

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING A PROCESS FOR RESOLVING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING 109 ACRES OF THE GREENE TRACT (2001-08-27/R-14)

WHEREAS, Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill acquired the 169 acre property known as the Greene Tract in 1984 as an asset of the joint solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, title to 60 acres of this property was deeded exclusively to Orange County in 2000 under provisions of the 1999 interlocal "Agreement for Solid Waste Management"; and

WHEREAS, under the same interlocal agreement the County and Towns agreed to bargain in good faith during the two year period following the effective date of the agreement to determine the ultimate use or disposition of the remaining 109 acres of the Greene Tract; and

WHEREAS, the end date of the "bargaining period" as defined in the agreement is April 17, 2002, the second anniversary of the date upon which the County assumed overall responsibility for solid waste management in Orange County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby affirms that it will consider the following general uses of the Greene Tract: open space, affordable housing, school sites, and other non-solid waste public purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby affirm the following points as the process to be pursued jointly with Orange County and the Town of Carrboro to resolve the disposition of the remaining 109 acres of the Greene Tract:

- All three governing boards adopt a formal resolution affirming the general proposed uses of the property they would be willing to consider.
- Consideration of uses should be based on the cultural and biological resources assessment reports that were produced regarding this property.
- Jointly appoint a working group comprised of two elected officials from each of the three entities.
- Each Manager assigns specific staff to support the work group in planning different options, consistent with the general direction from the three governing boards.
- Hold a public forum on the general uses affirmed by the three governing boards during the early part of the process.
- Consider the use of consultants to assist in developing a realistic site analysis and preliminary land use plan.
- Refer the options developed to each of the three jurisdictions' Planning Boards for comment.
- Try to develop options that provide as much specificity as possible (e.g. roadbeds, utility lines, drainage, building footprints, buffers, etc.).
- Target completion of the work group recommendations during September-October 2001.
- Target reaching agreement among all three governing boards on the disposition of the remaining 109 acres between October-December 2001.

This the 27th day of August, 2001.