

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) Resolution of Support for Grant Proposal

DATE: December 10, 2012

**Background:** I met with Brook Massa from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission on 12/3/12 to discuss their earlier presentation to the Board that sought support for the Grant Proposal to NCFS. The project is intended to study forest conservation methods and recommend best practice standards for the Town of Pittsboro. As you are aware, the Board was reluctant to pursue the partnership with the previous proposal because Town Staff would have been required to commit an unreasonable amount of time to the project. Furthermore, it appeared unclear to the Board what kinds of financial and in-kind matches would be required from the Town of Pittsboro.

Ms. Massa will be attending the meeting to give an overview of the revised proposal. It is my understanding that the Board's previous concerns may be resolved – no financial commitments will be required from the Town of Pittsboro and staff commitments will be kept to a minimum – (e.g., review project materials). Enclosed please find the proposed Resolution to Support the Redesign Project and informational materials regarding the grant proposal.

**Action Requested:** Receive the presentation from Ms. Massa and approve the Resolution to Support the Redesign Project to provide non-binding support to the NCFS grant proposal.

