Buncombe County River Access Enhancement Project

Acceptance of Award – PARTF Helene Recovery Grant

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Helene Recovery Grant

- Buncombe County Parks and Recreation applied for the Helene Recovery Grant, through the NC Division of Parks and Recreation, for the Buncombe County River Access Enhancement Project.
  - Awarded $284,368
  - 1 to 1 match
  - Matching funds – CIP and FEMA PA

NC Division of Parks & Recreation

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River Access Enhancement Project

- **Replaces vulnerable, informal river access with three ADA-accessible, flood-resilient boat launches** at Bent Creek, Glen Bridge, and Hominy Creek River Parks.

- **Strengthens Hurricane Helene recovery and future resilience** by stabilizing riverbanks, reducing erosion, improving water quality, and ensuring reliable public and emergency access.

- **Enhances the French Broad River Trail corridor** by expanding safe, equitable recreation opportunities while providing critical infrastructure for search and rescue, debris removal, and disaster response.

Collaboration
North Carolina Fish and Wildlife



- BC Park and Recreation is partnering with NC Fish and Wildlife for the design and construction of the boat launches at Bent Creek River Park and Glenn Bridge River Park
- As part of this they provide 100% CDs at no cost to the county
- Hominy Creek River Park Launch is being designed and built through the FEMA process

Request for Approval

- Buncombe County Parks and Recreation is requesting the acceptance of the PARTF Helene Recovery Grant of $284,368 for the Buncombe County River Access Enhancement Project