Open Space Bond Update

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Agenda

- Update: Open Space Bond
- Discussion: Passive Recreation Lands Scores
- Discussion: Special Meetings Schedule

Open Space Bond Funding Needs

Open Space Bond Total Funding: $30M

Current BOC-Approved Commitments ($1.7M)

- Woodfin Greenway ($1.27M)
- Parham-Fortner Farm ($150K)
- Lake Eden Preserve ($250K)

Anticipated Commitments ($7.2M)

- Enka Heritage Trail ($2M)
- Conservation Easements ($5.2M)

May 21 Requested Allocations ($10.7M)

- Ferry Road Open Space ($3M)
- Deaverview Mountain ($7.7M)

TOTAL: $19.6 M

Remaining Funds: $10.4M

Passive Recreation Lands Proposals
Future Conservation Easements
Future Greenway Projects

Project Review & Selection Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** March 31
- **Scoring Committee Review:** April – May 03
  - Planning, Maintenance, P&R, Human Rights & Equity
- **Subcommittee Review:** May-July
  - Reminder RE: Communicating with applicants
  - Site Visits
  - Presentations
- **Project Selection/Announcement:** August
  - Briefing (08/06)
  - Presentation to Board of Commissioners (08/20)

PRL Proposals Scores

Project	Total Score	Type	Funding Request	Applicant
33+/- Acres on Sandhill Road	391.25	Acquisition	$1,633,400	Balsam Gardens
Ridgecrest Connector	386.25	Improvements	$705,000	Town of Black Mountain
Deaverview Mountain	381.25	Acquisition	$1,000,000	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Woodmen Trailhead and Educational Park	368.75	Acquisition & Improvements	$1,638,950	Friends and Neighbors of Swannanoa
Warren Wilson College Lands	347.5	Improvements	$141,580	Warren Wilson College
Riverside Park	341.25	Improvements	$3,368,660	Town of Woodfin
Gateway Park	337.5	Improvements	$200,000	Riverlink
Worx Community Forest Trail Development	333.75	Improvements	$756,800	Camp Grier
Hominy Creek Greenway Trail Improvements	331.25	Improvements	$312,834	Asheville Greenworks
Weaverville Watershed Trails and Wildlife Preserve	292.5	Improvements	$1,072,030	Town of Weaverville
Haw Creek Park Greenway	282.5	Improvements	$102,182	Haw Creek Community Association

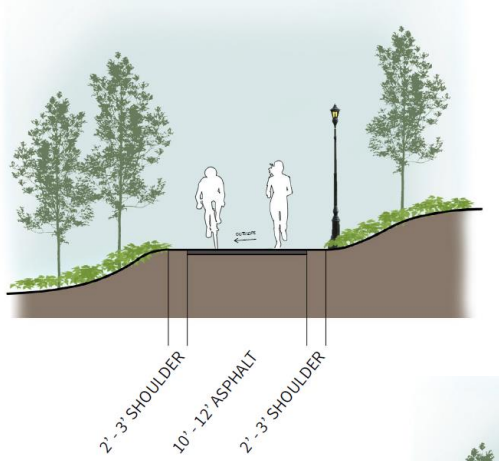
Special Meetings Schedule

- **May 28 (if needed):** Further discussion of score report and desired presentations
- **Regular Meeting June 18:** Project Presentations
- **June 25:** Project Presentations
- **July 09:** Project Site Visits
- **Regular Meeting July 16:** Project Site Visits
- **July 23 or 30:** Final Recommendations

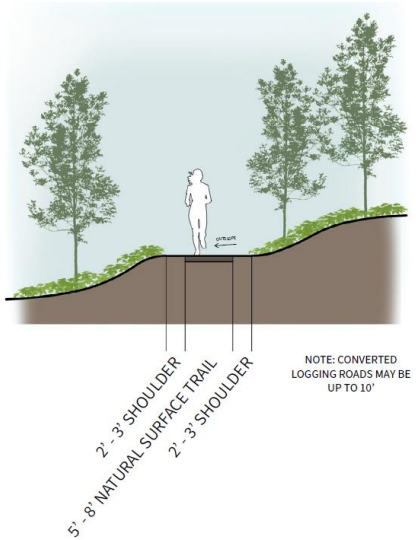


Annex

Ferry Road Open Space



ASPHALT GREENWAY



NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL





Ferry Road Cost Estimates

Category	Estimated Cost
2.0 miles of greenway (12’ asphalt) with signage	$4,000,000
2.0 miles of natural surface trails (10’ gravel, 8’ multi-use, 5’ natural surface)	$1,000,000
Recreational Public Parking access (20 parking spots, gravel, access road)	$500,000
Wetland access and signage	$1,500,000
TOTAL	**$7,000,000**
TDA LIFT Funding	**$4,000,000**
Bond Request	**$3,000,000**

Deaverview Mountain





Deaverview Cost Estimate

Item	Cost
Due Diligence Costs	**$1,471,764**
Acquisition Requirements	$175,000
Advanced Planning/Preliminary Design	$210,000
Complete Design & Permitting	$1,086,764
Phase I Construction Costs	**$6,200,000**
Total Costs/Bond Request	**$7,671,764**