#### **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

#### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:	February 5th, 2024
SUBJECT:	Public Hearing for Proposed Right of Way Closure (20-foot right-of-way and right- of way area from road centerline of Slick Rock Road to the Eastern line of the Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC)
PRESENTER:	Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director Austin Parks, Planner
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol> <li>(1) Site Map depicting proposed ROW closure</li> <li>(2) North Carolina General Statute 153A-241</li> <li>(3) Applicants Petition for Road Closures</li> <li>(4) Order of Closure</li> <li>(5) PowerPoint</li> </ol>

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

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition to close a 20-foot right-of-way and right-of-way area from road centerline of Slick Rock Road to the Eastern line of the Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC.. Under North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 153A-241, counties have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement.

- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice "reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement".

- Hold the public hearing, where the Board must "hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights".

- Then, if the Board "is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement."

- File a copy of the Board's order with the Register of Deeds.

The Board approved a Resolution of Intent to close the ROW and to hold a public hearing on this ROW closure at its January 02, 2024, meeting.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

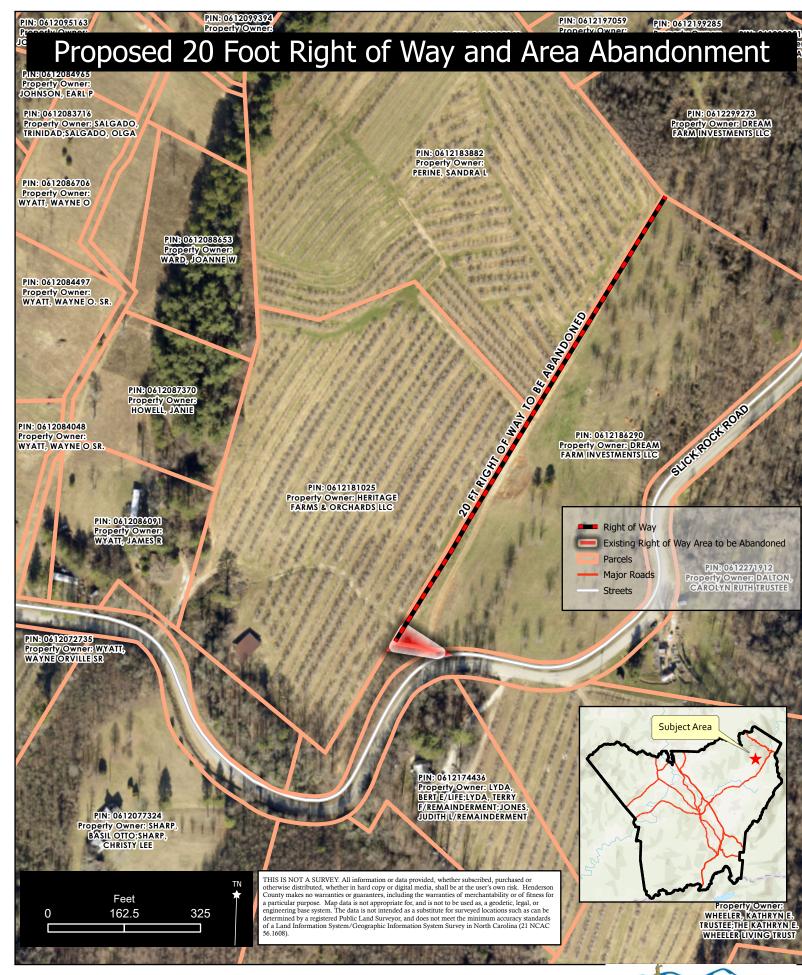
The public hearing notice was advertised in the Hendersonville Lightning on January 17, 2024, January 24, 2024, <u>and</u> January 31, 2024. Notices of the hearing were mailed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to the adjacent property owners.

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

Board of Commissioner action is required to close a right of way.

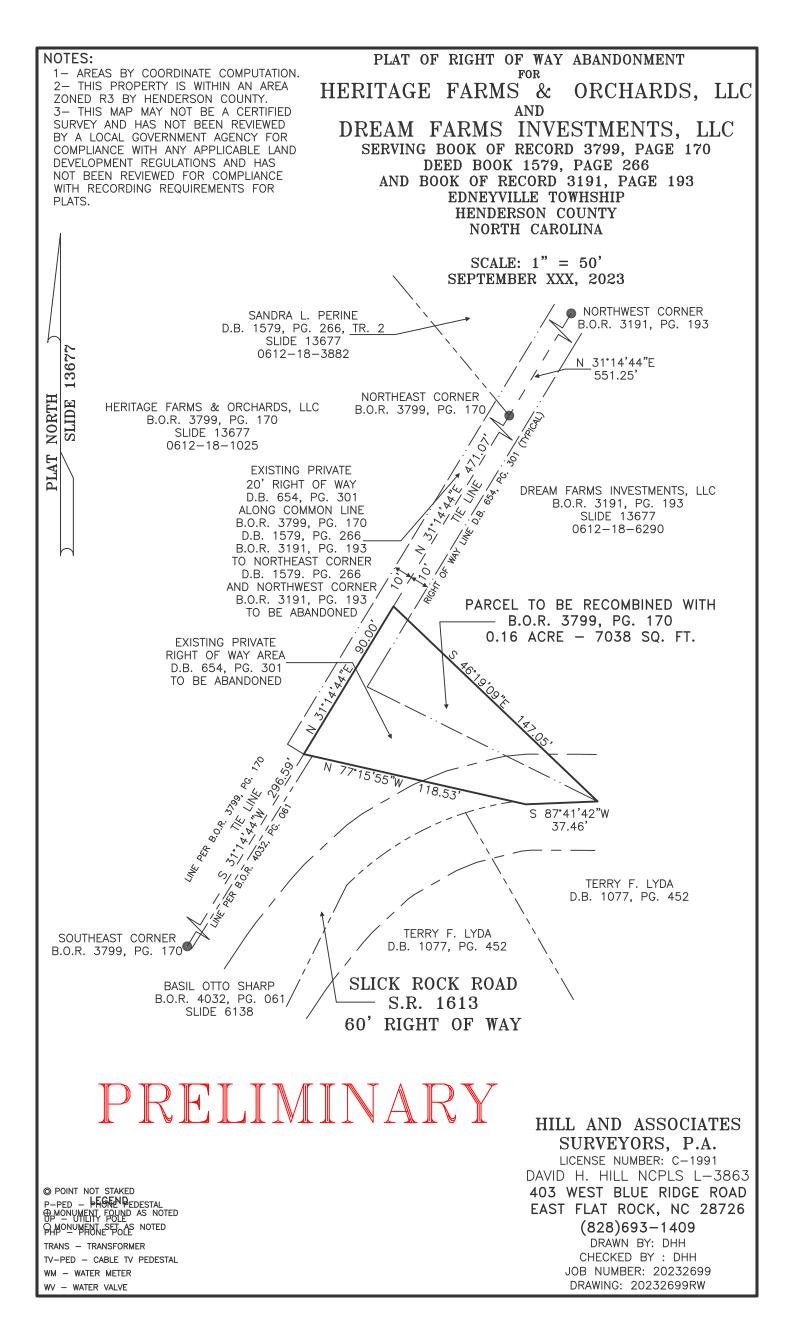
#### **Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Board approve the right of way closure for 20-foot right-of-way and right-of-way area and sign the Order of Closure.



Applicant: Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC

HENDERSON COUNTY



#### § 153A-241. Closing public roads or easements.

A county may permanently close any public road or any easement within the county and not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the Department of Transportation. The board of commissioners shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement and calling a public hearing on the question. The board shall cause a notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement. At the hearing the board shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights. If, after the hearing, the board of commissioners is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road or easement. A certified copy of the order (or judgment of the court) shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of a public road or an easement may appeal the board of commissioners' order to the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice within 30 days after the day the order is adopted. The court shall hear the matter de novo and has jurisdiction to try the issues arising and to order the road or easement closed upon proper findings of fact by the trier of fact.

No cause of action founded upon the invalidity of a proceeding taken in closing a public road or an easement may be asserted except in an action or proceeding begun within 30 days after the day the order is adopted.

Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility. (1949, c. 1208, ss. 1-3; 1957, c. 65, s. 11; 1965, cc. 665, 801; 1971, c. 595; 1973, c. 507, s. 5; c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 464, s. 34; 1995, c. 374, s. 1.)



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#### LOCAL ROAD AND EASEMENT ABANDOMENT PETITION FORM

\*Requires Pre-Application Meeting

\*Requires 100% of property owner signatures

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name:	Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC	Email:	heritageorchard@yahoo.com	
Address:	23 Violet Drive, Hendersonville, NC			
Telephone:	(828)606-2754			

Name of road or easement to be abandoned (If easement is not named, please provide a Parcel(s) PIN for identification)

PIN # 0612181025, 0612186290, 0612183882

#### PETITION:

We the under signed, being all of the property owners that have a deeded ROW to road or easement \_\_\_\_\_\_ do hereby request Henderson County Board of Commissioners to approve the closure of the road or easement and certify Order of Closures.

#### PROPERTY OWNERS:

Name	Address	Signature
Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC	23 Violet Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792	
By: Robert Scott Case, Member/Manager	2797 5T. Paups. Rd. Henderson !!!	Nr. Robert Scal
By: Sandra Lyda Perine, Member/Manager		Sandra Luda
Sandra Lyda Perine	23 Violet Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792	Sandra Lorda
Dream Farm Investments, LLC	1105 Chickory Lane, Asheville, NC 28803	
By: Jeffrey Scott Barfield, Member		Stab Sut Bil
By: Jonathan Campbell, Member		Jul B. Leve
By: Kristi Campbell, Member		bash Chip
By: Leslie Barfield, Member		Jan Bach
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#### Henderson County North Carolina

#### Before the Board of Commissioners

#### **ORDER CLOSING A 20 FOOT**

#### **RIGHT-OF-WAY AND RIGHT OF WAY AREA**

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the Henderson County Board of Commissioners at its regular February 05, 2024, meeting, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, on the issue of closing a 20-foot right-of-way and right-of-way area from road centerline of Slick Rock Road to the Eastern line of the Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC, and was heard by the Board after public hearing. The Board of Commissioners makes the following findings:

1. This matter first came before the Board of Commissioners at the Board's regular meeting on January 02, 2024, on the petition by close 20-foot right-of-way and right-of-way area located in Henderson County.

2. At the Board's January 02, 2024, the Board adopted a resolution "declaring its intent to close" the said 20-foot right-of-way and right-of-way area from road centerline of Slick Rock Road to the Eastern line of the Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC

3. A map showing the area under consideration is shown on the attachment hereto, Exhibit A, (indicated by a broken red line).

4. A notice of this Board's February 05, 2024, hearing was published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing in the *Hendersonville Lightning*, a notice of the closing and public hearing was mailed to adjacent property owners as shown on the county tax records, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement.

5. Before the Board on February 05, 2024, the Board heard "all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights" are required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241.

- 6. After such hearing, the Board is satisfied and finds:
  - A. That closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest; and,
  - B. That no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property.

**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that a 20-foot right-of-way and right-of way area from road centerline of Slick Rock Road to the Eastern line of the Heritage Farms & Orchards, LLC located in Henderson County as shown on the attached map is hereby closed. It is further ordered that a certified copy of this Order shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Adopted by the Board by motion duly made this the 05<sup>h</sup> day of February 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_

Rebecca K. McCall, Chairman

Attest:



# ROW Closure: Portion of 20 ft ROW and ROW Area

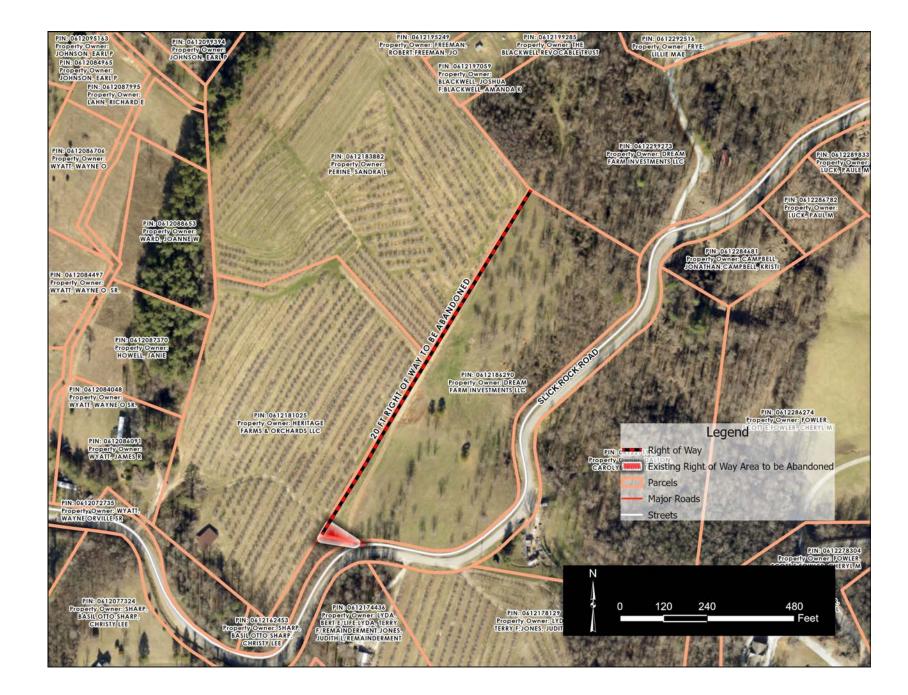
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

**Public Hearing** 

February 05<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **Application Summary**

- Request submitted to close a portion of ROW on 20-foot right-ofway and right-of way area in Henderson County
- Petitioner is Robert Scott Case and Sandra Lyda Perine, on behalf of Heritage Farm, Dream Farm Investments, LLC.
- On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, BOC approved resolution of intention to close ROW and set a public hearing
- Public notice of the hearing was given
  - Notice in the Hendersonville Lightning on January 17, 2024, January 24, 2024, <u>and</u> January 31, 2024.
  - Notice to adjacent property owners was mailed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Notice posted on property on January 5th





### Photos of the Portion of Right-Of-Way









### Public Hearing Comments and Board Discussion