

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

**MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 28, 2002**

**TITLE: Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant Application: Acquisition of Adams Property**

DEPARTMENT: <b>PLANNING</b>	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant Application</b>	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – <b>918-7327</b> Richard White – <b>918-7314</b> Philip Prete – <b>918-7326</b>

### PURPOSE

In December 2001, the Board of Aldermen established the Adams Property Preservation Committee to explore ways to preserve the Adams tract. The Committee has requested that staff prepare a grant proposal for Clean Water Management Trust funds to purchase the property. The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution that authorizes the Town Manager to submit the application that has been prepared.

### INFORMATION

The Adams Property Preservation Committee has made four recommendations regarding actions that might preserve the Adams tract:

- 1) Designate the Adams Tract as Open/Green space
- 2) Petition the County Commissioners for \$500,000 from the Lands Legacy program to match an application to the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (2003).
- 3) Direct staff to prepare a grant proposal to be submitted this June 2002 to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the purchase of this property.
- 4) Send a letter to Mrs. Adams indicating that we are still interested in the property, but there are concerns about cost. In addition, Mrs. Adams should be informed about the seriousness of the current budget crisis.

Applications for the next cycle of Clean Water Management Trust funds are due on June 3, 2002. An application that seeks funds to acquire the Adams tract has been prepared and is attached (*Attachment B*).

Letters in follow-up to actions (2) and (4) have been prepared and transmitted to, respectively, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and Mrs. Adams.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution (*Attachment A*) that authorizes the Town Manager to submit the application that has been prepared.