

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

New Business

Department: County Manager

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Subject: Open Space Bond Conservation Criteria Adoption

Brief Summary: The Open Space Bond allocates \$30 million to Conservation, Greenways, and Passive Recreation Lands projects. To determine how best to allocate funding towards conservation, staff – with input from the Agriculture Advisory Board, Land Conservation Advisory Board, and the public – have developed a set of criteria for evaluating land conservation projects. We ask that the Commissioners adopt this final criteria, enabling the team to begin evaluating conservation projects and recommending them for funding.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Adopt Open Space Bond Conservation funding evaluation criteria.