



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve the Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) Program for the Bynum Mill Project

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) Program for the Bynum Mill Project

Introduction & Background:

Chatham County is collaborating with NC State Parks and the nonprofit Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area to obtain funding for sustainable development of the Lower Haw that both protects natural resources while accommodating low-impact recreational use in an area experiencing significant population growth.

This proposal focuses on the Bynum Mill section, site of a former textile mill that was acquired by State Parks and added to the Lower Haw in 2007. The proposal consists of construction of an interpretative natural surface walking trail with educational signage about ecology of the area and the historical environmental impact of textile mills and dams along the Haw River; and restoration of a section of riverbank and construction of a sustainably designed paddle launch at a highly eroded informal launch site.

Discussion & Analysis:

The County will be notified January 2020 if awarded the EEG. If awarded, the County will receive \$100,788. No match from the County will be needed. The County will have 3 years to complete the project.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan:

Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space

Budgetary Impact:

None. No match from the County.

Recommendation:

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