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**A Resolution Regarding the Establishment of an Intergovernmental  
Parks Work Group (IP Work Group)**

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group effort brought together representatives of the Towns, County, school boards, OWASA, Duke University and the University of North Carolina to develop a report on the future of parks planning in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group completed its task on schedule and fostered a spirit of communication and collaboration that the Board of Commissioners desires to maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of parks planning and development in the County will be facilitated by information exchange and coordination among the aforementioned parties; and

**WHEREAS**, a group created in the the spirit and nature of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group could foster these goals:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Orange County Board of Commissioners proposes that an Intergovernmental Parks Work Group be created to address important issues arising from the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group report. This Intergovernmental Parks Work Group would serve in lieu of the proposed Parks Council, with the following charge:

*To build on the momentum of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group process by accomplishing the following:*

- 1. To gather, exchange and share information on parks planning and development in the municipalities and County.*
- 2. To maintain and update the Inventory of Parks and Recreation Facilities developed as part of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks report, including new properties acquired or dedicated*
- 3. To foster communication between the municipalities and County on future opportunities and collaborative ventures*
- 4. To provide a coordinating mechanism for updates to parks and recreation plans in each jurisdiction*
- 5. To review and inform the municipalities and County concerning parks needs and potential opportunities*
- 6. To develop parameters for parks standards (leaving flexibility for the actual standards to vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction within these parameters)*
- 7. To develop and coordinate public education and public outreach on parks issues (coordinated brochures, etc)*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the administrative, tenure and membership components of the Work Group be addressed as provided in Attachment A, "Proposed Intergovernmental Parks Work Group," and that this resolution be

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forwarded to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council, Hillsborough Board of Commissioners and Mebane City Council, for their consideration.

**This, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2000.**

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Moses Carey, Jr., Chair  
Orange County Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly Blythe, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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**This, the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2000**

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Mayor, Town of Carrboro

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrboro Town Clerk

**This, the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2000**

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Mayor, Town of Chapel Hill

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapel Hill Town Clerk

**This, the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2000**

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Mayor, Town of Hillsborough

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hillsborough Town Clerk

**This, the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2000**

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Mayor, City of Mebane

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mebane City Clerk

## **Proposed Intergovernmental Parks Work Group (IP Work Group)**

### Membership

The proposed Work Group would consist of 17 members:

- One member and one alternate – Carrboro Parks and Recreation Board
- One member and one alternate – Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Commission or Greenways Commission
- One member and one alternate – Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Board
- One member and one alternate - Orange County Recreation and Parks Advisory Council
- One member – OWASA Board of Directors
- One member – University of North Carolina
- One member – Duke Forest Resource Manager
- One member – Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (or designee of Board)
- One member – Orange County Schools Board of Education (or designee of Board)
- One member – Orange County Board of Commissioners (or designee of Board)
- One member – Carrboro Board of Aldermen (or designee of Board)
- One member – Chapel Hill Town Council (or designee of Board)
- One member – Hillsborough Board of Commissioners (or designee of Board)
- One member – Mebane City Council (or designee of Board)
- One member – Orange County Commission for the Environment
- One member – Triangle Land Conservancy
- One member – Eno River Association

Advisory board and elected representatives from each jurisdiction would be appointed by the elected board of that jurisdiction.

### Meetings

The Work Group would meet three times per year (fall, winter and spring)

### Tenure

The Work Group will work for three years (July 2000-June 2003), providing yearly reports and a final report in June 2003. If desired after three years, the participating parties may make it a permanent, standing group.

### Charge

To build on the momentum of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group process by accomplishing the following:

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2. To maintain and update the Inventory of Parks and Recreation Facilities developed as part of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks report, including new properties acquired or dedicated
3. To foster communication between the municipalities and County on future opportunities and collaborative ventures
4. To provide a coordinating mechanism for updates to parks and recreation plans in each jurisdiction
5. To review and inform the municipalities and County concerning parks needs and potential opportunities
6. To develop parameters for parks standards (leaving flexibility for the actual standards to vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction within these parameters)
7. To develop and coordinate public education and public outreach on parks issues (coordinated brochures, etc)

#### Nature of Work Group and Staffing Arrangements

The Intergovernmental Parks Work Group would be truly inter-jurisdictional, providing information to all elected boards on the areas listed above. It would not be a formal advisory board of any jurisdiction. Staffing for the Task Force would be of a joint nature, including:

- the Parks and Recreation Directors from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Mebane and Orange County
- the Environment and Resource Conservation Director from Orange County.

The Environment and Resource Conservation Director will be responsible for administration, agenda preparation and meeting coordination – working with the Parks and Recreation Directors.