

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

WHEREAS, the Tourism Development Authority (“TDA”) and Buncombe County originally entered into a grant agreement dated May 1, 2018 related to Greenways and Blueways in the Woodfin area of Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Town of Woodfin (“Town”) for several years to coordinate efforts to achieve the successful completion of these Greenways and Blueways;

WHEREAS, the roll of the County and the scope of the original project has expanded which now includes:

Phase I: Silverline Park: A park encompassing 5.4 acres of wetlands, restored riverbank, vehicle parking, as well as playground, picnic shelters, a train platform, and a boat ramp when the park opens.

Phase II: Whitewater Wave: An engineered ledge feature, made of natural rock and concrete, installed in the riverbed. The design provides for a variety of users to paddle this section of the river for recreational, instructional, and competitive purposes. The wave will be designed consistent with studies provided by the Grantees to the Grantor.

Phase III: Riverside Park: An 8.6 acre park that will feature a stabilized riverbank, overlook pavilion/picnic shelter, terraced wall seating, restrooms/changing room facilities, boat launch in the Expansion Park area, play features, a parking lot in the Expansion Park area, and a greenway section spanning at least ten feet. This park will serve as the launch point for the Whitewater Wave. Included in construction is extensive fill removal to achieve a no-rise flood condition and stormwater infrastructure. (“Expansion park” denotes the former Waste Pro site acquired by the Town of Woodfin in 2020.)

Phase IV: Greenways: Five miles of greenways that will include paved paths spanning up to ten feet, including construction and environmental design for portions of the HWY 251 and Beaverdam Creek greenways.

WHEREAS, the County has agreed and will be responsible for Phase IV and the Town is handling Phases I, II, and III;

WHEREAS, the Town and the County have requested that the Town be included in the grant agreement as a grant recipient in order to increase the efficiency of the delivery of the Project;

WHEREAS, by doing so, the Town will receive disbursements directly from the TDA which the Town, Buncombe County and TDA believe will allow for a more efficient reimbursable grant process;

WHEREAS, the TDA approved this grant amendment at its May 29th meeting;

WHEREAS, this amendment does not result in any increased budgetary impact to Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to execute and enter into this Interlocal Agreement pursuant to G.S. § 160A-461; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the parties involved to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the County Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute the attached Third Agreement to Grant Agreement between the Tourism Development Authority, the County of Buncombe, and the town of Woodfin.
2. That this Resolution shall be upon its adoption.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney