

Item Title: Resolution of Support for the Triangle Trails Initiative

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the resolution recognizing the Triangle Trails Initiative.

Item Summary:

The Triangle Trails Initiative seeks to build a regional network of connected greenways, trails and blueways across the Triangle and beyond. The Triangle J Council of Government along with representatives from the Wake County, Cities of Raleigh and Durham along with regional trail advocates first convened in Fall 2017 to discuss the growing demand for greenways and the desire for a more connected regional approach to greenway systems. Through a grant from the AJ Fletcher Foundation, Chuck Flink and Greenways Incorporated were hired to transform the concept of the Triangle Trails initiative a reality.

The Triangle Trails initiative includes 14 counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Harnett, Granville, Johnston, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake and Warren.

In the current phase of planning, stakeholders are meeting with local governments to garner support for the initiative. The Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee received a presentation regarding the initiative at their June meeting and voted unanimously to support the initiative.

Two other regional trails initiatives, the Carolina Thread Trail and the Piedmont Legacy Trails initiatives have been created within the State.

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution