

Amherst County Board of Supervisors County Resolution No. 2019-0014-R

For consideration on September 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2019-0014-R

A resolution, to authorize an application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for federal funding assistance under the Recreational Trails Program through the Federal Highway Administration within the United States Department of Transportation.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish a project, specifically the Riveredge Trail Extension Project, as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the sponsoring jurisdiction requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation ("Department") establish a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside project to be administered by Amherst County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINA:

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board establish a project, specifically the Riveredge Trail Extension ("Project"). The Project involves executing construction of an approximate 6,200 feet of a multiuse ten (10) foot wide trail. Riveredge Trail extension will begin in Riveredge Park and consists of three sections: Section 1: 500 feet, includes an approximate 60-foot bridge; Section 2: 3,700 feet of asphalt trail; Section 3: final 2,000 feet that will include a ramped section. The trail will join with the existing James River Heritage Trail (JRHR).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby commits to provide a minimum twenty (20) percent matching contribution for the Project and any additional funds necessary to complete the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with the Department, subject to approval as to legal form by the County Attorney, and to provide the necessary oversight to ensure the Project is developed in accordance with all state and federal requirements for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of a federally funded transportation project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and operating costs of the Project following its completion unless other arrangements are or have been made with the Department or other persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That if the Board of Supervisors subsequently elects to cancel this project, Amherst County hereby agrees to reimburse the Department for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation. Amherst County also agrees to repay any funds reimbursed by the Department that are thereafter deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration. The funds received pursuant to the Grant are hereby designated a special fund for the purposes of this clause, and this section does not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of Amherst County in violation of Article VII §10 of the Virginia Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the County Administrator to execute the Project agreement if the Project is approved a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 to construct the Riveredge Trail Extension.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2019.

L. J. Avers III, Chairman

Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 4

Nays_Ø

Abstentions **(**