



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 8/1/2023

New Business

Department: County Manager

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Subject: Open Space Bond Greenways Criteria Adoption

Brief Summary: The Open Space Bond allocates \$30 million to Conservation, Greenways, and Passive Recreation Lands projects. To determine how best to allocate funding towards Greenways Projects, staff – with input from the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Board, Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee, and the public – have developed a set of criteria for evaluating Greenways project proposals. Below is the final criteria:

Qualifying Criteria

- Leveraging of Bond Funds
- Project Scheduling/
Timeline
- Feasibility Study
- Geographic Location

Weighted Criteria

- Connectivity (19%)
- Environmental Impact (19%)
- Feasibility (18%)
- Accessibility (14%)
- Identified as Countywide Need/Opportunity/Priority (9%)
- Equity (9%)
- Leveraging of Bond Funds & Project Costs (8%)
- Safety (4%)

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Adopt Open Space Bond Greenways funding evaluation criteria.