



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 8/19/2024

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/9/2024

FROM: Jamie Merchel

DEPT: Recreation and Parks

AGENDA TITLE: Parks Grant Applications – RTP and GTSP

TO: Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Alamance County Recreation and Parks seeks to apply for both a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant and Great Trails State Program (GTSP) grant in tandem to support expansion, development and overdue updates to Shallow Ford Natural Area.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Staff is seeking to apply for these 2 grants in tandem for the purposes of acquiring 13 acres next to an undeveloped property that we currently own next to Shallow Ford Natural Area. This would allow us to expand Shallow Ford a combined total of 23 additional acres. The additional funds would go towards the much-needed replacement of two 15-year-old 40ft bridges located in Shallow Ford as well as the addition of steps at the camping access along the river for thru-paddlers. Addressing both of these needs would better ensure future public safety as well as making the river more accessible for both leisure and paddle camping. If any additional funds are available, we would also seek to add tent pads at the Shallow Ford campsites.

The Department is not seeking any match funding from the general fund for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS: