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Who We Are

Friends of the Jackson County Greenways is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with Jackson County government & municipalities to bring additional resources that support greenway expansion & maintenance in Jackson County, NC.

What We Do

- Support local governments in expanding & maintaining their greenway facilities.
- Advocate for expansion that creates connections between existing greenspaces and destinations within our community.
- Develop strategic, collaborative partnerships.
- Engage volunteers.
- Foster environmental stewardship.
- Expand access for all.

Join Us

Support us as we advocate for greenway expansion in Jackson County. Become a Member by making a donation to Friends of the Jackson County Greenways.



Checks can be made to:
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November 11, 2024

Jackson County Commissioners
401 Grindstaff Cove Road
Sylva, NC 28779

Dear Jackson County Commissioners,

The Friends of the Jackson County Greenways is an all-volunteer group of local citizens who are advocating for greenway expansion here in Jackson County. We are working closely with county officials and Jackson County Parks & Recreation Department to realize a shared vision for a more extensive network of greenway opportunities for all members of our community to enjoy.

Greenways improve quality of life. They promote active lifestyles, provide transportation alternatives, stimulate economic development, and create more spaces for us all to connect with friends and neighbors in the outdoors.

We are incredibly excited about the progress that has been throughout the county within the last year, including strategic investments by county and municipal governments in creating and improving pedestrian-friendly areas within our region. The dedication of resources and commitment to seeking out unique funding opportunities demonstrate the value we have chosen to place on securing special places for citizens to recreate safely outdoors. These are smart investments with implications for our region's health, tourism, economic growth, mobility, and safety. We celebrate all that you have accomplished.

The Friends of the Jackson County Greenways enthusiastically stands ready to encourage and financially assist with this continued momentum. As a non-profit organization, we have access to funding opportunities that are not available to local governments. We have learned that demonstrating broadbase regional support can be critical to competitive grant success. We are, therefore, reaching out to you requesting a letter in support of our ongoing efforts to improve and expand greenways in Jackson County.

We are attaching a template letter, but please feel free to customize it to your organization's preferences. We kindly thank you in advance for your support of this initiative to expand greenway opportunities in Jackson County.

Sincerely,



Leigh Anne Young

Board Chair

Friends of the Jackson County Greenways

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January 07, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, we wish to express our enthusiastic support of the Friends of Jackson County Greenways' efforts to expand and to improve greenway opportunities in Jackson County. Their expansion efforts will result in even more opportunities for outdoor recreation in Jackson County.

Greenways improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Jackson County through improved transportation options, expanded economic development opportunities and enhanced recreation experiences.

We are excited about this opportunity for Jackson County. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Letson
Chairman