Warren Wilson College - Passive Recreation Grant
Continuing to Serve the Buncombe Community



Institutional History and Capacity

- Warren Wilson College has managed this land for >100 years
- Campus lands are open to the public and provide multiple passive recreation opportunities on 17 miles of forest trails and farm roads
- Allowed activities: hiking, dog walking, bird watching, running, cycling, swimming
- Opportunities provided: guided hikes, workshops, demonstrations, lectures
- The College has never charged the public for access and relies on institutional operating budget to maintain roads and trails

- The Center for Working Lands oversees the management of the land with a management team comprised of a dean, five land managers, two assistant land managers and 137 student workers

- <u>Our partners are the community that recreate on our land</u>

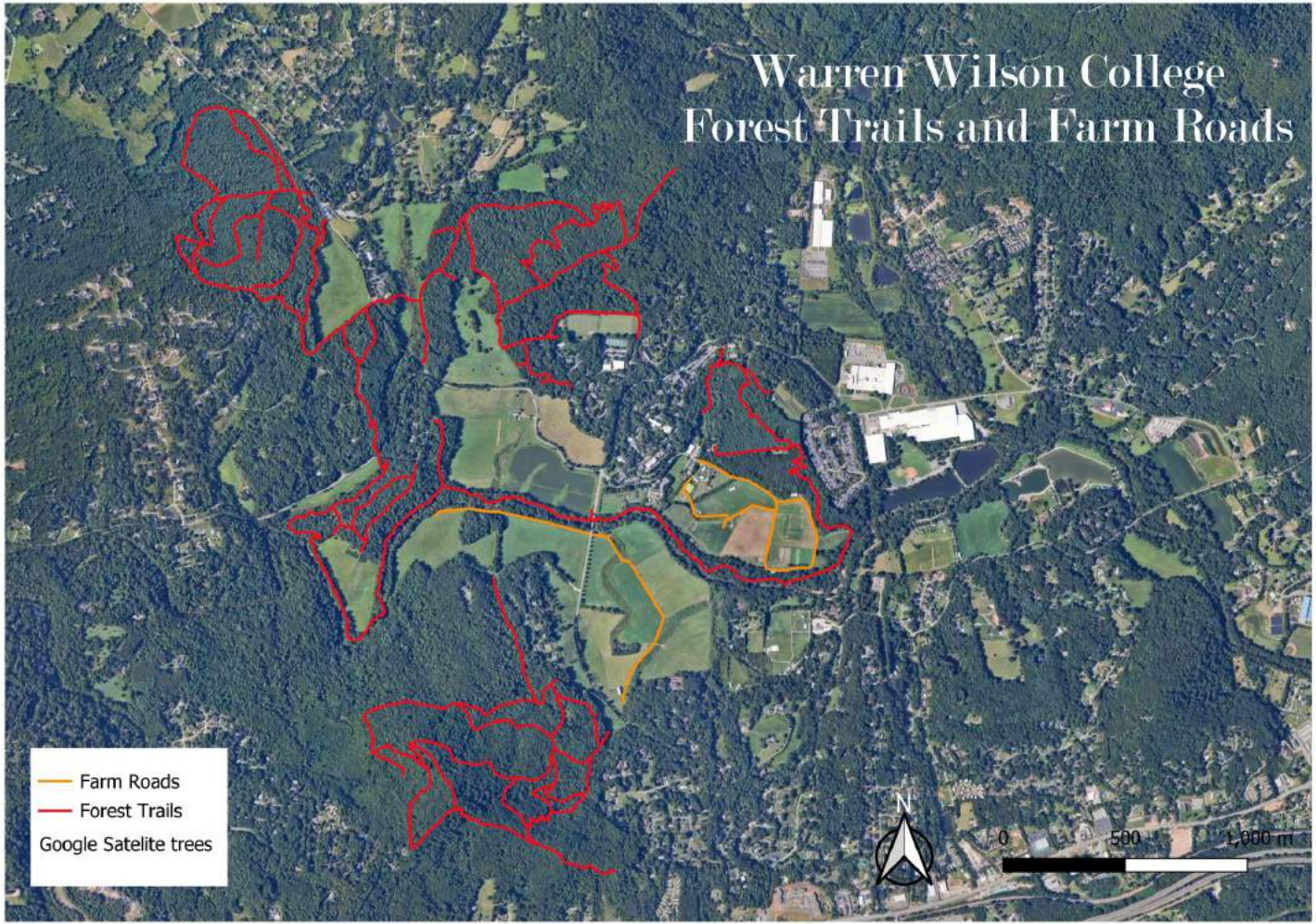




Project Budget and Timeline

Item	Cost	Purpose
Farm and Forest Roads	$89,300.00	Grading and Resurfacing Farm and Forest Roads
Interpretive Signage	$17,280.00	Educational Improvements
Track Hoe	$35,000.00	Post Improvement Maintenance
Total Request	**$141,580.00**	
Item	**Amount**	**Purpose**
In Kind Funding	$21,720.00	Student labor covered by college and federal funds for one year
		20 students x $9.05/hour x 120 hours each
	$25,000.00	Forest and Farm Staff supervision for one year
		2 staff x 1/4 time
Total Provided	**$46,720.00**	

- 2024: Improvements to Forest Double Track and Farm Roads
- 2025: Improvements to Forest single track trails
- 2025: Placement of interpretive signage
- 2035/2040: In house maintenance until next major improvement


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Forest Trails and Farm Roads
Farm Roads
Forest Trails
Google Satelite trees
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Project Scope/Design



Project Impacts

Conservation Educational Opportunities Water Quality Habitat Protection Conservation Easement	**Feasibility** Established Trails Reset/Rehab Proven Skills	**Access** Swannanoa Community Affordable Housing Ample Parking River Trail	**Equity** Open Access to All Pisgah Village Site Indigeneous Student Association College Programming
Long-Term Management 40+ Year Management Record Federal Work College Established Forestry Program Outdoor Leadership Program	**Costs and Leverage** Federal Work College Funds College Operating Funds Student Crew Labor	**Alignment w/County Priorities** 600 acre Conservation Easement Proposed Greenway System	**Safety** Public Safety Officers on Hand BearWise High Management Visibility

Warren Wilson College is Committed to Public Access and Education for Buncombe County Residents
<u>Now and into the Future</u>

Thanks for Considering our Proposal!