

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE CONSERVATION SPENDING BY
\$1 BILLION OVER FIVE YEARS**

Resolution No. 34/2006-07

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen is committed to protecting lands critical to the future of North Carolina's drinking water, economy, and quality of life, and;

WHEREAS, Whereas North Carolina is losing more than 100,000 acres of those special places to population pressures each year, and;

WHEREAS, North Carolina's population is expected to grow by 50 percent in the next 25 years, and;

WHEREAS, the important tourism industry can only survive and continue to provide an economic boost to the state with natural beauty, clean water, and scenic vistas, and;

WHEREAS there is inadequate funding for protecting stream banks and floodplains, legacy forests, prime farmlands, local parks and recreation, state parks, greenway and inactive rail corridors, game lands, natural, scenic, and historic places, and;

WHEREAS there is no second chance to protect North Carolina's great resources and costs will only increase in the future, and;

WHEREAS additional state funding will leverage twice as much funding from federal, private, and local sources, and;

WHEREAS, a legislative study commission is charged with the responsibility of exploring the financing options by increasing conservation spending in North Carolina and will report to the General Assembly its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen urge the 2007 General Assembly to enact legislation to increase North Carolina's conservation spending by \$1 billion over five years.

This is Tuesday, the 3rd day of October in the year 2006.



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LAND for TOMORROW

August 11, 2006

Mr. Steve Stewart
Town Manager
Town of Carrboro
301 W. Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We're writing to give you a status report on Land for Tomorrow, the partnership asking the NC General Assembly for \$1 billion over five years to protect rivers, farms and forests, parks and historic places.

As you know, we asked the NC Legislature to provide funding through general obligation bonds. Thanks to hundreds of volunteers who let their legislators know how important conservation is to the future of the state, 75 of the 120 House members, and 22 of the 50 Senators co-sponsored the bills. The sponsors were incredibly diverse: Republicans and Democrats; rural and urban; mountain, coastal and Piedmont; African American and Caucasian.

For several weeks, it seemed very likely that the bills would pass, and a referendum would be placed on the ballot in November. Unfortunately, Governor Easley then came out strongly against additional debt, and the Senate leadership became unwilling to act. When Speaker Black realized that the House would not have support from either the Senate or the Governor, he decided not to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

So now we're working to build even stronger support next year. Our first step was to encourage the Legislature to establish a study commission of legislators and Governor appointees to investigate financing options and recommend how to meet the funding need. The bill passed overwhelmingly in both the House and the Senate. The commission's final report is due February 1, 2007, in time for legislation to be introduced next session.

In the past, similar commissions have broken impasses on how to meet other critical funding needs, and we hope that this one will be as successful. A number of key legislators and leading citizens have already expressed interest in serving on the commission, and Land for Tomorrow will do all we can to support the work of the commission.

This fall and winter, Land for Tomorrow will also continue our work around the state: building public awareness about why conservation is so critical to the state's economy and quality of life and involving more citizens in our network of volunteers.

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Every day, we hear about rivers, farms, forests and historic places that will be lost if additional funding is not available soon. Although we did not get on the ballot this year, we must continue to work for more funding next year because the future of North Carolina depends on it.

The bottom line: **our work is not over.**

In the coming months, there are very discrete and simple things that you, as a partner, can do to support the coalition:

1. Share this Land for Tomorrow status information with your board of directors, staff, and membership.
2. Forward any electronic newsletters or action alerts you receive from us to your board of directors, staff, and membership.
3. Attend the study commission meetings (the dates and agendas are to be determined, and we will keep you posted).
4. Load Land for Tomorrow "Action Alerts" to your organization's homepage (see enclosed page for information on what this means and how to do it).
5. Inform us about upcoming conferences at which your organization could feature information on Land for Tomorrow.

We have enclosed a revised Land for Tomorrow resolution. It is up to you and your organization to decide if it is necessary for your leadership to sign and submit to us a new resolution. We will assume that your organization will continue on as a partner unless we hear from you otherwise.

Thank you for all you have done to date to help build momentum. We hope you will continue to be involved as we get ready for 2007.

Best wishes,



Kate Dixon, Director



Marge Anders Limbert, Outreach Coordinator

Enclosures (2)

LAND FOR TOMORROW RESOLUTION

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Whereas a legislative study commission is charged with the responsibility of exploring the financing options for increasing conservation spending in North Carolina and will report to the General Assembly its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2007.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that (**name of organization**) urges the 2007 General Assembly to enact legislation to increase North Carolina's conservation spending by \$1 billion over five years.

Name of Organization	Contact Person for Organization
Signature	Title
Title	Address
Date	City, State, Zip
	Email Address

Please return the signed resolution to Land for Tomorrow, 4705 University Drive, Suite 290, Durham, NC 27707, or fax it to 919.403.0379, or scan and email to mlimbert@landfortomorrow.org. Also, forward a copy to your legislators to let them know that the resolution passed. Go to <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/GIS/Representation> to find out who represents your county.



LAND for TOMORROW

ACTION ALERT STICKERS

What are Alert Stickers?

Alert Stickers are pieces of web code that you or your website manager can copy from Land for Tomorrow's Action Alert system and place on any page of your website. The stickers are automatically updated whenever Land for Tomorrow adds a new Action Alert to its system, and they are automatically deleted when the alert expires. This means that individuals who visit your website will easily see and can respond to action alerts that support the Land for Tomorrow plan.

Note, action is limited to issue advocacy, and is not a fundraising tool. It is a mode of advocacy that is in IRS compliance for 501(c)(3) organizations.

For more information, visit:

<http://capwiz.com/landfortomorrow/remotetesticker/>

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LAND for TOMORROW

is a statewide partnership of conservationists, farmers, business leaders, local governments, health professionals, and community groups urging the General Assembly to provide \$200 million per year for five years to protect the state's land, water, and special places before they are irreversibly lost.

Items of Interest

View winners of the Land for Tomorrow Photofest!

View recent news articles about Land for Tomorrow.

ACTION ALERTS

Tell your legislators that you are disappointed that they did not put a land and water conservation bond on November's ballot but that you appreciate that they established a study commission to figure out how to provide more funding in the future GO »

Protecting North Carolina's critical land will provide:

Saving the Goodliest Land

A Five-Year Plan for Investing in North Carolina's Land, Water, History and Future

On June 8, 2005, Land for Tomorrow announced a plan to help North Carolina meet its goal of saving one million acres, and challenged the state to invest an additional \$200 million annually for five years.

Download a copy of *Saving the Goodliest Land: A Five Year Plan for Investing in North Carolina's Land, Water, History and Future* (PDF document).

Done

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman John Herrera and duly seconded by Alderman Alex Zaffron.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LAND FOR TOMORROW INITIATIVE
Resolution No. 125/2005-06

Whereas, the Town of Carrboro is committed to protecting lands critical to the future of North Carolina's drinking water, economy, and quality of life; and

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Whereas, there is no second chance to protect North Carolina's great resources and costs will only increase in the future; and

Whereas, additional state funding will leverage twice as much funding from federal, private and local sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Town of Carrboro urges the 2006 General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing a November 2006 general obligation bond referendum to increase conservation spending in North Carolina by \$200 million per year for five years. In addition, it is requested that any land purchased with this funding be located in both rural and urban areas and such that all socio-economic groups would benefit from these purchases.

Section 2. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the town's legislative delegation.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 9th day of May, 2006:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None