



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/2/2023

Old 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. The criteria has been revised per feedback received from the commissioners, advisory boards, and Energy & Environmental Subcommittee. 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.