

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021**

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HOUSE BILL 922

Short Title: Catawba River Trail Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blackwell.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 11, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAIL ON THE
2 SOUTH SIDE OF THE CATAWBA RIVER CONNECTING THE EASTERN TERMINUS
3 OF THE FONTA FLORA TRAIL TO THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE HICKORY
4 TRAIL.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) in
8 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars
9 (\$185,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is appropriated from the General
10 Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management to provide a directed grant to the Western
11 Piedmont Council of Governments for the development and planning for a proposed trail along
12 the south side of the Catawba River connecting the eastern terminus of the Fonta Flora Trail to
13 the western terminus of the Hickory Trail. The funds appropriated by this act may be used for
14 equipment, supplies, contract for services, or the hiring of temporary employees for any of the
15 following:

- 16 (1) Route development, planning, design, or permitting.
- 17 (2) Outreach and negotiations with landowners regarding easements or fee simple
18 acquisition of land for trail segments.
- 19 (3) Engineering and construction of bridges, boardwalks, and parking lots for trail
20 segments.
- 21 (4) Technical assistance and coordination with local governments and with
22 nonprofit groups for development of the trail and of connecting trails and trail
23 spurs providing access from the trail to communities or tourist attractions.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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