

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(5)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 22, 2004

TITLE: 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 <u>X</u> NO <u> </u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Draft Ordinance B. Land Use Ordinance, Appendices E-10 through E-17 C. Planning Board recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

A draft ordinance that modifies the prohibited invasive species list and the recommended trees and shrubs lists has been prepared for public consideration. Following the receipt of public comments, the Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the draft ordinance.

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 A*) as are the existing land use ordinance provisions (*Attachment B*).

The draft ordinance was referred to Orange County and the Planning Board, per the requirements of the Joint Planning Agreement and the Northern Study Area. A copy of the Planning Board recommendation is attached (*Attachment C*).

Staff has included (marked in bold text) in the June 18, 2004 draft of the ordinance the following additions:

- Four clarifications to the Appendices E-11 through E-16.
- Six additional invasive trees/shrubs in Appendix E-17.

FISCAL IMPACT

None noted.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the June 18, 2004 version of the draft ordinance. (*Attachment A*).