ORDINANCE # _____

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Housing/Open Space Bond Projects Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2025-2026 Housing/Open Space Bond Projects Fund as 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 FY2025-2026 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2025

Project Name:	Slocumb Farm, Wilson Farm, Morgan Branch Farm A, B, & C, Saddlebrook Farm, Brown Legacy Farm, and Cedar Hill Farm

Description:

This request is for 8 easement projects that are recommended for funding by the Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board. Of these projects, there are 7 transaction cost requests and 1 easement acquisition funding request from the Agricultural Growth Zone (AGZ) matching funds from the open space bond. These AGZ matching funds have already been allocated by the Board of Commissioners in February 2025.

These requests are for transaction costs. Staff will return to request easement acquisition funding at a later date once the easement appraisal has been completed.
Wilson Farm — $38,500 for transaction costs to fund this +/- 22 acre easement in Fairview
Morgan Branch Farm A - $70,100 to fund this +/-112 acre easement in Leicester
Morgan Branch Farm B - $65,000 to fund this +/- 85 acre easement in Leicester
Morgan Branch Farm C - $78,400 to fund this +/- 148 acre easement in Leicester
Saddlebrook Farm - $50,500 to fund this +/- 23 acre easement in Leicester
Brown Legacy Farm - $46,800 to fund this +/- 24 acre easement in Leicester
Cedar Hill Farm — $53,300 to fund this +/- 65 acre easement in Alexander

This request is for easement acquisition funding. Slocumb Farm was previously approved as a project and funded by BOC for transaction costs in the Special Projects Fund.
Slocumb Farm- $234,385 to protect this +/- 120 acre easement in Leicester

Funding Source: Open Space Bond Proceeds - No new County dollars required.

Exhibit A:	Increase (Decrease)	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Slocumb Farm	$ 234,385	$ 234,385
Wilson Farm	$ 38,500	$ 38,500
Morgan Branch Farm A	$ 70,100	$ 70,100
Morgan Branch Farm B	$ 65,000	$ 65,000
Morgan Branch Farm C	$ 78,400	$ 78,400
Saddlebrook Farm	$ 50,500	$ 50,500
Brown Legacy Farm	$ 46,800	$ 46,800
Cedar Hill Farm	$ 53,300	$ 53,300
Agricultural Growth Zone Match	$ (636,985)	$ (636,985)
TOTAL	$ -	$ -

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By:

Chair of the Board