

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: December 18, 2001

TITLE: Proposed General Uses of the Greene Tract

DEPARTMENT: Board of Aldermen	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Greene Tract Work Group Resolution C. Orange County Board of Commissioners Resolution D. Chapel Hill Planning Staff Forum Notes E. Dispute Settlement Center Staff Flipchart Notes F. Carrboro Work Group Member (Alderman Zaffron) Supplemental Notes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, 929-6252 Alderman Alex Zaffron, 942-2617

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution which provides direction to the Greene Tract Work Group regarding the disposition of the remaining 109 acres of the Greene Tract and affirms the Board's position on the general use of the property.

INFORMATION

The solid waste management interlocal agreement signed by the County and the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill in September 1999 and amended in March 2000 lays out parameters under which the Greene Tract owners will resolve the ultimate disposition of the 109 acres of that parcel that remain in joint ownership. The agreement also addresses how the Solid Waste/Landfill Operations Enterprise Fund is to be reimbursed if the property is put to uses that are not related to the solid waste enterprise. The agreement anticipates that the Greene Tract owners will reach agreement on the disposition of the property during a bargaining period that concludes on April 17, 2002 (the two year anniversary of the effective date upon which Orange County assumed overall responsibility for solid waste management in Orange County.)

On June 19, 2001, the Board of Aldermen appointed Aldermen Gist and Zaffron to serve on a Greene Tract Work Group with two elected officials each from the governing boards of Orange County (Moses Carey and Margaret Brown) and Chapel Hill (Kevin Foy and Bill Strom). Following two meetings in October 2001, the group sponsored a public forum on November 15 to hear community members' views on how the Greene Tract property should be used.

In light of that public discussion, the Greene Tract Work Group approved a resolution on November 19 recommending that the governing boards of Orange County and the Towns adopt a resolution affirming solely the three public purposes of open space, affordable housing as defined in the Affordable Housing Task Force report, and recreation as the three basic uses to be programmed for

the 109 acres of the Greene Tract that remain in joint ownership. In addition, the resolution requested that the governing boards charge the Work Group with developing and presenting to each Board a written and graphic concept plan for the use of 109 acres.

Orange County and the Towns are obligated to reimburse the Landfill Fund for the original 1984 purchase price of \$608,000 plus interest if the Greene Tract is used for purposes other than for the solid waste system.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution