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**Oklawaha Greenway Endorsement** 

The League of Women Voters of Henderson County has a long history of supporting projects which benefit the environmental, economic, health, and social goals of our community. Quality of life is increased when these goals are met, for people native to our region, for all those who have made it their home, and for those who visit us. League members recently visited the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville County, South Carolina, which runs from Travelers Rest through Falls Park in downtown Greenville, to Cleveland Park. We were impressed by the positive effects on the economy, the environment, and health, which this Trail has provided to their community.

The Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway is a group of local organizations and area residents, in Henderson County, who recognize the many community values offered by greenway trails, such as improved health, recreation, off-road transportation, connectivity, preserved open space, and economic opportunity. Currently, the Oklawaha Greenway connects Berkeley Park, Patton Park, and Jackson Park. The Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway plan to promote the use of the existing greenway, and are working to extend it to Blue Ridge Community College.

The League wishes to add its voice to those who support the Oklawaha Greenway. The LWVHC Board voted unanimously in favor of this endorsement on July 7, 2016.

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