

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

**AGENDA ITEM:**

Conservation Easement Funding Request

**MEETING DATE:**

November 7, 2017

**REQUESTED BY:**

Agricultural Advisory Board and Planning Department

**Background information:**

The Farmland Preservation Ordinance was amended in 2001 in order for the Agricultural Advisory Board, administered by the Soil & Water Conservation District, to recommend, negotiate, and hold conservation easements. The Agricultural Advisory Board has recommended funding the transaction costs for a conservation easement which would permanently protect approximately 44 acres.

**Pro's**

The conservation easement would permanently protect a farm located in Leicester. The \$35,000 requested for transaction costs has been budgeted for the Lewis conservation easement which cannot be completed.

**Con's**

None

**Funds required:**

\$35,000 transferred from the Lewis easement to the Martin easement

**Alternatives:****Action recommended:**

Approval of funding was recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Board at their September 19, 2017 meeting.