



Wake County Voluntary Agricultural District Program Update

Issues	Current Ordinance 2002	Recommended Changes 2016
Acres required to create VAD	100 acres (or a combination of parcels totaling 100 acres within a mile proximity)	20 acres of forest 10 acres of crop 5 acres of horticulture
Requirement to add-on to existing VAD	1 mile	1 mile
Present Use Value required	Yes	No
USDA NRCS Conservation Plan requirement	Yes	No, but managed with NRCS erosion control practices
Time/length for voluntary, non-binding agreement to prohibit non-farm use	10 years	10 years
Location of VAD in County proximity to municipalities	Any unincorporated areas and with written consent if in SRUSA	Any unincorporated areas, plus any other location with a MOU between VAD Advisory Board and the governing municipality
Governance	WSWCD and VAD Advisory Board	WSWCD and VAD Advisory Board
Membership of Advisory Board	VAD Participants	VAD Participants and non-voting interested agencies and nonprofit partners in ex officio capacity
Support and administration of VAD program	Wake County Soil and Water Conservation Department	Wake County Soil and Water Conservation Department
Prohibitions: ETJs, SRUSA	Not allowed in ETJs unless approved by municipality (until 2011) Allowed in ETJs after 2011	
Growth Corridors provision		DELETED from Draft
Notification and Signs	Posted signs and a map in Register of Deeds	Posted signs, map in Register of Deeds and public GIS layer
Recording of VADs	District office records Not recorded on parcel deeds	District office records Not recorded on parcel deeds NEW - GIS layer
VAD Program Reports	Annual Report to NCDA&CS Commissioner of Agriculture	Annual Report to NCDA&CS Commissioner of Agriculture