

SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: Disposition of the Greene Tract

Meeting Date: October 15, 2002

Recommendation: The Planning Board recommends that the Council adopt the draft resolution prepared by the Greene Tract Work Group concerning the disposition of the 109 acres of the Greene Tract in joint public ownership, and urges the following issues be addressed:

- the location on the site of affordable housing;
- access to the affordable housing site and open space;
- provision of sewer and other social equity issues for the Rogers/Purefoy Road neighborhood; and
- the lack of specificity about the concept, design, and density of affordable housing on the site.

The Planning Board strongly supports the concept of doing a Small Area Plan and believes the issues listed above should be resolved in the context of doing a Small Area Plan. Therefore, the Board recommends that the Small Area Plan be done before other implementation measures are undertaken, especially before the conservation easement is put into place. The Board believes that the Small Area Plan process needs a commitment up-front to give special attention to community organizing and involvement of the neighborhood.

Vote: 7-2

Aye: Scott Radway, Julie Coleman, Coleman Day, Timothy Dempsey, Gay Eddy, Thatcher Freund, Ruby Sinreich

Nay: Sally Greene, Nancy Gabriel

Comments: The first dissenting member felt that additional information is not needed and that the Planning Board's recommendation will slow down the process. The second dissenting member stated she did not agree with the concept plan, the perpetuity provisions of the conservation easement, or the affordable housing; she felt the headwaters could be preserved while still doing more with the property.

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