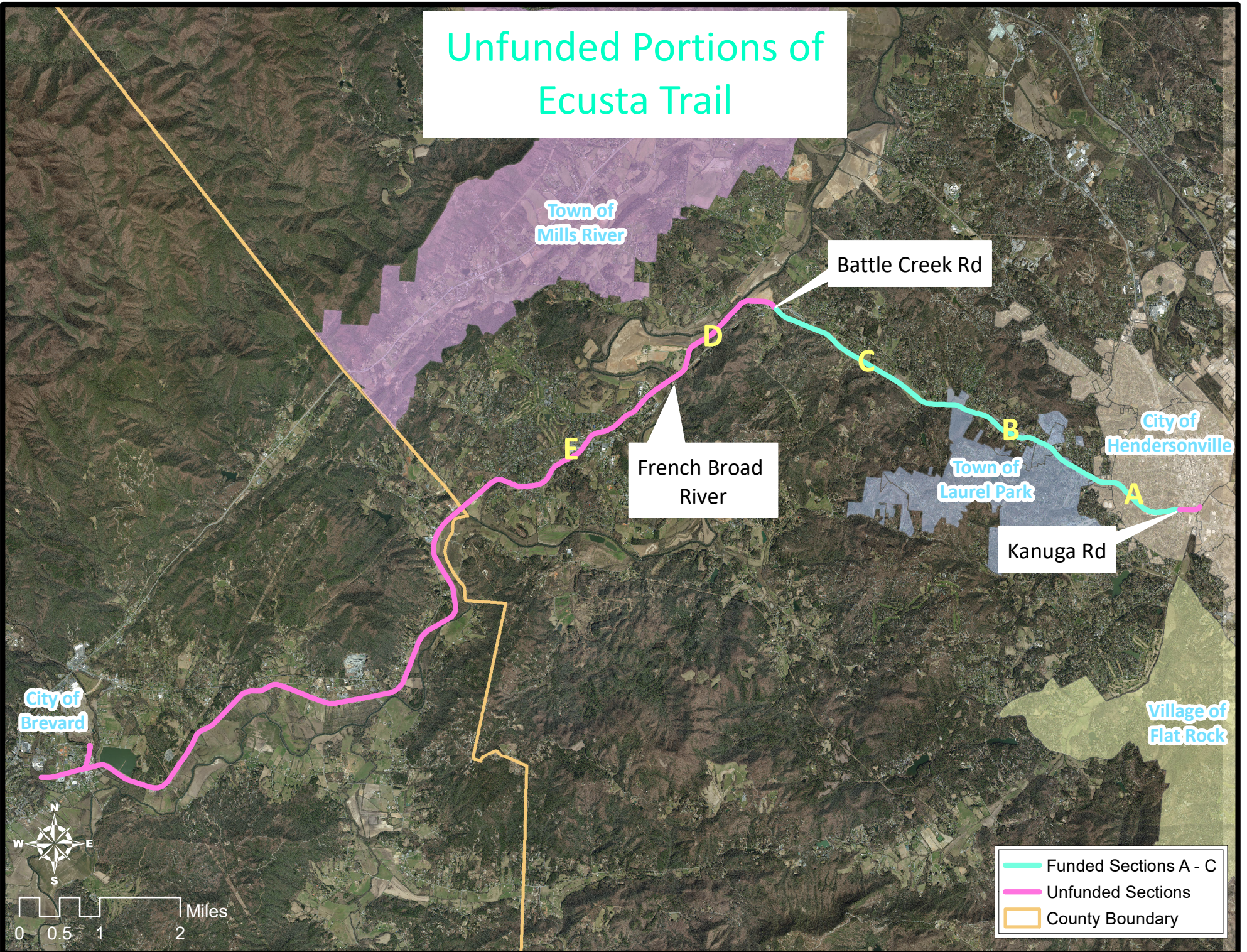
Should the Board wish to apply for these grant opportunities, the Board is requested to authorize County staff to submit grant applications and all necessary documents for the procurement of the Rail Trail engineering and construction funds for the remaining phases ending on June 30, 2023.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board authorize staff through June 30, 2023, to submit grant applications and all necessary documents including the 20% match requirement. documentation for engineering and construction of the remaining unfunded rail trail phases.*



# Unfunded Portions of Ecusta Trail



Town of Mills River

Battle Creek Rd

French Broad River

Town of Laurel Park

City of Hendersonville

Kanuga Rd

City of Brevard

Village of Flat Rock

- Funded Sections A - C
- Unfunded Sections
- County Boundary





**Cost Estimate Henderson County Unfunded Portions of the Trail:**

**Section AA:** (Kanuga Street to Fresh Market) (1409 LF or 0.27 miles) - \$573,800.00

**Section D:** (US 64 to Across the French Broad River) -\$7,478,384.60

**Section E:** (French Board River to County Line) - \$4,902,871.27

Total Henderson County Portion - \$12,955,056.00