

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TAP)

Applicant: County of Greenville, SC

Project & Location:

Textile Crescent Shared-Use Path - Brandon Community in West Greenville
0.6-mile separated pedestrian/biking path beginning at Brandon Mill on Abney Street and ending at Judson Mill on Easley Bridge Road
Council District – 23

Background:

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), formerly known as Transportation Enhancements (TE), was created to help expand transportation choices and provide funding for activities that are often left out of transportation projects. Activities that are eligible for TAP funding include pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) receives an allocation in TAP funding each year, which is awarded on a competitive, reimbursable grant basis. TAP can fund up to 80% of an eligible activity and requires a 20% minimum local match.

Proposal:

This project proposes to construct a 0.6-mile shared use path between Brandon Mill and Judson Mill in West Greenville along an abandoned rail line that formerly served as a connection between mill villages. Easements for recreational/transportation uses of the former railbed were secured by Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance (UGATA) and the project will border county-owned Ledbetter Street as well as county-owned Shoeless Joe Jackson Park.

If awarded, the local match would be allocated by the Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism budget. The project borders Greenville city limits who have committed \$5,000 to match the grant and intend to extend the path through their jurisdiction in West Greenville.

Grant Funds Requested:

TAP	\$ 920,350.00
Local Match (County)	\$ 244,650.00
<u>Local Match (City)</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,170,000.00