

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2005

TITLE: Follow-up on Draft Map for Conservation Areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Draft Map of Conservation Areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed C. Twin Creeks * Park and Campus site plan D. Memo from Mike Brough Re: Conservation Map E. Map of Status of Development in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Noah Ranells 918-7326 Patricia McGuire 918-7327

PURPOSE

On September 20th, the Board of Aldermen requested that the town staff provide additional information on possible conservation areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed. The requested information is provided in this item. A resolution accepting the modifications to the draft map of conservation areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed is recommended for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

On 16 August 2005, the Board of Aldermen received a staff presentation on the draft Map of Conservation Areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed. On 20 September 2005 the Board of Aldermen received public comment on the draft map. The Board requested that staff prepare additional draft maps of Conservation Areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed that show 1) the Friends of Bolin Creek proposed preserve area outline up to the Town of Carrboro jurisdictional boundary, 2) property boundaries, 3) available site plan information for Twin Creeks park, and 4) Winmore creek protection. The draft map of upper Bolin Creek conservation areas has been revised to include this information (Attachment B), with the exception of item 3.

The conservation areas originally shown on the Twin Creeks school/park property are being revised and reduced by removing the "developed" areas that are shown on the illustration included within the Twin Creeks (Moniese Nomp) Park and Campus Adopted Master Plan, May 3, 2005. A copy of the illustration is provided (Attachment C). A map with this revised information will be provided for the Board's consideration on Tuesday evening. Board members will note that the map looks a bit different from previous versions. This is due to the layout having been modified to include standard map components, such as a legend and disclaimer. Mr. Brough's memo on the conservation map that was provided on September 20th is attached for reference (Attachment D).

In addition, the Board of Aldermen requested that staff obtain preliminary plans for the 64-acre UNC-owned Homestead Tract. Staff consulted with Linda Convissor, UNC Director of Local Relations, who indicated that the development for ‘Carolina Commons’ on the UNC Homestead Tract is only at the concept stage and plans are not available. She added that the development activity would likely be focused on the southwest quadrant. A map of the development status of the UNC Homestead Tract and other properties in the Upper Bolin Creek watershed has also been prepared (Attachment E).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen accept the modifications to the draft map of Conservation Areas in the Upper Bolin Creek Watershed.