



Resolution Supporting The Conservation Fund's Request to Purchase the "Odd Fellows/Crabtree Creek" Property from the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to Expand Umstead State Park

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund has made an offer to purchase the "Odd Fellows/Crabtree Creek" (Odd Fellows) property from the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (Authority); and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase the Odd Fellows property will ensure permanent conservation of the property; and

WHEREAS, permanent conservation of the property prevents incompatible development and land uses on the property that may impact airport operations; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Odd Fellows property will provide cash immediately for Authority operations and/or investments, while removing the uncertainty of future lease payments at an unknown date; and

WHEREAS, Wake County currently leases approximately 181 acres from the Authority for use as Wake County's highest utilized park, Lake Crabtree County Park; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Odd Fellows property will increase area opportunities for recreation, open space, water and air quality protections, and help build and support a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, increased recreational opportunities in the area will have a positive impact on tourism, economic development, and community health by creating a regional recreation center; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Odd Fellows property will create a permanent amenity for the community, as opposed to, a long term liability for the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wake County Board of Commissioners supports The Conservation Fund's request to purchase the "Odd Fellows/Crabtree Creek" property from the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to expand Umstead State Park, and requests the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to re-consider that purchase offer.

Adopted this day, 2nd day of October 2017.

Sig Hutchinson, Chairman
Wake County Board of Commissioners