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Federal Agencies and Programs																											
Federal Emergency Management Agency	General information	http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/index_shtm	*	*													*	*			Technical and funding assistance available for projects in the coastal zone, near rivers, and in floodplains.				*	*	
National Park Service	Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca/										*									Provides technical assistance to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways	*	*	*	*	*	
	Land water Conservation Fund Grant	http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/	*				*		*	*	*	*		*	*	*											
US Army Corps of Engineers	Resources for the public	http://www.usace.army.mil/public.html		*	*											*					Specifically ecosystem restoration						
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/funds/avail.cfm#grants																									
	Brownfield Economic Development Initiative	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/index.cfm		*																	Grant program to promote economic and community development of abandoned, idle, and under-used industrial and commercial facilities						
US Department of the Interior	Catalog of funding sources available through Cooperative Conservation Initiative Grants, under the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife	http://www.nps.gov/cci/matrix.cfm	*													*					Some grants require matching funds. Grant programs range from resource restoration and habitat enhancement to promoting the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources	*	*	*	*	*	
US Department of Transportation	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA)	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/safetea.htm	*			*						*	*														
	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreationaltrails/index.htm	*			*						*	*	*	*			*			Grants for maintenance of existing trails, development of trails and certain trailhead facilities, new and replacement trail infrastructure, including bridges and signs, acquisition of trail corridors (from willing sellers), certain state trail program costs, trail safety and environmental mitigation projects						
	Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S)	http://www.ncdot.org/programs/safeRoutes/										*		*				*			Grants for projects and activities which improve conditions for pedestrian and bicyclists in the vicinity of schools. Specifically sidewalk, trail, crosswalk improvements; education programs about safety for students and faculty; enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to pedestrian/bike safety; programs that encourage pedestrian/bike transportation; evaluation of improvements and programs.						
US Environmental Protection Agency	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm	*	*												*	*	*							*	*	
	Environmental Education Grants Program	http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html															*				Supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality						
	Catalog of brownfields funding programs	http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/matters.htm		*																							
National Recreation and Park Association	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=975															*	*									

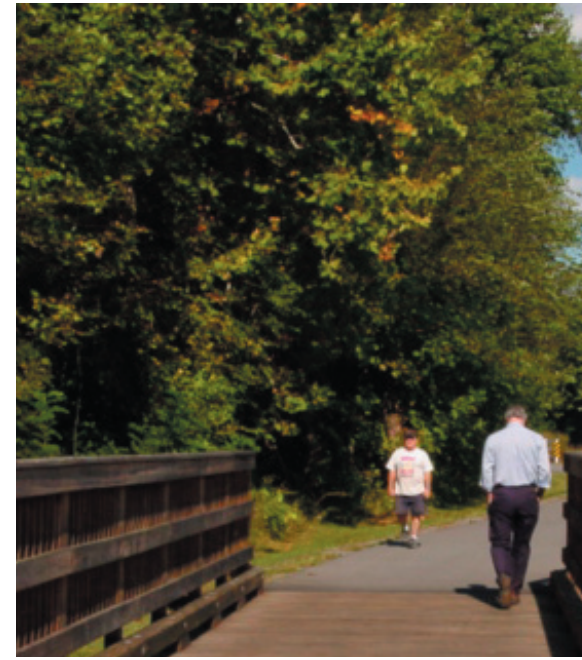
ARARAT RIVER GREENWAY

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North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR)	North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	http://www.partf.net/	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			Funding matches for land acquisition and parks and recreational project development.					
North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources	North Carolina Conservation Tax Credit Program	http://www.enr.state.nc.us/conservationtaxcredit/	*																			An incentive program for landowners that donate their land or easements on the land for conservation purposes.					
Clean Water Management Trust Fund	North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund	http://www.cwmtf.net/	*	*																		Grants to acquire easements or fee-simple interest in properties that 1)enhance or restore degraded waters, 2)protect unpolluted waters, and/or 3) contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits					
Region 4 - Greensboro of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Planning and Development	State Administered Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/stateadmin/ http://www.ncdca.org/cdbg/	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*			Grants for land acquisition, construction or reconstruction of streets, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood centers, recreation facilities, and other public works, and for assistance to nonprofit entities for community development activities					
North Carolina Division of State Parks	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/trails/grant.html																									
	NC Adopt-A-Trail Grant Program	http://www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/trails/grant.html							*									*	*	*	*	Grants for trail construction, maintenance, facilities, signage, brochures and maps	*	*	*	*	
North Carolina Rural Community Development Center	Community Economic Development Grants (for Community Development Corporations - CDC's)	http://www.ncruralcenter.org/grants/cdc.htm																									
North Carolina Division of Water Resources	Water Resource Development Project Grant Program	http://www.ncwater.org/Financial_Assistance/																			*	General Navigation, Recreational Navigation, Water Management, Stream Restoration, Beach Protection, Land Acquisition and Facility Development for Water-Based Recreation, and Aquatic Weed Control.				*	
North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund	Natural Heritage Trust Fund	http://www.ncnhtf.org/	*																			Funding is awarded to select state agencies for the acquisition and protection of important natural areas, to preserve the state's ecological diversity and cultural heritage, and to inventory the natural heritage resources of the state.					*
North Carolina Department of Commerce	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.nccommerce.com/tourism/grants/default.asp																*	*			Funding for heritage tourism development and marketing. Could be useful for historical elements of Mt. Airy's recreation facilities and greenway system.				*	*
Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC)	Farmland Protection Trust Fund	http://www.ctnc.org/2farmhigh.htm	*																			Grants for the purchase of conservation agreements and transaction and monitoring costs. Grants also match funds from federal programs such as the Farm and Ranch land Protection Program.					
North Carolina Amateur Sports (NCAS)	NCAS Endowment Fund	http://www.ncsports.org/endowment.php																		*		Grants for the development of recreational facilities and programs					
Recreational Resources Service (RSS)	Catalog of funding sources	http://www.cfr.ncsu.edu/rrs/other_grant_resources.html																				Grants for outdoor recreation facility and program development.					

Local Funding Resources

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Taxes	Sales Tax				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Changes in taxes must be approved by the state legislature.				
	Property Tax		*			*										*	*	*			Property tax used for open space acquisition could limit the use of taxes for other City activities.				
	Excise Tax													*					*		Specific goods or services are taxed to provide revenue which is limited to a specific purpose. Taxes must be approved by the legislature.				
Fees	Stormwater Utility Fees		*																		Fees are determined by the amount of impervious surface on a property. Fees can be used to purchase open space if the property in question is used to mitigate floodwater or filter pollutants.				
	Impact Fees																				Typically collected with the issue of a building permit to pay for capital improvements that provide capacity to serve new growth ("growth pays its own way"). Legislation is required to collect fees.				
	In-Lieu-Of Fees		*																		Instead of dedicating on-site land for open space, developers pay fees to the City for the purchase of larger parcels and potentially more desirable open space.				
Bonds/Loans	Revenue Bonds																								
	General Obligation Bonds																				Lower interest rate than revenue bonds, but voters must approve the bond initiative.				
	Special Assessment Bonds																								
	State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans																				Low-interest loans to fund water pollution control and water supply related projects including many watershed management activities.				
Other Local Options	Local Capital Improvements Programs																								
	Local Recreation and Trail Sponsors																				Could be cash, materials, or in-kind service donations from individuals and business. Cash donations could be placed into a trust fund for revenue. Donor recognition could be accomplished with plaques, trail segment names, or recognition at an opening ceremony.				
	Volunteer Work				*						*		*		*	*	*	*	*		Volunteers could be used for fund-raising, facility and trail maintenance, and programming needs. Volunteers could be individuals, church, school, and civic groups, scout troops, and environmental groups.				
Private Foundations and Corporations	American Greenways Eastman Kodak Awards	http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2106																			Small grants for greenway planning and implementation.				
	Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation	http://www.zsr.org/																	*		"The Foundation seeks to conserve, protect, improve and restore the state's natural areas; to ensure clean air and water for all North Carolinians; and to minimize the burden of the state's environmental hazards, particularly on marginalized communities."				



5. Conclusions

The current population of Mount Airy is about 8,500 people, which is the largest town in Surry County, North Carolina. However, Mount Airy has only one publicly accessible multi-use trail. This Comprehensive Recreational Master Plan recommends a 2.5 mile long paved trail and improvements to the existing Riverside Park, the proposed Rowe Environmental Park, and the proposed Tharrington School Park. The paved greenway trail will connect these three parks and allow for future connections to existing and future regional trails systems.

Through the public input of the master planning process, it was evident that the majority of the public is in favor of all of the recommended park improvements and the riverfront greenway trail.

The greatest obstacles for greenway development will be acquiring all land necessary and coordinating greenway trail development underneath three existing vehicular bridges. However, the development of the elements in this Comprehensive Recreational Master Plan will provide an important resource for the residents and visitors of Mount Airy for years to come.