



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/15/2019

New Business

Department: Soil and Water Conservation **Presenter(s):** Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Gary Higgins/Taira Lance, Soil and Water Conservation

Subject: Budget Amendment for Farmland Preservation State Award Funding

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County Soil & Water Conservation will be receiving pass through funding from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the following projects in their listed amounts:

Charles Brown Preservation	\$268,950
Hart/Currie Preservation – Hart Tract	\$178,745
Hart/Currie Preservation – Currie Tract	\$84,560
Aubrey Wells Preservation	\$189,500

These are all existing easements and were originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 09, 2018. This budget amendment establishes additional Revenue budget (allowing us to record the check from NCDA&CS as a revenue) and Expenditure budget for the preservation easement in order to pay the funds to the landowner for the easement. This is no additional cost to the county. The already budgeted county contribution amounts for each easement is outlined below:

Charles Brown Preservation	\$35,000
Hart/Currie Preservation – Hart and Currie Tracts	\$45,000
Aubrey Wells Preservation	\$35,000

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve Budget Amendment

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented.