

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2010

SUBJECT: Haywood Knolls' Community Wildlife Habitat Designation Support

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board of Commissioners has received a request from the Haywood Knolls' Community for the County's support as they seek recognition as a "Community Wildlife Habitat".

The National Wildlife Foundation's "Community Wildlife Habitat" program encourages every homeowner to plan their landscaping with the needs of wildlife in mind. The Haywood Knolls subdivision believes this is of utmost importance because wildlife, of which there is an overwhelming abundance in this community, is enjoyed by nearly everyone. Habitat restoration and maintenance is critical for our wildlife in this suburban setting where commercial and residential development has infringed on natural areas that wildlife need in order to thrive.

Providing wildlife habitat in yards--food, water, cover, and places to raise young-- is relatively easy to achieve in Haywood Knolls as the subdivision is 30 years old and has extremely mature plantings. Wildlife already abounds there -- golden eagles, great horned owls, black bears, fox, wild turkey, four types of woodpeckers, hummingbirds, and all kinds of other animals, birds, insects, and reptiles, too numerous to mention. And the subdivision boasts numerous water sources, such as creeks, water garden, and manmade small ponds.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to lend its support to Haywood Knolls as they begin to process to seek designation as a "Community Wildlife Habitat". This request is for support of the process only, no financial support is involved.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board support Haywood Knolls as they begin to process to seek designation as a "Community Wildlife Habitat".