September 8th, 2023 – Membership Mtg

 Deaverview Hike

On Sept 8,  2023 The French Broads participated in an easy hike to Deaverview, an iconic mountaintop only 5 miles from downtown Asheville. Wonderful SAHC representatives Kyle Shute, Travis Bordley and Carl Silverstein led the hike and spoke about the history of the mountain and their plan to save it from development so that all can enjoy its gorgeous views of the French Broad Valley.  The day began cloudy but by 11 am the haze had mostly lifted and we could see for miles. As a recent Mountain Express article noted “there may not be a better view of Asheville under the clouds.”

Our tour guides explained that SAHC is working to purchase the 340+ acres from its current “holding“ investor in three years for 8.9 million  dollars. Partnering with Buncombe County, they have applied for a 4 million dollar grant from the federal government as well as other grants, and are very hopeful to reach their goal.

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