

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2012

Action Requested: BC Parks Greenways and Recreation Services Advisory Board and the BC Greenways and Trails Commission request the Board of Commissioners to consider the recently finished Greenways and Trails Master Plan Update for adoption.

The BC Greenways and Trails Commission has been working on this master plan update since June 10, 2011. An online survey; stakeholder workshops; extensive public outreach through public meetings and through booths and tables at public events and talking presentations at various clubs and organizations via invitation; and a photo campaign called "Greenways Please" were all methods used to gather opinions and provide a means for public support. All totaled, we received 2600 forms of input throughout the planning process.

The plan proposes 8 greenway corridors plus additional areas for trails to more remote and rural destinations. The width of the trail, the materials used for construction and the level of amenities are determined by the character of the location and estimated traffic. We have proposed 4 typologies as general examples of the various characteristics of trails that can be constructed.

There are 10 Action Steps recommended in the plan.

At this time, no recommendation for funding or staffing will be proposed. The BC PGRS will request guidance from the elected body and County management upon adoption of the plan and plans will be made in accordance with their recommendations to seek funding in the FY2014 budget.

The Executive Summary of the plan is included with this Agenda Item. The plan in its entirety can be found at buncombecounty.org/connect.

List NC General Statute Requiring This Service (if any): NA

Does this NCGS require the County PROVIDE this service or ENSURE ITS AVAILABILITY in the Community? No

List Alternate Service Delivery Methods that have been considered and evaluated:

The County Greenway Program is based on a collaborative effort between all municipalities within the county. The County is the obvious leader of this collaborative effort since all other municipalities are within its boundaries.

Funds and/or Staff requested: No funding/staffing requests will be made at this time.

Request submitted by: _____

Date Submitted: _____

