

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** December 6, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Expansion of Henderson County Fire Tax Districts

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
(1) Presentation regarding fire tax district expansions  
(2) Draft letter to General Assembly

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee in cooperation with Edneyville, Etowah-Horse Shoe, Green River and Valley Hill fire departments request the Board consider expanding fire tax districts to include all parcels located within Henderson County.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Should the Board choose to move forward with this request the following options are available:

1. Request a local bill in the NC General Assembly to expand fire tax districts.
2. Hold a public hearing and take action based on information received at the public hearing.

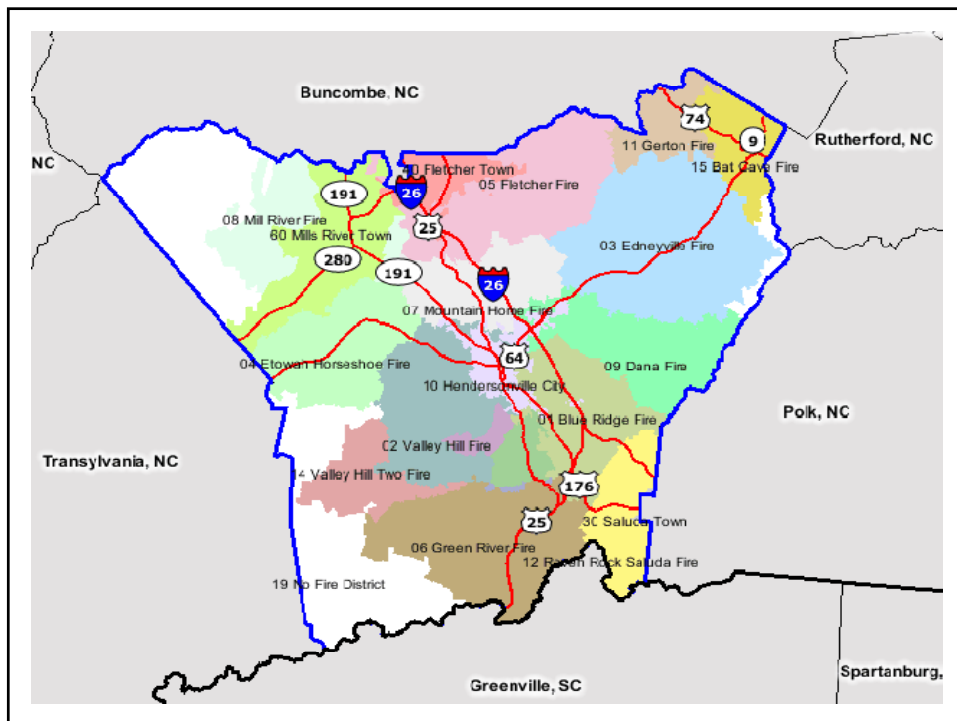
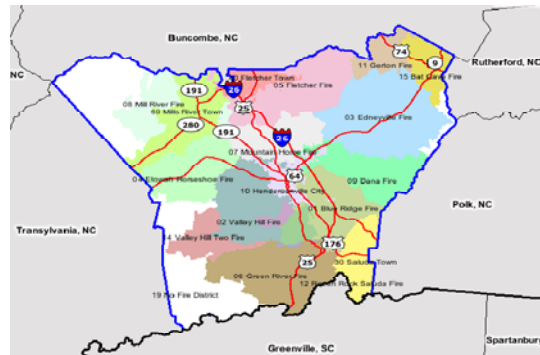
#### **Suggested Motion:**

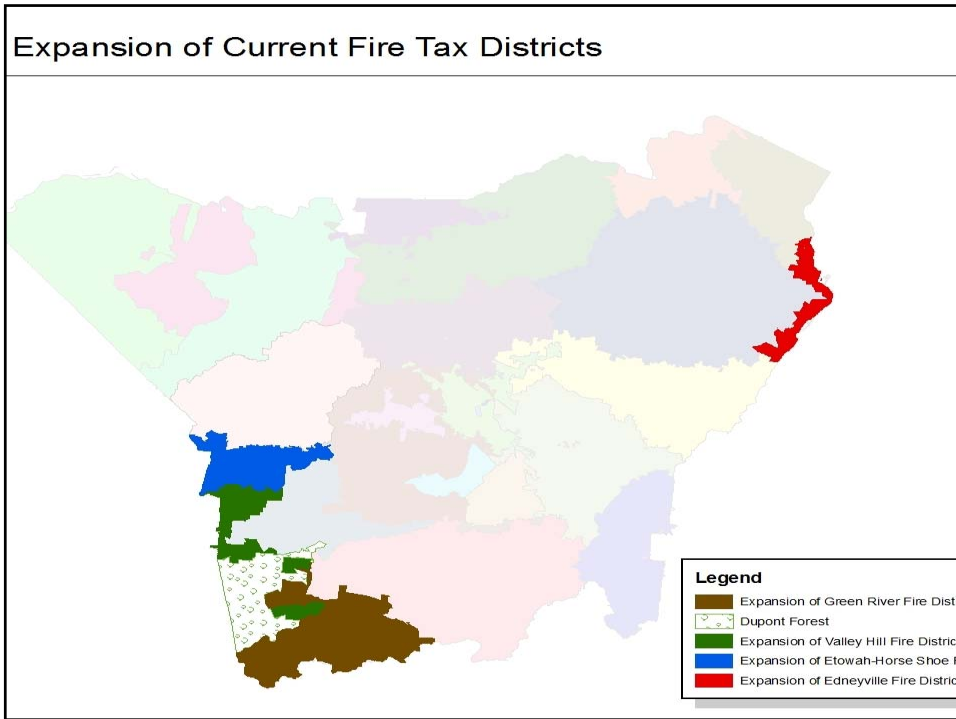
*Option 1 - I move the Board support the expansion of fire tax districts and forward a request to the North Carolina General Assembly for introduction as a local bill.*

*or*

*Option 2 – I move the board set a public hearing on fire tax district expansions for \_\_\_\_\_ date, at \_\_\_\_\_ time.*

# Proposal to Expand Henderson County Fire Tax Districts





## Fire Tax District Expansion Statistical Data

The proposed expansion represents:

- 3% of total parcels
- 2% of assessed real property value
- 7% of total area
- 2.8% of total fire protection budget

## Fire Tax District Expansion Parcels Affected

<b>Tax District</b>	<b># of Parcels</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>
Edneyville	485	\$28,384,098
Etowah-Horse Shoe	858	\$96,152,133
Green River	288	\$60,160,515
Valley Hill	393	\$43,001,413
<b>Total</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>\$227,698,159</b>

## Fire Tax District Expansion Revenue Impact

<b>Tax District</b>	<b>Added Value</b>	<b>Current Tax Rate</b>	<b>Additional Revenue</b>
Edneyville	\$28,384,098	.00085	\$24,126
Etowah-Horse Shoe	\$96,152,133	.00085	\$81,729
Green River	\$60,160,515	.0006	\$36,096
Valley Hill	\$43,001,413	.0007	\$30,101
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$227,698,159</b>		<b>\$172,052</b>

## **Questions**

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## **Options**

- **Request Local Bill in NCGA**
- **Public Hearing**

date

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
North Carolina General Assembly  
16 W. Jones Street, Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Raleigh, NC 27601-\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to request your assistance with regard to special legislation for fire tax district expansion in Henderson County.

In 1954 the first fire department in Henderson County was formed in the Fletcher community. Since that time eleven additional fire departments have formed to serve their respective communities encompassing every citizen within the County. Although every citizen receives fire protection, every citizen does not contribute toward the provision of fire services due to the manner in which our fire tax districts evolved. The Board of Commissioners would like to resolve this inequity and contractually ensure the provision of fire protection services to every citizen by expanding our current fire tax districts to include every parcel located within the County boundaries.

On date the Henderson County Board of Commissioners voted to request special legislation to expand the Edneyville, Etowah-Horse Shoe, Green River and Valley Hill fire tax districts in Henderson County. The Board respectfully requests your assistance with sponsorship and drafting the legislation necessary to expand the fire tax districts.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact County Manager, Steve Wyatt or myself.

Sincerely:

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\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

cc: County Manager, County Attorney