

**RESOLUTION OF REVIEW, APPROVAL, AND SUPPORT OF A GRANT
APPLICATION FOR A PARTNERS FOR GREEN GROWTH GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Union County 2050 Comprehensive Plan identified preservation of open space in rural areas as a key issue to address; and

WHEREAS, a resident-led committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners identified a series of strategies to address this open space issue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved these strategies on February 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has solicited grants to utilize its Partners for Green Growth program to consider wildlife and natural resource conservation in land use and development planning; and

WHEREAS, County staff have proposed a project scope that would benefit the agricultural and rural community as well as protect and conserve natural resources and open spaces, consistent with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this project would be overseen by a stakeholder committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners and managed by the Planning Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners supports the goal of the Partners for Green Growth program to support local governments' wildlife and natural resource conservation efforts, including the implementation of planning projects that consider these goals in land use planning.
2. The Board of Commissioners has reviewed the attached proposed Partners for Green Growth grant application and approves of and supports such application.
3. Union County staff is directed to submit the Partners for Green Growth application to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.
4. That this resolution is effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2024.

Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board

J.R. Rowell, Chairman
Union County Board of Commissioners