

# Crabtree-Iron Duff Fire Protection Services

Presentation to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

July 21, 2020



# Overview and Requested Action

## Overview

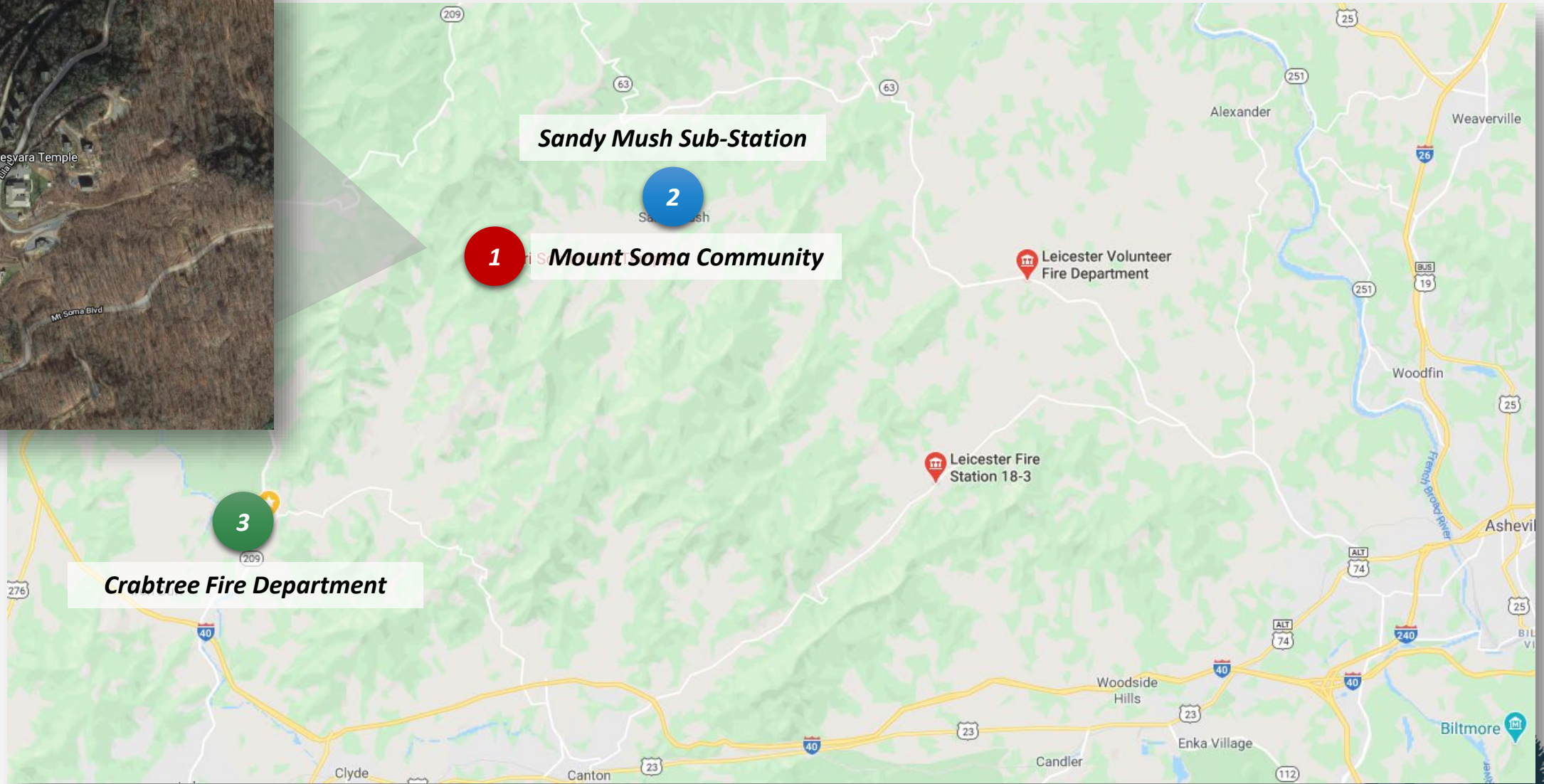
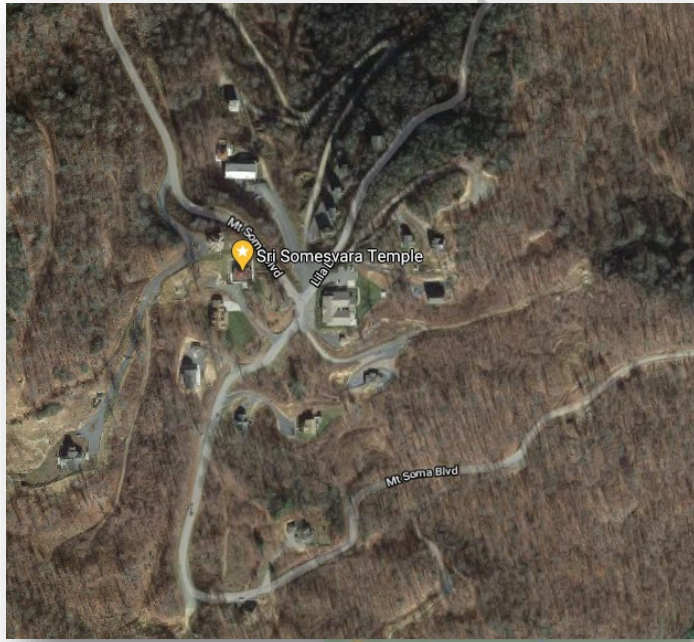
- The **Leicester Fire Protection & Ambulance and Rescue Service District** was established effective **July 1, 2016** to provide fire fighting and fire prevention services.
- Due to **geographical and infrastructure constraints**, the **Crabtree-Iron Duff Volunteer Fire Department (“Crabtree”)**, in **Haywood County**, is able to **more timely service** certain areas of the Leicester Service District than the Leicester Volunteer Fire Department (“Leicester”).
- Buncombe County, Crabtree and Leicester **agree that approximately 60 parcels would be better served by Crabtree.**

## Requested Action(s)

- Motion to authorize the County Manager to enter into a Fire Protection Service agreement on behalf of the County with Crabtree-Iron Duff Volunteer Fire Department to service the identified parcels; and
- Motion to authorize the County Manager to modify the existing Leicester Fire Protection Service agreement on behalf of the County to reflect the change in service for the identified parcels.



# Locations



# Agreement

- **Purpose:** Fire protection services as part of the Buncombe County EMS System including necessary equipment, personnel and those things necessary. The services shall be in accordance with standards set forth by federal and State law.
- **Scope:** 60 parcels near the Mount Soma community.
- **Term:** Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- **Funding Amount:** \$20,000.00 (to be assessed annually based on valuation changes).
- **Source of Funds:** Leicester Fire District special tax.



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# Questions



# Appendix



# Authority

- Pursuant to GS §153A-233 a county may contract for fire fighting and fire prevention services with a one or more incorporated volunteer fire departments and may for these purposes appropriate funds not otherwise limited by state law.
- Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that the county budget ordinance may be in any form that the Board of County Commissioners of any county deems most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decision embodied therein and provides for a fund for each special district whose taxes are collected by the County.

