GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE DRH50281-LG-377A* (3/13)

Short Title:	NC Trading Path Trails Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Allen, Holliman, Wilkins, and Alexander (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADING PATH TRAILS.

Whereas, North Carolina constituted England's first frontier in North America, a frontier that lasted from 1585 until the Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, native and colonial trade roads and routes facilitated commerce and migration into and out of that frontier; and

Whereas, numerous remnants of those old paths persist to this day, particularly in North Carolina's rural areas; and

Whereas, most history subsequent to the colonial era, including both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, occurred on or near those ancient trading paths; and

Whereas, development of colonial and precolonial era artifact sites for tourism can be accomplished at very slight expense; and

Whereas, the Trading Path Association has devised a Trading Path Trails program to bring tourists to these sites; and

Whereas, these trading paths led to the development of settlements, towns, and cities throughout the State; and

Whereas, the preservation of the trading paths is closely tied to heritage tourism; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Trading Path Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the development of Trading Path Trails, a heritage tourism development and marketing project.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.