



Outdoor Recreation Legacy program Grant - Deaverview

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Overview

- Deaerview Mountain Property
- Property Status
- Grant Opportunity – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)
- ORLP Program Implications
- Optional Paths Forward
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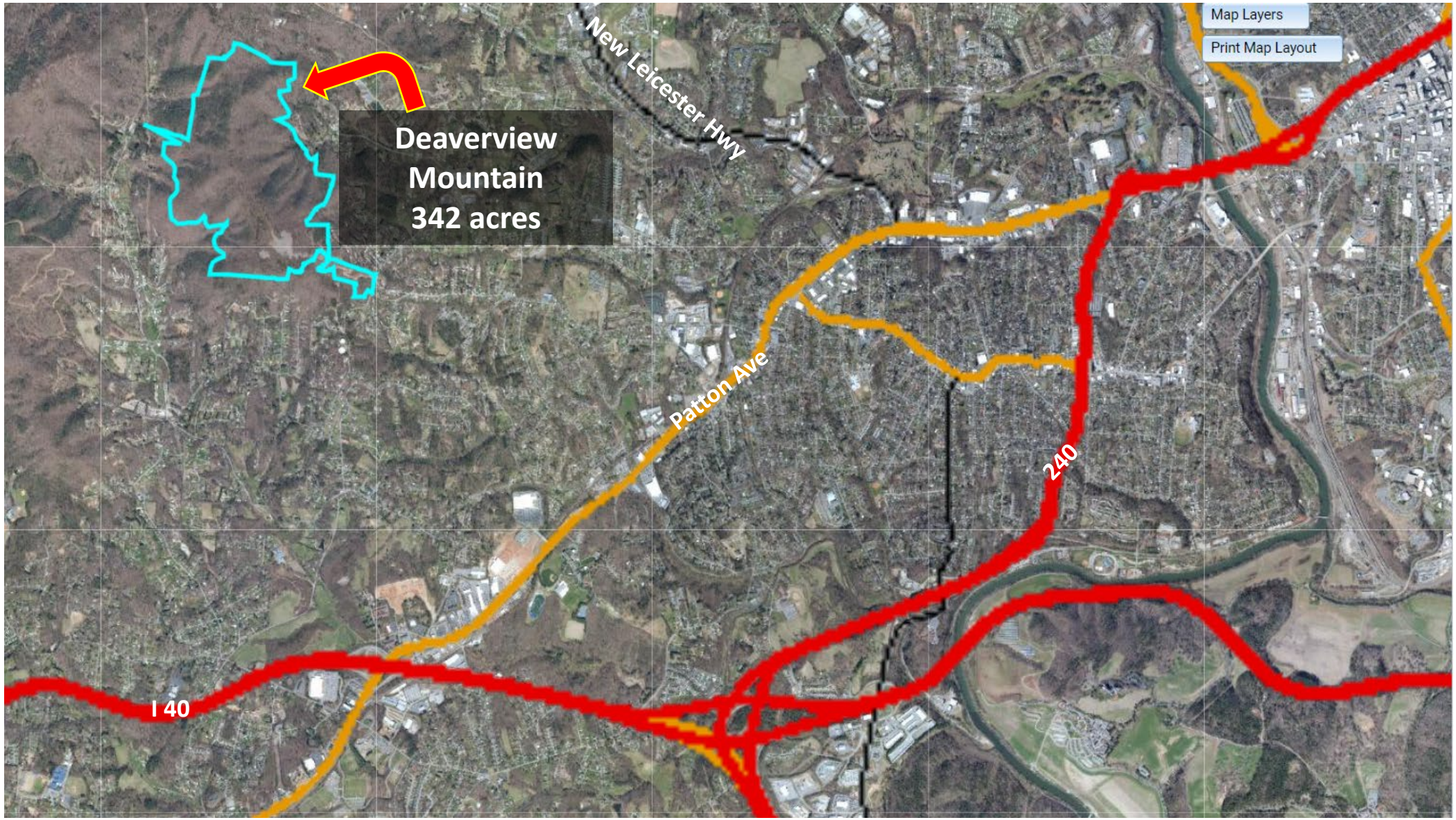
Deaverview Mountain Property

Property is located in the
Deaverview Community



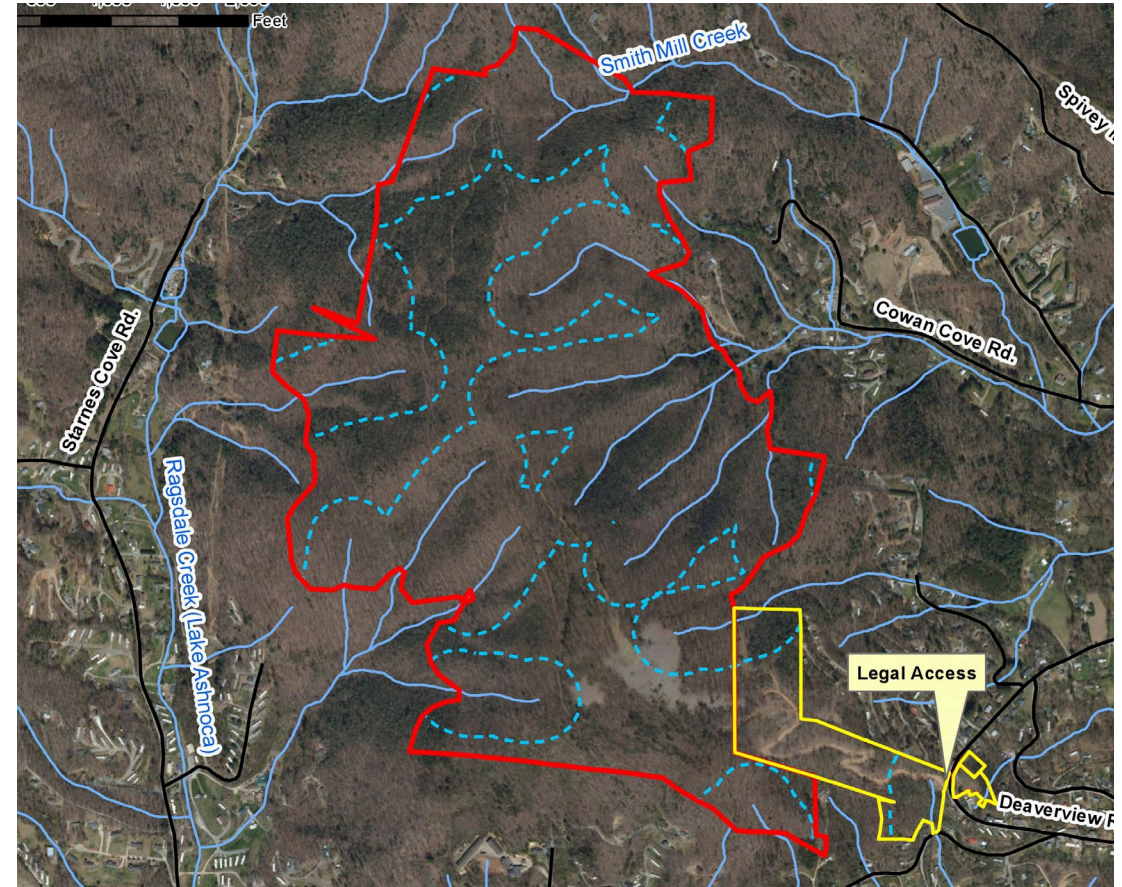
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- 5.2 miles from Downtown Asheville
 - 3.6 miles from West Asheville
 - 7.5 miles from Leicester
 - 7.9 miles from Candler





Property Status

- **Ownership**
 - Privately owned by conservation-minded individual
 - SAHC (Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy) – 3 year option to secure needed funds for County donation of property
 - Deadline - March 2026
- **Funding Status**
 - SAHC awarded Land and Water Grant Funding October 2023: \$4,369,630
 - April 2023 - County passed resolution to support grant application and due diligence
 - Additional Funding Needed: \$4,430,370
 - Total Project Cost: \$8,800,000



Grant Opportunity

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant (ORLP) Program

- Federally funded through Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Dollar-for-dollar matching grant program
- 2024 Grant program moved from every year, to every-other year

Requirements

- **City Population Minimum** – Incorporated area or county having a population of 30,000 or more, per the 2020 U.S. Census.
- **Disadvantaged Community** – Project sites and the communities served must be located within a disadvantaged community (Census tract)
- **Perpetuity Outdoor Recreation Use** - project sites assisted with these funds must be maintained and accessible exclusively for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.
- **Matching Share** – Each dollar of federal share requested must be matched by a dollar of non-federal share.



ORLP Program Implications

- States must apply for ORLP funds
 - May apply on behalf of itself or appoint an eligible primary or program sponsor
 - State has submitted the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Deaverview property land acquisition
 - Request would be \$4,430,370
 - Funds leveraged would include LWF funds through SAHC - \$4,369,630
 - Request for Buncombe County to be primary on Application, SAHC as supporting non-profit
- Application deadlines moved to every other year
 - Proposal submittal deadline - April 30, 2024
 - Approval of proposals – November 2024
 - Final application deadline – November 2025



Optional Paths Forward

A. County as Primary

- Commits County to move application forward if proposal is accepted
 - County develops final application
 - Leverages LWF funds through SAHC
 - Award solidifies land acquisition
- Agrees to ownership of Deaverview Property
 - Development of property as passive park with public access in perpetuity
 - Three years to develop and open to community
 - Fund operations for Deaverview as County Park

B. County as Support

- County agrees to support State application for acquisition of property
- State chooses to submit grant as primary
 - Grant submittal and award allows for completion of acquisition of Deaverview property by SAHC
 - Potential for future negotiation for operations of Deaverview property
- State chooses not to submit grant
 - LWF funds not leveraged
 - SAHC continues to raise funds for Deaverview property



Request for Board Action

Discuss and provide direction to staff

