

**Land of Sky Regional Council
August 26, 2015
Regular Meeting**



Please mute all electronic devices, including cell phones, laptops, tablets, and recorders. Also, Council members are requested to state their names when making or seconding motions. Thank you!

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Modification and Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Recognition of Special Guests**
- VIII. Chairman's Comments and Roundtable**
- IX. Approval of Minutes from the June Regular Meeting**
- X. Consideration and Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
 - A. July FY2015 Treasurer's Report
 - B. Community Resource Connections/Local Contact Agency (CRC/LCA) - Service Providers' Contracts for FY 2015-2016
- XI. Presentations/Recognition**
 - A. Draft Certified Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Public Notice - Erica Anderson, Director of Economic and Community Development
 - B. 38th Annual Friends of the River Awards Nomination Forms
- XII. Old Business**
- XIII. New Business**
- XIV. Executive Director's Report**
 - A. Strategic Plan
 - B. Council Bylaws
 - C. State Health Plan
- XIV. Important Dates**

September Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 1pm
Annual Celebration with Friends of the River Awards - October 14, 2015
- XV. Adjournment**



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** June Council Meeting Minutes
- Item Number:** IX. Approval of Minutes from the June Regular Meeting
- Responsible Party:** Zia Rifkin, Administrative Services
- Attachment(s):** Minutes from the meeting of June 2015
- Background:** Attached is the June 2015 Council meeting minutes.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of the June meeting minutes.
- Suggested Motion(s):** Move to approve the June meeting minutes as submitted.

**Meeting of
Land of Sky Regional Council
June 24, 2015**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order - George Goosmann called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- II. Invocation - The invocation was given by Mr. Goosmann.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance -
- IV. Roll Call - The roll was called by Justin Hembree. The following members were present: Denise Braine, Mike Hawkins, Gwen Wisler, George Goosmann, Ryan Stone, Larry Harris, Charlie Landreth, Anne Coletta, Bob Davy, Dona Mennella, Lawrence Ponder, Gene Knoefel, Brenda Mills, George Morosani, Mark Burrows, Charles Dickens, Kathe Harris. The following guest was present: April Riddle. It was announced that a quorum was present.
- V. Modification and Approval of Agenda -
- VI. Public Comment - No public comment was forthcoming.
- VII. Recognition of Special Guests - George Goosmann recognized April Riddle, the Governor's Western Region representative.
- VIII. Chairman's Comments and Roundtable - George Goosmann- the Town of Biltmore Forest has passed its budget and the Town will be implementing a whole recycling program which will include containers for residential customers that will be picked up in the same manner as trash collection. He continued that the NC House passed Senate Bill 369 which if it becomes law would allocate a higher level of sales tax to rural areas. In order to remain revenue neutral, should the legislation become law, sales tax increases would have to be adopted by municipalities in the region. Dona Mennella- shared that the Town of Laurel Park passed its budget too and this year for the first time, in order to rein in healthcare costs; the Town of Laurel Park will no longer provide benefits to spouses of Town staff if that employee's spouse is covered by health insurance of their own. She mentioned as well that interviews are underway for the hiring of a Town Manager. New staff should be in place soon. Gene Knoefel- shared that the Town of Weaverville passed its budget and he reiterated the concerns that local municipalities have regarding SB 369. Lawrence Ponder- shared that the Town Of Marshall passed its budget too. He shared that the Town had a lengthy meeting about the bicycle race which was recently held. The event was a great success and residents are enthusiastic about the event returning next year. Gwen Wisler-shared that the City of Asheville passed its budget last night. She shared also the City's concern about the House passage of the SB 369. City Council looked at easing up on accessory residential limits to encourage more of these types of rentals and, in August, the City will take another look at short term rentals. Kathe Harris- shared exciting news from Volunteer Services: this year, Operation North State will partner with Volunteer Services' 9/11 Day of Service. Additionally, all nine Walgreen's stores in the region will participate too. She invited Council members to put out collection boxes from September 1st through the 11th to collect donations. Anne Colletta- shared that the Village of Flat Rock passed its budget with a 2.6 cent tax increase which was mainly due to an increase in the fire service contracts which service the Village. The Park Foundation has received several major gifts and grants to continue work on the Welcome Center and parks. Denise Braine- shared great news for Buncombe County- the Enka Jets won the State Championship and are currently ranked 11th in the Nation. April Riddle - shared about Governor McCrory's Connect NC bond proposal. If passed the bond proposal would provide Buncombe County with a Medical Examiner's Office which would save the county money and improvements would be made to the Western NC Agricultural Center. Other projects proposed for the region include replacing the NC Forest Headquarters in Madison County and improvements to

Chimney Rock State Park. Two of the biggest projects proposed under Connect NC would be a new Science and STEM facility for Western Carolina University and Appalachian State would receive a College of Nursing. All told, the proposed bond proposal includes more than \$1.4 Billion for infrastructure projects and nearly \$1.4 Billion for road projects. George Morosani- shared that New Belgium is about six months ahead of their construction schedule; Wicked Weed is expanding its facility and the old GE building is being looked at by businesses locally that want to increase their facilities. Charles Dickens- shared that the Aging Advisory Committee is looking forward to meeting in Brevard at the Silvermont Opportunity Center on July 9th. Ryan Stone- shared that Black Mountain passed its budget without a tax increase. This budget has an emphasis on paying down the municipal debt of the Town. Black Mountain's Town Clerk is retiring at the end of the month. The new Town Clerk is Angela Reese and she was sworn in this morning. The Town will also be undertaking an in-house update of its pedestrian/bicycle plan. Mr. Goosman mentioned that Biltmore Forest borrowed money several years ago to improve its water lines and the Town has finally figured out that the money in the bank for fund balance was not making any money and so it was decided to pay off the debt.

- IX. Approval of Minutes from the May Regular Meeting - Dona Mennella made a correction to the minutes to record the correct increase in Laurel Park's FY15/16 budget which was four-cents. A motion was made by Ms. Mennella to accept the minutes of the May meeting as corrected. A second was provided and the motion was approved without further discussion.
- X. Consideration and Approval of Consent Agenda Items - A motion was made by George Morosani to approve the Consent Agenda including items: A) May FY2015 Treasurer's Report; B) FY 2015 Budget Amendment #4; C) FY2015/16 Family Caregiver Support Program Contract/Service Providers; and D) Council Meeting Minutes (January, February and April). The motion was seconded by Ryan Stone and approved unanimously upon a vote and without further discussion.
- XI. Presentations/Recognition -
- XII. Old Business -
- A. Election of Executive Committee & Officers - Justin Hembree, Executive Director presented the proposed Officers' Slate and Executive Committee nominations to Council. He shared that usually at the Annual meeting, Council elects its Officers and Executive Committee members; however, due to quorum issues, this is the first meeting where a vote could be considered. If approved the Officers' Slate and the Executive Committee members would serve until the next annual meeting of the Council. He shared the proposed slate for the Executive Committee and the Officers' with Council:
- Executive Committee
Buncombe County – George Goosmann (Mayor, Biltmore Park)
Henderson County – Dona Mennella (Commissioner, Laurel Park)
Madison County – Wayne Brigman (Commissioner, Madison County)
Transylvania County – Mike Hawkins (Commissioner, Transylvania County)
At-Large – Gene Knoefel (Councilman, Weaverville)
At-Large – Brenda Mills (City of Asheville)
At-Large – Bob Davy (Councilman, Fletcher)
At-Large – Larry Harris (Alderman, Black Mountain); and
- Officers
Chair – George Goosmann (Mayor, Biltmore Park)
First Vice-Chair – Mike Hawkins (Commissioner, Transylvania County)
Second Vice-Chair – Dona Mennella (Commissioner, Laurel Park)
Secretary – Gene Knoefel (Councilman, Weaverville)
Treasurer – Larry Harris (Alderman, Black Mountain)
- A motion was made by George Morosani and seconded by Ryan Stone to approve the slate as presented. Upon a vote the motion was unanimously approved without further discussion.

XIII. New Business -

A. FY2015/16 Budget Adoption - A motion was made by Gene Knoefel and seconded by Mark Burrows to open the public hearing for the FY2015/16 Budget Ordinance. Hearing no public comment, Brenda Mills made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by George Morosani. Upon a vote and without further discussion the Budget Hearing was closed.

Vickie Thomas, LOS Finance Director shared that a balanced Budget Ordinance must be adopted by Council prior to July 1st. Kathe Harris made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance as presented. Gene Knoefel seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously upon a vote and without further discussion.

XIV. Executive Director's Report -

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - Mr. Hembree shared about the challenges faced by Council (and all the local governments in North Carolina) when trying to develop CDBG proposals as currently, two-thirds of the funds are going to one-third of the State. Basically what this means is that two-thirds of CDBG funds are going to infrastructure needs in the eastern third of the State. He continued that after discussion with municipalities/partners, it has been determined that it is time for the General Assembly to step in. Fifty-five percent of the non-entitlement population lives in the western region of the state while the City of Asheville is an entitlement region. Based on current scoring criteria for these funds, 85% of those are thereafter distributed to the eastern third of the state. Regional Councils (including LOSRC) in the State believe that it is time to push for a more equitable distribution of those funds. Mr. Hembree shared that this should be a regional legislative priority. It's really frustrating when trying to work with our communities, that these funds are extremely limited. He shared that the development of a one-pager to provide information on this issue is planned and when that is available it will be provided to Council.

Discussion occurred regarding the scoring criteria for these funds. Mr. Hembree commented that the scoring criterion is weighted to the advantage of the more rural communities down east. In a general, overall picture of things, there is not more poverty in eastern North Carolina than western. What happens is that if you look at county-wide socioeconomic data, there are pockets of really high rates of poverty but when the data is examined by county it looks like the area is not plagued by these pockets of poverty. Mr. Hembree stated the hope to be able to sit down with the professional staff to relate to them what the data is.

B. Council By-Laws - Mr. Hembree shared that one of the major projects at the staff level is the revision of Council's By-laws. Staff will be researching during the summer months (till August) changes that should be made to the By-laws. A first draft should be available for Executive Committee /Council review by the August meeting with the intention to have a new set of By-laws enacted by the beginning of 2016.

XIV. Important Dates - Mr. Goosmann mentioned the date of the next Council meeting which will be August 26th. He reminded Council that there is no meeting in July.

XV. Adjournment - Mr. Goosmann adjourned the meeting.



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** July FY2015 Treasurer's Report
- Item Number:** X. Consent Agenda, Item A
- Responsible Party:** Vickie Thomas, Finance Director
- Attachment(s):** July FY2015 Treasurer's Report
- Background:** Attached is the July FY2015 Treasurer's Report. The report outlines year-to-date revenues and expenditures. Also included is cash balance information, fund balance reporting, and member dues information.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of July's FY2015 Treasurer's Report.
- Suggested Motion(s):** The Treasurer's Report, if not pulled, will be accepted as part of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Land of Sky Regional Council
Treasurer's Report
July, 2015**

	<u>Amount</u>	% of Budget
<u>YTD Report of Receipts & Expenditures</u>		
Total Annual Budget	\$ 12,922,791	
Year-to-Date Revenues	\$ 601,755	4.66%
Year-to-Date Expenditures	(257,000)	1.99%
Grant/Contract Cash Balance	<u>\$ 344,755</u>	
Year-to-Date Target Percent		8.33%

Cash Balance Report

Total Cash Balance at 7/1	\$ 1,358,658
Cash Received during month	1,258,941
Cash Expenditures for month	<u>(1,393,956)</u>
Total Cash Balance at 7/31	<u>\$ 1,223,643</u>

Fund Balance Report at 6/30/14 (Audited)

Unassigned	\$ 637,893
Nonspendable	450
Assigned for subsequent year's expenditures	304,599
Stabilization by State Statute	20,726
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 963,668</u>

Assessments (Dues) Report

YTD Billed to Member Governments, 1st quarter	\$ 54,573
Collected to Date	<u>(54,492)</u>
Balance Due	<u>\$ 81</u>



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** Community Resource Connections/Local Contact Agency (CRC/LCA) to Contract with Service Providers for FY 2015-2016
- Item Number:** X. Consent Agenda; Item B.
- Responsible Party:** Linda Kendall-Fields, Aging and Disabilities Program Specialist
- Attachment(s):** Land of Sky CRC/LCA Service Providers Chart
- Background:** Land of Sky Regional Council CRC/LCA contracts with agencies to provide community options counseling to older adults and individuals with disabilities living in the community and in skilled nursing facilities in all Region B counties. Land of Sky Regional Council CRC/LCA has contracted with service providers for this purpose since 2008.
- Contracted providers submit monthly reports and participate in ongoing regional meetings to demonstrate that they are meeting contractual requirements.
- The total amount of funds that will be committed via these contracts will be \$46,930. Land of Sky Regional Council receives federal funding for CRC/LCA services through an agreement between the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Project within the NC Division of Medical Assistance.
- Approval requested to enter into contracts for services to begin July 1, 2015 and to amend those contracts if necessary to meet changes in federal or state requirements and to ensure that this funding is used to provide CRC/LCA services.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of the CRC/LCA to contract with Services Providers for FY 2015-2016.
- Suggested Motion(s):** The CRC/LCA, if not pulled, will be accepted as part of the motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

Land of Sky CRC/LCA Service Provider Chart

Subcontractor	Contract Amount	Services provided	County/Counties served
Council on Aging of Buncombe County	\$28,262.00	Options Counseling; Nursing Home Outreach	Buncombe and Madison
Council on Aging for Henderson County	\$ 13,728.00	Options Counseling; Nursing Home Outreach	Henderson and Transylvania
United Way, 2-1-1	\$ 4,940.00	CRC Information and Referral and Follow-up to agencies	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania Counties
Total Reimbursement	\$46,930.00		



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Draft CEDS Presentation and Public Notice

Item Number: XI. Presentations; Item A.

Responsible Party: Erica Anderson

Attachment(s):

Background: One of Land of Sky's responsibilities as the Economic Development District (EDD) is the development of the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is revised every 5 years and reported on annually. The CEDS Workgroup has diligently been meeting monthly to draft the new 2015 Strategy to reflect our region's emerging economic priorities.
This presentation kicks off the 30 day public comment period.

Staff Recommendation:

Suggested Motion(s): None needed



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** 38th Annual Friends of the River Awards
- Item Number:** XI. Presentations; Item B.
- Responsible Party:** Christina Giles, Communications Specialist/Webmaster
- Attachment(s):** Nomination Forms for: Friends of the River Awards;
The Charles H. Campbell Regional Leadership Award;
The Robert G. Parrish Intergovernmental Relations Award
- Background:** Nominations for the three awards are requested before September 14, 2015
- Staff Recommendation:** N/A
- Suggested Motion(s):** N/A Presented for Information and Distribution..

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The 38th Annual Friends of the River Awards

Land of Sky Regional Council is currently seeking nominations for the 38th Annual *Friends of the River* awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals, private organizations, civic groups, and/or public agencies that have made a significant contribution toward the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River (or tributaries) as a recreational, economic, or cultural resource.

We need your help in identifying deserving candidates to be recognized as *Friends of the River*. Recipients of the award will be honored during Land of Sky's Annual Banquet on October 14, 2015 at the Asheville Ballroom and Dance Centre.

Each award winner will receive a framed certificate as well as a copy of Wilma Dykeman's novel, *The French Broad*. In addition, the award recipients are treated to a complimentary dinner.

Information on the award winners will be sent to local newspapers so they will receive recognition in their hometowns and throughout the region.

To nominate an individual or organization for the *Friends of the River* award, simply return the enclosed nomination form to Land of Sky Regional Council before September 14, 2015.

You may return the form by ground mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Friends of the River Nominations
Attn: Christina
339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806
FAX: 828-251-6353
Email: christina@landofsky.org

A list of past award winners is enclosed along with a description of the awards criteria.

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER AWARDS CRITERIA

The Friends of the River Award may be presented annually to persons, private organizations, civic groups, and public agencies who have made a significant contribution toward the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River (or tributaries) as a recreational, economic, and cultural resource for the residents of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, and Madison counties.

Contributions that may be recognized are those which:

- (1) create a community awareness of the river
- (2) provide legislative, technical, or funding support for river improvement projects
- (3) stimulate or use citizen volunteers for river improvement, and
- (4) further an understanding of the river as a natural resource.

Past Award Winners:

(1977)

Transylvania County Water Resources Board, Black Mountain/Swannanoa Jaycees, Tennessee Valley Authority, League of Women Voters, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Senator Cecil Hill, Congressman Lamar Gudger, Hendersonville Times-News, Asheville Citizen –Times, Transylvania Times

(1978)

Quality Forward, Upper French Broad River Defense Association, WLOS-TV, Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development-(State)

(1979)

Appalachian Magazine, North Carolina State Trails Committee

(1980)

Wilma Dykeman, Olin Corporation, Bill Stokes, Frank Fitzsimmons

(1981)

Bill Moore, Wildlife Resources Commission, Bob Watts

(1982)

John Higdon, Brad Howarth, N. C. Div. of Environmental Management

(1983)

Jean Webb, Sarah Upchurch, Carolina Wilderness Adventures, French Broad Rafting Company, Nantahala Outdoor Center

(1984)

Warren Wilson College Environmental Education Department, Pepsi Cola, Karl Zedell, Asheville Parks and Recreation Department, Marshall News-Record

(1985)

Representative Martin L. Nesbitt, LaRue Bolick, Ester Wesley, Bess Baird, Mountain Valleys RC&D Council, Ruth Gregory

(1986)

Marjorie Lockwood, Zippy Boat Works, Curt Crowhurst, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, Bill Allen, Metropolitan Sewerage District, Leah Karpen, Asheville-Buncombe YMCA

(1987)

Lee Reading, Representative Marie Colton, E. Emmons Corcoran, Wenoca Sierra Club, Walter Boland

Eben, James and Mac Morrow

(1988)

WNC Muskie Club, Dick Schuler, WWNC-Radio, Robert Hemsath, First Federal S&L Association

(1989)

Ralph Wilson Plastics, Carolina Power & Light Company, Land-Of-Sky Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Ann Whisenhunt, Bob Grasso

(1990)

Norma Price, French Broad Riverfront Planning Committee, Bob Kendrick, Rex Hoffman, French Broad River Foundation

(1991)

Richard Fry, Carolina Power & Light, Luther Smith, Charles Patton

(1992)

Linda Taylor, Karen Cragnolin, David Whitmire, John Wortsell, Glenn Goodrich, Michael and Kay Rapier

(1993)

Bob Caldwell, Mark Hopey, Bill Thomas, Doug Moon, Janie Wilson, Richmond Hill Inn

(1994)

Ed Metz, Transylvania Co Soil & Water Conservation District, Debbie Whitmire, Water Efficiency Task Force & Staff of ABWA, Clean Water Fund of NC, Environmental & Conservation Organization of Henderson County, Madison County League of Women Voters, Madison County Chamber of Commerce

(1995)

Jane Threath-Morgan of Madison County, Marge Turcot - Volunteer of Riverlink

Richard Black - Golden K Kiwanis, David and Melanie Donnell - Southern Waterways

Rick Pangle - Transylvania Co. Parks & Recreation, F. Edward Broadwell - Clyde Savings Bank

(1996)

Peggy Brazell, Marylyn Seyler, Michael Arrowood, Sandy Melton, Bill Lyday

(1997)

Don Funderud, Pisgah Chapter of the Sierra Club, Hugh Koontz, Pigeon River fund, Sam Cathey, Marie Jeanne Cadgene and Narcisse Cadgene

(1998)

Wilma Dykeman Stokely, Bob Carter, Rick Morgan, Brevard College Voice of the Rivers, UNC-A

Environmental Quality Institute, NC General Assembly

(1999)

Stella Trapp, Slim Ray, Partners of Riverside Business Park, John Humphrey, Madison County, Bill Baum

(2000)

Ms. Renee Kumor, Fullam Dairy Farm (Daryl Fullam), Poplar Hollow Farms (Charles Bryson), Marshall Beautification Committee (Ms. Pat Blackwell), Cross Creek Foundation (Fritz Mueller), Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society

(2001)

Russell Blevins, Margie Maxwell, Jim Coman, Jere Brittain, Morrithel Meadows Farm, Clean Water Management Trust Fund

(2002)

Blue Ridge Metals, Franklin Anderson, Eric Caldwell/Tran CES, Lee Hobbs, Marilyn Westphal – UNCA, Robert Shepherd

(2003)

Ed and Joy MacFadyen Bulluck, The Times-News, Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Mike Cody and the Environmental Staff of the Ecusta Corporation, Nantahala Outdoor Center French Broad River Outpost Staff.

(2004)

Dennis Honnold of Henderson County, Van Wingerden International in Mills River, Dr. Larry Ragsdale of Brevard College, Burline Pullin of TVA, Stephanie Wilds of Black Mountain, Patten Seed Company – Jim Roquemore.

(2005)

Rob Pew of Buncombe County, Frank Blazey of Henderson County, Dr. Tom Burnet of Buncombe County, Phil Gibson of Buncombe County, The Sticpewich Family of Buncombe County, and The WNC Legislative Delegation.

(2006)

Bob Twomey of Transylvania County, Scott Richards of Buncombe County, Michelle Skeele of Henderson County, Rick Maas of Buncombe County, Muddy Bottom Hunt Club of Henderson County, Jeff Parker of Transylvania County.

(2007)

Jim and Sharon Spicer of Henderson County, Heath White of Madison County, Mary Leonard White of Black Mountain, Dr. William T. Garrison of Henderson County, Buncombe County Commissioner David Gantt, Bob Caldwell, and Jim Stokoe

(2009)

Carol Hamlin Sams of Transylvania County, Jon Calabria of Buncombe County, The Beech Glen Community Center of Madison County, The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, and James E. Brazell of Buncombe County

(2010)

RENCI at UNC Asheville of Buncombe County, John Hornstein of Madison County, Richard T. Hall of Buncombe County, The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Katherine Taylor of Transylvania County, and The Blue Ridge Parkway

(2011)

Denise Snodgrass of Buncombe County, Henderson County Erosion Control Program, Everett Farms of Transylvania County, Black Mountain Greenways Commission, Rob Pulleyn of Madison County, and Forrest Westall

(2012)

Margie Eblen, Volunteer at RiverLink, AmeriCorps and Project Conserve, Rick Burt of Henderson County, Jerry Stone from Transylvania County, PSNC Energy, and Meredith Newman from Mars Hill

(2013)

Susan Roderick, Executive Director of Asheville GreenWorks; Jim and Barbara Volk, Henderson County; Blue Heron Whitewater; Sierra Nevada, New Belgium, Oskar Blues and the Asheville Brewers Alliance; and William M. Ives, Transylvania County

(2014)

Doreen Blue, Environmental and Conservation Organization; Susan Brown, Transylvania County Natural Resources Council, Tom Massie, NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund; Elizabeth and Bill Mayes & Gayle and Virginia Ramsey, Land Owners; The Mars Hill Stormwater Demonstration Project

NOMINATION FORM
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

Name of Nominee (individual or organization):

Address:

Phone Number(s):

Email:

Please explain why this person/organization should be considered for recognition as a *Friend of the River*. (Refer to the enclosed awards criteria and list of past award winners. You may attach additional narrative information, newspaper articles, or other evidence of the nominee's contributions to the restoration and enhancement of the French Broad River or its tributaries.)

Name of person making nomination:

Signature:

Address:

Phone Number:

Mail, fax, or e-mail your nomination before September 14, 2015 to:

Friends of the River Nominations

Attn: Christina

Land of Sky Regional Council, 339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140, Asheville, NC 28806

Fax 828. 251.6353

Email: christina@landofsky.org

Thank you for your help to recognize the Friends of the French Broad River!

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Announcement: August 17, 2015

Nominations are now being accepted for two awards to be presented at Land of Sky Regional Council's Annual Banquet on October 14, 2015.

THE CHARLES H. CAMPBELL REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award may be given **only** by the Council's Executive Committee. The award was established in 1983 in the name of the four-time Council Chairman and long-time Brevard Mayor, who received a national award for regional leadership in 1977. It may be given annually to one Council member who has made a major long-term contribution to the Council and its governance.

THE ROBERT G. PARRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AWARD

This award, also presented at the discretion of the Council's Executive Committee, is to an elected or appointed official who has made significant contributions to improve intergovernmental cooperation within the region. This award honors the memory of the late Council Chairman and long-time Fletcher Mayor Robert Parrish, who received the 2000 NC Intergovernmental Relations Award.

Q: When is the deadline?

A: **Nominations must be received by Monday, September 14, 2015.**

Q: Where do I send my nomination?

A: **Please email nomination forms to christina@landofsky.org or fax to 828.251.6353.**

You may also mail nomination packets to:

Regional Award Nominations
Land of Sky Regional Council
339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806

NOMINATION FORM
LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

Deadline for submission is Wednesday, September 14, 2015. Awards will be presented at the 2015 Land of Sky Regional Council Annual Banquet on Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Please circle the award for which you are submitting a nomination:

Robert Parrish Award

Charles Campbell Award

Note: Before completing, please refer to the attached document for award criteria.

Name of Nominee (individual or organization):

Address:

Phone Number(s):

Describe major area(s) of accomplishment for person or organization:

List of leadership/responsibilities for the nominee as they relate to their accomplishments:

Describe traits of leadership exhibited by the nominee which were instrumental in his/her regional accomplishments:

Describe obstacles (if any) which nominee faced in this accomplishment and how these were overcome:

Describe importance or impact of the above to the Region (Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties) or the multiple jurisdictions involved (for Parrish award):

Additional Comments:

Note: You may enclose no more than two newspaper articles, supportive letters or other documentation to support the nominee's credentials for this award.

Name of person making nomination:

Signature:

Address:

Phone Number:

THE CHARLES H. CAMPBELL REGIONAL AWARDS

1984	Roy M. Trantham, Asheville
1985	William M. Ives, Transylvania County
1986	James T. Ledford, Madison County
1987	John J. Carter, Laurel Park
1988	Norma T. Price, Asheville
1990	Cornelius Hunt, Brevard
1992	Fran Waser, Transylvania County
1993	Gene Rainey, Buncombe County
1995	Vollie G. Good, Henderson County
2000	Robert F. Parrish, Sr.
2001	Fred H. Niehoff, Jr.
2003	Jerry Plemmons
2004	David Gantt
10/2004	Eliza Graue
2005	Raymond D. Miller, Transylvania County
2007	Charles "Pal" Grimes – Biltmore Forest
2008	Rodney Locks, Councilman for City of Brevard
2009	Eddie Fox
2010	Chuck McGrady
2012	Joe McKinney

ROBERT G. PARRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AWARD

2001	Fred H. Niehoff, Jr.
2002	C. Thomas Sobol, Jr.
2003	James Westbrook
2004	Arthur "Artie" Wilson
2005	NC Representative Raymond Rapp, Madison County
2006	NC Representative Wilma Sherrill, Buncombe County
2007	Chris Carter
2008	David Young
2009	Trudi Walend
2010	Mark Burrows
2012	Letta Jean Taylor



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Executive Director's Report

Item Number: XIV. Executive Director's Report

Responsible Party: Justin Hembree, Executive Director

Attachment(s):

Background: The following items will be presented as part of the Executive Director's Report:

- A. Strategic Plan
- B. Council By-Laws
- C. State Health Plan

Staff Recommendation: N/A.

Suggested Motion(s): N/A