

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2024

SUBJECT: NC State Budget Soil and Water Appropriation – Project Listing

PRESENTER: John Mitchell, County Manager
Samantha Reynolds, Financial Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Letter from Senator Moffit
2. Projects Listing

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

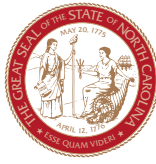
In the State of North Carolina’s 2023 Appropriations Act, Henderson County has received funding directed to Henderson County Soil and Water for stream restoration and flood resiliency projects. Additional information has been provided by Senator Tim Moffitt in the attached projects listing. Included in the listing:

“The projects tied to this appropriation are attached to this letter and listed in order of priority. As noted on the document, contracts with landowners have not been obtained for the stream restoration projects. That will be reflected in the Short Session budget language and any monies not committed by the end of the biennium will be directed to Henderson County for farmland preservation.”

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May 30, 2024

Ms. Rebecca McCall
Chair, Henderson County Commission
1 Historic Courthouse Sq., Suite 1
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Re: Soil and Water Appropriation

Madam Chair,

Members of the NC General Assembly in both the House and Senate are reviewing the 2023 Appropriations Act, <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2023/h259>, in an effort to provide greater detail and appropriate guidance regarding certain block appropriations.

In the Act, a block appropriation for \$14,000,000.00 was directed to Henderson County Soil and Water specifically for stream restoration and flood resiliency. This language can be found at the top of page 410, E 43 (of the Joint Conference Committee Report, more commonly known as the money report: <https://webservices.ncleg.gov/ViewBillDocument/2023/7321/2/H259-BD-NBC-11460>).

In reviewing these appropriations on a statewide basis, legislative staff recommended that additional information is needed to clarify the intent of the General Assembly to assist our local partners in their decision making. The following, I believe, is the only guidance needed for Henderson County at this time. If additional clarifications are needed, please let me know.

For reference: Conference Report on the Base, Capital and Expansion budget, page 410 of the entire document, page 43 of Section E on Justice and Public Safety reads:

Henderson County \$14,000,000 NR Fund Code:2E50.

Budgets receipts from the SERDRF for a directed grant to Henderson County for stream restoration and flood resiliency projects. (SERDRF: State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund).

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I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy D. Moffitt".

Timothy D. Moffitt
Senator, District 48
Henderson, Polk and Rutherford Counties

Project	Stream Length (ft)	Project Estimate	Comments
Lake Hosea Dam	N/A	\$3,500,000.00	\$300,000 already spent on the design of this project.
Camp Tekoa Dam	N/A	\$4,200,000.00	Include storm water needs.
Subtotal		\$7,700,000.00	
Mud Creek Stream Gage		\$30,000.00	Henderson County EMS for emergency preparedness.
Subtotal		\$30,000.00	
Cane Creek Restoration	5,500	\$650,000.00	Has an existing NCLWF Grant for a portion of this project. Funds are needed to complete.
Bat Fork - Blue Ridge Community College Phase II	2,000	\$450,000.00	Has initial grant of \$110,000 match to start design.
Bat Fork - Jackson Park	8,000	\$800,000.00	Stream Restoration projects with floodplain development/expansion.
Bat Fork - Thomas Property Restoration	2,000	\$550,000.00	
Wolfpen Creek (Staton Property)	500	\$400,000.00	
Subtotal	18,000	\$2,850,000.00	
Mouth of Mud Creek Phase II	2,500	\$200,000.00	Stream restoration projects with floodplain development/expansion AND wetland and habitat development. All projects on the French Broad River.
Hickory Hill Swamp	1,000	\$200,000.00	
Freer Property	2,500	\$850,000.00	
Ceron Brothers Farms	3,000	\$400,000.00	
Muddy Bottom Hunt Club	4,000	\$400,000.00	
James Property	3,000	\$200,000.00	
Subtotal	16,000	\$2,250,000.00	
Mills River @ Kingfisher Lane (Farmer)	1,000	\$300,000.00	Along paddle trail on the Mills River.
Additional County Park Needs	5,000	\$600,000.00	Etowah - 2,000 ft of Gash Creek, Town of Fletcher - 3,000 ft of Cane Creek
McDowell Creek (NCSU Research Farm)	3,000	\$1,500,000.00	Phase 1
Subtotal	9,000	\$2,400,000.00	
Totals	43,000	\$15,230,000.00	\$14,000,000 Budget

Note: Contracts with landowners have not been obtained for the stream restoration projects. Some projects may not be pursued so additional projects have been identified to ensure all funding is utilized. Costs have been estimated based on initial project review.