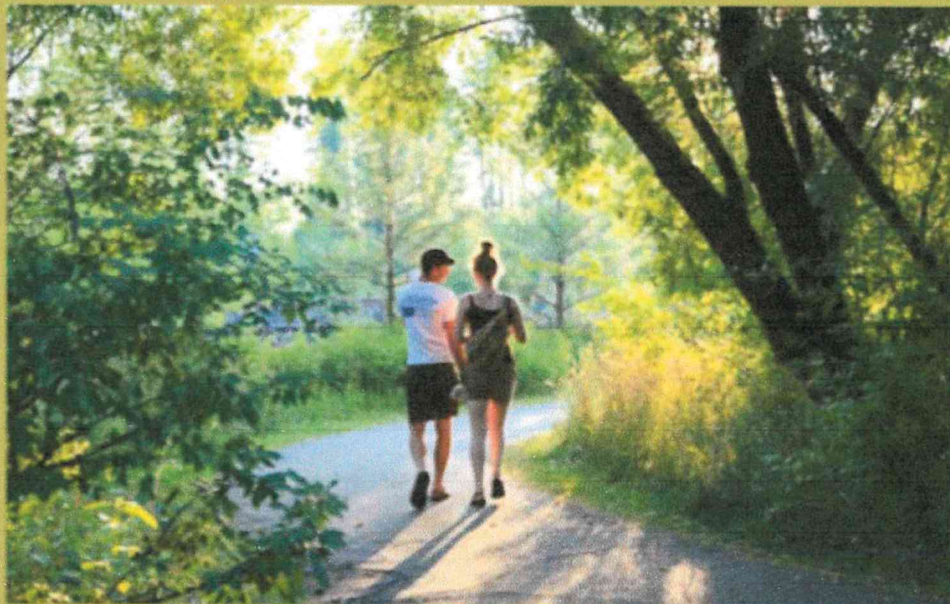




LAURENS COUNTY
TRAILS
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LAURENS COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX
PROJECT PROPOSAL

PRISMA HEALTH SWAMP RABBIT TRAIL—
LAURENS COUNTY





Statement of Project Submission and Support

Dear Capital Sales Tax Committee:

1. The Laurens County Trails Association agrees to own the project during the life of the project. This includes, along with the Laurens County Parks and Recreation Committee, to oversee the construction of the Loop Trail as outlined in this document.
2. The Laurens County Trails Association agrees to fund any needed cost overruns beyond the balloted amounts. The LCTA has access to funds provided by Prisma Health.
3. The Loop Trail (along with the entire Laurens County Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail) will be incorporated into the system of parks and trails managed and maintained by the Laurens County Parks and Recreation Committee (a division of Laurens County government).

Please contact me if you need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Eston Marchant".

T. Eston Marchant, Executive Director
Laurens County Trails Association



**LAURENS COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX
PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

LAURENS COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(a) PROJECT SUMMARY

The Laurens County Trails Association (LCTA) has partnered with Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital and Laurens County Parks and Recreation Commission to create the first phase (Phase I) of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail in Laurens County. This initial 1.7-mile walking and biking loop trail is in the general area of the Laurens County Hospital (see map) and was created through funding provided by Prisma Health and Laurens County.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

LCTA, created in 2013, is grassroots, independent, volunteer, and citizen-led non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. The organization's mission is to provide leadership, organization, and collaboration to plan and implement trails that:

- a. Promote healthy lifestyles
- b. Encourage land and nature conservation and
- c. Stimulate economic development.

The 12-member Board of Directors made the decision, following the completion of the LCTA's Master Plan in 2018, to create a strategic plan with the focus on the development of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail through Laurens County.

Following that decision, the board held Countywide open public meetings with attendees providing input and suggestions on old trails, open spaces, waterways, rights of way, etc. In addition, paper and online surveys probed community interest in, and preferred use of, outdoor recreation.

Combined survey results showed very strong community support with 92% of respondents in favor of the development of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail in Laurens County. Survey participants said:

- Primary use would be walking, hiking, biking, running, enjoying quiet time, and observing nature.
- The health attributes would be tremendous.
- And, the Trail could be a key driver for economic development as proved true in Greenville County. Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville County which has been credited with improving the health of county citizens and improving the economic viability of places like Travelers Rest, SC.

From this point in the past until the present, the unanimous decision by the Board made the development of trail in Laurens County the LCTA's top priority.

THE LOOP TRAIL PROJECT

After discussion and much action, LCTA moved on the decision to kick off the entire project by creating Phase I or the Loop Trail and make it the official beginning for the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail. Located exactly in the center of Laurens County, adjacent to the Laurens County Hospital, the Loop Trail will be readily available to all that want to enjoy it.

While Prisma Health and Laurens County have contributed substantially in the creation of the Loop Trail, additional funds are needed to make it compliant. Paving and other general improvements will allow the trail to accommodate bike traffic and help provide areas for families and groups to gather and enjoy the natural beauty of the area. In short, these funds will allow us to bring the trail up to Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail standards.

Once the Loop Trail is compliant with Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail standards, the LCTA intends to seek grants and donations to extend the trail north toward Laurens and south toward Clinton (this is phase two (2) of the ultimate goal of having the Laurens

County Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail join with the Greenville County Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail in Simpsonville).

As a stand-alone trail for the time being, the Loop Trail will be open for the enjoyment of all the citizens of Laurens County. The trail's current location there are over 600 healthcare, government and business employees that already have several early morning and lunch time walking clubs.

The members of these walking clubs are enthusiastic about the possibility of having the trail become a reality. They currently walk on the roads and streets having to be mindful of passing cars. These additional funds will allow us to create designated parking lots and outdoor exercise stations for people to use.

- (b) This proposed project would fall under (1) (c) according to Sandy Cruickshanks (county attorney). See attached email.

SITE ACQUISITION AND PREPARATION BUDGETING

- (a) See attached map of the Loop Trail. All land is under the ownership of the county or has been given by the Laurens County Hospital in the form of an easement to the county.
- (b) Laurens County either owns the property or controls the property through an easement from the Hospital. No additional property is needed (at this time and for this project). The County has agreed to maintain the Loop Trail through the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (c) Public access points are from the hospital parking lots, the Chamber of Commerce parking lot and through (if the project is approved) a paved parking lot located on the currently undeveloped lot next to the Laurens County Cancer Society Building (owned by the hospital).
- (d) No utilities will be needed for this project.
- (e) As stated, the Loop Trail currently exists in unpaved form and can be utilized for walking. Cost estimates for bringing the trail up to Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail standards will be included in the budget narrative.
- (f) A Phase One Environmental Site Assessment was not completed or needed for the construction of the Loop Trail. The trail was constructed by Laurens County personnel and complied with all county building standards.
- (g) The Loop Trail meets all existing covenants, easements, setbacks, and other restrictions associated with the property.
- (h) In addition to the walking clubs that already exist in the area, the trail will be open to the general public. Given the weather and time of year, there could be a

hundred or more people on the trail. The trail is not open to vehicle traffic. With these funds and the improvement of the trail to Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail standards, bike traffic will significantly increase the numbers using the trail. Several bike clubs and organizations have expressed an interest in using the trail (once improved) for their meetings or as a starting point for their rides. The location of the Loop Trail in the middle of the county does (and will) make it a popular location for groups to meet.

- (i) The bringing of the Loop Trail up to Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail standards is phase one of the LCTA goal of having the Prisma Swamp Rabbit Trail crossing all of Laurens County. This is a multi-year project. As mentioned above, phase two of the project would be the extension of the Loop Trail north to Laurens and south to Clinton.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING AND BUDGETING

- (a) Paving approximately 1.7 miles of existing (dirt) trail with Type C Asphalt Surface mix. Grading and paving parking lot. Purchase and installation of park benches and exercise stations.
- (b) Estimated engineering/design and construction management costs (while the trail exists, bringing it up to Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit trail standards may require some modification) - \$20,000
- (c) Some landscaping may be necessary. No other utilities needed - \$20,000.
- (d) Benches, exercise equipment, signage - \$50,000
- (e) If approved, paving would begin within six months. Estimated time for completion of total project – six months from beginning date.

Project Cost Summary

Site Acquisition	0
Clearing/Grading/Drainage Site Preparation	\$ 20,000
Paving (include parking, turning lanes)	\$170,000
Construction/Renovation	\$ 15,000
Engineering/Design Construction Management	\$ 20,000
Testing/Geotechnical	0
Phase One Environmental Testing	0
Environmental related Development Costs	0
Permits	\$ 5,000
Landscaping	\$ 20,000
Fencing	0
Exterior Lighting	0
Fiber/Connectivity	0
Security Systems	0
Furnishing/Equipment/Computers	\$ 50,000
Other	0
Total	\$300,000



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Bud Marchant <bmarchant72@gmail.com>

RE: Capital Project Sales Tax

1 message

A Cruickshanks <lawaciv@att.net>

Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 11:22 AM

To: Bud Marchant <bmarchant72@gmail.com>

Cc: ANDY HOWARD <ahoward@co.laurens.sc.us>, Jon Caime <jcaime@co.laurens.sc.us>, Jamie Adair <Jamie.Adair@prismahealth.org>

Bud,

That would fall under (1)(c)- see attached

A "Sandy" Cruickshanks, IV

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From: Bud Marchant [mailto:bmarchant72@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 11:12 AM

To: A Sandy Cruickshank sure <lawaciv@att.net>

Cc: ANDY HOWARD <ahoward@co.laurens.sc.us>; Jon Caime <jcaime@co.laurens.sc.us>; Jamie Adair <Jamie.Adair@prismahealth.org>

Subject: Capital Project Sales Tax

Good Morning Sandy: I am beginning work on the Capital Sales Tax application. This is a new endeavor for me.

Under number 1 - section b, it asked for the applicant to cite the specific portion of Code Section 4-1-330(A)(1) under which the project qualifies for CPST funding. Could you help me with that?

commission appointees of the municipalities in the county. The member or members must be chosen from among the residents of the municipalities in the county that before this time have not provided a representative for the commission.

(e) In the event no municipality is entitled to appoint a member to the commission pursuant to the formula in subitem (c) of this subsection, the municipality with the highest appointive index must be deemed to have an appointive index of one.

(B) When the governing body of any county creates a commission, it must be created in accordance with the procedures specified in subsection (A) and only upon the request of the governing body of the county. If within the thirty-day period following the adoption of a resolution to create the commission, one or more of the municipalities fails or refuses to appoint their proportionate number of members to the commission, the county governing body must appoint an additional number of members equal to the number that any such municipality is entitled to appoint. A vacancy on the commission must be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

(C) The commission created pursuant to this section must consider proposals for funding capital projects within the county area. The commission then formulates the referendum question that is to appear on the ballot pursuant to Section 4-10-330(D).

HISTORY: 1997 Act No. 138, Section 3, eff July 1, 1997.

SECTION 4-10-330. Contents of ballot question; purpose for which proceeds of tax to be used.

(A) The sales and use tax authorized by this article is imposed by an enacting ordinance of the county governing body containing the ballot question formulated by the commission pursuant to Section 4-10-320(C), subject to referendum approval in the county. The ordinance must specify:

(1) the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used, which may include projects located within or without, or both within and without, the boundaries of the local governmental entities, including the county, municipalities, and special purpose districts located in the county area, and may include the following types of projects:

- (a) highways, roads, streets, bridges, and public parking garages and related facilities;
- (b) courthouses, administration buildings, civic centers, hospitals, emergency medical facilities, police stations, fire stations, jails, correctional facilities, detention facilities, libraries, coliseums, educational facilities under the direction of an area commission for technical education, or any combination of these projects;
- (c) cultural, recreational, or historic facilities, or any combination of these facilities;
- (d) water, sewer, or water and sewer projects;
- (e) flood control projects and storm water management facilities;
- (f) beach access and beach renourishment;
- (g) dredging, dewatering, and constructing spoil sites, disposing of spoil materials, and other matters directly related to the act of dredging;
- (h) jointly operated projects of the county, a municipality, special purpose district, and school district, or any combination of those entities, for the projects delineated in subitems (a) through (g) of this item;
- (i) any combination of the projects described in subitems (a) through (h) of this item;

(2) the maximum time, in two-year increments not to exceed eight years from the date of imposition, or in the case of a reimposed tax, a period ending on April thirtieth, not to exceed seven years, for which the tax may be imposed;

(3)(a) if the county proposes to issue bonds to provide for the payment of any costs of the projects, the maximum amount of bonds to be issued, whether the sales tax proceeds are to be pledged to the payment of the bonds and, if other sources of funds are to be used for the projects, specifying the other sources;

(b) the maximum cost of the project or facilities or portion of the project or portion of the facilities, to be funded from proceeds of the tax or bonds issued as provided in this article and the maximum amount of net proceeds expected to be used to pay the cost or debt service on the bonds, as the case may be; and



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