RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorizes 1.234 billion in funding for FY 2022 for a new Carbon Reduction Program to reduce transportation emissions by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions and increase safety; and

WHEREAS, an objective in the Environmental Health Element of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan is the reduction of the City's carbon and ecological footprint; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is committed to collaborating across all safety stakeholders including Land of Sky Regional Planning Organization and North Carolina Department of Transportation to increase the safety of all road users, including those who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, and other modes of travel to lessen impact forces to the environment, promote good health and reduce injuries; and

WHEREAS, providing safe accommodations for walking and bicycling can help to reduce automobile dependency, which in turn leads to a reduction in vehicle emissions - a benefit for North Carolinian and the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee has been notified of CRP funding as an opportunity to construct sections of the Estatoe Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Estatoe Trail begins in Pisgah National Forest, the most frequently visited national forests in the country and connects people to shopping, hospitals, schools and industry via multi-use path, and the Tannery section will connect the Rosenwald neighborhood, a historically marginalized, underserved community of disinvestment, to a public, non-motorized greenway system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brevard City Council supports the application to the Carbon Reduction Program to fund the construction of the Estatoe Trail through Tannery Park in the Rosenwald Community and authorizes City Staff to submit all the required application documents and materials.

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of January 2023.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk