

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2019 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A STATE GRANT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE PARK FROM DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS Forsyth County executed on May 17, 2019, an agreement by which it may purchase from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for the amount of \$640,000, approximately 216 acres of land on Belews Lake (the "Property") for development as a County Park;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) awards grants to nonprofit and governmental organizations to acquire and protect land for natural, historical and cultural benefits, limit encroachment on military installations, restore degraded streams, and develop and improve stormwater treatment technology;

WHEREAS CWMTF typically rewards grants only to recipients who pledge to match the CWMTF grant;

WHEREAS CWMTF requires that land acquired with its funds be subject to a permanent conservation easement or restrictive covenants requiring use as a park and protection of natural elements of the land; and

WHEREAS County Parks and Recreation staff recommends that the County apply for a grant from CWMTF in the amount of \$640,000, with the County match consisting of donated appraised value of the Property, and purchase, closing, and survey costs, and that, if awarded, the County purchase the Property and place restrictions on the Property for perpetual public park use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, necessary documents to receive grant funds, if awarded, from CWMTF to acquire property for a future park from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for perpetual public park use, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon, by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 5th day of December 2019.