



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve the Haw River Trail Environmental Enhancement Grant Program

Action Requested:

Introduction & Background:

To apply for the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program to develop a network of trails within the Lower Haw River State Natural Area located in Chatham County. The grant is for up to 14 miles of natural trail construction, 7 miles on each side and construction for at least 2 pedestrian bridges. The application deadline November 10, 2016. The county will know if awarded in the summer of 2017. The program can begin in FY18 or later and has three years to complete.

Discussion & Analysis:

The request is for a \$500,000.00 reimbursement grant. The request is for \$500,000 for up to 14 miles of trail construction and 2 pedestrian bridges, based on cost estimates of \$5 per linear foot for single use natural surface trail construction and \$300 per square foot for bridges of varying lengths that are six feet wide. The project within the Lower Haw may have up to 6 pedestrian bridges over stream crossings and approximately 5-7 miles of trails along each side of the river. However, this project could still move forward with a partial grant to fund fewer miles and/or bridges.

Budgetary Impact:

\$500,000.00 reimbursement grant.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the Environmental Enhancement Grant Program.