

FY 2017-18 Durham Open Space and Trails Matching Grants Program Applicant Summary

Grant #1 Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association

Asking for \$13,200 to assist with purchase of .40 acre to add to six-acre Pearl Mill Nature Preserve. The South Ellerbe Creek Greenway runs through the preserve and inclusion of this property will provide opportunity for linkages into the Pearl Mill Nature Preserve for public viewing of habitat and stream restoration. A component of this multi-phased project includes pathways to connect Pearl Mill Nature Preserve to South Ellerbe Creek.

Grant #2 Friends of Lakewood Elementary PTA

Asking for \$555.85 to convert the field at Lakewood Elementary into a soccer field for youth. The funds will be used to purchase two soccer goals, a field marker wand, field marking paint, and a "No Dogs Allowed" sign. This project will provide a facility for all youth in the neighborhood who currently do not have access to a soccer field. There are no public soccer fields in the Lakewood neighborhood.

Grant #3 Triangle Greenway Council

Asking for \$35,000 for land purchase of Edwards Tract, 21 acres, a greenway corridor tract along Chunky Pipe creek. The conservation of this parcel helps to provide green infrastructure value/services by preserving a corridor for future greenway development. This greenway trail system will then support active recreation and helps conserve natural resources.

Grant #4 The Scrap Exchange

Asking for \$4000 for renovation of 12,000 square foot de-paved area to be used for a community gathering space, classroom, and future recreational area. With the purchase of additional land, the Scrap Exchange is now the steward of wetlands, adjacent to the current store location. Historically this land was a lake paved over when the Center Theatre was build. The wetlands are relatively untouched. The establishment of a green outdoor space will minimize pollutants to this water source. This outdoor space would also serve a community gathering space for residents to enjoy among the many shops of the Lakewood area.

Grant #5 Eno River Association

Asking for \$17,991 to install a durable canoe/kayak launch on the Eno River in West Point on the Eno Park above the dam. The proposed site for the boat launch is currently used for boat launching but is primarily an unprotected, trampled, and eroded natural river bank. The bank here is eroding in the river and, when wet, created difficult, slick footing. This project will involve constructing broad, stable, concrete steps leading into the river, using natural boulders to stabilize the adjacent banks and river bottom. It will also involve constructing an ADA compliant concrete walkway from the West Point Loop road to the boat launch, and installing a standard concrete handicapped parking space.

Total Amount Requested: \$70,746.85