



FARMLAND PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD

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Farmland Board support for Herndon Easement

WHEREAS Communities are more livable and desirable with a variety of types of land uses; and

WHEREAS the Durham community benefits from selective farms located close to where people live and work; and

WHEREAS southern Durham has seen extensive population growth and residents would not have farmland located nearby without interventions and permanent commitments to preserving farmland; and

WHEREAS the Herndon's run a century farm that provides a "pick your own" experience and a cattle operation, and have previously protected 55 acres of their farm with permanent conservation easements in 2001; and

WHEREAS the addition of another 22 acres adjacent parcel would expand on this base and provide for a more desirable living experience and additional water quality protection in the Jordan Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS the 22-acre Hendon farm easement drains to Crooked Creek which is a major tributary draining to Jordan Lake, a water supply for triangle residents; and

WHEREAS protection of the Herndon easement as permeant farmland supports watershed protection for Jordan Lake by strictly limiting impervious surfaces and protecting stream buffers on the property; and

Now therefore the Farmland Protection Advisory Board recommends that the Durham Board of County Commissioners accept the donation of a conservation easement on a 22-acre addition to the Herndon Farm easement

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2019.

Will Wilson, Chair
Durham County Farmland
Preservation Board