



**BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Special Projects Ordinance**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: October 19, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2021-2022 Special Projects as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY2021-2022 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 19th day of October, 2021.

<b>Requesting Department:</b>	Ag and Land Resources
<b>Budget Amendment Item:</b>	Establish Eight Conservation Easement Projects

<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>The Buncombe County Ag Advisory Board in partnership with Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request transaction costs for eight Farmland Conservation Easements as well as the purchase price for one of the easements from FY22 Conservation Easement project funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthony Cole Farm, 38.3 acres in Leicester - \$32,000</li> <li>• Gary and Sara Cole Farm, 28.9 acres in Leicester - \$28,000</li> <li>• Anthony, Gary, Ormond Cole Farm, 208.2 acres in Leicester - \$42,500 + \$142,000 (Purchase Price)</li> <li>• Cole Sisters Farm, 18.4 acres in Leicester - \$28,000</li> <li>• Art McCurry Family Farm, 56 acres in Weaverville - \$32,500</li> <li>• Dorothy and David Sneddon Farm, 54.9 acres in Fairview - \$33,000</li> <li>• Robert Harvey and Denis O'Doherty Farm, 31.5 acres in Barnardsville - \$28,000</li> <li>• Diane Rosseter Family Farm, 19.2 acres in Barnardsville - \$28,000</li> </ul> <p>By protecting these eight properties, Buncombe County would be bridging gaps in designated priority regions as well as protecting working family farms that have been within families for over a century. The transaction costs provide match for grant applications for easement funding. This aligns with the 2025 Strategic Plan Goal: <i>preserve farmland and environmentally sensitive tracts.</i></p>
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<p><b>Funding Source:</b></p> <p>FY22 Conservation Easement Funding</p>
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<b>Exhibit A:</b> <b>Account Description</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Future Conservation Easements	\$ (394,000)	\$ (394,000)
Anthony Cole Farm	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
Gary and Sara Cole Farm	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Anthony, Gary, and Ormond Cole Farm	\$ 184,500	\$ 184,500
Cole Sisters Farm	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Art McCurry Family Farm	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
Dorothy and David Sneddon Farm	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
Robert Harvey and Denis O'Doherty Farm	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Diane Rosseter Family Farm	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ -

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**

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Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board