

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action Meeting Date: 3/21/2023

Consent Agenda

Department: Sustainability

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Subject: Interlocal Agreement – North Fork Solar Feasibility

Brief Summary: As a part of the County's efforts to achieve its strategic goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and at the direction of the County's Energy and Environment Subcommittee, the County is exploring the feasibility of utility scale solar installations on bodies of water located in the County. As a part of this process, the North Fork reservoir has been identified as a location to assess for feasibility.

At this time, the County will primarily focus on the Lake Julian location as the most viable option, however as North Fork is property owned by the City of Asheville, an interlocal agreement is needed for the County to conduct this assessment. This agreement has been approved by City Council and will allow site access necessary to move forward with assessing the North Fork Property should it prove to be a viable option in the future.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve Interlocal Agreement

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented