

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Grant Applications – BW Wells Stewardship Foundation and Community Foundation of Henderson County

PRESENTER: Bruce Gilliam, Director of Parks and Recreation
Paulina Jones, Environmental Planner I

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Parks and Recreation requests to apply for two grant opportunities to support the installation of fourteen mosquito-deterring native plant gardens adjacent to the Jackson Park Disc Golf Course. This project will address user complaints by creating approximately 2,800 square feet of native habitat via the installation of 182 native perennial plants with known mosquito-deterring properties. The total project is estimated to cost \$5,345.20.

Parks and Recreation Department is seeking the maximum funding provided through the B.W. Wells Stewardship Foundation Grant (\$1,000) to purchase plant stock. No local match is required.

The second grant is through the Community Foundation of Henderson County. Parks and Recreation Department is seeking \$4,345.20 in funding through this grant opportunity to cover the remaining project expenses (i.e., plant stock, topsoil and mulch for the planting areas, tools and materials). No local match is required.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for and execute the B.W. Wells Stewardship Grant and the Community Foundation of Henderson County Grant.

Suggested Motion:

I move to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to submit applications for the North Carolina Native Plant Society's B.W. Wells Stewardship Fund and for the Community Foundation of Henderson County and to execute all grant documents.