



HOUSE BILL 360: Authorize Dan River State Trail.

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Committee:		Date:	February 7, 2022
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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2021-55 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add the Dan River Trail in Stokes and Rockingham Counties to the State Parks System.*

This act became effective June 25, 2021.

BILL ANALYSIS:

S.L. 2021-55 authorizes Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add the Dan River Trail to the State Parks System as a State trail, and directs DNCR to support, promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on State park lands and on lands of other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than DNCR, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners govern the use of the property. This addition is not required to be accompanied by an appropriation, but the State can receive donations of appropriate land and can purchase other needed lands for the trail with existing funds in the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and other available sources of funding.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective June 25, 2021.

BACKGROUND: The Dan River flows for 214 miles through Virginia and North Carolina, crossing the State line 8 times. Major tributaries of the Dan River are the Mayo, Smith, Sandy, Banister, and Hyco rivers. This Trail would join the other North Carolina State trails that follow the Deep River, French Broad River, Yadkin River, and Wilderness Gateway State trails.

This background information was provided by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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