

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 20, 2005

SUBJECT: Presentation by Waste Reduction Partners

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

During the past several months, County staff has been working with Waste Reduction Partners to identify ways for the County to conserve energy and, in turn, reduce energy costs. Waste Reduction Partners is a team of highly experienced volunteer engineers, architects, and scientists. These volunteer professionals provide businesses, industries, local governments, and other organizations with no-cost waste and energy reduction assessments and technical assistance. Waste Reduction Partners is administered by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council and works in special partnership with the NC Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance.

Specifically for Henderson County, Waste Reduction Partners has conducted preliminary assessments of the County Administration Building, the Courthouse, and the Library Main Branch. The team has also reviewed the plans for the Human Services Building. Waste Reduction Partners will be making a brief presentation to the Board that will provide an overview of their findings and recommendations for future action.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

County staff has already taken steps to implement some of the recommendations and further actions are planned including consulting with our architect on the Human Services Building. No action is required by the Board.