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To: Claudia Hager, County Manager
Through: Maurice Jones, Deputy County Manager
From: Sara M. Young, AICP, Planning & Development Director
Subject: 2025 Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) Annual Report

Executive Summary

The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission (DOST) is required by the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to submit an annual report to the governing bodies. The annual report details accomplishments for 2025, as well as goals for the upcoming year.

Background

DOST is made up of 17 voting members: eight appointed by the City Council, eight by the Board of County Commissioners, and one from the city's Recreation Advisory Commission. The purpose of DOST is to provide advice to the Board of County Commissioners and City Council on matters relating to open space creation, preservation, and trail development. The Commission has completed its 2025 annual report, as required by the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County. The annual report, Attachment A, details accomplishments for 2025 as well as goals for the upcoming year.

Issues & Analysis

The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission bylaws outline the attendance policy for City and County appointees. Members may be removed from their position if:

- A member has two or more unexcused absences within a one-year period
- A member has missed 40% or more of the regular commission meetings within a one-year period.

A detailed attendance report can be found in **Attachment B**.

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Attachments

Attachment A: 2025 DOST Annual Report

Attachment B: 2025 DOST Attendance Report