



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/2/2021

New Business

Department: Economic Development

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Subject: Ferry Road Property Analysis and Site Planning

Brief Summary:

On October 30, 2020, Buncombe County released an RFQ for Property Analysis and Site Planning Services. The evaluation team selected Equinox from seven proposals. Equinox will analyze the Ferry Road property for potential multi-functional usage and provide development scenarios for Board consideration.

Phase 1 of the contract is not-to-exceed \$60,012, but the contract includes two additional phases (\$90,319) pending Board of Commissioner approval. Phase 1 includes, but is not limited to, environmental and natural resource inventory/assessment, transportation and access assessment, and initial community input/awareness. At the duration of Phase 1, Equinox will present land use options that meet the suitability of the property and that align to Buncombe 2025 goals (e.g., affordable housing, recreational opportunities, environmental stewardship).

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Authorize the County Manager to contract with Equinox.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

Approve as presented.