



TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK

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RESOLUTION No. 2016-27

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM BY THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK FOR SECTION 1 OF THE MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration – Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division has funding available for transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock intends to apply for grant funding as an eligible local government to assist in the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway project, being that portion between the designated trailhead near Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway and the northern end of the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Services (ARHS) Appalachian Place at Chestnut Ridge Post-Acute Care Facility property; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Federal Lands Access Program may fund up to 80% of the anticipated construction costs of \$2.4 million, or \$1,920,000; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway Association is committed to raising the \$480,000 of non-federal dollars as matching funds needed to complete the project and satisfy the 80/20 funding requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway Association will be responsible for maintenance of Section 1 of the Middle Fork Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update identifies the Middle Fork Greenway project as a pedestrian and bicycle transportation connection of high priority; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway will provide residents and visitors a safe means to walk or bike from Blowing Rock to the Mountains to Sea trail, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the ARHS Post-Acute Care facility, and ultimately to Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blowing Rock Town Council hereby fully supports the Town of Blowing Rock applying for Eastern Federal Lands Access Program funds to support the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway.

Adopted this the 11th day of October, 2016.

Town of Blowing Rock

By: _____
J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilari H. Hubner, Town Clerk

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