

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Land for Tomorrow Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Commissioner McGrady has requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. The attached resolution has been adopted by several local governments in North Carolina. The resolution calls for a bond referendum to be placed on the ballot in November to allow for an increase in conservation spending. A representative from the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy will be present to present information associated with this request.

**HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
RESOLUTION**

LAND FOR TOMORROW

Whereas, Henderson County Government is committed to protecting lands critical to the future of North Carolina's drinking water, economy, and quality of life, and

Whereas, North Carolina is losing more than 100,000 acres of those special places to population pressures each year, and

Whereas, North Carolina's population is expected to grow by 50 percent in the next 25 years, and

Whereas, the important tourism industry can only survive with natural beauty, clean water and scenic vistas, and

Whereas, there is inadequate funding for protecting stream banks and floodplains, legacy forests, prime farmlands, local parks and recreation, state parks, greenway and inactive rail corridors, game lands, natural, scenic and historic places, and

Whereas, there is no second chance to protect North Carolina's great resources and costs will only increase in the future, and

Whereas, additional state funding will leverage twice as much funding from federal, private and local sources

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners urges the 2006 General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing a November 2006 general obligation bond referendum to increase conservation spending in North Carolina by \$200 million per year for five years.

Adopted this the 27th day of June 2006.

William L. Moyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board