



October 11, 2016

Henderson County Board of Commissioners:

Park Ridge Health would like to formally offer its public support and encouragement for the proposed project to connect the existing Oklawaha Greenway from its terminus at Jackson Park to Blue Ridge Community College and eventually to Flat Rock Park.

The mission of Park Ridge Health is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. Because we encourage healthy lifestyles, wellness and outdoor recreation, we are excited to see the potential for more greenway infrastructure that connects our communities.

Greenways provide environmental, social and economic benefits to communities and form the foundation of a highly functional and sustainable society. This expansion will offer affordable and environmentally friendly transportation options, promote family friendly options to improve health and wellness, and help strengthen the economy of Henderson County by providing an amenity to attract new businesses and tourists.

Park Ridge Health is in full support of grant requests and efforts to achieve expansion of the Oklawaha Greenway. If there are any questions regarding Park Ridge Health's support of this project, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimm Bunch".

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