

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** March 5, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Resolution for Kunz Farm Park Application to NC Division of Parks & Recreation, Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant

**PRESENTER:** Rachel Kipar, Environmental Programs Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Resolution

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

Henderson County staff are prepared to apply to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant through the NC Division of Parks & Recreation for design, construction, and access to Kunz Farm Park, located adjacent to Westfeldt Park. The grant application requires a resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners. Phase 1 of the project includes pre-construction permitting and design costs. Phase 2 covers design and construction of the pedestrian bridge, additional parking expansion/construction in Westfeldt Park, and includes contingency funds.

The County will seek \$100,000, the maximum amount available, and if awarded will be responsible for a 25% match. The \$25,000 match will come from one of two committed Broadpointe Industry donors. Staff plans to complete Phases 1-2 of the project using funds from RTP and a grant received in late 2017 from Division of Water Resources, creating access to the park by constructing an ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge across the French Broad River.

Kunz Farm Park will serve as a unique natural resources and agricultural heritage site with a ½ mile-long riverwalk trail along the French Broad River. The park will provide a multitude of conservation, agricultural, and educational opportunities for users, as well as provide connection for future multi-use corridors.

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

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution as presented.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached resolution supporting the NC Division of Parks & Recreation RTP Trail Project Grant Application for design, construction, and access to Kunz Farm Park.*

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## AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY THE HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners desires to sponsor a grant application to the NC Division of Parks & Recreation Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Trail Project Grant Application for development of and access to Kunz Farm Park. The RTP grant request is \$100,000 and the grant requires a 25% cash match from the applicant (\$25,000), provided by one of two committed local Broadpointe Industry donors. The grant application requires a resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY:**

The Board requests the North Carolina State Parks Recreational Trails Program to provide financial assistance to Henderson County for Kunz Farm Park in the amount of 75 percent of outlined project costs;

The Board assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs;

The Board will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits;

The Board will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments.

The Board will supervise construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications;

The Board will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State;

The Board will assure that the project is open for use by the public on an equal basis with no restrictions;

The Board will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the project;

The Board accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

Adopted this date, March 5, 2018 at Hendersonville, North Carolina.

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J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD