



To: Katherine O'Neill, Spartanburg County Administrator

From: Partners for Active Living

cc: Spartanburg Area Conservancy, Glendale community leaders, Drayton community

Re: Spartanburg County Parks funding for trails

By contract with Spartanburg County and the City of Spartanburg over the last two years, Partners for Active Living has worked with various community partners to develop and implement a vision for a connected and cohesive trails network. One of the most important near-term goals is to connect existing trails in the urban area, specifically the MBF Rail Trail, Cottonwood Trail, and Glendale Shoals.

In order to move this goal forward, Partners for Active Living suggests the following allocation of trails funding by Spartanburg County Parks:

- #1 -- \$100,000 to Glendale Bridge restoration
- #2 -- \$100,000 to Cottonwood South connector
- #3 -- \$100,000 to Drayton Mills Trail-south

#1 -- Glendale Bridge restoration: one of the key components to creating a strong trails network is to ensure that users have key destinations throughout the trails system. The primary destination on the eastside of the urban area is Glendale Shoals, Glendale bridge, and the Wofford and Glendale Outdoor Leadership facilities. PAL suggests allocating funds to complete the bridge restoration.

Total project cost: \$2.0 million for bridge restoration including safety enhancements

Other funding sources: SCDOT, Spartanburg County Public Works, C-funds, SC Parks Recreation & Tourism, legislative delegation, SPATS Transportation Enhancement funds, private dollars

Scope of work: Complete restoration of the bridge's infrastructure including steel replacement and improved decking.

Project manager: SCDOT

Maintenance responsibility: Palmetto Conservation Foundation

#2 -- Cottonwood South connector: Spartanburg Area Conservancy will create a two-mile connection from the Glendale bridge to Lake Forest Drive along the Lawsons Fork Creek. This natural surface trail will provide a scenic connection, which will serve as an alternative to using Country Club Road. Eventually the trail will be extended to connect directly to the Cottonwood Trail.

Total project cost: \$250,000 for clearing, construction, landscaping, signage

Other funding sources: Soliciting private funders in partnership with PAL (pending)

Scope of work: Natural surface trail connecting Glendale to Lake Forest Drive along the Lawsons Fork

Project manager: Spartanburg Area Conservancy

Maintenance responsibility: Spartanburg Area Conservancy for day-to-day projects
Spartanburg County Parks for projects that require large equipment



#3 -- Drayton Mills Trail-south: As part of the Drayton Mills community revitalization project, Pacolet Milliken is building trails to provide quality of life amenities for residents of the Mill, as well as those throughout the County. The northern trail has already been completed linking Mary Black Hospital to Drayton Mills. The southern trail will add a one-mile loop across Drayton Road along the Lawsons Fork Creek and will eventually connect to other trail facilities on the Lawsons Fork.

Total project cost: \$161,325 for clearing, design, construction

Other funding sources: Pacolet Milliken (\$35,000), private funds (\$26,325)

Scope of work: One mile paved surface loop from Drayton Road to Norfolk Southern bridge

Project manager: Drayton Mill Development

Maintenance responsibility: Pacolet Milliken

#4 -- Anderson Mill Road/ Wadsworth Trail connectivity

On behalf of the many trails partners, thank you for County Council's contribution to this important connection on the westside of our urban area. The allocated funds will be used as a match to an SCDOT Transportation Alternatives grant. This project cannot move forward until the County completes 50% of the work on the Glendale bridge, which is also partially funded by a similar grant.

Total project cost: \$1.59 million per County Engineer's estimate

Other funding sources: SCDOT, Spartanburg County Public Works, C-funds, Legislative district, Transportation Enhancement funds, Westside Neighborhood Association, private dollars

Scope of work: 2 mile side path from Reidville Road to Anderson Mill and Anderson Mill

Elementary, connecting to existing Wadsworth Trail

Project manager: Spartanburg County

Maintenance responsibility: Spartanburg County, Westside Neighborhood Association

If you approve this request, Spartanburg County will be well on its way to building a network of nine connected miles along the Lawsons Fork Creek from Glendale to Mary Black Hospital. This combined with the Country Club Road/ MBF Rail Trail/ downtown connection of six miles will lead to a total of 15 connected miles in the next three years. This will significantly improve livability opportunities in Spartanburg County.