

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: June 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution - Mouth of Mud Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Project

PRESENTER: Jonathan Wallin, Soil and Water Conservation District Director
Kieran Roe, Executive Director, Conserving Carolinas

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Kieran Roe, Executive Director of Conserving Carolina, has requested the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing the Soil and Water Conservation District to apply for a grant on their behalf. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors considered this request at their May 14, 2018, and voted to send the Board of Commissioners a favorable recommendation on this request.

Conserving Carolina will be responsible for the project management for the project, and will supply Soil and Water with \$2,500 for the financial reporting management required for the project.

No County dollars are required for the grant.

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, approving Soil and Water applying for the grant on behalf of Conserving Carolina.

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RESOLUTION

MOUTH OF MUD CREEK STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

- WHEREAS,** the Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District desires to sponsor Mouth of Mud Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Project, a project to improve water quality and restore wetland and aquatic habitat on an important tributary to as well as the main stem of the French Broad River located within Henderson County; and
- WHEREAS,** Conserving Carolina, a non-profit conservation organization based in Henderson County, has recently received a grant award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$490,000 toward this project and is seeking additional matching funds from other sources; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of North Carolina has established the N.C. Water Resources Development Grant Program to provide cost-share grants and technical assistance to local governments throughout the state for stream restoration and water management projects; and
- WHEREAS,** Conserving Carolina has requested the cooperation and support of the Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District in seeking additional financial assistance to match other grant awards and pledged donations and fully cover costs to implement the Mouth of Mud Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The County requests the State of North Carolina, through its Water Resources Development Grant Program (WRDGP), to provide financial assistance to the Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District for the Mouth of Mud Creek Stream and Wetland Restoration Project in the amount of \$ 200,000 or 29% percent of project costs, whichever is the lesser amount; and
2. The County, while assuming full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs as a formal requirement of the WRDGP, will obligate Conserving Carolina to pay the balance of project costs under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement; and
3. The County, working with Conserving Carolina under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement, will see that all necessary State and Federal permits are obtained; and
4. The County, working with Conserving Carolina under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement, will see that all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments are complied with; and

5. The County, working with Conserving Carolina under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement, will see that project construction is supervised in compliance with permit conditions and is performed safely and properly according to approved plans and specifications; and
6. The County, working with Conserving Carolina under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement, will see that arrangements are made for suitable disposal of project spoils if required and that all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project are obtained without cost or obligation to the State or to the County; and
7. The County and Conserving Carolina will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the project; and
8. The County, working with Conserving Carolina under the terms of their Memorandum of Agreement, accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 4th day of June, 2018.

J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD