



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**FROM:** Mike Craig, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** September 7, 2021 (for the September 14 meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Support for a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant  
Application for the Bankside Trail

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**ISSUE**

Should the City Council adopt a resolution of support for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for the Bankside Trail?

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the resolution of support.

**BACKGROUND**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provides a competitive funding program called Transportation Alternatives, which funds community based projects that expand non-motorized travel choices and enhances a locality's overall transportation network. A Transportation Alternative Program grant pre-application for Phase I of the Bankside Trail project was submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation on July 1st. The pre-application was accepted and now the final application is due on October 1. A resolution of support from the City Council is recommended to be included in the final application package.

Phase I of the Bankside Trail is estimated to cost \$2,000,000. The Transportation Alternatives program can provide up to \$1,600,000 of the project cost with the locality providing a 20 percent match. The required match could be up to \$400,000 depending on the amount funded. The match will be provided through a combination of right-of-way donations, right-of-way procured with a grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in the amount of \$145,000, and general funds. The City's adopted Capital Improvements Plan including this funding strategy in FY 24 and 25 is attached to this resolution as an exhibit.

The Bankside Trail will be an off-street multi-use trail that immediately provides safe, separate, pedestrian and bicycle transportation between the City's Riverfront Park (700 Block of Sophia Street) and the Rappahannock Regional Library at 1208-1210 Sophia Street. In addition, the Bankside Trail will provide access to the Rappahannock River and cultural resources located alongside it including the historic Old Stone Warehouse dating to 1813. The Trail will connect to Stafford County's Belmont Ferry Farm Trail where it crosses the Chatham Bridge (currently under construction), which will tie together recreational, historical, and economic activities in both the City of Fredericksburg and south Stafford. The Trail is also a portion of the "desired" route for the East Coast Greenway and would advance the regional long term goal of connecting the City's

Rappahannock River Heritage Trail, Virginia Central Railway Trail, and the Belmont Ferry Farm Trail.

Attachments: Resolution

Bankside Trail concept plan

Bankside Trail page from Approved FY 22 Capital Improvements Plan



**September 14, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Resolution 21-**

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**RE:                Supporting a Transportation Alternatives Application for the Bankside Trail**

**ACTION:           APPROVED: AYES: 0; NAYS: 0**

**FIRST READ:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND READ:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provides a competitive funding program called Transportation Alternatives, which funds community based projects that expand non-motorized travel choices and enhances a locality's overall transportation network.

The City of Fredericksburg has submitted an application for Transportation Alternatives funding for Phase 1 of the Bankside Trail. The project cost is \$2,000,000, for which the Transportation Alternatives program can provide up to \$1,600,000, with the locality providing a 20 percent match. The required match could be up to \$400,000 depending on the amount funded. The match will be provided through a combination of right-of-way donations, right-of-way procured with a grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in the amount of \$145,000, and general funds. The City's adopted Capital Improvements Plan is attached to this resolution as an exhibit.

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**Therefore, the City Council resolves that**

- The City Council supports the Bankside Trail project and endorses the Transportation Alternative Program grant application.
- The City of Fredericksburg will provide the 20 percent matching funds in the amount of up to \$400,000 through right-of-way donations, right-of-way procured with a grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in the amount of \$145,000, and general funds.
- The City Manager is authorized to submit the funding application and to execute all applicable agreements.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

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***Clerk's Certificate***

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 21- adopted at a meeting of the City Council held September 14, 2021 at which a quorum was present and voted.*

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***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC***  
***Clerk of Council***

CHATHAM MANOR

# BANKSIDE TRAIL CONCEPTUAL PLAN

JUNE 29, 2021

CHATHAM BRIDGE TRAIL  
(TO STAFFORD TRAIL SYSTEM)

10' WIDE  
IMPERVIOUS  
MULTI-USE PATH

10' WIDE  
IMPERVIOUS  
MULTI-USE PATH

RETAINING WALL TO  
PROVIDE ADA  
ACCESSIBLE TRAIL  
ALIGNMENT

10' WIDE  
IMPERVIOUS  
MULTI-USE PATH

SIDEWALK REPAIR,  
LANDSCAPING AND  
SIGNAGE

HISTORIC  
INTERPRETATION  
AND LANDSCAPING

RE-PAVE AND  
RE-STRIPE PORTION OF  
PARKING LOT

WATERLINE EXTENSION FOR  
TRAIL MAINTENANCE

REROUTE STORM  
SEWER  
OUTFALLS

PUBLIC GEORGE STREET  
PARKING LOT

RIVERFRONT  
PARK

SOPHIA STREET

OLD STONE  
WAREHOUSE

RAPPAHANNOCK  
REGIONAL LIBRARY

HIGH VISIBILITY  
CROSSWALK

ACCESS FROM  
CHATHAM BRIDGE TRAIL  
HISTORIC INTERPRETATION AND  
SIGNAGE

HIGH VISIBILITY  
CROSSWALK

CHATHAM BRIDGE TRAIL  
(FROM STAFFORD TRAIL  
SYSTEM)

LEWIS STREET

LANDSCAPING AND  
SIGNAGE

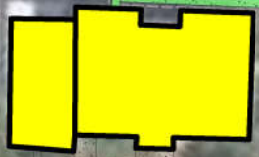
AMELIA STREET

WILLIAM STREET

GEORGE STREET

HANOVER STREET

CAROLINE STREET



## Bankside Trail

<b>Department</b>	Community Development & Planning	<b>Project Type</b>	Multi-Year
<b>City Council Vision</b>	<i>Building Community Through Cultural Vibrancy</i>	<b>Start Year</b>	2024
		<b>Estimated Year of Completion</b>	2026

**Project Description**

The Area 7 Downtown Small Area Plan includes a Bankside Trail that is proposed to extend from just north of Amelia Street all the way to Frederick Street along the Rappahannock River. The Bankside Trail should be constructed in Phases. Phase I would extend from just north of Amelia Street to the Riverfront Park.

Several cost sharing opportunities are being explored for this trail. The timeline for this project is based upon the successful application and receipt of a VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant, which will require a local match

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total, FY22-27
<b>Construction</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685,000	\$ 565,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 565,000	\$ 565,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,000
Design / Engineering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000
<b>Source</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 685,000	\$ 565,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Private Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,000	\$ 113,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
VDOT - TAP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 498,000	\$ 402,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000
<b>Operating Impact</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Impact - Debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Impact - Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Impact - Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Impact - Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Operating Impact**

Once complete, Phase I of the Bankside trail will require the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the trail.