



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote to adopt the 2023 Great Trails State Day Proclamation.

Introduction & Background:

The Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC) is a broad, diverse coalition of nonprofits, local governments, and industry partners committed to bringing the benefits of all types of trails (hike, bike, walk, run, paddle, and ride) to all of North Carolina. This coalition is doing great work to promote trails and more funding for trails by the NC General Assembly. GTSC successfully lobbied in 2019 for a \$29 million "Complete the Trails Fund" for designated State Trails. The coalition was also successful in getting the NC General Assembly to designate 2023 as the Year of the Trail. Some of the Year of the Trail campaign tasks consist of events in all 100 counties.

Discussion & Analysis:

From the Great Trails State Coalition's September report, Chatham County Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau, have hosted or promoted 27 county events for the Year of the Trail which is ranked 17th out of 100 counties. As part of the Great Trails State Day, October 21, the annual Chatham County Challenge will be held from October 1-31, with a Kick Off Walk on October 1 at Northeast District Park. Other events and activities to celebrate the Great Trails State Day are self-guided and guided tours. During October 15 - 21, a few organized events such as paddling excursions will be held.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan:

Goal 6-Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Recommendation/Motion:

Motion to approve the 2023 Great Trails State Day Proclamation.