

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE PORTION OF THE GREENE TRACT IN JOINT OWNERSHIP (2002-11-11/R-9)

WHEREAS, Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill acquired the 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 the provisions of the 1999 Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Management; and

WHEREAS Orange County, Carrboro and Chapel Hill agreed on a process to be pursued jointly to resolve the disposition of the remaining acres of the Green Tract, including appointment of the Green Tract Work Group; and

WHEREAS, the Greene Tract Work Group has adopted a resolution on June 26, 2002 reporting the recommended concept plan for the Greene Tract and other points of agreement as contained in Attachment 4 of the Manager's Memorandum to Council of October 21, 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council accepts the accompanying map as shown in Attachment 3 of the Manager's Memorandum to Council of October 21, 2002, as the concept plan for that portion of the Greene Tract not deeded exclusively to Orange County, with the acreage to be set aside for open space protected by conservation easements approximating 85.9 acres and the acreage for affordable housing approximating 18.1 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council agrees that the acreage for affordable housing be placed in the Land Trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the Town Manager investigate options with the Managers of Orange County and Carrboro for reimbursement of the Solid Waste/Landfill Enterprise Fund for the portions of the site designated for affordable housing and open space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recommends that the triggering mechanism for reimbursement to the Solid Waste/Landfill Enterprise Fund should be formal action taken by all three boards to approve conservation easements protecting the designated open space, with such approvals taking effect no sooner than July 1, 2003, and no later than July 1, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recommends that the following additional steps be taken:

- The area shown on the concept plan as open space be protected by executing a conservation easement among appropriate parties;
- The Board of County Commissioners consider protecting its 60 acre portion of the Greene Tract by executing a conservation easement with an appropriate party;
- The Chapel Hill Town Council consider initiating a small area planning process to examine desirable land uses for the Purefoy Road area;

- The property be renamed in a manner that recognizes the significance of this area as the headwaters for three important streams (Bolin Creek, Old Field Creek, and Booker Creek); and
- The governing boards take note of the public investment already made in the general vicinity of the Greene Tract, as catalogued in Attachment 6 to the Manager's Memorandum to Council of October 21, 2002.

This the 11th day of November, 2002.