



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

New Business

Department: County Manager

Presenter: Jill Carter, Open Space Bond Project Manager

Contact: Jill Carter

Subject: Open Space Bond Passive Recreation Lands 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 Passive Recreation Lands Projects, staff – with input from the Passive Recreation Lands Subcommittee, Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee, and the public – have developed a set of criteria for evaluating Passive Recreation Lands project proposals. Below is the final criteria:

Qualifying Criteria

- Project Scheduling/Timeline
- Geographic Location
- Long-Term Management & Maintenance Plan

Weighted Criteria

- Conservation and Environmental Impact (20%)
- Feasibility (20%)
- Accessibility (15%)
- Equity (15%)
- Long-Term Management and Maintenance (10%)
- Costs and Leveraged Funding (10%)
- Alignment with County Plan/Needs/Opportunity/Priority (5%)
- Safety (5%)

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Adopt Open Space Bond Passive Recreation Lands funding evaluation criteria.