



Rotary Club of Brevard

Secretary Pete Buttigieg

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Secretary Buttigieg:

Brevard is a small, vibrant City in North Carolina. A true American City where families can bring up their children in a safe & nurturing environment and people can work and earn a good living.

Our City has worked hard to elevate our community's quality of life, while leveraging our assets to improve the economic vitality of the region. The City work closely with Community & religious organizations, such as our own, to build a stronger community.

The City hopes to secure a Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) grant through the USDOT Federal Highway Administration.

The City of Brevard is partnering with Henderson County on this effort and are jointly requesting approximately \$21 million of NSFLTP funding to develop the Ecusta Trail.

This project represents a potential transformational change for our region, connecting multiple communities from Brevard to Hendersonville. The Ecusta Trail will provide recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities, active transportation options to job centers and schools, and opportunities for neighborhood revitalization and tourism-related economic development.

The Rotary Club of Brevard fully supports this application.

Respectfully Yours

Michael Dexter-Smith

Past President,

The Rotary Club of Brevard