

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 1/17/2012

**Action Requested:**

In 2011 BCPGR received a PARTF grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to purchase a 30 acre parcel of land in the Mills Gap/Royal Pines neighborhoods in South Buncombe. The land has over two miles of an existing network of trails. The awarding of this grant, will allow Buncombe County to open new parkland in an underserved part of the county; and conserve a considerably large parcel of land in a rapidly developing area of the county.

In 2012, BCPGR will apply for a PARTF grant to request the funds to construct a parking lot on this parcel of land. It is necessary for BCPGR to seek funds to construct this parking lot as it is an essential component in making this new park easily accessible to the public.

Buncombe County Parks, Greenways and Recreation Services (BCPGR) request that the construction of the parking lot on the Collier Property and the 2012 North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) application, to be submitted by BCPGR in late January 2012, be endorsed by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners.

NCGS Requiring Service: N/A

NCGS requires we PROVIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY: YES

Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:

Buncombe County Parks, Greenways & Recreation Services is applying for a grant through the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for funds construct a parking lot on a soon to be acquired parcel of land. BCPGR is the best leader for the implementation of this project as this area of the County is in need of additional park space. Another alternative would be for an outside agency within the community to purchase this land for public recreational use.

Funds/Staff requested: The PARTF application requires a 50/50 match for awarded grant funds. If awarded, BCPGR will assume the responsibility for the grant match.

Request submitted by: Jessica Stevermer for Fran Thigpen, Director

Date Submitted: 1/9/2012