

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 24th day of September, 2019:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Donald R. Hunter, Chairman	Aye
Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Vice Chairman	Aye
Alan R. Carmichael	Aye
Marlene J. Waymack	Aye
T. J. Webb	Aye

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Carmichael, which carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPOMATTOX RIVER TRAIL
THROUGH THE TRI-CITIES REGION

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River was designated a State Scenic River in 1977 and the designation was extended in 1998 and 2011 and to include 19.2 miles of river from 100 feet below the Brasfield Dam to the confluence with the James River, passing through the jurisdictions of Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, the City of Petersburg, the City of Colonial Heights, County of Prince George and the City of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, The State Scenic River designation recognizes the natural beauty and the historical significance of the Appomattox River; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River comprises 6 miles of the northern border of the County of Prince George; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) was established in 2000 in partnership with the Crater Planning District Commission and all 6 jurisdictions of the Lower Appomattox River with the mission of working in partnership with communities to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Master Plan and Signage Plan that was adopted by FOLAR and the Crater Planning District Commission in 2017 to serve as the regional guide to create a 22 mile shared use path serving walkers, bicyclists, the physically challenged and other non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Trail system will also provide river access for paddle craft, swimming and wading as well as places for fishing, picnicking and other passive recreation pursuits; and

WHEREAS, The history and habitat of the Appomattox River will be preserved and interpreted serving as an outdoor classroom for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS, When completed, the Appomattox River Trail will link the 6 jurisdictions along the river and increase transportation options while improving air quality, reducing roadway congestion, offering boating and fishing access and encouraging ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle and pedestrian facilities can help curb a national epidemic of chronic obesity and weight related diseases by providing a safe alternative than travel by car; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle, pedestrian and water activities cultivate economic development and create jobs, attract events and visitors to our region, connect communities and encourage a better and more enjoyable and equitable quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, When complete, the Appomattox River Trail will provide connection to other nationally and regionally significant trails such as the East Coast Greenway, the Ashland to Petersburg Trail and the Capital Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Appomattox River Trail will run through the County of Prince George from Appomattox Boat Harbor to Appomattox River Regional Park , and will be a part of this greater regional system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 24th day of September 2019, hereby supports the Appomattox River Trail Master Plan and Signage Plan, and commends the visionary approach of past planning efforts and is committed to working FOLAR and the localities of the Crater Planning District Commission and participating with national organizations to create a connected regional asset thus setting an example for other counties/cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County of Prince George is committed to working with our state and congressional representatives to support legislation promoting open space protection and active, human powered transportation facilities for the betterment of our county, region, state and country.

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Percy C. Ashcraft