

6 December 2018

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
100 N King St
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Cc: Suzanne Hale, President, Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway

RE: Greenway Master Plan: 30 Year Vision

To the Board of Commissioners:

The Western Carolina Botanical Club (WCBC) is very pleased to support the Henderson County draft Greenway Master Plan which proposes 70 miles of connected greenways, connected to the Oklawaha Greenway. WCBC especially appreciates the draft Greenway Master Plan extending local places for all to enjoy nature, its support of the environment for all, and the opportunity for people to exercise in nature. The Club has walked the Greenway several times; some of our members have been active in maintenance teams, as well. Of course, many of our members are resident in Henderson County.

WCBC meets weekly, most of the year, to fulfill our mission to identify and study native plants and their habitats and to advocate the protection of biodiversity in our natural world. In addition to weekly field trips (twice-weekly in April and May) in botanically interesting locations in Henderson and adjoining counties, we hold weekly indoor meetings at Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville during winter months. Thus we are very familiar with the multiple opportunities for botanizing in Henderson County.

Please note our strong support of this draft Henderson County Greenway Master Plan. And accept our thanks for these efforts for the benefit of our environment.

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