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Woodson Community Forest
Conserving Carolina
Scope of Work
July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024

Project Summary: Conserving Carolina, a nonprofit land conservation organization based in Hendersonville, NC, working with numerous partners and funders, seeks to acquire 225 acres in the Fairview area of Buncombe County for the purpose of developing a park that will be conserved in its natural forested state and made available for public recreational access.

North Carolina Session Law 2022-74, STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CORRECTIONS, SECTION 40.2.(a) states,

“60) The funds for Fairview in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall instead be provided as a grant to Buncombe County for the purpose of park development in Fairview, a census designated area.”

A property closing is scheduled for the week of August 26th, 2024. Conserving Carolina will oversee the construction of the community parking, bathrooms, and kiosk signage. Conserving Carolina will lease the 220 acre Worx Community Forest to Camp Grier for trail construction and ongoing management. Camp Grier will oversee the trail planning, trail construction, trail signage, and trail maintenance of the Worx Community Forest.

This updated proposal will allow the project team to increase the amount of public parking available at the Worx Community Forest, make Woodson Rd. wider and more accessible to the community, install additional trailhead amenities, and install interpretive stations along the Worx Trails.

Project Scope of Work: With the support of funds from the State of North Carolina, Conserving Carolina and the Open Space Bond Grant partners will:

1. Undertake an assessment of the Woodson Community Forest property to identify trailhead, parking and multi-use trail locations.
2. Develop a forest management plan consistent with USFS community forest standards.

3. Design a trail network, making use of existing logging roads/trails, where appropriate, and constructing new trails that meet the highest standards for sustainability and water quality protection.
4. Construct at least 11 miles of new or rehabilitated trails suitable for hiking and mountain-biking, consistent with NC Land and Water Fund trails standards.
5. Construct trailhead parking and information kiosk to support 12 cars with overflow parking and turnaround areas along Woodson Road.
6. Install a series of cultural and environmental interpretation stations along the trail network for visitor education.

State Directed Grant (SDG) Original Project Budget:

Expense	Amount
Park/Trail Design	30,000
Community Forest Plan	7,500
Trail Construction	112,500
Parking Area/Trailhead Construction	40,000
Contingency (5%)	10,000
Total	200,000

State Directed Grant Amended Project Budget:

Planning and Design		\$30,000.00	SDG
Permitting and Environmental Engineering		\$15,000.00	SDG
Mapping and Website Updates		\$6,500.00	SDG
Community Forest Plan		\$7,500.00	SDG
Kiosk and Navigational Signage		\$12,000.00	SDG
Expanding Parking Lot Construction		\$50,000.00	SDG
SST Bathrooms		\$55,000.00	SDG
Trail Counters		\$24,000.00	SDG
Total		\$200,000.00	

Open Space Bond (OSB) Original Project Budget

Trail Construction	11 miles	\$580,000.00
Signage		\$9,000.00
Parking Lot Construction		\$25,000.00
SST Bathrooms		\$35,000.00
Trail Counters		\$24,000.00
Permitting and Environmental Engineering		\$15,000.00
Project Management and Administration		\$68,800.00
Total		\$750,000.00

Open Space Bond Amended Project Budget:

Trail Construction	11 miles	\$580,000.00	OSB
Public Road Access Improvements and Overflow Parking		\$27,000.00	OSB
Cultural and Natural Resource Educational/Interpretive Stations		\$18,000.00	OSB
Project Management and Administration		\$75,000.00	OSB
Contingency		\$50,000.00	OSB