



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 8/19/2024

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FROM: Jamie Merchel

DEPT: Recreation and Parks

AGENDA TITLE: Parks Grant Applications – Haw River State Trail – 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 on behalf of the Friends of Haw River State Trail. These grants will be used in tandem for blue way bridge signage, portage step replacements and a comprehensive corridor study.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Staff is seeking to apply for 2 grants in tandem for the purposes of funding DOT bridge signage along the river for paddlers and replacement of portage steps at AO paddle access. Bridge signage will provide paddlers with a sense of location as they travel down the river as well as helping locate them should they need to call emergency services. This will also fund a corridor study that is comprehensive of the entire stretch of the Haw River. This study will look at the 80 mile stretch from Haw River State Park to Jordan Lake and help us identify potential locations for land trail and paddle accesses as we work to complete the Haw River land and paddle trail through all 5 counties. It will also benefit us as we apply for state designations in the future.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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