

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM:

Land Conservation Advisory Board (LCAB) Annual Report and Conservation Easement Funding Request

MEETING DATE:

February 3, 2015

REQUESTED BY:

LCAB and Planning Department

Background information:

The LCAB was established in December 2003 and was directed to inventory land that was currently protected, to recommend land for future protection, and to promote conservation. The LCAB reports to the Board annually on the state of conservation in Buncombe County.

The LCAB has recommended funding for the transaction costs for two conservation easements. The easements would permanently protect 241 acres.

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The report provides detailed information on 2014 conservation projects and also provides a summary of lands protected since the LCAB was established.

The two recommended easements would protect 241 acres. The \$35,000 in County dollars requested to cover transaction costs would leverage \$756,400 in private donations and landowner donated value.

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None

Funds required:

\$35,000

Alternatives:**Action recommended:**

Approval of funding is recommended by the Land Conservation Advisory Board.