

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 6, 2022

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF TREE
CANOPY WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY
CORRIDORS IN WAKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) assists in developing harmony between the natural and man-made environments along North Carolina's roadways; and

WHEREAS, this process involves the planning and implementation to revegetate and reforest along North Carolina's roadways when opportunities arise; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT highway projects make available a small percentage of funds that can be used for revegetation and reforestation; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions must request these funds be used by NCDOT to implement revegetation and reforestation as part of the overall highway construction project under the facilitation of NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, Wake County desires that all highway projects in Wake County engage these funds for revegetation and reforestation with respect for transportation needs, required maintenance and long-term growth; and

WHEREAS, Wake County supports formalizing this approach for all NCDOT highway projects in Wake County through the adoption of a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is the appropriate agency to achieve consensus among all jurisdictions in Wake County for the development of this policy; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this effort is to preserve and enhance tree canopy in our public right-of-way so as to reduce negative impacts such as noise, air pollution and stormwater runoff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the development of a policy by CAMPO that authorizes the NCDOT to identify opportunities for revegetation and reforestation along highway projects in Wake County; and that NCDOT use all project resources and funds available for implementation under the facilitation of the overall highway project.

Adopted this 6th day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF WAKE

By: _____
Clerk to the Board

Sig Hutchinson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Warren, County Attorney