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## Hendersonville Tree Board

305 Williams Street

Hendersonville, NC 28792

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Henderson County Board of Commissioners Re: Greenway Master Plan: 30-year vision 100 N. King Street Hendersonville, NC 28792

The Hendersonville Tree Board is commissioned to study, preserve and plant trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and other public areas, and to educate the public on the economic and aesthetic benefits of trees.

The Oklawaha Greenway offers its users opportunities to enjoy all that trees have to offer—shade, habitat for wildlife, cleaner air, reduced noise and pollution and psychological and aesthetic benefits.

To that end, what would the Oklawaha Greenway be without trees? New developments in Hendersonville often clear-cut existing trees to facilitate construction, and road-widening projects often necessitate the removal of large swaths of trees, all the name of "progress".

The Hendersonville Tree Board strongly supports the extension of the Oklawaha Greenway to link with greenways in neighboring jurisdictions, to further enhance the benefits to users and to help preserve the many valuable trees along the way.

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