



ORDINANCE # _____

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Special Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 5, 2020

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Special Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2020.

Project Name: FY2021 Conservation Easements

Description:
 As part of the FY21 Budget, Future Conservation Easement dollars were set aside with the 2025 Strategic Plan Goal in mind of preserving farmland and environmentally sensitive tracts. The Buncombe County Ag Advisory Board requests transaction costs for three easements, totaling \$120,000, be moved from Future Conservation Easement dollars. The three projects are:

- 1) Ramsey Preservation:** Joe Ramsey is a lifelong farmer and one of the last tobacco growers in Buncombe County with 40 acres of prime agricultural farmland in Weaverville.
- 2) Burleson Preservation:** Jan Burleson has 28 acres of farm and forestland adjacent to several conserved properties in Barnardsville.
- 3) Splendor Valley Farm Preservation:** Splendor Valley LLC farm has 25 acres of prime agricultural soils and has been in the family for generations and is in the heart of the Sandy Mush Valley with protected farmland adjacent on all sides of this parcel. The protection of this parcel would continue the significant efforts of protected land across the Sandy Mush Valley.

By protecting these three properties, Buncombe County would be bridging gaps in designated priority regions as well as protecting working family farms that have been within families for over a century. The transaction costs would provide a match for grant applications for easement funding.

Funding Source:
 Transfers from Future Conservation Easements. No new county funds are required.

Exhibit A: Account Description	Increase (Decrease)	
	Revenues	Expenditures
Ramsey Preservation	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Burleson Preservation	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Splendor Valley Farm Preservation	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Future Conservation Easements	\$ (120,000)	\$ (120,000)
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
 THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:**

 Clerk to the Board

By: _____
 Chairman of the Board