

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: 1/5/10

Action Requested:

The Buncombe County Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Services Department has been awarded a federal grant from NCDENR Parks and Recreation, State Trails Program, Contract #2734.

The funds will be used to create an extension trail (.4 miles) to the existing trails located on the riverbanks of the French Broad River at the County Landfill ("Alexander Park"). The grant to Buncombe County is in the amount of \$75,000, which will be used to buy materials, rent equipment, and pay surveying and permit fees for construction.

Although this grant is a 50/50 match, we are meeting our match through In-kind services (labor by the Physical Facilities Department).

Buncombe County Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Services is administering the grant.

Physical Facilities will be constructing the trail. BCPG&R is the best leader for implementation of this project. Another alternative would be for an outside agency within the community to oversee the grant.

Grant Funds of \$75,000 will be used to purchase construction material, lease equipment, surveying and permit fees all for the construction of the trail.

Request submitted by: Angie Hall for Fran Thigpen, Director

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