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GREENE TRACT WORK GROUP

A RESOLUTION REPORTING PROGRESS TOWARDS A RECOMMENDED CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE PORTION OF THE GREENE TRACT THAT REMAINS IN JOINT OWNERSHIP

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 provisions of the 1999 interlocal "Agreement for Solid Waste Management"; and

WHEREAS, under the same interlocal agreement the County and Towns agreed to bargain in good faith during the two year period following the effective date of the agreement to determine the ultimate use or disposition of the balance of the acreage on the Greene Tract; and

WHEREAS, the end date of the "bargaining period" as defined in the agreement is April 17, 2002, the second anniversary of the date upon which the County assumed overall responsibility for solid waste management in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the governing boards of all three jurisdictions approved resolutions in November or December 2001 that outlined their interests for programming basic uses of the balance of the Greene Tract; and

WHEREAS, the Work Group was charged to develop a more detailed written and graphic concept plan for the use of the remaining 109 acres for presentation to each board by March 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Greene Tract Work Group has considered direction from the respective governing boards, comments from interested citizens and organizations, and information developed by staff in response to Work Group inquiries in developing a recommended concept plan for the balance of the Greene Tract; and

WHEREAS, the Work Group has reached substantial agreement on a concept plan as outlined on the accompanying map, including consensus that approximately 78 acres (shown in green) should be earmarked for open space

protected by a conservation easement and approximately 15 acres (shown in brown) should be earmarked for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Work Group has not yet reached agreement regarding what designation should be placed on the approximately 11 acres shown in blue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Greene Tract Work Group does hereby recommend that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, the Chapel Hill Town Council, and the Orange County Board of Commissioners accept the accompanying map as an interim progress report on a concept plan for future uses of the portion of the Greene Tract that remains in joint ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Greene Tract Work Group does hereby recommend to the governing boards of Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill that the following additional steps be taken:

- The area shown on the concept plan as open space (green) should be protected by executing a conservation easement between appropriate parties
- The Board of County Commissioners should consider protecting its 60 acre portion of the Greene Tract by executing a conservation easement with an appropriate party
- The Chapel Hill Town Council should consider initiating a small area planning process to examine desirable land uses for the Purefoy Road area
- The property should be renamed in a manner that recognizes the significance of this area as the headwaters for three important streams (Bolin Creek, Od Field Creek, and Booker Creek)
- The governing boards should take note of the public investment already made in the general vicinity of the Greene Tract, as cataloged in the accompanying table

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Greene Tract Work Group does hereby request that each governing board agree to extend the bargaining period, as defined in the inter-local agreement, by a period of 60 days to permit further Work Group effort to finalize a recommended concept plan for subsequent approval by each governing board.

~~This, the 3rd day of April, 2002.~~

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chair