



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/20/2022

Consent Agenda

Department(s): County Legal Department/Soil and Water

Presenter(s): Jennifer Harrison/Michael Frue

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Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; the State of North Carolina, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation; the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District; and Buncombe County Regarding Conservation Services

Brief Summary: Buncombe County and Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District coordinates and implements locally led conservation using its connections to Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments; private resources; and the public. These arrangements can be complex and having in place a memorandum of agreement outlining the respective roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the main governmental entities involved can be helpful. To that end, County staff and Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District recommend entering into the proposed Memorandum of Agreement, which would, among other things, facilitate cooperation, collaboration, and agreement between agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders; develop comprehensive conservation plans with cooperating landowners, and bring attention to those efforts to landowners and others within the County and District.

Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors approved the agreement at their August 11, 2022 Board meeting.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Motion and vote that the Resolution be approved.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Recommends approval.