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April, 20, 2026

NCDOT

Attn: Daniel Adams

801 Statesville Highway

North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

RE: New River Marathon

Dear Daniel,

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners, at their April 20, 2026 meeting, approved the 2026 New River Marathon. This long-standing community event will take place on May 15–16, 2026, and will feature the New River Marathon, a Half Marathon, and a 5K.

Venue: Riverside Restaurant, 7181 Railroad Grade Rd, Todd **Friday, May 15:** 6:30 PM – 5K
Saturday, May 16: 7:30 AM – Marathon | 8:15 AM – Half Marathon

The 2025 event welcomed nearly 300 runners, and even the impacts of Hurricane Helene did not diminish participation. We are optimistic that 2026 will bring an even larger turnout. While the New River Marathon is smaller than major metropolitan races, it continues to build a strong national reputation for its scenic course, supportive atmosphere, and grassroots character. Ashe County is also proud to host the High Country's only marathon and half marathon.

We respectfully request NCDOT's support in granting the necessary special-use roadway permits for this event. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.



Adam Stumb
County Manager