

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT  
OF AN APPLICATION FOR USDOT RAISE GRANT FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT  
THE ABOVE THE MUD PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville considers bicycle and pedestrian transportation to be of utmost importance to the region by providing Western North Carolina with recreation and equitable transportation opportunities as well as increased economic viability and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hendersonville adopted a resolution on April 5, 2012 supporting a regional recreational greenway to link the City of Hendersonville in Henderson County to the City of Brevard in Transylvania County and the Pisgah National Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has established a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program that provides funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Above the Mud project will provide multimodal infrastructure that will spur small-town economic development, jobs, and tourism while rebuilding a trail segment damaged by recurring flooding and Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will extend the 19-mile regional Ecusta Trail that is expected to generate significant rural economic impact, bringing residents and tourists safely into Downtown Hendersonville, and reconnect to underserved neighborhoods, improving safety and access;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina that:

1. The City of Hendersonville shall submit an application to USDOT for a RAISE Grant to fund the design and construction of the Above the Mud Project in Henderson County; and
2. The Mayor and/or City Manager shall hereby be authorized on behalf of the City of Hendersonville to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete and submit the grant application for up to \$25,000,000.00 in funding with commitment of \$1,600,000.00 in matching funds from the City.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina on this 8th day of January 2025.

Attest:

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor, City of Hendersonville

Jill Murray, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela S. Beeker, City Attorney