



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**
**Commitment of Deferred Agricultural, Horticultural,
and Forestlands Tax Payment Fund Balance for
Agricultural Conservation Easements**

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, recognizes the preservation of the County's best agricultural land in a manner that directs and accommodates growth and development is a high priority for the residents of the county:

1. Permanently protect soils in the County best suited for agricultural uses,
2. Identify and harmonize policies of government that may conflict with protection of farmland,
3. To reduce land use conflicts between agricultural and other land uses,
4. Promote agricultural as an integral part of the County's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, seeks to offer the benefits of agricultural conservation easements to promote these goals; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board Commissioners has identified the Deferred Agricultural, Horticultural, and Forestlands Tax as a funding source to enhance participation in the Soil and Water Conservation District Agriculture Conservation Easement Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit, on an annual basis, the actual revenue received from the Deferred Agricultural, Horticultural, and Forestlands Tax to purposes of funding Agricultural Conservation Easements in the County's Capital Improvement Plan in the Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space element.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of November 2022.

Sig Hutchinson, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners