FY2024 Buncombe County Tipping Point Grant Report

Organization Name:	RiverLink
Project Name:	A Pocket Park for Florida Avenue and Burton Street Community

Activities Accomplished	**Annual Goal**	**Amount Completed**
% of park elements installed (picnic table, footbridge, stairs, pathway)	100%	0%
% of Tree-of-Heaven removed	100%	70%
% of Invasive species removed	70%	50%

Expenses (please list all grant related expenses)	**Amount Spent**
TOTAL:	$ -

Narrative summary of grant related activities

While we have yet to spend our funding on park infrastructure, we have been hard at work managing the invasive plant species on the property. We recently met with an arborist who will be removing the dead standing Tree-of-Heaven on site as well as other dead trees and limbs on January 24th, 2024, creating a safer space for the public to utilize. Once the trees are removed, we will quickly begin installing the park elements outlined in the contract.

We have also been in contact with the Burton St. Community and Hood Huggers who invited us to participate in their annual MLK Day Volunteer Event on January 15th. We will be leading community volunteers in invasive plant removal at Florida Ave. while also inviting feedback from the community on what they would like to see at the park. We plan to base any future improvements on the feedback we receive from the community.