

**Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)**  
**Expanding the Appomattox Heritage & Recreational Trail**  
**Application Consideration**

**Federal Lands Access Program**

- Federal program that provides funding to develop safe and adequate transportation access to and through Federal Lands for visitors, recreationists, resource users.
- Primarily an 80% grant/20% match program
- Each state determines program management, application parameters, etc.

Virginia FLAP Program

- 4 years of projects (2015-2018)
- Estimated 3 million/year
- November 15, 2016 application

**FLAP Application Opportunity – Appomattox Heritage and Recreational Trail (AHRT) Extension**

Application Focus

A FLAP application could be submitted to design and construct a shared-use trail, which would be another leg of the AHRT, which would connect the Town to the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park (ACHNHP). The proposed trail would be approximately 1.5 miles and is anticipated to run from the Museum of the Confederacy (MoC), along Route 24 to the ACHNHP.

Application Partners

- VDOT – Application applicant; per FLAP requirements as they own the facility
- ACHNHP – Required Federal land partner for application eligibility. Program works through a MOU between VDOT and Federal land partner to transfer ownership as a program element.
- Appomattox Town - Match partner
- Appomattox County - Match partner

Project value and coordination with past & present efforts

- Supports local and regional plans to develop the AHRT loop trail that connects the Town, County Park, and ACHNHP.

This is an articulated goal since 2005, in the Region 2000 Greenways, Blueways Plan (2006, 2012), in the Town and County adopted 2006 The Appomattox Heritage and Recreational Trail Plan – A Vision of Connectivity and the 2007 The Appomattox Trails and Bikeway Master Plan.

- Supports County and VDOT investment in the current AHRT
- Expands resource for tourist to stay longer in the area and more directly ties ACHNHP with Museum of the Confederacy and greater Appomattox community.
- Supports connection and corridor beautification as outlined in the 2013 Route 24 Corridor Study
- Project can serve as match support for Town of Appomattox Downtown Revitalization program efforts.

Application Considerations

1. Cost and Local Match Obligations

Activity	Option A Design/Construction Application	Option B Design Only Application	Option C No Application
Full Estimated Cost	\$720,000	\$96,000	\$0
Engineer/Design, NEPA, Permits, Review, Bid Documents	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
Construction (mobilization, grading, materials)	\$571,500	\$0	\$0
Administration, VDOT Review, Inspection, Contingency	\$58,500	\$6,000	\$0
			\$0
Estimated FLAP Contribution	\$576,000	\$76,800\$	\$0
Local Match	\$144,000	\$19,200	\$0
Appomattox County	\$72,000	\$9,600	\$0
Appomattox Town	\$72,000	\$9,600	\$0
ACHNHP	Unknown*	Unknown*	\$0

**NOTES:**

- Cost estimates based on FHWA estimated costs and preliminary costs as provide by professional firm Land Planning and Design Associates (LPDA), company that assisted in AHRT Phase 1 & 2.
  - \*Budget shows no definitive ACHNHP match at this time. However, ACHNHP is currently looking into potential NPS grant programs for potential direct financial support. Also, upon trail construction completion ACHNHP will maintain trail within NP boundary.
  - Option B, less of the partners upfront. Also, FLAP only funds projects where there is a commitment for a project to be implemented. Also, VA program supports larger funding requests to ensure completed projects. Does provide an option to show overall support and future commitment to completion.
2. Project Oversight & Responsible Party
    - VDOT is the applicant. However, if a grant is awarded, another party (locality or NHP) is to serve as the responsible party (hold contract). The responsible party can contract with another agency to manage day-to-day implementation of project.
  3. Right-a-Way
    - A portion of the proposed trail will be along private property that will require donated easement.
    - MoC , under proposed concept, would serve as trailhead and would need to provide permission/support.
  4. Long-term Maintenance
    - ACHNHP, as any trail will have safe separation from the roadway, through a MOU with VDOT will maintain the trail within ACHNHP boundary.
    - Maintenance responsibilities for that part of the trail between the ACHNHP boundary and the MoC will need to be determined.

**Board Action Request**

- A) Should staff continue to partner with the FLAP application team to prepare and submit an application? Yes or No
- B) If yes for A. What application option and match contribution does the Council/Board support and direct the County Administrator/Mayor/Town Manager (I will make this section unique for Town or County) to submit a letter of support in the FLAP application indicating locality support and approved match support.