

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2006

TITLE: A Resolution Urging the N.C. General Assembly to Enact Legislation to Increase Conservation Spending

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Letter from Land for Tomorrow C. Resolution adopted on May 9, 2006 supporting the Land for Tomorrow initiative	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mayor Mark Chilton - 932-1927 Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

Kate Dixon and Marge Anders Limbert of Land for Tomorrow have submitted a letter to town manager, Steve Stewart, updating the Board of Aldermen on this organization's request for the North Carolina General Assembly to set aside \$1 billion over five years to protect natural areas, farms, and historic sites. A resolution of support for this endeavor is provided for the Board's consideration.

INFORMATION

The letter from Mss. Dixon and Limbert (Attachment B) provides a status report on the efforts of Land for Tomorrow over the previous year. The letter notes that, though the General Assembly decided against a referendum on the matter, a study commission of legislators has been established to investigate financing options and make recommendations on how the financing need for the project should be met.

The letter requests support in five areas from sharing the status report to informing LFT about events/conferences where information on LFT efforts could be featured.

FISCAL IMPACT

None noted.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider adoption of the attached resolution that urges the General Assembly to increase North Carolina's conservation funding by \$1 billion over five years (Attachment A).