

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 4, 2004

TITLE: Request-to-Set a Public Hearing to consider a LUO Text Amendment to Revise the Lists of Invasive Plant Species and Recommended Trees and Shrubs

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Draft Ordinance C. Land Use Ordinance, Appendices E-10 through E-17	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen reviewed advisory board recommendations to modify the lists of invasive plant species and recommended trees and shrubs on April 6, 2004 and directed staff to prepare a text amendment that incorporated those recommendations. A draft ordinance has been prepared. A resolution setting a public hearing for June 22, 2004 has been prepared for the Board's use.

INFORMATION

The 2003 Action Agenda Project list directed the Environmental Advisory Board and Appearance Commission to review the Town's list of invasive plant species. Advisory board reviews were conducted and recommendations for revisions were provided to the Board of Aldermen on April 6, 2004. The Board of Aldermen accepted the report on this matter and directed staff to prepare a text amendment incorporating the advisory board recommendations. A draft ordinance including the recommended changes to Appendices E-10 through E-17 is provided (*Attachment B*) as are the existing land use ordinance provisions (*Attachment C*). Staff analysis of the proposed changes is underway and will be provided at the public hearing on the draft ordinance.

It will be necessary to submit the draft ordinance to the Planning Board and to Orange County for review and comment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Amending the Land Use Ordinance involves staff analysis and administration of the proposed amendment, advisory board review, and advertising costs associated with ordinance preparation and public notice.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing on text amendments to revise the lists of invasive plant species and recommended trees and shrubs and referring the draft ordinance to the Planning Board and Orange County staff. (*Attachment A*).