

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

**AGENDA ITEM:**

Conservation Easement Funding Request

**MEETING DATE:**

January 15, 2018

**REQUESTED BY:**

Agricultural Advisory Board and Buncombe County Planning and Development

**Background information:**

The Farmland Preservation Ordinance was amended in 2001 to allow 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 protect approximately 166 acres of farmland in the Sandy Mush Community of Buncombe County.

**Pro's**

The conservation easement is a 166-acre tract consisting of two parcels of farmland in the Sandy Mush Community of Buncombe County.

**Con's**

None

**Funds required:**

\$50,000

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

Approval of funding was recommended by the Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board at its February 20, 2018 meeting.