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PARKS GRANTS APPROVED FOR 34 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

RALEIGH — The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources today announced the award of \$12.8 million in grants from the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to 34 local governments for parks and recreation projects.

“Through the local grant program of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, state and local governments have been partners in providing green space and outdoor recreation opportunities to citizens across the state,” Ross said. “The result has been healthier communities and healthier citizens and improvement in the quality of life in North Carolina.”

The matching grants, awarded by the Parks and Recreation Authority, will help fund land acquisition, development and renovation of public park and recreation areas. The authority considered 89 grant applications requesting more than \$27 million. A maximum of \$500,000 can be awarded to a single project.

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is administered through the state Division of Parks and Recreation and was established in 1994 when the General Assembly dedicated 75 percent of the state’s share of the excise tax on real estate deed transfers to the fund. The revenue is distributed to three programs: 65 percent to the state parks system for repairs, capital improvements and land acquisition; 30 percent for matching grants to local parks and recreation programs for development and land acquisition; and 5 percent to the coastal beach access program.

Since 1995, the Parks and Recreation Authority has received 1,044 grant applications with requests totaling about \$202 million. The board has awarded 575 grants for \$122 million.

(NOTE TO EDITORS: Attached is a list of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant recipients. More information about the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is on the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation Web site at www.ncsparks.net. Click on “Discover Our Programs.”)

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