

R-09-12

A Resolution in Support of the Development of a Regional Recreational Greenway on The Norfolk & Southern Rail Corridor Linking Henderson and Transylvania Counties.

WHEREAS, the Northern & Southern rail corridor, which links Henderson and Transylvania counties has played a critically important role in the history of development and economic growth in Henderson and Transylvania Counties, particularly in support of the region's industrial economic base; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk & Southern Railroad is considering discontinuation of service on the rail corridor between Henderson County and Transylvania and may abandon the corridor in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Fletcher Town Council recognizes the importance of maintaining the aforementioned rail corridor so that rail service may be re-established in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Fletcher Town Council recognizes the rail corridors throughout the United States have been converted to regional recreational trails or greenways that contribute significantly to the tourism economy of the regions in which they are located and provide alternative means of transportation while preserving rail corridors for future rail traffic; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a critical component of the economy of Western North Carolina and Fletcher and the Town Council desires to build upon the existing assets that attract tourists to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Fletcher Town Council recognizes the economic and transportation benefits of a regional recreational greenway within western North Carolina and desires the aforementioned rail corridor be secured and developed as the foundation of a regional recreational greenway system in support of the region's tourism economy, and as an alternative means of transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLETCHER TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The Fletcher Town Council hereby supports a regional recreational greenway along the Norfolk & Southern rail corridor linking Henderson and Transylvania counties:

Section 2. The Town Council respectively invites the elected governments of Henderson and Transylvania Counties and all municipalities within those counties, and other governmental entities and organizations that support economic development, to join

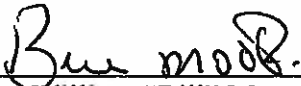
in our endorsement of the development of a regional recreational greenway along the Norfolk & Southern rail corridor linking Henderson and Transylvania counties.

Section 3. The Fletcher Town Council respectively requests that cooperation of Norfolk & Southern Corporation in the development of this regional recreational greenway along its rail corridor.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

Adopted this the 8th day of June 2009





Mayor William "Bill" Moore



Christine Thompson
Town Clerk