



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Receive Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC) and the 2023 Year of the Trail presentation

Action Requested: Motion to approve the presentation on the Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC) and the 2023 Year of the Trail.

Introduction & Background: The Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC) is a broad, diverse coalition of nonprofits, local governments, industry partners committed to bringing the benefits of all types of trails (hike, bike, walk, run, paddle and ride) to all 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. The 2023 Year of the Trail Proclamation was presented before the Board of Commissioners at the December 19th meeting.

Discussion & Analysis: In the upcoming 2023 legislative long session, the coalition is lobbying to establish a \$50 million "Great Trails State Fund" for all types of trails, not just State Trails. Some of The Year of the Trail Campaign tasks consist of events in all 100 counties, call for artists program, and local tool kits for communities with Year of the Trail assets.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation/Motion: Motion to approve the Great State Trails Coalition (GTSC) and the 2023 Year of the Trail presentation.