

# REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Date of Request: October 1, 2007

Board Meeting Date Requested: October 15, 2007

**Short Title:** Brief The Board Of Commissioners Regarding The Western Pender County Rails To Trails Program.

**Background:** Ms. Susan Bullers of the Women's Resource Center at UNCW is requesting support and assistance from Pender County to research the possibility of developing a public bike/hike trail in Atkinson.

**Specific Action Requested:** Receive Brief.

Requested by: Lori Brill  
Department: County Manager  
Title:  
Contact Phone: 259-1200  
Contact Fax:

Tracking Number: 1.

Date Request Received: October 1, 2007

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**Request Status:**  
 Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners  
 More information is needed – see attached  
 Request on hold – no further information needed  
 Other:

(Administrative Use Only)

## CONTRACT TYPE

Renewal  
 For Service(s)  
 Intergovernmental – County as Grantee  
 Federal Grantor  
 State Grantor  
 Grant or  
 County as Grantor  
 County Funds  
 Other Funds:  
 Revision  
 For Equipment

**PURCHASING** Budgeted Item:  Yes  No  
Date Rec'd:  Reviewed and Approved  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

**ATTORNEY**  Reviewed and Approved  
Date Rec'd:  Legal Problem(s)  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

**FINANCE** Sufficient Funds  Available  
Date Rec'd  Not Available  
 Budget Amendment Necessary  
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached  
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

**CLERK** Signature(s) Required:  
 Board Chairman/County Manager  
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board:  Yes  No  
At meeting on

## Western Pender County Rail Trail research support

Susan Bullers  
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910-962-7150

I am asking for support and assistance from Pender County to research the possibility of developing a public bike/hike trail along the abandoned rail corridor that runs from Atkinson to I-140 near 421. I will present the following aspects of this effort;

Brief history of the national and state rails-to-trails efforts

Current efforts in adjacent counties

### Benefits

- Rural economy
- Public Health
- Real estate values
- Public recreation
- Tourism
- Historic Preservation
- Community Development
- Environmental impact

### Beneficiaries/stakeholders

- Neighborhood families
- Schools
- Athletics/cross-country teams
- Boy/Girl scouts
- Running clubs
- Cycling clubs
- Hiking clubs
- Equestrian clubs
- Local businesses
- Developers
- Moore's Creek Battlefield Park

### Action steps

- Get support from County Commissioners
- Get research assistance from County and State agencies to determine legal status of rail corridor and process involved in securing trail
- Build coalition to apply for funding to develop and maintain trail