BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: January 4, 2011

Action Requested:
In January 2011, BCPGR will submit a grant application to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to purchase a 30 acre parcel of land in the Mills Gap/Royal Pines neighborhoods in South Buncombe. The land has over two miles of an existing network of trails. The benefits of this potential acquisition are twofold: it will provide parkland in an underserved part of the county; and conserve a considerably large parcel of land in a rapidly developing area of the county.
Buncombe County Parks, Greenways and Recreation Services (BCPGR) request that both the purchase of the property and the 2011 North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) application, to be submitted by BCPGR, be endorsed by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.
NCGS Requiring Service:N/A
NCGS requires we PROVIDE:
or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY:YES
Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:
Buncombe County Parks, Greenways & Recreation Services is applying for a grant through the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for funds to purchase a parcel of land in Southern Buncombe County that has existing trail infrastructure. BCPGR is the best leader for the implementation of this project as this area of the County is in need of additional park space. Another alternative would be for an outside agency within the community to purchase this land for public recreational use.
Funds/Staff requested: The PARTF application requires a 50/50 match for awarded grant funds. If awarded, the property to be purchased with PARTF funds, will be sold to the County at a discounted rate allowing the margin between the appraised value of the land and the discounted rate of sale to be used as matching funds. This should account for the majority of the grant match.
Request submitted by:Jessica Stevermer for Fran Thigpen, Director Date Submitted: 12/14/2010