Ag and Land Resources Projects

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Ongoing Projects

**Land**
Bring both land conservation Advisory Boards under Ag and Land Resources Dept.
- Agriculture Advisory Board
- Land Conservation Advisory Board (previously with Planning)

Increase annual acres conserved
- 2020 – X acres conserved
- 2021 – X acres conserved

Create Open Space Plan
- Mapping priority regions (creating GIS layers)
- Developing criteria for conservation
  - Consecutive tracts of land
  - High quality/prime agricultural soils
  - Recreation/Greenways

**Water**
Financial Assistance for Landowners
- Cost share programming
- Disaster Response
- CCAP – Urban Water Quality

EQI Water Quality Monitoring
- Contracting to monitor 16 sites
- 45 sites being monitored throughout Buncombe County (VWIN)
Upcoming Projects

Land Conservation Plan
- Actively recruit landowners in priority conservation areas
- Integrate Comprehensive Plan data into conservation planning
  - Open space
  - Land use

Water Quality Task Force
- Work with EQI and partners to develop a task force to interpret the water quality data
- Set priority watersheds for improvement
- Create a plan for addressing water quality one watershed at a time
- Apply for and manage additional Federal/State funding from TS Fred