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Ms. Pegeen Hanrahan
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Conservation Finance
The Trust for Public Land
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Mr. Adam Snyder
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The Nature Conservancy
312 18th Street North, #200
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Dear Ms. Hanrahan and Mr. Snyder:

The Buncombe County Commission requests technical advice and assistance from The Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for parks, trails, land and water conservation, affordable housing, and related priorities.

As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you will conduct research with affected groups to develop recommendations for the County on strategies for supporting dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for land conservation.

We are interested not only in the factual information that you can provide, but also your opinions and recommendations on public funding measures available to us and strategies to enact such measures. That would include understanding the public's priorities and attitudes concerning natural and agricultural land preservation, affordability housing, water quality, and natural areas—including parks, trails, and fish and wildlife habitat—and how the public would respond to different methods of presenting those issues.

Information provided to the County will be public record as a matter of law. This request does not in any way commit public funds to the efforts of The Trust for Public Land related to this request, nor does it require public disclosure of any confidential information of either organization.

This request will continue in effect for any advice you offer or presentations you submit for the use of this body related to such matters. In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to request that you continue to be available to provide technical advice and assistance in this area and on related matters in the future.

Thank you,

Amanda Edwards
Chair, Board of Commissioners