



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/18/2020

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:**

Budget

**Presenter(s):**

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Contact(s):**

Taira Lance, Soil Conservation  
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Subject:**

Diaz, Fortune, & Rankin Conservation Easement Transaction Costs

**Brief Summary:**

The Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board requests \$84,000 to cover closing costs for three projects. The projects include:

**1) Diaz Conservation.** \$28,000 to complete easement for Cross Creek Farm on Big Sandy Mush Rd in Leicester. The project includes approximately 48 acres of farm and forestland consisting of one parcel. The ownership consists of Mark and Donna Diaz (PIN 8762-91-9004). This property is in the Sandy Mush Valley community in Leicester. The conservation easement is a full donation of development rights. County funds will be used for transaction costs only.

**2) Fortune Conservation.** \$28,000 to complete easement for Fortune Farm on Chestnut Hill Rd in Black Mountain. The project includes approximately 44 acres of farm and forestland consisting of one parcel. The ownership consists of Charles and Sandra Fortune (PIN 0617-96-9118). This property is in the Broad River Valley community in Black Mountain. The conservation easement is a full donation of development rights. County funds will be used for transaction costs only.

**3) Rankin Conservation.** \$28,000 to complete easement for Rankin Farm on Church Rd in Fairview. The project includes approximately 45 acres of farm and forestland consisting of one parcel. The ownership consists of Edward and Suzy Rankin (PIN 9696-15-7770). The conservation easement is a full donation of development rights. County funds will be used for transaction costs only.

The funding source is a transfer from Future Conservation Easements, which were budgeted and approved in FY20 Budget. No new county funds are required.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented